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DAIRY DISCUSSION



Dairymen from around the Magic Valley gather at the College of Southern Idaho Monday to direct questions to U.S. Sen. Larry Craig and state agricultural leaders.

Uncertain times

Declining milk prices hit Idaho producers

By N.S. Norkentved
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — A federal judge's ruling has cast uncertainty over the dairy industry nationwide.

But competitiveness within the dairy industry would not affect Idaho too much, Idaho Dairymen's Association spokesman Lewis Eilers said Monday.

"Idaho can produce milk cheaper than most of the rest of the country," he told a group of local dairymen gathered at a Town Hall meeting Monday called by U.S. Sen. Larry Craig to discuss issues facing Idaho's dairy industry.

The meeting covered subjects ranging from the price of milk to the health of the U.S. economy.

A federal judge recently ordered throwing out the U.S. Department of Agriculture's milk pricing system. The department has appealed the decision and has asked for a stay until the issue



Sen. Larry Craig addresses area dairymen in Twin Falls Monday. The legal issue has left uncertainty in the market. Declining milk prices,

meanwhile, prompted Craig to convene the meeting to hear from Idaho dairy farmers. He plans meetings in eastern and southeastern Idaho as well.

With this uncertainty, Craig would like to see federal water quality regulations applied by a state agency that may be more flexible and sensitive to the cost of doing business and the costs of complying with federal Clean Water Act requirements.

The dairy industry in Idaho, however, is doing a good job of meeting water quality law, said the head of the state Department of Agriculture's Dairy Bureau, Mary Patten.

The dairy industry stepped forward to correct problems within the industry and agreed to regulation by the department in a landmark 2-year-old agreement with the state Division of Environmental Quality and the federal Environmental Protection Agency.

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Idaho inmates to return

Relatives doubt reason about 200 leaving Louisiana

By Karen Naleznek
Times-News writer

BURLEY — Around 200 Idaho inmates are being shipped back from a Louisiana prison, but some of their relatives doubt Idaho officials' explanations for the return.

The prisoners were housed in the Basile Detention Center after the state entered into a contract with the prison in June.

Idaho Department of Correction spokesman Mark Carnopis said Monday the Idaho prisoners were being returned because an expanded prison unit south of Boise opened up 536 more beds, while there has been a downturn in Idaho inmate population growth in the past five months.

He said the department considered returning 200 inmates housed in Minnesota and the 248 in Texas, before deciding to bring home the Louisiana inmates.

"There are a couple of reasons they're being brought back from Louisiana," Carnopis said. "One is geographically, since they're the farthest away, and the other is because we've had a hard time monitoring the contract with them."

But families and friends have their doubts. They continue to complain about a lack of rehabilitation classes, poor medical treatment, physical abuse, and opened and lost mail at the Louisiana prison.

Burley resident Karen Rasmussen, who has called Idaho and Louisiana officials day and night to find out what's going on inside the Basile prison, said she doubts it's true that her 20-year-old son Christopher Hansen is coming back.

"I don't know what to believe anymore," Rasmussen said through her tears. "When I got word that he's actually in Idaho, I'll believe it."

Ruby Fairchild of Rupert was overjoyed to find out her son would be returning to Idaho.

"It's the most wonderful news I've heard in a long time, but they're doing it because they have to," Fairchild said. "They've known what's been going on down there and they've been lying the

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Pacific leaders rig bailout

\$68 billion set for rescue effort

The Associated Press

VANCOUVER, British Columbia — Anxious to halt a burgeoning crisis, President Clinton and Pacific leaders polished a blueprint Monday designed to calm turmoil that has rattled world markets and humbled once mighty Asian economies.

The plan would implement a \$68 billion rescue effort, the largest financial bailout in history.

As presidents and prime ministers met in this prosperous Canadian community there were fears that Asian instability might

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continue or spread. "We need to take this very seriously, and we have to work very hard," said Clinton. He said Asia's troubles could affect U.S. interests and the American stock market.

Ministers circulated a draft communique that would commit the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation group to endorse the huge stabilization program fashioned last week by finance ministers meeting in Manila and spearheaded by the International Monetary Fund.

Clinton said APEC leaders were examining the Manila plan to determine "what are we prepared to do to make it work what are we prepared to do if we have

to go beyond that." He said the program "makes a lot of sense" and should be given a chance to work before it is judged insufficient.

Expressing confidence about Asia's future despite fresh signs of trouble, the communique said, "There is no doubt that the fundamentals for its long term growth and prospects are exceptionally strong." The communique is to be formally ratified today.

The leaders wrestled with the impact of plunging currency values, stock market declines and bank failures across Asia that raised fears of a global economic slowdown. They also discussed global warming and U.S. insistence that developing countries agree to reductions in greenhouse gases.



President Clinton and Japanese Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto conferred on economic matters in Vancouver, Canada, Monday.

It's 'Standby, standby, capture ...' for spacewalkers

Patient astronauts rescue satellite

The Associated Press

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — Two spacewalking astronauts leaned over and grabbed a slowly spinning satellite with their gloved hands Monday night in a bold rescue that required more patience than strength.

After waiting an hour for the satellite to tilt the right way, NASA astronaut Winston Scott and Japanese astronaut

Takao Doi reached out and, at the same moment, grasped opposite ends of the out-of-control satellite.

"Now that we've got it, Mr. Doi, let's decide what we're going to do with it," Scott said in a lighthearted vein. The men clung to the satellite as they tried to lower it into its cradle in the cargo bay. They couldn't get the satellite firmly down, however, so Mission Control ordered the crew to use the shuttle's robot arm.

For the six crew members, there was more at stake than the \$10 million reusable Spartan science satellite. It was a matter of pride — they accidentally sent the satellite into a slow tumble

moments after releasing it Friday, and wanted nothing more than to set things right.

The astronauts were relieved to find the Spartan satellite in fairly stable condition. Commander Kevin Kregel reported a slight but clearly noticeable rotation as he steered Columbia in for the 175-mile-high catch.

NASA's main concern was a collision between the satellite and either the shuttle or a spacewalker, although officials insisted the risk was extremely low.

The satellite had been released from the shuttle to spend two days studying the sun. But for reasons that are still unclear, it malfunctioned within

moments. And when Columbia's crew tried to retrieve it with the shuttle robot arm, it started tumbling so quickly to be grabbed safely.

After three days of anxious separation, Columbia was back at Spartan's side a little over one hour into the spacewalk. By then, Scott and Doi had positioned themselves on opposite ends of a platform spanning the cargo bay, their feet secured in restraints and their bodies leaning back to avoid being struck by the 3,000-pound satellite.

Kregel slowly steered Columbia up to Spartan as both spacecraft zoomed around Earth at 17,500 mph, and possible. See also SPACE, Page A2

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THE REGION

Camas Prairie

High: 41 Low: 23
Snow and rain decreasing this afternoon. New snow 1 to 3 inches above 5500 feet. Patchy fog tonight and early Wednesday.

Treasure Valley

High: 49 Low: 38
Rain showers this morning decreasing by afternoon. Light southeast winds. Partly cloudy tonight and Wednesday.

Sawtooth Mountains/Wood River Valley

High: 39 Low: 18
Snow and rain decreasing this afternoon. New snow 1 to 3 inches above 5500 feet. Patchy fog tonight and early Wednesday.

Eastern Idaho

High: 44 Low: 28
Mostly cloudy with slight chance of afternoon rain. Mostly cloudy and breezy. Wednesday. Chance of afternoon showers.

Northern Idaho

High: 50 Low: 41
Scattered showers with south wind 5-10 mph. Partly cloudy tonight. Partly sunny Wednesday with localized morning fog.

Northern Utah

High: 49 Low: 37
Mostly cloudy through tonight. Gusty south winds on Wednesday with rain showers likely. Mostly cloudy.

Northern Nevada

High: 50 Low: 32
Mostly cloudy through tonight with southwest wind 10 to 20 mph. Rain or snow likely Wednesday above 6500-7000 feet.

MAGIC VALLEY FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
High: 48 Low: 33 Scattered rain showers. Partial clearing tonight.	High: 48 Low: 31 Increasing clouds with a chance of afternoon rain showers.	High: 46 Low: 30 Rain or snow likely. Continued mild.	High: 44 Low: 32 Rain or snow likely. Continued mild.	High: 42 Low: 27 Partly cloudy with areas of valley fog.

IDAHO Weather

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BOISE 49°
IDAHO FALLS 41°
TWIN FALLS 48°
POCATELLO 44°

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NATIONAL WEATHER

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YESTERDAY'S WEATHER

Twin Falls	Precipitation
Yesterday 36 27	Yesterday in Twin Falls .00
Nov year 44 30	Month to date: .60
Normal 47 24	Normal mo. to date: 1.02
	Week year to date: 1.66
	Normal year to date: 1.75

Idaho

City	Max	Min	Pcp	Idaho: High/Low
Boise	57	40	tr.	decreases at Hagerman
Burley	59	29	.....	and Burley, Low 16
Fairfield	42	17	.....	Nation's High: 84 at
Hagerman	59	28	.....	Naples, Fla., Low 20
Idaho Falls	54	22	.....	at Silver Bay, Minn.
Jerome	55	30	.....
Lewiston	52	43	.01	
Malad	54	16	.....
Malta	57	27	.02	
McCall	39	32	.07	
Pocatello	54	19	.....
Salmon	43	27	.....
Stanley	40	26	.....
Twin Falls	43	24	tr.	

The Nation

City	Max	Min	Pcp
Albuquerque	60	31	.....
Atlanta	54	34	.....
Boston	45	30	.....
Chicago	34	16	.....
Dallas	68	44	.....
Denver	59	29	.....
Des Moines	46	19	.....
Detroit	40	19	.01
Honolulu	82	73	.....
Houston	70	39	.....
Indianapolis	52	37	.....
Kansas City	63	36	.....
Las Vegas	66	42	.....
Los Angeles	70	56	.....
Memphis	61	33	.....
Miami Beach	77	71	.....
Minneapolis	19	14	.....
Missneapolis	32	4	.....
New Orleans	66	45	.....
Oakland	60	38	.....
Oklahoma City	66	41	.....
Omaha	50	31	.....
Phoenix	51	31	.....
Pittsburgh	34	26	.....
Portland, Ore.	36	26	.....
Portland, Ore.	54	48	.18
Reno	61	27	.....
St. Louis	50	30	.....
Salt Lake City	60	29	.....
San Francisco	66	51	.....
Seattle	48	37	.13
Spokane	42	29	.....
Washington	43	36	.....

Canadian Cities

City	Max	Min	Pcp
Calgary	51	20	.....
Montreal	32	25	.....
Toronto	39	27	.....
Vancouver	53	48	.....

UV INDEX

Index: 1 (minimal)
Burn time: 60 minutes

ROAD INFORMATION

Boise: 176-8028.
Magic Valley: 886-2266.
Pocatello: 233-6724.
Coeville: 745-2276.

SKYWATCH

Sunset today 5:07 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow 7:22 a.m.
Lunar phase: Last quarter, Nov. 21; new, Nov. 29; first quarter, Dec. 7; full, Dec. 13.
Visible planets: Mars, Saturn, Uranus, Venus, Jupiter, Mercury, Saturn, Aldebaran.

ACROSS THE NATION

Southwest: Sunny conditions prevailed in the Rockies and in southern parts of Arizona and California.

Northwest: In the Pacific Northwest, a storm system brought rain and gusty winds from Washington to Northern California. Snow fell at the higher elevations of the Cascades in Washington and Oregon. Light snow also fell in parts of Idaho in central Montana.

Northeast: Snow fell throughout the region, with heavy showers falling over eastern Ohio and western parts of Pennsylvania and New York. Snowfall was significant for the season in New England. Caribou, Maine, got 3.8 inches of snow by Monday afternoon, setting a daily snowfall record. Winds caused bitterly cold temperatures, along the eastern parts of the Great Lakes, and cold weather chilled the mid-Atlantic and Ohio Valley as well.

Midlands: Clear and dry weather prevailed in the Mississippi Valley. A few light rain showers fell in southern Florida. Southern winds caused unusually warm temperatures as far north as South Dakota. Eastern North Dakota and Minnesota saw some light rain and snow showers.

Little explosions in Michigan sent FBI out looking for Nichols

DENVER (AP) — The FBI's first indication Terry Nichols knew something about the Oklahoma City bombing came when agents learned he stayed with Timothy McVeigh at a Michigan farm where "little explosions" had been heard, an FBI agent testified Monday.

The farm, owned by Nichols' brother, was the address McVeigh gave when he registered at a Kansas motel a few days before the April 1995 bombing, FBI agent Scott Grubbs said. While at the motel, McVeigh rented the Ryder truck used to blow up the Oklahoma City federal building, killing 168 people.

Craig Free said Nichols and McVeigh had been known to spend time at James Nichols' Decker, Mich., farm, about 70 miles north of Detroit.

He said there were reports of "explosive devices or bombs being set off" there, detonations Crabtree termed "little explosions," compared to the bomb that brought down the Murrah federal building, a smaller explosion.

While the FBI sought Nichols, he walked into a police station at his home in Herington, Kan., two days after the bombing to ask why he was wanted for questioning.

After nine hours of interrogation, FBI agents concluded Nichols was lying about his involvement in the bombing and arrested him, an agent testified.

"I told Mr. Nichols plain and simple that he did not believe him, that he had led out a considerable amount of his involve-

Iowa septuplets continue their steady improvement

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — The youngest of the McCaughey septuplets has been put back on a ventilator in what their doctor called on Monday a "very typical" precaution.

Joel Steven was strong enough to breathe on his own for a few hours Sunday, but soon grew tired and was placed back on the ventilator that night.

His condition, which had been upgraded to fair, returned to serious.

"He's getting some needed rest and responding very well to that," said Dr. Robert Shaw, who is overseeing the septuplets' care. "It's not unusual for a baby this size and this age to give every indication ... they're ready for a try."

Peruvian boy, 7, wanted to be handsome

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Seven-year-old Gerald Fuentes wanted to be handsome and have a girlfriend.

Instead, he died two days after surgery on his misshapen face, which never ever seeing the face he dreamed of.

Gerald, who had traveled from Peru to Chattanooga for the surgery, apparently had a stroke Saturday, doctors said Monday.

"A part of me died," said Dr.

Larry Sargent, lead surgeon on Gerald's medical team at Erlanger Medical Center.

The 13-hour operation had gone smoothly, with doctors correcting Gerald's misshapen nose and mouth and eyes that were set too far apart.

"I told him he was so handsome he was going to be able to get any girlfriend he wanted," said Judy Bellenfant, president of the Craniofacial Foundation of

America, a Chattanooga-based nonprofit organization that arranges operations on people with deformities and helps cover the cost.

Bella Fuentes, Gerald's mother and a teacher in Pucallpa, Peru, said in a statement: "Thank you for giving Gerald hope and joy as he looked forward to seeing his new face."

"I know Gerald had the best doctors of the world," she said.

Inmates

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whole time. It was supposed to be a money-making scheme and it just didn't work."

Carnopis said the department considered relatives' complaints when determining which inmates would come back.

The outcry prompted officials

to pay a visit to Louisiana to look into the matters; they determined no rights were being violated.

"I did export a lot of energy by our department to check into the allegations," Carnopis said.

"But how much weight that had in the decision to bring them

back I don't know. But after looking into it we didn't find any constitutional rights being violated in terms of medical or physical treatment," Carnopis said.

Times-News staff writer Karen E. Nalecznik can be reached in Burley at 677-4042.

Incorrect date

A Town Hall meeting on issues facing the dairy industry in Idaho was incorrectly announced in Monday's edition. The meeting took place at 2 p.m. Monday. The Times-News regrets the error.

more significant than the Industrial Revolution. And it shows no signs of slowing.

If current trends in the U.S. economy continue, the country may see a budget surplus in the next few years. Craig advocates using the surplus to pay down the national debt. The country now is paying about \$290 billion a year in interest on the national debt.

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FAST

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21 NUMBERS

3 10 12 19 20 28

FAST

NATION

Possible juror confronts Kaczynski

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — A prospective juror who claimed to know nothing about the Unabomber case sat with her mouth agape as she heard the charges against Theodore Kaczynski, then stared at him and gasped, "Did you do that?"



Theodore Kaczynski

Kaczynski sat still, staring at the woman but showing no reaction. The woman had just been asked by Kaczynski's lawyer, Judy Clarke, how she would feel about imposing the death penalty on a person who mailed bombs with the intent of killing the recipients.

The woman then turned to Clarke and repeated her inquiry, saying "Is that what he's done?"

The unusually combative jury candidate repeatedly asked the lawyers for explanations, rather than giving answers. She was allowed to remain on the tentative jury panel in spite of her declaration that "I don't want to be on this case."

"I don't know anything about it, I don't want to know anything about it," she said.

The woman said she purposely insulates herself from all news.

"I know this sounds nuts," she said. "But I do not watch television. I don't take a newspaper. It's my choice. I don't want the knowledge, the garbage. It's garbage coming through the television."

"Look what's across the street," she said referring to the news media encampment for the

trial. "That's just a fiasco over there."

She then stared at Kaczynski again and asked, "Who's this guy? What has he done?"

Kaczynski, 55, a former math professor turned Montana hermit, is alleged to have spent nearly 18 years in the wilderness constructing explosive devices and sending them through the mail to protest the dominance of technology in modern society. He is charged in the deaths of two Sacramento men and the wounding of two San Francisco Bay-area academics and could face the death penalty if convicted.

Kaczynski was identified as the most likely suspect by his brother, David, who has since come into conflict with the government over Attorney General Janet Reno's decision to seek the death penalty.

David Kaczynski said he was assured that his brother would be treated as a mentally ill person and was dismayed to learn that prosecutors were trying to prove him sane and wanting to execute him.

David Kaczynski's lawyer said Monday his client has left his home in update New York and is driving to Sacramento.

"He's on his way, driving 3,000 miles cross-country to save his brother," said Washington, D.C., attorney Anthony Bisceglie.

The question of Kaczynski's mental state remains a thorny legal question. The defendant and his lawyers refused to allow government psychiatrists to examine him. Defense lawyers say his refusal is grounded in a belief that there's nothing wrong with him, a position which they say is symptomatic of schizophrenia. Prosecutors say he has simply refused to cooperate.

U.S. District Judge Garland Burrell Jr. has indicated he will allow a limited mental defect

defense, but wants lawyers to ask Kaczynski again if he would undergo neurological testing.

Defense attorney Quin Denvir said outside court Monday that his client had not yet been approached on the subject. He said they would seek an answer after prosecutors specify the tests they want to administer.

As the third week of jury selection began, progress slowed. One prospect was dismissed because she taught at a school where the widow of one victim did her student teaching. The prospective juror said it was "an awkward situation" and she believed Kaczynski was guilty.

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October deficit gets fiscal 1998 off to a good start

WASHINGTON (AP) — Fiscal 1998 has barely begun and already the government's budget deficit is running below 1997, which saw the smallest shortfall in 23 years.

Red ink in October — the first month of the 1998 budget year — totaled \$35.6 billion, down 11 percent from \$39.8 billion during the previous October.

Even with the good start, few analysts believe the government in 1998 can beat the \$22.3 billion deficit for all of fiscal 1997, which ended Sept. 30. It was the best since 1974.

The Clinton administration is predicting a \$98.3 billion deficit in 1998.

Congress and the administration enacted legislation this summer promising a balanced budget by 2002. But the deficit is forecast to be higher for several years because tax cuts are taking effect before most of the spending cuts.

Also, most economists expect the economy to slow in 1998. Thus the rapid growth of tax revenue, which helped reduce the 1997 shortfall, should slow as well. The National Association for Business Economics on Monday forecast economic growth of 2.4 percent next year, down from 3.7 percent this year.

In October, revenue totaled \$114.9 billion and expenditures, \$150.5 billion. The biggest spending categories were Social Security, \$35.1 billion; Health and Human Services Department programs, \$32.7 billion; military spending, \$25.3 billion; and interest on the public debt, \$21.8 billion.

F-15 crashes in ocean

VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. (AP) — An F-15 fighter crashed into the Atlantic Ocean Monday morning but the pilot ejected safely and was quickly rescued, the Air Force said.

The plane went down at 9:45 a.m., about 60 to 70 miles off the coast from Oceana Naval Air Station, said Master Sgt. Kevin Walestein, a spokesman for Langley Air Force Base, where the plane was based.

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NATION



Joel Sherman gets a kiss from word judge Rita Norr after winning the World Scrabble Championship in Washington Monday. Sherman, 35, defeated Matt Graham three-games-to-one to win the championship and \$25,000.

New Yorker is Scrabble champ

'Flexor' is the \$25,000 word

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a competition where the greatest physical effort is lifting a pouch full of small wooden tiles, the word "flexor" seems out of place.

But in Monday's final match of the World Scrabble Championship, the word for a muscle that bends to a body part meant \$25,000 for Joel Sherman.

Sherman, a 35-year-old whose independent means enable him to play Scrabble full-time, defeated his friend and practice partner, Matt Graham, a 31-year-old standup comedian, three-games-to-one to win his first world title. Both are from New York City.

With Sherman leading in the fourth game, Graham used all of his seven tiles and put "flexors" on the board, a move that would have given him 103 points and a commanding lead.

Instead, two judges agreed when Sherman challenged the word. The incorrect play cost Graham a turn.

Sherman sighed with relief when the judges ruled in his favor. "I would have tried it," he told Graham.

"I'm in too much shock to even smile," Sherman said afterward. When Graham was asked if he intended to use his tournament experiences in his standup act, he quipped: "Scrabble's not very funny to me or my audiences."

Graham picked up \$10,000 for his second-place finish.

Among the words used in the finals were "literati" and "argot," the adjective from the word for a specialized vocabulary.

The five-day tournament, which has been played in alternating years since 1991, began with players from 36 countries, including defending champion David Boys, 33, of Canada. Boys had defeated Sherman two years ago in London.

Contestants had 25 minutes to play their tiles and had over 130,000 words to choose from. The number usually is 100,000, but the world championship permits both American and British words.

The Official Scrabble Players' Dictionary and Chamber's Dictionary are used for American and British words.

West Point cadets punished for pin-pushing rituals

WEST POINT, N.Y. (AP) — About 50 West Point seniors were punished for taking part in a "blood branching," in which pins designating their branches in the Army were pushed through their uniforms into their chests.

Calling it a "stupid rite of passage," Lt. Col. Rick Machamer, director of public affairs for the military academy, said Monday the cadets face demerits, extra duty or restrictions in the next 13 ritual.

Such rituals at West Point were barred before Marine Corps "blood pinnings" were made infamous by gory videotapes broadcast on television earlier this year.

The reason why there's disciplinary action was that the senior class was told that they weren't to participate in any such activity as that, Machamer said.

Most of the disciplined seniors out of a class of 1,000 came forward to admit what they did.

