


## GOOD MORNING

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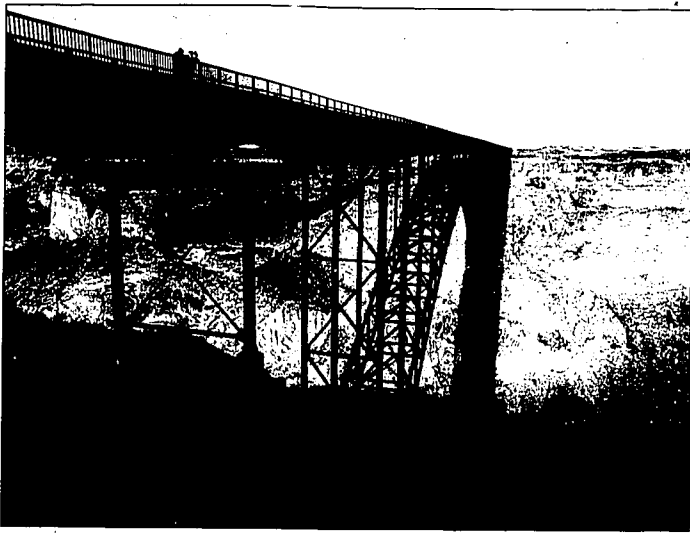
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# Twin Falls OKs bridge study funds



Spanning the Snake River Canyon, the Perrine Bridge is a vital traffic corridor to Twin Falls. The city of Twin Falls Monday pledged \$5,000 to study an additional bridge across the canyon between the Perrine Bridge and Clear Lakes grade north of Buhl.

## Possible 3rd span could divert traffic following U.S. 93

By William Brock  
Times News writer

**TWIN FALLS** - The notion of another bridge spanning the Snake River Canyon has inspired plenty of coffee-shop speculation, but the City Council pledged \$5,000 Monday to formally study the idea.

The council voted to join other public and private entities that are chipping in to raise \$30,000. The lion's share of the study, estimated to cost around \$100,000, would be funded by the Idaho Transportation Department, Jerome County Commissioner Roy Prescott told the council.

Prescott and Twin Falls County Commissioner Dennis Maughan are leading the charge for local fund-raising. The city of Jerome favors the idea and private-sector donors also have pledged to pay, Prescott said.

"We're well on our way and this study will probably be complete by 1998," Prescott said.

If built, chances are good that the third bridge would be located west of the Perrine Bridge, to keep traffic between Interstate 84 and the new U.S. Highway 93-30 interchange out of Twin Falls.

Studying the feasibility of a new bridge is one thing, but finding the money to build it is a much tougher undertaking, said Councilman Chris Talbott.

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# Kidnap suspect was convicted in Texas death

By Kent McClary  
Times-News writer

## Records show 10 years probation in case

**TWIN FALLS** - A man who shot himself Friday as lawmen closed in to arrest him on suspicion of kidnaping and raping his former girlfriend had been convicted of shooting a man to death in Texas in 1994.

The suspect in the kidnaping, Dagoberto Limon, 24, of Twin Falls, shot himself during a standoff with police, according to Twin Falls Police reports.

Even with the death, Twin Falls Sheriff's investigators say they'll complete the investigation into the incident.

Twin Falls Police say Limon was waiting for his girlfriend, a waitress at Cafe Ole, 1288 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. when she

arrived at work Friday about noon. He ran into the restaurant and forced her out to the car at gunpoint, police say.

The woman got free near Filer about three hours later, Sheriff's reports say. Deputies cornered Limon at a farm at 4400 North and 2100 East, where he shot himself.

Limon already was on probation on an involuntary manslaughter charge.

Limon was charged with first-degree murder in August 1994 for shooting a man in Laredo, Texas, court records.

Two months later, Limon pleaded guilty to involuntary manslaughter and

was sentenced to 10 years probation, the records say.

Limon was arrested by Twin Falls Police Oct. 19 after they were called to an argument at his home in the 400 block of Gardner, according to police reports.

When officers arrived, a friend of his girlfriend was trying to restrain him, the report said. The same girlfriend was kidnaped Friday, police say.

The pair had two children, police said, and Limon was due in court Friday for a custody dispute. Fearful of Limon, the woman spent Christmas night at a co-worker's home.

Limon had been arguing with his girlfriend Oct. 15, and the other woman said

Limon had pushed her as she tried to hold him back, the records say.

Officers sent Limon to his parents' house, a few blocks away.

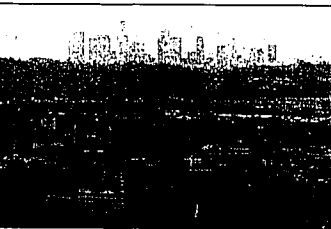
As officers left the residence, they found a 9 mm handgun on a chair on the front porch, the report said. Neither Limon's girlfriend or her friend knew where the gun had come from, the report said.

Officers followed Limon and arrested him for domestic assault and simple battery after his girlfriend said he had threatened to kill her, the report said.

Limon was scheduled to face jury trial on the charges Jan. 21.

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# When cleanest in years, LA air is still nation's dirtiest



A late December sunrise finds a brown layer of smog dividing the Los Angeles skyline from the buildings in the business district of Glendale, in the foreground.

## What can't be seen is what can harm people now

The Associated Press

**LOS ANGELES** - Los Angeles' notoriously smoggy air is the cleanest it's been in 50 years.

A mile-high wall of mountains that was once obscured in gray-brown haze now pulls sharply into focus, a snow-capped backdrop to the downtown skyline. Joggers no longer end their runs with aching lungs.

And sunburn warnings have become more common than smog alerts.

"You can see the mountains, you can see the trees," marveled 70-year-old Bud Chatham, taking

an afternoon stroll recently in Pasadena.

Yet the City of Angels still has the nation's dirtiest air, and pollution could increase again because of the soaring popularity of gas-guzzling light trucks and sport utility vehicles.

And while there are more days when you can see far — though not forever — it's what you can't see that can hurt you. Doctors and clean air advocates worry about the long-term health effects of the ozone, smog and dust Angelenos draw in with every breath.

Nevertheless, all acknowledge 1997 as a landmark for the

fewest ozone and health warnings in memory.

"The bottom line is it's the cleanest year," said Joe Cassmassi, a meteorologist for the South Coast Air Quality Management District, which monitors Los Angeles, Orange and parts of San Bernardino and Riverside counties.

With cars, trucks and motorcycles generating roughly half the pollution, Richard Varenchik, a California Air Resources Board spokesman, attributes most of the improvement to expansion from auto manufacturers and tighter emissions controls.

Please see **AIR**, Page A2

# Travelers ignore turbulent air

Sometimes it can be fatal

**WASHINGTON** - A few bumps and jolts, sloshed coffee and an occasional chicken dinner in the lap are no surprise to anyone who flies regularly.

But turbulence can be fatal, killing three people since 1981.

In a typical year, 58 travelers on American airplanes are injured because they fail to wear seat belts during a rocky ride.

"Most of the injuries that occur because of turbulence are preventable if people wear their seat belts," Federal Aviation Administration spokeswoman Allison Duquette said Monday.

Fasten seat belt signs were reportedly on for less than a minute before sudden turbulence hit a United Airlines jet flying between Narita, Japan, and Honolulu Sunday night, killing a woman and injuring 102 other passengers.

Air turbulence can occur unexpectedly — even when skies look clear — caused by atmospheric pressure differences, cold or warm fronts, jet streams and mountains, as well as more obvious things like thunderstorms. That's why the FAA recommends

that airline passengers wear seat belts whenever they are seated — not just when fasten seat belt signs are turned on, said Duquette.

"Most of the injuries occur from people hitting the area above their head," when they are bounced out of their seat, said Duquette.

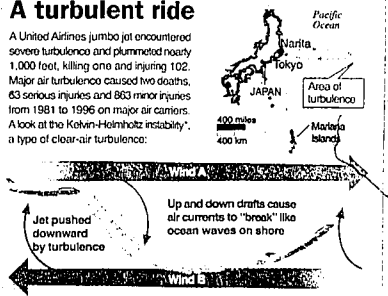
Head and neck injuries are common, as are arms broken when people try to shield themselves.

After Sunday's United Airlines accident, passengers said there were several dents in the plane's ceiling panel. The Japanese woman who died was among those not wearing seat belts who hit their heads.

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### A turbulent ride

A United Airlines jumbo jet encountered severe turbulence and plummeted nearly 1,000 feet, killing one and injuring 102. Major air turbulence caused two deaths, 63 serious injuries and 863 minor injuries from 1981 to 1996 on major air carriers. A look at the Kelvin-Helmholtz instability, a type of clear-air turbulence:



Up and down drafts cause air currents to "break" like ocean waves on shore

Jet pushed downward by turbulence

At high levels, this turbulence is invisible and does not show up on radar

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# MAGIC VALLEY FIVE-DAY FORECAST

# YESTERDAY'S WEATHER


### Camas Prairie

High: 40 Low: 14  
 Patches morning fog then sunny by the afternoon. Increasing clouds tonight. Mostly cloudy Wednesday.




### Today

High: 48 Low: 25  
 Sunny with scattered winds 5-10 mph. Increasing clouds tonight.



### Wednesday

High: 46 Low: 26  
 Mostly cloudy and continued mild.



### Thursday

High: 35 Low: 24  
 Mostly cloudy with a chance of snow.




### Friday

High: 36 Low: 22  
 Mostly cloudy with a chance of snow.



### Saturday


High: 34 Low: 24  
 Mostly cloudy with a chance of snow.



| Twin Falls              | Precipitation                |
|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| Yesterday 52-36         | Yesterday in Twin Falls .... |
| Month to date: 54-28    | Month to date: 1.06          |
| Normal year to date: 53 | Normal mo. to date: 2.25     |
| Last year 39-20         | Water year to date: 2.05     |
|                         | Normal year to date: 3.01    |

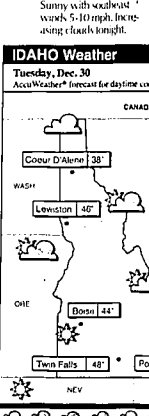
### Treasure Valley

High: 48 Low: 27  
 Patchy morning fog then sunny by afternoon. Fog then sunny with increasing clouds tonight. Mostly cloudy Wednesday.




### IDAHO Weather

**Tuesday, Dec. 30**  
 AccuWeather® forecast for daytime conditions and high temperatures




### Sawtooth Mountains/Wood River Valley

High: 40 Low: 5  
 Patchy morning fog then sunny in the afternoon. Increasing clouds tonight. Mostly cloudy Wednesday.




### Eastern Idaho

High: 32 Low: 17  
 Low clouds and fog only. Windy with gusts to 20 mph. Mostly clear Wednesday.




### Northern Idaho

High: 44 Low: 33  
 Low clouds and fog this morning, then clearing. Light east wind. Low clouds and fog, turning by Wednesday.




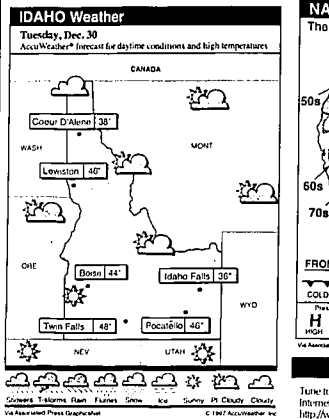
### Northern Utah

High: 47 Low: 22  
 Mostly sunny today. Increasing clouds tonight. Mostly cloudy Wednesday.



