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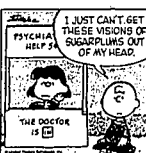
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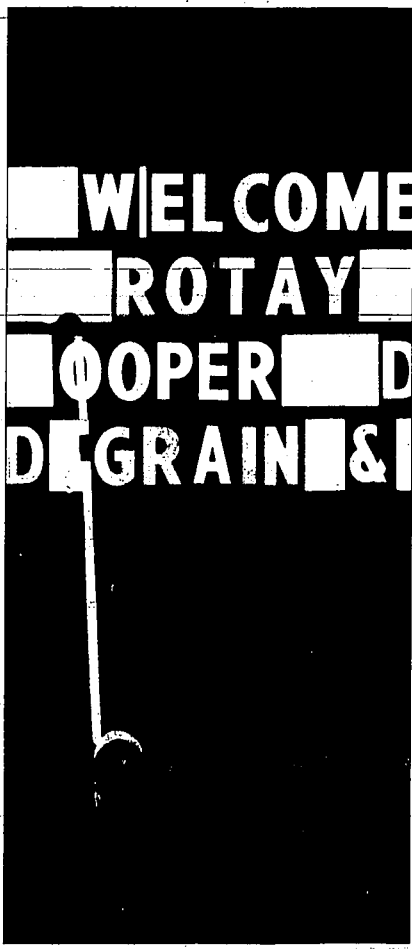


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16 shopping days to Christmas

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WIND HAZARD



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Jennifer Doyle of Twin Falls changes the message on the Weston Plaza marquee while fighting cold gusts of wind Monday.

Extra ultraviolet rays deadly to amphibians

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Biologists have shown for the first time that excess ultraviolet rays from natural sunlight kills amphibians, an ominous sign of the dangers of solar radiation leaking through a thinning ozone layer.

Oregon State University researchers found that natural sunlight contains enough ultraviolet-B radiation to kill most embryos of the long-toed salamander in mountain lakes of the Cascade Mountain Range, a home for the animals for thousands of years.

Salamanders shielded from UVB were able to reproduce normally in the lakes, said Andrew Blaustein,

leader of the Oregon team. "We were stunned by our findings," said Blaustein. "This is proof that excess UVB radiation in nature can cause death and deformity in this species."

A report on the study was published today in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

Other scientists said the study sharpens concern about the thinning of the natural ozone layer of the atmosphere that normally shields the Earth from high levels of UVB. Studies have shown that the ozone layer has been eroded by industrial chemicals, principally chlorofluorocarbons used in refrigeration.

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Cow-car collisions cause concern

Lincoln County officials search for ways to keep livestock off roads

By Karma M. Fitzgerald
Times-News correspondent

SHOSHONE — In Lincoln County, cattle have the right-of-way — if a car hits a cow, it's the driver's fault, not the cow's. But in recent weeks one person has died, two people have been injured and 11 cows have died in cow-car collisions. Folks in North Shoshone are saying it's time to change livestock laws.

Idaho is an open range state. Landowners who don't want cattle on their property have to fence them out. It is not the owner's responsibility to fence in his or her livestock.

But the death of 17-year-old B.J. Williams and other recent accidents have pressured local officials to do something about cattle on the roads. Lincoln County commissioners met Monday morning with Lincoln County Prosecutor Brit Groom and Sheriff Steve Southwick.

Southwick proposed an ordinance that would give him authority to charge the owners of stray cattle owners with a misde-

meanor. But Southwick's proposal would work only where fences parallel the road. Without fences, the land would remain open range.

Southwick has little recourse. Idaho law has no provision for criminal charges against owners of loose cattle, only for civil suits. All Southwick and his officers can do is contact livestock owners and then return their animals are out.

"That's what's been so frustrating for us. We'll call the owner and he might say, 'Blow it out your ear,' and there's nothing we can do about it," Southwick said.

But writing laws involving cattle can be pretty tricky, Groom said. "You can't convince me that cow is going to care," he said. A cow can get through the best fence if it thinks there's green grass or cooler water on the other side, he said.

In Lincoln County the issue is complicated by the large amount of recreational land. Hunters and other sportsmen leave gates open, and cows get out through no fault of the

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Priming the pump

Twin Falls City Council spends \$23,000 in effort to land fire station grant

By William Brock
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Uncle Sam was a Grinch last time, so the City Council has earmarked up to \$23,000 to put a new fire station for the airport on a fast track.

Last year, the Federal Aviation Administration paid 90 percent of the cost of a new fire truck for Joni Field, Magic Valley Regional Airport — but nixed the city's request for a new building to store the truck. A new fire station and storage building is estimated to cost \$235,000 to design and build.

A big reason why the city failed to land the FAA construction grant was that none of the

preliminary design work was ready.

"The people who are ready are the people who get that [discretionary FAA] funding," Airport Manager David Allen told the council. He urged the council to spend \$23,000 to complete the design work before seeking FAA money again.

The new fire truck barely fits inside the airport's old fire station. Allen said a new building would permit faster response, he said, adding that snow removal equipment — which is stored outside — could be housed in the old fire station if a new one is built.

"Who should we put the money out?" Councilman Chris Takington asked. He noted that passenger boardings have

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New liver saves tiny infant

The Associated Press

LONDON — A 5-day-old baby who received a new liver — cut down to one-eighth of its original size — has become the world's youngest liver transplant patient.

Dark-haired Baebchen Schutte, born with a disease that killed her two brothers, laughed and gurgled Monday through a news conference called to announce the operation.

"She's just like any normal baby... it's almost easy to forget how close we came to losing her," said her Irish mother, Ita.

Mrs. Schutte, 30, and her German husband, Jürgen, 33, were referred to King's College Hospital in London, the largest transplant center for children in Europe, as first one son then another died.



Ita Schutte cuddles Baebchen, her healthy daughter, now 6 months old, in London Monday.

Two days after her birth in Dublin, Baebchen was diagnosed with the same condition, neonatal hemochromatosis, which causes a buildup of iron in the liver. She was flown by air ambulance

lance to King's College Hospital.

There, doctors told the Schuttetes there was a chance for Baebchen. And on the fifth day of her life, the family of a 10-year-old boy who died outside London gave permission for the liver transplant.

"This is the youngest child to get a liver transplant because she was lucky enough to get a donor," said Dr. Mohammed Ali, the surgeon who led a 20-member medical team that performed the six-hour operation in July.

"She has done very well, and the liver is now adapting to her body and is growing normally. She will not need another transplant when she is older," Rela added.

The Schuttetes' elder daughter, 5-year-old Aodhlinn, was born healthy.

Snow snarls Utah travel but ski areas smile



Heavy snow made foot and vehicular travel difficult in Salt Lake City Monday as the first major snowstorm of the season swept through northern Utah.

The Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — The Wasatch Front spent Monday digging out of a foot of snow dumped on the east benches of the Salt Lake Valley, snarling traffic and answering the prayers of Utah skiers.

"We've been waiting eight or nine months for it to snow so we're as ready as could be," said Otono Wieringa, general manager of Alta-Ski Resort, which had received 12 inches of new powder by Monday evening. "We're tickled to see it here. Life is good."

Life was not good for morning commuters or those flying out of the Salt Lake International Airport. The Salt Lake International Airport

received 4 inches of snow, causing United, Southwest, and TWA to cancel several flights.

Other flights experienced frequent delays, said Ron Malin, deputy director of operations at the airport.

Hardest hit was Delta, which cancelled 44 flights out of Salt Lake and 45 into the city, affecting an estimated 2,000 passengers, said Bill Gibbs, director of Delta's Salt Lake operations. Many cancellations were caused by congestion during the deicing process, then the closure of two runways that forced several planes to be deiced again.

In all, 42 percent of Delta's operations were cancelled Monday, and only 25 percent

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THE REGION

Camas Prairie

High: 26 Low: 9
Isolated snow showers after fog by valley fog in the morning today and Wednesday. Partly clearing Wednesday.

Treasure Valley

High: 34 Low: 20
Foggy areas today and Wednesday morning with afternoon clearing. Northwest winds 5 to 15 mph in afternoon.

Sawtooth Mountains/Wood River Valley

High: 24 Low: 6
Isolated snow showers and roller fog today. Partly fog clearing and Wednesday morning. Partly cloudy otherwise.

Eastern Idaho

High: 30 Low: 11
Isolated snow showers this morning. Partial clearing by afternoon. Brisk westerly winds. Partly cloudy and colder through Wednesday.

Northern Idaho

High: 34 Low: 25
Low clouds and fog during the morning and at night through Wednesday. Partly sunny in the afternoon. Light south wind.

Northern Utah

High: 32 Low: 12
Snow showers through today adding 1-2 inches. Most snow with the wind southeast of Great Salt Lake. Clearing and colder.

Northern Nevada

High: 32 Low: 8
Isolated snow showers and partly cloudy. Mostly clear and continued cold tonight.

MAGIC VALLEY FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today

High: 34 Low: 17
Change of morning snow showers. Partly cloudy by afternoon.

Wednesday

High: 32 Low: 12
Partly cloudy and cold.

Thursday

High: 31 Low: 14
Mostly clear with areas of night, morning fog.

Friday

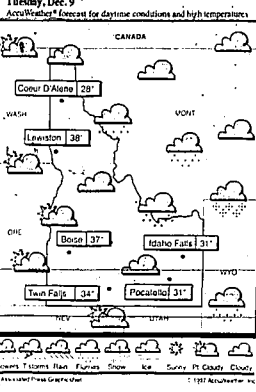
High: 34 Low: 16
Mostly clear with areas of night, morning fog.

Saturday

High: 38 Low: 18
Mostly clear with areas of night, morning fog.

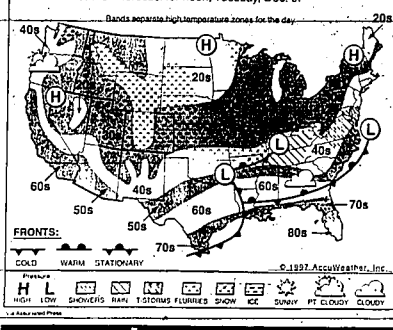
IDAHO Weather

Tuesday, Dec. 9
AccuWeather Forecast for daytime conditions and high temperatures



NATIONAL Weather

The AccuWeather Forecast for noon, Tuesday, Dec. 9.



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Time to the National Weather Service radio band WJFF-FM 162.4 or 162.55 MHz. The Internet address for Idaho Transportation Department road reports is: <http://www.state.id.us/rdinfo.htm>

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER

Twin Falls	Precipitation
Yesterday: 37° - 32°	Yesterday in Twin Falls: .08
Last year: 52° - 45°	Normal mo. to date: .36
Normal: 41° - 23°	Water year to date: 2.16
	Normal year to date: 2.31

Idaho

City	Max	Min	Pcp
Boise	35	32	0.0
Burley	36	30	0.0
Fairfield	34	31	0.2
Hagerman	35	31	0.0
Idaho Falls	34	31	0.0
Jerome	37	29	0.0
Malad	34	31	0.0
Lewiston	35	17	0.05
Alata	36	32	0.0
McCall	33	26	0.36
Pocastello	34	31	1.5
Salmon	28	12	0.0
Stanley	28	20	0.04
Sun Valley	33	29	0.33

The Nation

City	Max	Min	Pcp
Albuquerque	61	37	0.01
Atlanta	38	28	0.0
Chicago	44	34	0.0
Denver	64	41	0.0
Dallas	64	41	0.0
Dayton	51	33	0.0
Detroit	55	33	0.0
Houston	62	50	1.43
Indianapolis	52	28	0.0
Kansas City	35	33	0.0
Las Vegas	56	48	0.02
Los Angeles	61	50	0.0
Memphis	62	50	0.29
Miami Beach	70	51	0.0
Minneapolis	52	27	0.0
New York	41	29	0.0
New Orleans	74	45	0.35
New York	45	41	0.0
Phoenix	64	45	0.0
Pittsburgh	63	54	0.0
Portland, Me.	40	32	0.0
Portland, Ore.	43	37	0.0
Reno	49	36	0.0
St. Louis	51	28	0.0
San Diego	61	49	0.0
San Francisco	55	49	0.02
Seattle	51	28	0.16
Spokane	31	28	0.0
Washington	49	37	0.0

Canadian Cities

City	Max	Min
Calgary	0	-4
Montreal	35	20
Vancouver	46	41

Cows

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cattle owner.
Groom advocates common sense in rural areas.
"You can't keep people from being stupid," he told commissioners. "They drive too fast and over-drive their headlights at night."
But Williams' death has heightened emotions. He was hospitalized a week ago Monday after colliding with a cow on Six Mile Road at 2:30 a.m. He died over the weekend.
The Idaho State Police officer who investigated the accident was unavailable for comment, but Southwick confirmed Williams was driving too fast.
"The kid was going 100 miles an hour. The collision tore the head clear off that animal, and there were skid marks after the impact. There had to be tremendous speed," Southwick said.
Williams' attorney, Reginald Williams, said he is unsure if the cow hadn't been in the road, he probably would have made it home.
"It's a shame B.J. had to be hurt and die," Southwick said. "I know what that driver was feeling. He hit a cow, and people are saying it's the cow's fault. It isn't. He was driving so fast there's no way he could have stopped."

In February, the Highway Districts posted signs proclaiming an open range. Many of the paper signs have been destroyed. The Four Mile and Six Mile roads were marked over the recent accidents.
Local resident Cindy Bingham was injured Sunday night when the pickup truck she was riding in ran into and killed six cows.
According to the police report, the pickup driven by Bingham's employee, Randy Adams, also of Shoshone, ran into a herd of cattle that was being moved down Four Mile Road after dark.
Alex Bibbo, who owned the cattle, said he was moving them after dark because he ran out of daylight and had to get them ready for sale on Monday. But he had lead and trail cars in place with flashing lights, he said. He did not know how much the loss would cost him.
According to Southwick there are laws regarding moving sheep, goats and other livestock, but none regarding cattle.
Several other area residents have had run-ins with livestock on the roads, and they want the laws changed to allow criminal action against livestock owners whose animals are chronically out.

Another remedy would be a herd district. But that is complicated and a tough sell. A majority of the land owners within the district must sign a petition requesting the creation of a herd district, or county commissioners can form a committee of five people to form a district.
But a herd district cannot contain state or federal lands.
If the landowners petition to get create the district, they are responsible for the constructions and maintenance of fences and cattle guards. If the district is created by a committee, the county would be responsible.
Until January, Lincoln County had four or five herd districts, Groom said, but they were deemed invalid because they included state or federal land.
"It's pretty hard to confine animals with any certainty," said George Bennett of the Idaho State Department of Agriculture. "You can't restrain them and limit them. But this is the nature of our country. Out here we run cows."
As of Monday evening county commissioners were still considering the petition and had not made any decisions.
Correspondent Karma M. Fitzgerald can be reached in Shoshone at 886-7065.

Station

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decreased since Horizon Air halted its flights from Twin Falls to Boise.
"I expect slow, steady growth," Allen replied.
Firefighting service to areas near the airport won't change if a new fire station is built, said Twin Falls Fire Chief Phil Clough.
"It's strictly for storage of the new truck," Clough told The Times-News.
In other business, the council reappointed a current member and named three new members

to the city's Planning and Zoning Commission.
In addition to being re-appointed, commission alternate Sherry Olson-Frant was promoted to a full member of the commission.
New appointee Cyrus Warren will fill the remaining two-year term left by Jeffrey Warr, who resigned from the commission.
Scott Martin and Glenda Thompson were appointed to full, three-year terms. The openings arose from the resignation of Jon Johnson, whose term expires this month, and the completion of commission Chairman

Stephanie Crumrine's second two-year term.
Five people applied for the three positions.
Finally, members of the Magic Valley Task Force presented outgoing Mayor Jeff Gooding with a plaque honoring his commitment to public service.
Outgoing Airport Board member Kevin Trainor also received a proclamation commemorating his six years of service.
Times-News staff writer William Brock can be reached at 733-0931, Ext. 264.

Storm

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cent of the remaining portion were running on time.
"It's been a trying day out here," Malin said, as delays continued into the evening.
More than 50 accidents were reported along Utah highways and there were many more reports of cars sliding off the road, according to Utah Highway Patrol spokesman Verdie White.
Despite the high number of accidents, White said only three were serious enough to require medical attention.
Tractor trailers struggling up

Interstate-80 through Parley's Canyon forced the closure of the canyon road several times for short periods of time. Little Cottonwood Canyon also was closed for about a half-hour early in the morning.
About 80 east of about 1300 East and east side of 1215 "were pretty much parking lots all morning long," White said.
"Either where people slid off or just got trapped and couldn't get going again."
White said Davis County, which saw as much as 11 inches in Bountiful, had slow traffic and

some problems, but traffic in Utah County, which saw only about 2.5 inches of snow in the Provo area, moved smoothly.
"The snow was concentrated in Salt Lake and Davis counties, with evening storms in Logan had produced about an inch of snow, according to William Alder, chief meteorologist of the Salt Lake National Weather Service.
Alder said high pressure was expected to drive the storm out the Salt Lake Valley by this morning and bring in clear skies through the rest of the week.

Nichols' lawyers attack star prosecution witness

DENVER (AP) — Terry Nichols' lawyers attacked the credibility of star witness Michael Fortier in the Oklahoma bombing case Monday, calling to the stand a doctor who testified that a drug Fortier admits abusing causes memory blackouts.
"People get hyper... They feel they're being followed," Dr. Michael Abrams said of methamphetamine. "They're open to suggestion to fill in the gaps."
Fortier, who previously testified that Nichols was present when Timothy McVeigh took Fortier to a storage shed con-

Rays

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Most such chemicals are being phased out or have been banned worldwide, but the chemicals from earlier years continue to affect the ozone layer. Among the effects is the so-called ozone hole over the Antarctic, but similar thinning has been detected over North America.
Blaustein said the findings strongly support the theory that increased solar UVB has played a role in the worldwide decline of a number of amphibian species.
Most of these animals reproduce by laying eggs in jellylike masses in shallow water where they can be affected by solar UVB radiation.
Scientists internationally have reported a sharp decline in the numbers of frogs, toads and salamanders in many locations and a number of explanations have been proposed.
Although earlier studies in laboratories have shown that UVB

can cause genetic damage and death for some amphibians, the Oregon State University work is the first to precisely measure the effects of UVB in a comparative study in nature.
"This is something we should be concerned about," said Dennis B. Fenn, chief of biological resources at the U.S. Geological Survey. "UVB is one of the theoretical causes of the worldwide decline of amphibian species. We had better start taking it very seriously."

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LOTTERY UPDATE

What would you do with \$1.92 Million per year, \$160,000 per month, \$8,000 per week, and \$5,274 per day for the next 25 years? Play Wednesday's Powerball with an estimated jackpot of \$48 Million and find out!

Wednesday's Tri-West Lotto jackpot will be an estimated \$375,000. Now that's a kick in the cash!

It must be a winning streak! There was another Powerball attack at the K & K Bowl Stop in Pocatello. Yet another lotto player won \$5,000 by matching four white numbers and the powerball. Could you be next?

SATURDAY DECEMBER 6 NUMBERS
POWERBALL: 8 15 26 28 43
POWERBALL NUMBER: 36

SATURDAY DECEMBER 6 NUMBERS
LOTTO: 9 16 18 21 29 32

MONDAY DECEMBER 8 NUMBERS
FAST: 1 6 16 27 32

Workers save more, except boomers

WASHINGTON (AP) — A lot of people are saving more for retirement — but not the baby boomers.

Overall, Americans boosted their retirement savings by 2 percent in 1997, to \$203 a month from \$199 in 1996, a survey indicates. It was the third straight annual increase, not counting pension benefits and Social Security, after the figure fell to \$149 a month in 1994.

Still, workers said they would need to save \$660 monthly to meet their retirement needs, more than three times what they now save, according to the early-November survey by the Marketing Research Institute. The survey, involving 1,000 Americans, 18 years or older and working at least 30 hours a week, was released Monday.

Only 26 percent believe they are socking away enough. Seventy-three percent think they are saving too little. Indeed, only 40 percent say they have a savings plan, on average they say they plan to retire at 62.

Baby boomers, that generation between 33 and 51, contribute most to the savings gap, the survey found.

The so-called X-generation, those between 18 and 32, increased their savings by 12.8 percent in 1997, to \$1,714 a year. Americans between 52 and retirement raised their savings by 42.3 percent, to \$4,243.

Average savings of the baby boom generation, on the other hand fell 10.6 percent, to \$2,242 annually.

Savings are considered one leg of a three-leg retirement stool that includes pension plans and Social Security benefits. Analysts have long feared that most Americans are not putting away enough to continue their standard of living through retirement.

"There are many signs of growing public awareness of the crisis in retirement savings, but individuals are still not doing enough to prepare themselves for retirement," said John Penko, vice president of Colonial Life & Accident Insurance Co., which cosponsored the survey with the Employees Council on Flexible Compensation.

"Boomers are at their high-expenditure years, with savings and paying for college, and that may

have caused them to temporarily redirect their financial assets," said Ken Feltman, Employers Council executive director. "We hope that as they move toward (the years immediately prior to retirement), and they get the mortgage paid down and get the kids through college, they will accelerate their savings rate."

The council is an association promoting 401(k) and other elective retirement plans. Members include corporations, unions, gov-

ernments, universities, hospitals, accounting firms and insurers. Colonial Life is a major provider of disability insurance.

Despite the low savings rate, and fears that Social Security could go bankrupt by 2029, younger workers are optimistic about their retirement income, believing they will receive about 76 percent of current earnings. That compares with 67 percent for baby boomers and 71 percent for those 52 and older.

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Judge sends Oscar-nominated actor to jail for parole violation

MALIBU, Calif. (AP) — Robert Downey Jr. was handcuffed and led off to jail Monday after a judge rejected the actor's emotional appeal for mercy and sentenced him to six months for violating parole.

"You're going to jail because you used drugs," Malibu Municipal Judge Lawrence Mira told Downey, 32.

The judge said he could have sentenced Downey to up to three years in prison or allowed him to remain free in a rehabilitation program.

Downey's probation was revoked on Oct. 17, when his drug counselor told authorities that the actor violated a court order by using drugs and alcohol in September.

Downey is running out of ways to rehabilitate you," said Mira in a proceeding broadcast live on

local television. "I'm going to incarcerate you, and I'm going to incarcerate you in a way that's very unpleasant for you."

A sheriff's deputy handcuffed Downey's and escorted him out of the courtroom. As he left, Downey nodded and smiled to supporters in the audience. His wife, brother and about 10 people had come to court with him.

In a statement to Mira, Downey threw himself to the mercy of the court.

"I have no excuses. I find myself defenseless," he said.

Following a string of drug arrests, the Oscar-nominated star of "Chaplin" has been working steadily.

He co-stars in "One Night Stand," and is in two films coming out next year — "The Gingerbread Man" and "Two Girls and a Guy."

Affirmative action helps children, Powell declares

WASHINGTON (AP) — Retired Gen. Colin Powell expressed his support for affirmative action programs Monday, saying they help reduce racial barriers to equal opportunity.

Powell, a former Joint Chiefs of Staff chairman, said in remarks to the annual meeting of the Council of Negro Women conference that such programs are far better than what went before.

"We have seen what the preference system that had been in place for 250 years has done to us," he said.

Powell, a Republican, has differed often with the more conservative members in his party over the need for affirmative action programs.

The military provides the best example of how affirmative action programs can broaden a pool of applicants in jobs and education, Powell said.