The pins denote which part of the Army a cadet will serve. After receiving their branch assignments, the disciplined cadets asked classmates to push the pins through their uniforms and into their chests.

Airline security net not foolproof

Equipment still can't check for plastic explosives

WASHINGTON (AP) — Over Thanksgiving, hundreds of thousands of travelers will walk to airports (gates through security equipment that still does not check for plastic explosives and board airplanes where many packages haven't been screened for bombs.

Seven years after a presidential panel urged drastic improvements in airport security, federal officials are just now beginning such long-awaited changes as the profiling of passengers to identify security risks and the mandatory matching of bags to passengers.

Critics say the changes, some of which take effect Jan. 1, have taken too long and fall short of recommendations the Federal Aviation Administration was first urged to implement in 1990.

That's when numerous potential holes in the airport safety net were identified by a presidential panel convened after a plastic explosive hidden by terrorists inside a radio cassette player destroyed Pan Am Flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland.

Seven times since then, most recently by a panel headed by Vice President Al Gore, government reports have stressed the importance of closing holes in the airport security system. "They totally and consciously failed to address the screening of passengers and hand-carried baggage from an explosives detection standpoint," former FAA security chief Billie Vincent said. "They really failed miserably in looking at the overall system."

Pocket change

How the \$100 million that Congress approved for better airline security for 1998 compares with some other federal expenditures:

- \$2.4 billion for the space station.
- \$331 billion for B2 bombers.
- \$170 million for the Appalachian Regional Commission, which encourages development in the

- Appalachian region.
- \$90 million for an Environmental Protection Administration research facility in North Carolina.
- \$84 million for intelligent transportation systems, futuristic electronic systems designed to alleviate traffic congestion.

— The Associated Press

Added Sen. Alfonse D'Amato, R-N.Y., a member of the commission that studied security after the Flight 103 bombing. "Not much has changed. It doesn't even take a great deal of sophistication to bring about a tragedy."

FAA officials say they are addressing many of those concerns.

To help, Congress boosted the FAA's 1998 budget by \$785 million, to \$9.1 billion, including about \$100 million for security improvements and an additional \$44 million for research and development.

"We are very much well on our way to have the security system in the United States more effective in preventing acts of terrorism," said Cathal Flynn, the FAA's assistant administrator for civil aviation security.

But even with the changes, potential security loopholes remain. For instance, panels have warned that security gains from passenger profiling could be partly lost through the use of curbside baggage check-ins or electronic ticketing — practices that remain prevalent today.

And there is concern that the security workers who operate metal detectors and screen passengers hold low-paying, high-turnover positions.

The FAA's effort has been criticized in several reports — from Congress' General Accounting Office, from the FAA's own inspector general and from various panels.

For example, the Flight 103 panel asked the FAA to ensure that luggage was not loaded unless the bags' owner also boarded the plane. In September 1996, the TWA Flight 800 commission recommended a similar match.

FAA officials say such a plan finally will be in place by Jan. 1. The Flight 103 commission also called for increased inspections to make sure that packages carried on commercial airliners do not contain explosives.

The GAO reported in February 1994 that the Postal Service had not developed a plan to inspect air mail. The Flight 800 commission in February 1997 again asked for a Postal Service plan to screen packages for explosives.

Flynn said efforts to inspect some packages are under way. Experts say the omissions are more glaring because the threat of terrorism against U.S. airlines has increased. Previous attacks against airliners occurred overseas, but the World Trade Center bombing showed that terrorist activity had moved across the Atlantic Ocean.

The industry welcomes the

recent move by the federal government to increase funding for airline security.

"We viewed as a positive development the recognition that terrorism against airlines is really a national security threat," said David A. Fucini, a spokesman for the Air Transport Association, which represents the nation's major airlines. "We feel very strongly there's a role for the federal government, a financial role."

Nevertheless, the cost of future improvements likely be financed by higher airline passenger fees and taxes, Flynn said.

One major problem is that the technology that so effectively stopped the use of metal guns to hijack airplanes can't detect plastic explosives. Bomb detectors as efficient and reliable as X-ray machines do not yet exist, experts say.

"It has proven far more difficult to develop this scanning technology than originally thought," said Rep. James L. Oberstar, D-Minn., a member of the Flight 103 panel. "We still don't have a single one-shot machine."

Instead, airlines are relying on a series of steps. By Jan. 1, all airlines will be profiling passengers, using a series of criteria to determine which people should be singled out for further examination. These passengers will have their luggage screened using new explosive detection machines, or won't have their bags loaded on the airplane unless they also board the flight.

To the chagrin of Vincent and other critics, the Gore commission supported the industry and recommended that only a handful of passengers and bags undergo the extra scrutiny.

Good grief! Schulz takes leave for 75th birthday

SANTA ROSA, Calif. (AP) — In nearly 50 years, Charlie Brown never pitched a no-hitter. Snoopy never shot down Red Baron, and Charles Schulz never took a break.

But this Wednesday, the "Peanuts" creator begins a five-week leave to mark his 75th birthday.

Good grief! What's next? Linus sheds his security blanket?

"I've been thinking about taking some time off for a long time," Schulz said. "I wondered if pressure has affected me. I think Jennie has noticed I've been uneasy the last year or so. I wish notice these things."

During his hiatus, the 2,600 newspapers that run "Peanuts" will have to make do with reruns of old strips.

Schulz, who started the strip in 1950, said he has no intention of retiring, despite a slight tremor in his hands.

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Peanuts creator Charles Schulz will celebrate his 75th birthday on Wednesday with his first vacation in 47 years of drawing the strip. Charlie Brown and Snoopy will be in reruns for the first time since their creation.

FDA approves new obesity alternative

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Food and Drug Administration has approved the first in a new class of obesity drugs, the first prescription alternative since two powerful diet drugs were banned in September.

Knoll Pharmaceutical's sibutramine appears to cause a modest weight reduction — usually about 5 percent — when taken together with diet and exercise.

The FDA approved the drug Saturday night, but Knoll said Monday that it cannot begin selling until the Drug Enforcement Agency classifies how tightly its sale is to be monitored.

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Child psychologists urge special attention for sister of septuplets

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — When Mikayla McCaughey got a peek at her tiny brothers and sisters in the intensive care unit, she saw only a lot of babies — not seven instant rivals for Mommy and Daddy's attention.

For the first 21 months of her life, the family revolved around Mikayla, then the only child of Bobbi and Kenny McCaughey. But before Mikayla turns 2, four little brothers and three sisters — all born last Wednesday — should be home from the hospital.

Child psychologists say the McCaugheys must be careful not to get so busy with the septuplets that they ignore Mikayla.

"What happens is that people in their great excitement at a multiple birth begin to lavish attention on the multiples and really tend to exclude that older child," said Nancy Segal, a psychology professor at California State University-Fullerton and director of the school's Twin Studies Center.



Dr. Robert Shaw, neonatologist with Blank Children's Hospital, speaks during a news conference Monday about the updated condition of the McCaughey septuplets that were born last week in Des Moines, Iowa.

Ms. Segal said little research has been done on the effects of

multiple births on older siblings, but misaligned relationships can lead to resentment, withdrawal and anger toward the parents and brothers and sisters.

McCaughey said last week that his oldest child was thrilled when she first saw the family's new additions. "I brought her down yesterday and she just kind of sat there in my arms and said, 'Baby! Baby!'" he said.

But the McCaughey family has said that Mikayla does not yet understand that the seven babies are her parents' and that they eventually will come home. Six were in serious condition Monday; one was in fair condition.

The family has made sure to focus attention on Mikayla and involve her when gifts are given, said her aunt, Michele Hepworth, who has cared for Mikayla since Mrs. McCaughey was confined to bed nine weeks into the pregnancy.

When the family was given a

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new van, Mikayla's name was written on the side along with those of her brothers and sisters. When Gov. Terry Brantford stood with the family to talk about donations for a new house, he had a stuffed Winnie the Pooh to Mikayla.

"She's going to be a wonderful big sister," Ms. Hepworth said. "She loves to play with baby dolls all the time, cradles them and puts them to sleep."

Child psychologist Alice Sterling Honig of Syracuse University said the transition can

be smooth if Mikayla's parents carve out special time with their daughter, making sure they read long bedtime stories and sing different songs to her than those sung to her siblings.

If their daughter ever has a birthday, the McCaugheys should let her play longer in the bathtub. Special snuggles, back rubs and parents' laps should all become part of a daily routine, Ms. Honig said.

"The routines are important; one times can settle down a child," Honig said.

It's also important to let her help do things around the house, such as helping match socks from the dryer — times babies could not possibly do.

She should be praised for her help, but "don't call her a big girl every two seconds because she doesn't want to be a big girl yet," the psychologist said.

Mikayla also should be remembered with gifts, especially when the septuplets celebrate their

first birthday.

"Be sure and have a special present for being the big sister in this family," Ms. Honig said. "They should make a big fuss over her, too."

Ms. Honig also said it is important for the McCaugheys to get Mikayla involved in a play group that meets several times a week. "You physically will not find the time to do as many interactive, enriching games," the psychologist said. "She needs something of her own. This will be for her."

The septuplets aren't likely to be home before January and will probably not be released at the same time, a bonus for the family as they prepare Mikayla for her new life, said Maureen A. Doolan Boyle, executive director of Mothers of Superheroes, a support group based in Brentwood, N.Y.

"It's going to give Bobbi and Mikayla some time to rekindle their bond," she said. "That will help to ease a lot of the transition."

2 jump to their deaths from Amtrak train

RALSTON, Neb. (AP) — A couple described by fellow travelers as paranoid jumped to their deaths from the emergency exit of an Amtrak train moving at 55 mph early Monday.

A train worker trying to stop them grabbed at the man's coat but the fabric tore in his hands.

Passengers said the couple had made comments that "they had to get off the train, they were going to get hurt, they were going to hurt somebody," said police Sgt. Dave Isbell.

Officers said it appeared to be a double suicide, but the reason for their behavior was not known

and autopsies were planned. Police identified the couple as Marty L. Hopkins, 34, and Tina M. Davis, 30, of Logan, Ohio. They boarded the train Saturday at Sacramento, Calif., after attending a relative's funeral, authorities said.

Amtrak's on-board chief of service, Roger Hardin, was routinely checking on the 150 passengers on the 13-car train, en route to Chicago from Emeryville, Calif., when he heard a woman say something like "we're going to get off this train," Isbell said.

Hardin told police he saw Ms.

Davis backing out of an emergency exit window while Hopkins was moving forward out an adjacent window, Isbell said.

Hardin ran to them and grabbed at Hopkins' coat, but it ripped at the same time Ms. Davis let go of the top wire coil all at about 6:45 a.m., Isbell said.

The train stopped and the bodies were found along the tracks in an industrial area on the edge of this Omaha suburb, Isbell said. Hopkins' body was on a trestle in view of motorists driving on the street below and Ms. Davis' body was about 30 yards away, police said.

Russian sub snags around U.S. carriers

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States tracked a Russian nuclear-powered attack submarine as it maneuvered in international waters near U.S. aircraft carriers off the coast of Washington state in September, a senior military official said.

The Russian Oscar II-class guided-missile submarine was spotted in the month at the same time the USS Constellation returned from an overseas tour in the Western Pacific, said the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

"The United States knew about it, it was tracked," the official said Sunday of the Russian vessel. "There was no danger" to the carrier, he said.

Because the United States and Russia are not at war or in a Cold War-like standoff, there was no reason to do anything other than watch the sub, the official said. "If we'd been at war, we would've had it get even closer," he said.

The Washington Times reported in its Sunday editions that the sub also cruised off the Washington coastline and practiced attack operations against the USS Carl Vinson during that carrier's training mission.

The newspaper said the submarine shadowed the USS Nimitz before returning to Petropavlovsk-Kamchatsky on Nov. 1.

The Russian navy told the

ITAR-Tass news agency in Moscow that the Washington Times report was "provocative," particularly for saying the sub approached U.S. carriers within the range of cruiser missiles.

Rep. Norm Dicks, D-Wash., the ranking Democrat on the House Intelligence Committee, told the Times he got the word like to see Congress hold oversight hearings on the incident because it raises a number of serious concerns.

Watchdog unit head resigns

WASHINGTON (AP) — Michael Shaheen, head of the Justice Department's internal watchdog unit, will resign at the end of the month as his hold since 1975, the Justice Department said Monday.

As head of the Office of Professional Responsibility, Shaheen investigated the conduct of Justice Department officials high and low, including an attorney general and an FBI director.

Shaheen, 57, joined the department in 1973 and was appointed head of the watchdog unit in 1975 by Attorney General Edward Levi.

In a letter to Attorney General Janet Reno, Shaheen said his resignation would be effective Dec. 31.

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Yamaichi closes doors; officials call for calm

TOKYO (AP) — Lining a century as one of Japan's largest brokerage houses and signaling a new era for the country's financial industry, Yamaichi Securities closed its doors Monday amid a rising tide of red ink and a slump in Tokyo stock prices.

Yamaichi, once the nation's top-ranked broker and still a key underwriter for much of corporate Japan, is the biggest Japanese company to fold since World War II. It leaves behind about \$24 billion in liabilities.

"It breaks my heart that the situation has turned out like this," Yamaichi President Shohei Nozawa said while choking back tears in a news conference at the Tokyo Stock Exchange.

The failure is the latest in a recent string of financial shipwrecks in a Japan beset with a myriad of economic troubles, from sluggish growth and deflation to banks to a volatile stock market.



Shohei Nozawa, president of troubled Yamaichi Securities Co., cries as he tries to control himself at the end of a press conference in Tokyo, Monday. Yamaichi announced that it was imminent to close down because of financial woes from a payoff scandal and a slump in Tokyo stock prices.

The end of Yamaichi (pronounced YAH-mah-eh-chee) shows the government is more willing to let weak companies fall in a drive to bolster the economy and reform the financial system, and could signal other financial companies to get their houses in order or face the same fate.

"It won't be the last company to go under," said Yoichi Yagi, 35, a white-collar worker strolling with his wife and baby in Tokyo's central Ginza district Monday afternoon.

Japanese financial authorities were quick to pledge emergency financing to avert the broker's assets and appealed for calm on markets in Japan and abroad.

Japan's 11th-largest commercial bank followed a week ago.

Yamaichi's recent collapse met before in 1963, but was pulled back from the brink by a government-orchestrated effort to preserve Japan's "concrete system" in which stronger companies and weaker companies to keep them afloat.

Japan's new willingness to let the company go, and the other two big financial companies go under comes as the government prepares to implement its so-called Big Five package of financial reforms.

The changes involve sweeping regulations over the next four years that have inspired ties between banks, brokers and insurance companies. The move is designed to increase the competitiveness of Japan's financial institutions.

While Yamaichi Securities' financial woes were not unexpected, the company posted a half-year loss of \$63 million last month — the Finance Ministry revealed the extent of its problems were

more serious than previously reported.

Most glaringly, Finance Minister Mitsuoka said today that Yamaichi informed his ministry just one week ago that it had off-the-book debts totaling \$206 billion.

Mitsuoka said the ministry will look into news reports some of these debts resulted from an illegal practice known as "tohorashi" in which favored clients are protected from investment losses.

Growing concern over Yamaichi's finances was reflected in the recent drop in the company's share price. Moody's Investors Service and Standard and Poor's helped seal Yamaichi's fate when the credit agencies downgraded their ratings of its debt to junk-bond status last week.

While Yamaichi's failure came amid market turmoil that has hit most of Asia since summer, its problems have resulted more from a longstanding weakness in Japan's financial sector.

Both officials said Yamaichi Securities will be able to make good on all of its debts because the company's assets exceed its liabilities.

Yamaichi, with about 82,000 shareholders, leaves behind an uncertain future for its 7,500 employees, including 211 in the United States.

Yamaichi is the third Japanese financial company to fail in less than a month. San'yō Securities, a medium-sized brokerage, went bankrupt Nov. 3 after failing to meet mounting debts. The collapse of Hokkaido Tokaihoku, a

5 kidnapped aid workers freed unharmed in Somalia

MOGADISHU, Somalia (AP) — Five foreign aid workers kidnapped by militiamen in northeastern Somalia were released unharmed Monday and were in good health despite three days of captivity.

In a separate incident, militiamen killed at least nine people north of Mogadishu today in a dispute over farmland, witnesses said. Two Italian aid workers based nearby were briefly taken hostage, their offices were looted and a driver for CARE International was wounded.

The two relief workers, from Coperazioni Italiane Nord-Sud,

apparently were taken simply because they happened to be in the area at the time of the clash, which killed eight militiamen and one civilian.

Meanwhile, the five freed aid workers — one from the European Union and four from the United Nations — arrived safely at the U.N. Children's Fund office in Bosaso, said Agostino Paganini, the group's director of operations in Somalia.

"They are fine. O.K. tired," Paganini told The Associated Press. The hostages were being flown to Nairobi, near Monday.

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Russia, Vietnam sign economic pact, discuss military plane sales

HANOI, Vietnam (AP) — Russia and Vietnam signed an economic cooperation pact Monday during a visit by Russian Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin — the first by a top Russian official since the breakup of the Soviet Union.

The onetime Cold War allies also discussed the sale of military aircraft to Vietnam and the potential for joint energy development programs, Chernomyrdin said after meeting with his Vietnamese counterpart, Phan Van Khai.

Chernomyrdin is due to meet with President Tran Duc Luong and Communist Party chief Do Muoi during the three-day visit.

Topping the agenda is Vietnam's enormous debt to Russia. Vietnam owes Russia billions of rubles, although neither side can agree on what exchange rate should be used in calculating

the figure.

Asked about any breakthroughs on the debt talks, Chernomyrdin said: "Nothing, still nothing. Absolutely not."

According to Russian estimates, Vietnam's debts to the former Soviet Union amount to \$17 billion, the ITAR-Tass news agency reported.

But when the loans were granted, the ruble was artificially pegged to the dollar, Vietnam argues that at today's rate, the debt would equal about \$1.7 million.

Both countries are "ready, for the first time, to sign a protocol indicating the agreed sum of the debt," Chernomyrdin was quoted by the ITAR-Tass news agency as saying.

Ties between Russia and Vietnam dropped by about 50 percent last year. Total trade between the two countries is about \$300 million, according to Vietnamese figures.

Since the 1991 collapse of the Soviet Union and the fall of communism in eastern Europe, relations between Vietnam and Russia have faltered. However, both sides are keen to develop closer ties based on commercial and trade interests.

"We need to look at how we can cooperate in the fields of oil exploration and energy development," Khai, the Vietnamese prime minister, said.

Vietnam's official Communist Party newspaper, The People, lauded Russia's past assistance to Vietnam, saying close ties were natural between the once ideological rivals.

Vietnam was one of Moscow's closest Marxist-Leninist ideological friends in Asia during the Cold War — a time when Communist China was asserting its competing Marxist interpretation of socialism.

Mir's computer crashes again

MOSCOW (AP) — The Mir space station suffered yet another computer breakdown that knocked out power, but Russian space officials didn't report the problem until Monday — after it was fixed.

A new computer was installed Saturday night and Sunday morning, and officials maintained all was well today aboard the Mir.

"Now everything is fine — no problem," said spokesman Vera Medvedkova.

As recently as September, the Mir's worn-out computer broke down almost weekly until the U.S. space shuttle Atlantis delivered a new unit. Those breakdowns received worldwide attention in the wake of a June collision with a cargo ship that severely hampered the Mir's functions.

The replacement computer had operated faultlessly until the weekend breakdown. Although the space station now has no complete computer in storage in the event of another breakdown, officials said numerous spare parts are at hand for the computer.

The nearly 12-year-old Mir has limped through a difficult 1997, still needed until a new international space station is constructed and launched into orbit.

Yuri Koptev, general director of the Russian Space Agency, told the ITAR-Tass news agency Monday that there should be no problem keeping the Mir — intended initially to last only five years — functioning until late 1999 or early 2000.

Medvedkova also said a NASA-

requested spacewalk that had been scheduled for Dec. 5 has been tentatively postponed until January.

U.S. astronaut David Wolf had been studying flight manuals to prepare for the spacewalk with Mir commander Anatoly Solovoy.

But Medvedkova said it would likely be put off because of preparations involving the Inspector, a small satellite to be released from the Mir on Dec. 17. The Inspector is designed to check the exterior of space station.

According to the Interfax news agency, Solovoy and cosmonaut Pavel Vinogradov asked for the delay so they can repair the depressurized outer hatch of the Kvant-2 module, among other tasks.

Number of earthquake death victims in Bangladesh rises to 13

DHAKA, Bangladesh (AP) — Eight more bodies have been recovered from the rubble of a five-story building that collapsed during an earthquake in Bangladesh last week.

A district official at

Chittagong, 140 miles southeast of the capital, said Monday those bodies brought the total death toll in Friday's 6.0 magnitude quake to 13.

The quake was centered 65 miles east of Chittagong, accord-

ing to the U.S. Geological Survey in Golden, Colo.

Earthquakes are rare in Bangladesh, a tropical delta nation near India that is buffeted by floods and cyclones which kill hundreds of people every year.

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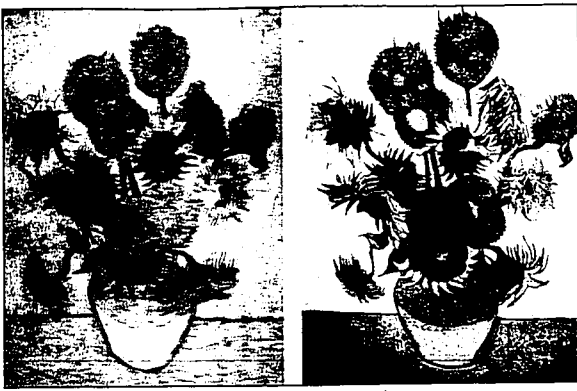
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At the center of a controversy are two versions of Dutch master Vincent van Gogh's famous sunflower paintings. At left is the version bought by a Japanese insurance company. At right is the version hanging in the Dutch van Gogh museum. An international investigation is under way to write permanent legislation that the Japanese insurance company spent \$39.5 million acquiring a beautiful fake.

Controversy grows over van Gogh's sunflower paintings

AMSTERDAM, Netherlands (AP) — Created only to decorate his room, the bright sunflowers painted by Vincent van Gogh caused an international stir when one of the famous works drew a record \$39.5 million bid ten years ago.

The same painting is at the center of attention again. This time, the art world wants to know whether the Japanese insurance company that bought the still-life in fact paid for a masterful fake. Van Gogh's first "Sunflowers" painting was created in August 1888 while he was living in Arles, France. Most art experts agree this original masterpiece — 24 flowers set against a pale yellow background — now hangs in London's National Gallery. A recent replica that Van Gogh created later is said to be in the Van Gogh Museum in Amsterdam.

The Yasuda Fire and Marine Insurance Co. believes it holds a third "Sunflowers," the work it bought at Christie's auction house in 1987. At the time, the bid was the most ever paid for a painting.