### Northern Nevada

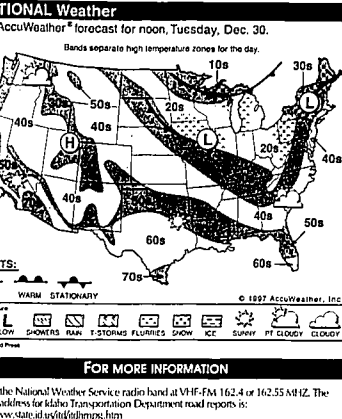
High: 42 Low: 21  
 Mostly sunny today. Increasing high clouds tonight. Mostly cloudy on Wednesday.

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| <b>INDEX</b>                                      | <b>ROAD INFORMATION</b>  |
| Low: 19<br>High: 21<br>Rain: 32-35<br>Snow: 36-40 | Boise: 376-8028<br>Magic Valley: 886-2266<br>Pocatello: 233-6724<br>Twin Falls: 745-7278 |

### SKYWATCH

Sunset today 5:14 p.m.  
 Sunrise tomorrow 6:00 a.m.  
 Lunar phase: Moon, Dec. 29; first quarter, Jan. 5; full, Jan. 12; last quarter, Jan. 20.  
 Visible planets: Saturn; None; Evening: Mars, Venus, Jupiter, Uranus.



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| Idaho       | High/Low |
|-------------|----------|
| Boise       | 47-30    |
| Burley      | 39-29    |
| Fairfield   | 39-29    |
| Hagerman    | m        |
| Idaho Falls | 27-21    |
| Jerome      | 49-29    |
| Lewiston    | 44-33    |
| Malad       | 22-04    |
| Meridian    | 44-33    |
| McCall      | 35-21    |
| Pocatello   | 38-29    |
| Salmon      | 30-19    |
| Stanley     | 41-15    |
| Sun Valley  | 47-8     |

| The Nation     | Max | Min | Pcp  |
|----------------|-----|-----|------|
| Albuquerque    | 42  | 18  | .04  |
| Albany         | 42  | 37  | .04  |
| Boston         | 42  | 23  | .... |
| Chicago        | 42  | 37  | .14  |
| Dallas         | 40  | 35  | .... |
| Denver         | 48  | 27  | .... |
| Des Moines     | 43  | 28  | .... |
| Detroit        | 33  | 26  | .... |
| Honolulu       | 83  | 68  | .02  |
| Houston        | 38  | 29  | .... |
| Indianapolis   | 39  | 23  | .... |
| Kansas City    | 33  | 28  | .... |
| Las Vegas      | 45  | 21  | .... |
| Los Angeles    | 77  | 53  | .... |
| Memphis        | 66  | 34  | .... |
| Miami Beach    | 67  | 46  | .60  |
| Minneapolis    | 29  | 27  | .06  |
| New Orleans    | 45  | 20  | .... |
| New York       | 42  | 30  | .27  |
| Oakland        | 45  | 31  | .... |
| Oklahoma City  | 34  | 21  | .... |
| Omaha          | 34  | 21  | .... |
| Philadelphia   | 66  | 40  | .... |
| Pittsburgh     | 45  | 21  | .04  |
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| San Francisco  | 57  | 29  | .... |
| Seattle        | 52  | 48  | .... |
| Seattle        | 52  | 48  | .... |
| Spokane        | 46  | 38  | .... |
| Washington     | 41  | 31  | .... |

| Canadian Cities | Max | Min | Pcp  |
|-----------------|-----|-----|------|
| Montreal        | 16  | 7   | .... |
| Toronto         | 32  | 27  | .... |
| Vancouver       | 50  | 46  | .... |

# Air

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"The car built in 1997 emissions-wise is more than 95 percent cleaner than the car from 1970," he said.

Casimassi said the turnover of old cars and two years of reformulated fuels also cleaned the air in the Los Angeles basin.

And then there's El Niño. The ocean phenomenon has brought tropical moisture, cooler weather, above-normal rainfall and Pacific hurricanes that have combined to help scrub the air.

Back in 1970, authorities issued 148 State 1 alerts for ozone, advising the young, old and ill to stay indoors. They issued seven alerts last year, and just one this year.

In 1997, Los Angeles basin air exceeded federal ozone limits on 68 days, down from 90 the previous year. District health advisories dropped to 28 from 53.

A business-government coalition recently unveiled a "Success in the Air" campaign to advertise progress during the 50th anniversary year of California's anti-pollution law.

As the sun shone in Brookside

Park near Pasadena's Rose Bowl one recent afternoon, local residents agreed things had changed.

Jogger Kirk Bull, 39, said the air was "a lot better now than almost five years ago. You can see what you're looking at the mountains—it's clearer."

Chris Plant, 34, was pushing his 15-month-old son Chase in a three-wheeled jogging stroller. He said he could feel the difference. "It hurts less."

"No question the air is better. But it's a long ways from clean," said Tim Carmichael, policy director for the nonprofit Coalition for Clean Air in Los Angeles. "If we don't continue to implement strict controls and push technology, this is going to be a short-lived success. We've gotten all the easy reductions."

He's worried about the proliferation of light trucks and sport utility vehicles, which release 1.5 to 2.5 times more pollutants than passenger cars. They're grown from 20 percent of vehicles sold nationwide in 1980 to 46 percent today, according to the state Air Resources Board. The agency will vote next year on whether to

require such vehicles to meet the same standards as passenger cars by 2006.

As for other contaminants, regulators are seeking cleaner diesel fuel, which contains about 40 fewer toxins. They're proposing stricter controls on consumer products like hairspray, auto waxes and carpet cleaners and on vapors from gas pumps, power plants and dry cleaners.

Also, the Environmental Protection Agency has adopted stricter ozone and particle pollution standards that the AQMD hopes to meet in 2010 and 2006, respectively.

Recent studies link pollution to 1,500 to 5,000 premature deaths in the region annually. Researchers recently found that when particle pollution goes up, so, too, do hospitalizations for breathing and heart disorders.

Dr. Russell P. Sherwin, a pathologist at the University of Southern California, said that he has detected silent lung damage in one of every four other healthy area residents, ages 15 to 24, who die in homicides and car crashes.

NEWPORT, Ind. (AP) — A former nurse who was on duty when dozens of hospital patients mysteriously died was arrested Monday and charged with killing six of them with injections.

Orville Lynn Majors, 36, was on duty when 130 of 147 patients died from 1993 to 1995. Police have said he was a suspect in as many as 100 of the unexplained deaths, and a search of his former home this year turned up a variety of drugs, syringes and needles.

In at least one case, investigators say they have a witness, Paula Holdaway, who said she was in the room when Majors came in and gave her mother, Dorothea Hixon, an injection.

"Majors kissed her on the forehead, brushed her hair back and said 'It's all right punk, everything's going to be all right now,'" Detective Frank Turci said in an affidavit filed in court.

"Within 60 seconds after that, Hixon rolled her eyes back and died."

No injection had been ordered by Hixon's doctor, according to the affidavit.

Majors has maintained his innocence. He was arrested at his parents' home and jailed without bond.

His lawyer said there is no evidence Majors did anything wrong.

State police and prosecutors, who spent \$1.5 million searching for the cause of the deaths of mostly elderly patients, declined to elaborate on the charges.

However a state police commander said an extensive study of the victims finished in early November was a turning point.

During the period Majors worked at Vermillion County Hospital, now known as West Central Community Hospital, a death occurred every 23.1 hours that he was on duty, according to the study. When he was off duty, a death occurred every 551.6 hours.

"Once we got that (study), things sailed right along," said Lt. Charles S. Ellis, commander of the state police post at Terre Haute.

The investigation included the exhumations of 15 patients, including the six names named in Monday's court affidavit who all died from injections.

An autopsy revealed that three of the patients' deaths were consistent with the injection of potassium, which can cause the heart to stop.

Police said in two cases a witness saw Majors give a patient an injection just before the patient died. In one case, a nurse saw Majors standing over a victim with syringe in hand, and in another case Majors was the last person seen with the patient.

# Turbulent

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"We really urge passengers to pay attention to the pilot and the crew members and take advantage of any very simple precautionary measure: just buckle up," Duquette said.

Babies and children under 40 pounds should be strapped into car seats, the FAA recommends, not held on parents' laps. Many airlines offer discounted or free fares for parents who need an extra seat so a child can ride safely.

The FAA has spent half a million dollars over the past year on television, radio and print advertisements to urge travelers to buckle up. Still, many don't take the warnings seriously.

Even when pilots intimately

around the world. Neither of those who died and 61 of those badly hurt were not wearing seat belts.

Including minor injuries, an average of 58 passengers are hurt each year. About 22 flight attendants are also injured annually, according to the FAA.

During last year's holiday season, an American Airlines jetliner flying from Dallas-Fort Worth to Salt Lake City hit severe turbulence injuring 14 passengers—including 7-month-old baby who hit his head—and two crew members.

In July, severe turbulence threw an American Airlines flight from Seattle to New York into a terrifying drop that slammed passengers into the ceiling and injured 22 people.

# Bridge

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"I'm afraid we're chasing something that's so elusive it will never be within our grasp," Talkington said.

He cited a construction estimate of \$50 million, which doesn't include purchasing private property leading to the bridge.

Given the enormity of this fund-raising job, Talkington said, "I wonder if we're even wise investing the money (for a study)."

Talkington pressed for details about where the money would come from, and Prescott said there's legislation brewing to add a penny to the state's sales tax to fund improvements on U.S. Highway 95 in western and northern Idaho.

If that comes to pass, he said,

some of the money could wind up going to road projects elsewhere in Idaho.

"The study would delve into some of the project's economics, Prescott assured Talkington, adding that a thorough analysis would "put to rest the feasibility of it."

"I'm not sure we're going to have a very functional report without discussing the dollars as well as the steel," Talkington said. "I don't see how we can separate them."

In the end, Talkington and others voted 6-0 to pledge \$5,000 from the city's contingency fund; Councilman Art Frantz was absent.

# Holy month starts

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — Clerics around the Islamic world spotted a new moon Monday, signaling that Ramadan — the holy month of dusk-to-dawn fasting — will begin Tuesday.

Egypt's imam and mufti, Sheikh Nasr Farid, made the announcement in Cairo.

# CORRECTION

A headline on Saturday's "Magic Valley" page improperly described revenue for the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Foundation's Festival of Trees.

The festival had grossed (not) revenue of more than \$63,000. Information about the festival's net earnings will not be available until all expenses have been paid.

The Times-News regrets the error.

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SATURDAY DECEMBER 27 NUMBERS

**POWERBALL**

9 14 15 36 48

POWERBALL NUMBER 17

SATURDAY DECEMBER 27 NUMBERS

**LOTTO**

4 8 14 18 24 27

MONDAY DECEMBER 29 NUMBERS

**5 FAST**

2 4 7 14 16

You'll get a major kick in the cash on Wednesday if you play Ticket Lottery, because the jackpot will be \$575,000!!! Remember, you can't win if you don't play!

Powersball will be \$17 million on Wednesday. Starting out the new year getting 5680,000 per year or \$36 per ticket. Most people will be pretty GREAT, don't you think?

Congratulations to a lucky player from Logan, UT who won some major Cannon Ball Cash! He matched three like amounts and won \$1,000. The winning ticket was purchased at La Trienda in Franklin.