West Point, for example, tries to attain various minority goals in its cadet population each year. Powell said such efforts help promote minority participation for children.

"It is not inappropriate for us to use affirmative action to get our youngsters in the pool," he said.

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Fans gather at a shrine to musician and former Beatle John Lennon Monday in New York's Central Park. The day marked the 17th anniversary of Lennon's murder outside his apartment.

Justice Department refuses to yield

WASHINGTON (AP) — Holding fast in a confrontation with "Congress," the Justice Department refused Monday to surrender FBI Director Louis Freeh's subpoenaed memo urging that an independent prosecutor investigate campaign fund raising.

Rep. Dan Burton, R-Ind., criticized the decision on the eve of Tuesday's scheduled testimony by Attorney General Janet Reno and Frank J. Souter, House Government Reform and Oversight Committee.

Freeh is at odds with Reno's announcement last week not to seek an independent counsel to look into telephone fund raising by President Clinton and Vice President Al Gore. But Reno and Freeh agree that the FBI director's memo should not be turned

over to Congress. They say turning it over would compromise their ongoing criminal investigation.

"I am especially troubled that the attorney general is refusing to a legitimate oversight request after we made clear that we would accept a version of the memo from which any grand jury materials were removed," said Burton, the committee's chairman.

"It's Director Freeh's reasons for recommending an independent prosecutor that we want to review, not grand jury testimony," said Burton.

According to a news release by the House panel, committee chief counsel Richard Bennett's negotiations with the FBI to obtain the memo had been proceeding in a positive manner until Justice Department lawyers refused to

approve an arrangement blocking out references in the document to grand jury activity.

But FBI officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, gave a different account. They said the FBI objected to turning over grand jury evidence and investigative strategies detailed in the memo and they only considered turning over the bare-bones conclusion that Freeh was recommending an outside prosecutor because that advice had leaked anyway.

Clinton White House goes to the dogs:

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton is taking to heart that old Washington adage, sometimes attributed to President Harry Truman: "If you want a friend in Washington, buy a dog."

Clinton made his decision to move a dog into the White House after a half-hour romp Friday on

the South Lawn with an as yet unnamed three-month-old chocolate Labrador retriever, the presence of a friend.

The puppy will undergo a course of training before moving into the White House, White House Spokesman Mike McCurry said.

But why supplement Socks, the

presidential cat, with a brand new presidential dog? Was it to fill the vacancy caused by daughter Chelsea Clinton's move to Stanford University? McCurry had another explanation.

"It's the president's desire to have one loyal friend in Washington," he said.

Clinton may appoint Lee during recess

WASHINGTON (AP) — Looking to pressure Congress, the White House pushed the idea Monday that President Clinton might appoint Bill Lann Lee as his new civil rights chief while lawmakers are out of session and powerless to stop him.

At every turn, the president's aides were saying that Clinton hopes the Senate will confirm Lee as assistant attorney general for civil rights but remains willing to make a rare recess appointment if Republican opposition persists.

"I think it's clear what we will do," White House spokesman Mike McCurry said when asked about the president's options if opponents refuse to grant Lee a Senate vote. Abandoning Lee in favor of another nominee is "not an option," McCurry said.

Attorney General Janet Reno appeared with Lee at a Justice Department ceremony and said Senate opponents were using unfair reasons to deny him a vote.

A White House official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said some senators have cited the idea of avenging two civil rights nominees from GOP administrations who, like Lee, failed to win approval from a Senate committee.

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Mir space crash survivor meets Clinton

WASHINGTON (AP) — NASA astronaut Michael Foale, survivor of the worst space collision ever, wound up in rarer circumstances Monday: chatting with President Clinton in the Oval Office.

Foale brought his wife, Rhonda, daughter, Jenna, 6, and son, Ian, 3, for a brief visit to the White House.

"The president wanted to congratulate Mr. Foale on his achievements and to thank him for his service to the nation and the world," press spokesman Barry Toiv said.

A British-born astrophysicist, Foale spent 4-1/2 months on Mir as flight engineer. During his assignment, a cargo ship guided by remote control by Russian commander Yelisi Tishlybey, slammed into Mir.

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Rough beginning worries analysts on potential of Medicare commission

Chicago Tribune

WASHINGTON — Torn by ideology and politics, the new Medicare commission is getting off to a rough start, and many analysts fear it won't be able to reach a consensus on overhauling the health-care program for the elderly.

President Clinton named four members to the panel Friday, including his former chief economic adviser, Laura Tyson, and Bruce Vladeck, a health policy professor who recently oversaw the Medicare program as director of the government's Health Care Financing Agency.

When congressional Republicans named their appointees earlier this week, House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., insisted that his four appointees agree not to accept raising taxes in the program, a move that angered some Democrats for foreclosing possibilities at the outset. Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., also named four appointees.

The 17-member commission's makeup — a mix of conservatives who want to see the system become more private and liberals who would like to see the program's benefits expanded — suggests that compromise will be difficult.

The head of the panel remains to be appointed, but former Congressional Budget Director Robert Reischauer said that whoever it is "will have his or her hands full in trying to make something out of this commission."

David Wyss, chief economist and budget analyst for Standard & Poor's DRI, said he doubted the commission would be able to make major overhauls in the program because "it's going to be too split." He and Reischauer predicted that the most the panel may do is provide a list of options for rescuing the plan.

If this is all the commission can do, action to deal with Medicare's looming bankruptcy likely will be put off until after the next presidential election. The panel has

little over a year to do its work, with a March 1999 deadline.

Medicare's financial difficulties were a major issue in the 1996 presidential campaign, with both Democrats and Republicans suggesting that only a bipartisan approach could resolve the difficulties.

The commission model was chosen because it was successful in overhauling Social Security in 1993. But a crisis atmosphere drove the 1993 Social Security reforms.

Gephardt's nominees are Rep. Jim McDermott, D-Wash., and John Dingell, D-Mich., who would tend to favor liberal approaches.

Other senators are Bill Frist, R-Tenn., the only physician in the chamber, and Tom Kerry, D-Neb., who headed a commission on entitlement reforms that produced a report calling for many reforms in Medicare and Social Security that both the White House and Congress ignored.

Those holding a liberal view believe that Medicare benefits could actually be expanded and still keep the program in the black. Under one idea, seniors who now pay for private "medigap" policies to cover what Medicare doesn't currently cover could be required to pay their premiums into an expanded Medicare program.

Not only would this make Medicare more comprehensive, it also would make it more efficient, said Reischauer.

But rather than making the program bigger, conservatives prefer to give the program more of a private flavor, encouraging the use of "medical savings accounts" that recipients could use to opt out of the system altogether.

The government would in essence give them money to set up private accounts that they could use to pay their health bills and buy private catastrophic coverage.

The balanced budget act passed this year would enable 390,000 Americans to set up such accounts in 1999.

The part of Medicare that is forecast to go bust in the next century covers hospitalization. A separate part, covering physicians, is financed by a monthly "Part B" premium that rises automatically by inflation.

According to Gail Shearer, health care analyst for Consumers Union, the critical question is whether the commission will simply decide to make what she called "budget-driven" choices to solve the financial problem or urge dramatic new changes to transform the system.



Director Steven Spielberg, left, discusses a scene with actors Anthony Hopkins, center, and Morgan Freeman on the set of DreamWorks Pictures' 'Amistad.'

Judge refuses to bring curtain down on new Spielberg film

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A federal judge Monday refused to block the release of Steven Spielberg's "Amistad," saying the moviemaker did not appear to have plagiarized a novel about the 19th-century mutiny aboard a slave ship.

U.S. District Judge Audrey Collins rebuffed a move by Barbara Chase-Riboud to stop the film's premiere Wednesday in New York and Los Angeles and its opening on Friday in the nation's 50 biggest markets.

But the judge said Ms. Chase-Riboud can press ahead with her lawsuit and try to prove at a trial her claim that much of the "Amistad" screenplay was stolen from her historical novel "Echo of Lions."

"The judge said there was no reasonable likelihood of success on the merits of the case," said Bert Fields, an attorney for Spielberg and his DreamWorks studio. "She took apart their claims of similarities and said those things appear to come from history."

Ms. Chase-Riboud said she was disappointed but was confident the movie would prevail at trial, which has not yet been scheduled.

"A preliminary injunction is the only protection a poor person has against a rich infringer," she said outside court. "I'm doing this for all writers."

The dispute has turned increasingly personal and vitriolic.

"What an irony that the renowned filmmaker who produced and directed 'The Color

Purple' would be a party to denying prominent black American letters and the arts her rightful recognition for raising public consciousness about slavery," Ms. Chase-Riboud's lawyers said in court papers.

The allegations challenge the reputation of Hollywood's best-known director over a movie Spielberg calls "perhaps the most important of my career." In turn, DreamWorks is attacking the integrity of the award-winning novelist.

The tentative ruling was made after the parties failed to reach a settlement behind closed doors.

The judge's formal, final order was to be released later Monday or today.

Ms. Chase-Riboud's attorney, Pierce O'Donnell, said DreamWorks killed any possible settlement by refusing to give Ms. Chase-Riboud any screenplay or story credit.

O'Donnell said he would prove at trial that the screenwriter who received the credit for "Amistad," David Fremont, is a "rank plagiarist who copied freely from 'Echo of Lions.'" He claimed that Spielberg tried to hide the theft by editing out incriminating scenes at the last minute.

Spielberg attorney Fields said: "We deny there was any copying. We believe we can prove there was no copying." Similarities between "Amistad" and "Echo of Lions" are simply similarities of history, he said.

Ms. Chase-Riboud's 1989 book "Echo of Lions" chronicles the real-life 1839 rebellion led by a

Sierra Leone slave named Joseph Cinque, and the resulting landmark legal case, argued by John Quincy Adams before the Supreme Court.

While no one can copyright history, Ms. Chase-Riboud maintains DreamWorks illegally copied "themes, dialogue, characters, relationships, plots, scenes and fictional inventions" she created for "Echo of Lions."

DreamWorks insists its movie is an original blend of history and the historical novel "Black Mutiny," which was published 36 years before "Echo of Lions." The rights to "Black Mutiny," by William A. Owens, are now owned by DreamWorks.

DreamWorks' lawyers say Ms. Chase-Riboud herself is a plagiarist, arguing there are at least 80 similarities between "Echo of Lions" and "Black Mutiny."

DreamWorks attorneys also have circulated a passage from Chase-Riboud's 1994 book "The President's Daughter" that appears almost verbatim in Nella Larsen's 1929 book "Passing."

The attorneys said Ms. Chase-Riboud was using the movie's imminent opening to pressure DreamWorks into a \$5 million settlement. The fledgling studio said it has invested \$70 million producing and marketing "Amistad."

Election commission loses appeal in contribution case

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Federal Election Commission Monday in a case that government lawyers said "drastically undermines" enforcement of campaign contribution limits.

The justices refused to reinstate a \$10,000 fine against a California man accused of violating contribution limits in giving to Jack Kemp's presidential campaign during 1987.

A lower court ruled that the FEC missed the deadline to sue Larry R. Williams, and the justices let that decision stand with no comment.

Justice Department lawyers said the ruling by the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals "drastically undermines the commission's ability to enforce the federal campaign contribution laws." The court allowed the deadline clock to keep running in Williams' case even though relevant information had been concealed from the FEC, government lawyers said.

The 9th Circuit court's ruling will ensure "that all but the most obvious violations of the federal campaign contribution limitations by government lawyers added.

The justices also turned down an appeal by Ohio's Miami University that sought to shield student disciplinary records from public scrutiny.

Ohio's highest court ordered the records released — with names deleted — to the student newspaper, which wants to use them to track student crime trends.

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Murder suspect faces trial in Florida shooting death for 5th time

FORT PIERCE, Fla. (AP) — A fingerprint on the murder weapon's clip, a spent shell casing and witness accounts pointed to Colandro Peters as the person who put a bullet in a man's head during a \$10 crack deal. It should have been a routine murder case. But on Monday, Peters went on

trial for the fifth time. Four previous attempts to convict him ended in mistrials because of deadlocked juries or loose-lipped witnesses. "After four different times, I think you're approaching cruel and unusual punishment," said defense attorney Mark Harlowe. "I think it's time for (prosecutors) to face the music and dispose of this case."

Not yet, they say. "How can I not try this case again when I'm confident I'm trying the right person?" asked prosecutor Lynn Park. The first two trials ended in deadlocks. The third and fourth trials ended in mistrials when two of the state's witnesses — an admitted crack user and Peters'

girlfriend — made reference to Peters having been in jail. The judge said the reference to prior convictions could have prejudiced the jury. Peters, 25, faces life in prison without parole if convicted of the first-degree murder of Terry Strickland, 52, a man of limited intelligence who did not drink or

take drugs but had a penchant for seeking out the wrong company. In this case, his brief friendship with skateboarding freeloader Troy Cole apparently got him killed. Cole, 26, met Strickland about a month before the 1995 slaying while Cole was skateboarding through the parking lot of a business where Strickland

detained automobiles. That same night, Strickland bought Cole beer and cocaine, and the two slept together, Cole said in sworn testimony. Cole's license had been suspended but Strickland agreed several times to take him to a dangerous area known for illicit drug sales.

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Lawsuit targets farming at key wildlife refuges in the Northwest

WASHINGTON (AP) — Conservation groups are suing under a wildlife refuge law President Clinton signed seven weeks ago to try to restrict farming on two refuges for bald eagles and waterfowl in the Pacific Northwest.

The National Audubon Society, Sierra Club and others said they would ask a federal court in Sacramento, Calif., on Tuesday to clamp down on irrigation farming, planting of row crops and use of

pesticides at the refuges along the Oregon-California border.

The Lower Klamath and Tule Lake, refuges south of Klamath Falls, Ore., contain the last remnants of hundreds of thousands of acres of wetlands there before white settlers arrived in the 1800s, the environmentalists say.

A key stopping point for millions of migratory birds in the Pacific Flyway from Mexico to Canada, the Lower

Klamath Wildlife Reservation was set aside by President Theodore Roosevelt in 1908 as one of the nation's first refuges for waterfowl.

"The Klamath system is the Everglades of the Pacific Flyway. Eighty percent of the birds in the flyway stop there," said Dan Beard, National Audubon Society's senior vice president.

"We're not interested in getting rid of agriculture entirely. But wildlife conserva-

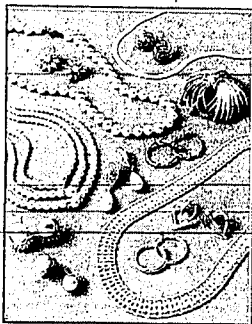
tion has to be the top priority for our national wildlife refuges," he said Monday in a telephone interview from San Francisco.

The lawsuit accuses the Interior Department and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service of violating a part of the new law requiring the interior secretary to provide an adequate supply of clean water at refuges.

It says extensive commercial agriculture and pesticide use have resulted in

significant declines in bald eagles and waterfowl populations, especially at Tule Lake in California.

About one-fourth of the 91,000 acres that make up the two refuges is dedicated to farm land — about 18,000 acres of grains such as wheat, oats, barley and alfalfa, and about 5,000 acres of row crops, including potatoes, sugar beets and onions. Farmers are allowed to work the land under decades-old lease arrangements.



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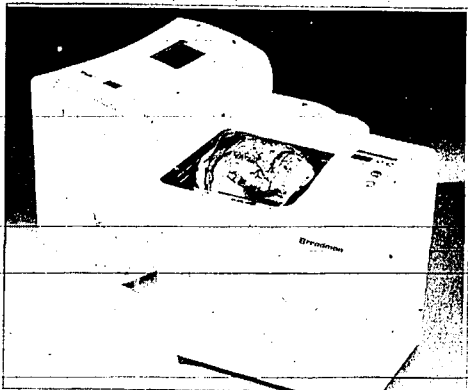
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El Nino aside, Californians seed clouds for more rain

Officials: Weather phenomenon might not deliver
Los Angeles Times

It can rain and it can pour, but some California cities still want more of the wet stuff.

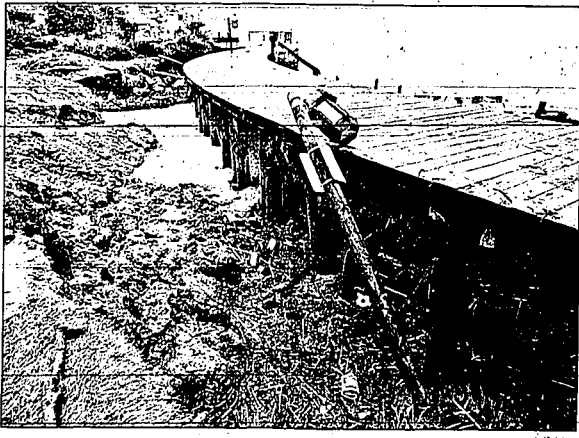
Even with a big storm pounding the coastline, some communities scattered up and down California fear that El Nino won't deliver.

So, despite this past weekend's El Nino-driven drencher, it seems that behind the next gray cloud there could be a lining of well-silvered birds.

Water districts in about a dozen communities from Salinas to Bakersfield to Santa Barbara have contracted with a professional rain-maker to seed clouds in an attempt to increase precipitation this winter and bolster water supplies.

While paying for cloud-seeding at this time of the season may sound like a case of selling-into-the Eskimos, county officials want to be prepared in the event that the much talked about meteorological phenomenon does not produce adequate levels of water for crops.

"A quarter of all El Nino years turn out to produce below-average rainfall," said Dennis Gibbs, hydrologist for Santa Barbara County Water Agency. "Cloud-



The Laguna Beach, Calif., boardwalk, which was previously bordered by park lawn on the land side, left, and several dozen yards of sand between it and the sea, is now heavily undermined following flooding from a Saturday storm.

seeding is very cost-efficient water management," he said.

Cloud-seeding is the process of spraying water-laden clouds, usually by airplane or from flares off the ground, with silver iodide crystals. The crystals form ice

droplets, which produce extra precipitation.

Concerned each year by the potential of drought and water shortages, the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors has voted to implement a cloud-seed-

ing program to begin Jan. 1. It will cost the county \$216,000 — cheaper than buying water from state agencies, officials say.

"We still don't know how El Nino works," said Robert Almy, manager for the Santa Barbara

County Water Agency. "They said there is a misconception that cloud-seeding during El Nino seasons will produce too much rain and, ultimately, floods.

But the cloud-seeding process works only with the right kinds of rain clouds and perfect timings, and even then, the average rainfall may only increase by 3 percent, he said.

"When we are in a drought, cloud-seeding has no effect," he said. During some significant El Nino years, the county actually realized inadequate rainfall.

"We've concluded that while in 1982 and 1983 (California) had a much higher than normal rainfall, (locally) we only got moderate storms" that brought low rainfall averages to the county, said Almy.

"To us, El Nino is a significant weather phenomena because we rely very heavily on local water supplies," he said. "We are being cautious and prudent."

While residents of Los Angeles can simply buy water from Northern California and the Colorado River through the Metropolitan Water Agency, communities in much of Santa Barbara County look primarily to the ground.

In Visalia, Bruce George, manager for the Kaweah Delta Water Conservation District, said, "History has shown us that nobody has been able to forecast from a year ahead here in the Central Valley at least."

George said there have been times when the Central Valley was flooded one month and cloud-seeding was suspended, only for the rest of the season to be dry.

Producing too much water and even floods remain a concern among environmental activists and mountain residents, hydrologists say.

Two decades ago, numerous lawsuits were filed against Los Angeles County by some who claimed that cloud-seeding intensified a major storm that killed 11 people and caused \$43 million in property damage by mud-

slides. The county prevailed in each of the suits.

State Department of Water Resource hydrologist Maurice Reese said that while cloud-seeding enhances precipitation, there is "no hard evidence on how much cloud-seeding, really yields."

"The tricky thing is that early on in the season, you don't know what's going to happen," he said. Along the Owens Valley, where cloud-seeding has begun about the Eastern Sierra Nevada Mountains, 10 inches of hardened snowpack on the mountains can produce up to 43 inches of water that runs into the Los Angeles aqueduct for residents of the City of Los Angeles.

The City of Los Angeles Department of Water and Power funds the project for about \$75,000.

"Just because we've had a couple of wet months doesn't mean we're going to have a wet year," said "Voe" Miller, Hydraulic Engineer for the City of Los Angeles Department of Water and Power. The County of Los Angeles is still recovering from a drought seven years ago, he said.

"Right now, it's so early in the season we can't tell what's going to happen," Miller said.

And neither can meteorologists or even Tom Henderson, president of Fresno-based Atmospheres, the largest cloud-seeding company in California.

Henderson said that if El Nino brings more rain than the water districts can handle, all cloud-seeding projects in the state will be suspended.

"Most of these cloud-seeding projects are sponsored by agencies which use this as one more water resource tool," said Henderson. A former hydrologist, Henderson founded Atmospheres in 1960. The company has contracts in 12 states and 16 countries.

But should "Mother Nature get the ball rolling" and El Nino deliver, then cloud-seeding projects in California will halt.

1st non-tribal casino opens in Washington state

RENTON, Wash. (AP) — Gambling is only the hook to get customers in the door, the operator of Washington's first legal non-tribal casino insists.

Red Steiner has invested \$1.5 million in Freddie's Club, which opened Friday with eight blackjack tables, seven poker tables, a full food and drink menu, 300 employees and a nightclub ambience in suburban Renton.

After 24 years of running Diamond Lili's, a poker club across the street, he says he wants to attract customers more interested in drinking and socializing than in gambling. It is a niche between the big-entertainment tribal casinos and the more gritty, low-stakes cardrooms.

"Say cardroom to most people and they visualize a dump, they're in the back of a trucky," Steiner

said. "We want this to be a casino atmosphere, where people have a drink and socialize."

Freddie's is likely to help the area, said Lisa Lamoreaux, executive director of the Renton Downtown Association.

"It's a welcomed addition because of the foot traffic it will create in the downtown core," Lamoreaux said. "I've heard good things about the atmos-

phere. ... It's just a very classy business."

Steiner began seeking a gambling license in 1991 when he bought the 10,000-square-foot building and adjacent apartment complex. He and other cardroom operators began lobbying in Olympia.

At the time, nontribal operations were limited to cardrooms charging up to \$3 a half-hour.

Single-engine planes collide over Montana

BOZEMAN, Mont. (AP) — In clear, cloudless skies, two single-engine airplanes collided over the Gallatin Valley, killing three people.

Authorities said they had no idea what caused Sunday afternoon's accident.

A glider pilot who witnessed the collision said flying conditions were perfect.

Gallatin County Sheriff Bill Slaughter said it appeared one plane sheared off the tail section of the other.

One plane hit the ground near a rural road about two miles north of the city limit, near two subdivisions, while the wreckage of the other was about three-quarters of a mile away.

Slaughter said the bodies of the two pilots and one passenger were taken to the coroner's office. The victims were not identified pending notification of relatives.

About 360 acres along the foothills of the Bridger Mountains were cordoned off to allow federal investigators to examine the trail of wreckage, which included sleeping bags, airplane parts, broken glass, paperwork and duffel bags.

A search continued during the night in snow for the tail section of one aircraft, with its identifying registration numbers and beacon.

"Both aircraft were completely destroyed," the sheriff said.

Jim Johnson, a tow truck driver, was with a Highway Patrol officer at a nearby accident scene and said one aircraft hit the ground "like a backward rocket," at about a 45-degree angle. The other was missing a wing and just floated to the ground, scattering debris as Johnson and the deputy took cover behind the patrol car, he said.

"We thought we were going to get hit with that stuff. It was just bad," Johnson said.