Now, the authenticity of the third "Sunflowers" is in doubt.

The Van Gogh Museum, which owns the world's largest collection of Van Gogh paintings, has opened a joint investigation with Yasuda and the National Gallery to try to determine, once and for all, the authenticity of the work.

Benoit Landais, a French writer who says he spent five

years investigating works by the Dutch post-impressionist, French was actually painted by French artist Claude-Emile Schuffenecker, who also was a Van Gogh collector.

London art writer Geraldine Norman reported the same finding last month.

The claims trail other allegations about fake Van Goghs.

In July, a leading London art journal, the Art Newspaper, reported that scholarly studies found that more than 100 paintings and drawings attributed to Van Gogh, including Yasuda's copy, may be fakes. And a catalog of Van Gogh's works published by Dutch scholar Jan Hulsker lists 45 paintings as possible fakes.

The controversy has caused the usually staid Van Gogh Museum to go on the offensive — and officials there insist that the Yasuda "Sunflowers" is the real thing.

"This game has become worse every day," museum spokeswoman Rianne Norbart said Monday, adding that the challenges that have not been backed up "on a scholarly level."

Landais argues that the painting now in Yasuda's hands was never mentioned in Van Gogh's letters and that it reveals an outline technique the painter had abandoned years earlier.

"There is a big difference between Yasuda's copy and the others. Everyone can see that,"

Landais, who lives in the Netherlands, said in an interview Monday.

But Louis van Tilborgh, chief curator of the Van Gogh Museum, has examined Yasuda's painting and deemed it an original.

"There are certain things we can still investigate... but in our opinion, there's no reason to doubt its authenticity," he said. Critics, however, have questioned the museum's impartiality in the controversy, noting that it received a \$19 million gift from Yasuda in 1990 to build a new wing.

Israelis raid south Lebanon; death toll rises to 16

TYRE, Lebanon (AP) — Israeli warplanes and soldiers attacked suspected guerrilla infiltration trails Monday in escalating hostilities in southern Lebanon.

There were conflicting reports about casualties, but a tally of the various claims put the death toll at 16 in three days of fighting.

Israel made the latest claim, saying its armored forces killed three Hezbollah guerrillas in fighting Monday. Hezbollah reported heavy clashes, but did not refer to any casualties among its fighters. Lebanese security forces said four fighters from another Shiite Muslim guerrilla group, Amal, were presumed killed Sunday after they failed to return to their base.

Nine civilians were killed Sunday in the village of Beit Lafi in the Israeli-occupied area of southern Lebanon.

Weapons teams inspect again as new crisis looms

11 sites looked at

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — U.N. arms monitors searching for Iraq's banned arsenal inspected 11 sites without interference Monday — including pharmaceutical factories where biological or chemical weapons could be produced.

But a new confrontation could still develop if U.N. inspectors try to search dozens of other sites, including President Saddam Hussein's many palaces, which Iraq considers sensitive to national security.

An American U-2 spy plane, which Iraq has threatened to shoot down, made another flight into Iraqi airspace Monday, its third since the crisis over weapons inspections started more than three weeks ago.

A Pentagon official in Washington said the flight over central Iraq — part of the U.N. weapons inspection program — was completed without incident.

Monday's inspections went smoothly, as they have since they were resumed Saturday.

"They have had a normal inspection day with no problems reported," said Allan Dacey, a British spokesman for the U.N. monitors.

He said the inspectors were searching for missiles and biological, chemical and nuclear weapons, as well as examining arms imports and exports. Some inspectors flew in helicopters to check for any

inappropriate activity on the ground. U.N. inspectors have accused Iraq of sneaking documents out the back doors of weapons sites even as inspectors were entering the front.

The arms inspectors' job is to certify that Iraq has complied with U.N. resolutions requiring it to eliminate weapons of mass destruction in line with treaties that ended the 1991 Persian Gulf War. Economic sanctions, imposed after Iraq's 1990 invasion of Kuwait that led to the war, have devastated the Iraqi economy.

Despite the latest cooperation in Baghdad, American and Iraqi officials were still arguing over whether inspectors should search Saddam's many presidential compounds.

In Washington, deputy White House national security adviser James Steinberg said the United Nations had "clear authority" to look at the 47 presidential compounds.

"These presidential palaces seem to be getting larger, more numerous," U.N. weapons inspector Richard Butler said Monday on ABC television. "How many palaces can one have?"

Bill Richardson, the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, also demanded the inspectors "have full access to all the sites."

"We're talking about 47 presidential sites, 63 sites the Iraqis have dreamed do not deserve access. How can you do your job?"

he said. "This crisis is far from over."

But Iraq, citing national sovereignty and security, has long rejected the inspectors' contention that they should be free to visit any suspicious site.

"The crisis might be renewed if America's intransigent attitude continues," Deputy Prime Minister Tariq Aziz was quoted by the Iraqi News Agency as telling Jordanian television.

Still, the inspectors stayed away from the palaces Monday and instead searched 11 sites, seven of them drug factories that could be used for producing biological or chemical weapons, INA said.

Access to presidential palaces was a factor in Iraq's crisis with the weapons monitors last month. It claimed the Americans were spies intent on preventing the lifting of U.N. sanctions against Iraq.

When the U.S. Security Council condemned that stance, Iraq threw the Americans out on Nov. 13. The United Nations removed the other inspectors in protest, and the United States escalated its military presence in the region, sending a second aircraft carrier to the Gulf and extra fighter planes to Kuwait.

The crisis was resolved last week under a Russian-mediated deal in which Iraq agreed the Americans could return, and Moscow pledged to work toward lifting U.N. sanctions. The 75 weapons monitors, who include four Americans, returned to Iraq on Friday.

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Palestinians reject West Bank pullback

JERUSALEM (AP) — The Palestinians Monday dismissed Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's offer to withdraw troops from at least 6 percent of the West Bank, saying he was just playing for time and trying to appease the Americans.

Netanyahu's hard-line allies threatened to bring down his shaky coalition if he handed land to the Palestinians.

In the West Bank, some 1,000 Palestinian university students attended a rally organized by the militant group Hamas, chanting "Bomb Tel Aviv" and waving its flag. The Palestinians said today they believed Netanyahu was not serious about pulling back troops.

"What I know is that the circle is tightening around Netanyahu's domestic process," said Ahmed Shalhatman, the secretary general of the Palestinian Cabinet.

The deadline in peace talks has eroded Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat's standing, and Islamic militants, such as Hamas, are becoming increasingly popular.

In Israel, Netanyahu is under growing pressure from President Clinton to carry out a U.S.-brokered agreement calling for Israel to pull back troops from

significant areas of the West Bank by mid-1998.

On Sunday evening, Netanyahu met with key Cabinet ministers to work out a proposal to withdraw troops from 6 percent of the West Bank, Netanyahu's senior aide, David Bar-Ilan, was not available for comment today, but Israeli radio said the plan being floated was to withdraw troops from 6 percent to 8 percent of the West Bank.

The Palestinians now administer about 20 percent of the area, but in most of it share security control with the Israelis.

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EU relaxes ban on elephant imports

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) — The European Commission has relaxed a ban on importing live elephants, ivory and other elephant products from three southern African nations.

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EDITORIAL

State mandate is wrong way to improve reading

If the Idaho Legislature orders schools to teach 45 minutes of phonics every day, why not schedule the rest of the day? Maybe legislators should mandate what color of chalk to use, too.

Public Fox, Idaho's superintendent of public instruction, wants the state to require at least 45 minutes of daily phonics instruction for kindergartners and first-graders. She says voters elected her to push phonics, the reading system that teaches kids to "sound out" letters.

Fox is right to support the use of phonics in schools. Most teachers would agree that phonics is good for children. Some educators who abhor the rest of the phonics years ago have lived to regret the move.

But voters didn't elect their state legislators to micromanage classrooms. Details of this kind should be left up to locally elected school boards and the educators they hire.

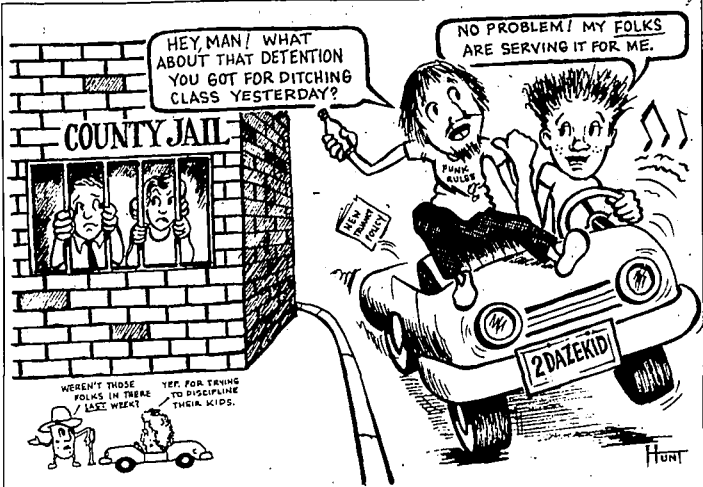
Fox's proposal calls for 45 minutes of phonics each day "for students who have not mastered the sound/symbol

relationship." That sounds great for most kids, but it's a cookie-cutter approach. As useful as phonics is, it may not be the answer for every child.

Fox's other proposal on phonics would require all future teachers to take a class on teaching phonics. That one is more likely to attract support, because it doesn't intrude directly into local schools.

As far as we can tell, most Magic Valley schools and teachers have a sensible outlook on reading instruction. They use phonics already, often in tandem with other methods. If parents and taxpayers aren't satisfied, local school boards provide an ideal forum for discussing the issue. A locally elected board is a direct link between taxpayers and schools, with no detour to Boise along the way.

There are plenty of ways the Legislature can help improve Idaho schools. It can work on broad goals such as choice and accountability. But if Fox asks lawmakers to micromanage classrooms, they should decline.



Bully on the block: Microsoft is a monopoly

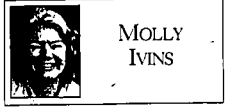
The first thing you have to admit about Microsoft is that it is a monopoly. Large as life and twice as natural. There it stands, with more than 90 percent of the market in PC operating systems. In addition to what it already controls, Microsoft is also moving rapidly to control all access to the Internet and moving into content, as well.

Monopolies are the reason we have anti-monopoly laws on the books. Microsoft may be about the newest, cutting-edge information technologies, but the problem it represents is old and familiar. The railroads, Big Steel, Standard Oil - been there, done that.

What makes Microsoft different is the staggering amount of power it represents. But controlling access to information is the ultimate power.

Think about it. One strong caveman with a big club could control maybe two or three other cavemen. One medieval knight on horseback could probably keep 100 people in line. One tank can easily back off a thousand folks. But someone in charge of all the information going to X amount of people can control X amount. That's why the first thing dictators do is take over the media in their countries.

Cartoonists are fond of portraying monopolies as giant octopuses, and that is indeed what Microsoft resembles. Many observers believe that the Justice Department is leading up to a full-scale as-



MOLLY IVINS

sault on "Wintel" the combination monopoly that Microsoft enjoys with Intel, the chip producer that controls about 80 percent of that market. The question is whether the software-chip alliance uses its power to keep competitors out of the business.

According to Business Week, one example of Microsoft's tactics is "tying" forcing a customer to buy one product in order to get another. Compaq Computer Corp. has released documents that show Microsoft threatened to terminate its contract to install the Windows 95 operating system on its computers if Compaq did not also display the icon for Microsoft's Internet Explorer browsing system on its computer desktop. That would tend to increase the use of the Microsoft browser.

Another Microsoft maneuver caused a lawsuit by Sun Microsystems, the company that developed a universal computer language called Java. Microsoft licensed Java for its internet Explorer 4.0 browser, but Sun claims that Microsoft changed key components in the language so it will not run on other operating systems. Sun's suit alleges that Microsoft is "attempting to break Java's cross-platform compatibility and deliver a technology that appears to be Java but only works with its own products."

As Microsoft moves into the content area, it could, by using such tactics, come to dominate electronic commerce, education and even the U.S. banking system, according to Sun CEO Scott McNealy, who recently joined Ralph Nader in a two-day conference on Microsoft and its global strategy. The San Francisco Chronicle reports that Bill Wendell, founder of an Internet-based real estate sales company, calls Microsoft "a virtual monopoly propping up a virtual cartel."

Ray Hammond, a futurologist, said at the conference: "Perhaps only a Roman emperor could have surpassed the influence Gates will have over individual lives in the early 21st century - if he and his company continue unchecked." But just because Gates is resented for extraneous reasons doesn't mean his methods should not be examined and corrected. A monopoly is a monopoly is a monopoly.

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LETTERS

Bruce Willis deserves apology

On behalf of everyone in Twin Falls who recognizes pedantic prattle when they read it, I'd like to offer Bruce Willis an apology for what appeared in the Nov. 20 paper. What Bruce may not know, and why such an apology is in order, is that at least one-fourth of The Times-News editorial board (and the author of Thursday's editorial) is a blockhead, fond of spewing out pedestrian concepts and political drivel.

This particular editor, whose name is as well-known as the public bear him apart when he next ventures into the streets, can never forgive my neighbor to the north for siding against Phil Bart for the nuclear waste issue. It is consequently beyond his endurance to sit quietly by while his nemesis, Bruce Willis, contemplates paying Twin Falls just about the finest compliment he could, that of making a movie on our very own streets.

This unidentified editor also has a penchant for taking up the crusade to keep Twin Falls mired in the mediocrity of the past. He imagines he lives in a "straight-laced little burg" and he's dead set against anything progressive every happening to Twin Falls. He believes that one day in the far-away future, long after Phil Bart is dead and buried, the federal government will live up to its promise to remove the nuclear waste in Idaho.

It's uncertain what his relationship to the editorials he's responsible for, he just might be inhabiting it. It's too bad we never knew who he is. Those of us who write letters to The Times-News have to sign our names to our opinions. And someone from the paper always calls to confirm we actually wrote them. Meanwhile, this craven editor hides behind his anonymity. I know one thing for sure: If I was one of the other three who write editorials, I wouldn't want people thinking I was the author of Thursday's exercise in tedium.

DAVID WOODHEAD
Twin Falls

switched to blinking yellow on Falls and blinking red on Locust. Drivers approaching this intersection on Falls stop and cause confusion for traffic crossing or turning from Locust onto Falls.

My suggestion would be to make it a four-way stop or, if it is being switched, to do it later in the evening.

MARK RICHARDSON
Hansen

TF Is inundated with prejudices

After reading issues of The Times-News recently, I'm gratified to know that, even after three months in another city, things will never change in Twin Falls, Idaho.

Perhaps I did not fully realize it before and perhaps living in a place with a population that dwarts Twin Falls and that is much more highly diverse than much of Idaho has revealed to me what an astonishingly bigoted place the town I call home is.

I don't hate Twin Falls. I'm proud to have graduated with the Twin Falls High School Class of 1997. I simply will not tolerate the hate that's allowed to grow and fester like a cancer in my hometown. What gives you the right to hate? What gives you the right to judge? A religious book, a code of laws, your physical strength? History can provide multitudes of examples where the right to hate or judge on those bases has gone horribly awry.

Of course, I don't like to generalize, but it seems that many of those who submit letters do the same thing, characterizing homosexuals, liberals, or anyone who is not a white Anglo-Saxon male as a denizen of the Antichrist.

Come on, it's time to get over your prejudices and realize that the people you are bigoted against are just that - people. Every human life has value, from the most corrupt criminal to the holiest saint. No one gave any of us the right to kill, but it seems that's exactly what we do when we are prejudiced. We marginalize, we exclude, and we do our damndest not to understand.

Stop hiding behind scripture, behind politics, behind "science" and behind family values that never existed in the first place and expose hate for what it really is. The posters are wrong. Hate is very human. It's time we tried to be better than that.

MICHAEL CRUMP
(And Portland, Ore.)

McCaughey septuplets and medical ethics

The birth of the McCaughey septuplets produced joy and thanksgiving for the couple and their families. It has also produced a debate among "medical ethicists," some of whom argue that Bobbi McCaughey should have aborted (euphemistically) a "fetal reduction" in order to limit the risk to the babies and reduce the cost to the taxpayers of giving birth to so many children.

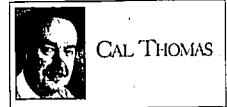
One can almost hear Mr. Scrooge advocating the death of the poor in order to reduce the surplus population.

First, a definition. "Ethics" is "the discipline dealing with what is good and bad and with moral duty and obligation." This implies a standard by which an ethic may be measured. The McCaugheys accepted such a standard when they said that God had a plan for their children, and they never considered killing one or more of them.

Medical ethicists abandoned such a standard when they endorsed abortion "choices." That Bobbi McCaughey made a choice favoring life over death isn't enough for them. They have other concerns.

Where the ethical line is drawn, and whether it is drawn with indelible or disappearing ink, is relevant to what the medical decision will be allowed to do to the rest of us in the future. As medicine costs more, it will be necessary to consider whether life's value can depreciate, like a car.

In a Wall Street Journal article we learn that "fetal reduction" is becoming a common procedure for women who



CAL THOMAS

face multiple births. We also learn that doctors who advise aborting one or more babies because of "danger" to the others are frequently wrong. Often the babies left safely to gestate are born healthy, or at least are assisted to health by modern technology. And we learn that some mothers selectively reduce for the convenience of it. As one doctor notes, "If reducing from one to zero is acceptable in this society, then why not from two to one?"

One might go even farther, as some wish to do. Some ethicists and commentators question the "rightness" of women who attempt to gestate are born government may wish to regulate the practice. This sounds disturbingly like China's policy of limiting couples to one child, with forced abortion for those who attempt to violate the law. Do we want to go there?

What should be even more alarming is that the acceptance of abortion has produced threats to other categories of human life, just as former Surgeon General C. Everett Koop predicted it would two decades ago. Prof. Steven Pinker, director of the Center for Cognitive Neuroscience at the Massachusetts In-

stitute of Technology, in an article for the Nov. 2 New York Times, said, "Reduced the practice of infanticide. Pinker suggested that the active or passive killing of newly born babies should be treated differently from the killing of an adult because an infant is not yet a full-fledged person."

Pinker says we only have a right not to be killed if we have "an ability to reflect upon ourselves as a continuous locus of consciousness, to form and savor plans for the future, to dread death and to express the choice not to die." Infants, he says, don't qualify and so may be killed without offense to moral codes.

One category of life cannot be declassified without endangering others. If the unborn can be aborted, individually or "selectively," then why not kill the newly born and the elderly if they become "inconvenient" if there is no God to govern in the affairs of men, then why shouldn't government or medical ethicists or public opinion be our god?

On the eve of the 25th anniversary of Roe vs. Wade, we are quickly regressing to a raw, purely arbitrary utilitarianism increasingly hostile to the notion that life is sacred and unique among living things.

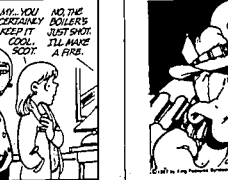
The grand irony may be that the generation imposing this philosophy on our nation may turn out to be victims of it.

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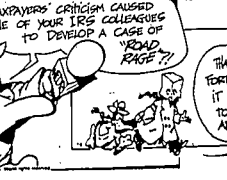
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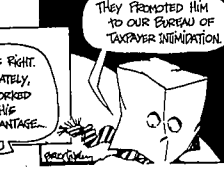
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Prison contractor under fire

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — The company building two prisons in New Mexico and complaining about losing a large prison contract in Idaho has hired three subcontractors for the New Mexico jobs that are not in good standing with that state, according to a published report.

Wackenhut Corp.'s development arm hired the Albuquerque companies in September to work on the \$51 million prison projects that the Florida-based corporation is paying to build and will privately operate under contracts with Lea and Guadalupe counties.

Wackenhut spokesman Bill Farnum told The Albuquerque Tribune that he was not aware of the companies' problems with the state but would talk to them.

By state law, all corporations operating in New Mexico must be registered with the State Corporation Commission and have a certificate allowing it to legally operate.

Southwest Fire Protection Inc., Melendez Concrete and Chava Trucking have administrative violations with the commission that will require filing new paperwork and some fees to clear up. The newspaper reported. Company officers failed to file biannual reports updating corporate information or pay fees.

If the violations are not rectified the subcontractors could eventually lose their corporate status, a commission spokesman said. Wackenhut is financing the projects, not the state, so it was free to choose the subcontractors it wanted. And Farnum said the three will continue working on the 600-bed facility in Santa Rosa and the 1,200-bed prison in Hobbs.

"These are good people," Farnum said. "They are very good. Unless people put a gun to my head, these are our people." Wackenhut finished second to Corrections

Corp. of American, the nation's largest private prison company, in the bidding to build and operate a new Idaho prison that will start out at 1,200 beds and eventually expand to 3,000.

Although neither Wackenhut nor any of the other also-rans appealed the state's September decision to give the deal to Corrections Corp., it and at least one other are now contacting legislators to complain that their bids were lower than the winner's.

But Gov. Phil Batt has indicated he has no plans to intervene in the process that the Legislature set in motion last spring. And state officials involved in the selection continue to point out that cost was secondary to the design of the facility that the state could be forced to take over if the contractor's operations become unsuccessful. Prison officials still expect the final contract to be signed before year's end.

Animal rights activist admits to taking part in store arson

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — An animal-rights activist who admitted taking part in a plot to burn down a Murray leather store pleaded guilty Monday to an amended charge of attempted arson.

Jacob Lyman Kenison, 19, had been charged with one count of aggravated arson in the June 15, 1995, blaze at Tandy Leather. Damage was estimated at more than \$300,000.

Prosecutors agreed to amend the charge to a third-degree felony because much of the state's evidence was circumstantial, said Salt Lake County Deputy District Attorney Eric Jones.

"It's our first breakthrough in this case," Jones said. "I'd rather grab a zero to five (sentence) than lose it."

Jones said the Tandy investigation is "slow" but ongoing. He believes up to five other people were involved in the crime. Asked by 3rd District Judge Tyrone Melley about his role in the crime, Kenison at first hesitated. After consulting with his public defender, Roger Sorenson, he said, "My participation in it was throwing a brick through a window and sort of a lookout position."

He denied throwing the Malotov cocktail that sparked the fire.

Mexican customs agent killed in border firefight

NOGALES, Ariz. (AP) — As many as a dozen gunmen attacked Mexican customs agents at a border checkpoint in a failed attempt to get back more than \$100,000 in suspected drug proceeds being brought from the United States, authorities said Monday.

A Mexican customs agent was killed in the firefight, which lasted several minutes just south of port of entry in this border city. Less than 100 yards away, U.S. Customs Service agents took cover and waded frantic tourists across a motorcade through the checkpoint.

"I've been here for 30 years and I have never seen anything like this," said Tony Estrada, sheriff in Arizona's Santa Cruz County. "There has never been an incident this brazen or violent directed at (Mexican) federal agents."