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NATION

# Board picks top teachers quietly

FAIRFAX, Va. (AP) — To watch Carol Horn in her social studies classroom is to watch a master teacher at work.



Carol Horn confers with Mahon Wise, 10, in her class, Dec. 10 at William Halley Elementary School in Fairfax Station, Va. Horn's skill as a teacher has helped her become one of about 900 top-quality teachers recognized by a national board receiving millions of dollars in federal aid.

The first six standards came out in 1994. One was added this year. Five more should be out by year.

The idea of uniform standards for all American teachers has caused little controversy. But critics say the plan should undergo more scrutiny in light of the cost — about \$30,000 in federal funds per teacher so far, not to mention private foundation and business support.

"I don't think we have yet any independent confirmation of whether these are better teachers," said Chester Finn Jr., an Education Department official

work and writing detailed accounts of their work with individual students.

It is worth it, said Mrs. Horn, even though the Fairfax County school system paid just half her fee and she got no raise. "I feel strongly that teaching is a profession," she said.

Several states are making certification pay.

North Carolina teachers will get a 12 percent raise if they are certified. In Oklahoma, it is worth \$5,000 more. Six other states and many local school districts, including Los Angeles, also pay their certified teachers more.

## Mother gets 25 years in prison for slaying

TRONTON, Ohio (AP) — A woman got 25 years in prison Monday for her part in the slaying of her 7-year-old daughter, whose body was found in a trash can buried in the family's back yard. Mona Volgare, 28, who has three other children, pleaded with Judge Frank McConn to keep her out of prison.

Mrs. Horn lets the sixth-graders at William Halley Elementary School do most of the talking. But she guides them carefully through time and topic, covering propaganda and pilgrims, geography and history, writing and art, prompting students to display their factual knowledge and ability to reason through problems.

"They didn't want their children to grow up like the Dutch," said one student, explaining why pilgrims left Holland despite having religious freedom. Later, a student suggests negative advertising in a make-believe campaign to entice Europeans to choose one colony over another.

"Is that an effective strategy?" asks Mrs. Horn, 46, neglectful of the chalk dust on her clothes. The discussion turns to modern advertising.

Such classroom aplomb has helped Mrs. Horn become one of about 900 top-quality teachers recognized by a national board receiving millions of dollars in federal aid.

And if President Clinton has his way, the number of teachers certified by the nonpartisan National Board for Professional Teaching Standards would multiply more than 100 times by the year 2006. That is an average of at least one for every school, but a fraction of the nation's 2.6 million public school teachers.

At Clinton's request, Congress raised the federal subsidy for the board to \$18.5 million this year from the previous \$5 million.

The 10-year-old board says the additional money will help it move more quickly in determining what accomplished teachers should know and do in about 30 academic specialties.

The first six standards came out in 1994. One was added this year. Five more should be out by year.

The idea of uniform standards for all American teachers has caused little controversy. But critics say the plan should undergo more scrutiny in light of the cost — about \$30,000 in federal funds per teacher so far, not to mention private foundation and business support.

"I don't think we have yet any independent confirmation of whether these are better teachers," said Chester Finn Jr., an Education Department official

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## Federal workers to get 2.8% raise

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton Monday authorized pay raises for federal workers, including increases averaging 2.8 percent for civilian employees and members of the military.

The raises, approved by executive order, take effect with the new year beginning Thursday.

Civilian federal workers get a raise of 2.3 percent plus a "locality adjustment" that varies by geographic location but averages 0.5 percent, said White House spokesman Joe Lockhart.

All members of the military will get a raise of 2.8 percent. The order authorizes pay raises of 2.3 percent for Vice President Al Gore, federal judges and members of Congress. The raise for members of Congress — from \$133,600 to \$136,700 — is based on a provision in a spending bill signed by Clinton in October.

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## The Twin Falls Canal Company NOTICE OF REGULAR STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the regular meeting of the stockholders of the Twin Falls Canal Company will be held on Tuesday, the 13th day of January, 1998. The meeting will be called to order by the Directors at 9:00 a.m. in the Fine Arts Auditorium at the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls.

A Director from District 2 (Twin Falls) and a Director from District 4 (Buhl) will be elected for a three-year terms.

Other business will also be transacted. There will be reports from the Company's General Manager, auditors and lawyers. There will also be reports on concerning Company operation and maintenance efforts, 1998 water supplies, water quality efforts, Snake River Aquifer studies, the Endangered Species Act, the SRBA, and other matters of interest.

The corporate books will close for the transfer of stock ten (10) days before said meeting.

The polls shall be open at the offices of the Company at 357 Sixth Avenue West, Twin Falls, Idaho, between the hours of 12:00 noon and 6:00 p.m., on January 13, 1998.

Proxies shall be filed with the Company's Assistant Secretary at the Company office on or before January 9, 1998.

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Some lawmakers' pensions could reach \$10,000

WASHINGTON (AP) — Longtime service in Congress pays nicely at retirement, with some lawmakers going home with annual pensions of roughly \$100,000 — about five times the national average.

So says the National Taxpayers Union, a conservative group that advocates less government spending.

"This is the Rolls-Royce of pension plans," said David Keating, vice president for the taxpayers' group, which calculates that the congressional pension estimates at the request of The Associated Press. "You can't get a position like this in the private sector."

Rep. Joseph McDade, R-Pa., Lee Hamilton, D-Ind., and Sidney Yates, D-Ill., will be eligible for \$98,094 each, about three-fourths of their \$133,000 salary, when they leave office in 1999 after a combined 104 years.

Other members' pensions, which are taxable, could approach \$100,000 as well, according to a 1994 Labor Department study, the latest available, a private sector employee earning \$50,000 or more was eligible for pension benefits averaging \$1,000.

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Why are lawmakers' retirement benefits so lucrative? A principal reason is that congressional pensions are indexed each year for inflation, something that sets them apart from most other retirement plans.

Rep. Henry Gonzalez, D-Texas, will be eligible for at least \$100,000 as he resigns as planned before the end of his term, for instance. Benefits for Sen. John Glenn, D-Ohio, will exceed \$90,000 after factoring in a separate pension from his postwar military duties as a combat pilot and astronaut.

Members of Congress defended the retirement system.

"Almost all my adult life has been spent in public service in the Marine Corps and the Senate," Glenn said. "I have made the required contributions to the system and will retire from the Senate at the end of my year with a pension based on those years of service."

Aides for Yates and Gonzalez said the lawmakers deserved higher pensions for more than three decades of public service. Yates spokeswoman Mary Bain added that the 88-year-old lawmaker could have opted to collect benefits over a longer period by retiring at 65.

Hamilton's office declined to comment, while McDade's did not return telephone calls.

McDade, in his 18th two-year term as most senior House Republican, Hamilton and Yates have served 17 terms each. Gonzalez is in his 19th term, while Glenn is retiring after four

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six-year terms.

Lawmakers elected since January 1984 fall under a less generous pension system, but members who joined before that have limited competition credits using the old formulas.

In 1995, Congress approved language that would have brought future earnings more in line with those given to other federal workers, but it was part of a broader budget bill vetoed by President Clinton for other reasons. Congress has not passed similar legislation in the current session.

Pension figures aren't readily available on Capitol Hill, but the National Taxpayers Union has devised a computer program to provide its own estimates based on data from a survey it took of members of Congress.

Members who were assumed to be in the main civil service pension program. Members planning to leave Congress after 1998 stand to receive at least \$42,000 each if they were elected before 1984, while those under the newer pension system will be eligible for between \$12,000 to \$29,000 when they hit retirement age.

However, a stock investment plan for the newer members can boost retirement savings by hundreds of thousands of dollars, according to the taxpayers' group.

Rep. Paul McClell, D-Pa., who joined Congress in 1994 and decided against seeking re-election in 1998, said the days of exorbitant pension benefits are largely over. McClell, 47, will get about \$14,000 when he turns 62.

"Pension benefits to newly elected members of Congress are really quite modest, and the vast majority of members (still serving) will fall under the new system," McClell said.

In general, a member's pension is based on the number of years of service and the average of the three highest years' salaries, with a 1991 pay raise helping to boost pension levels.

A pay raise that will take effect in 1998, increasing annual salary to \$146,672, will have minimal effect on the pensions, the taxpayers' group said.

Pension estimates factor in federal service before joining Congress and assume that married lawmakers opt for survivors' benefits, which lower the annual amount by 10 percent. That option allows a spouse to collect benefits after the death of the lawmaker.

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Clintons head to islands for vacation

WASHINGTON (AP) — As is their holiday habit, President Clinton and first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton will slip out of Washington today for a New Year's Eve vacation in the Caribbean.

The Hilton Head affair is a high-minded, invitation-only convale of achievers in fields ranging from finance and religion to politics, science and sports. The cozy, downsized event was established in 1981 by Clinton friend Phil Lader, who headed the Small Business Administration in Clinton's first term.

The Clintons customarily attend one or two policy seminars. After last year's session, attended by some 500 families — 1,600 people in all — the president expressed regret at the growing size of the gathering.

In an interview Lader, now ambassador to Britain, said those who attend gain lasting benefits. "It's wonderful to see some of the young people who we've known for almost two decades growing and the friendships that have grown between hundreds and hundreds of people," Lader said.

Lader offered a sampling of topics to be discussed at this year's event: medical breakthroughs, the impact of the Internet, Asia's economic crisis, spiritual values, morals and manners, the news media, investment, prospectives, Hollywood and popular culture, and school testing and standards.

On New Year's Day, the Clintons are to fly further south to close out the young year with a 33-square-mile island they first visited last year at the suggestion of Vice President Al Gore and his wife Tipper. They will again settle in at the Sand Dollar, a private villa on the island's Peterberg Peninsula.

Justice insists Microsoft is violating court order

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Justice Department pressed its bid for a contempt citation against Microsoft on Monday, saying the software giant is "in clear violation" of a court order in a lawsuit involving Windows computer software.

Government lawyers accused Microsoft of "jerry-rigging its own products" to get around an order that it quit requiring computer buyers to distribute the Internet Explorer browser program as a condition of installing the popular Windows 95 operating system software.

"Microsoft is in clear violation of both the injunction's letter and spirit," Justice Department lawyers said in court papers.

U.S. District Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson issued the order Dec. 11. A week later, the Justice Department asked him to rule Microsoft in contempt. Government lawyers also asked Jackson to impose \$1 million a day in fines if the company refuses to obey a contempt finding.

Microsoft denied it was violating Jackson's order, saying in court papers last week that the Justice Department's proposals showed that "poorly informed lawyers have no vocation for software design."

Jackson has scheduled a Jan. 13 hearing for arguments in the case. Microsoft argues that the latest version of Windows 95 includes the work browser is ordered. The Justice Department accuses Microsoft of illegally tying two separate products together.

Government lawyers said Microsoft misinterpreted Jackson's Dec. 11 order. "Under Microsoft's reading of the injunction, it is entitled to offer as the only alterna-

tive to its conditioned license a version of Windows 95 that simply will not work," Justice Department lawyers said.

That, in effect, would require computer makers to continue using Internet Explorer if they install Windows 95, the government brief said. Microsoft also offered computer makers a second software alternative that government lawyers said was "commercially worthless" to computer makers.

But government lawyers said Microsoft itself has advertised that Internet Explorer can be easily uninstalled.

The point is not to hinder Microsoft's efforts to create improved products, but rather to prevent Microsoft from using its Windows monopoly to place a thumb on the scale in browser competition," Justice Department lawyers said.