Ted Mathis, manager of Gallatin Field, said he knew of no similar collisions in the 16 years he has worked at Gallatin Field, just a few miles west of where the collision occurred.

"Normally if an aircraft is departing from the airport, they contact the Unicom station (an automated weather station) for an airport advisory and when they do that, Unicom gives them the wind, altitude, setting, favored runway and reported traffic around the airport itself," said Mathis.

"And pilots are good about talking to each other when they are in the immediate area of the airport, reporting their positions."

However, he said, traffic was relatively heavy in the Bozeman area, partly because of the good flying conditions.

Navy pilots apologize to injured woman

FALLON, Nev. (AP) — Two Navy pilots have apologized to a woman who suffered three broken ribs and a concussion when her horse was spooked by their jets' sonic booms.

Annette Trent's helmet was even cracked in the Dec. 1 fall. "I just kind of went clunk and was temporarily knocked out," she said.

The pilots were flying outside a supersonic operation area at the time in violation of military policy. They visited her home just outside Fallon the day after to apologize.

"I had (them) in my living room and I look like heck," Trent said. "I was kind of angry and I'm concerned how I'm going to work. I felt better after they came to apologize."

Anne McMillan, a spokeswoman for the Fallon Naval Air Station, said at least 10 residents reported property damage after the sonic booms rumbled through Fallon. Dozens of people called the base to complain.

The pilots, whose names were not released, also paid visits to residents who had broken windows or other damage, McMillan said.

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EDITORIAL

Who's to blame for Hansen's troubles? Hansen himself

"Nothing is impossible, provided you use audacity."
— Gen. George S. Patton

Return with us now to George Hansen's Wonderland — a magical place riddled with rabbit holes, ruled by tyrannical red queens and turned upside down.

Southern Idaho's former congressman — convicted felon, freelance Don Quijote and straight-faced prevaricator — has re-invented himself yet again, this time as a crusader for justice on behalf of a federal prisoner who died under suspicious circumstances.

But then again, Hansen never wanted for causes. They are always such convenient smokescreens for his tax problems, his ethical shortcomings and his penchant for making a world-class spectacle of himself and fools of his former constituents.

All of which, of course, Hansen blames on somebody else. Usually the federal government. If not-for-the-darned-justice-Department, Hansen told the Salt Lake Tribune recently, he never would have kited checks, defrauded banks and swindled supporters to the tune of \$16 million. (And served three years in prison.)

The feds, you see, depleted Hansen's bank account by running him up the river for campaign-finance reporting violations that were later overturned in court. So with his \$40,000 fine for the earlier conviction returned, Hansen figures that's practically exoneration. Cleared of one crime, he figures his subsequent crimes weren't his fault.

His next goal: "Bringing down the Justice Department and arresting the attorney general."

Idaho's congressional delegation is even looking into sponsoring "private legislation" to force the federal gov-

ernment to financially compensate Hansen, who sold his homes in Idaho and Virginia and remains in debt over legal bills.

Please don't touch this, Larry, Dirk and Mike. Don't demean yourselves, or us, by doing George such a favor.

For the nearly 150,000 southern Idahoans who either weren't living here during Hansen's 14 years in Washington, or are too young to remember him, a little history might be instructive. Almost from the moment he arrived in Congress in 1965 until the day he departed in 1984, Hansen pat-danced along the narrow edge of chicanery.

For seven of his first 10 years on Capitol Hill, he was delinquent in filing his income tax returns. Hansen and his wife, Connie, were twice the focus of House committee inquiries into shady loans and questionable campaign-finance practices, culminating with the 1986 conviction that was later overturned.

In his spare time, Hansen took up diplomacy, traveling to Iran in 1979 without consulting the Carter administration in a harebrained attempt to swing a deal to free the hostages. Then he took it upon himself to visit Taiwan with a pledge of American equipment that would help the Taiwanese complete their "atomic program."

Along the way, Hansen even found time to claim congressional immunity for a speeding ticket.

Simply put, this man was — and is — an embarrassment to Idaho. Anyone who is taken in by his tired litany of victimization should consult some of the poorer-but-wiser folks who once drank deep from his inexhaustible font of falsehood.

George Hansen finds himself down and out in Pocatello because he put himself there. He deserves precisely what he got.

And so will Idahoans if we ever take him seriously again.



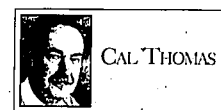
President's racial conversation is insulting

If I were Colin Powell, I would be insulted that the president of the United States believed I became a general, an adviser to presidents and chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff to the Army's affirmative action program instead of merit. Yet that is precisely what Bill Clinton suggested to our Abigail Thernstrom at a "town meeting" on race in Akron, Ohio, last week. Thernstrom had been added to the program following complaints that the audience was composed exclusively of those favoring affirmative action.

The president, returning to his Oprah-Donatue role, continues to focus on the externals of race when he ought to be focusing on the internals of character, diligence, attitude, morality and personal integrity. When minorities and the majority attend to the internal things, the external things usually work out. For example, the successful shun crime, drugs and sexual activity that leads to fatherless kids and simple motherhood.

If poor and minority children were allowed to go to the schools of their choice, their education would improve to the level where they could compete for college admission with everyone else. They wouldn't need a two-track admission system or remedial programs. Unfortunately, the education lobby and its political allies don't want to open themselves to competition because they would lose their political power, and they are willing to sacrifice even the future of children in order to maintain that power.

The president continues to emphasize feelings and attitudes rather than virtue and accomplishment. This line of think-



ing subordinates success to emotions. Ask those in poverty whether they would rather have a sympathetic president or a real job, an intact family and a future.

For their part, conservative whites are tired of hearing the whining and com-

ing, "When too much attention is focused on the bad, we get more that is bad. If we focused more on the good — from good black-white relations, successful minority individuals, responsible and loving minority families — we might get more that is good."

plaining. They will not be intimidated into continued spending on failed and discriminatory programs by stories about slavery and bigotry by others. Yes, blacks in luxury cars are some. Times wrongly stopped by the police. Yes, some store owners are wary of black customers. And yes, some blacks get treasurer scrutiny at the bank when cashing checks. These are all wrong and should be corrected.

When too much attention is focused on the bad, we get more that is bad. If we focused more on the good — from good black-white relations, successful minority

individuals, responsible and loving, minority families — we might get more that is good.

In 1930, multiracial novelist Jean Toomer wrote a letter to a friend in which he suggested that our tendency to label people might be the cause of our division: "My view of this country sees it composed of people who primarily are Americans, who secondarily are of various stocks or mixed stocks. The matter of descent, and of divisions presumably based on descents, has been given, in my opinion, due emphasis, indeed over-emphasis. I aim to stress the fact that we are all Americans. I do not see things in terms of Negro, Anglo-Saxon, Jewish and so on. As for me personally, I see myself an American, simply an American."

Toomer wished to "withdraw from all things which emphasize or tend to emphasize racial or cultural divisions. I must align myself with things which stress the experiences, forms and spirit we have in common." He sounds like actress Whoopi Goldberg, who says, "I'm not African-American. I'm an American. Such attitudes might do more to heal racial divisions than the constant nagging, whining and "gimme" syndrome that engulfs the liberal and civil rights establishment. Our country isn't perfect, because people aren't perfect. But there's no greater land of opportunity on Earth. Let's stop the songs about overcoming and start overcoming. When that happens, real healing, and real progress, will follow."

Cal Thomas is a Los Angeles Times columnist.

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LETTERS

Abandoned carts for others

Has anything ever really worked its way under your skin and really irritated you to the point you would like everyone to know about it? Well let me tell you, I have got one such irritation. It's the people who seem too busy to put the shopping carts in the designated collection place in the parking lot or simply take a few seconds and zip it back into the store. I have had my vehicles bumped by them, almost ran over one and even saw one flying through the parking lot propelled by our wonderful Idaho breezes.

Do a good deed today and every day hereafter and put away the shopping carts you have used. Happy shopping!

ALYSON WHITE
Murtaugh

Clearing up misunderstandings

Well, now that the City Council elections are over and behind us, I thought I would answer the editorial where *The Times-News* took some pretty ugly shots at me. As they never sign their names to their editorials, one can only guess who wrote it. So I got to wondering why anyone would hate me so bad.

Could it have been because I stood up to the insurance companies one time, trying to bring lower rates to the general public? Well, maybe!

Could it have been because I once stood up to health and welfare, trying to bring reform? Perhaps!

Could it be because I am always try-

ing to get people involved in their own government and to run for office because I believe in free elections and the right to have a choice on the ballot? Surely not!

Could it be because I once stood up to the gay community because I did not believe in same-sex marriages nor for the gay lifestyle to be taught in our schools as another way of life? Nor did I have to grant them special privileges. I hope not! But who knows?

Whatever the reason you dislike me so, you will not stop me from fighting for weekly paychecks that pay weekly bills. If you believe this, snacks, you don't know me as well as you thought you did.

Nevertheless, me and my family still wish you a very Merry Christmas. May your stockings all be full but may all the bad fall out of your pencils. Now before I sign my name to my letter, I'd like to take the time to wish each and every one out there a very Merry Christmas and a very prosperous New Year. Even to the rest of the editorial staff of *The Times-News*.

DONALD MCMURRIAN
Twin Falls

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Idahoans once suffered radiation

Letter to the people of Blaine County: I spent the first part of my life in world-famous Sun Valley, Idaho, and what a beautiful place it was. Anyone who was there at the time can tell you it was like a private paradise. There were only 13 private homes in Sun Valley at that time. And the two little towns near there, Ketchum and Hailey, had only a few hundred people in them. Everyone knew everyone and we were all friends. Little did we know that our fabulous environment was being poisoned by an unseen hand.

You may already know that those of us who lived in our beautiful state of Idaho in the '50s and '60s were heavily exposed to radiation from the atomic tests in Nevada. That there were more than 100 of these tests is shocking. That we weren't warned of the dangers to our health while we went on with our lives and "ate the dust" is completely outrageous because the officials at that time knew we were at risk. It was known that radiation was hitting us repeatedly in high doses. If you look at the maps in the preliminarily leaked reports, you will see that government officials knew when, where and in what

quantities the radiation hit our states.

You will hear more about these shocking series of incidents in which our government demonstrated a startling neglect of the people in the contaminated areas. And we are talking about a very large sector of our beautiful country that included Idaho and Montana and many other states. National Cancer Institute reports are to be released in the very near future and will give you more information.

But I am not trying to "stir you up" or make you upset with the current government. Remember, it is not the people who are in office now who did this.

My intention is to stir you into action. My own health suffered severely as a result of this radioactive contamination. You can write to me, Linda Struthers, P.O. Box 8162, Clearwater, FL 33758, and I'll send you a copy of my story and tell you how I persistently researched and worked with reliable doctors and brilliantly knowledgeable people to salvage my life and my health.

My message to you is: "Something can be done about it. Don't despair!"
LINDA STRUTHERS
Clearwater, Fla.

Pro-wrestling is amusement

I, as many people in this great state of Idaho, take a lot of criticism on the fact that I, as many others do, watch professional wrestling.

To tell anyone the truth, how many of these people who have criticized me or any other wrestling fan have seen it live and in person? The sport is entertainment, and the wrestlers work their butts off out there.

When people go to a movie, they go for the type of movie it is or maybe for what star is in the movie. A pro-wrestling fan does much the same. Real or fake, you don't see the wrestlers who dive through tables or hit each other with chairs call for a stunt double. They do take abuse and one wrong hit, they could end up injured or even worse.

Recently, I asked to write a weekly article on pro-wrestling, and I just want to ask everybody who wouldn't mind seeing an article on pro-wrestling once a week. For those who criticize a pro-wrestler or their fan, I would like to see you take a DDT from the top rope!

BRANDON SHEARER
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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

The Associated Press

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. — Out of the closet and onto the podium, Ellen DeGeneres picked up an award for furthering gay rights with her TV show.

"From the beginning, I said that I didn't want to become a spokesman for gay rights. But here I am," she said Sunday at a dinner. The American Civil Liberties Union of Southern California gave her its Bill of Rights Award for advancing "the cause of gay rights 100-fold" when she came out of the closet on "Ellen" and in real life.

"There's still a lot more to do," she said. "There's a warning label on my show sending a message that there is something wrong with me."

DeGeneres has been fighting with ABC to remove the parental guidance warnings at the beginning of the show.

MANASSAS, Va. — The woman known as Lorena Bobbitt when she mutilated her husband

Chihuahua survives abandonment

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) — Little Nick, a plucky, pint-sized chihuahua, was found just in the nick of time.

The 5-pound pooch survived three nights of freezing temperatures after being packed into a disposable diaper box and abandoned west of the city along railroad tracks, Spokane County animal control officials said.

A man out for a walk spotted the box, which had been sealed with masking tape.

"The box had been at the site for at least three days before the man found the frightened dog inside last Tuesday, officials believe. The box contained only the dog and a paper towel soaked with urine and feces.

"It was far off the road in a real remote area," animal control director Nancy Sattin said. "And it was so close to the railroad tracks that it gives me the horrible feeling that someone actually put him on the tracks, but his moving around in the box knocked it off."

The black dog was taken to a local animal shelter, where staff dubbed him "Nick."

"That's for in the nick of time," Sattin said. Nick was recovering nicely, Friday, sporting a new red collar and taking turns snuggling in the laps of shelter workers.

The shelter will hold Nick until next week to see if his owner comes forward. If not, Nick likely will be put up for adoption.

Animal control officials were looking for the person who apparently left the dog for dead. In Washington state, it is a crime to abandon an animal.



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with a kitchen knife was arraigned Monday on charges of punching her mother.

Lorena Gallo, who has used her maiden name since her divorce from John Wayne Bobbitt, could get up to a year in jail and a \$2,500 fine.

Ms. Gallo, 28, remained free on \$750 bail and faces a trial April 2.

Her parents, with whom she lives, didn't want her charged. They accompanied her into court. Neighbors told police that Ms.

Gallo's mother, Elvia Gallo, 49, was watching television Friday when her daughter started punching her. The older mother had scratches and bruises around her eyes, police said.

Police wouldn't say who filed the complaint.

Ms. Gallo said during her 1994 trial that years of sexual abuse drove her to cut off her husband's penis, which was reattached surgically. She was found not guilty by reason of insanity.

ALBANY, N.Y. — Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton? Of New York?

According to Monday's New York Post, state Democratic chairwoman Judith Hope raised the possibility with the first lady at a White House party last week.

"I was talking to the first lady and said to her that if she ever had any thoughts about electoral politics, she should consider moving to New York and running for the Senate in 2000." Hope, a

friend of the president, was quoted as saying.

"Mrs. Clinton laughed and said, 'You're kidding?' She raised her eyebrows in her usual charming way at the suggestion, but she didn't rule it out."

There was no immediate comment Monday from Mrs. Clinton. Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan, D-N.Y., has said he expects to seek re-election in 2000, but some New York Democrats think he will retire.

LONDON — The handwritten lyrics to "Candle in the Wind 1997," Elton John's funeral tribute to Princess Diana, will be sold at auction to benefit a hospital.

The lyrics, along with the final typed version, are signed by the creators of the song, Bernie Taupin and John.

Proceeds from the Feb. 11 sale at Christie's in Los Angeles will be donated to the Children's Hospital there.

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Pack is back: Green Bay returns to championship form.

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MORNING LINE

SPORTSQUOTE

Next to this, Rodman insulting the Mormons is the equivalent of Vicki Lawrence reading 'Horton Hatches the Egg' to fourth graders.

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—Roy Ratto in the San Francisco Examiner on the Latrell Sprewell controversy

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

Girls' basketball

Kimbrey at DeLo
Crescent at Wendell
Valley at Filer
ISDB at Bliss
Ruff River at Oakley
Minicoy at Twin Falls
Castleford at Jansen
Jenette at Bishop Kelly
Buhl at Wood River
Shoshone at Dietrich
Cassia County at Richfield

Boys' basketball

ISDB at Bliss
Leadville at Carey
Ruff River at Valley
Hagerman at Glenns Ferry
ISDB at Bliss
Twin Falls at Cassia County
Most junior varsity basketball games begin at 6 p.m., with the varsity following.

SCOREBOARD

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Utah 106 Indiana 97
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IN BRIEF

Rupert accepts basketball registrations

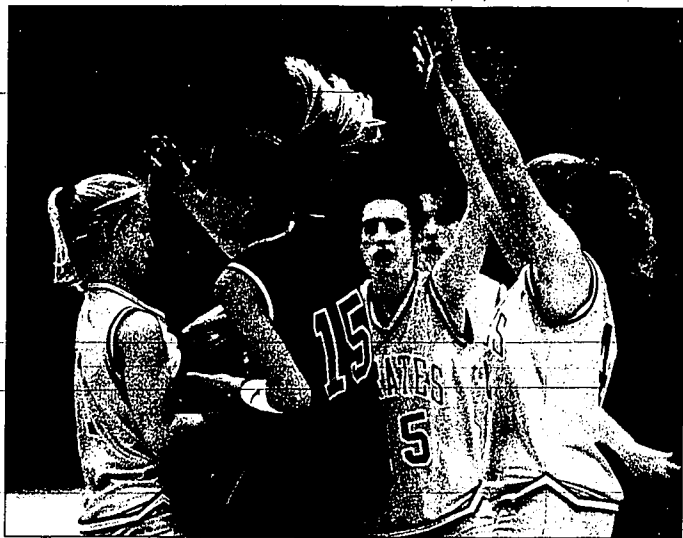
RUPERT — Registration for 3rd-6th grade and 9th-12th grade boys basketball will be accepted through Dec. 12 at the Rupert Parks and Recreation Department south of City Hall on F Street. Cost is \$21 for city residents and \$26 for non-residents. Skills and fundamental days will be 3rd and 4th grade boys from 1 to 2 p.m. on Dec. 13 and 5th and 6th grade from 9 to 10 a.m. and 9th to 12th grade boys from 1 to 2 p.m. on Dec. 20.

32nd annual Holiday tourney to feature 4 area schools

The 32nd annual Holiday Basketball Tournament — which will feature Hansen, Kimberly, Murtaugh and Valley — will be held Dec. 12-13 at the Kimberly High School gymnasium. The tournament begins at 6:30 p.m. each night. Admission is \$4 for adults and students in grades 7-12 without activity cards; \$3 for elementary students and students 7-12 with activity cards; and children 5 and under are free. Only IHSA passes will be honored at the tournament.

Jones stops Kikta to retain junior middleweight title

INGLEWOOD, Calif. — Rodney Jones knocked out Craig Kikta at 2:25 of the first round Monday night to retain his NABO junior middleweight title. Jones, from Campo, Calif., stunned Kikta with a straight left, then followed with a left uppercut that floored the challenger, who was counted out.



Murtaugh's Tobee Jo Bell gets tied up with Misha Egbert and the rest of Hagerman's defense on Monday night at Hagerman.

Pirates sail past Murtaugh

By Lisa Winther
The Times News

HAGERMAN — Murtaugh's Tobee Jo Bell got the tip, but the Red Devils didn't get the advantage. It was just the opposite. Despite a game-high 13 points from Bell, the Hagerman girls' basketball team prevailed over Murtaugh 44-10 in a Southside Conference game. In the first 43 seconds of the game, Pirate Jessica White got her team moving with the first basket and Hagerman was soon up 9-0 within the first three minutes of the game.

"It's hard to come back and play catch-up after a lead like that," Murtaugh coach Jim Hamblin said. "The Red Devils didn't score their first basket for another minute, when Bell hit an outside shot. "We needed to shut down Tobee (Bell)," Pirates coach Jason Warr said. "She was hitting the shots from the outside, but Jelinda (Knight) did a good job watching over her in the first half, Katie (Martin) did well in the second." Knight added other accomplishments by hitting the only trey for Hagerman, following an earlier 3-point goal by Murtaugh's Crystal Hopwood.

The Red Devils were forced to put on a press in the second quarter when they were down by six points. Bell tied the game at 15-15 by hitting a pair of free throws. Murtaugh took a brief lead, before Knight tied the game at 17-17 with a pair of free throws of her own. Hagerman's press took over from there. "We didn't have the energy," Hamblin said. "But you can't make excuses with Hagerman." The Red Devils may have been tired from last week's games, and unable to

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Panther punch knocks out Dallas

The Times News

IRVING, Texas — The Carolina Panthers unceremoniously ended the Dallas Cowboys' five-year reign as NFC East champion.

Kerry Collins threw two touchdown passes, and Fred Lane rushed for 138 yards Monday night as the Panthers stayed alive in the NFC wild-card race and all but eliminated the Cowboys with a 23-13 victory. Carolina evened its record at 7-7 while Dallas dropped to 6-8. With two games left, the Cowboys have only an outside chance of making the playoffs for a seventh consecutive year.

The New York Giants have an 8-5-1 record in the NFC East, and Dallas can't catch them.

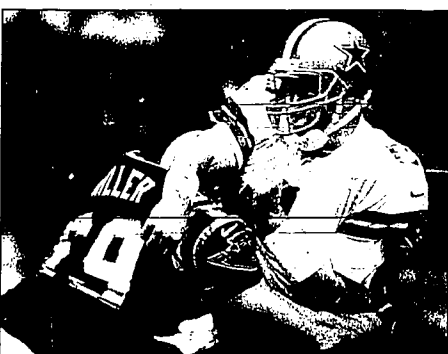
The Panthers have ended the Cowboys' hopes twice in the last year. Carolina knocked Dallas out of the NFL title contention with a 26-17 victory on Jan. 5 in the NFC division playoffs.

Collins, who suffered a concussion last week, hit key passes while Lane kept Dallas off balance with his hard runs despite the presence of tackle Lonnett, who made some spectacular plays in his first game back after a one-year suspension for violating the NFL's substance abuse policy.

Collins, who threw a 15-yard TD pass to Ray Carruth in the second quarter, guided Carolina on a 69-yard drive to open the second half. That put the Panthers ahead 17-6.

He completed passes of 13 yards to Anthony Johnson, 18 yards to Muhsin Muhammad, and finally found Scott. Greene on a 1-yard touchdown pass.

John Kasay then hit a 40-yard field



Dallas quarterback Troy Aikman (8) is hit by the Carolina Panthers' Les Miller (69) in the first quarter Monday. Aikman was injured on the play, but returned to action later in the game.

goal to start the fourth quarter, making it 20-6. He also had an 18-yarder with 53 seconds left to finish off the Cowboys. Troy Aikman hit Michael Irvin with a 52-yard touchdown to put Dallas within seven points with 6:33 left. However, with a four-and-one on the Carolina 45, Aikman was trapped for a 25-yard loss by safety Chad Cota with 3:27 left.

The Panthers dominated the first half to take a 10-6 lead over the Cowboys,

who lost running back Emmitt Smith after he re-injured his left shoulder trying to make a block. Tight end Eric Bjornson also fractured his left shin.

Collins, who fractured a jaw in the preseason and suffered a concussion last week, hit Carruth for the TD after Kasay had kicked a 24-yard field goal.

The only Dallas points in the first half came on field goals of 45 and 32 yards by Richie Cunningham, his 32nd and 33rd of the season to break the club record of 32 by Chris Boniol in 1996.