The attackers didn't get the money, said Commander Andres Sanchez Diaz, Sonora

state judicial police duty officer in Nogales. Officials suspect the smugglers and gunmen were involved in the drug trade and were bringing back proceeds from the United States, he said.

Some U.S. law enforcement officials said they heard that up to two gunmen were killed in the exchange, but Mexican officials interviewed Monday by The Associated Press said only the customs agent was killed.

Details remained sketchy a day later. U.S. officials said they had no direct information on the battle, which occurred within sight of the U.S. Customs checkpoint and left a bullet hole near the U.S. port of entry.

Nogales Police Chief Jose Luis Alday said Mexican authorities told him three people were killed — the customs agent and two gunmen. Roberto Rodriguez, an officer at the Mexican con-

sulate in Nogales, Ariz., said he was told that the agent and one gunman died.

However, Sanchez Diaz and a Mexican Treasury official who spoke on condition of anonymity told AP only the customs agent was killed.

The shooting occurred after Mexican customs agents stopped a van with three men inside and found more than \$100,000 in cash, Sanchez Diaz said. Police arrested one of the men, but two escaped, he said.

"But some time later 10 or 12 of them returned and tried to force the arrested man and seize back the money. Shooting followed," Sanchez Diaz said.

Mexican officials said the money was hidden in a package or packages wrapped to look like gifts.

Idaho crime rate drops more than national rate

BOISE (AP) — Violent crimes in Idaho dropped over three times more than they did nationally during the first half of the year.

New FBI figures show police in Idaho reported 17 percent fewer violent crimes — murder, rape, robbery and assault — from January through June. That put the reports at just under 1,400, nearly 300 fewer than a year earlier.

Nationally and in the West, violent crime was down 5 percent. The number of property crimes — burglary, car theft and larceny — were 9 percent lower than a year ago compared to a 4 percent decline across the country.

Attorney General Alan Lance called the figures good news in light of the fact that year-end numbers were lower than in the first half of 1995. He credited Idaho's get-tough attitude toward criminal — a view that is being called into question by some officials because of the financial pressure it has put on the state prison system.

"Tougher sentencing laws, diligent investigations, vigorous prosecutions and longer prison sentences have all contributed to the reduction of crime in Idaho," Lance said. "We are taking criminals out of circulation during their prime crime years."

Postal strike in Canada boosts border business

PORTRHILL (AP) — The holiday rush is on at the post office in the border town because of a strike by Canadian postal workers.

Less than a mile south of the border and about a 135-mile drive northeast of Spokane, Wash., the post office is getting about 100 Canadian customers a day, postmaster Karen Corbeil said.

"If they want it to get out of Canada at all, they are coming here," said Corbeil. "The post office is cashing in. We've had people coming to us for the last two weeks."

She already was doing a lot of Canadian business of the 700 post office boxes, 660 are rented by Canadians who say the U.S. Postal Service is cheaper, faster and more reliable.

New service is slower because of the volume and extra paperwork. Canadians sending letters or packages overseas must have them weighed and complete a customs form.

"They don't seem to care about the wait. That it gets out is more important," Corbeil said. "It's kind of hairy some days."

Nor is the action limited to PortHill.

Since the strike began Wednesday, Canadians with friends and relatives in England, Germany and other overseas countries have been driving as much as three hours to mail Christmas cards and packages in Orville, Wash., about six miles south of the border and 130 miles north of Wenatchee, Wash., postal worker Guy Kenfield said.

"First it was the UPS (United Parcel Service) strike, now the Canadian strike," Kenfield said. "We are dependable. We take the load for everyone."

Negotiations to end the strike by 45,000 members of the Canadian Union of Postal Workers collapsed Saturday. Authorities have said any letters and packages in Canadian post offices will stay there until the strike ends.

Some Canadians are even crossing the border to mail packages back into Canada. "That won't work," Kenfield said. "The mail will get out of our office, but it will still get stopped in Canada."

Nursing home found unsafe

BOISE (AP) — A nursing home is running on a temporary license after state inspectors found widespread problems including unsafe patient care.

The 120-bed Life Care of Treasure Valley is prohibited from admitting any new patients until the problems are cleared up.

The home is about half full. During an inspection last month, inspectors noted 39 deficiencies. The state-wide average for routine annual inspections is seven.

"It's not a normal situation that we would encounter," said John Hathaway, chief of state Health Bureau of Facility Standards. "It's not standard for us." The bureau has recommended federal regulators fine the home \$5,000 for failing to seek immediate attention for a woman who fell and broke her hip.

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A LITTLE ANGEL



Katie Pavlat, 9, of Roseburg, Ore., nervously waits in the dressing room for her roll as an angel during the Eugene Ballet's annual production of the Nutcracker held near Roseburg Sunday afternoon. Pavlat was one of 50 local children appearing in the ballet.

Study tracks park snowmobilers

YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK, Wyo. (AP) — National Park officials maintain a proposal to close a section of road to snowmobilers on the east side of Yellowstone National Park minimizes the impact because the few users enter from the Cody, Wyo., gate.

A new Park Service study found that only 24 percent — some 18,000 people who rode in snowmobiles or snow coaches into Yellowstone last winter — entered from Wyoming gates. The vast majority, 43,000 snowmobilers, came into the park from Montana's West Yellowstone entrance.

The numbers also showed that just 4 percent — about 2,500 people — came through the east entrance last winter. Crews groom the east-entrance for snowmobiles, but no in-park snow coach operator runs on the park's eastern side, making cross-country skiing feasible for eastern users.

The Park Service environmental assessment, released last week, examined not only the environmental aspects of snowmobiles in Yellowstone but compared the popularity of certain snowmobile trails.

Park Superintendent Mike Finley said that reinforced the plan for closing a section of road

on the Cody side of the park since it would have the least effect. Park County, Wyo., business and economic leaders said closing the road would blow a hole in Cody's fledgling snowmobile industry.

Economics played a major role in the controversy surrounding the environmental assessment with Wyoming's congressional delegation, governor and gateway communities asking to be let in on the study.

The assessment makes references to the tourist-dependent communities outside the park. The study goes on to say that estimates of lost revenue to gateway

communities if Yellowstone closed the Hayden Valley stretch would range between just over \$100,000 to more than \$1 million.

That disparity reflects widely varying estimates of how many people will actually cancel a trip because they cannot snowmobile through the valley and how much money those people spend. Still, Cody does not appear among the top 10 locations that about 62 percent of park users say they use outside Yellowstone in the winter.

Police still seek clues in bizarre death

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Police say they are still hoping for a break in the bizarre case of an ex-Marine who faked his death in a trailer fire, living a lie for 3 1/2 years before being arrested on child rape charges.

Arthur Bennett apparently faked his death in the trailer fire Feb. 3, 1994, then moved to Hurricane, Utah, with his ex-wife and three daughters, where he worked as a volunteer with local high school students. Family members had the badly-burned body cremated and buried with military honors in a veteran's cemetery in Boulder City, Nev., although Bennett was awaiting a court-martial in Yuma, Ariz. at the time.

The family received \$200,000 in insurance money, authorities said. "We've had no luck, not a clue, determining who is buried in Boulder City," Las Vegas

Metropolitan Police Lt. Wayne Petersen said Monday.

Petersen said he's confident Bennett is linked to the body found in the trailer. The vehicle belonged to Bennett and was found parked near Lake Mead, southeast of Las Vegas.

"Certainly no one else had a motive," Petersen said. "He had lots of motives to stage his death and assume a new identity."

The only charge currently pending against Bennett in Las Vegas is a sexual assault charge, Petersen said.

Bennett is being held in Utah on 11 counts of rape of a child and sexual molestation involving three young girls. He was facing court-martial in Yuma on charges

of raping the daughter of a fellow Marine in Yuma and two incidents in Okinawa.

Petersen said Las Vegas homicide detectives tried to talk to Bennett after he was arrested in Utah Oct. 31, but he was uncooperative.

"We've talked to him once, but the conversation was very brief," Petersen said.

The homicide chief said he's hopeful someone will come forward with information as to who was found in Bennett's trailer, and how the victim got there.

"We are still hopeful that one of our missing persons reports will match or the Marines will find someone who was missing at that time," Petersen said.



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USU eliminates recreation leadership program

LOGAN, Utah (AP) — Utah State University is discontinuing its graduate program in recreation leadership, and more graduate programs may follow because of lagging enrollment.

The Accreditation Review Committee reviewed Utah State's accreditation standing and issued a brief statement last month. Among the panel's four recommendations was that the school consider consolidating

those graduate programs with dwindling enrollment.

The outdoor leadership program is the first to go since then, but that decision was already in the works when the committee's recommendations were announced.

The move was approved by the university's Board of Trustees on Friday and will become official when it is approved by the State Board of Regents.

Only 10 graduate students have earned degrees in recreation leadership in the past 10 years. The University of Utah has a comparable program offering both master's and doctoral degrees.

The four graduate students in the program will be allowed to finish, provided they complete their work within six years, but no new students will be admitted if the regents approve the change.

CHRISTMAS IN CHURCH

On Friday, December 5th, The Times-News will publish a special church page of Christmas activities. This page gives the Magic Valley churches the opportunity to share their unique and spiritual services that surround the Christmas holiday.



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“I don’t know what’s wrong. Lately, I’ve had to psych myself up just to go out there and punch somebody in the face. That’s not me.”

—Buffalo Sabers enforcer *Matthew Barnaby, upset after Coach Lindy Ruff benched him during a game against Edmonton*

No sweat for Golden Eagles

CSI volleyball dominates early opponents

By Karen Baumert Times-News writer

OREM, Utah — The College of Southern Idaho gave new meaning to the phrase “a walk in the park” Monday in the opening round of the National Junior College Athletic Association volleyball championships.

The Golden Eagles opened the tournament by beating Bravard 15-2, 15-1, 15-7, then followed with a drubbing of Lee College 15-2, 15-4, 15-3 in the night match.

“We played awesome,” CSI coach Ben Stroud said. “There was some



Ben Stroud
The national tournament of the Golden Eagles' opponents averaged five points per game in pool play. With only one more match of pool play

serious gunfire.” And all day long it came from everyone. For the first time all season, every player played and every player contributed.

To put into perspective how solid the CSI play was, last year at the national tournament the Golden Eagles' opponents averaged five points per game in pool play. With only one more match of pool play today, CSI is holding its opponents to three points per game.

“The reason is that everyone is playing well,” Stroud said. “It’s not just Hai Yan (Wang) and Flavia (Gabinio). They are playing great, but Reneeka (Gause), Joy (Sperry), Soraya (Santos) and Charnette (Fair) are playing great, too. Our legs are fresh and we’re jumping out of the gym and playing smart.”

The other top seeds also posted solid days.

No. 1-seeded Miami-Dade beat Delaware Tech 15-1, 15-1 and

CHAMPIONSHIP DIARY

A daily look at the College of Southern Idaho volleyball team's adventures at the national tournament in Orem, Utah

Monday

8:30 a.m. — Most of the players woke up and went downstairs for breakfast.
11 a.m. — Left for the gym.
12:30 p.m. — Crushed Bravard 15-2, 15-1, 15-7 in less than an hour.
1:30 p.m. — Left for Chuck a Rama and lunch.
3 p.m. — Returned to the hotel for rest. Well, most of

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TODAY'S SCHEDULE

College volleyball
CSI at nationals, Orem, Utah

Girls' basketball
Bohd at Declo
Wendell at Filer
TFC at Castledale JV
Valley at Gooding
MVC at Carey
Bunley at Jerome
Pawnee at Minico
Glenns Ferry at Kimberly
Middleton at Wood River
Hansen at Hagerman
Most junior varsity basketball games begin at 6 p.m. with the varsity following.

SCOREBOARD

Girls' high school basketball

TFC 43 Kerndahl 25
Dewick 63 Castledale 43
Ruff River 57 Declo 36
Shoshone 48 Gooding 39
Oakley 34 Kimberly 30
Wood River 43 Camas 32

Pro basketball

Portland 91 Toronto 90
Oklahoma 95 Washington 87
Utah 133 Minnesota 124 (OT)

College basketball

Men

Nic (Arizona) 99 Boston College (I)

No. 11 109 Chamblaine 70
No. 9 Xavier 118 SE Louisiana 61
No. 11 Connecticut 72 Quinn 51
Appalachian St. 66 No. 25 NC Charlotte 60
No. 21 Mississippi 81 Ark-Pine Bluff 36
No. 9 Kentucky vs. George Washington, late

Women

Nic (La Tech) 83 Texas-Arlington 38
No. 13 Georgia 84 Georgia Southern 73

IN BRIEF

Cross country teams sponsor turkey trot

TWIN FALLS — Twin Falls' cross country teams will sponsor a turkey trot fun run Nov. 29 at the CSI Expo Center.

There will be a 10-kilometer run, 5-kilometer walk and run and a 1-mile youth race for children age 12 and under. Cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. Registration is from 8:30-9:30 a.m., and the first race begins at 10 a.m.

Entry forms are available from Bruin Brothers, and prizes — including turkeys — will be awarded after the races. Call Larry Lewis at 733-6251 or Curt Aysa at 733-2155 for more information.

Bogus Basin opens Nordic Center, grooms trails

BOISE — The conditions are prime for cross-country skiing at Bogus Basin. The Nordic Center opened this past weekend.

Right now, crews are grooming the trails and they expect to open the majority of the Nordic facility. Rentals and a snack bar are available at the Nordic Center. For more information call the snow phone at 342-2100 or the Nordic Center at 332-5389.

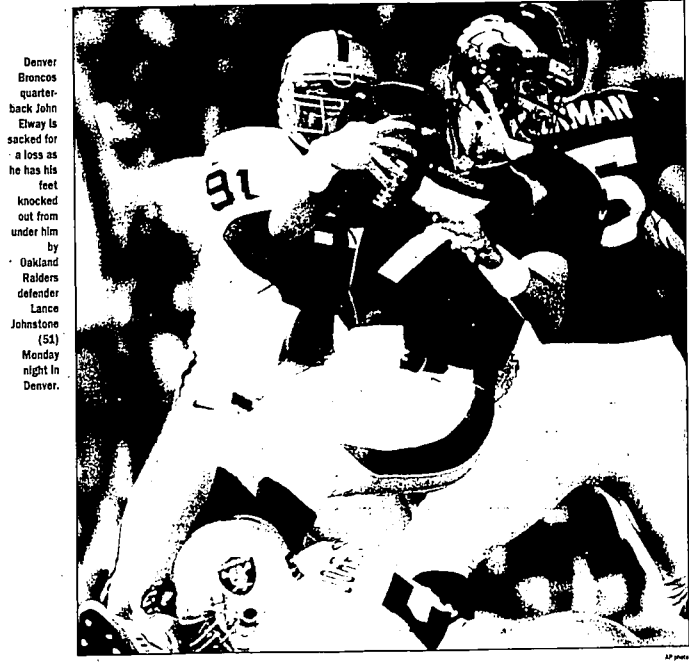
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THE BIGGER THEY ARE...



Denver Broncos quarterback John Elway is sacked for a loss as he has his feet knocked out from under him by Oakland Raiders defender Lance Johnson (51) Monday night in Denver.

Payback time: Broncos blast Raiders

The Associated Press

DENVER — It was payback time, big time, for the Denver Broncos.

With John Elway, Shannon Sharpe and Terrell Davis doing the damage, the Broncos avenged an early-season defeat by routing the Oakland Raiders 31-3 Monday night.

Elway completed 21 of 32 passes for 280 yards and a touchdown. Sharpe had 10 receptions for 142 yards, and Davis ran for 69 yards and three scores.

Denver (10-2) maintained its one-game lead over Kansas City in the AFC West, while the Raiders (4-8) appeared headed for their fourth straight non-playoff season.

The Broncos lost in Oakland 28-25 five weeks ago and also endured the humiliation of being taunted by the Raiders, whose mock salutes mimicked the salutes Denver running backs have given to each other following touchdowns this season.

This time, all the salutes were on

Denver's side.

Napoleon Kaufman, who ripped the Broncos for a team-record 227 yards rushing in the first meeting, was held to 53 yards on 13 carries. Jeff George completed 22 of 41 passes for 185 yards, and was sacked four times.

Davis ran for two touchdowns as Denver took a 14-3 halftime lead. Denver scored on its first three possessions of the second half to complete the rout.

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Top 4 hold their spots in AP poll

Maryland joins ranks

The Associated Press

Arizona, Kansas, Duke and North Carolina remained the top four teams in The Associated Press college basketball poll Monday, while Maryland moved into the rankings for the first time this season.

This could be the week the top spots see a shakeup, however. Early-season tournaments have the potential for four matchups between Top Ten teams.

Arizona, the defending national champion, held on to the No. 1 spot with 30 first-place votes and 1,690 points, 17 more than Kansas, which received 29 first-place votes.

Duke was No. 1 on six ballots in the national media voting, and had 1,595 points, 11 more than North Carolina, which got five first-place votes.

The first change in the poll came with Clemson's drop from fifth to 13th following a loss to Gonzaga on Sunday in the championship game of the Top of The World Classic.

South Carolina moved up one spot to fifth, and was included in the Top Ten by Purdue, UCLA, Kentucky, Xavier and New Mexico.

Connecticut moved up one spot to lead the Second Ten, and was followed by Fresno State, Clemson, Iowa, Stanford, Utah, Mississippi, Oklahoma, Louisville and Temple.

The last five in the rankings were Indiana, Georgia, Rhode Island, Maryland and North Carolina Charlotte.

Clemson (3-1) is the highest ranked team with a loss.

Maryland (2-1), which followed a season-opening overtime loss to South Carolina with wins over Fairleigh Dickinson and Mount St. Mary's, ranked for the fifth consecutive season after not cracking the Top 25 for seven straight years.

The Terrapins, ranked as high as No. 5 last season, replaced Illinois State, which lost to Wisconsin last week in its first game as a ranked team since the 1982-83 season. The Redbirds, who finished last season with a 10-19 record, were ranked for the first time since 1982-83.

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Miami Heat is next obstacle for unbeaten Lakers

The Associated Press

INGLEWOOD, Calif. — The Miami Heat — and Pat Riley — are the next obstacles standing in the way of the unbeaten Los Angeles Lakers, who need five more wins to set a record for the best start in NBA history.

Even without Shaquille O'Neal, who is sidelined at least another 10 days with an abdominal strain, the Lakers sound confident they can eclipse the standard of 15 straight victories at the start of a season set by the Washington Capitals in 1948-49 and equaled by the Houston Rockets four years ago.

O'Neal saw a specialist Monday, who did not recommend surgery, as had been feared. The NBA's second-leading scorer and sixth-leading rebounder had acknowledged that possibility before the Lakers beat the Los Angeles Clippers 119-102 Sunday night for their 11th straight victory.

“Do we have to lose? Maybe, maybe not,” Nick Van Exel said, after the win over the Clippers. “I’m not looking forward to losing. We want to keep it going. I’m sure everybody’s thinking about it the same way. We just want to keep winning.”

The Lakers play at Miami (8-4) tonight, at Boston (7-6) Wednesday night and at Philadelphia (3-7) Friday night.

Riley, coach of the Heat, coached the Lakers from early in the 1981-82 season through the 1989-90 season, and guided them to four NBA championships. They haven't won one since he left.

If the Lakers beat the Heat, Celtics and 76ers, their chances of setting a record appear very good, even without O'Neal. That's because they entertain Toronto, which has won only one game, next Sunday night, then play the winless Nuggets at Denver three nights later.

“We're a better team with Shaq, but I think we can pull off these victories on the road,” said Elden Campbell, who combined with Sean Rooks for 26 points and 14 rebounds at the center position against the Clippers.

“I'm not amazed at our streak,” said Eddie Jones, who scored 28 points against the Clippers. “We just want to go out and win games and we are going to fight and fight until there is no more fight in us. That's the motto for this team.”

Nineteen-year-old Kobe Bryant came off the bench to score 24 points against the Clippers — one off his career high.

— GIMME FIVE...HUNDRED —



Los Angeles Lakers head coach Del Harris gets a high-five while players Corio Blount, left and Detrek Fisher celebrate Harris' 500th career win following their game against the Los Angeles Clippers Sunday. The Lakers won the game 119-102. Harris is the 19th coach to reach 500 wins.

SPORTS

NFL

Continued from B1. The Raiders, pinned deep in their own territory most of the game, started 10 drives at or inside the 20-yard line...

ing, 35-yard reception, and Davis scored two plays later on a 3-yard run behind Gary Zimmerman's block with 8:25 left in the half...

The Broncos scored on their first three possessions of the third quarter to go ahead 31-3. After Barrion Gordon returned a punt 22 yards, the Broncos went 48 yards for their third touchdown...

Utah State's John L. Smith named new coach at Louisville

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) - Having turned Utah State from perennial loser to bowl-bound team, John L. Smith accepted another rebuilding job as head football coach at Louisville...

after three seasons. Smith said he had no instant formula for a quick turnaround but promised to work hard and pass that work ethic on to his players.

hope that would take place." Smith promised to bring a wide-open passing offense to Louisville—a scheme that should suit quarterback Chris Redman...

Poll

Continued from B1. Denver beat 17th from No. 25 after a season-opening loss to Miami...

Charlotte. The 49ers fell from 17th to No. 25 after a season-opening loss to Miami.

a second in this eight-team tournament with Purdue is in the opposite bracket. The Maui Invitational could provide the others if both Arizona and Kentucky win their opening-round games...

CSI

Continued from B1. Sheridan 15-13, 15-1, 15-4. No. 3-seeded Barron County downed Collin County 15-4, 15-6, 15-5 and 15-1...

15-5, 15-4, 15-6. CSI finish play today at 1 p.m. against Kirkwood. A win there would send the Golden Eagles into the quarterfinals at 6:15 p.m.

kill for three of CSI's first four points. Rachelle Ross came off the bench later in the game to serve for two points, including an ace, and Murtagh native Melissa Tolman knocked down the game-winning point.

Poll

Continued from B1. The Rebels just seemed to be a different opponent with the same result. CSI was just too powerful, too quick and too skilled, playing almost flawless volleyball.

Diary

Continued from B1. They rest "Charrette Fair and Reneaux Gause" fell for some times in their room. So they enlisted the service of a bell boy to bring a boom box DeLoe, the bell boy, took them to a furniture store where the Gause and Fair rented one for \$15 for the week...

Paula Greene arrived at all their CSI gear and sat at those as possible to the action it would have mattered. Those two could be heard near stage brackets. The Pavilion...

FOOTBALL

NFL standings table with columns for Team, W, L, T, Pct., and Division.

BASKETBALL

NBA standings table with columns for Team, W, L, Pct., and Conference.

IN THE NEWS

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TRANSACTIONS

Summary of player transactions and trades.