Government workers collect chickens at a Hong Kong farm Monday in a massive, 24-hour drive to kill the country's estimated 1.2 million chickens, designed to eradicate a mysterious flu that has killed four people.

# Hong Kong kills poultry to wipe out mysterious flu

HONG KONG (AP) — Wearing protective cotton face masks and gloves, government workers supervised a slaughter of Hong Kong's entire chicken population in an attempt to prevent new cases of a mysterious flu that has killed four people.

Scenes of massive slaughter, followed by scrubbing and disinfecting, were played out at hundreds of poultry markets and farms.

In the markets, government workers in white surgical masks and gloves moved down aisles holding clipboards, keeping count as barefooted and bareheaded vendors calmly pulled birds from cages and drew their knives quickly across the necks.

The teams threw the carcasses in plastic garbage bags, tossed in cupfuls of lime, then sealed the bags in trash bins for transportation to government-run landfills.

On farms, government teams placed chickens into garbage bags and piped carbon dioxide into the bags through hoses.

By evening, hundreds of bags of carcasses had been trucked to government landfills. Officials expected to kill about 1.2 million chickens, along with uncounted ducks, geese, quail and other poultry.

The government ordered the slaughter after discovering the influenza virus A H5N1 among



chickens on a farm. The virus has long been known to infect birds, but it jumped to humans for the first time this year.

As of Monday, 13 people were confirmed as having the flu, including the four who died and six who recovered fully. Seven others were suspected of having the flu, including two who recovered.

Experts do not know whether humans can get the virus from each other or just from birds. Another question is whether the virus is primarily airborne or if it can be contracted by handling bird droppings. There is no vaccine.

Not everyone exposed to the virus falls ill, however. At least nine people developed antibodies to the flu without having marked flu symptoms. No poultry workers are known to have been sickened.

Vendors "will not be allowed to sell any poultry until the poultry are confirmed to be safe," Chow Lai, an environmental health official, said as he supervised the slaughter at Itung Hom Market.

"This is one of the ways to prevent

the spread of the disease, to get rid of the source," he said.

However, critics said that could not be assured because the source of the virus remains unknown.

"Until we know the answer, the killing of more than a million birds cannot hope to quell the public's understandable fears," the English-language South China Morning Post wrote Monday in an unusual front-page editorial.

It said all chickens entering Hong Kong also will have to be certified as safe.

About 80 percent of Hong Kong's poultry supply comes from mainland China, and Hong Kong officials believe at least some infected chickens came from China.

China halted poultry shipments to Hong Kong last week for an indefinite period but insists none of its chickens are infected, raising questions about the effectiveness of its surveillance.

Martin Lee, chairman of the Democratic Party and an outspoken critic of China, accused the Hong Kong government Monday of moving too slowly to clean up the chicken supply out of subservience to Beijing. He said it was obvious that China was the likely source, and that Hong Kong should have halted the chicken shipments on its own.

More than 120 million stamps will be released to meet the expected demand in Britain and abroad. Diana died Aug. 31 in a Paris car crash.

# Princess Diana stamps go on sale Feb. 3 in Britain

LONDON (AP) — Five stamps featuring formal and casual photos of Princess Diana go on sale Feb. 3.

The stamps are expected to raise several million dollars for the Diana, Princess of Wales Memorial Fund, which will receive all profits.

"The stamps will be a beautiful

and enduring tribute to her life," Post Office chief executive John Roberts said Monday.

"The stamps include photographs of Diana by Lord Snowdon, Tim Graham, John Stillwell and the late Terence Donovan, with the dates of her life, 1961-97.

A Kensington Palace spokesman said the family was "delighted" with the stamps' design.

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# Mexican refugees: Killers still free

POLIHU, Mexico (AP) — Angry refugees in this mountainous Chiapas town pulled four men off buses and locked them up in a schoolhouse, claiming they are allies of a pro-government death squad accused of killing 45 villagers.

The vigilante arrest Sunday is evidence of the weak condition of police in the impoverished southern state. A spokesman for the federal attorney general's office said it was unclear if the villagers would turn the men over to police.

The four men appeared frightened as they were hauled off by their arms and taken to the improvised jail in Polihu, a muddy village that has attracted at least 1,500 people fleeing political violence in their own towns. Estimates of the number of refugees in Polihu varied widely Monday, with some officials saying there were 5,000.

More than 200 people — 600 by some counts — have been killed in Chiapas in the four years since Zapata rebels rose up to demand

greater rights for the state's Indian majority. In the wake of the January 1994 rebellion, which itself killed 145 people, villagers aligned either with the rebels or the long-dominant Institutional Revolutionary Party, known as the PRI.

Survivors of the Dec. 22 massacre in nearby Acteal blame gunmen loyal to the PRI government. Peace talks between the two sides in Chenahob municipality, which includes Acteal and Polihu, had broken off three days earlier.

# Double agent claims infiltration

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — The Islamic guerrilla group Hezbollah said Monday it infiltrated Israel's Mossad intelligence agency with a double agent who fed Israel disinformation about the militants for more than a year.

Musaa Zein, a member of the Iranian-backed Hezbollah, told reporters that he worked with Mossad under the alias Albert Pfyfer, and returned to Lebanon eight months ago.

most important security victories against the Zionist enemy."

Zein, 29, said he was captured by Israeli troops in the Israeli-occupied border enclave in southern Lebanon in July 1992 and spent the next three years in an Israeli prison.

Under torture and psychological pressure, Zein said he gave the Israelis "minor information" that would not have harmed Hezbollah interests. Later, he said, he agreed to work for Mossad as an agent, and was given an Israeli passport and sent to Southeast Asia and Europe.

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THE ROGERSSES

RUPERT - Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Rogers of Rupert will be honored at an open house Friday for their 50th wedding anniversary. Friends and relatives are invited to call from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Rupert Elks Lodge, 200 W. 85 S. Rogers and Dorothy Schleit were married Jan. 2, 1948, in Rupert. They lived in Rupert raising six



sons while he farmed and ranched and she worked at the Rupert Post Office. The event is being given by their children, Rick (Linda) Rogers of Kimberly, Ed (Joyce) Rogers of Twin Falls, and Lynn (Jody) Rogers, Dan (Joanne) Rogers, David (Ronda) Rogers and Tim (Mary) Rogers, all of Rupert. The couple has 17 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

THE OSTERHOUSES

DEULO - Mr. and Mrs. Devon Osterhout of Deulo will be honored at an open house Saturday for their 50th wedding anniversary. Friends and relatives are invited to call from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Deulo Stake Center, 213 W. Main. Osterhout and Betty Okelberry were married Jan. 1, 1948, at her parents' home in Oakley. The marriage was sealed Dec. 17, 1957, in the Idaho Falls LDS Temple.



Betty and Devon Osterhout

Before retiring, he farmed in Deulo most of his life and she worked at Ore-Ida Foods for 10 years and off and on at Simplot for 20 years. The event is being given by their children, John (Cathy) Osterhout of Deulo, Tim (Nina) Osterhout of Rupert, Kerry (Loretta) Osterhout of Malta, Chuck (Marla) Osterhout of Deulo, Brent (Faye) Osterhout of Rafi River, Connie (Tony) Myrdahl of Beaverton, Ore., Juli (Clay) Melaine of Burley and Shauna (Mike) Butters of Deulo. The couple has 35 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren.

Host overreacted over extra guest

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DEAR ABBY  
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# Council critic moves into Spokane mayor's office, tries to build bridges

SPOKANE (AP) — The "angry outsider" has come inside.

Chief City Council critic and neighborhood advocate John Talbott became Mayor John Talbott Monday and began trying to repair rifts with council members and city officials he earlier had asked to resign.

Talbott said he was unfairly portrayed during the campaign as an "angry outsider" who dislikes everything about City Hall. He beat incumbent Jack Geraghty by a razor-thin margin.

"There were a few issues I've felt strongly about ... that weren't being clearly explained to the people," Talbott said prior to being sworn in on Monday.

"When I first took office, I did become that angry person," he said. "That reputation precedes me. Most people, after they get to know me, don't feel that way."

Since his victory in November, Talbott has tried to show those inside City Hall that he represents more than the most critical speeches he made to the City Council.

He's met with city managers to



John Talbott, a sharp critic of Spokane city government, shown speaking with city councilman Jeff Colliton in Spokane Friday, was sworn in as the city's mayor on Monday.

discuss goals, with community center directors to schedule future meetings with neighborhood residents and has made preliminary plans for a weekly radio call-in show.

And he has met separately with his six council colleagues to begin building a relationship that has been tattered by his activism.

"Right now, it'll be a challenge for John to do that," Councilman

Jeff Colliton said. "He's antagonized members of the council and he'll have to struggle to get consensus built. It's not impossible, but he'll have to work at it."

Under Spokane's weak mayor form of government, Talbott will be one of seven voting members of the City Council.

"The toughest job of the council is working with each other. It's not just one person," Talbott said. "We have to be able to bring that expertise in a common direction and keep in mind what we're doing to serve the people of Spokane."

Already, council members have made it known they will embrace Talbott reluctantly; they rejected Talbott's choice for a mayor's assistant and have resisted his call for an independent internal auditor.

Talbott spent several hours with Geraghty discussing the transition, and the outgoing mayor offered some advice.

"I told him he would really have to work hard to work with the council," Geraghty said. "If you try to get an agenda through, you have to get the votes."

The mayor's fifth-floor office sits less than a block away from two controversial downtown projects that Talbott opposed, but were favored by a council majority: a proposed new Lincoln Street Bridge over the Spokane River and the \$100 million River Park Square redevelopment.

Talbott, a 63-year-old retired military officer, campaigned on a pledge that he would work for better government accountability and completion of a set of long-term goals for the city.

Although there has been resistance to his call for an auditor, Talbott said he isn't giving up.

"The internal auditor will benefit city government by either affirming that what we're doing is the best way we can do it, or pointing out ways we can improve," he said.

Talbott also suggested instituting managed competition, where city departments would seek private industry for city jobs, and changes in the weekly council

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# Lawyers won't use mental defense tactic

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — Lawyers for Unabomber suspect Theodore Kaczynski dropped plans Monday to use a mental defense tactic.

The move, coming a week before the scheduled start of opening statements, was not entirely surprising because Kaczynski has refused to allow himself to be tested by government psychiatrists and has become agitated in court during discussions of his mental state.

Defense attorneys Quin Dennis and Judy Clarke — in a one-line statement to the judge — said they were withdrawing plans they filed in June to have mental health experts testify on Kaczynski's behalf during the guilt phase of his trial.

Defense attorneys have said they believe Kaczynski suffers from paranoid schizophrenia, a mental illness associated with delusions and feelings of persecution.

Their action Monday apparently does not preclude them from



Theodore Kaczynski

calling non-expert witnesses, such as family members or friends, to talk about Kaczynski's behavior.

His younger brother, David, and his mother, Wanda, plan to attend the trial, and they are expected to testify on his behalf.

Still at issue, however, is whether Kaczynski, if found guilty, can call mental health experts to testify for him during a possible sentencing phase of the trial. That's when jurors may decide whether to vote for the death penalty.

Meantime, individuals familiar with the case said federal prosecutors turned down a recent offer for Kaczynski to plead guilty if he is spared the death penalty.

Kaczynski's lawyers made an extensive presentation to the Justice Department's death penalty review committee in Washington to lobby for a sentence of life in prison without the possibility of parole if he pleaded guilty to a string of deadly bombings that began in 1978.