Indians trade Grissom, sign Lofton to \$24 million deal

The Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Kenny Lofton wasn't kidding when he grabbed a microphone two years ago and shouted at the top of his lungs, "Cleveland, you ain't seen nothin' yet!" In a remarkable epilogue to one of baseball's biggest trades, the Indians brought Lofton home on Monday and traded Marquis Grissom to the Milwaukee Brewers. "It's like I was a ghost for a year," a grinning Lofton said, "but now I'm back." When Lofton returned to Cleveland,



Kenny Lofton

there was a new teammate waiting for him — Dwight Gooden, who signed a two-year contract worth \$5,675,000. The Indians, who made it to the World Series for the second time in three years after trading Lofton to Atlanta, signed their career stolen base leader to a three-year, \$24 million deal. "We missed him for a year," said Cleveland general manager John Hart,

who traded Lofton and pitcher Alan Embree to Atlanta on March 25 for Grissom and David Justice. "It is now my great pleasure to bring Kenny Lofton back home." The Brewers acquired Grissom and right-hander Jeff Juden for pitchers Ben McDonald, Mike Fetters and Ron Villone. Cleveland immediately turned around and dealt Fetters to Oakland for right-hander Steve Karsay. Lofton, 30, helped Cleveland shake its loser image by leading the Indians to their first World Series in 41 years in 1995. It was at the team parade — something once unheard of in this town — that

Stockton enlivens Utah Jazz

The Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — Everyone knew John Stockton was hungry. Not everyone was sure he was ready. But eight weeks to the day after having surgery on his left knee, the All-Star guard made a triumphant return to the Utah Jazz lineup Monday night. Stockton scored 10 points, including eight in the first 5:37, and came off the bench late to spark the Jazz to a 106-97 win over the Indiana Pacers.

Stockton received a deafening standing ovation from the Delta Center crowd before the game. Sporting a light brace on his left knee, he converted rebound and a three-point play on Utah's first possession.



John Stockton

Stockton also showed a feisty side in an altercation with the Pacers' Dale Davis midway through the third quarter. The two scuffled after Davis fouled on Davis. Stockton finished with seven assists.

Although he played just 20 minutes, his presence boosted the Jazz after the Pacers scored some midway through the fourth quarter.

"We looked to him, and he got us through," said guard Shandon Anderson, who scored 10 fourth-quarter points. His return from an operation to remove loose cartilage came faster than expected. Coach Jerry Sloan said Stockton's rehabilitation, which was to take eight to 12 weeks, was essentially complete.

"He's ready to get some game action," Sloan said before the game. "He's at a point where he can help this team on the floor again."

Sloan said Stockton will probably "play the same minutes he normally plays, although we'll probably agree about it." Stockton has averaged more than 32 minutes a game during his 13-year career.

To make room for Stockton, the Jazz will place rookie point guard Troy Hudson (sprained wrist) on the injured list. Hudson has played only mop-up minutes in eight games this season.

The Jazz went 11-7 during Stockton's absence to stay near the top of the Midwest Division. But the team's play hasn't been at the level of last season, when the Jazz were 16-2 at this point and second on to appear in their first NBA Finals.

Howard Eisley has averaged 10.8 points and a team-leading 5.8 assists a game while playing nearly 40 minutes a game in Stockton's absence. He is also second in the league in 3-point accuracy, making 16 of 31 3-pointers (51%).

"It's going to be good to have him back," Eisley said. "I'm sure it won't take him long to get back to his old self."

Rookie point guard Jacque Vaughn, averaging 4.8 points and 3.6 assists a game while playing more than 17 minutes a game in Stockton's absence, also will see his minutes curtailed. But Sloan said he intends to play all three point guards.

The Jazz said Stockton, who rejoined practice two weeks ago, was intent on returning to the lineup as quickly as possible.

"He's worked harder than anybody I've ever seen," Eisley said. "I thought that's what you were paid to do," Sloan said. "If you work at it, you always have a good chance to come back (early)."

Lofton issued his rally cry. Then, the Indians stunned the city and baseball by trading Lofton to the Braves, fearing he would sign with another team after the trade. Always available, Lofton said, "It's like someone stabbing you in the back."

After sub-par year in Atlanta, where he said he felt misunderstood and underappreciated, Lofton slipped into his Indiana resurrection.

"We got the ol' No. 7," Hart said. "Still fit?"

"I'm glad to be back where I belong," said Lofton, who got a rousing ovation

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SPORTS

3 pointer lifts Gooding to victory

Davis moves atop bull-riding standings

LAS VEGAS (AP)— Bull rider Jerome Davis picked the right time to hang on in the \$34 million National Finals Rodeo.

And he picked a great time to claim the highest score in four NFR grounds. Davis rode Dodge Wipout to a 91 score for first in the go-around Monday night and, for the moment, first in the world standings line.

Davis rode Dodge Wipout to claim the highest score in four National Finals Rodeo grounds, and his 91 gave him first in the go-around Monday night and also the world standings line.

"I'd never seen him before and everyone I talked to didn't know much about him," said Davis, one of only two to ride to stay aboard in the second round. "Most people said he'd either start to the left or to the right and then start jumping."

The \$120,000 payout put the 1995 World Champion in first place overall with \$50,079 in season earnings. He's also second in the NFR average, with just \$25,738, at the conclusion of the 10-day rodeo.

Davis leads Kelly Armstrong of Seven Pines, Alberta, by \$1,668. "Tonight was the eliminator part," said Davis of Archdale, N.C.—about 90 percent of the bunches were half rounds.

The only other rider to stay aboard was Scott Mendes of Weatherford, Texas. Mendes scored an 81 for second place.

The win was the third straight in the money for Davis, who finished fifth on Saturday and third on Sunday. He's made \$21,635 at the NFR.

At the beginning of the NFR, all 15 riders were separated by only \$12,000.

"There hasn't been anybody who really dominated this season," Davis said. "I only rule in most of the big rodeos this season because of the (separate) bull riding events. When I won the world title in 1995, I rode in 114 rodeos. This year, I only went to 50."

He rode mostly to qualify for the NFR. If it weren't for him, figured I'd have a shot at the world title."

In bareback riding, Deb Greenough of Red Lodge, Mont., Eric Montoye of Weatherford, Okla., and Lance Crump of Cooper, Texas, split first, each with 82s. Mouton, who entered the NFR in eighth, has moved up to first with \$22,070 earned in 1997.

Glenn O'Neill of Water-Valley, Alberta, won for the second straight night in saddle bronc riding with an 86. Darr Ebbauer of Guthrie, Okla., was second with 85 and Rod Hay of Wildwood, Alberta, was third at 82.

In steer wrestling, Tom Duvall of Henrietta, Okla., won for the third straight time with a 2.9. Duvall was also the top performer in the rope. Rope Myers of Van, Texas, was second at 37 seconds and his father-Butch Myers of Athens, Texas, was third at 40 seconds.

The Times-News

HAILEY — Gooding guard Duke Cheney drained a 3-pointer with seven seconds remaining to lift the Senators to a 47-46 boys' basketball victory over Wood River on Monday.

Cheney's shot didn't totally finish off Wood River.

The Wolverines still had a shot to win the game at the buzzer.

"We ran back down the floor and got a lay-up at the buzzer, but it was too late," Wood River coach Roger Quiles said.

The Wolverines had made a few play moments before Cheney's shot. Josh Hays nailed a 3-pointer to give the team the lead with the clock winding down.

The lead didn't survive, though.

Cheney, who hit the game-winning finished with 12 points for the Senators, while teammate Troy Braag scored a team-high 13.

Wood River was paced by Hays—14 points—and Brock

High school basketball

Weber's 13 points.
"It was a well played game by both sides," Quiles said.

Wood River (0-3) plays host to Bluff on Thursday.

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TFCFA 65, Castleford 26

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Christian Academy boys' basketball team's outside shooting paved the way for a victory over Castleford.

The Warriors led by just five points entering the second quarter, but a string of three 3-point baskets jumpstarted the team.

"The 3s came all together," TFCFA coach Brent Walker said. "Our lead kind of ballooned from there."

Castleford (11-10) has a bye game on Tuesday.

Justin Hicks led the Warriors with 21 points, while teammate Luke Walker added 18.

TFCFA (2-1) travels to Bliss on Friday.

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GIRLS' BASKETBALL

TFCFA 29, Castleford 21

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Christian Academy girls' basketball team held Castleford to only two points in the third quarter and went on to win in a non-conference girls' basketball game Monday.

"We put on a press early in the game and that tired out both teams," TFCFA coach Jodi Burkholder said. "In the fourth quarter, we got a lot of steals and got some easy baskets."

"We put on a press early in the game and that tired out both teams," TFCFA's Jill Mayer led all scorers with 15 points, while teammate Shawna Venstra pulled down a team-high seven rebounds.

Castleford (11-10) has a bye game on Tuesday.

Verplank wins PGA Tour qualifying event

HAINES CITY, Fla. (AP)— Scott Verplank closed with a 71 — his six-rank straight sub-par round — and won his PGA Tour card in a qualifying tournament by six shots Monday over Blaine McCallister.

"There's a heck of a lot more pressure on those guys," Verplank said of many of the other golfers who struggled to earn their tour card.

He played the tour on a medical exemption in 1997.

"To be honest, just winning the tournament was big for me," said Verplank, a two-time PGA Tour winner. "I haven't won a tournament for a while and 10 years ago, didn't lose too many."

"This is not a rare event, but there are some pretty good players here—Maybe things will turn around for me. I know my game, but I'm just relaxed and I will be a little more confident."

Pirates

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keep up with the defensive pressure.

"Hagerman did great on their own, but if people are allowed to play that liberal defensively, then I'll have to do some different things," Hamilton said.

"Our intensity on defense was the key," Warr said.

The Pirates defense was evident in the second half, as was Murtaugh's. Players were on the field, in the air and in each other's faces, causing a total of eight fouls between the two teams.

Murtaugh gave Hagerman a run for his money in the fourth quarter, slowly closing in the fourth quarter, with two minutes left. Red Devil Lindsey Ward hit a

basket with 41 seconds left in the game to bring her team closer, but Murtaugh had to foul to conserve time.

Hagerman's Katie Martin and Jessica White hit free throws down the stretch to seal the victory.

"We almost lost it in the end," Warr said. "But the girls got their composure and hit their free throws."

Hagerman moves to 3-1 in conference, while Murtaugh falls to 1-1.

Trade

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when he returned to Jacobs Field in a Braves uniform for the All-Star game. "Everyone knows I belong here. Hopefully I'll be here for the rest of my career."

Lofton's agent, Steve Zucker, said Milwaukee offered Lofton a five-year deal worth more than \$40 million, but he turned it down. The Indians offered a similar deal for a little less money, but Lofton opted for the shorter contract with all money paid up front.

"We had our sights set on Kenny Lofton, but as things progressed it looked like we weren't going to be able to sign Kenny," Milwaukee general manager Sal Bando said. "We proceeded to contact Cleveland to see what they were looking for

Marquis Grissom."

Grissom and Justice led the Indians to the World Series for the second time in three years, taking leadership roles on a club whose personality made a complete reversal from the valet-like days dominated by Albert Belle.

"I was here with all those guys when the team was down," Lofton said, referring to Cleveland teammates like Sandy Alomar and Jim Thome. "I felt I wanted to be a part of this team when it was up."

Asked what it was like to watch his former team in the World Series two months ago, Lofton said, "Hard. It was real hard. I felt like I was right there with the guys."

Lofton, who played for the Indians from 1992-95, will get

\$7.5 million in each of the next three seasons, and Cleveland has an option for 2001 at between \$8 million and \$9 million, depending on his performance. If the option isn't exercised, Cleveland must pay a \$1.5 million buyout.

McDonald, 30, is a 6-foot-7 power pitcher known for a big-breaking curveball. He was 8-7 with a 4.06 ERA for the Brewers last season, but made only 21 starts because of shoulder injuries.

Fetters was set to be Milwaukee's closer, but pulled a hamstring in spring training and lost the job to veteran David Jones. Fetters was 1-5 with a 3-85 ERA and six saves.

Karsay, 25, was 3-12 with a 5.77 ERA in 24 starts for the 'a's last year as his batted ball tend-

its late in the year. He missed most of 1996 after having surgery on the elbow.

Villone, 27, was 1-0 with a 3.42 ERA, striking out 40 in 52 2/3 innings. Juden, 26, was 11-5 with a 4.22 ERA with Montreal last year, but finished the year 0-1 with a 5.46 ERA with the Indians.

Grissom, 30, batted .262 with 22 steals, but improved to .292 in the postseason and .360 in the World Series. He played for the Cleveland glove caliber defense all season—many thought better than Lofton.

Grissom is due to make \$25 million in 1998, the first year of a \$25 million, five-year deal he signed with the Indians in May. Lofton made \$4.75 million in 1997.

Gooden gets a \$100,000 signing bonus and \$2,587,500 in each of the next two seasons.

BASKETBALL

NBA Standings

Conference	Team	W	L	Pct
Atlantic	Boston	20	11	.646
	Orlando	19	12	.610
	Washington	16	15	.516
	Charlotte	15	16	.484
	New York	11	20	.355
	Philadelphia	8	23	.258
	Florida	8	23	.258
	Indiana	7	24	.226
Central	Chicago	18	14	.563
	Memphis	15	17	.469
	San Antonio	15	17	.469
	Portland	14	18	.438
	Phoenix	13	19	.406
	Utah	12	20	.379
	Minnesota	11	21	.344
	Denver	10	22	.313
Pacific	Los Angeles	20	11	.646
	Seattle	17	14	.547
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College Basketball

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Duke	22	6	.786
Kentucky	19	9	.680
Miami (Fla.)	18	10	.643
North Carolina	18	10	.643
Arizona	17	11	.607
Stanford	17	11	.607
Texas Tech	16	12	.571
Georgia Tech	15	13	.536
Duquesne	14	14	.500
Alabama	13	15	.464
Illinois	13	15	.464
Wake Forest	13	15	.464
Ohio State	12	16	.430
Marquette	12	16	.430
Arizona State	11	17	.393
Michigan State	11	17	.393
Purdue	11	17	.393
North Carolina State	10	18	.357
Georgia	10	18	.357
Michigan	9	19	.319
Virginia Tech	9	19	.319
Wake Forest	9	19	.319
Georgia Tech	8	20	.286
Illinois	8	20	.286
Ohio State	8	20	.286
Michigan State	7	21	.250
Virginia Tech	7	21	.250
Wake Forest	7	21	.250
Georgia Tech	6	22	.217
Illinois	6	22	.217
Ohio State	6	22	.217
Michigan State	5	23	.189
Virginia Tech	5	23	.189
Wake Forest	5	23	.189

SCORES AND STATS

ON THE AIR TELEVISION

Game	Time	Network
College basketball, Fresno St. at Temple	ESPN	5:30 p.m.
NBA basketball, Knicks at Bulls	TNT	6 p.m.
College basketball, Fresno State (lower division)	USA	7 p.m.
NBA basketball, Arkansas at Louisville	ESPN	7:30 p.m.
NBA basketball, Jazz at Kings	FSR	8:30 p.m.

Women's golf

Rank	Player	Score
1	Amy La Rod	135
2	Christine Ohmart	136
3	Annika Sorenstam	137
4	Francesca Schiavone	138
5	Michelle Beck	139
6	Annika Sorenstam	140
7	Michelle Beck	141
8	Annika Sorenstam	142
9	Michelle Beck	143
10	Annika Sorenstam	144

IN THE BLEACHERS

By Steve Moore

Game	Score
Los Angeles at San Diego	2-3
Arizona at St. Louis	1-2
Philadelphia at New York	1-2
Atlanta at Washington	2-3
Florida at Cincinnati	1-2
Minnesota at Chicago	2-3
San Francisco at Houston	1-2
Montreal at Toronto	1-2
San Diego at Los Angeles	3-2
St. Louis at Arizona	2-1
New York at Philadelphia	2-1
Washington at Atlanta	3-2
Cincinnati at Florida	2-1
Chicago at Minnesota	3-2
Houston at San Francisco	2-1
Toronto at Montreal	1-2

BASEBALL

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Jazz 106, Pacers 97

Indiana Pacers

W. Miller	24
C. Ross	18
R. Anderson	12
M. Miller	10
J. Miller	10
L. Miller	10
D. Miller	10
T. Miller	10
K. Miller	10
B. Miller	10
N. Miller	10
H. Miller	10
J. Miller	10
M. Miller	10
P. Miller	10
R. Miller	10
S. Miller	10
T. Miller	10
V. Miller	10
W. Miller	10
X. Miller	10
Y. Miller	10
Z. Miller	10

Men's golf

The Top 20 in Men's Golf

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3	Annika Sorenstam	137
4	Francesca Schiavone	138
5	Michelle Beck	139
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RODEO

National Finals Rodeo Results

Event	Winner	Score
Barrel racing	Christine Ohmart	135
Bronc riding	Annika Sorenstam	136
Steer wrestling	Michelle Beck	137
Saddle bronc	Annika Sorenstam	138
Team roping	Michelle Beck	139

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

Player	From	To
Greg Maddux	Cleveland	San Diego
Mark Grudnow	Los Angeles	San Diego
Scott Podhousky	Los Angeles	San Diego
Andruw Jones	Los Angeles	San Diego
Greg Maddux	San Diego	Los Angeles

FOOTBALL

NFL Standings

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Jazz drop Pacers; Miller bumps ref

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — John Stockton, playing his first game of the season after recovering from knee surgery, had 10 points and seven assists as Utah beat Indiana 106-97 Monday night.

Pacers star Reggie Miller was ejected with 6:32 left in the third quarter after arguing referee Jim Kinsey while protesting a three-second violation.

Karl Malone led the Jazz with 31 points, but the focus was on Stockton, who was limited to 20 minutes in the first game since undergoing arthroscopic knee surgery eight weeks ago.

Stockton, who received an ovation before the game, scored eight points in the first 27 of the game to spark Utah. The NBA's career assists leader also was involved in two third-period confrontations that preceded Miller's ejection.

With about eight minutes left in the third quarter, Stockton sat a player in Indiana's Dale Davis on the bench, wearing a light brace on his left knee, fell to the court and got tangled up in Davis' legs. Nothing was called, and Stockton protested.

About a minute later, Stockton attempted the same pick-and-roll to the floor again. This time, Davis appeared to kick at Stockton while the point guard was on the ground.

Malone and Greg Foster of the Jazz confronted Davis, and shouting ensued. Davis was given a personal and technical foul.

The Jazz became the first team to score 100 points this season against the Pacers, who had their six-game winning streak snapped. Indiana dropped to 0-7 at the Delta Center.

Indiana's Rasheed Wallace had 18 points, nine rebounds and five assists, alluring his season highs.

Portland's Rashad Wallace had 18 points, nine rebounds and five assists, alluring his season highs.

ACC dominates men's poll; Arizona women move up

Undefeated Duke, North Carolina hold top 2 spots

The Associated Press

Duke held on to the No. 1 spot in the AP college basketball poll Monday, while North Carolina moved up to No. 2 in a week that saw nine Top 25 teams lose and none fall out of the rankings.

In addition to the top two places, the Atlantic Coast Conference kept five other spots in the Top 25. Its second straight week with seven ranked teams. The only other time it happened, January 1993, the Big Ten lost one of its seven teams the next week.

Duke (8-0), which won its three games last week by an average of 52 points, had 49 first-place votes and 1,728 points from the national media panel, 34 points more than Tar Heels (9-0), who got 19 No. 1 votes.

Kansas (8-1), which beat Arizona earlier in the week but lost to Maryland on Sunday, dropped one spot this week, receiving one first-place vote.

Kentucky, which beat Purdue and Indiana last week, jumped three spots to fourth and was followed by South Carolina, Arizona and Xavier, the only other team to get a first-place vote.

Purdue, Utah and Iowa rounded out the Top Ten.

Jayhawks rock Quakers, finish 3rd in Franklin Classic

WASHINGTON (AP) — That feeling doesn't come around very often for the Kansas Jayhawks. This time, they were able to get rid of it in a hurry.

Raeef LaFrentz had 25 points and 11 rebounds as No. 3 Kansas rebounded from its first loss of the season by rolling past Penn 89-71 Monday night to take third place in the Franklin National Bank Classic.

"The good thing about basketball is that you can come back quickly and play again," LaFrentz said.

Men's college basketball

The next day sometimes and make yourself feel better," Kansas coach Roy Williams said. "I'd hate to be a football coach and have to wait seven days before playing again."

Penn's Pierce added 14 points and T.J. Pugh had 13 as Kansas' formidable frontcourt trio was simply too tall and too strong for Penn (3-4). The Jayhawks (9-1), able to punch the ball inside early and often, shot 57 percent and outscored the Quakers 35-31.

Kansas, which dropped one spot in the Top 25 after Sunday's 86-63 loss to No. 19 Maryland, failed to win a regular season tournament for the first time since 1992. Monday's game was their fourth in seven days — with just one practice squeezed in.

"We've just got to get to Christmas break," said Williams, whose team next plays Massachusetts at home on Wednesday. "I don't see how we can have a lot of practices, and that will help us."

Riding LaFrentz's inside game, Kansas led 16-7 with 12:45 left in the first half. Three consecutive inside baskets — two by LaFrentz and one by Pugh — combined with three turnovers by Penn made it 28-17 with 8:51 left.

NBA roundup

Heat 105, Nets 97

MIAMI — Tim Hardaway scored 23 points and the Miami Heat took advantage of a fast start to beat the New Jersey Nets 105-97 Monday night. Hardaway sank a pair of 3-pointers to help Miami build a 20-3 lead. The Nets scored just one basket in the opening 7 1/2 minutes and missed 10 of their first 11 shots.

The Nets closed to 95-89 with 1:31 left, but Eric Murdock hit eight straight free throws to ensure the Heat's third consecutive victory.

Magic 95, 76ers 86

ORLANDO, Fla. — Rony Seikaly scored 24 points as the Orlando Magic, playing without star Penny Hardaway, defeated the Philadelphia 76ers.

Hardaway, who missed his third straight game because of pain in his left knee, was placed on the injured list before the game. Orlando also lost Nick Anderson, who broke a bone in his right hand in the first half and is expected to miss at least four weeks.

But the Magic still had enough to beat the Sixers, who got 21 points from Allen Iverson and 18 from Jimmy Jackson.

Blazers 105, Lakers 99

PORTLAND, Ore. — Isaiah Rider scored 21 of his 26 points in the second half as the Portland Trail Blazers hand the Los Angeles Lakers their second straight loss.

It is the first time this season that Los Angeles has lost two in a row.

The Lakers, who lost at home to Cleveland 94-84 Sunday night, are 15-4 overall but only 5-3 since Shaquille O'Neal went down with an abdominal injury.

Portland's Rasheed Wallace had 18 points, nine rebounds and five assists, alluring his season highs.



Utah's John Stockton finds plenty of room for a jump shot against the Indiana Pacers during first period action Monday night in Salt Lake City. Stockton had first on the injured list for eight weeks after surgery on his left knee.

Sprewell-news conference may shed light on scuffle

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Latrell Sprewell, fired by Golden State and banned from the NBA for a year, plans to break his silence Tuesday about his attack on coach P.J. Carlesimo.

Fordham Law School Dean John Ferruck no earlier than Jan. 4.

In two interviews last week, Sprewell admitted he was wrong to have attacked Carlesimo and apologized to fans and his family and friends for the incident. But he did not apologize to Carlesimo, and said the coach provoked the attack with his verbal abuse of a 20-3 lead throughout this season.

Women for Sprewell's agent, Arn Tellem, said Monday that Sprewell will be joined by Tellem and NBA Players Association executive director Billy Hunter at the 5 p.m. EST news conference.

The spokeswoman said she did not know if attorney

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Tennessee leads strong trio of undefeated teams

The Associated Press

The Arizona women's basketball team figured it couldn't go much higher when it played at Northern Arizona, located 6,910 feet above sea level.