Raft River girls past Declo, 57-36

The Times-News

MALTA - Despite both teams coming slow out of the blocks, the Raft River girls' basketball team picked up the pace in the second quarter to defeat Declo, 57-36.

"We picked up the pace defensively in the second quarter," said Raft River coach Randy Spaeth. "We had girls flying around the court and putting on the pressure."

The Raft River team was patient as it ran its offense. The girls' confidence grew and they started making their shots.

"I'm glad we got a great job on the floor for the offense," Spaeth said. "She really dominated."

For the defense, Raft River's Holly Darrington and Tara Lee were able to control Declo's Anna Bateman.

"Bateman is a tremendous athlete," Spaeth said. "We got her to go to one of her weak spots."

Raft River (3-1) will take on the Rocklawn team Dec. 3 at 6 p.m.

Wood River 43, Camas County 32
FAIRFIELD - The Camas County team's lack of passing hurt the Musher girls in a 43-32 loss to Wood River Monday night.

"We're moving the ball better on offense," said Camas County coach Mark Croner.

Girls' high school basketball

Oakley 34, Kimberly 30
OAKLEY - Kimberly's unrelenting press did not stop the Oakley girls from defeating the Bulldogs, 34-30 Monday night.

"They just kept attacking," said Oakley coach Neal Wyatt. "They pressed the whole ball game."

Kimberly was ahead 30-22 at one point in the game when Oakley took the ground to start making layups and breaking the pass.

"Our shots finally fell," said Wyatt. "They kept fouling us... even when they were ahead, they kept fouling us."

Wyatt praised the rebounding of Kimberly's Kara Erickson as well as the defense of his Hornets Erin Wells.

Shoshone 48, Gooding 39
SHOSHONE - Sophomore press Anna Cox had 11 rebounds and senior Danielle Ross led the Indians with 15 points as Shoshone beat Gooding, 48-39 in girls' basketball action Monday.

"I think our post people did a nice job," said Shoshone coach Tim Chapman. "In the fourth quarter we didn't allow them many second shots."

Sophomore Amy Williams had three 3-pointers for Shoshone (2-1), which travels to Bliss a week from today.

Dietrich 63, Castletford 43
DIETRICH - The Blue Devils' defense sent the Castletford girls to the free-throw line 36 times but was able to force enough turnovers and create enough pressure for a 20-point Dietrich win in non-conference A-4 basketball play Monday.

"We played a lot of pressure defense and tried to keep them from getting into their offense," said Dietrich coach Gene Shaw.

Sun and fun for some: Top-ranked Arizona, No. 3 Duke roll in Maui

College basketball

LAHAINA, Hawaii (AP) - Mike Bibby scored 23 points, 15 on 3-pointers, and had seven assists as top-ranked Arizona beat Boston College, 99-69, in the opening round of the Maui Invitational.

The defending national champions (2-0) took a double-digit lead less than four minutes into the game. Boston College (1-1) pulled within four points midway through the second quarter, but that was as close as it got.

Arizona got 17 points from Michael Dickerson and four other Williams men in double figures.

No. 3 Duke 106, Chaminade 70
LAHAINA, Hawaii - Freshman Elton Brand scored 23 points Monday and No. 3 Duke overpowered Chaminade 106-70 in the opening round of the Maui Invitational.

The Blue Devils (3-0) dominated every phase of the game, shooting 34-of-49 percent, outbounding the Silverstons 53-31 and forcing 21 turnovers.

No. 4 Xavier 118, NE Louisiana 61
CINCINNATI - Ninth-ranked Xavier forced a school-record 38 turnovers and had eight players score during a 19-0 run.

No. 11 Connecticut 72, Coppin St. 50
HARTFORD, Conn. - Richard Hamilton scored 20 points to lead No. 11 Connecticut over Coppin State.

The Golden Eagles, playing their first game of the season, stayed within five to seven points until WCorn (4-0) won on a 10-2 run to end the first half and took a 38-23 lead.

College basketball

An 8-2 run to open the second half pushed the margin to 20 and Coppin State got no closer than 15 the rest of the way.

The Golden Eagles, who shocked South Carolina in the opening round of the NCAA tournament last season, were led by Antoine Brockington's 18 points.

No. 17 Mississippi 81, Ark.-Pine Bluff 36
OXFORD, Miss. - Jason Smith had 14 points and 11 rebounds for the 17th-ranked Rebels.

Smith has a double-double in all three games this season for Mississippi (3-0), which won at home for the 24th time in 25 games.

Appalachian St. 66, No. 25 N.C. Charlotte 60
BOONE, N.C. - Tyson Patterson scored 23 points and Appalachian State held on down the stretch for the upset over the 25th-ranked 49ers in their second game in as many games.

Wenon
No. 4 Louisiana Tech 83, Texas-Arlington 38
RUSTON, La. - Amanda Wilson scored 27 points and Alisa Buras added 20 to send fourth-ranked Louisiana Tech to a 83-38 victory over Texas-Arlington Monday night.

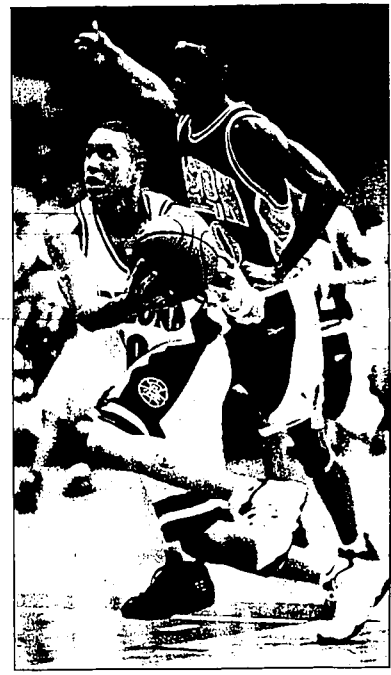
No. 13 Georgia 84, Georgia Southern 73
STATESBORO, Ga. - Pam Irvin led five Georgia starters in double figures with 27 points and the 13th-ranked Lady Bulldogs beat Georgia Southern's Lady Eagles 84-73 Monday night.

Wilson, a forward, connected on 13-of-15 field goal attempts and center Buras was 8-of-11 from the field to key a 66 percent shooting performance.

Irvin contributed five points in a 9-1 scoring run in the last five minutes as Georgia put the game away.

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But the Mountaineers sealed the victory by going 6-of-8 from the foul line over the final 1:22.



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But following two costly turnovers and Irvin's third 3-pointer of the game, Georgia Southern's hopes of pulling off the upset ended as Georgia finished out the game by jumping to its first double-digit lead of the night.

Magic pulled away in the final four minutes as Derek Strong scored six of his 15 points down the stretch.

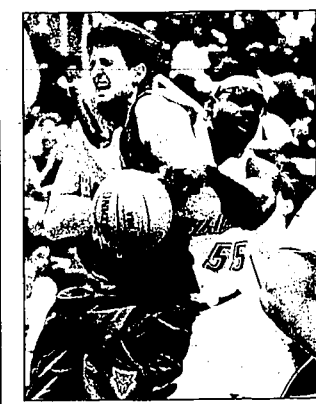
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Trail Blazers 91, Raptors 90
TORONTO - Rashed Wallace tipped in Kenny Anderson's miss at the buzzer as the Portland Trail Blazers handed the Toronto Raptors their 10th straight loss.

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Jazz beat Timberwolves in overtime shootout



Minnesota Timberwolves center Cherokee Parks finds the arm of Utah Jazz forward Antonio Carr around his neck as he goes to the basket Monday in Salt Lake City. Parks was fouled on the play.

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - Jeff Hornacek scored 25 points, including seven in overtime, as the Utah Jazz recovered after blowing a big lead to beat the Minnesota Timberwolves 134-124 Monday night.

Shutout Marbury scored a career-high 38 points for the Timberwolves, including 20 in the fourth quarter as Minnesota wiped out a 20-point deficit.

Karl Malone scored a season-high 33-points for the Jazz, who led by 27 points late in the first half. Adam Keefe and Byron Russell each added 17 for Utah.

Tom Gugliotta's basket gave Minnesota its first lead of the game, 116-114 in overtime. But Howard Easley made two free throws for Utah, and Hornacek hit a 3-pointer to put the Jazz ahead for good.

Magic 95, Wizards 87
ORLANDO, Fla. - Rony Seikaly scored 24 points and grabbed 13 rebounds as Orlando Magic beat the Washington Wizards 95-87 for their sixth consecutive victory.

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Roggie Slater and Jones had a chance to restore Toronto's three-point lead, but neither could score in or close. After Anderson brought the ball up court and missed a shot with time running out, Wallace positioned himself perfectly and tapped in the rebound just as the buzzer sounded.

Arydas Sabonis had 16 rebounds, eight assists and 12 points for Portland. Damon Stoudamire led the Raptors with 29 points and 11 assists.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Magic Valley All-Conference team chosen
The Magic Valley All-Conference football team has been selected, and it isn't a surprise which two teams dominate it.

Mackay and Hagerman - the two teams that squared off for the A-4, 11-man state championship - each fared well in the coaches' voting. State champion Mackay placed six players, while Hagerman placed seven players and coach Jason Warr was the conference's coach of the year.

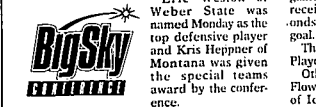
Hagerman senior Curt Osborne was named the conference's MVP, while teammates Tanner LeMoyno, Preston Stephenson, Louis Mueller, Monte Osborne, Josh Dietrick and Tyson Clark were all honored.

The all-conference team is as follows: Coach: Jason Warr, Hagerman. MVP: Curt Osborne, Hagerman. Offensive captain: Nick Nelson, Oakley. Defense: Quarterback: Tyson Clark, Hagerman; Brian Findley, Oakley. Running back: Mike Udy, Raft River; Josh Felton, Mackay; Lance Cummins, Murtaugh; Nate Archibald, Oakley. Tight end: Tanner LeMoyno, Hagerman. Wide receiver: Russell Gardner, Oakley; Erik Peterson, Mackay; Adam Spencer, Raft River. Offensive line: Josh Ward, Raft River; Preston Stephenson, Hagerman; Louis Mueller, Hagerman; Jeff Fullmer, Mackay; Kevin Fullmer, Mackay. Return specialist: Chaney Perkins, Murtaugh. Defense: Defensive line: Danny Villines, Murtaugh; Preston Stephenson, Hagerman; Monte Osborne, Hagerman; Travis Pike, Mackay; Blake Grush, Raft River; Casey Bedke, Oakley. Linebacker: Matt Oman, Raft River; Josh Whitworth, Mackay; Blake Mathews, Oakley. Defensive back: Josh Dietrick, Hagerman; Heston Williams, Mackay; Scott Warr, Raft River; Clayton Webber, Murtaugh. Place kicker: Tanner LeMoyno, Hagerman.

Ryan Leaf's thumb swollen but not broken
PULLMAN, Wash. - Washington State quarterback Ryan Leaf's passing-hand thumb is swollen but not broken, tests confirmed Monday.

Cougars athletics officials said X-rays taken at a hospital in Leaf's hometown of Great Falls, Mont., showed no sign of a fracture in his right thumb.

Leaf will wear a protective splint and apply hot and cold treatments as therapy in preparation for the Jan. 1 Rose Bowl.



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Two touchdowns in leading Montana to a last-second 27-25 win over intrastate rival Montana State.

Ah Yat was not intercepted during the game, and threw a 46-yard completion to wide receiver Justin Olsen with less than 10 seconds left to set up Heppner's 37-yard field goal.

The Grizzlies' win sends them into the I-AA Playoffs, which begin Saturday.

Others nominated for the award were Aaron Flowers of Cal State Northridge, Mike Morita of Idaho State, Kiro Carson of Northern Arizona and Steve Back of Weber State.

Weston, a 6-2, 260-pound senior defensive end from Carson City, Nev., recorded three quarterback sacks for minus 19 yards in

Webster State's 26-7 win over rival Idaho State.

The three sacks gave Weston 13 in 1997, enabling him to break the 18-year school record of 11 set by Otto Ribary in 1979.

Others nominated for the award were Jeremy Golden of Cal State Northridge, Greg Fitzgerald of Montana, Neal Smith of Montana State and Trevor Bell of Idaho State.

Heppner, a 5-9, 175-pound senior place kicker from Great Falls, Mont., was a perfect 3-of-3 in points-after-touchdown and 2-of-2 in field goals.

Both field goals were in the fourth quarter and from 37 yards out. The last one came as the clock ran out, giving Montana the win.

Also nominated was Adam Cost of Weber State.

SPORTS

Ditka intends to stay with Saints

'Until they run me out'

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — One day after suggesting that it might be time to give up coaching for good, Mike Ditka said Monday that he intends to stay with the New Orleans Saints.

"I'm not going anywhere. I'll stay here until they run me out of this town," Ditka said in an interview on WWL radio. Ditka's statement was in sharp contrast to the mood he exhibited Sunday after the Saints lost 20-3 to the Atlanta Falcons.

Ditka, his eyes swelling with tears, had said he was ready to quit.

"I don't have it anymore," said Ditka, who returned to coaching after a four-year absence. "I feel I have failed this football team."

Ditka had said he would likely quit at the end of the season if things didn't turn around in the final four games. And, he added, if owner Tom Benson wanted to fire him now, he wouldn't object.

"Maybe the game has passed me by," he said. "Maybe all the experts were right."

But Monday, Ditka said he would remain as long as Benson lets him.

Ditka said he spent the night thinking about his future with the Saints and discussed it with his wife.

"I'm disappointed and I'm frustrated... Sometimes you feel like you're riding a horse and you can't make it turn the way you want," he said.

Ditka said he had expected the Saints to be in a position to go to the playoffs this season. He took the blame for "some mistakes in evaluating personnel."



New Orleans Saints head coach Mike Ditka, right, yells at official Bill Lovett during the Saints' 20-3 loss to the Falcons in Atlanta, Sunday. Ditka said after the game he may quit if his team does not improve.

"I feel that we should have better results than we've had, that I should've done a better job," Ditka said.

Ditka returned to coaching this season with the Saints after spending the past four years as a commentator for NBC. Prior to that, he spent 11 seasons in Chicago, guiding "Da Bears" to a 112-68 record and one Super Bowl championship.

"I gave it a run, but I can't reach people," Ditka said Sunday. "I thought I could touch people, but I don't reach them anymore and that bothers me."

Ditka's hot temper is well

known, but he seemed like a defeated man as the Saints (4-8) humbled their way to another loss Sunday. Other than arguing briefly when the officials allowed a sack after an inadvertent whistle in the second quarter, he stood socially on the sideline. "If it doesn't mean that much to other people, why should it mean that much to me?" he said. "And I think that's what happened to me today. It didn't mean very much to me in the second half. For the first time in my life, I can say that — it didn't mean anything."

So far, Benson and general

manager Bill Kuharich have declined comment. Kuharich said he wanted to speak with Ditka before making any comment on the coach's future.

The Saints have the NFL's worst offense and also rank last in turnovers and turnover ratio. Against Atlanta, they managed only 173 yards while committing five turnovers.

Defensive coordinator Zavin Yarelin said Sunday that Ditka was speaking out of frustration.

"We're all frustrated," Yarelin said. "I'll tell you this: He is not stepping down. He'll be back. He's just not used to losing."



Washington Redskins wide receiver Michael Westbrook looks to referee Don Dorkow after he threw his helmet onto the field following a catch that was ruled out of bounds in overtime against the New York Giants in Landover, Md., Sunday. Westbrook was called for a 15-yard penalty which took the Redskins out of field goal range. The game ended in a 7-7 tie.

Frerotte, Westbrook lost more than their heads

ASHBURN, Va. (AP) — One ripped off his helmet, the other smacked his head against a wall. Between them, the headcoach plays of Gus Frerotte and Michael Westbrook may have cost the Washington Redskins a victory.

The Redskins were still shaking their heads Monday over the way the two 5'11-inch stars used theirs in Sunday night's 7-7 tie with the New York Giants. The result left Washington (6-5-1) with a precarious half-win lead over Dallas, Carolina and Detroit in the NFC wild card race and a game back of the Giants in the NFC East.

"In both situations, both guys made mistakes," coach Norv Turner said. "They were wrong. They were both very critical mistakes. It cost Gus the second half of the game, and obviously (Michael) cost our entire team field position. Neither one of them is excusable, and you can't have that happen if you expect to be a good football team."

Frerotte's fumble won the award for incredulity. While there are lots of creative ways to celebrate a touchdown — hey, they even leap into the stands at Lambert Field — what on earth possessed the quarterback to head-butt a padded concrete wall after his 1-yard TD scramble in the second quarter?

"It was a stupid thing to do," Frerotte said. "You have to laugh about it and move on. It might have cost us the game. I was happy excited. We had scored... I'm embarrassed and mad at myself. I felt I let my teammates down."

Frerotte was visibly stunned by the contact with the wall, but managed to hold for the extra point. He then complained of a headache and was examined by three trainers on the bench. He finished the half, going 2-for-4 on the next series, but developed spasms at halftime and was taken to a hospital and diagnosed with a sprained neck.

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Jerry Jones knocks coaches for Packer rout

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Owner Jerry Jones blames his coaches more than his players for the Dallas Cowboys' worst regular-season defeat since 1993.

Jones worked the Dallas locker room Sunday, trying to rally his players after they were routed 45-17 by the Green Bay Packers.

"Our coaching staff should take a significant part of the blame for the loss," Jones said Monday. "If we had a chance we'd do some things all over again coaching-wise. Watching films today was an embarrassment. We should have made adjustments."

Jones singled out the defensive coaching staff headed by Dave Campo for most of the blame, saying the Cowboys blitzed too often in the second half after holding Green Bay to a 10-10 tie after two periods.

"If we could have played it (the defense) straight we would have been a lot more effective," Jones said. "Our players competed at a top level."

Jones went from player to player, trying to revive their spirits first in a Tennessee Oilers on Thanksgiving Day in Texas



Green Bay Packers quarterback Brett Favre shakes hands with Dallas Cowboys coach Barry Switzer after Sunday's game. The Packers won 45-17.

Stadium. Both teams are 6-6.

"We need to win our last four games to get into the playoffs," Jones said. "So far this season has been extremely disappointing. But we know what our players are capable of doing."

Coach Barry Switzer said Jones just what the coaches were saying during a Monday morning film session.

Of particular dismay to the coaches, were the 11 consecutive third downs the Packers converted and the wouldn't stop them on third downs," Switzer said. "That was incredible. But let's give the defense a break one time. They've played well this season. Jerry just said what the coaches were saying while we

were watching film. We were criticizing ourselves."

Dallas got hurt on numerous blitzes.

"We had the wrong personnel in the game at times," Switzer said. "We turned the tight end loose a couple of times. We had a combination of mental (mistakes) and sometimes our guesses didn't work. We called some blitzes and got burned by the running game."

Switzer and his entire coaching staff are under the gun. Jones has yet to promise anybody is going to be back.

Jones said of Campo: "I have a lot of confidence in Dave Campo. I'd like to be on the same team with Dave Campo for a long time. I'd like to keep this defensive staff for years to come."

Dorsey Levens gained a franchise-record 190 yards against the Dallas defense.

"I'm embarrassed," Campo said. "We knew what was coming and couldn't stop it."

Strong safety Darren Woodson, one of the best tacklers on the team, has a right shoulder injury that might keep him out of the Oilers game.

Guard Nate Newton, who went out with a knee injury, said he will probably play, as did running back Emmitt Smith, who had a stiff neck.

Love him or not, Tuna proves one good catch

People who downplay Bill Parcells' record make two points:

1. Would he have won any Super Bowls without Lawrence Taylor?

2. Would New England have won the AFC title last season if Parcells hadn't been forced to draft Terry Glenn, the man he didn't want and ended up calling "slic"?

Answer in both cases: Probably not.

Yet, while the Patriots struggle under Pete Carroll, Parcells has taken the New York Jets from 1-15 last season to 4-4 and first place in the AFC East. All of which puts the Jets on the brink of one of the great turnaround in modern NFL history.



The Jets are likely to win another, two more at least. In 1992, Ted Marchibroda took the Colts from 1-15 to 9-7. The 1975 Colts went 2-12 to 10-4; the 1976 Patriots went from 3-11 to 12-4; and the 1988 Bengals went from 4-11 in the strike year to 12-4.

Parcells' hunger for control ignores the fact that he's not a great personnel man. He also never saw a contract he didn't want to break. But he is a great coach, his imperious and sometimes condescending ways notwithstanding.

And he's moved from the Giants to the television booth to the Patriots to the Jets and kept his magic touch, unlike his recycled contemporary, Mike Ditka,

who said after New Orleans' loss in Atlanta on Sunday, "I don't have it any more."

"Four draft picks was a bargain," Miami's Jimmy Johnson said after the Jets were ordered by the league to compensate New England for Parcells' services.

Parcells has shifted quarterbacks in mid-game — Glenn Foley for Neil O'Donnell — and won. Then, with Foley hurt, he went back to O'Donnell and beat the Vikings, pushing just the right buttons.

"I wanted to show people I'm a starting quarterback in this league," said O'Donnell, who was 23 of 34 for 242 yards and a touchdown.

"People" in this case meant Parcells.

The Jets also showed something else: They went without a penalty until the final seconds Sunday.

Then they got a big one — Victor Green picked up the ball in celebration after the Vikings' Brad Johnson failed to get into the end zone on a sneak with 13 seconds left. He got a delay of

game penalty and Minnesota went on to score.

Fortunately for Green, the 2-point conversion was stuffed. But Green will hear about it.

Phil Simms heard an earful when he threw what Parcells thought was a bad third-down pass on the Giants' fourth possession in a 1990 game in which they had scored the first three times they touched the ball. Mark Bavaro heard about it when Parcells thought he hadn't gone all out for a pass in the Giants' 1987 Super Bowl rout of Denver.

It's the Tuna's way. So is winning.

Dave Goldberg covers football for the Associated Press.

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Family faces drug charges, February trial

JEROME - Three members of a Jerome family facing drug charges are set to go on trial together Feb. 24, 1998. James Carlson, 37, Holly Carlson, 29, and Steven Carlson, 19, all pleaded innocent to numerous felony charges during a District Court arraignment Monday, Jerome County Prosecutor John Lottspeich said. A pretrial hearing is set for Feb. 9. The charges stem from an Oct. 1 drug raid at the Carlsons' home south of Jerome. Judge Barry Wood consolidated the charges against the suspects and joined the cases for trial, Lottspeich said. * The Carlsons are free on bond.

Jerome kidnapper in District Court

JEROME - A Twin Falls man prosecutor says abducted and threatened a woman pleaded innocent to kidnapping and assault charges during a District Court arraignment Monday. A trial for Joseph M. Manning, 28, is set to begin Feb. 4, with a pretrial hearing on Jan. 12. Manning is charged with first-degree kidnapping and assault with intent to commit a felony. The charges stem from allegations of a Jerome County woman who said a man pulled her into a car just south of Jerome early Nov. 11.