But the offer was rejected by prosecutors overseeing Kaczynski's trial, the individuals said.

Kaczynski's brother, who assisted prosecutors in apprehending the defendant but has pleaded to spare his life, is "profoundly disappointed" and "extremely depressed" about prosecutors' decision, his lawyer said.

"It had been our hope and belief that such a resolution would be in the best interests of all concerned," said Attorney Anthony Bisceglie.

"It would have assured the government a conviction finally. ... It would have spared David and his mother the necessity to con-

tinue to fight to save Ted's life. And it would eliminate the possibility that David would have to live out the rest of his life knowing his effort to save the lives of potential future victims could actually result in his own brother's execution," Bisceglie said today in an interview.

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# Utah reelects state school board leaders

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — State Education Board chairwoman Kari Garff and Vice Chairman John Watson each have been reelected to second terms.

Their terms will begin Thursday and continue through the 1998 calendar year.

Garff, of Bountiful, has been a member of the board since 1992. She represents District 7, which encompasses much of Davis County. Watson, of Farr West, represents District 5 in Weber County. He has served on the board since 1996.

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## EDITORIAL

### Unlicensed drivers should be punished, but not imprisoned

State Rep. Jim Stoicheff thinks it's crazy to put Idahoans who drive without a license behind bars when thugs and drug dealers have to be paroled to open up space for them.

So, following Gov. Phil Batt's lead, he has introduced legislation to decriminalize the offense. Stoicheff, a retired teacher and the senior Democrat in the Idaho House of Representatives, would replace hard time with mandatory community service.

That not a bad idea, though we're skeptical that the threat of picking up trash by the side of the highway is going to keep unlicensed drivers off the road.

One alternative might be to seize the vehicles of repeat offenders. We'll see what Batt and the GOP chairman of the House and Senate judiciary committees, who have promised their own legislation on this issue, come up with during the session.

The trouble with locking up outlaw motorists is that it's a punishment that doesn't fit the crime. Instead, it's a last-ditch attempt to keep suspended drivers away from their cars keys.

In Idaho, most of the folks bereft of driver's licenses find themselves in that circumstance because they've been convicted of driving under the influence or other serious violations.

But a suspended license often doesn't keep them from getting into their cars and driving to work - or to the corner bar.

Frustrated county prosecutors years ago pressed for sterner measures, which ended up being mandatory jail



You can see Rep. Jim Stoicheff's House Bill 466 and other pending legislation on the Internet by visiting The Times-News Online. Go to www.magicalvalley.com and click on NewsLink icon

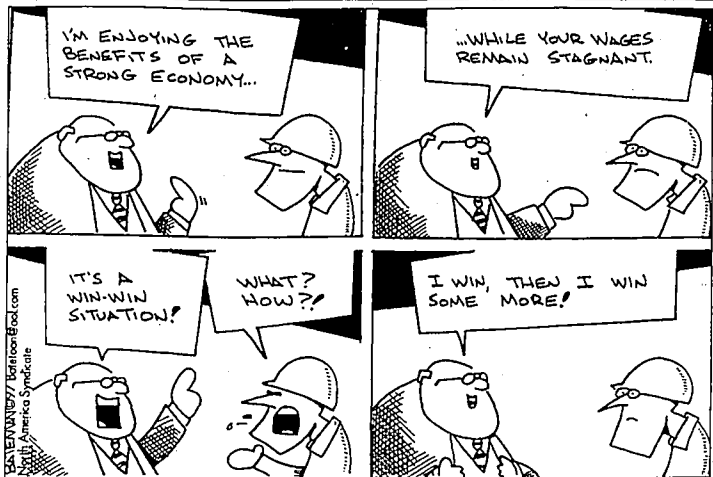
time - and on the third offense, up to three years in the state prison.

Idaho is one of five states that resort to such measures. Other states have successfully found non-jail alternatives. Idaho should try to do the same, and Stoicheff's bill is a good place to start the discussion.

But Stoicheff's bill would also allow Idahoans caught driving without a license to claim "that the person has a religious or personal beliefs that preclude them from obtaining a license."

That's a built-in excuse for every scowling and crackpot constitutionalist to float the law by hiding beneath the umbrella of religious freedom. It should be put into law.

That issue aside, the notion of opening up prison space for criminals is appealing. Clearly, in an era when the state's burgeoning corrections costs are crowding other priorities out of the state budget, it's time for Idaho to rethink whom it incarcerates and under what circumstances.



### Israel had better prepare for another war

The CBS radio correspondent reported on a tour of the "West Bank" (also known as Judea and Samaria) led by Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and "right-wing" Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon. Each had a map, he said. Sharon's would cede about 60 percent of the territory to the Palestinians, while Netanyahu's would give up a little more than 50 percent. Neither plan would be acceptable to the Palestine Liberation Organization, he said, and so neither would advance "peace."



CAL THOMAS

As usual, the story was reported as if only what Israel does determines whether there will be peace between the Palestinians and the Jewish state. The facts are, and always have been, that PLO leader Yasser Arafat, Hamas and the rest of Israel's enemies will kill and will settle for nothing less. They see U.S. pressure on Israel favoring them.

All Israel has ever asked for is reciprocity. If land is to be exchanged for peace after five wars, Israel has an obligation to ensure that peaceful acts follow the relinquishing of territory. Instead, Israel's enemies are allowed to say and do anything with little or no consequences, while Israel is expected to honor the Oslo agreement.

The net result is that Israel has made since the 1973 war will come early next month when the plan worked out between the U.S. State Department's Dennis Ross and Netanyahu is to be implemented. It requires Netanyahu to announce the percentage of land he will abandon. According to Israeli television, this will be followed by a summit meeting between

Netanyahu, Arafat and U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright who will conduct permanent status negotiations. One might expect that the prospect of a de facto Palestinian state might produce some conciliatory statements from the other side, along with a promise to end terrorism and usher in a new dawn of cooperation, mutual security and respect. Instead, Arafat continues his pledge that "all of Israel will be the state of Palestine and all of Jerusalem will be the capital of that state and only that state." He also declares "We won't give up a single grain of our holy land from the sea to the Jordan River." Why is he not believed? Why do the State Department and the Clinton administration continue to ignore such statements and pretend that fiction is fact?

Unalterable Koranic injunctions allow Muslims to sign agreements with "infidels," but only as a means to achieving their "holy" goals. This permits them to wiggle mentally at the negotiating table what they have been incapable of winning on the battlefield. Israel is being pressured by the Clinton administration to withdraw from more territory with no real pressure directed at Israel's enemies, which have failed to live up to any of the Oslo accord. Israel has learned the hard way that only Israelis can protect themselves and

must not rely on American promises. Would the Clinton administration send arms and troops to repel an invasion from Arab states or an uprising within Palestinian ranks that threatened to overwhelm Israel? It's not likely. The final irony would come when Jews would be blamed for their own demise for not giving up more territory sooner. It would be explained that the elimination of Israel came as a result of pent-up Arab and Palestinian anger, that could not be assuaged.

The kind of aid Israel could use right now is congressional hearings that would examine the administration's Mideast policies, particularly the failed Oslo accords, and require those who are behind them to be held accountable.

In a Dec. 19 address to the Jewish Journalists Convention in Jerusalem, Netanyahu was correct to promise: "I will not return to the May 1967 borders. Those were war borders, which almost led to the annihilation of the state of Israel. I have no plans to turn Israel into a 10-kilometer-wide state... This is our land, our homeland. I propose a permanent arrangement where the densely Arab-populated areas are under Palestinian control, while the areas that are vital for our security and that are basically empty will be under our control." Sounds good, but it will not be acceptable to the other side. Israel, rather than dying a slow death, had better prepare for another war and pray it won't be the one that leads to its annihilation.

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## LETTERS

### Media monopoly controls nation

Somebody has to sound an alarm. In the last 20 years or so, the news media has drastically changed. There were more than 50 news-gathering agencies and independent newspapers. Now there are less than 12 and some of these 12 have joint boards of directors that set the tone and policies of hired spin doctors (news reporters and commentators that are bought off or influenced by big government and big business).

This monopoly of newsprint, radio, TV, Internet, etc., is too much concentrated control of the thought processes of what was to be a free-thinking nation, not a collaboration of a big company to train controlled robots for the New World Order.

Thank you, Bill Clinton. JACK STREETER Mountain Home

### Serious nutcases listen to Rush

There is an old saying: Anyone who goes to see a psychiatrist needs their head examined.

I have also learned that anyone who listens to Rush Limbaugh more than twice should go see a psychiatrist. WILLIAM HAFNER Twin Falls

### I'm fleeing to a freer country

I recently decided to leave the United States and reside in the former Soviet Union country of Estonia. Why? As an American, I can no longer appreciate the freedom and rights that are guaranteed to all Americans by the American Constitution, regardless of race, creed, sex, age or religion.

Like other Americans, I feel betrayed by the federal government and by many of our elected officials. The greed, corruption and mismanagement in Washington, D.C., has reached extreme limits. Our Congress has focused too much on the desires and needs of "Corporate

America" and has neglected the average working-class Americans.

We are no longer a nation in which all Americans enjoy freedom and have equal rights but a nation that has been divided by federal policies based on race and religion, such as "affirmative action."

For the past three years, I have been subject to abuse and harassment by the Health and Welfare division of child support enforcement and by the Internal Revenue Service. The fact that I did not owe back child support, nor did I owe taxes on the money I earned overseas, was of no relevance. Federal agencies have targeted middle- and lower-income Americans, knowing that many do not have the financial resources to protect their rights.

I have filed four complaints with Congressman Mike Crapo's office regarding harassment and abuse that I have been subjected to. The harassment and abuse have not ceased, and the IRS has illegally seized \$24,000, which is rightfully mine, and I have little chance of recovering the money.

As an individual who has lived in other countries, I realize how important it is for our constitutional rights to be respected and protected by the representatives that we elect to Congress. Too many Americans do not appreciate how vital our voting power is. Americans need to cast their votes wisely and send representatives to Congress, such as Congressman Helen Chenoweth, who will speak out against federal abuse and speak in defense of the rights of all Americans, regarding their income level.

I will deeply miss the people and the quality of life that I have for many years enjoyed in the Magic Valley area; however, I refuse to continue to live in a country where I have few or no rights simply because I, like other Americans, cannot financially afford to have my rights protected. CHARLIE PRICE Hansen

### F&G bureaucracy is ridiculous

As a native Idahoan, I will be the first to agree that the fees are a bit void of intelligence. But, what about the entire bureaucracy?

In 1996, I applied for a third disability permit to fish (10 years of free fishing). I also have a mentally disabled nephew whose entire life is fishing who also has 10 year permit.

The first permit required a doctor's assertion of disability (for Fish and Game employees statement of conditions). These cost a doctor's office call of \$20. The second permit was issued on an old permit. The third was denied due to lack of medical statement. Six or seven months later, again denied due to charge of \$1.50 per permit which was not submitted due to lack of knowledge on my part. Fish and Game returned the signed original medical report on the nephew. Now this is in 1997. I was and am 73 years old. I sent the money and, as of this date, have not received even a thank you. While sitting, unable to fish, personnel drive up in huge three-quarter-ton 4x4s with every conceivable accessory available, extended cabs, etc., to check the licenses of the poens that pay their wages that drove there in old vehicles just for the outing. Even old hunting, the hunters arrive at camp in cars and two-wheel pickups. If we can do it, why can't they do it in half-ton standard cab 4x4s? Never on Saturday or Sunday are you

approached by these denizens of the law. Why does the Fish and Game need to own real estate? Doesn't the state own enough? The older the bureaucracy, the bigger it gets.