Then came The Associated Press poll on Monday and the Wildcats reaped even greater heights. For the first time, Arizona became a Top Ten team.

Arizona climbed to No. 8 in a poll that again had Tennessee as a unanimous No. 1. And while it was nothing new for coach John Bonvicini, who had two Final Four teams at Long Beach State, it's new ground for Arizona, which had never been ranked before this season.

"It's exciting, but to be really honest with you, we haven't dwelled on that," Bonvicini said. "Our thing is we know we have a good, solid team and we just focus on the task at hand, so our players haven't been caught up on that."

"Our fans have, and it's really great for the program. But really, we haven't focused on the rankings because it's so early in the year."

Monday's poll had the same 25 teams as last week, although losses by Vanderbilt and Virginia caused some shuffling in the Top Ten.

Not, however, at the top.

Tennessee (9-0) received all 38 first-place votes from a national media panel after winning by margins 34, 32 and 50 points in the past week. The last two victories were at a tournament in New York, a trip arranged so All-American Chamique Holdseal could play before a hometown audience.

The Lady Vols have won No. 1 all season and have collected every first place vote the last three weeks.

Old Dominion (7-0), Connecticut (4-0) and Louisiana Tech (4-2) remained in the next three spots, with Tech holding on at No. 4 despite Sunday's 88-65 loss to Old Dominion. Louisiana Tech's other loss was to Tennessee.

Georgia (6-4), which has lost only to Old Dominion, advanced one spot to fifth and was followed by North Carolina, Texas Tech, Arizona, Vanderbilt and Florida. Vanderbilt dropped three places after losing at Washington, while Arizona and Florida each jumped three spots.

Pikes climbed four places to 11th, and a loss to unranked Georgia Tech dropped Virginia from ninth to 12th. Then it was Nebraska, Western Kentucky, Georgia and Auburn, followed by Wisconsin, Stanford, Washington and Tulane.

At the bottom, North Carolina State, Alabama, Arkansas and Stephen F. Austin were the final five teams.

No. 6 Arizona 83, Baylor 68

WACO, Texas — Miles Simon scored 20 points and Bennett Davison had 11 points and 18 rebounds as the Wildcats completed their two-game sweep in the state after beating Texas on Saturday.

Mike Bibby added 18 points and Jason Terry had 14 for the Wildcats (6-2), who played their third road game in seven days.

Patrick Hunter led Baylor (3-3) with 19 points as the Wildcats shut down senior center Brian Skinner, who entered the game averaging 19.0 points and 12.8 rebounds.

Arizona finished with 10 points and seven rebounds.

Finished led by as many as 23 points despite Baylor shooting 53 percent from the field and making six 3-pointers in the second half.

George Washington 70, No. 19 Maryland 66

WASHINGTON — Shiwnta Rogers scored 23 points and made a steal that led to a four-point play down the stretch as George Washington won the championship game of the Franklin National Bank Classic.

Maryland (4-3) beat No. 3 Kansas in Sunday's first round.

After George Washington (7-2) took a 63-62 lead on Alexander Kouf's 14-footer with 2:07 to play, the 5-foot-4 Rogers stripped the ball from Rodney Elliot in the paint. Elliot fouled Rogers and it was ruled an intentional foul. Rogers hit one of two free throws and the Colonials retained possession, with Seco Camara hitting a 3-pointer to make it 67-62 with one minute remaining.

Laron, two of the Maryland lead with 15 points, eight rebounds and four steals.

Wildcats win Bluegrass battle

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. (AP) — Jay Johnson scored 22 points and Laura Meadows led a key 4-pointer in overtime as Kentucky upset No. 14 Western Kentucky 66-64 Monday night.

Women's college basketball

Meadows' basket with 2:38 remaining broke a 62-62 tie and put Kentucky (4-4) ahead to stay. After two free throws by Kristi Hartley pulled the Lady Toppers (8-2) within a point with 1:16 left, Kentucky's Vondia Jackson hit one of two free throws to cap the scoring with seven seconds remaining.

Western's Leslie Johnson sent the game into overtime with a short baseline jumper that tied the score at 60 with two seconds left in regulation.

Tiffany Wait of Kentucky had scored her only points of the game on two free throws with 12 seconds left to go to give Kentucky a 60-58 lead.

No. 12 Virginia 63, Mount St. Mary's 37

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. — DeMya Walker had 19 points and 17 rebounds Monday night and hit a pair of free throws to give Mount St. Mary's its 18th straight loss to a 63-37 victory.

Walker was 8-of-9 from the field and had seven assists, six clutch shots and two steals in 32 minutes for Virginia (7-1), which led 31-15 at halftime.



University of Kansas' Ryan Robertson, top, dives on University of Pennsylvania's Michael Jordan during the college basketball action in Washington Monday night.

"Their size overwhelmed us," Penn coach Fran Dunphy said. "LaFrentz, Pierce and (point guard Ryan) Robertson. Great team, with an inside-outside combination."

It was 37-29 at halftime, and the lead hit double digits for good when Billy Thomas hit a 3-pointer early in the second half. Thomas was 5-of-8 from 3-point range, including 4-for-4 in the second half, and finished with 15 points. Against Maryland, he was 1-of-9 from 3-point range.

Penn is a team that relies on its guards, who need seven more 3s to become Kansas' career leader. "Coach" gave me permission to shoot 50 in a row as long as I play strong defense."

unable to penetrate consistently against Kansas' man-to-man defense. Kreitz, a solid 3-point shooter, was shut down by Pierce most of the first half and was unable to get off his shot. He was open more often in the second half, and finished 5-for-10 from behind the arc and scored 17 points. Jordan had 12 points.

Kansas has never lost to an Ivy League school in six games. Penn knew what it was up against, with even the band getting into the underdog spirit by playing "All I Need Is a Miracle" during the first media time-out.

"We just wanted to play as well as we can, and represent the university," junior forward Paul Romanczek said. "I think we did that."

SPORTS

Proven Packers

Defending Super Bowl champions bounce back to form

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) — The Green Bay Packers were shell-shocked after giving up 467 yards and 41 points a month ago to the hapless Indianapolis Colts.

Since then, they've handily beaten Dallas, Tampa Bay — the last two on the road — to re-establish their Super Bowl credentials.

"The sun is shining now," receiver Antonio Freeman said Monday. "We want to keep that sun shining."

It was snowing, actually, but the point was well taken.

After a difficult start to the season when they had a tough time manufacturing a win or a tie to

against lesser opponents, the Packers (11-3) have won eight of nine to tip up their third straight NFC Central crown.

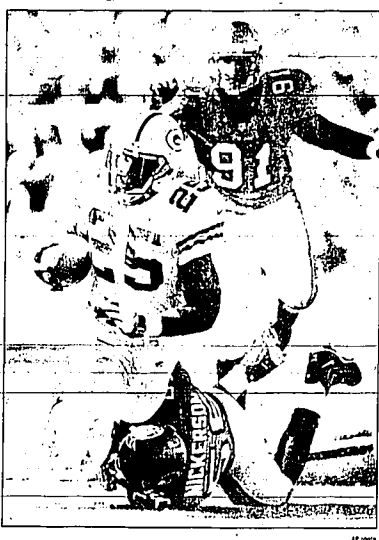
Their first win since San Francisco for homefield advantage throughout the playoffs.

In the last three weeks, the Packers have ended an eight-game losing streak with Gilbert Brown (ankle) and Reggie White (back) hindered by injuries.

No wonder the Packers have their best record.

"I feel better now that I did last year because I beat Favre, whose play over the last month has made him a serious contender for a third straight Most Valuable Player award."

"After winning the Super Bowl, there was so much pressure on us, everybody expected us to just roll, to go 16-0," Favre said. "I never thought it was going to



Green Bay Packers tunning back Dorsey Levens is tripped up by the Tampa Bay Buccaneers' Hardy Nickerson (56) while Regan Upshaw (91) trails the play during the Packers' 17-10 win Sunday in Tampa, Fla.

be that easy, and it hasn't been."

That's why the Packers didn't take their third straight division title for granted, even if some of their fans did.

"We maybe appreciate this one more because it was harder to get," Favre said. "Now the key is not to let up and continue, but I'd have to say... confidence-wise, we're playing our best football right now."

And not only on offense.

The Packers held the buses to just 67 yards rushing after surrendering 217 the first time they

met. And they allowed just 94 yards passing.

"I'm not sure I've been around a better defensive performance," said defensive coordinator Fritz Shurmur, who has spent 23 seasons in the NFL.

"We're peaking at the right time," White said.

The only area of concern is special teams, but Holmgren said he's not worried about punter Craig Hentrich's league-leading 19 touchdowns.

"I think Craig's the best punter in the league," said Holmgren.

Even if the Giants lose to Washington, they could still win the division. They would have to beat the Colts at Dallas the following week, while the Redskins lost at home to the Philadelphia Eagles.

"All that matters is the Washington Redskins right now," Favre said Monday, a day after the Giants maintained their hold on first place with a 31-21 win over the Eagles.

"We're not thinking about anything else or concerned with anything else, individual honors or what might happen if we win," he added. "We are focused to go out and beat the Washington Redskins."

Losing their last two games also would not eliminate the Packers from the division playoff races.

If they finish with an 8-7-1 record, they could still win the division but need help.

If Washington wins the division, the Giants' chances of making

Giants can wrap NFC East title up Saturday

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — It's getting tougher for Jim Fassel to leave his office these days. There's always one more little thing the New York Giants rookie coach has to do.

New York's loss to the Redskins is either winning the NFC East for the first time since 1990 or making the playoffs for the first time since '93.

New York (8-5-1) has two games left in the regular season but the one against Washington (7-6-1) at Giants Stadium on Saturday will have the biggest effect on the division race this week.

If the Giants win or tie, they win the division and get a home game in the first round of the playoffs. If Washington wins, it would go to the division playoffs.

The Giants' division race takes control of the division race because it would have the advantage in the series with a 1-0 record against New York.

Washington tied 7-7 at Washington on Nov. 21.

NC takes regional coordinator to be head coach

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. (AP) — North Carolina stayed within the program, hiring defensive coordinator Carl Torbush as its new football coach on Monday to replace Al Binford.

Torbush credited Brown, who resigned last week to take the coaching job at Texas, for his success as an assistant at North Carolina.

"Without question, without him I would not be here today," Torbush said. "He made a very tough decision, and he's been behind me every step of the way."

Torbush, 46, is expected to coach the team in the Gator Bowl against Virginia Tech on Jan. 1.

It will be the second time within the last two months the Tar Heels have hired a head coach from the ranks of its assistants. Longtime basketball assistant Bill Guthridge was hired Oct. 9 to

replace Dean Smith, who had coached at North Carolina for 36 seasons.

Torbush, 46, was hired as the school's 30th football coach one day after Georgia's Jim Donnan turned down an offer from the school.

Torbush came to North Carolina with Brown in 1987 and has served as defensive coordinator since 1994. Under his leadership, the Tar Heels (10-1) finished first in the Atlantic Coast Conference in defense each of

the last three seasons and led the nation in scoring defense in 1996.

This season, No. 7 North Carolina was fifth in the nation in scoring defense and second in total defense.

Torbush has only one year of head coaching experience at the college level leading Louisiana Tech in 1987 after serving as an assistant there for four seasons. He also served as an assistant coach at Baylor, Southeastern Louisiana and Mississippi.

Still a Twin: Molitor inks contract

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — St. Paul native Paul Molitor has decided to remain a Minnesota Twin, agreeing at the last minute to a \$4.15 million, one-year contract.

By Monday, Molitor's agent, had said last week that Molitor probably would sign with either Toronto or Baltimore by today because he was unwilling to play for the Twins in what could be a lame-duck season in Minnesota.

Instead, Molitor agreed Sunday night to stay for a raise of \$650,000. He opted for free agency last month rather than accept an option for 1998 that would have paid him \$2.75 million.

As part of the deal, Molitor will donate \$150,000 to Camp Heartland, a camp for children with HIV, a charity to which Twins owner Carl Pohlad has agreed to give a similar contribution. Molitor and his wife, Linda, are co-chairs of the organization.

"This is another good indication of how baseball and Carl Pohlad wants to keep baseball in Minnesota," Twins president Jerry Bell said. "He went beyond the call of duty."

Baltimore and Toronto each reportedly offered a one-year deal for \$4.25 million.

"I almost had convinced myself to go to one of those two teams," Molitor said. "But there was something in Minnesota I was having trouble letting go of."

Molitor, 41, reached his decision less than two hours before the deadline for teams to offer salary arbitration to their free agents. After 11 p.m. Sunday, Molitor would have been unable to re-sign with the Twins until May 1.

Baseball notebook

Vizcaino signs deal — LOS ANGELES — Shortstop Jose Vizcaino, who started his career with the Los Angeles Dodgers, rejoined the team Monday when he agreed to a \$9.5 million, three-year contract.

Vizcaino, 29, hit .266 in a career-high 151 games for the San Francisco Giants last season. He made just 16 errors in rank fifth among shortstops in the NL with a .976 fielding average, and committed just one error in his last 40 games.

The Giants didn't offer arbitration to Vizcaino by the deadline on Sunday night. Because of that, the Dodgers don't owe them a "best offer" as compensation for the signing.

Vizcaino will replace Greg Gagne as the Dodgers shortstop. Gagne held the job for the last two years and became a free agent.

"I started with the Dodgers," Vizcaino said during a conference call from his home near San Diego. "I always said if someday I had a chance to return to the Dodgers, I will. They were my first choice. I told my agent I would take less money to play for

Devil Rays sign Sorrento

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Paul Sorrento considered offers from several teams, then weighed the intangibles of continuing his career with the Tampa Bay Devil Rays.

"In his mind, there was no comparison." The chance to play every day, whether as a designated hitter or at first base, plus the opportunity to keep his family in Florida year-round made it an easy decision to sign Monday with the AL expansion team.

"It feels good to be wanted," said Sorrento, who agreed to a \$5.25 million, two-year deal. "With the players they've signed, it shows that management is as serious about winning as the players."

Blue Jays sign two

TORONTO — Toronto added another pair of free agents Monday, agreeing to a \$6.15 million, two-year contract with catcher Mike Stanley and a \$2.5 million, one-year deal with second baseman Tony Fernandez.

Stanley, 34, split last season between the Boston Red Sox and Yankees, hitting .297 with 16 homers and 65 RBI. Stanley, who made \$2.1 million last season, gets a \$1 million signing bonus. Stanley hit .297 in 1996 and \$3 million in 1999. Toronto has a \$3.5 million option for 2000 with a \$400,000 buyout.

Arbitrator orders umpires to time breaks between innings

NEW YORK (AP) — In their battle with television, the umpires' decision wasn't final.

Baseball umpires have been ordered by an arbitrator to use stopwatch between innings to ensure that pitches aren't thrown before television is back on the air from commercial breaks.

Umpires balked last spring at using the stopwatches to make sure that breaks were 2 minutes, 25 seconds during nationally televised Saturday afternoon and Sunday night games and 2:05 for other regular-season games.

The American and National League umpires' union, and for out-of-baseball owners, won. "This is a powerful wakeup call for the umpires' work for the

leagues and should comply to appropriate direction," said Robert Khech, the lawyer who represents the leagues in the dealings with umpires.

Umpires argued that timing the breaks wasn't covered by their collective bargaining agreement.

"We are not going to serve as lackeys for the TV networks," Pat Campbell, one of the umpires' lawyers, said after the case was argued.

After listening to testimony from both league presidents and the umpires on Aug. 7, arbitrator James Jordan ruled for the leagues on Nov. 14 in a 25-page decision that was obtained Monday by The Associated Press.

Out of time: Benes' contract not in the Cards

NEW YORK (AP) — It was the \$30 million contract that wasn't.

Andy Benes and the Cardinals ran out of time to negotiate a new deal early Monday, and the pitcher can't re-sign with St. Louis until May 1 at the earliest.

Cardinals general manager Walt Jocketty and Benes' agent Scott Boras, spent Sunday attempting to reach agreement on a five-year deal, with St. Louis offering \$30 million and Benes asking for \$35 million, player and management sources said Monday on the condition they not be identified.

Benes' expired contract stated the Cardinals could not offer him salary arbitration, making midnight EST Sunday the deadline for him to return to St. Louis.

As the deadline approached, the players' association asked the Player Relations Committee to give Boras and Jocketty an extra 30 minutes to complete a deal and PRC didn't object.

The time passed with no word of an agreement, and union officials and the PRC agreed shortly before 1 a.m. the deadline had passed.

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Man faces battery charges after fight

TWIN FALLS - A man who hit another bar patron on the head with a cue ball faces aggravated battery charges. Raymond T. Holley, 30, of Twin Falls, was in the Pocket, 1532 Kimberly Road, Friday night and got into a fight with Don Leroy Patterson, 36, at a pool table, Twin Falls Police reports.

CSI security officers become burglar's victims

TWIN FALLS - Security officers at the College of Southern Idaho foiled a campus car burglar early Monday morning - then found they were his victims. The guards spotted Phillip Ray House, 22, of Twin Falls, about 2 a.m., walking next to cars parked by the security building, a Twin Falls Police report said. They saw House duck into a car owned by the college.

Officials release name of victim who fell into canyon

BUHL - Officials have released the name of the Twin Falls man who died Sunday from a fall in the Salmon Falls Creek Canyon west of Buhl. Mike K. Wild, 36, died at the scene despite efforts of Buhl Quick Response Unit members to revive him, said Twin Falls County Sheriff's Department Spokeswoman Nancy Howell. Wild and two friends were standing on the rim of the canyon just above Bluegill Bluffs, shooting at a car inside the canyon. The three were picking up their things to leave about 4:30 p.m. when Wild slipped. He fell 80 feet to the canyon floor, Howell said.

TF School Board plans election of new member

TWIN FALLS - Twin Falls School Board is scheduled to elect a new board leader at today's meeting. Former Chairman Dave Sass resigned last month, because he moved outside of his elected zone. Vice Chairman Vera Redman has since been the board's acting leader. The board still must appoint Sass' replacement, but that has not been scheduled for today's meeting.

Hospital upgrades computers; offices close till Wednesday

TWIN FALLS - The business office of Magic Valley Regional Medical Center will be closed today for a computer system upgrade. Because of the upgrade, service representatives will be unable to answer patient requests regarding billing statements and insurance payments. The office also was closed Monday, but it will open again for help the following day.

Kimberly City Council leads meeting with comment time

KIMBERLY - The Kimberly City Council will meet at 7 p.m. today. Public comment time is first on the agenda. Other business includes a skate board ordinance, commercial water rate ordinance and Christmas activities.

Compiled from staff reports

Defense postpones trial

Man suspected in death of baby faces trial in six months

By Mark Helz Times-News writer
MOUNTAIN HOME - The trial of a Mountain Home man charged with the murder of a 20-month-old boy has been pushed back to June 8, 1998, to allow defense attorneys time to build their case. A trial for Jason A. Burdett, 19, was set to begin Monday.

first into a wall. Burdett is being held in the Elmore County Jail on \$200,000 bond. Elmore County Prosecutor Steven Warrick and Burdett's court-appointed attorneys met Monday with District Court Judge Daniel Eismann to set a new trial date. Warrick said he recently added more pathologists' reports to his case against Burdett. The defense needs more time to review those reports and prepare rebuttals. Burdett's attorney, Terry Ratliff, said Monday. And it was impossible to squeeze a new trial date into Eismann's busy schedule any sooner than June, he said. "Things are really swamped here in

the 4th Judicial District," Ratliff said. Burdett has waived his right to a speedy trial, he said. Burdett's attorneys have also vacated a motion challenging the constitutionality of a state law allowing a first-degree murder charge in an aggravated battery that results in the death of a child under 12. They had claimed the age designation makes the 1991 law too arbitrary. But Ratliff and Burdett's other attorney, Ed Frachiser, may yet challenge the law as it applies to Burdett's case and plan to research the issue more before the trial begins. Times-News staff writer Mark Helz can be reached in Jerome at 324-6962.

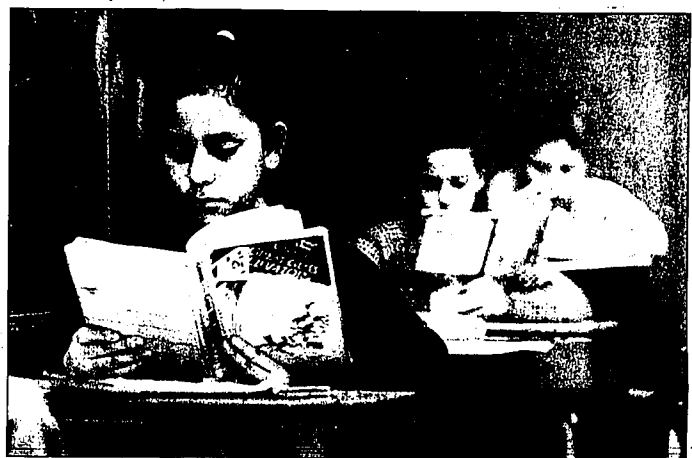
Board seeks 911 manager

By Kent McCleary Times-News writer
JEROME - The search for a replacement for regional 911 dispatch system Project Manager Al Sandner is in the preliminary stages. Even though Sandner is done at the end of this week, managing board chairman Roy Prescott says the center has plenty of time to pick a successor. The Southern Idaho Regional Please see JEROME Page C3

Reading program inspires elementary students

Lincoln school works to help its students learn the joys of reading

By Jennifer Sandmann Times-News writer
TWIN FALLS - The library at Lincoln Elementary School has become a cool place to visit. About 175 books returned in a single morning has become the norm, school librarian Jill Hinton said Monday. Generating the enthusiasm is a program called Accelerated Reader that allows students to work at their own pace and reap rewards for accomplishments. Students read daily at school, and once they finish a book take a short computer test to see how well they understood what they read. The standard reading textbook assumes students are at the same reading level, fifth-grade teacher Debbie Stanger said. In fact, reading levels in her class span from second-grade to ninth. Across the hall in Lorri Hazen's fifth-grade class one student enjoys Dr. Seuss, another a murder mystery. Student Cord Galvan, 10, taking time out from his book "The Dead Man in Indian Creek," said he likes buying books at the school library with the points Please see READING, Page C3



Roala Flores, with his classmates Misty Sturgeon and Erik Larson, enjoys a book during class at Lincoln Elementary Monday. A new reading program at the school has sparked the students' desire to read.