The woman later identified Manning as the man who abducted her, Jerome County Prosecutor John Lottspeich said Monday. She claimed Manning demanded sex from her and threatened to use a gun if she did not cooperate, although Manning never actually displayed a weapon, Lottspeich said. The woman said she escaped as the car slowed near the intersection of Golf Course Road and 400 South, he said. Manning later told police that he had given the woman a ride, but never threatened her or made any demands, Lottspeich said.

Manning's court-appointed attorney, Marilyn Paul, said she will file a motion to dismiss the charges. She also asked Judge Barry Wood to reduce Manning's bond of \$25,000 for the kidnapping charge and \$7,500 for the assault charge. * Wood ruled to keep the bond as is.

Victim of Ketchum work accident identified

KETCHUM - A Ketchum man killed Friday in a work accident is to be buried today. Michael Edgar Campbell, 51, of Ketchum died when his jacket became entangled in a power take-off shaft while he was working on a dump truck, Blaine County Sheriff's Department reports say. The accident occurred Friday morning at the KD Excavation shop, 12610 Idaho Highway 75.

Campbell called his boss about 9 a.m. to say the power take-off on the truck was not working, the report said. Campbell's boss told him to try to get it operating, but to wait for help if he couldn't, the report said. When the shaft engaged, a grease fitting caught the back of Campbell's jacket and pulled it under the shaft, the report said. The jacket was wrapped around the shaft very tightly, the report said.

Campbell's boss told deputies he tried to call Campbell at about 9:30 a.m. and 9:45 a.m., but couldn't get a hold of him, the report said. Co-workers saw Campbell under the truck about 9:50 a.m., but didn't realize until about 10:10 a.m. he was not moving. They called for help, the report said. Paramedics got no response from Campbell, and he was declared dead at the scene by the coroner, the report said. Campbell is to be buried in Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls.

TF School Board discusses spending, truancy ordinance

TWIN FALLS - How the Twin Falls School District spends its money and a proposed new truancy ordinance will be on the agenda at today's School Board meeting. The School Board will hold its monthly research meeting at 6:30 p.m. No formal decisions are made, but the board gathers information about district issues. The board will review a truancy ordinance proposed by Twin Falls County that ultimately would punish parents of truants. Board members are scheduled to discuss how the district spends its money, whether it is paying for programs meeting student needs and if changes need to be made. The meeting will begin with a visit to Magic Valley High School and the district's Support Services offices. The meeting will resume at the administrative offices, 201 Main Ave. W. * Compiled from staff reports

Bad bills find Magic Valley

Counterfeit money reported in area

By Kent McCreary
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Nearly a dozen counterfeit \$50 and \$100 bills were passed at businesses in Twin Falls and Jerome this weekend, and police are trying to find out who is carrying them. A drive-up customer ordered \$3.97 worth of food from the McDonald's restaurant at Blue Lakes Boulevard and Heyburn Avenue at about 5:50 p.m. Sunday and paid with a \$50 bill - or what looked like a \$50 bill, Twin Falls police reports say.

The cashier asked the manager to check the bill. When the manager said he could not accept it, the suspect drove away, the report said.

The suspect was described as a slender Hispanic male with a mustache, driving a green Volkswagen bug with tinted windows.

Twin Falls police collected six of the bills by Monday morning, and as many as five more showed up in Jerome County, police said.

The bills were probably printed with a laser printer, said Twin Falls Police Det. David Heidemann.

"They're on pretty good-quality paper, but it's light green," he said. "On these notes, the ink comes off in your hand. You can smear the ink on the bill." Besides missing the security marks of real bills, the borders on the copies are lopsided, Heidemann said.

A quick way to check whether bills are authentic is to hold them to the light, Heidemann said. The redesigned \$50 and \$100 bills show a watermark portrait to the right of the printed portrait, and a safety ribbon.

The new \$50 was introduced about two months ago, said D.L. Evans Bank operations officer Nan Evans. The most obvious difference in the \$50 and \$100 bills is a larger portrait that is off-center.

Hiding bills is also an easy way to



Nan Evans, operations manager at D.L. Evans Bank on Main Falls' Main Avenue, checks a \$50 bill for watermarks by holding the note up to the light.

check the authenticity. "Money has a different feel," Evans said. "The paper is different."

The quickest way to check the bills is in the president's portraits, which contain microprinting. "It looks like lines or details in the portrait," Evans said.

The words "United States of America" are written on the side of President Grant's collar on the \$50 bill, for instance, but it's small.

"You can see it, but it's much better if you have a magnifying glass," Evans said.

The presidents on the new bills are replicated in a watermark just to the right of the portraits, Evans said. The watermark is readily visible when the bill is held up to the light, she said.

The bills also have a wide security thread running vertically, to the right of the watermark, Evans said. The strip is printed with the words "USA" and "\$50," she said, and glows yellow under an ultraviolet light.

The bills also have a hologram in the lower right-hand corner, Heidemann said. Moving the bill back and forth

shows different colors within the hologram.

City police and county sheriff's department detectives from Twin Falls, Jerome and Gooding counties are involved in the investigation. If you have information on the counterfeiters, or think you have been victimized, call Heidemann at 736-2212, Jerome County Sheriff's Lt. Dan Chatterton at 324-8845 or Gooding Sheriff's Department at 934-4421.

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Plans for fertilizer plant move along

Simplot nears final steps to building largest, most advanced plant in N. America

The Times-News

WELLS, Nev. - An environmental review is the last step before construction of what's called the largest and most technologically advanced fertilizer plant in North America.

That step could take one year, however because of the project's complexity and potential air emissions. The plant would produce more than 1,000 tons of nitrogen-based fertilizer annually.

The J.R. Simplot Co. and its partner, the Kellogg Development Corp., com-

pleted plans for the \$480 million complex eight miles west of Wells and applied Friday for state environmental permits to construct and operate the plant. When completed it will employ 200 people.

The state is expected to take up to 12 months on the review of those applications.

"It's a very large source of air pollutant, what we call a major source," said Jolain Johnson, chief of the Nevada Bureau of Air Quality in Carson City. The state will review plant design and projected air emissions to deter-

mine compliance with federal and state standard, she says.

The time required for the application process includes time for public comment when the bureau is ready with a draft operating permit, she said. A public hearing may not be held unless requested.

But a Simplot vice president saw no problem with obtaining state approval. "We know we are going to get it," said Craig Harlen, Simplot mining and manufacturing vice president in Pocatello. "This is a large, technologically advanced plant."

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UI College of Agriculture makes cutbacks

By Jennifer Sandmann
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The Magic Valley can't escape scrutiny as the University of Idaho's College of Agriculture looks for ways to trim its budget.

The college must prioritize its programs and cut those that don't make the list, the college dean told about 30 Magic Valley farmers, ranchers, and agri-business representatives Monday.

Dean David Lineback hosted a town hall meeting at the College of Southern Idaho. He had conducted meetings in Blackfoot earlier in the day and will visit Parma and McCall today.

Not everyone will be happy with the cuts, Lineback said. "We'll probably have to say no to some efforts we have underway now," he said.

The college has lost 38 or 40 positions in the past three years to retirement or employees taking jobs elsewhere, said

LeRoy Luft, director of the college's extension programs. That is 10 percent of its staff.

Four extension positions in the past 15 years have been lost in Magic Valley counties that now have only one agent rather than two each, said Bob Ohenschlaeger, regional interim extension director. Two agent vacancies in Jerome and Minidoka counties are being filled along with the regional directorship. Lincoln County has lost a family and consumer sciences post, and two Twin Falls-based specialists might not be replaced.

Potato growers and industry representatives objected to the potato specialist not making the priority replacement list.

Bob Murray of the Agri-Stor Co. in Twin Falls said Idaho can't afford to let the vacant positions sit idle. The state needs to remain competitive as it faces growing competition in other parts of the country and the world.

It was a shock to read the college's

priority list and not find the potato specialist on it, said Glenn Vogt, agricultural services manager for the Simplot Food Group.

Lineback learned within the past week of the potato industry's concern. The position will be re-evaluated, but other groups place the same importance on positions they want filled.

Changing strategies by employing one agent specializing in a single field over a number of counties, instead of having agents stationed in one county and filling a variety of roles, is the future for extension, Lineback said. Eventually, extension and research positions could be combined.

The challenges facing higher education include uncertainty of public support, growing competition from other public agencies for tax resources, and students' concern for access and cost, Lineback said. Ways to meet the challenges include constituent-driven programs, technology, an effective communication plan, and a focus on the college's

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Council holds logo design contest

By William Brock
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - In an effort to boost traffic safety, the City Council voted Monday to ban parking along North College Road between Fillmore Street and Washington Street North.

In other action, the council announced a logo design contest for the Twin Falls Airport and approved a resolution to create a city Centennial Celebration Commission.

The bulk of Monday's meeting was spent reviewing a "community survey" questionnaire that will be mailed out in December. The mailing list will be drawn from people who have water accounts with the city; every fourth name on the roster will get a questionnaire.

The wide-ranging questionnaire asks for opinions on everything from industrial recruitment and preservation of open space to support - and willingness to pay - for parks and recreation.

The city sends out a community survey every year, said Economic Development Director Dave McAlindin. "and we get an excellent response."

Almost half of all questionnaires are completed and returned, McAlindin said, thanks in part to the fact that the city provides a return envelope and postage. Total cost is about \$3,000, he said.

The parking ban on North College stemmed from a request by the College of Southern Idaho. The road often gets clogged with vehicles parked along the shoulders during big events at CSI's Expo Center - causing a traffic hazard.

Couple asks commission for 1,400 head hog farm permit

By Kurt Friedmann
Times-News writer

BURLEY - A Malta couple asked Cassia County commissioners Monday morning for a permit to build a 1,400 head hog farm.

But unlike similar past proposals, this one is relatively small, say county Extension Educator Richard Garrard and would-be hog farmer John Larson. "This isn't meant to be outrageously big," Larson said. "It isn't something I look to in the future, growing and expanding more than what I need to support my family."

A few months ago, another potential investor started the process to acquire permits for a giant hog farm that would

double the tentative, and little production. The plans were state, and wine has been done since to officially move the proposal forward.

The 320 acres north of Malta where the Larson's farm would be built, if commissioners grant a special-use permit, is zoned prime agricultural.

Larson already has received two loans through the United States Department of Agriculture Farm Service Agency that will help him remodel existing structures and build new ones to accommodate about 1,400 sows.

The State Division of Environmental Quality has approved the project, and John and Shelly Larson have enrolled in a farm and financial management program to better run their proposed hog

farm. Jack Hill, the Larson's real estate agent, also at Monday's meeting, said he thought the couple had jumped through all the necessary hoops.

"They've tried to do everything by the book," he said.

From about 1965 to 1973 the property was used as an 83-sow hog farm, Hill said, making the transition easier and less costly for the young couple. The remaining acreage can't be used directly by the hog farm. Ways to be used to grow hay or grain, Larson said.

"This will be strictly a hog farm," he said.

There seemed to be little opposition to the proposed farm, said Gary Harper who lives about three miles north of the

site said he did have some concerns. "Things don't always remain the same," he said. "I was just wondering who was going to watch the farm in the future."

Prosecutor Stephen Bywater said the county would control the pig farm's growth through the special-use permit by designating a specific number of hogs the farm could hold.

If Larson wants to expand in the future he would have to apply for another special-use permit, Bywater said. Commissioners will decide whether to grant Larson's permit at their next meeting, Dec. 1. * Times-News staff writer Kurt Friedmann can be reached in Burley at 677-4042.

FOR THE RECORD

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GOODING - Recent activity in 5th District Court in Gooding County included:

Gooding County Arraignments

John J. Egan, 20, 154 Berwick Road, Lake Oswego, Ore.; driving under the influence; drug paraphernalia; possession of a controlled substance; pleaded guilty; Vacate hearing, reset to Dec. 15; Magistrate Judge Kevin Cassidy.

Paul Michael White, 24, 1590 E. Fifth N., Mountain Home; Driving without privileges; pleaded innocent; court trial Dec. 15; Magistrate Judge Kevin Cassidy.

Melissa A. Wicker, 42, 149 W. Magic Road, #17, Shoshone; driving under the influence; Presentence evaluation; Sentencing/change plea Jan. 5, 1998; Magistrate Judge Kevin Cassidy.

Amanda C. Goodlett, 18, 2150 Main #16, Gooding domestic battery; pleaded innocent; court trial scheduled for Dec. 22, 1998; Magistrate Judge Kevin Cassidy.

Frank Riestra Jr., 38, 1105 E. 2600 S., Hagerman; Driving without privileges; pleaded innocent; Magistrate Judge Kevin Cassidy.

Nile Thane Price, 23, 226 Heyburn Ave., Twin Falls; domestic battery; Magistrate Judge Kevin Cassidy.

Blake Thomas Walsh, 47, 319 E. Ave. "A", Wendell; unlawful passing of a school bus; pleaded innocent; Court trial Dec. 15; Magistrate Judge Kevin Cassidy.

Aaron Ruffing, 15, 3394 S. 1500 E.; possession/consumption of

alcoholic beverage by minor; pleaded guilty; Failure to appear for misdemeanor citation; pleaded guilty; evaluation, sentencing Dec. 11, 1997 First E. Wendell; driving under the influence; concealed weapon on school property; malicious injury to property; \$5,000 bond; Magistrate Judge Kevin Cassidy.

Dylan Scott Williams; possession/consumption of alcoholic beverage by minor; possession of marijuana/Drug paraphernalia; pleaded innocent; Court trial continued Dec. 22; Magistrate Judge Kevin Cassidy.

Steven A. Azure; 35; 323 N. Beverly, Shoshone; driving without privileges; pleaded innocent; Magistrate Judge Kevin Cassidy.

Shaun Paul Cisneros, 19, 387 Sixth Ave. E. Wendell; possession/consumption of alcohol beverage by minor; arraignment continued to Dec. 1; Magistrate Judge Kevin Cassidy.

Raymond Anthony Gonzales, 16, 387 Sixth Ave. E. Wendell; possession/consumption of alcohol beverage by minor; arraignment continued Dec. 1; Magistrate Judge Kevin Cassidy.

Manuel Raymond Sandoval, 17, 137 Fillmore, Twin without possession/consumption of alcohol beverage; arraignment continued Dec. 1; Magistrate Judge Kevin Cassidy.

Tommy Dennis Wareham, 24, 601 Proctor Drive, Bliss; malicious injury to property; Magistrate Judge Kevin Cassidy.

Christopher William Query, 22, 1121 Willow, Caldwell; driving under the influence; open container; July

trial Dec. 4; Magistrate Judge Kevin Cassidy.

Benjamin Allen Koch, 16, 260 Fifth W., Wendell; minor use of tobacco; Magistrate Judge Kevin Cassidy.

Christopher C. Colon, 23, 617 Montana, Gooding; disturbing the peace; pleaded guilty; \$132 bond; Magistrate Judge Kevin Cassidy.

Randall J. Merritt, 21, 1912 Woodriver Road, Gooding; battery; Jury trial Dec. 4; Magistrate Judge Kevin Cassidy.

Jamer William Staubs, 18, 3,7 22 Ave. W., Gooding; use or possession of drug paraphernalia; pleaded innocent; released on own recognizance; Let parole officer know where can be reached; Submit urinalysis to court, clear within three weeks or jail; urinalysis any time at officer's request; Trial Jan. 22, 1998; Magistrate Judge Kevin Cassidy.

Sentencings

Jim Egerdorf, 41, Fish-Game violation; pleaded guilty; Jail 180 days with 180 suspended; \$1,000 fine with \$700 suspended; 571 court costs; 12 months probation; one year hunting license suspension subsequent to other suspension in Elmore County; Magistrate Judge Kevin Cassidy.

George A. Herman, 24, 1220 Utah, Gooding; driving without privileges; amended to invalid license; pleaded guilty; \$700 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Kevin Cassidy.

Scott E. Miller, 36, 1110 Cherryhill Drive, Hailey; Driving under the influence (second offense); \$2,000 fine with 1,000 suspended; 18 months court costs; 575 public defender; jail 365 days with 355 suspended; 10 days county work crew; driver's license suspended; Magistrate Judge Kevin Cassidy.

Christopher William Query, 22, 1121 Willow, Caldwell; driving under the influence; open container; July

trial Dec. 4; Magistrate Judge Kevin Cassidy.

Todd L. Vlahos, 30, 1917 S. 2175 E., Gooding; battery; amended to domestic battery; found guilty; jail 180 days with 167 suspended; \$500 fine with \$500 suspended; 563.50 court costs; 200 public defender; 24 months probation; Magistrate Judge Kevin Cassidy.

Christy Beth Borges, 31, 270 Fifth Ave. W., Wendell; Failure to appear for misdemeanor citation; pleaded guilty; \$50 fine with 50 suspended; \$53.50 court costs; 550 public defender; Magistrate Judge Kevin Cassidy.

Dismissals

Steven A. Azure, 35, 323 N. Beverly, Shoshone; inattentive/careless driving; dismissed by court; Magistrate Judge Kevin Cassidy.

William B. McGhee, 16, 530 Second Ave. E., Gooding; unlawful passing and overtaking of school bus; dismissed by court on a technicality; Magistrate Judge Kevin Cassidy.

Vicente Garcia-Espinosa, 44, 550 Oregon, Gooding; Failure to license dog; dismissed; Magistrate Judge Kevin Cassidy.

Christy Beth Borges, 31, 270 Fifth Ave. W., Wendell; Requires dog license; dismissed; Magistrate Judge Kevin Cassidy.

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JEROME - Recent activity in 5th District Court in Jerome County included:

Jerome County Arraignments

Travis Ron Adams, 22, 506 W. E. Jerome; reckless driving; pleaded innocent; Court date Dec. 15; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Gustavo R. Bernal, 33, 425 Second Ave. W., Twin Falls; driving without privileges; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Shirley Ann Block, 50, no address available; theft by unauthorized control of property; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Gregory Bruce Cairns, 45, 2300 Albion St., Denver; exceeding maximum speed limit; continued; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Aljicio Garcia, 18, 511 W. E. St., Jerome; inattentive/careless driving; failure to provide insurance; public defender; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Frank Groll, no age or address available; disturbing the peace; order to show cause; 5128 bond; forfeited; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Darla M. Herrera, 27, 671 Marion St., Twin Falls; driving without privileges; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Heather Huff, 18, 409 Fourth Ave. W., Jerome; possession/consumption/purchase of alcohol by a minor; youth court; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Ted Lee Koepnick, 50, 322 A. W. 350 S., Jerome; driving under the influence (second offense); 15; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Anna Marie Mattson, 40, 726 E. North, Jerome; driving without privileges; public defender; court date Dec. 15; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Antoinette Marino, 28, 125 N. 200 E., Rupert; driving under the influence (second offense); public defender; court date Dec. 15; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Richard Robert Marini, 24, 905 W. Ave. H, Jerome; being prosecuted in another jurisdiction; pleaded innocent; public defender; Court date Dec. 15; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Heather Don McCombs, 52, 500 S. 200 W., Rupert; driving without privileges; failure to provide insurance; pleaded innocent; Court date Dec. 15; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Catherine Shawn McEad, 26, 533 N. 400 E., Jerome; driving without privileges; failure to purchase insurance; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Corke C. McFarlin, 38, 300 W. First, #35, Jerome; Driving without privileges; public defender; Court date Dec. 15; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Anthony J. Ostrander, 18, 445 Fifth N., Twin Falls; possession of controlled substance; failure to purchase driver's license; exceeding maximum speed limit; continued; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Juan J. Palomo, 30, Lakeview Apartments, #35, Hazelton; failure to purchase driver's license; pleaded guilty; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Jorge Ramirez-Cortez, 20, 2031 E. 3950 N., Filer; driving under the influence (second offense); driving without privileges; Public defender; Court date Dec. 15; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Eric Paul Strong, 22, 418 W. F. St., Jerome; failure to purchase driver's license; exceeding maximum speed limit; continued; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Douglas W. Tanner, 43, 219 Mountainview Drive, Jerome; driving under the influence; continued; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Aurelio G. Trujillo, 28, Haერთman; driving under the influence; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Timoco Vargas, 26, P. O. Box 214, Hansen; driving under the influence; public defender; Court date Dec. 15; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Sentencings

Jose C. Aguilar, 14, failed to purchase driver's license; pleaded guilty; 16 hours community service; \$150 fine with \$150 suspended; 563.50 court costs; six months probation; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Jesus M. Granados, 17, 300 W. G. St., Jerome; failure to appear for court; 150 hours community service; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Ramero L. Hernandez, 27, 313 S. 800 E., Jerome; failure to purchase driver's license; no liability insurance; pleaded guilty; \$150 fine with \$81.50 suspended; 563.50 court costs; six months unsupervised probation; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Henry William Hergesell, 57, 5800 U. Highway 93, Jerome; driving under the influence (modified); resumption; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Salomon Alarcon Schallo, 40, 2818 S. Lincoln, Jerome; speeding; pleaded guilty; \$20.50 fine, \$32.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Cecilio Aguilar Montano, 19, 914 N. 200 W., Jerome; failure to bond converted to fine; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Emilio Valdez, 21, 322 W. 350 S., Jerome; failure to purchase driver's license; pleaded guilty; \$150 fine with \$81.50 suspended; 563.50 court costs; 150 hours community service; six months unsupervised probation; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Jeffrey Michael Walker, 31, 3560 N. 400 E., Kimberly; warrant issued; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Pamela Sue Buckland, 25, 2495 Access Road E., Hagerman; failure to pay; order to show cause; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Citations

Judy Lynn Stuker, 39, 112 Pleasant Road, Twin Falls; failure to purchase driver's license; failure to provide insurance; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Andrew Geromino Cabuana, 20, 707 S. 18th, Jerome; failure to purchase driver's license; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Dismissals

Gregory Bruce Cairns, 45, 2300 Albion St., Denver; driving without privileges; dismissed; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Salomon Alarcon Schallo, 40, 2818 S. Lincoln, Jerome; driving without privileges; Kimberly; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

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...ations and a marketing program and working with business and other agencies.

Some fear working with business involves selling-out the college to private interests, Lincoln said. The college can work with industry without giving up its decision-making authority.

"We do not sell our souls ... when we form these relationships," he said.

Salary equity, computer

technology and an additional \$1 million for a new biotechnology center are the university's state budget requests this year.

The college has neared an enrollment high after climbing its way out of a slump in the 1980s - a trend that occurred across the nation, Lineback said.

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MAGIC VALLEY IN BRIEF

Federal funds help local shelter programs

BURLEY - Emergency food and shelter programs in Cassia, Minidoka and Twin Falls counties benefited from Federal Emergency Management Agency funds.

Twin Falls County received \$22,202; Minidoka County received \$11,384; and Cassia County received \$9,360.