The Times-News editorial board is very shallow in its evaluation of the necessity of the Idaho Department of Fish and Game fees.

CHARLES L. TWITCHELL Elba

### Generosity results in loss of job

I was fired from Magic Hot Springs Youth Camp last week for giving candy to a child.

After two boys at the facility ran away on Dec. 2, the staff decided that proper punishment would be for them to sit on chairs for almost two weeks. They were allowed to get up only to go to the bathroom, shower and then go to bed. The boys received no counseling during this time and were not allowed to speak. No one was allowed to speak to them.

After almost two weeks of this punishment, I gave one of the boys a small amount of candy. The boy had been sitting in his chair watching the other boys party in a Christmas party. The boy had tears in his eyes. I got him a small amount of candy. Another staff member got him a soda. The child thanked us. According to the Idaho Child Protection Act, if a person thinks a child is be-

ing abused or neglected, that person is required to report the information to authorities. I reported his information to the Department of Health and Welfare. The department informed the licensing person in Boise. Licensing in Boise called me at home to ask any questions. I was told that my name would not be mentioned.

Licensing arrived on Thursday and spoke to some of the staff and some of the boys. I was fired an hour after the licensing team left the facility. I was told by Executive Director Mike Hutchings that the reason I was being fired was because I gave the boy candy.

I feel that turning in the complaint to the Department of Health and Welfare was the correct thing to do. I am not saying that the boys should not have had consequences for running away. But being made to sit in a chair for almost two weeks is too severe for any child.

I have a great concern for all the boys who are residing at the camp. Staff members apparently had no concerns about the type of punishment being used on the boys and, therefore, felt it was not necessary to report possible abuse or neglect. Now that I have been "fired for giving candy to a child," will the staff be more reluctant to report possible abuse or neglect in the future? I guess only time will tell. MITCH DENNIS Twin Falls

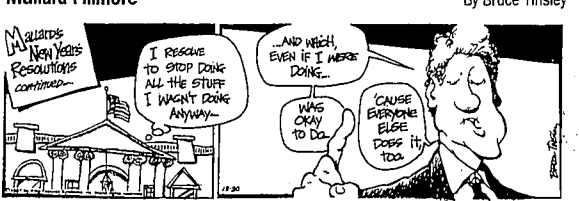
### Doonesbury



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### Mallard Fillmore





# Other fees may rise if access free

**BOISE (AP)**—State regulators are advising lawmakers that slashing charges local telephone companies impose on competitors for their local service customers could mean higher charges elsewhere.

In a report filed with the Legislature ahead of next month's annual session, the Public Utilities Commission declined to conclude that so-called access charges are excessive.

Although long distance companies like AT&T, MCI and Sprint face some of the nation's highest access charges in Idaho, the commission said only a company-by-company cost-allocation analyses conducted after a cost model is adopted can determine if those charges are excessive. It indicated a cost model would be adopted next year.

If that model shows access charges in excess of legitimate

earnings for those services, the commission said it would consider ordering a reduction.

"But if the commission finds that a company is not over-earning, it is important to understand that reductions in access charge rates may have to be offset by increasing some other rate," according to the 12-page report.

Access charges are paid by long-distance companies to connect to the local service telephone system—primarily the systems operated by US West and GTE in Idaho. Right now, those charges are imposed on long-distance calls made through AT&T or another long-distance company within the service territories of the local exchange company—most of southern Idaho in the case of US West.

Currently those charges generate \$34.5 million a year and account for anywhere from 7 percent of US West's intrastate revenue to 60 percent of the intrastate revenue for Gem State Utilities Corp., one of the 11 small rural phone companies.

AT&T and other long-distance carriers trying to get into the local service market claim the commission fell short of meeting the legislative directive by not lowering the access rates immediately. They contend existing access fees not only inflate the cost of their long-distance service within the local exchange territories but also economically eliminates them from competing for local service customers as Congress contemplated.

"The commission's failure to take this step means that Idaho consumers and business owners will continue to pay higher than necessary rates for intrastate long distance calls and will be unable to reap the benefits of real competition in local telephone markets," said Eileen Benner, AT&T assistant vice president for government affairs in Idaho.

The commission, however, raised a question about its authority under Idaho law to regulate access rates for companies like US West that have deregulated parts of their operation.

The commissioners pointed out that they are asking lawmakers to make changes in the so-called universal service fund that keeps local rates affordable, particularly in rural areas, so that no local service company can benefit from fund subsidies until it eliminates any subsidies created by excessive access charges.

They also emphasized that the debate continues over what cost model is most appropriate for allocating costs, emphasizing that the Federal Communications Commission is currently examining two options and both are consistently being revised.

## Bank robber went thataway — on snowmobile

**IDAHO FALLS (AP)**—A man held up a bank and made his getaway on a snowmobile. Then the trail went cold.

The robber, wearing a black helmet, walked into the East Idaho Federal Credit Union on a teller and told everyone to lie on the floor. The gunman left with

an undisclosed amount. With help from a sheriff's deputy on his own snowmobile, police found a snowmobile trail across the rural Snake Lakes area through 4 to 5 inches of snow. The snowmobile was found abandoned where the robber apparently switched to a car, police said.

## Authorities investigate death

**BOISE (AP)**—Investigators are still trying to determine how a career Union Pacific employee was killed in a train accident south of Boise.

An autopsy was performed on William Koh, 55, of Nampa, the conductor killed Friday night when he was struck by freight cars switching at a lumber yard.

It was unclear whether Koh fell between two cars or was hit by one. A conductor may either walk alongside a train or ride on it during a switching maneuver.



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## Company adds to training center plans

**POCATELLO (AP)**—Swift Transportation, which has been discussing plans to open a truck driver training center, now wants to add a truck terminal.

Dennis Ritchie, vice president for safety with the nation's third-largest trucking company, said a terminal is needed to expand the company's southern Idaho customer base.

The terminal would securely house loaded and empty trailers and handle dispatching of trucks.

"Cargo theft is a big issue now across the nation," Ritchie said.

In November, Swift confirmed it was discussing a proposal with Idaho State University's School of Applied Technology to hire five instructors to train 300 new

truck drivers the company would employ in southeastern Idaho.

Under the company's revised plans, the driver training center

*'Cargo theft is a big issue now across the nation.'*

—Dennis Ritchie, vice president for safety of Swift Transportation

would become part of the terminal complex, which would include office space and a driver training pad.

Swift also changed its hiring plans, Ritchie said, and now expects to employ 450 drivers in the region within two years. Ritchie said Swift's decision to

open the terminal will depend on receiving money from the Regional Development Alliance, which administers economic development aid from Gov. Phil Batt's nuclear waste settlement with the U.S. Department of Energy and the U.S. Navy.

"It will happen if we get approval," he said. "We're ready to go."

Once the terminal has been open for a few years, Swift likely would consider performing truck maintenance there to bring it in line with full-service terminals the company operates in Salt Lake City and Lovison.

The Phoenix-based company operates 5,500 power units and 12,000 trailers in all 50 states and Canada.

## Logging mishap takes life of St. Maries man

**COEUR D'ALENE (AP)**—A logger was killed Monday when he was hit by a tree he had cut, the Kootenai County sheriff's office said.

Medics who arrived at the accident scene near Turner Bay on the Lake Coeur d'Alene's northeastern shore transported Dennis "Red" Davis to Kootenai Medical Center, where he was pronounced dead, sheriff's officials said.

The 45-year-old St. Maries man had been cutting small cedar trees when one apparently got hung up in a snag and then suddenly fell, sheriff's officials said. Davis was struck in the head and under chest.

An autopsy was planned.

## 'Katelyn' and 'Jacob' top list of baby names

**BOISE (AP)**—They are weird, odd, unusual and often unbelievable.

And the state Department of Health and Welfare sees them all.

It releases a list of the most popular, kids' names as part of its annual Idaho Vital Statistics Report.

The 1996 version just came out. A total of 18,564 babies were born to Idaho residents last year, up 3 percent from a year earlier. For the most part, Idaho seems to follow the national fashion in naming those thousands of babies.

"Katelyn" and "Jacob" were the most popular first names for babies born in Idaho last year. Spelled several different ways, Katelyn edged out "Ashley," which sank to 6th place. For the second straight year, Jacob held its ranking as the No. 1 boys' name.

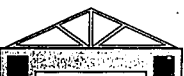
But there are no trends in unusual names, and last year Idaho parents outdid themselves. Among the unique boys' names: "Zep," "Riley" and "Kwik." For girls, there was "Abraxas," "Haven" and "Yakelin."

## Car hits snowmobiler

**ISLAND PARK (AP)**—A 38-year-old Idaho Falls man died when his snowmobile was hit by a car near Island Park.

Jay Thomas Smith, Jr., was crossing U.S. Highway 20 near Henry's Lake on a snowmobile Sunday afternoon when he was hit by a car, Fremont County authorities said.

Brian Salios of Pocatello was driving the car.



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## AROUND THE VALLEY

### Police charge TF man with domestic battery

**TWIN FALLS** - A Twin Falls man was charged with threatening his wife with a knife Friday.

Roy Lee Pritt, 30, was arrested on suspicion of attacking his wife in her home about 2:15 a.m. Friday. The woman told Kimberly Police that Pritt was hiding inside a closet when she came home, and pulled a knife on her, Kimberly Police reports said.

When officers arrived, they found Pritt walking around outside the house, saying officers were going to take him to jail. Pritt later took off his coat and two shirts, and said he was going to fight officers, police reports said.

Pritt started walking toward officers and ignored three orders to halt, so a Twin Falls County sheriff's deputy sprayed Pritt with pepper spray, and the officers arrested him, the report said.

Pritt was charged with domestic battery and obstructing officers, and ordered to have no contact with the victim if he is released on bond, court records said.

### Twin Falls man charged with aggravated assault

**TWIN FALLS** - A Twin Falls man was charged Monday with threatening - at gunpoint - to kill his wife.

Peter George Gregory, 54, entered his wife's home about 3:30 p.m. Sunday, pointing a pistol at her, Twin Falls Police reports say. Gregory pointed the pistol at the woman's head, made her sit on the floor, and told her he was going to kill her, the report said.

The woman told police Gregory was repeatedly cocking and uncocking the gun, the report said. The two are married but separated and had been arguing since Christmas Day, the report said.

The woman called 911, but had to hang up. She called 911 back when Gregory told her to call his psychiatrist, the report said, then said loudly: "Just put the gun down and we'll talk."

The woman ran from the house as police arrived, the report said. When Gregory walked out of the house, police arrested him.

Gregory, who was carrying a loaded .38-caliber revolver and 14 extra shells, was charged Monday with aggravated assault. His bail was set for \$25,000.

### Christmas turns not-so-merry for burglarized homeowners

**TWIN FALLS** - Burglaries soured Christmas for two Twin Falls homeowners.

Burglars broke into a house in the 600 block of 4th Avenue East between Dec. 22 and Dec. 23, while the owners were on vacation, and stripped the home of more than \$7,000 worth of possessions, including electronics, jewelry and collectibles, Twin Falls Police reports say.

Neighbors reported seeing a white van parked near the house for several days, the report said.