Hillside ordinance changes draw fire

By Kristan Kennedy Times-News correspondent
HAILEY - Revisions to Blaine County's controversial hillside ordinance drew harsh public review Monday, prompting the county to postpone a vote on the changes, described by some as confusing and unclear. The hillside revisions were proposed four months ago to tighten the legal language and make the county less vulnerable to lawsuits. Officials also hoped revisions would provide clarity for landowners. But some claim that hasn't happened, and that the county is attempting to impose more restrictions on landowners and expand the hillside ordinance boundaries with the changes. Landowner Phil McCaffrey questioned the county's motives, and said the revisions increased restrictions and ignored private property rights. "It seems to me many of the revisions expand the hillside ordinance," McCaffrey said. "Is it the intent to extend the land area in the hillside ordinance?" Prosecutor Doug Werth said the changes would not change the "definition of the mountain overlay district," or increase its scope. "It just clarifies the intent regarding the existing language, it doesn't expand it," Werth said. The primary sticking point was the new definition of slope, or the grade of a hill, meant to define where a landowner can build on hillside parcels. The new slope definition, written by planning administrator Deborah Vignes, was attacked Monday as unclear and confusing. A new diagram only added to the confusion because it didn't match her written definition. While most were negative, one person applauded county efforts. Mark McGregory, Coon Valley attorney recently lured by a local resident's group to lobby for land protection, said there was "a vast amount of support for tightening up the hillside ordinance." He said the county ordinance was legally sound, and asked for tighter regulations. "This (ordinance) is one of the most important things the county is going to do to preserve the quality of life," McGregory said. Monday's criticisms were not new to the hillside ordinance. Similar attacks have been leveled since it was enacted in 1994. Though headway was made in protecting hillsides from development, the ordinance has also drawn the county into expensive,



Ketchum Realtor Heidi Baldwin, who recently won state approval of Owl Creek Road, has battled Blaine County's hillside ordinance since 1991, paying more than \$220,000 in legal fees after receiving a road permit.

time-consuming civil court battles. One of the biggest lawsuits resulting from the ordinance was over Owl Creek Road, a complex land swap involving Ketchum Realtor Heidi Baldwin and the Idaho Department of Lands. It was recently settled after six years. Baldwin says she spent \$220,000 on legal fees to build her road south of Ketchum. Monday, Baldwin said the ordinance revisions were positive if they clarified the definitions in the ordinance. The proposed revisions would not have affected the lengthy legal tangle over Owl Creek Road, she said, adding that battle was a personal and political one. A past critic of county procedure, Baldwin said county efforts are greatly improved. "It feels a lot more proper than two years ago. Clarifying any of these definitions is in the county's and the landowner's best interest," Baldwin said. Planning commission Chairman Tom Bowman also voiced concern about Vignes' descriptions of slope. Steve Kessler said the maps were hard to read, and landowners could potentially be required to make driveways equal county road standards. He also criticized the slope line as confusing and unclear. Gerry O'Connor said the changes represented "an opening for more obstructionism," and did not reflect the dialogue of the last public hearing. Local engineer Dick Fosbury echoed concerns about slope and restrictive site permit requirements. He offered to clarify the discrepancies between Vignes' written descriptions and the recent diagram. Vignes said she would amend the drawings. The board continued the hearing after two hours of discussion. They revisit the issue at 10 a.m. Thursday in the Blaine County Courthouse in a public forum. The commissioners may vote on the changes by the end of the year.

County owes lawyer over \$61,000 Pena notches another victory against Mindocka

By Gregory Hahn Times-News writer
RUPERT - A Pacanella judge has ruled for Raymond Pena for the third time, raising what Mindocka County owes the lawyer to more than \$61,000. Judge William H. Woodland decided the county should pay for more than \$15,000 for Pena's attorney fees, adding to the \$46,000 Woodland already had granted Pena. Pena sued the county after the commissioners refused to pay him for work last year helping then-prosecutor Gara Newman fight the attorney general's office for jurisdiction in the Corey Hood murder trial. In May, Woodland awarded Pena \$15,412.50 for Pena's initial bill. Two months later, Woodland decided Pena was an employee of the county - not an independent contractor - and entitled to three times the total back pay. Pena said Monday the county had yet to offer to settle. "They haven't uttered word one regarding this to me or my attorney," he said. County Clerk Duane Smith said the commissioners had just learned of the ruling Monday afternoon and had not read it. The commissioners did not return a phone call from The Times-News. The county, represented by Burley attorney William Parsons, had objected to the more than 100 hours billed by Pena's lawyer, E. Lee Schlander. But Woodland granted Pena \$125 per hour for all but 12 of the billed hours. "The time claimed by plaintiff is sufficiently documented and does not appear excessive, given the novelty of the work," Woodland wrote in the Dec. 4 opinion. Please see PENA, Page C3

Official presses on to fix-up old hospital

FOR THE RECORD

**By Sharon Metcalf
Times-News correspondent**

GOODING— Joe Herring of the Region IV Development Corp. is giving up on his plans to rehabilitate the old Gooding tuberculosis hospital into a business incubator.

But he doesn't have much to show for the project, either. "I'm a lot smarter, I have a lot of very pretty drawings, and I'm \$20,000 poorer," Herring told Gooding County commissioners Monday.

Herring also has spent much of 1997 in discovering true costs involved in rehabilitating the building, empty since the early 1980s.

His original plan to rehab the basement and first floor—with minimal landscaping, outside lighting, asbestos removal and a new elevator—came in at around \$2 million.

The state of Idaho spent \$26,000 for asbestos removal study on the building. Asbestos removal costs came in at \$420,000 for the main building and \$25,000 for the small heat building.

Rehab costs were pared to \$1.2 million when one tenant backed away because of costs, but that revised figure is still too much. Herring said it is unrealistic to expect one tenant to carry monthly operating costs for the facility.

"Reliab money is not the most difficult part. Nobody gives a grant for ongoing maintenance," said Herring.

Basic monthly maintenance could run \$4,000 to \$6,000.

A meeting between Herring, county commissioners and the city of Gooding is scheduled for Mon. 5.

Unless Herring can find a way to reduce operating costs, he recommends making a run with the Legislature and the state Land Board to tear down the building.

Tearing down and removing the building could cost \$1.3 million. In other county business:

Cheryl Juntunen discussed space and facility needs for South Central Health District. The district will join centralized county offices in the recently purchased Fram Middle School building.

Jerry Muller, representing the county's insurance carrier, was impressed with features of the two Fram buildings, and believed they would do well for county expansion.

County disaster coordinator Carol Johnson said a plan to clean out the Little Wood River is meeting resistance from some residents who will not allow access to their property. Johnson expressed concern about potential flooding.

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

Arraignments

Jose Hector Acarata, 20, 1757 1/2 Barton Road, Wendell, alcoholic beverage possession, marijuana, paraphernalia, Dec. 18 jury trial; Angeranger Kevin Cassidy.

Jon Richard Charlton, 38, #15 Hacienda Trailer Court, Gooding, trespass, sentencing; vet. Magistrate Judge Kevin Cassidy.

Jason Todd Kay, 24, 404 Fourth Ave. E., Jerome, taking driver's license, 300-horsepower motor, sentencing; Magistrate Judge Kevin Cassidy.

Joseph James Kienlen, 46, HC67, Box 1206, Bliss, driving under the influence, sentencing; change plea sent; court date 12-12-1998, Magistrate Judge Kevin Cassidy.

Russell Eugene Larson, 38, 226 Seventh Ave. E., Jerome, driving without privilege; failure to appear; misdemeanor violation, \$1,000 bond converted to cash; Judge Kevin Cassidy.

Randall H. Roberts, 23, 912 Wood River Road, Gooding, battery, sentencing; court date 12-12-1998, Magistrate Judge Kevin Cassidy.

Jose Ortega-Villa, 18, 2011 S. 1800 E., Gooding, driving under the influence, 300-horsepower motor, sentencing; Magistrate Judge Kevin Cassidy.

Nile Thuan Price, 23, 226 Heyburn Ave. W., Twin Falls, domestic battery, jury trial Feb. 9, 1998, arraignment continued; Magistrate Judge Kevin Cassidy.

Scott Lee Roberts, 17, 130 E. Brunson, Hailey, driving without privilege; court date Feb. 5, 1998; Magistrate Judge Kevin Cassidy.

Araceli Ibarra, 35, 747 S. Bliss, #23, Wendell, probation violation; Magistrate Judge Kevin Cassidy.

Lyle E. Wynia, age unknown, 427 S. 100 W., Jerome, grand theft; Magistrate Judge Kevin Cassidy.

Sentencings

Chris M. Collins, 38, 837 E. Eighth, Jerome, driving under the influence; pleaded guilty; \$1,000 fine with \$50 suspended; 36,350 court costs; license suspended six months; one year unsupervised probation; \$200 bond converted to cash; Judge Kevin Cassidy.

Janet Fabre Colace, 56, Michigan, Gooding, failure to purchase driver's license.

Dismissals

Barrell Hoban, 44, 3305 E. 2000 E., Jerome, violation violation; possession of marijuana; arraigned; dismissed; prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Kevin Cassidy.

Sale B. Twitchell, 27, 908 S. 160 W. Jerome, possession of concealed weapon; probation violated; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Kevin Cassidy.

Christopher Williams Oberly, 22, 1121 Wendell, probation violation; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Kevin Cassidy.

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Timothy J. Anshutz, 24, 500 E. Ave D, Wendell, failure to purchase driver's license.

Thomas Scholer, 44, 5095 Jon Lane, Nampa, failure to obtain coverage per turn.

Janet Fabre Colace, 56, Michigan, Gooding, failure to purchase driver's license.

County considers refusing Las Palmas' its alcohol license

**By Kurt Friedemann
Times-News writer**

BURLEY— Cassia County commissioners are considering denying a request to renew a beer and liquor license at Las Palmas bar on Highland Avenue.

Commissioners cited some complaints about the small tavern's safety.

The plan to ask the fire marshal and the county building inspector to look at the bar; the commission will hold any final decision until then.

"I think we should make them sweat for a while," said Commission Chairman John Adams.

Palmas manager Rosana Gomez said she had "not heard of any complaints."

"This is the first time we've heard anything like this," Adams said. "I don't know what this is all about, but I run a tight ship."

Al. Alan Smith of the Cassia County sheriff's department said he didn't think the bar was safe,

and recommended holding the license until the bar was inspected for electrical and fire hazards.

"It doesn't look like it's up to code," Smith said.

But firefighter Dennis Bunn said the last time the fire department inspected the bar two years ago, "it was in pretty good shape."

"There were a few problems," he said. "But they seemed like they took care of them."

Bunn said most businesses had small problems, it was just important they fix them.

"Every business is going to have a problem with the wrong extinguisher or a bad extension cord," Bunn said.

Gomez said she never had a problem with any previous inspections.

"I've tried to make this place safe for everyone," she said.

Commissioners said they had not personally visited the bar, but trusted "what others" had described.

"I would say this to them," Gomez said. "Before you judge anyone you should see for your self."

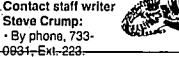
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TN Interactive

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Thank you for your input and support.

Warm regards,

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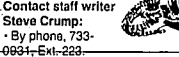
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Court upholds lengthy sentence in slaying

BOISE (AP)—The Idaho Court of Appeals Tuesday upheld the minimum 30-year prison term imposed on a Mountain Home man for murdering a Forest Service worker in 1995.

The unanimous three-judge panel said 3rd District Judge Dennis Goff did not abuse his discretion in slapping Eric Scott Brown with the stiff sentence and then dismissing his subsequent petitions for reconsideration and a lesser sentence.

"We find that with the possible exception of his age, nothing mitigates in favor of a lesser sentence," Judge Alan Schwartzman wrote for the court.

"This random act of appallingly senseless violence was an atrocious and sickening crime," Brown, now 20, and Ronald Stiner, now 18, were charged with the April 1995 shooting death of David Jay Wheeler, 49, of Baker City, Ore., as he was inspecting bridges in western Idaho's Payette National Forest.

The two had escaped from a non-secure juvenile detention center in Mountain Home a few hours earlier and stole a pickup truck that they drove into the forest north of Weiser. From there, the pair took off on foot, meeting Wheeler on a back road. Authorities said they asked Wheeler for water and as he reached into his truck to get it, Brown shot him in the

back-of-the-head with a .257 magnum handgun.

In a deal to avoid the death penalty, Brown pleaded guilty to first-degree murder and was sentenced to life in prison without possibility of parole for 30 years.

Stiner pleaded to second-degree murder and was sentenced to life with no abuse for 15 years.

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Another six hires will begin dispatcher training in January, enough to bring the staff up to the 20 full-time staffers approved in this year's budget, Falconburg said.

The trainees have been riding along with patrol officers, Falconburg said. The original dispatchers hired were supposed to ride along to meet officers and learn the areas, but understaffing precluded that.

Some current dispatchers have been riding with officers on their own, Falconburg said.

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another attorney she had hired.

The ruling also awards interest on the \$61,000 since August 1996, Pena said, adding "that two-year total interest would almost equal the \$12,000 he had offered to take last year."

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SUN VALLEY IN BRIEF

Filer City Council slates special meeting
FILER—The Filer City Council will hold a special meeting at 7:30 p.m. today at the Filer City Hall.

Items on agenda include a Division of Environmental Quality presentation regarding funding for the water system expansion and a review of insurance quotes.

Sun Valley planners discuss new residence
SUN VALLEY—The Sun Valley Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a regular meeting at 8:30 a.m. today at the Sun Valley council chambers.

Commissioners will discuss applications for a new residence at 117 Highland Drive in the Highlands Subdivision, a detached guest cabin at 105 Farman

FAMILY LIFE

Cooking is bone of contention with fiancé

DEAR ABBY: My fiancé hates my cooking. Every time I make a meal and ask him what he thinks, he has a different complaint. If I correct what he complained about, he finds a new complaint. I made a meatloaf. He said the onions overpowered it. I made a romantic, candlelit dinner of chicken and roasted potatoes with a cream sauce. The critic let me know he liked it. When I prepare a time-consuming dinner, he smothers it with ketchup or salad dressing. It's always "too much salt," "too bland," "needs something," or "not like my mother made." etc.



Abby, I have told him this is hurtful, but he still complains. He has even called my cooking "freaks."
I'm sure it isn't that I can't cook — other people love what I prepare, and my mother says I'm a natural. I have been cooking since I was 11 years old.
My fiancé also cooks occasionally, and when he does, I always compliment him on whatever he makes. Is it too much to expect him to express appreciation for my efforts?

DEAR CRUSHED: Since you can't please your fiancé and he knows how to cook, turn the chips over to him. When you feel the urge to cook, do it for your friends who appreciate your culinary skills.
Your fiancé may get his fill of cooking if he has to do all of it, and then he may be glad to let you take over. However, refuse unless he promises not to criticize, to give you a compliment now and then, and share his recipes and culinary secrets.

DEAR ABBY: Some time ago, you printed a letter about people carelessly opening car doors in parking lots, marring adjacent cars. Paint nicks and surface dents barely scratch the surface of this issue. But car doors

opened up traffic cause much worse damage — to bicyclists.
Most states require cyclists to ride on the right, beside parked cars. No cyclist is psychic enough to anticipate when a car door is about to open in front of him, and many serious injuries have resulted from such an action.

A growing number of people commute by bicycles, and most cyclists will tell you that their most constant fear is getting "doored." It's happened to me, and although it was painful, I was fortunate that my bicycle was damaged more than my body.
Vehicle occupants have the benefit of rearview mirrors. This is why most state motor drivers to one of those mirrors and only then carefully open the doors without impeding traffic — including bicyclists.
If you drive, please remember that bicyclists aren't just "careless kids." Many of us are responsible adults who've speeded up your commute by keeping our doors closed. In return, please realize that we are vulnerable, and check your mirror carefully before reaching for

your door handle.
—MICHAEL KATZ, STEERING COMMITTEE BICYCLE-FRIENDLY BERKELEY COALITION

DEAR MICHAEL: You've given voice to a small but important group who care about the environment as well as their safety. More pedal power to you!

DEAR ABBY: My problem is I curse way too much. I truly would like to stop, because I hate cursing.
I am 36 years old and have three young children, all under 10 years old. I lose my patience with my kids, and that's when I use the worst of words.
I'm a good parent otherwise, and I love my children very much. But I need to quit cursing. Please help!
—CURSING MOM

DEAR CURSING MOM: When you feel like cursing, substitute an acceptable word or phrase for the curse words. I had a neighbor who, when angered, would shout, "Holy Moses!" and "Gosh darn son-of-a-bitch!"

Happy thoughts can alter attitudes

Knights Ridder Newspapers

"It's the season to be jolly. So stop ylaning and smile!
Oh, you can, too. We're even here to help. This year, instead of the usual soul-numbing dirge about how the holidays can depress you because they don't measure up to your childhood memories, and everything is too stressful, and it's all just commercial anyway, and your dysfunctional extended family is coming and all — we're going to hand you a gift bag of expert advice on how to cope. We're going to get you happy."

In fact, the first message is this: The near-universal belief that the holidays are depressing isn't even true.
"The idea that suggests you slip around the holidays because people are somehow demoralized by a myth," says David Myers, a social psychologist at, appropriately, Hope College in Holland, Mich. "They actually go down a little. One thing that predicts happiness is having close supportive relationships. Over the holidays, people tend to enjoy these relationships. For many, the holidays are a time of great joy."
Yeah, you grumble, but how can you get in on this alleged joy?
Easy, says Myers. To be happy over the holidays — or any other time — just tell yourself you're going to be happy, then make yourself live up to it.
"Happiness is less a matter of getting what we want than wanting what we have," he says. "An attitude of gratitude rather than greed."
Myers is an expert. He scientifically sought the secrets to happiness by reviewing scores of past studies — on the subject with University of Illinois psychologist Ed Diener.
Happy people, the two concluded,

Tips on being happy

- Social psychologist David Myers, an expert on happiness, has these suggestions:
- Realize happiness doesn't come from wealth. The utter absence of money breeds misery, but having lots doesn't guarantee happiness.
 - Savor the moment. Smell the roses.
 - Take control of your time. Set reachable goals.
 - Act happy. It can make you that way.
 - Seek work that engages your skills. We're happiest when we're absorbed.
 - Join the movement movement. Exercise.
 - Get rest. Sleep, meditation, dozing.
 - Give priority to close relationships. Say you love someone.
 - Care for your soul. Religious people are happier.
- Source: Knight-Ridder Newspapers

Tips, guides smooth way through Toyland

The Allentown Morning Call

Sing 'n' Shore Elmo. Happy Holidays Barbie. Barney. Big names. Lots of publicity.
But a consider some of the following interesting and unusual, albeit less splashy, holiday gift gems that have leaped from the mounds of publicity material piling up on my desk.
Or, if you're interested in browsing, there are some reference guides worth a look. And in between shopping, you might want to tune in with our computer-savvy children to some internet sites that feature fun holiday activities.
Choo, choo... Toy trains are always fun. But for many families, Christmas decorations are not complete until the toy train is running around the tree.
Many carry this tradition a huge step further, creating elaborate and magnificent displays. But you don't have to travel to tour the country's best. "Toy Trains & Christmas" is a video that features Christmas layouts at places such as the John Hancock building in Chicago. The trains chug to the sounds of Christmas music, some original, some traditional, and some old favorites with new, train-inspired lyrics.
Producer Tom McComas is also the creator of four "I Love Toy Trains" videos, which feature real and toy trains and snappy music. The most recent, "I Love Toy Trains 4," has nine original songs and a segment that combines dinosaurs with trains.
The videos are available by calling (800) 892-2822.
The real world: Magazines are gifts that last the whole year. A new one for beginning readers has been launched by one of the best publishers. Click, a colorful bimonthly devoted to discovery and exploration of the world, is the nonfiction companion to Ladybug from Cricket Publications.
The easy-to-handle 8-1/2-by-10-inch magazine follows Click the mouse and his friends as they investigate animals, nature and scientific principles. It features original stories, illustrations, pho-

tography and a fold-out poster. Each issue contains a Parent's Guide.
Click is available in bookstores or by subscription. Call (800) 827-0227.

Homegrown pets: You don't have to trudge through the local creek to satisfy your child's desire to see for himself how tadpoles grow into frogs. Just head to the local toy store and pick up Surf Frogs, a live frog habitat from Uncle Milton Industries, maker of the famous Art Farm.
Like it has done with ants for more than 40 years, the company will ship live Leopard Frog tadpoles directly to people who buy Surf Frogs. Children can watch their tadpole transform, then keep the frog as a pet in a plastic bubble-topped "tropical beach."
Sleep tight: Tiny Beanie Babies may be the rage, but "Pillow Buddies" actually have a use. These oversized stuffed animals come in more than 50 characters, from ladybugs to lambs, from bears sporting the uniforms of National Football League teams to holiday characters such as a snowman or reindeer. There are even Game Buddies featuring removable Velcro halves and easy-to-play toss-and-stay games.
The pillows retail for \$24.99 at department stores and gift stores.

Relive the magic: The CD-ROM edition of the classic tale "The Polar Express" by Chris Van Allsburg gives youngsters a new way to experience the young boy's magical Christmas Eve journey to the North Pole. The CD-ROM combines an animated version with original music, narration by Garrison Keillor and animated illustrations.
This year's edition includes a one-button access to The Polar Express Share the Spirit Internet Web site. The site at www.polar-express.com encourages people to share their favorite holiday memories. For every moment posted by Dec. 31, Houghton Mifflin Interactive plans to donate a book to children's hospitals around the country. You don't have to buy the CD-ROM to participate.

Cut the hype: Las Vegas not ideal for kids

The Hartford Courant

LAS VEGAS — What can you say about a city with talking statues, a dolphin habitat, roller coasters, a zoo, a pirate show, a volcano, a children's museum, magic shows, several arcades and water parks?
It's no place to take young kids.

Sure, Las Vegas has fun stuff to do and a carnival atmosphere, but you cannot expect any city with more than 100 pages of escort services in the Yellow Pages to be the next Walt Disney World.
That said, if you are among the more than 30 million people who will visit Las Vegas this year, and you want to bring your children, you'll need a strategy to make the most of it.

Plan on spending a lot of time walking the Strip. The overwhelming number of entertainment options are in hotel/casinos on the Strip, and many are in the new generation of mega-resorts.
In trying to appeal to the widest possible audience, including those too young to gamble, the newer resorts offer everything from game arcades and live pirate shows to roller coasters and water parks.
"Las Vegas is not reinventing itself as a family destination," says an emphatic Mike Donahue, editor of the Las Vegas News Bureau.
Essentially, the city has just become more family friendly.

Kid-friendly entertainment

The Hartford Courant

LAS VEGAS, Nev. — Las Vegas is a city where the casinos never sleep and you can eat or drink whatever and whenever you want, but kid-friendly entertainment opens late and closes early.

The Dolphin Habitat and Siegfried and Roy's Secret Garden at The Mirage cost \$10 for each adult, except Wednesdays, when the fee is \$5 because you can visit only the dolphins. Children under 10 accompanied by an adult are free. The habitat and secret garden are open from 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on weekends. Call (702) 791-7111.

You'll have to walk through much of Circus Circus if you want to get to Grand Slam Canyon and the world's largest indoor roller coaster. There is no admission charge to the domed amusement park, but rides range from \$2 to \$5, or you can buy an all-day pass for \$13.95 to \$15.95, depending on your height. Call (702) 734-0410.

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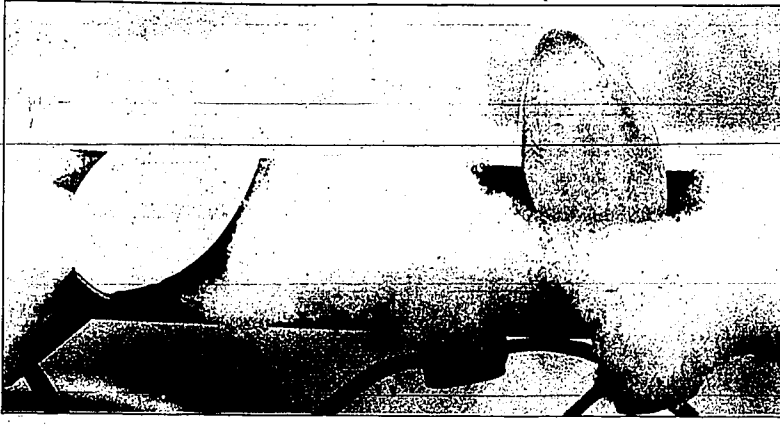
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Christmas lights shine through the snow that fell overnight in Moscow. The Palouse region is expecting more snow through the week.