A national board representing several charitable organizations, such as the Salvation Army and United Way of America, distributed the federal money to expand the capacity of food and shelter programs in high-need areas.

Local groups of county commissions, agencies and organizations will decide how the money is distributed within their respective counties. The South Central Community Action Agency administers the federal emergency program in the Magic Valley.

Filer churches hold Thanksgiving service

FILER - Filer churches will hold their annual Thanksgiving service Wednesday at 7 p.m. at the Memorial Church.

The service is open to people of all denominations and will include music, scriptures, and a canned food drive.

Buhl Lutherans plan Thanksgiving service

BUHL - Clover Trinity Lutheran Church will hold a special Thanksgiving Day service at 9 a.m. The service will be titled "A Celebration of Thanksgiving."

Hailey planners gather for special meeting

HAILEY - A special meeting of the Hailey Planning and Zoning Commission will be held at 7 p.m. today at the Hailey Town Center.

One public hearing is planned on a Blaine County Recreation District application to renew of a conditional-use permit, allowing the construction of a new bus stop at the Idaho Transportation Department of right-of-way through Hailey.

Family moves to save unborn child

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - The Nelson family has temporarily relocated from West Jordan to California to prepare for life-saving surgery for their son, who is expected to be born this week.

Due to a rare birth defect, his heart has heart syndrome, the left side of Rhet Nelson's heart has barely developed, and he will need a heart transplant like the one that saved his brother, Riley, 24 years ago.

But Primary Children's Medical Center, which performed Riley's operation, has since stopped doing the surgery.

So Robert Nelson, an independent truck driver, sold his rig and the family moved to be near the Loma Linda, Calif., hospital where the operation will be performed.

Until recently 90 percent of children with the affliction died within a month of birth.

Today, infants can undergo reconstructive surgeries, called the Norwood operation, or a heart transplant. The Nelsons opted for the transplant, fearing the Norwood operation may leave the child dependent on oxygen.

Only about 300 heart transplants are conducted worldwide on children younger than 18 years. According to the Children's Heart Center at the University of Washington, Seattle, about 1,500 to 2,000 American babies are born every year with hypoplastic left heart syndrome.

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cally advanced complex, and we've taken extreme care to plan every facet of the project before proceeding."

Once state approval is obtained, construction would take about 30 months, he said. During the peak building period, 1,500 construction workers will be on site.

The new plant would produce twice the output of the company's largest plant in Brandon, Manitoba, he said.

At the complex, natural gas, nitrogen from the air and water are converted to urea, which is the primary component for nitrogen-based fertilizers and other industrial products.

Using new technology developed by Kellogg, the process will use one-third less natural gas than its Brandon plant, have fewer emissions and produce

Judge grants man rehab opportunity

Burley man looks to Seattle drug and alcohol program to help him change life

By Gregory Hahn
Times-News writer

BURLEY - An intense drug and alcohol rehabilitation program may give a Burley man a chance to escape the system he's been in and out of for 15 years.

Glen Kory Roberts, 29, in court Monday for a parole violation, asked 5th District Judge George Granata Jr. if the court would consider allowing him to attend a Seattle program called "Genesis House," a three-phase rehabilitation course designed to curb drug and alcohol problems and move graduates into jobs.

"I understand the Genesis House program is not easy," Granata said.

"I heard it's pretty tough," Roberts agreed.

"What makes you think you can do it?" the judge asked.

"I realize every bit of trouble I've been in has to do with alcohol and drugs," Roberts said. "I'd like to do the program to get away from alcohol and drugs."

The parole Roberts violated stemmed from his arrest in 1995. Early one November morning, court records say, he led police on a chase through two counties, hitting speeds in excess of 100 mph on Interstate 84 before a Minidoka County sheriff's deputy pulled his squad car across the road. Moments before Roberts slammed the Chrysler LeBaron into Cpl. Tim Dudley's car, Dudley fired a shot through the window, hitting Roberts in the hand.

Roberts was sentenced to a maximum of 60 months for eluding and officer and driving without a permit. He was given parole at his 180-day review, but violated it soon after by driving again without a permit and failing to report to his parole officer.

Before Monday's hearing, Roberts had been in the Minidoka-Cassia Criminal Justice Center

without work release for 61 days. He was charged with the most recent violation in September for testing positive for amphetamines upon returning from his work release.

Roberts' attorney, public defender Robert Crandall, said "Genesis House" program was a good one that got results.

"It's a very structured program," he said, "almost like a boot camp."

It generally lasts between a year and a year and a half, he said, and its three phases treat the participant's alcohol or drug problem and eases him or her into a new job.

"The program is one more Minidoka-Cassia resident are taking advantage of, Crandall said, and it's usually a good idea to help people like Roberts - described in one of his probation violation reports as having "an extremely extensive criminal history dating back to 1992" - break the cycle that keeps them returning to the courtroom.

"It's often the last ditch, last chance scenario," Crandall said. "Glen may have had some more options, but he wanted the advantages the program offered."

Granata granted Roberts the chance to try the program in Seattle, and reinstated Roberts' work release so Roberts could earn the \$500 cost.

"OK, Mr. Roberts," Granata said, as Roberts shuffled away from the defendant's desk, his feet shuffled together. "I wish you luck."

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Interstate 80 and the Union Pacific-Burlington Northern railroad mainline.

The site is strategically situated for distribution of fertilizer products throughout the western United States and industrial nitrogen products in Nevada, said Gary Long, Simplot marketing vice president.

It was selected because of its access to rail service and competitively priced natural gas, and its business-friendly atmosphere, Harlen said.

"We were very, very anxious to locate there and the state of Nevada has been very supportive," he added. "It's very exciting for us as a company."

Kellogg Development is part of the M.W. Kellogg Co., the plant's primary contractor owned by Dresser Industries of Dallas, Texas.

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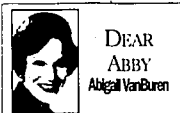
Grandma's role as baby sitter is clouded by her smoke

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I are expecting our first child soon and are concerned about what effect secondhand smoke will have on our baby.

My mother smokes — a lot! I know I'm probably irresponsible right now since I'm pregnant, but it's very hard to be around her. She smells, her house smells, her car smells.

Apart from her cigarettes she'd be a terrific grandmother. She's wonderful with her other grandchildren. We've talked about having her come to our house to visit and care for the baby, but she doesn't want to come because she can't smoke here.

Am I being too sensitive to this issue? She's not going to quit



DEAR ABBY
Abby VanBuren

smoking. We've tried for years to get her to quit, but we have been unsuccessful.

I can't very well keep her grandchild away from her, and we'd love to have her help, but ... What do you suggest?

— ANTI-SMOKER IN ST. LOUIS

DEAR ANTI-SMOKER: You are not being too sensitive. I am also an anti-smoker. In fact, I'm a

"nut" on the subject! Even the most hooked smoker can quit if he or she has an incentive. Everything has its price. Make the reward for not smoking sufficiently attractive — and you will see a miracle occur before your eyes. Trust me.

DEAR ABBY: I need your help to resolve an ongoing fight in our home. My husband reads during every meal. Whether it's a newspaper, magazine or cereal box, he props it up in front of him and reads. I find this rude and asked him to stop — but he sees nothing wrong with it.

Even more bothersome is his giving me a summary of everything he reads. He doesn't make conversation — he simply tells me what he reads.

Other than that, and the fact that he refuses to help me teach our young children table manners, our marriage is great. Perhaps I shouldn't complain. However, friends of mine also complain about this same fault, so your advice could help others as well.

Abby, please help me convince my husband that mealtime should be family time and the reading material should be put aside for another time. My husband will listen to you.

— KATHLEEN, SAN PEDRO, CALIF.

DEAR KATHLEEN: If this is the only flaw in an otherwise perfect husband, thank your lucky stars. Compromise. Offer to keep

quiet about breakfast table reading if he will make dinner a family affair. He owes you one of the two, and dinner is preferable.

DEAR ABBY: At our card parties and after-church services, some of our friends come over and kiss us on the cheeks. My husband and I would much rather say "Hello," and put a hand on their arms or shoulders and talk.

How can a person graciously

get out of kissing acquaintances' hello and goodbye?

— MARIE IN CHERRY HILL, N.J.

DEAR MARIE: It may require some fancy footwork. When your friends approach, say "Hello" as you step to the side and put your hand on their arm, giving it a gentle squeeze, or give them a quick sideways shoulder hug. Or turn your face from the kiss as you softly say, "Sorry, I don't want to spread my germs."

For college freshmen, returning home for Thanksgiving can be a rude awakening

The time: Thanksgiving, 1996. The place: Castle Dubin, my humble home.

I rang the doorbell, and my father opened the door.

"Hi Dad! It's good to be home!"

"Hey son! Can you take out the trash?"

"You mean you didn't take out the trash this week so I could do it?"

My father's lips curled into a smile. "This week? I haven't taken out the trash since you left. It's all waiting for you in the cellar."

After some more light banter, he actually let me into the house. In the living room, I encountered my charming 16-year-old sister, Minna. "Hi Minna!" I said buoyantly. "It's me, your brother, home from my first semester. It's wonderful to see you."

"I'm taking your bed," said Minna.

"What?"

"Your bed. It's bigger than mine. I'm taking it."

"But you can't take my bed. It's — well — it's mine!"

"No, it's not," she said. "You don't live here anymore."

They say you can never get home again, and they never even met my family.

It's that time of year again. Every Thanksgiving, college campuses empty as students, like so many lemmings, return to their families to eat turkey, watch football, and try to ignore drunken relatives making fools of themselves.

For many college freshmen, Thanksgiving is the first time they will be returning home. But little is made of the fact that it is the first time that they are home as visitors, not residents. Some, like me, enter their rooms to find that their beds have been repossessed. Some find that they no longer have a room at all. It has been magically transformed into that den Dad always wanted, or a hands-dandy guest room. Some return home to find that their house has disappeared altogether and that their family has been replaced by a reclusive yet

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Alex Dubin

strangely enchanting clan of cave bears. Or something like that.

Regardless of the specifics, "the return" is a traumatic experience. I had been excited that I was going to see my family and friends when I returned home last Thanksgiving, and mentally made a list of all the things I would do with my vacation. Then I got home and could not think of a single thing to do. I tried desperately to recall what I had done for fun the first 18 years of my life and drew a blank.

I was getting depressed and decided to spend some time with my loyal high school friends. It was depressing.

So I hung out at home, with my wonderful family.

After a few hours of home I began to ponder some thorny moral issues, such as, "Are they gonna do my laundry already, or did I log all these dirty clothes home for nothing?" And, "These poor, dull wretches. How do they keep their spirits up without my effervescent presence?"

I finally approached Dad about the laundry. "Dad, I brought my laundry home."

"Good."

"You'll do it?"

My father, always a reserved man, began to giggle.

"You think I'm going to do your laundry? Seriously? Kid,

you don't live here anymore."

"Fine, I'll do it myself."

"Oh, you're doing it now? Then do me a favor, and throw my laundry in there, too. Thanks, son."

Alex Dubin is a sophomore at New York University.

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COMICS

Peanuts By Charles M. Schulz

WHY ARE YOU LOOKING AT ME LIKE THAT, MARCIE?

PROBABLY BECAUSE YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE I KNOW WHO EATS A HOT DOG FROM THE SIDE.

Dilbert By Scott Adams

INSTALLING AN ISDN LINE

FIRST WE NEED TO MAKE SURE YOUR PHONE LINE IS CONNECTED TO OUR NETWORK.

I'LL YANK THE WIRE WHILE YOU LISTEN FOR A "WHUMP" SOUND, AT THE CENTRAL OFFICE.

I HEARD SOMETHING

B.C. By Johnny Hart

I GREW UP IN THE PROUDEST FAMILY IN THE WORLD.

HOW CAN YOU SAY THAT?

THIS IS THEIR COAT OF ARMS

Garfield By Jim Davis

THEY'RE GETTING SMARTER

Hi and Lois By Chance Brantle

YOUR CAR NEEDS A LOT MORE WORK THAN WE THOUGHT, MR. F.

SO WHAT DO YOU RECOMMEND I DO?

CHECK THE CLASSIFIEDS

The Wizard of Id By Brant Parker & Johnny Hart

WE HEAR YOU'RE EXPERIMENTING ON MONKEYS!

THAT'S ASSURED I ONLY USE PRISONERS

JUST KEEP IT THAT WAY!

Hagar the Horrible By Chris Brannon

I KNEW ENGLAND WAS A BIT ON THE DAMP SIDE, BUT THIS IS RIDICULOUS!

Beetle Bailey By Mort Walker

YOU COULD REALLY BE SOMEBODY IF YOU TRIED, BEETLE

I DON'T WANT TO BE SOMEBODY

HOW ABOUT IF I BECAME THE BEST NOBODY THERE IS?

Frank and Ernest By Bob Thaves

FINANCIAL MGMT.

WE'RE TRYING TO GET YOUR FUNDS TO WORK FOR YOU.... BUT FRANKLY, YOUR MONEYS AFRAID OF YOUR PAST TRACK RECORD WITH IT.

The Born Loser By Art Sansom & Chip

BRUTUS, WERE YOU INTO MY STASH OF WILDERFORCE'S LEFTOVER HALLOWEEN CANDY?

I FOUND IT AND TOOK SOME, GANDY? WERE YOU SAYING IT DID SOMETHING?

YES... HIS EASTER BASKET!

For Better or For Worse By Jeff Johnston

YOU KNOW THE EXACT TOP OF HER HEAD WHEN YOU'RE TALKING TO HER IN BED, DON'T YOU?

NO, SHE'S ALL IN THE SAME SORT.

Blondie By Char Young & Stan Drake

I HAD A RESTAURANT CRITIC IN HERE TODAY

HOW'D YOU KNOW?

HE SAID ONE OF OUR WAITERS SAID HE WAS HERE

HE'S NEVER GONNA SEE ME AGAIN

Pickles By Brian Crane

WOULD YOU MIND IF A DOG CRAWLED IN BED WITH YOU?

YOUR OWNERS WOULD HATE TO SEE DANIELA AND A FEMUR HERE WITH YOU!

WELL... THIS IS BETTER

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Dennis the Menace By Mahan Sullivan

WHY WALK WHEN YOU CAN CREEP AROUND?

The Family Circus By Bil Keane

"Mr. Mr. on the wall, who's the bestest antemum of all?"

No Spanish onions in Spain

Q. What happened to Florida's wineries?

A. Pierce's Disease wiped out the vineyards around 1910. That's why growers there planted grape trees. Q. Why is the Queen of England never wears a ring on her left hand?

A. Could get uncomfortable. She shakes so many hands. Numerous holders of high office likewise do without the ring on the right.

A. Love and War man, run our own, says "Matrimonial agencies should flourish. They're all designed to do only one thing - separate the most widespread of all psychological problems: shyness."

Q. Is it possible for a songwriter to think he's composing original music when he's actually just renumbering somebody else's tune?

A. Happens. That condition is called "copyrightitis." Copyright lawyers filed all their lives about it.

Nobody knows how many grooves had filled their lives about it.

CRASS

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WHEN'S WHAT? L.M. Boyd

IF NOVEMBER 25 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY You are a combination of impulsive and cautious, you find where others find sensitive degrees of being positive. You maintain an aura of quietness, reserve, intuition, potential. You're a very formidable challenge. Please, Virgo people play dynamic music and you'll have these letters, initials as James G. P. Y. Current cycle relates to promotion, production, intense effort, marital status.

LIBRA'S March 21-April 19: You'll be saying, "I don't expect to see results made so fast." Love, romance, intuition, warm, serene, optimistic, elevates prestige. Another Virgo plans important work.

TABLES April 20-May 20: What slipped away will be retrieved. This extends to 10 the most fresh start. Highlighted relationships, confidence, abundant resources. Love figures prominently.

GEMINI May 21-June 20: Reach for the ultimate, alter family member, appreciate, confidence, resources. "I always knew you would make it." You'll be tempted to matter. "Who said you was so when I needed for?"

CANCER June 21-July 21: Fight for last days of love, profits. Don't turn out hearted at last minute. Blend events on with time. Be taking firm stand, you can valuable ally. Negotiations involved.

LEO July 22-Aug 21: Check Leo's message that received, possibly complete a major regard this as token of love. It could be the start of something. The Aquarius steps persons figure as well.

VIRGO Aug 22-Sept 21: Be analytical, avoid on quality, not quantity. Repeat work gets done almost effort. Newscasting and another Virgo issue creative challenge. Written material featured.

LIBRA Sept 22-Oct 21: People "read" your music, focus on personality, future, widespread of art, interest, business term. Domestic adjustment relates to where you live, massive potential, mart.

SCORPIO Oct 22-Nov 21: You'll be looking passionate, loving, generous. You'll be looking for love, you'll be the one giving care. Someone needs someone, but do something drastic.

SAGITTARIUS Nov 22-Dec 21: Happy, whole, diverse, fulfilled - future positive. Creates good fortune in matters of finance, romance. Line up properties, you'll be in sales promotion. Campaign involved.

CAPRICORN Dec 22-Jan 19: What was set standing, now keep that fresh start in new direction. Love is not absent. You make remarkable comeback, fresh start in new direction. Love is not absent.

PISCES Feb 19-March 20: Lost article or reserved, family. Birthdays involved. You'll be dealing in high finance, interested, however comments. You'll be up here, among the leaders. Cancer native involved.

COMING EVENTS

TWIN FALLS - A new organization called the 2002 Club has been formed at the Buhl Middle School. The club's kick-off activity will be a winter hayride and caroling party to begin at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 15 in front of the middle school. Any parent who would like to help with the event is asked to call Bobbi Wolverton at 543-2002.

JEROME - The Jerome Cafe will be open until about 2 p.m. Thanksgiving Day. Breakfast starts at 6 a.m., and dinner will be served at 11 a.m. Deliveries are available for shut-ins, and meals are free to the needy.

GOODING - The 14th annual Gooding Public Library Holiday Book Sale starts Saturday. Books are duplicates and items that don't fit the library's collection. Prices will range from 50 cents to \$10. The annual sale started when veterinarian Charles Spurgeon bequeathed his books to the Gooding Library.

BURLEY - "Archie's Christian Book Fair" will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Dec. 5, and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Dec. 7 at the Zion's Lutheran Church, 2410 Miller Ave.

Adult and children's books are featured. The fair is sponsored by the church, with proceeds designated for the church day care, preschool and kindergarten programs.

The public is welcome.

CLUB PROFILE

BETA SIGMA PHI XI MU CHAPTER

Purpose: To increase cultural and general knowledge, meet new people and assist in community activities.

Meets: 7:30 p.m. the second and fourth Thursday of each month at the homes of members.

Dues: \$22 annually.

Major projects: Impact fundraising event, Senior Lock-in Party and Christmas basket donations to local non-profit organizations such as the firefighters, the library and the cancer center.

For more information, call: Kaitie Lammers at 324-3416.

Profile your club

The Times-News would like to profile your organization. Send your information along with your name, a photo and your phone number to April Crnich, Community Editor, P.O. Box 548 Twin Falls, ID 83301.

We want your news

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These dancers are squared away

By H.R. Weisel

Times-News correspondent

JEROME - With a shout of "YaHo," couples head for the square dances held each week at the American Legion Hall in Jerome. Anderson Campground near Twin Falls.

Caller Wilford Allison sets the pace as he spins a 45 record on his turntable and chants instructions for the squares. Ladies dressed in bouffant skirts and colorful blouses and the gentlemen decked out in matching colors or wearing blue jeans and western style shirts, swing their partners, do a do sa do and promenade home.

For some, this is serious business because it takes concentration and careful stepping to keep up with the calling while dancing in perfect formation with the other dancers. For others, square dancing is like a hobby that seems to come natural as they go with the flow with rhythmic prancing, swinging partners and stepping in tune with the music.

Allison has been calling the squares for more than 30 years.

"My calling is known as the original country western style and it's something I do because it's fun," he said during the few minutes break between dances.

Dancers pay \$5 a session; that helps pay for the hall and other expenses the clubs have. Callers must be licensed and the artists and composers of the music get paid similar to a royalty. Allison sometimes gets a stipend of reimbursement for his work.

"If I had a nickel for every person I've called for since I started in 1965, I'd really have it made," Allison said.

Other than fun, square dancing also has medical benefits similar to aerobics.

"It's real good for the heart beat," Allison said. "You do the tips (one round or dance), take two or three minutes off, then go at it again. It's good exercise and we'd lose weight square dancing, except every so often they swing in a big old potluck supper and we gain it all back."

Allison said there are two basic types of calls. One is called a patter call. It includes a rhythm that allows the caller to do what he wants the dancers to do. The second call is a singing call where the dancers follow a certain published pattern.

An example of a patter call goes like this: as the caller belts out his instructions in a chant peculiar to square dancing, he pauses just long enough between phrases to give the dancers time to perform a shuffle, do a swing and move through the designated steps:

Heads promenade half
Down the middle, then square through four
Do sa do the corner
Swing through
Boys run
Ferris wheel



Gary Custer swings his partner Jane Custer around the dance floor.

H. R. WEISEL/The Times-News

Center four and square through three
Do an allemande left and a right and left grand

Swing the girl and promenade home.
Allison is a regular caller for the Burns and Bows square dance club that meets every Monday in the American Legion Hall in Jerome. Advanced square dancing starts at 7 p.m. with beginners arriving about 6:30 p.m. From 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. every fourth Wednesday, at Anderson Campground, the Burns and Bows advanced dancers dance.

Squares also began dancing at Anderson Camp at 8:00 p.m. the second and fourth Saturdays.

Allison helps other groups with round dancing, teaching them to dance the two step and waltz. The round dancers do the two step to such songs as "The Party's Over" and "Heart of My Heart," while "Ann's Song," "Can I Have This Dance" and "Missin' Bell Waltz" bring the waltzing couples out on the floor.
Allison's wife Gail and Helen Jackson of Jerome assist during the dances. Officers of the Burns and Bows Club are Barb and Jim Sears, presidents; Bob and Louise Drum, vice presidents; Pat and Steve Hildre, secretaries; and Shirley Sumner, treasurer.

Other square dance clubs in the Magic Valley are the Desert Sundancers, Magic Valley Similes and Rover Reelers.



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Caller Wilford Allison has been spinning the music and calling the squares for 30 years.

Hospital volunteer shows her true color: pink

By Sarah Davidson

Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - Virginia Becker could be described as the head Pink Lady.

Pink Ladies and Blue Boys are the terms volunteers at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center use to identify themselves. Over the past 10 1/2 years, Virginia Becker has been one of these volunteers. She was recently singled out by the Idaho Hospital Association for her excellence and leadership through volunteer work. As president of the Auxiliary for three years in the past, Becker says she began volunteering at the hospital because of a love for people and a desire to give to those in need.