A home in the 100 block of Wirsling Avenue was burglarized between Dec. 26 and Dec. 28, while the owner was absent, police reports said. Gifts were opened and stolen, trash was dumped on the floor, and windows were broken, the report said.

Many items were stolen, including a CD player and CDs, a Nintendo game and watches, the report said.

### Humboldt National Forest seeks summer employees

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Compiled from staff reports

By Mark Helz  
Times-News writer

**JEROME** - A preliminary hearing is set today in 5th District Court for a Jerome woman and her son, who both face drug charges.

Andrea Christine Wright, 39, and her son, Daniel Andrew Mills, 22, were arrested Dec. 19 at Wright's home south-east of Jerome.

Wright and Mills were each charged with one felony count of possession of a

controlled substance with intent to deliver and one felony count of possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver where children are present.

They are being held in the Jerome County Jail on \$10,000 bond each.

Wright was caught with methamphetamine and Mills had marijuana at the time of the arrests, according to an affidavit prepared by Jerome County Sheriff's Detective Dan Clatterton and filed with court documents.

Deputies came to Wright's trailer

in search of Mills, who was wanted for parole violation. As Mills was being taken into custody, Wright was seen trying to take a marijuana cigarette from his hand, according to the affidavit.

Several other people were in the trailer with Mills and Wright, including a girl about three to five years old, according to the affidavit.

The trailer was later searched on a warrant, and deputies found drug paraphernalia and two small containers of

amphetamines, the affidavit says.

Wright's husband, Eugene Wright, is also being held in the Jerome County Jail on \$50,000 bond on drug trafficking charges brought against him and Andrea Wright on Sept. 5.

The Wrights both pled guilty to the trafficking charges and will be sentenced Jan. 12, Jerome County Prosecutor John Lutzpelsch said.

Times-News staff writer Mark Helz can be reached in Jerome at 434-6962.

## State ag lab prepares for operation, secures more funding

By Jennifer Sandmann  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** - Scientists here been dusting off and tuning up equipment at a state lab that sat empty for nearly two years.

The three-person staff at the Idaho Food Quality Assurance Lab on the College of Southern Idaho's campus has been preparing the lab for operation for nearly three months. Commodities groups and regulatory agencies can hire the lab to test crops for chemical residue.

The documentation and protocol are extensive, said Wayne Thiessen of Boise, chairman of the Idaho Food Quality Assurance Institute. It's important to be thorough, he said.

"I think everybody is committed to being successful this time," Thiessen said.

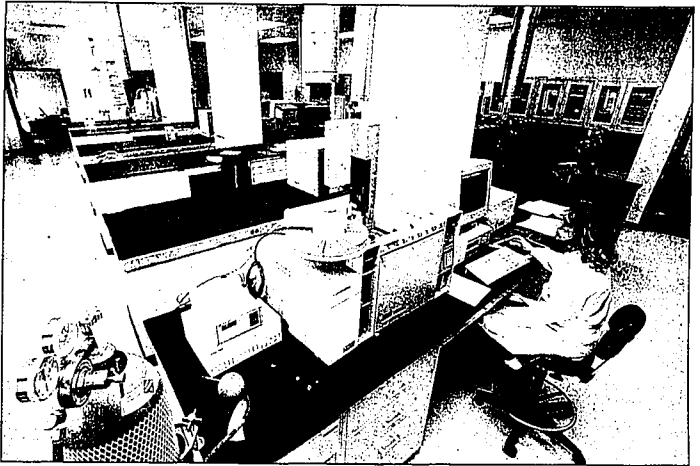
Potato samples already are in lab freezers, and the lab could be ready to begin testing in January, he said.

The Legislature in 1997 established the institute - a commission representing agriculture, consumers, education and the state. It must reopen the lab that Gov. Phil Batt shut down in 1996 because of negligent testing practices and its drain on the state budget.

This time around the appointed commission will govern the lab, and the University of Idaho will manage it. In the past, the state Department of Agriculture handled both staffing and oversight. Commodities groups are pledging annual funding for three years to get the lab going.

The institute has secured more financial support, Thiessen said. The Idaho Mint Commission and the Idaho Alfalfa Seed Commission each have pledged \$5,000 annually for three years in exchange for the lab's services. The state gave the lab \$25,000 from a legal settlement involving resale price fixing of agricultural chemicals. That money will be used to buy and upgrade the lab's computer system.

The new pledges boost lab support already promised for three years by the



Amanda Mutziger, an analytical chemist at Idaho Food Quality Assurance Lab, tests a gas chromatograph and mass selective detector with a standard check Monday after the facility was idle for nearly two years.

Idaho Potato Commission, the Idaho Wheat Commission and state commissioned tests. The lab now has annual support totaling nearly \$300,000, not including the legal settlement.

Johannes Corley, who holds a doctorate in analytical chemistry, is the scientist in charge. He is joined by chemist Amanda Mutziger and lab technician Nicole Beck.

Some new equipment had to be ordered, specifically a water treatment system, Corley said. The lab wants

to bring its operating procedures up to standards recognized by the Environmental Protection Agency. They require meticulous records detailing testing procedures and equipment performance.

Corley comes to Twin Falls from the University of Idaho in Moscow. He did a post-doctoral fellowship there for one year and continued working three more years registering pesticides at the University of Idaho's Analytical Sciences Lab. The University of Idaho lab operates under the same formal protocol that

will be used in Twin Falls, Corley said.

University of Idaho scientist Greg Moller oversees the Twin Falls lab. Even though EPA standards legally are required only for EPA product registration, they will be used for all testing, Moller said.

A lab tour for legislators will be next week.

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## Cowboy and gentleman: Dean Vickers leaves a legacy of old and new West

By Pat Marcantonio  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** - Dean Vickers rode a boxcar into Twin Falls as a teen-ager looking for work.

Seven or two years later he left behind a legacy as one of the town's early businessmen, as a friend to cowboys out on the range and in film, and as a gentleman.

Vickers, 88, died early Sunday morning at the Twin Falls Care Center after a brief illness. A funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at the First Baptist Church in Firth. Burial follows at Sunset Memorial Park.

Born in 1909 in Beloit, Kan., he came to Idaho by rail at 16 in 1925. He returned to Kansas and worked for one year to buy a Model T and enough gas to drive back to Twin Falls.

*'Dean boxed working in the back (of the store) with the leather and stuff. He was like us, he liked horses, he liked working the kids. Dean was a good friend really.'*

- J.C. Williams, family friend

In 1936, he married Alma J. Smith, and together they had two sons, Billy Dean and James Raymond.

After working for an uncle, he started Vickers Freight Lines, which became one of the larger, locally-owned and operated hauling companies, the family

said. He and his wife hauled most of the building materials for homes in the Lynnwood Mall shopping area and the bricks for the Twin Falls High School.

He retired in 1959, but after four years went back to work.

In 1962, Vickers and his wife bought a small saddle and harness shop for \$3,500 and started Vickers Western Store along with son, Jim, and his wife, Sandy. He was considered one of the best saddle repairmen in the state, his family says. A second store was founded in Pocatello in 1976 with his son, Bill.

While in the business, he developed friendships with actors Steve McQueen and Joel McCrea and sold or furnished saddles and tack for their Western movies. His family says McQueen used Vickers' equipment for his last film,

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## 1 crime solves many others

By Kent McCleary  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** - Police say investigating one theft or burglary often solves many other crimes.

A series of warrants filed in 5th District Court in Twin Falls County backs their point.

On Sept. 1, Latham Motors reported a 1997 Dodge pickup worth \$35,000 stolen from their lot. Soon after, a 25-foot travel trailer disappeared from Gary's Westland RV in Jerome County.

On Sept. 3, three storage units at Whitmore Oxygen Storage in Twin Falls were burglarized, and antique sewing machines, trunks, and furniture were stolen, as were seven water coolers.

On Nov. 17, a 1985 Chevy Suburban was stolen from a Whitey's Dealers on Wheels used-car lot in Twin Falls.

And on Christmas Eve, a man tried to forge a stolen check at Sweetmart in Twin Falls. When the clerk said she had to confirm the check, the man fled. Employees chased the man, and caught him behind the Pennoist Super Lube shop, a Twin Falls Police report said.

Twin Falls Police arrested Kenneth Michael O'Toole, 43, on suspicion of the forgery. Investigators say O'Toole committed all of the crimes.

On Sept. 12, a woman spotted one of the sewing machines and four trunks in front of a home in the 300 block of Heyburn Ave., a Twin Falls County Sheriff's report says. The owner of the home told Sheriff's investigators she saw two men unloading the trunks and sewing machine from a brand-new Dodge pickup.

One of the men later gave her a present of a new water cooler, the report said.

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## WANTED in the Magic Valley

Name: Melvin A. McCabe, Jr., also known as Melvin O. McCabe, Steven Allen McCabe, Roy Jay Talley.  
Age: about 40.  
Description: White male, 6 feet tall, 200 pounds, blue eyes, blond hair; tattoos on right arm, right finger and left arm.



Wanted on: two counts of grand theft. The Twin Falls County Sheriff's Department asks anyone with information on McCabe to call 736-4111 or 735-1911.

## A bracing hangover Rx: Ski the Snake

By Steve Cump  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** - Call it involuntary chills.

Six years ago on Christmas Eve, Joe Warr and a friend were snowmobiling along Deadline Ridge in the South Hills. "It was almost dark and my buddy, and I told the wives we were going to take one more run before we went home," said Warr, a 35-year-old Lamb Weston employee. "I headed down this trail, looked back, and didn't see my buddy, so I turned around and drove off this drop-off."

"Twin Falls (County) Search & Rescue came in and found my buddy about midnight," he said. "They spotted me from the air about 10 o'clock on Christmas morning." "I decided that if I could ever do anything for Search & Rescue, I would. So

the following New Year's Day, I found myself on water skis in the middle of the (Snake) river."

Freeze on Skis, the Magic Valley Jaycees' annual exercise in courage, benefited Search & Rescue at the time. Warr hasn't missed a New Year's since, and it won't neglect the 11th renewal on Thursday at Shoshone Falls Park.

"The past three years, the only time I've been on water skis was New Year's Day," he said. "I've got a part-time job during the summer that keeps me pretty busy."

Warr raised \$690 last year, second only to John Puhlman - one of the founders of the Jaycees' event and its all-time leading money-spinner. Freeze on Skis netted \$15,000 last time, according to Leticia Coronado, this year's coordinator.

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## Chattering for charity

□ **What?** The Magic Valley Jaycees, Mix 103 radio and Pine Tree Sports will sponsor the 11th annual Freeze on Skis fundraising event, to benefit the Cover the Pool Committee and Volunteers Against Violence.

□ **Where?** Snake River near Shoshone Falls Park.

□ **When?** Noon, Thursday.

□ **How?** It works? Participants raise pledges from businesses and individuals and water-ski on New Year's Day. Entry forms are available by phoning Leticia Coronado at 734-2543 or 733-9331, Ext. 207.

□ **Spectators?** They're welcome, and there's no admission charge. Boat valetage point is the boat dock area at Shoshone Falls Park. Coffee and hot chocolate are



# Burley library facelift gets under way

By Penelope Reedy  
Times-News writer

**BURLEY** — The Burley Public Library will not charge fines for books returned during January.

This "harmless" is the library board's way of thanking patrons and softening the inconvenience of shutting down the library during the holidays, said Librarian Susan Green.

"We prefer people not return books until after the 12th (when the library reopens)," Green said. "We can't process them now anyway."