Panel castigates utility in ruling

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — The Idaho Public Utilities Commission sides with a Nevada-based geothermal energy company and accuses Washington Water Power of being unprofessional in its negotiations.

"This is absolutely not true," said Susan Nielsen, Washington Water Power spokesman. "We characterize our relationship with the commission as a positive one."

The board ruled Washington Water Power must buy 999 kilowatts of electricity from Earth Power Resources Inc.'s Allen Springs, Nev., geothermal plant at a higher, grandfathered rate. One megawatt, or 1,000 kilowatts, will power about 650 homes.

Under the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act, electric companies must purchase power from cogenerators or small generation plants that obtain Qualifying Facility status under the act.

Nielsen said the utility refused to buy from Earth Power, charging the energy was too expensive. "We expect regulated electric utilities to negotiate with QFs in a professional, responsible and honest manner," the commission said in a press release. "We are regrettably unable to find that Earth Power has been dealt with in such a manner by WWP."

At issue was whether three separate geothermal plants at each of Earth Power's operations in Allen Springs and Lee Hot Springs, Nev., could be viewed as separate qualifying facilities.

Washington Water claimed they must be considered collectively, allowing the Spokane, Wash.-based company to qualify for the lower purchase rate for plants that deliver up to 80 megawatts.

In July 1996, the commission lowered the rate Washington Water must pay for Earth Power's electricity. The board granted Earth Power the pre-July rate because the company showed it was ready to sign a contract before the July 1996 point of negotiation.

Nielsen said the utility would not appeal the commission's decision to the Idaho Supreme Court.

Attorneys battle over execution

BOISE (AP) — In a bid to save the life of Idaho's senior death row inmate, Public Defender Gus Cahill told the state Supreme Court on Monday that admitted murderer Thomas Eugene Creech did not get acceptable legal help when he decided to plead guilty to a prison slaying 16 years ago.

Cahill said too much uncertainty surrounds that plea and what may have prompted it to allow it to stand even if the public believes cases like Creech's drag on far too long.

"This is a case that, in some respects, the public would like to put to rest, and yet I am happy to be here to argue yet again on behalf of Mr. Creech," he said.

But in Creech's fourth review by the high court, the state maintained that issue and nearly every other being raised on Creech's behalf have essentially been litigated already or have been barred from further debate for any number of reasons.

In fact, Deputy Attorney General Michaelina Murphy asked the court to order Creech and his attorney to pay the state's legal expenses in countering what she called nothing more than "conclusory statements and allegations."

That prompted one justice to question

"You stand as barriers to the public's insatiable appetite for revenge."

— Gus Cahill, public defender

whether ordering reimbursement — even from a destitute death row inmate who will never have the money to pay — would not squelch the most aggressive defense possible for defendants in death penalty cases.

"Just because this is a death penalty case, there should not be some cloaked immunity for defendants or their attorneys to present issues that would be barred in non-death penalty cases," Murphy replied.

Creech, 47, a former church sexton, has been on death row since January 1982 for the slaying eight months earlier of fellow inmate David Dale Jensen, 23, of Pocatello. The circumstances are in dispute. One version is that Jensen attacked Creech, who killed him with a sock filled with batteries. The other is that Creech set the murder up.

Creech had also served two years on death row in the mid-1970s for murdering two men in Valley County before the U.S. Supreme

Court used his case in 1977 to throw out Idaho's death penalty law. He has also been convicted of murder in Oregon and at times has claimed a role in 42 other killings.

Cahill argued that Creech was improperly enjoined from pleading guilty in the first place and that his attorney at the time then failed to make an issue of the impropriety in subsequent appeals.

He also raised questions about specifics of the sentencing by 4th District Judge Robert Newhouse, arguing that Creech today is a much different person than he was over a decade ago.

"You stand as barriers to the public's insatiable appetite for revenge," he told the high court.

But Murphy maintained the only real issue before the court is whether Creech was allowed to provide all the mitigating evidence he could muster when he was resentenced by Newhouse 2 1/2 years ago and whether Newhouse properly assessed that evidence.

In both instances, she said, proper procedures were followed and the sentence should stand.

And she flatly disputed Creech's claim to being a changed man who no longer has the propensity to kill.

Acid leak temporarily shuts down INEEL plant

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — An Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory plant which converts liquid radioactive waste into dry granules is shut down because of an acid leak.

The New Waste Calcining Facility was shut down last week to repair the leak coming from a valve inside a shielded room. It poses no danger to workers or the environment, but could be out of operation for three weeks.

Operations were halted Sept. 27 to repair a nitric acid leak in a pipe connector, but were restarted Oct. 22. Both the leaks were

part of the plant's scrub system. The acid removes fine dust from the gases produced in calcining and cools them before they are released through the main stack.

The latest acid leak has been captured in a sump in the shielded room.

The plant is nearly three months ahead of schedule for processing non-soluble liquid wastes.

More than 195,000 gallons had been dried by last week. It all must be calcined by June 30, 1998, according to the settlement of the U.S. Department of Energy and the state of Idaho.

School district mulls special academic recognition

MERIDIAN (AP) — Local high school students who take more than the required number of science and math courses could soon earn a special diploma at graduation.

The Meridian School District is proposing to add an Academic Diploma and Academic Diploma with Merit to the standard diploma now available.

Teachers and administrators say additional diplomas will encourage students to push for excellence. But some parents and students say it excludes reward-

ing excellence for the humanities and the arts.

"I think it is a good idea," said Vickie Clayton, mother of a Centennial High School freshman. "But I think we are missing a group of people."

School officials say their proposal is in-line with national school reforms and employers' concerns that students be better equipped with math and science skills.

"We're talking of raising the bar," said Karen Coleman, Centennial High School coun-

selor. "If they are going to college, they need to stay in math for four years."

A tiered diploma system is rare in Idaho. Cascade High School has three levels of diplomas for its 140 high school students. The diplomas are Basic, Standard and College Prep, and are based on the number of credits students acquire. Sixty-eight percent of the students reach for the highest diploma.

Meridian educators say the academic diplomas will give students a sense of accom-

plishment and could help on college or scholarship applications. To attain the higher diplomas, students would dedicate up to eight elective credits to math, science and foreign language.

Academic diplomas would require six credits in math and science instead of the regular four credits. To get the academic diploma with merit, students would have to take up to eight credits each of math and science and up to four credits of a foreign language.

Hunters find body of victim

POCATELLO (AP) — Authorities said Monday they consider the death of a man whose body was found on the Fort Hall Reservation a homicide.

But they have not announced the victim's name, saying the investigation is ongoing.

The Power County sheriff's office said the body of a white male, age 25-30, was found Sunday morning by hunters.

The man was about 6 feet 2 inches tall and weighed about 200 pounds. He had reddish-brown hair, a mustache and goatee.

The body was clad in a black T-shirt, green corduroy pants and black boots.

The Idaho Department of Law Enforcement and FBI are aiding in the investigation.

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Naturalists, developer dispute turf

ISLAND PARK (AP) — A fishing lodge built on the banks of the Henry's Fork River may be violating federal environmental laws designed to protect fragile, stream-side land.

The unfinished Anglers Lodge was built earlier this year with part of the structure in wetlands, even though the developer had not sought required federal permission, according to U.S. Army Corps of Engineers records.

David Eby, the Ashton man who owns the property, said he did not know the wetlands were there or that he had to get a federal permit

for the small amount of work he was doing. He has delayed completion of the project until the Corps of Engineers can approve the construction and a parking lot on additional wetlands.

But a local conservation group opposes the permit, contending Eby should move the two-story log building to a less sensitive spot nearby.

Letting the project stand would set a dangerous precedent for future development along the renowned trout stream, said Janice Brown, executive director of the Henry's Fork Foundation.

"It just encourages more of the same behavior by everyone along the Henry's Fork," said Brown, whose office is within view of the lodge.

The lodge is within yards of Last Chance, a congregation of fishing shops, gas stations, restaurants and homes along U.S. Highway 20.

Eby said he does not think his project, which would cover less than a tenth of an acre of wetlands, would cause any lasting damage. The success of his venture, he said, depends on the health of the Henry's Fork, and he dismissed the idea of moving the lodge.

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Party supporting war crimes suspect rejects Bosnian election results

PALE, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — The main ally of war crimes suspect Radovan Karadzic accused international monitors Monday of rigging his party of several parliament seats, and vowed not to accept the results of last month's elections.

The results of the Nov. 22-23 elections, announced Sunday, indicate that the Serb Democratic Party — founded and still led from behind the scenes by Karadzic — had lost its majority in the Bosnian Serbs' 83-seat assembly.

There was no clear winner, instead,

the results ensure that the power struggle between Karadzic's ally, Momcilo Krajisnik, and Bosnian Serb President Biljana Plavsic will continue, with the split between the two halves of Bosnian Serb territory.

The dispute also soured the mood before an international conference to review the Bosnian peace process this week in Bonn, Germany.

Krajisnik, the Serb member of Bosnia's three-man presidency, said he was shocked by the results.

"There has been an obvious theft," he

said in an interview. "The assembly cannot convene based on rigged election results."

He said he would lodge a formal complaint.

Spokesman Mladen Basic said the party was "robbed of three to four seats" by the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, or OSCE, which organized the elections.

The pro-Karadzic Serb Democratic Party won 24 seats, and its potential ally, the Serb nationalist Radical Party, won 15. That still left them several short of a

majority. The Serb Democratic Party had a majority by itself in the outgoing parliament.

Plavsic's newly formed party won 15 seats. A coalition dominated by Muslims representing refugees expelled from homes in Bosnian Serb territory won 16 seats, and another minor party from the Muslim-Croat federation got two seats.

A party allied to Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic, who has strained relations with both Karadzic and Plavsic, won nine seats. Another small Bosnian Serb party won two seats.

Seeking to back up his allegation that the OSCE rigged the vote, Krajisnik said parties from the Muslim-Croat half of the country had 18 deputies in the previous Bosnian Serb parliament, with 300,000 people voting.

This time, he said, there were only 120,000 voters from the federation, but once again they won 18 of the 83 seats.

OSCE spokesman John Verheyden denied the allegations, saying this time around "you needed less votes to get a seat than the last time. This affects all parties."

Russians search for crash cause

IRKUTSK, Russia (AP) — Russia's premier praised the dead pilots of a doomed cargo jet Monday, saying they did everything they could to prevent an even greater death toll as their plane slammed into an apartment building.

Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin said "technical reasons" caused two of the plane's four engines to shut down Saturday, sending the craft diving into a residential neighborhood 20 seconds after takeoff in the Siberian city of Irkutsk. Officials say 65 people died.

"In that situation, the pilots obviously did their best, turning away from the central part of the residential area," he said after visiting the smoldering ruins Monday.

The huge An-124 military transport jet crashed into a five-story apartment building, turning it into a fireball as 100 tons of fuel on board the plane exploded.

The aircraft was carrying 23 people and two Su-27 fighter jets being exported to Vietnam. Most of the other dead were believed to be residents of the apartment building, along with at least two children who died in a fire at an orphanage that the plane clipped during its deadly descent.

The death toll could have been much higher if the plane had crashed into the orphanage or more densely populated buildings across the street, Emergency Situations Minister Sergei Shoigu said.

Vyevgeny Shaposhnikov, an aerospace adviser to President Boris Yeltsin, said that most of the aircraft's black boxes — the one that recorded flight data — revealed that the crash was caused by the failure of two engines. The aircraft's other two engines also had problems, the Interfax news agency quoted him as saying Monday.

The black box containing cockpit conversations was too badly damaged in the fire to be of any use, officials said.

Investigators have not said what caused the engines to stall. One possible reason was the use of substandard fuel, and fuel samples from the site were being analyzed.

Experts say the crew had no chance to control the 320-ton plane, about the same size as a Boeing-747 jumbo jet.

"The two engines' failure at such a low altitude could only mean that the aircraft would go down," Anatoly Kvochur, a renowned Russian military test pilot helping with the investigation, told NTV television.

Col. Alexander Vinokurov, chief of the Russian air force unit to which the crashed jet belonged, also said the pilots were not to blame.



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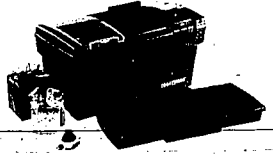
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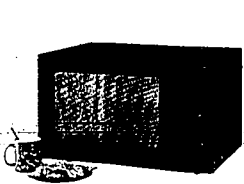
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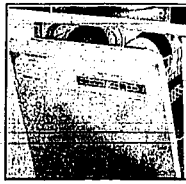
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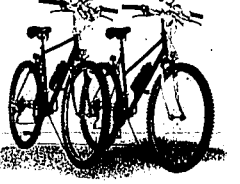
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Gore energizes Kyoto talks; Third World issue lingers

KYOTO, Japan (AP) — American negotiators, given a free hand by the White House, plunged into final talks Monday to piece together a historic accord on central energy use and protect the planet against global warming in the 21st century.

In a lightning one-day visit, Vice President Al Gore announced he was giving the U.S. team "increased negotiating flexibility" to end a standoff with Europe over how deeply to cut fuel emissions.

After meeting with Gore, Britain's deputy prime minister sounded optimistic that the 150-nation Climate Change Treaty conference will conclude successfully Wednesday.

"It leads me to believe the flexibility and political will is there to reach an agreement," John Prescott said.

Gore said he thought his visit "generated momentum."

But even if the U.S.-European differences are bridged, the U.S. team must still find another major feature — commitments by developing countries to limit emissions — to improve chances the agreement will be ratified in the U.S. Senate.

The Kyoto conference was convened to strengthen the 1992 Climate Change Treaty by setting legally binding targets for reducing industrial nations' emissions of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases linked to global warming.

A new treaty protocol would set the energy course for much of the world for decades to come — from how we produce electricity to what we drive — by encouraging movement away from coal and other carbon-heavy fuels.

Carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases, mostly produced by fuel combustion, allow sunlight through to Earth but trap the heat the planet emits back toward space.

Scientists believe atmospheric warming has probably already begun, and will boost temperatures as much as 6 degrees Fahrenheit by 2100 if emissions are not controlled. Warming would disrupt climate in potentially damaging ways, and raise sea levels by melting glaciers and expanding oceans.

One of the countries that would be most impacted by rising oceans — low-lying, over-



U.S. Vice President Al Gore acknowledges a reporter's question during a news conference in Kyoto, western Japan, Monday.



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crowded Bangladesh — called for the bickering to end.

"I appeal to all of you to mobilize the collective will ... and reach a negotiated Kyoto protocol," Sveta Sjeda Chowdhury, Bangladesh's environment minister, told the delegates.

Gore's arrival clearly mobilized some new energy — at least within the U.S. negotiating team, which appeared stalled as it stuck to the original American position.

The vice president announced from the conference podium that he had just spoken by telephone with President Clinton, and "I am instructing our delegation right now to show increased negotiating flexibility."

The Europeans have sought some "give" from Washington on the targets for cutting greenhouse emissions.

The European Union had proposed that emissions be reduced to 1 percent below 1990 levels by 2010. But Clinton's plan called for reductions only to, not below, 1990 levels by 2012.

Gore would not tell reporters whether the U.S. team would now be willing to adjust that "stabilization" target to some percentage below 1990 levels. But he noted negotiators had a

long list of features that could be adjusted to fine-tune the targets — including the types of sources and gases covered.

Negotiators are also known to be looking at using further reductions in the post-2012 period to offset possible differences between U.S. and European reductions in the century's first decade. "That could well be part of it," said Britain's environment minister, Michael Meacher.

Soon after Gore spoke, negotiators dug back in on the wide range of unresolved questions. "Things evolved quite rapidly during the day. Things are moving," EU spokesman Leo Kurrpiperis said late Monday.

The developing country issue may end up as the last and toughest hurdle.

Much of U.S. industry opposes a global warming accord, contending that energy restraints will slow the economy, threaten Americans out of work, and drive energy-intensive industries to Third World countries.

In two years of pre-Kyoto negotiations, poorer countries have been exempted from prospective mandatory cutbacks, since the atmosphere's carbon accumulation is historically the responsibility of the industrial North.

A U.S. Senate resolution passed unanimously in July threatened to block any new accords that do not include binding commitments for key Third World countries, meaning such big "emitters" as China.

The Chinese, Indians and others loudly reject such demands. But an statement issued in Washington on Monday by Sen. Robert C. Byrd, a resolution co-author, may show a way forward.



Saudi Arabia Crown Prince Abdullah bin Abdul Aziz Al-Saud, center left, is greeted at Mehrabad Airport in Tehran by Iranian President Mohammad Khatami, center right, Monday.

After 20 years, Saudi leader's visit to Iran marks turning point

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Iran and Saudi Arabia are edging closer after nearly 20 years of acrimony — a move that threatens to unravel U.S. policy in the oil-rich Persian Gulf.

Saudi Arabia's Crown Prince Abdullah arrived Monday in Tehran for an important Islamic summit with delegates from more than 50 Muslim nations. His presence, and an expected meeting with Iranian President Mohammad Khatami, follows months of diplomatic maneuvering for a rapprochement.

Their talks, though distracting attention from the Organization of the Islamic Conference summit, could mark a turning point in relations between the two most influential Islamic countries.

Saudi Arabia has been a close American ally for more than half a century — 5,000-plus U.S. troops are in the kingdom — but a new warmth toward Iran could jeopardize that.

The United States has been seeking to isolate Iran since the 1979 Islamic revolution toppled the U.S.-backed shah and led to 52 Americans being held hostage for more than a year.

Washington regards Iran as a sponsor of terrorism and has severely criticized its opposition to the Middle East peace process. A Saudi-Iranian axis also would be regarded as a grave threat by Washington's prime Mideast ally, Israel.

"The kingdom is the world's largest oil exporter and played host to the U.S.-led coalition against Iraq in the 1991 Persian

Gulf War. Last year, however, the Saudis refused permission for U.S. planes based in Saudi Arabia to take part in an attack on Iraq. And last month, they joined most Arab states in boycotting a U.S.-backed economic conference in Qatar.

'Relations between Iran and Saudi Arabia are good, and getting even better.'

— Mohammad Reza Shahrroufi

The catalyst for the change in Saudi policy toward Iran was last year's powerful explosion at a U.S. military barracks in the city of Dhahran in eastern Saudi Arabia.

It served as a stunning indication of the depth of internal opposition to the kingdom's close ties with the United States.

If Washington had firm evidence to back suspicions of an Iranian hand in the attack, it could weaken Iran by pressing for more international sanctions or even a limited military strike. But the Saudis have kept the investigation to themselves.

Fran's ambassador to Saudi Arabia said Abdullah's visit goes beyond just attending the Organization of the Islamic Conference, which begins

Tuesday.

"Relations between Iran and Saudi Arabia are good, and getting even better," Mohammad Reza Shahrroufi told The Associated Press in Tehran.

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The mending of fences between Iran and Saudi Arabia can be seen as strategic.

The Saudis have sought U.S. military protection against external threats. But if they are moving away from the United States, they need to patch up differences with their main rival in the Gulf.

The Saudis, and the other Arabs, are stepping in where they see the United States losing control.

President Saddam Hussein of Iraq still remains in power and even emerged stronger after his latest showdown with the United States.

Fran's clerical government is stronger than ever, having diplomatic relations with every country except the United States and Israel.

Iran's embrace of Abdullah comes after nearly two decades of hostility. After the 1979 Iranian revolution, the late Iranian leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini frequently described the Saudis as "American mercenaries."

Trade agreement benefits EU, Mexico

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) — The European Union and Mexico signed an agreement Monday that provides for vastly enlarged economic and political cooperation and sets them on route to a free trade zone.

"We are opening a new and ambitious relationship with the European Union," Mexican Foreign Minister Jose Angel Gurrin said at a signing ceremony with EU foreign ministers.

"Europe today is a priority of our foreign policy."

The pact Mexico sought a trustworthy partner for a common front against attempts to dilute the terms of global trade. Without naming Washington, he said Mexico and Europe are upset about "unilateral views," which threaten international law — an apparent jab at American efforts to punish non-U.S. companies for trading with Cuba.

Under the accord, Mexico and the 15-nation EU pledged to work together for a "reciprocal and bilateral" reduction of tariffs, leading eventually to a free-trade zone. Both sides also committed to respecting human rights.

The EU and Mexico will form a special panel to draft a free-trade zone. Negotiations are to open in 1998 but there's no deadline for their completion.

Archaeologists unearth 13th-century B.C. site

DAMASCUS, Syria (AP) — Dutch archaeologists have unearthed a sprawling 3,400-year-old administrative center of the Assyrian civilization — and found evidence that bribery was thriving at the time.

The 13th-century B.C. site comprises a 15-foot-high, two-story building with two bath-rooms, two toilets and a tiled floor, the official SANA news agency said Monday.

Ashour Adein, considered the most powerful man in the Assyrian state after the king in the Middle Kingdom.

The al-Sabbi al-Abhadi archaeological site is located in Rakka, 140 miles northwest of Damascus.

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At the 1989 International Team Trials with Ace partner Eisenberg (West) and Bobby Goldman (East-defending), West led a diabolical club eight. Since the eight looked suspiciously like a singleton, South took dummy's ace. After cashing dummy's top hearts to discard his two clubs, South led dummy's singleton diamond to his king and West's ace.

Continuing the firmament, West ruffed the spot and cashed dummy's 10. South ruffed dummy's last heart with his eight, ruffed a diamond with dummy's ace, and then ruffed a club with his nine. The appearance of West's king brought joy to South, but there was still hope. South exited in diamonds to

East's queen, and East led a low spade. With eight tricks won, South needed only a finesse to make his game. The finesse lost to West's queen, and instead of winning a possible 13 tricks, South suffered one down.

- NORTH 12-09-8
A 10
A K Q 8
A 10 7 6 5
WEST EAST
Q 7 6 5 4 3
J 7 3 2 10 9 8 7 6 5 4
A 10 J 2 K 8
K 8

Vulnerable: East-West Dealer: East

The bidding: East South West North Pass Pass Pass Pass 1 Pass 1 Pass 2 Pass 4 Pass 5 Pass 6 Pass 6

Opening lead: Club eight

BID WITH THE ACES

- South holds: Q 7 J 7 3 2 A 10 J 6 2 K 8

ANSWER: Three no-trump. Shoot it out and bid the game.