Former director of the Auxiliary, Dorothy Miller nominated Becker by writing a letter to the Idaho Hospital Association citing Becker's kindness, compassion, and ability to keep a happy nature despite personal difficulties. This nomination led to consideration of Becker and other candidates for the statewide award. On Oct. 6, Becker was presented with the Idaho Hospital Association's Leader of Volunteer Excellence award.

Currently, there are between 75 and 100 active participants in the hospital auxiliary. Last year these volunteers contributed more than 28,000 hours of work and \$250,000 to the hospital. The main purpose of these volunteers is service to the patients of the hospital. Volunteers serve as escorts to patients, help them choose their menus, serve as information aides and



Virginia Becker, recently recognized for excellence and leadership through volunteer work at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, shares an afternoon with her schwanzer, Kafe, at home.

SARAH DAVIDSON/The Times-News

fill needs in various hospital departments.

Outside of the hospital volunteers also participate in the local Lifeline project and Hospice Home Health Care. Each year the Auxiliary puts on the Style Show, a fashion show held to raise scholarship money for nursing

students. Volunteers are also responsible for running the hospital gift shop, which serves as a fund raising mechanism for the Auxiliary.

Always in search of new volunteers, any person interested can contact Lanette Higley, volunteer director at the Magic Valley Regional Medical

Center, at 737-2006. Training is provided. There is also a Junior Volunteer program for youth interested in the Auxiliary.

"Whether you can work full time, part time, or just on the weekends, the hospital Auxiliary can find a place for a kind heart," Becker said.

COMMUNITY

Jaycees extend a helping hand

GOODING - For several years the Gooding Jaycees have discussed the need for an outdoor pool for families in Gooding. Ever since the pool at the East Park had closed down, people have had to travel to surrounding towns for fun in the sun.

Recently a movement to build a new facility in Gooding was begun. Kent Seifert, co-chair of Swimming Pool Leaders Accessing Support and Help, contacted the Gooding Jaycees and requested their assistance.

"It was an opportunity that members eagerly accepted," said Diana Pauls, a member of the Gooding Jaycees.

The Haunted House, "Nightmare on Main Street," was the next Jaycees fund-raising project. Members decided to aim for \$500 as a donation to the Community Pool Fund.

"The fund-raising project exceeded even the highest expectations," said Pauls.

On Nov. 13, S.L.A.S.H. held a "Dive In" party for community members to learn about the swimming pool project. Decorations and displays were provided by Gooding school children. A representative from the pool construction company answered questions from the audience. Seifert explained S.L.A.S.H.'s decision making process and the expenses involved and resources currently available. Seifert also informed the audience about the need for donations of funds and volunteer



The Gooding Jaycees recently donated \$1,000 to the Gooding Community Pool Fund. Pictured are, from left, Tammy Harding, Bruce Pauls, David Phillips, Diana Pauls, Susan Johnson, Shaun Gough, Mindy James, Gooding Community Pool Fund Representative Kent Seifert and Denise Gilly.

labor. David Phillips, president of the Gooding Jaycees, presented a \$1,000 donation to the Gooding Community Pool Fund. The Gooding Jaycees were able to double the expected amount of the donation due to the success of the Haunted House fund-raising project.

"The Gooding Jaycees plan continued support of the Gooding Community Pool through fund-raising and volunteer labor during construction," Pauls said. Future projects include the annu-

al smoker and dances for youth. Proceeds from Gooding Jaycees fund-raising activities also assist with adopting families for Christmas. Ed Stover Memorial Scholarship, Neighborhood Watch, police reserves, athletic programs, emergency services and more.

Young adults ages 21-39, interested in joining the Gooding Jaycees or other local chapters, can call Pauls at 934-5125 or d_row_pauls@bigfoot.com for more information.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Buhl Middle School forms new club

TWIN FALLS - A new organization called the 2002 Club has been formed at the Buhl Middle School under the auspices of the Principal Barry Espil.

The "2002" represents the year the eighty-graders will graduate from high school. All eighth-grade students, their parents and teachers are part of the club. Its primary goal is to help the students gain leadership roles and social responsibility in their families, communities and future workplaces. The emphasis will be on combining academic knowledge with practical experience to help prepare each student to succeed in life beyond high school.

Numerous activities are planned throughout the year that are entertaining, educational and community oriented. The students are in the process of choosing between attending a professional basketball or the hockey game, a musical production, a French dinner and/or an assortment of live entertainment. They also will be earning and saving money for graduation. Financial and community goals for the students to achieve will be set each year.

The 2002 Club is sponsoring a logo contest. Finished designs are due Monday at the middle school office. The winner will get a free family pizza and community and scholastic recognition.

The club's kick-off activity will be a winter holiday and caroling party to begin at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 15 in front of the middle school. The group is expecting to use at least three wagons to take all the students, teachers and parents through town. The event ends with hot chocolate and a marshmallow roast at the high school.

Any parent who would like to help with the event is asked to call Barb Wolventert at 543-2002.

SERVICE NEWS

Beeson graduates from basic training

BUHL - Air Force Airman 1st Class Eric A. Beeson has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas. During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization and customs and received special training in human relations. In addition, airmen who complete basic training can credit toward and associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Beeson is the son of Brian L. and Carol M. Beeson of Buhl and 1997 graduate of Buhl High School.

Cox arrives for duty at Kunsan Air Base

KIMBERLY - Air Force Master Sgt. Richard T. Cox has arrived for duty at Kunsan Air Base in South Korea.

Cox is an operations and logistics chief assigned to the 5th Fighter Wing. He is the son of J. O. Cox of Kimberly. He graduated from Kimberly High School in 1975 and received associate degrees in 1991 and 1993 from the Community College of the Air Force. His wife, Jannette, is the daughter of Marge Annis of Twin Falls.

Steelsmith graduates from air academy

KIMBERLY - Air Force Senior Master Sgt. James K. Steelsmith has graduated from the U.S. Air Force Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy at Maxwell Air Force Base-Gunter Annex in Montgomery, Ala.

Graduates completed a seven-week course which provided instruction in communications skills, international relations, national objectives, employment of military force in achieving Air Force objectives, the Air Force role in force application, management and effective use of human resources. They also received instruction in management concepts and theories, analytical decision-making, managerial styles, behavioral science and methods to improve worker performance.

Steelsmith is an inspections and exercises superintendent assigned to the 366th Wing at Mountain Home Air Force Base. He is the son of Jack C. Steelsmith of Kimberly and Virginia L. Buckland of Fairbanks, Ala. He graduated from Elko High School in 1976 and received an associate degree in 1992 from the Community College of the Air Force. His wife, Carol, is the daughter of Donald and Evelyn Puder of Elko.

Federwisch returns from deployment

ELKO, Nev. - Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Roger E. Federwisch of Elko, Nev., has completed a six-month deployment with the 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit, embarked aboard the ships of the USS Kearsarge Amphibious Ready Group.

Federwisch's unit was deployed in April as part of the USS Kearsarge ARG, which includes the amphibious assault ship USS Kearsarge, the amphibious transport dock USS Ponce and the dock landing ship USS Carter Hall. During the deployment, Federwisch participated in the evacuation of more than 2,500 American citizens from Sierra Leone, conducted jointly with French, Nigerian and Sierra Leone surface combatant. Federwisch's ship was also involved in several multinational exercises designed to challenge communications, increase task force and unit readiness, and provide desk-like training for the Marines. The deployment gave Federwisch the opportunity to visit Italy, and several ports in Spain, where he was able

CHILDREN'S VOICES



Kimberly kindergarten students from Kathy Makings and Valerie Tarte's classes treated the residents of the Mountain View Care Center with a songfest of novelty and conventional songs at a recent visit to the care center located in Kimberly.

to see diverse culture and shopping. In addition, he was able to participate in several community outreach projects in host communities.

Federwisch's unit is an expeditionary intervention force with the ability to rapidly organize for combat operations in virtually any environment. MEU's are composed of more than 2,000 personnel and are divided into an infantry battalion, an aircraft squadron, a support group and a command element. With the combination of these teams, Federwisch's unit supplies and sustains itself for either quick mission accomplishment or clearing the way for follow-on forces.

Federwisch graduated from Chino Valley High School in Chino Valley, Ariz., and joined the Navy in 1993.

Gilbert enforces Iraqi no-fly zone

ELKO, Nev. - Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Benjamin A. Gilbert, son of Sherry and Dennis Marquette of Elko, Nev., has completed a six-month deployment to the Western Pacific and Indian oceans as well as the Arabian Sea aboard the guided missile destroyer USS John Paul Jones, as part of the USS Constellation Battle Group.

Gilbert's ship's mission involved enforcing the no-fly-zone over southern Iraq. Additional responsibilities included supporting the Multinational Interception Operations in the Persian Gulf, which directly enforced U.N. sanction levied against Iraq. During the deployment, Gilbert visited several ports of call including Bahrain, Scotland and the United Arab Emirates.

An AEGIS guided missile destroyer—USS John Paul Jones is one of the most powerful ships put to sea. The computer-based AEGIS weapons system is the heart of the ship's war-fighting capability. It centers around a powerful radar that enables the crew to detect, track and fire upon more than 100 targets at a time.

Gilbert graduated from Elko High School and joined the Navy in 1993.

Goff gains military training in Missouri

TWIN FALLS - Daniel M. Goff has graduated from basic military training at Fort Leonard Wood in Warrenton, Mo.

During the training, students

received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map-reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, first-aid and Army history and traditions.

Goff is the son of George R. and Virginia L. Goff of Twin Falls and a 1983 graduate of Twin Falls High School.

FOCUS ON PEOPLE

Speech competitors set new records

The Talkin' Broncos, Boise State University's speech and debate team, used a record-setting performance to capture first place at the University of Puget Sound Forensics Tournament in Tacoma, Wash., in October. The team includes Julie Nordstrom, Susan Bordwell and Autumn Hayes, all of Twin Falls, and Misti Nordstrom of Kimberly.

Rudledge is a sophomore, placed third in communication analysis and was named to the all-tournament debate team. Haynes, a junior, was fifth in prose interpretation and was named to the all-tournament debate team. Hayes and Bordwell also finished second in the novice division of debate.

Rudledge, a freshman, placed fourth in extemporaneous speaking. The BSU debaters placed first in junior division debate, second and third in novice division and third in open division debate.

In the speech competition, BSU controlled the preliminary rounds and advanced 21 speakers to final rounds.

Wisecaver wins club quilt raffle

Sandra Wisecaver of Buhl was the winner of the quilt raffled off by the Ella Club 9.

The fund-raising project was begun by Ella club in 1979 with tied comforters. In 1981, the ladies of the club began making a quilt to be raffled off each

year. To date, the project has raised more than \$8,700. The proceeds are used for the benefit of the out patients at the Shriners Hospital. The funds go to the Convalescent Relief Fund, which supplies braces, surgical garments, artificial limbs and orthopedic shoes for children.

Betty Smith expressed appreciation to all those who helped make the effort a successful endeavor again this year. Raffle tickets are sold by members each year. A booth is set up during the annual Sagebrush Days Sidewalk Sales in front of the Moose Hall.

Magic Valley coalition recognized

At the National Safe Kids Campaign Annual Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C., the Magic Valley Safe Kids Coalition was honored for its effort to make for Kids Valley the safest place for magic.

The Magic Valley Safe Kids Coalition was one of three local coalitions from across the nation, Canada and Puerto Rico to receive this prestigious award. The Champions of SAFE KIDS Award was presented to the Coalition Coordinator Blossom Mathews in front of the director/chief executive officers of the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration, Maternal and Child Health Commission, Johnson & Johnson, BRK/First Alert, Bell Sports Inc., General Motors, National Head Start Association and coordinators from 235 Safe Kids chapters.

Mathews attributes the coalition's success to the support and involvement of more than 150 volunteers across the eight-county area of the Magic Valley, including service organizations, schools, churches, health-care professionals, law-enforcement agencies and many others. Special thanks goes to the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center and the MVRMC Foundation for being the founding sponsors of the coalition.

If you would like to become a safety advocate or a member of this award-winning coalition, please call the Safe Kids office at 737-2430.

SENIOR CALENDAR

Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center
616 Eastlund Drive
Dinner served from noon to 12:30 p.m. Suggested donation is \$2.50 for seniors. The cost is \$3.50 for non-seniors under 60 and \$2.50 for children under 12.
Today: Fried chicken
Wednesday: Rib Q's sandwich
Thursday: Closed for Thanksgiving
Friday: Swiss steak
Activities
Library, Pool Room, and Bargain Center with cards, games, color television, puzzles and movies. Open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Today
Blood pressure checks from 10 a.m. to noon.

Wednesday
Outgoing from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Thursday
Closed for Thanksgiving holiday.
Friday
Blood pressure checks from 10 a.m. to noon.
Center will be closed after lunch.
Ageless Senior Citizens
310 Main St. N., Kimberly
All dinners at noon. Suggested donation is \$2.50.
Wednesday: Chicken fried steak
Friday: Closed for Thanksgiving
Monday: Cheesburgers
Thrift shop open Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Activities
Today
Ceramics at 1 p.m.

Wednesday
Blood pressure checks.
Thursday
Closed for Thanksgiving.
Friday
Closed for Thanksgiving.
West End Senior Citizens Inc.
1010 Main St., Buhl
All meals at noon, Tuesday through Saturday; 1 p.m. on Sunday and 5:30 p.m. on Monday. Thrift shop open every day from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Today: Turkey and dressing
Wednesday: Turkey and dressing
Thursday: Closed for Thanksgiving
Friday: Closed for Thanksgiving
Saturday: Hot beef sandwich
Sunday: Roast beef

Activities
Today
Lunch at the center.
Wednesday
Exercise class at 10 a.m.
Thursday
Closed for Thanksgiving holiday.
Friday
Closed for Thanksgiving holiday.
Filer Senior Haven
222 Main St., Filer
Dinner served at noon on Tuesday at 12:45 Thursday and at 6 p.m. on Friday. Suggested donation is \$2 for seniors. Home delivered meals available each meal time.
Today: Thanksgiving dinner - Roast turkey and trimmings
Thursday: Closed for Thanksgiving
Friday: Closed for Thanksgiving

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11th Annual Freeze on Skin

PLEDGE SHEETS AVAILABLE NOW!

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At these participating locations:

- Pine Tree Sports, Burley
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- Century Sportland, Twin Falls
- Barton's Jewelry, Twin Falls
- The Times-News, Twin Falls

WHEN
January 1, 1998

WHERE
Shoshone Falls
P.O. Box 1049, Idaho

TIME: Noon

Anyone interested in skiing or making a donation should call Chalpersen Leticia Coronado at 734-2543 (h) or 733-0333 ext. 207 (w).
The shirts will be given to participants raising at least \$35.00 and jackets for 2000. More prizes will be awarded to fund-raisers such as the following donated items: Ski Equipment, Dinners, Hotel Stays, and Much More!

MONEY

The Times News

Tuesday, November 25, 1997

Section D-3

Best to come for Utah ski resorts Dow falls 113 as investors brace for Japan reaction

SALT LAKE CITY — As the owners and operators of Utah's largest ski resorts see it, the past was good, the present is better and the best is yet to come. The ski industry in Utah has grown steadily over the past 50 years into a \$500 million business that pumps cash into the Utah economy and sets the state apart.



Australia's Zali Steggall makes her way down the first run of the women's Slalom during the America's Opening World Cup event in Utah, Park City, Utah, with Major League events and the 2002 Winter Olympics scheduled in Utah, ski resorts will be seeing even better seasons.

as good as any in the world. "Utah and Colorado have been growing at the same rate for quite a while now," Menlove said. "Our industry has met every growth challenge it has faced so far." Among those challenges is catering to the increasingly eclectic tastes of the public. The most common alternative to downhill skiing is snowboarding. Once considered only a fad, snowboarding now accounts for a significant portion of most resorts' revenue. At Brighton, one of the first facilities in the country to recognize snowboarding's staying power, up to 40 percent of the resort's annual revenue comes from those who prefer the half-pipe to the slopes. This is a family-oriented business for us, and we saw that Mom and Dad wanted to ski, but the kids wanted to snowboard," said Brighton marketing director Dan Malstrom. Backcountry skiing has also become a Utah staple. Resorts have scrambled to establish and expand terrain parks where serious cross-country skiers and amateurs alike can enjoy a hike in the snow. But the tastes of the older, more traditional skier aren't being neglected. As Pease see SKI, Page D4

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — The Dow Jones industrial average fell 113 points on Monday amid fears that the Tokyo Stock Exchange, hounded by a three-day weekend, will drop sharply on news of the collapse of a major Japanese brokerage. Technology and banking stocks, considered most vulnerable to the economic crisis in Asia, gave back the biggest chunk of last week's rally, which had put some market averages within reach of record terrain.

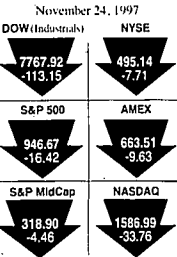
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THM and J.P. Morgan, for example, were the biggest decliners in the Dow, which fell 113.15 to 7,577.92, surrendering more than a third of last week's 308-point gain.

"The market was a little too bold last week," said Henry Herrmann, chief executive officer of Waddell, Keefe & Oberland Park, Kan. "A little more sober view (of the economic instability abroad) is appropriate."

While last week's advance was characterized by a growing indifference to overseas events, investors were unnerved on Monday by some heavy selling in Europe, where the markets had already closed before Friday's report that Yamaichi Securities was on the verge of collapse. Yamaichi, saddled with \$24 billion in debts and beset by a payoff scandal and the slump in Japanese stock prices, confirmed reports on Monday, announcing that it was shutting down. Japanese financial markets, which were closed for a holiday on Monday, have been unable to trade on the news yet.

Market in brief



NYSE Diary

Table with 2 columns: Advances, Declines, Unchanged, Total Issues. Values: 766 Advances, 2185 Declines, 497 Unchanged, 3,448 Total Issues.

Composite volume: 624,662,790

1996 avg. comp. vol.: 497,311,770

prompting fears of a steep selloff early Tuesday. "Things can get crazy while you sleep, and the problems will be addressed overnight," said Robert J. Barbara, chief economist at Hoernig & Co. of Rye Brook, N.Y.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

Table listing various stocks on the New York Stock Exchange with columns for Name, Div, Last, Chg, and YTD. Includes sub-sections for Most Active, Gainers, Losers, and Indexes.

MARKET SUMMARY

Summary table for NYSE, AMEX, and NASDAQ. Columns include Most Active, Gainers, Losers, and Indexes. Includes a section for Stocks of Local Interest.

NASDAQ NATIONAL MARKET

Table listing various stocks on the NASDAQ National Market with columns for Name, Div, Last, Chg, and YTD. Includes sub-sections for Most Active, Gainers, Losers, and Indexes.

CLOSING FUTURES

Table with columns: Commodity, High, Low, Close, Change. Lists various commodities like Corn, Soybeans, Wheat, etc.

BEANS

Table with columns: Commodity, High, Low, Close, Change. Lists various bean types like Navy Beans, Pinto Beans, etc.

GRAINS

Table with columns: Commodity, High, Low, Close, Change. Lists various grain types like Wheat, Corn, Soybeans, etc.

POTATOES

Table with columns: Commodity, High, Low, Close, Change. Lists various potato grades like Russet Burbank, etc.

SUGAR

Table with columns: Commodity, High, Low, Close, Change. Lists various sugar grades like No. 11, etc.

LIVESTOCK

Table with columns: Commodity, High, Low, Close, Change. Lists various livestock prices like Cattle, Hogs, etc.

MUTUAL FUNDS

Large table listing various mutual funds with columns: Name, Class, YTD, etc.

MARKETS

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STOCKS: DOW JONES - Moving higher for gains among heavy volume of trading on short-term stimulus by Fed. DOW JONES 7339.34, +10.25.

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FOSSIL FUELS

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Albertson's rebounds after 2 losing quarters

Fred Meyer challenges nation's 4th largest chain ROSE (AP) - Albertson's Inc., one of the nation's largest drug and grocery retailers, rebounded in late summer and fall from two straight quarterly declines to record record sales and profits in the third quarter.

The Boise-based corporation, whose status as the nation's fourth largest chain is being challenged by a rapidly expanding Fred Meyer Inc., reported net earnings for the August-October year-over period up 16 percent over the year-earlier period over a 2 percent increase in sales.

The company put profits at \$123.4 million, or 16 cents a share of common stock, or just over \$3.6 billion in sales. The third quarter of 1996 produced \$106.4 million, or 15 cents a share, in profits on just under \$3.4 billion in sales.

It boosted profits for the first three quarters of the year to \$342.1 million, or 48 cents a share, on \$10.9 billion in sales compared to \$339.5 million, or 45 cents a share, on \$10.2 billion in sales a year ago.

By putting the company back ahead of last year's financial total, the performance returned Albertson's to its long-standing position of top quarterly record sales and earnings that rose from \$292 million in the first and second quarter when profits fell short of year-earlier levels for the first time in nearly a quarter century.

Albertson's, which is fighting a flurry of lawsuits over unexplained employee overtime and punitive actions against managers whose employees file workers' compensation claims, continued its stock buy-back program. Another \$2,200 shares were purchased for \$17.8 million, bringing the total buy-back this year to 5.4 million shares at \$194 million.

The company operates more than 1,000 stores in the midwestern and southern states. The expanded Fred Meyer will also operate over 800 outlets in 14 states over its existing operations. Smith's Drug and Grocery Inc. of Salt Lake City, Ralphs Grocery Co. of Los Angeles and Quality Food Centers Inc. of Bellevue, Wash., are completed.

Ski

Continued from D3 three of Park City's major resorts are in the midst of expansion and modernization. The Canyons, formerly Wolf Mountain, is under new ownership and has a multi-year expansion plan. Park City Ski Resort has a \$150 million expansion under way, while upscale Deer Valley has already added more amenities for this season.

"Some of the growth in Park City is just tremendous," Menlove said. "The level of quality that we've witnessed in the area is just incredible. Here's a look at what's new at some of Utah's major ski areas: Snowbird - Utah's most recognizable name in resorts has installed its first high-speed quad (400-people) lift this year. There are four new lifts in the resort, including a \$10-million lift in Altimers and a new state-of-the-art grooming vehicles. The resort has also added a spa and pool complex for the condominiums at the Cliff. Brighton is offering what it calls "the biggest news in the history of the ski industry": free-skiing passes to kids 10 and under. Also new is a pipe-grooming tool for snowboarder that builds walls taller than any other in the world.

MUTUAL FUNDS

Advertisement for 1997 Lincoln Town Car. Features a photo of the car and text: 'NOT A BUY BACK - BRAND SPANKING NEW! HUGE PRICE SELECTION TO CHOOSE FROM... \$39,155 FACTORY DISCOUNT... \$5,000 THEISEN MOTORS DISCOUNT... \$4,358 YOU SAVE... \$9,358 LOW PRICE... \$29,797'. Includes a list of features like Power Seats, Leather Interior, and Air Conditioning.