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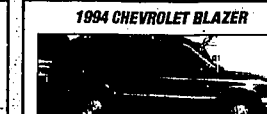
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- **TWIN FALLS** - The Le Livre Et La Plume Literary Arts Society will hold its December Christmas meeting at 8 p.m. Thursday at the home of Janet Boyd.
- **TWIN FALLS** - The Gem State Association of Legal Assistants is sponsoring a continuing legal education seminar from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday at the Weston Plaza, 1330 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.
- **HILER** - Santa will make an appearance at 11 a.m. Saturday in front of the Filer Fire Station.
- **JEROME** - The Jerome County Rod and Gun Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at the range complex-northwest of Jerome.
- **HAILLEY** - Wood River Middle School music students will present a concert at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the school.
- **JEROME** - The Jerome Child Advocacy Team will meet at 12:30 p.m. Thursday at Papa Kelsey's, 222 S. Lincoln.
- **JEROME** - The Jerome County Historical Society will hold a Christmas potluck dinner at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at the Jerome Civic Memorial Library.
- **GOODING** - "Nickel Toys for Girls and Boys" Christmas toy sale is planned for 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday at the Round Building at the Idaho School for the Deaf and Blind.
- **SHOSHONE** - The Desert Sun Dancers will meet Friday at the Masonic Hall on West B for a square dance and potato bar.
- **GOODING** - A flea market is planned for 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday at the Gooding Senior Center, 308 Senior Ave.
- **RUPERT** - A financial aid meeting will be held at 7 p.m. today at the Minico High School auditorium.
- **BURLEY** - The Mini-Cassia Chapter of the American Association of Retired Persons will meet at 1 p.m. Thursday at the Golden Heritage Senior Center, 2421 Overland Ave.
- **BURLEY** - Delta Kappa Gamma will meet for a Christmas party at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Rupert Elks Lodge, 200 W. 85S.
- **BURLEY** - The Mini-Cassia Junior Music Club Christmas Concert will be performed from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday and from 2 to 6 p.m. Saturday at the Snake River Plaza.
- **BURLEY** - A Red Cross Blood Drive will be held from noon to 6 p.m. Monday at the Burley Army, 2000 E. Main St.
- **BURLEY** - A "Holiday Breads for the Community" will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. Dec. 16 and 18 in the conference room at the Cassia County Extension Office (in the basement of the courthouse). Tips and techniques will be shared for making yeast breads.

Through thick and thin



Members of the Twin Falls High School Class of 1933 are, from left, Ireno Lopez Baltzer, Effie Murphy Modlin, Robert Brailsford, Bonnie Rayborn House, Rupert House, Helen Rose Crabtree Adkins, Glenn Young, Margaret "Peg" Kennedy Drake, Vemeta Anderson Koe, Frank Wells, Velma Arrington Cox, Ivan Gamand, Fern Jacky Lewis, Carolyn South Holland and Jack Holland.

By Steve Koehler
Times-News correspondent

GOODING - When they graduated, life was bleak.

The Depression, a makeshift yearbook, no cups and gowns and grim prospects for attending college or earning a living.

Since then, the Class of 1933 has come a long way. Beginning with the 50th reunion of the class in 1983, they have held monthly luncheons at Twin Falls eateries. To avoid year-end holiday conflicts, they recently celebrated the holiday season together with lunch at the rural Gooding home of Ivan and Alice Gamand.

Those at the Dec. 6 reunion spoke of their classmates' talents, loves, frustrations, make-dos and accomplishments. Class artist Bob Bemiller sketched the eight most popular of the 172 seniors listed in the 1933 Brain Annual - a mimeographed 40-page booklet bereft of photographs. Bemiller went on to work for Walt-Disney.

High school sweethearts Rupert House and Bonnie Rayborn were married in November after graduation, the first of their class to do so. Their romance began in their senior year.

"I was the most bashful bugger in class," Rupert House said. "She was chatty, had curly hair and was beautiful."

"He was real quiet," Bonnie House said. "That fascinated me. I came from a talkative family."

Rupert House discovered another love between graduation and marriage - mining. He worked at the Vienna Mine in the back country north of Galena Summit. When that job ended, he was forced to work at anything he could find, including a \$10-a-week job as "basement boy" in the Twin Falls Woolworth's. In 1936 he began mining at what came to be the Triumph Mine. Throughout his career, he worked in 15 mines.

He later served as a Blaine County commissioner.

"He isn't quiet anymore," Bonnie House said.

Class president Robert Brailsford earned a degree in economics and political science from Stanford University. He then drove a truck for an oil company and dug ditches in Los Angeles before he acquired ranches and farms.

Ireno Lopez got a loan to attend business school and became bookkeeper for Standard Oil Company in Twin Falls.

She married Jerry Baltzer, who later founded Gem State Trophies where the couple both worked until he retired.

Irene Baltzer - the only under-80 member of the group (because she skipped two grades prior to high school) recalled the Twin Falls High hot lunch program of the early 1930s.

"I picked you got a cup and spoon," she said. "Whatever would fit in the cup - macaroni, hot chocolate or soup - was what you got. That was it. It was nice to have something hot to go with the sandwiches we brought from home."

Baltzer and Ivan Gamand described the class graduation clothes. The girls wore a white wool flannel jumper, pleated below the knees, and a yellow organdy blouse. The boys wore cream-colored cotton pants with a white shirt and yellow short-sleeved sweater. The clothes were purchased from local department stores.

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Neighbor offers helping hand in a time of need

By Rachel Denny
Times-News correspondent

FILER - Larry Evans wasn't feeling well one afternoon in mid-November.

He had spent part of his day rototilling a friend's flower bed when he suddenly began having sharp pains in his chest. He was having a heart attack.

Nobody was around to help him, and the pain kept getting worse. His friends weren't at home, and the people driving down the road that he tried to wave down waved back and kept going.

Evans was in trouble, but then a man walking down the road responded to Evans' pleading gestures. That man was Steve Engle.

Engle, who had driven an ambulance in Washington state and had been a volunteer firefighter, realized that Evans was having a heart attack. He ran to call the Quick Response Unit.

"I had a blanket in my truck and so he covered me up, got my name and the number where my wife was," Evans said. "I vaguely remember knowing he was there. When the QRU got there, I had a

Where to learn

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zero pulse rate and 60 over 40 blood pressure.

Without the medical attention from the QRU, Evans was in a dangerous position.

"If I hadn't of gotten any help from him (Engle) I would have died," Evans said. "I didn't realize it would be so hard to get help. There are so many things going on in the country people are leery to stop and help someone."

"It was to the point that I was getting really weak. I feel like Steve saved my life, but he doesn't want me to make him out to be a hero. He wants people to know that cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) is helpful."

Engle, who is currently a sales administration manager with Semins Seed Company, feels like everyone should know CPR.



Larry Evans, left, and Steve Engle, right, talk and laugh over a cup of coffee. Evans says Engle saved his life one afternoon when he suffered a heart attack.

but when you need it, you're glad," Engle said. "I don't think anything I did is heroic. It's just being at the right place at the right time. It wasn't a heroic thing."

Evans' wife Delores doesn't care if what Engle did is heroic or not, she's just "very happy" that he was there.

"I think CPR is good. I think it's wonderful, you never know when you can use it," Delores Evans said.

As of now, Evans is under doctor's care, but hopes to get back to work after Jan. 14 - driving a school bus for the Filer School District.

COMMUNITY

ONE OF EVERYTHING



AAAL (Left Photo) The Times-News

Shoppers browse the tables full of arts and crafts at the Filer United Methodist Church Annual Country Store, Second Time Around Store and Harvest Dinner. Vegetable and chicken noodle soup, hot bread and pie were served. Proceeds from the event will be put into the church's general fund to be used as needed.

Guest who would like to have lunch are asked to call Jane Amoureux at 324-2487 for reservations.

Sun Dancers meet Friday
SHOSHONE - The Desert Sun Dancers will meet Friday at the Masonic Hall on West B for a square dance and potato bar. Rounds begin at 7:30 p.m., with squares following at 8 p.m. Those attending are asked to bring a dessert.

For more information, call 886-2808 or 886-2510.

Lutheran institutions of higher learning. Recipients are selected by financial aid offices at participating schools. AAL is a fraternal benefit society based in Appleton, Wis., that provides insurance products, scholarship opportunities, volunteer programs and educational materials to Lutherans and their families.

Hooley joins drama cast

Issue Hooley of Filer is a cast member of the Hesston College Drama Department for its production of "The Boys Next Door" by Tom Griffin. Hooley plays the part of Arnold Wiggins. The comedy/drama offers a glimpse into the minds and lives of several developmentally disabled adults, each facing a different set of challenges. Wiggins and three others live on their own as roommates in an apartment where they attempt to join society with the help of their compassionate social worker.

Area counselors honored

The Idaho School Counselors Association awarded Anna Casperson the Advocate of the Year Award at its 1997 Fall Conference in Boise. Twin Falls High School Counselor Karolyin Watts presented the award, which goes to a person who gives outstanding support for school counselors by assisting them in the tasks and roles that further the profession. Casperson, student information coordinator at the College of Southern Idaho, was chosen because of the outstanding assistance she provided to Idaho school counselors in the Abrego Valley. She has effectively worked in partnership with high school counselors to assist students in seeking educational opportunities. She has organized higher education programs for area high schools, the Magic Valley College and Career Fair, developed a CSI viewpoint and recruitment video for CSI and co-advisor to the CSI Ambassadors. During 1996-97, she chaired the High School Relations Committee for Coordinating the Higher Education Tour, where college representatives travel and meet with high school seniors throughout the state regarding post-secondary school opportunities.

Casperson was nominated by Magic Valley School Counselors Association President Wendy Ellis. The Idaho School Counselors Association Professional Recognition Committee, chaired by Revis Turner, will submit the recipient Advocate of the Year award to the American School Counselors Association for a national award.

Reeves joins elite

Matthew Reeves of Twin Falls is a member of the College of Wooster's Scout Marching Band. He is a student at Wooster and a graduate of Bonita Vista High School.

The 1997 Scout Marching Band is the largest in the band's history, with 164 members under the direction of the school's associate professor of music. The band has been part of Wooster's tradition since before the turn of the century. The Dress Marched plus uniform appeared in 1940 and feature a kit with hand-sewn pleats, the sporn or horseshair purse originally designed to carry food, the plaid sash pinned to an Edwardian-style jacket and a Glengarry cap decorated with a thistle pin (the official emblem of Scotland). In addition to 137 musicians, there are 15 bagpipers, nine Highland dancers and three drum majors in this year's band. The

EVENTS

Genealogy tips abound

TWIN FALLS - The Magic Valley Genealogy Computer User Group will meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the Family History Center, 401 Main St. The agenda includes "101 Genealogy Tips," "New URLs" and "Is Your Computer Year 2000 Compliant?"

The public is invited. For more information, call Howard Johnston at 423-4293 or send e-mail to how@micron.net.

Scouts set roundtable

TWIN FALLS - The Falls District of the Snake River Council Boy Scouts of America will hold a roundtable at 7 p.m. Thursday at the scout office. Cub leader training starts at 6 p.m.

For more information, call Elaine Hamlett at 734-8552 or Bob Daniel at 735-0865.

New lodge proposed

TWIN FALLS - The Fraternal Order of Eagles wants to establish an "aerie" (lodge) in the Twin Falls area. An organizational meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Magic Valley-Bingo Hall, 120 S. Second.

FOE is a nonprofit corporation that sponsors fund-raising and community service projects. Its motto is "People helping people and having fun doing it." All projects raised by projects go to the benefiting charity. Administrative fees and expenses come from dues and operational profits.

For more information, call Jeff Hodges at 735-1359.

KMS presents concert

KIMBERLY - The Kimberly Middle School Music Department will present its winter concert this week in the gym, 525 Center.

The band concert will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, and the choir concert is set for 7 p.m. Friday. Both groups are directed by Heather Hacking.

Admission is free, and the public is invited.

Holiday book discussed

TWIN FALLS - The Le Livre Et La Plume Literary Arts Society will hold its December Christmas meeting at 8 p.m. Thursday at the home of Janet Boyd.

Charlotte Whatcott will review the book, "Christmas by the Book" by Beverly King. Trent Farnham will give the author sketch, and Debra Plan will present a guided thought. A gift is exchange is planned. Beverly Williams, Cathy Dahl and Boyd are the co-hostesses.

Legal tips offered

TWIN FALLS - The Gem State Association of Legal Assistants is sponsoring a continuing legal education seminar from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday at the Weston Plaza, 1350 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.

Penclope Parker will discuss child support. Mick Hodges will address child custody-and-visitation-and-E-Scott Paul will explore the impact of divorce on children. The seminar will be of interest to legal support people who work in the area of domestic relations.

Cost is \$5 for each credit hour of continuing legal education (\$15 total). Registration and payment will be accepted at the door, but pre-registration by telephone is requested. To pre-register, call Kathy at 733-7180, Sue at 788-5111 or Helen at 326-3184.

CSALA is also sponsoring seminars January through May with the topics, "Idaho and Federal Rules of Civil Procedure," "Internet and Legal Research," "Litigation (from signing the attorney-client contract to post-trial procedures)," "The Malpractice Case" and "Torts."

Santa visits Filer

FILER - Santa will make an appearance at 11 a.m. Saturday in front of the Filer Fire Station.

The event is sponsored by the Filer Chamber of Commerce, Filer Fire Department, Filer Kiwanis and Filer merchants.

EVENTS ELSEWHERE

Gun club takes aim

JEROME - The Jerome County Rod and Gun Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at the range complex northeast of Jerome.

Both members and non-members are invited. For more information, call John L. Weston Sr. at 324-7374.

Caregivers to speak

JEROME - Members of the Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers Inc. will be the guest speakers during the Jerome Kiwanis Club meeting, set for noon Thursday at the Jerome Senior Center, 212 First Ave. E. Tom Mann and Tom Smith will provide information about the volunteer, in-home help program for the disabled and elderly and their caregivers.

FOCUS ON PEOPLE

Micklak earns high grades

Jeremy Micklak was named to the dean's list at Santa Clara University in California for the 1996-97 academic year. This distinction is reserved for students who achieved a grade-point average in the top 10 percent of their class for the entire year. Micklak graduated from Twin Falls, High School in 1995 and is a junior with a double major in philosophy and religious studies. His parents are Ron and Debby Micklak of Twin Falls.

Heinemann accepted

Riqui Marie Heinemann, daughter of Wayne and Gayle Heinemann of Kimberly, has been accepted at Indiana Wesleyan University in Marion, Ind., for the 1998 fall semester. She will study applied music.

Moyes is state winner

Elizabeth Moyes of Murtaugh was one of 50 state winners that participated in the National Future Farmers of America Prepared Public Speaking Career Development Event at the 70th National FFA Convention in Kansas City, Mo. The event is designed to recognize outstanding FFA members for their ability to prepare and present a factual speech on a specific cultural issue in a well thought out and logical manner. The event is one way FFA members can develop their ability to communicate in a powerful, organized and professional manner, boost their self-confidence and earn recognition. The event is sponsored by the FFA Foundation, Agricultural Products Group of Philadelphia, Pa., as a special project of the National FFA Foundation.

Scholarships awarded

Victoria L. Jerke and Louisa M. Jerke have received scholarships from the Aid Association for Lutherans for the 1997-98 school year.

The two girls are attending Concordia College in Seward, Neb. Victoria, a fourth-year student, received a \$1,000 award, and Louisa, who is in her first year, received \$400. They are the daughters of Marion and Sue Jerke of Filer.

AAL awards the scholarships through the AAL Lutheran Campus Scholarship program to AAL members attending



Elizabeth Moyes.

CLUB PROFILE

CASTLEFORD COMMUNITY MEN'S CLUB

Purpose: To boost and support local youth, civic programs and the community. The club is in its 51st year of operation, chartered with the state as a nonprofit organization. It received assets and property by transfer from the former Red Barrel Youth Center. The Red Barrel is the meeting place of the Club and is also used for community events.

Meets: noon every other week at the Red Barrel, 303 Main St. in Castleford. Meals are served by student groups the club sponsors and by groups of women in the community. Usually, an outside speaker presents topics for common advancement in life and work.

Dues: \$15 annually.

Major projects: The club has one fund-raising event, an auction, the last Saturday of January each year. They support the Quik-Response Unit in Castleford, the Castleford Fire

Department, make gifts to student groups for travel and events that are not covered by school funds and a non-alcoholic graduation party each year. The club formed Dollars For Scholars Foundation of America in Castleford, and through it have contributed to current scholarships and to an accumulating endowment fund. In November, an Annual Banquet for members, wives and friends is held. Outstanding community leaders are recognized and reports are made to the community.

For more information, call: Andy Holdreede at 537-6712.

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.

SENIOR CALENDAR

Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center	Sunday: Pork chops Monday: Hamburger burgers
616 Eastland 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: Chicken cordon blue Wednesday: Baked potato bar Thursday: Cube steak Friday: Chicken fried steak Monday: Salisbury steak	Activities Today Quilling at the center. Wednesday: Exercise class at 10 a.m. Foot clinic. Thursday: Quilling. Bingo after meal. Evening lunch and cards. Friday: Exercise at 10 a.m. Saturday: Exercise at 10 a.m. Monday: Exercise at 10 a.m. Evening meal and cards at 5:30 p.m.
Agness Senior Citizens 1503 Main St. N., Kimberly All dinners at noon. Suggested donation is \$2.50. Wednesday: Oven fried chicken Friday: Baked ham Monday: Potato soup	Thrift shop open Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
West Elder Senior Citizens Inc. 1010 Main St. N., 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. Tuesday: Lasagna Thursday: Knost beef Friday: Roast beef Saturday: Tater tot hamburger casserole	Activities Today Ceramics at 1 p.m. Wednesday: Blood pressure checks. Thursday: Crafts at 1 p.m. Friday: Bingo at 11:55 a.m. "Phochnat" 2 p.m.
Filer Senior Haven 222 Main St. N., Filer Dinners served at noon on Tuesday and Thursday and at 6 p.m. on Friday. Suggested donation is \$2.50 for seniors. Home delivered meals available each meal time. Today: Spaghetti with meat sauce Thursday: Cubed steak Friday: Bean or potato soup	
band performs at all of Wooster's home football games and makes several appearances at other events. It has been featured on ABC's Good Morning America and the Today Show on NBC. The College of Wooster was founded in 1866. It is an independent liberal arts school in Wooster, Ohio.	

CSI students selected

Two College of Southern Idaho freshmen music students are among 16 students selected for the prestigious International Association of Jazz Educators Band.

Dancers gain spotlight

Holly Hunsing and Dani Hunsing are the Dancers of the Month for November and December at the Lori J. Head School of Dance.

Holly is faithful to jazz and ballet and has been dancing for four years. Dani

enjoys variety dance, and intermediate jazz and modern and has been dancing for three years. The entire family is dedicated to the world of dance, faithful to class attendance, performing near and far and supporting studio activities. According to Lori Head, Holly and Dani are great dancers, both focus on style and technique and are fun to have in class.

Certification achieved

Lynette Croner and Renee Chirway were awarded certificates for completing a Toastmasters International Speechcraft course. Certificates for the eight-week communication and leadership program were presented by Magic Valley Toastmasters President Joyce Brown on Nov. 25.

Essay winners announced

The Idaho Forest Products Commission has announced the winners of its second annual Forest Products Week Essay Contest.

Jordan Aurdema and Treva Van Cleave, both students at Immanuel Lutheran School in Twin Falls, are among the students who received honorable mention recognition.

Students' essays shared how forest products touch their lives and, if they were in charge, what they would do to manage our forests to provide not only tangible products but also clean air and water, wildlife habitat and other benefits.

Monsanto's green thumb spins off, but tech shares rise

The Washington Post

When Monsanto Co. spun off its chemical business Sept. 1, there wasn't much market reaction. The move had been anticipated and investors already had been valuing Monsanto as the life sciences company it was to become.

But in the months since, Monsanto has done well and so has Solutia Inc., the \$3 billion chemical company created by the spinoff.

Shortly after the split, Monsanto stock was slightly more than \$4 a share. Today, despite some pressure on the shares when the company announced that third-quarter net income would be flatter because of spending on research and development, it is trading at about \$44.

Shareholders of Monsanto also received one share of Solutia for every five shares of Monsanto they held, and that stock has gone up, too, from \$18 to more than \$23. On a consolidated basis, shareholders in the former combined company have seen their holdings climb from about \$44 a share in early September to about \$48.50.

The financial spinoff "was absolutely part and parcel of the transformation this company has gone through in the past few years," said Paul T. Leming, an industry analyst at Deutsche Morgan Grenfell Inc., who said Monsanto has been moving in the life sciences direction since Robert B. Shapiro took over as

chairman in 1995.

Agricultural chemicals have been the chief source of growth for Monsanto for several decades and the company branched out from there to what are now the other strengths of its portfolio. In 1985, the company acquired G.D. Searle & Co. to move into the pharmaceutical industry. The third element in the "life science concept" is nutrition, said A. Nicholas Filippello, Monsanto's chief economist and head of investor relations.

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Monsanto's chemical business was solid, but as the other elements grew, it "really required a different form of structure and management and investment," it produced potentially higher rewards, he said.

The key to Monsanto's success in agricultural chemicals is its Roundup herbicide. Introduced 22 years ago, Roundup continues to generate annual growth of 10 percent year after year, said Leming. "Roundup rules the world," he said. Roundup is an effective herbicide that kills anything green. That limited its application to the time before seeds sprouted. But now Monsanto has genetically engineered crops that are immune

to Roundup, broadening the circumstances under which it can be used. So far the company has introduced Roundup Ready cotton and Roundup Ready corn (an oil seed), and Roundup Ready corn is in the works. Monsanto also is producing crops, including cotton and potatoes, that are resistant to insects.

The company expects increased use of its products both in the United States, and abroad as more seed becomes available and growers get used to the products, Filippello said.

Pharmaceutical products developed by Solutia also are doing well in the market. Ambien, a treatment for sleep disorders with fewer side effects than other similar drugs, has about half of the market for new prescriptions for sleep disorders and about 80 percent of the dollar value of all such prescriptions, according to the company.

Those products have been important, but what is going to drive the growth of Monsanto going forward is its research and development pipeline," Leming said. "From an R&D perspective, Monsanto has one of the most promising, most exciting new product pipelines in both pharmaceutical chemical business as well as in the pharmaceutical industry."

Monsanto has a number of pharmaceutical products that are close to market. Five are in Phase III clinical trials, five are in Phase II clinical trials, and the last step before being submitted to the Food and Drug Administration for approval.

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Blue-chip stocks gave back some of last week's record-setting gains, but technology stocks and small-company issues posted decent gains Monday in an otherwise uneventful session.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 38.29 to 8,110.84, ending a six-session winning streak that had put the blue-chip barometer in striking distance of its all-time best close of 8,259.31, set Aug. 6. Broad-market indicators were mixed, with advancing issues outnumbering decliners by a small margin. Both the S&P 500 and New York Stock Exchange composite indexes slipped from record highs.

The Dow's biggest decliner was Coca-Cola, which fell 2 1/2 to 63 9/16 after Morgan Stanley Dean Witter lowered its earnings forecast for the soft-drink maker.

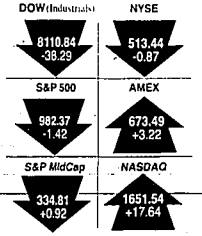
The blue-chip sector was also pressured by another weak day in the bond market, where interest rates rose for the third straight session after falling to a 22-month low last week.

Bonds were pressured by a supply of new Treasury securities from an afternoon auction and reports that Japan might seek some of its long-Treasury holdings to help its beleaguered banking system.

With the Treasury market's high gains in recent weeks, traders were also wary about potential jolts from some key reports due later this week in advance of

Market in brief

December 8, 1997



NYSE Diary

Advances:	1,613	New highs:	232
Declines:	1,366	New lows:	512
Unchanged:	512	Total issues:	3,491
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Composite volume: 595,540,450
1996 avg. comp. vol.: 497,311,370

next week's Federal Reserve meeting. On Friday, a surprisingly strong reading on payroll and wage levels, two key factors behind rising prices, rattled the inflation-sensitive bond market.

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MARKETS

CLOSING FUTURES

Table with columns: Mon, Commodity, High, Low, Close, Change. Lists various commodities like Wheat, Soybeans, Corn, and their respective price movements.

BEANS

Table listing various bean commodities such as Soybeans, Soybean Meal, and Soybean Oil with their closing prices and changes.

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Table listing grain commodities like Wheat, Corn, and Soybeans with their closing prices and changes.

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Nader urges revamped phone billing

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