The library is getting a facelift — new paint and carpet. "We've just installed a new security system," said Brad Murdoch of Peak Alarm in Burley. "It's in."

"The staff was concerned about arming and disarming the system," Green said, "but after some training, they argue over who gets to do it."

"The painting is finished," Green said Monday. "All the walls are the same color now — off-white."

All the books had to be moved off the shelves and out of the library so carpet layers could take up the old carpet and put down the new. Library employees boxed up the books and mailed them.

"It's quite a job," Green said, "since the old carpet is glued down. The floor used to squeak, but that's stopped since they took up that section of carpet."

The renovation project has been a community effort. Boise Cascade donated 1,000 50-pound potato boxes with lids for the



Burley librarian Susan Green peruses the Children's Reading Room, temporarily crammed with furniture and card catalog drawers awaiting the city library's renovation.

books. Handy Trucking donated a trailer for storing books and furniture during the renovation.

Members of the Inmate Labor Program from the Mini-Cassia Criminal Justice Center loaded the boxes into the trailer and will return before Jan. 12 to unload them.

"We may not be operating at 100 percent by the 12th," Green said, "but we don't want to stay closed any longer than we have to."

In the weeks before the library closed, more than 1,000 books were checked out, Green said. People were taking advantage of being able to keep books longer and were stocking up on reading material while the library is closed.

After the hardback books were packed away, more than 500 paperbacks were checked out.

"Quite a few more than usual," she said.

When those were packed, avid Burley readers checked out a record number of non-fiction books.

"It was interesting," Green said. "Whatever people are offered, that's what they'll check out."

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# Overland Bridge project hits snag

By Kurt Friedemann  
Times-News writer

**BURLEY** — The \$6 million renovation planned for the Overland Avenue bridge won't start for at least another two months, Idaho Transportation Department officials said Monday.

The project had been scheduled to start in January, but some right-of-way and utility issues pushed the project farther back than anticipated, ITD District Engineer Devin Rigby said.

"We plan to advertise for contractors at the beginning of February," he said. "We are putting the plans together for a final design."

Rigby said his team is paying attention to every detail in the design so the bidding contractors will be able to estimate the final cost as accurately as possible.

"The more clear and complete

the plans," he said, "the more appropriate the bid."

ITD officials had said they planned to begin the three-week advertisement for contractors in December, but disagreements over property values contributed to the project's setbacks.

Joey Christiansen, owner of Christiansen Employment, would not accept ITD's appraisal of his road-front property. The state needs his land to widen the bridge, but he said the state's appraisal did not take into account the effects on his business.

Christiansen recently accepted the department's offer for his land, because the department was going to take the property anyway, he said. The deal allows Christiansen to continue his fight for more money. He said his change of heart came in an "effort to be flexible."

The utility issues have been

resolved as well, Project Development Engineer Lamar Duffin said.

Burley Public Works Director Leon Budke said the state's setbacks did not affect Burley's responsibility to extend utilities across the Snake River along the bridge. He explained that once ITD awards a contractor, the city would simply pay that contractor to run water, sewer and electrical lines under the bridge.

"There's is not going to be any separate contract," he said. "We don't want any conflicts to arise." That means city department heads will merely confer with state inspectors during construction, Budke said, but won't be directly involved in building the new bridge.

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# Transit exec quits before he starts new job

**SALT LAKE CITY (AP)** — David M. Stumpo has changed his mind and will not come to Utah after all as director of the Utah Transit Authority's new light rail system.

Stumpo decided Friday to reject UTA's salary offer of \$98,000 and to stay in San Francisco, where he serves as chief operating officer and director of maintenance for the city of San Francisco's transportation department.

Stumpo said in a telephone interview Monday that he met with San Francisco Mayor Willie Brown and the city's Public Transportation Commission on Friday.

They persuaded him to stay, offering him a raise and promising to work with him to make changes in how the city's bus and rail systems operate, Stumpo said. "I had a good conversation with our mayor and by commission, and they didn't want to lose me," Stumpo said.

# Prosecutors press for death penalty for Nichols in Oklahoma bombing

**DENVER (AP)** — Witness after witness described the horror of the Oklahoma City bombing Monday as prosecutors tried to get across the enormity of the crime and convince a skeptical jury that Terry Nichols is as deserving of the death penalty as Timothy McVeigh.

"We present this evidence to you so you to evoke your sympathy," prosecutor Patrick Ryan told them. "These victims in Oklahoma City have had all the sympathy they can stand in the last 2 1/2 years."

"We present this evidence so you will be informed, so you will have all the facts. We want you to make this sentencing decision on the cold hard facts of what happened."

Tury last week convicted Nichols, of conspiracy and eight counts of involuntary manslaughter, not murder, concluding he did not set out to kill



anyone. The 29-year-old McVeigh, in contrast, was convicted on all 11 murder and conspiracy charges and sentenced to death.

Given the split verdict against Nichols, legal experts said it is extremely unlikely the jury will give him the death penalty, no matter how graphic the testimony about the 168 dead and more than 500 injured in the April 19, 1995, blast.

At least four jurors wet a suitcase since his wife was killed; a woman said she had an emphysema incident since her 18-month-old boy died; and a rescue worker fought back tears as he recalled walking out of the rubble with the body of a boy in his arms.

"His head was gone from his chin to the back of his head," said Oklahoma City police officer Jerry Flowers.

At one point, Flowers was digging through the debris that once was the day-care center when he found a baby's foot covered with a pink sock. With help from others, he pulled out the body of a girl wearing a pink dress.

The conspiracy conviction is the only one punishable by death. The jury will have to decide whether Nichols should die by injection, serve life in prison without parole or receive a lesser sentence to be determined by U.S. District Judge Richard Matsch. Matsch is bound by the jury's decision.

"It's really not that bad out there," he insisted. "Some years, some guys don't even wear wetsuits."

It's worth noting, however, that Warr does.

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# Vickers

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"Tom Horn," including Dean's personal bridle. They remained good friends until McQueen's death from cancer several years ago.

Alma Vickers died in 1973, and Vickers married Anna Belle Sharp on Dec. 21, 1974 in Elko, Nev.

Vickers remained active at the store until September of last year when, at 87, ill health forced him to slow down.

He also was busy outside his business. Vickers was a 50-year member of the Twin Falls Elks Lodge, founder of the Twin Falls Junior Riding Club and brought one of the largest horse shows to town. He also was credited with helping to bring the Miss Rodeo Idaho Contest to the Twin Falls County Fair in the early 1960s,

the family said.

In 1993, Vickers was selected as Western Days Pioneer of the Year.

Longtime customer Chady Ward described Vickers as a real old-time cowboy.

"He knew who he was and what he was made of and where he came from. It seemed like he always had direction," she said. "This was a man who didn't ever go unnoticed, businesswise and personally."

"He was always a fine gentleman, and we had a lot of respect for him," said Emory Petersen, who operates another western store in Twin Falls. "But we were friendly competitors."

"He was a very pleasant man and came from that generation of fine old Western gentlemen. I had nothing but admiration for

# MAGIC VALLEY IN BRIEF

## Suspect in toddler death waives extradition

**JEROME** — A man charged in connection with the death of a Jerome toddler has waived extradition back to Jerome County.

A Florida judge has ordered that Michael B. Ellison, 22, of Orlando, Fla., be moved from a jail there by Monday to face an involuntary manslaughter charge, Jerome County Prosecutor John Lohspeich said.

The involuntary manslaughter charge stems from the Sept. 29 death of 22-month-old Zachary Nolan.

Nolan died from head injuries consistent with Shaken Baby Syndrome, according to an affidavit prepared by Jerome police detective James Baker and filed with court documents.

Ellison was alone with Nolan and Nolan's younger sibling during the evening of Sept. 28, when Nolan is believed to have suffered the fatal injuries, according to the affidavit.

Ellison and the children were in the Jerome apartment of Nolan's mother, Jennifer Silver-then Nolan's girlfriend-during that evening, the affidavit says.

Arrangements are being made for a Denver-based extradition company to transport Ellison to the Jerome County Jail, Sheriff Jim Weaver said.

The company will charge \$1,545 to move Ellison — far less than it would cost to have a Jerome County deputy travel to Florida and back, Weaver said.

## Magic Valley senator to serve on UI panel

**HAGERMAN** — State Sen. John Sandy, R-Hagerman, has accepted an invitation to serve as legislative representative on the University of Idaho's Agricultural Consulting Council board of directors.

The council is the advisory group of the College of Agriculture. It advises the agricultural college dean on college programs and helps link the college to Idaho's farmers. The council meets twice yearly.

Sandy also will advise college representatives about agricultural issues in the state. Sandy is assistant majority leader in the Senate and serves on agricultural affairs, state affairs and education committees. He received his bachelor's of science degree from the University of Idaho.

## Red Cross schedules annual meeting

**TWIN FALLS** — The Sawtooth Chapter of the American Red Cross will hold its annual meeting and election of officers at 7 p.m. today at the chapter office, 718 Shoshone St.

The public is invited.

## Filer council to discuss personnel issues

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

Council members will go into an executive session to consider hiring a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent.

A vacancy in the police department will be filled.

## Police serve warrant on Rupert man

**BURLEY** — A check on an abandoned vehicle uncovered an arrest warrant for a Rupert man.

Scott Palmer, 36, who received a suspended sentence following a plea agreement on Oct. 29 on charges of delivery of marijuana, was arrested Saturday on an outstanding warrant for a probation violation.

Palmer's car was found abandoned at Ninth Street and Miller Avenue in Burley. When deputies checked the license number, the car was not covered.

Following charges of possession of a controlled substance, Palmer and his wife Patricia had contracted with authorities to become confidential informants, but at some point, the deal fell apart.

"At his sentencing, Palmer told the court he was not the same man."

"I've changed my way of looking at things," he said.

District Judge George Granata Jr. suspended his 1- to 3-year prison sentence in favor of probation saying, "The court believes it's time to exercise mercy."

Compiled from staff reports

# Snake

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hit up the banks, the car decelerated, and Warr said. "The businesses that have given in the past are pretty good about it, but the other businesses are stretched pretty thin during the holidays."

Still, it's not your typical pleghea-ton. "The water is 36, 38 degrees, so even if the air temperature is 50 there is some years — it's pretty cold," Warr understood.

"Once you go into the water, your wetsuit keeps you pretty warm, but your extremities — fingers and toes — get cold pretty quickly."

Water-skiing in subfreezing conditions is problematic, since immersion in cold water triggers

a process called hypothermia, which is a catalytic drop in body temperature that can lead to death.

Still, Freeze on Skis has only been postponed once — and that was seven years ago.

"They watch it pretty close," Warr said. "Water temperatures, air temperature, wind. It wouldn't take long for somebody to get into trouble, and a fundraiser just isn't worth dying for."

Maybe not, but it's unforgivingly brauc.

"They have a hot tub down there, and you have to force yourself to keep from jumping in," Warr said. "That would be like sticking your frostbitten fingers under the hot-water faucet."

Thirty-one skiers basked in

temperatures in the 50s and zephyrs in the teens last New Year's Day. Twelve participants have pre-registered this time, although many sign up on the day of the event.

Only on Jan. 1, 1991, was Freeze on Skis scuttled, and that's because the noontime wind-chill factor was minus-50 degrees.

"It's really not that bad out there," he insisted. "Some years, some guys don't even wear wetsuits."

It's worth noting, however, that Warr does.

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# Solves

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On Sept. 15, Jerome County Sheriff's Deputies stopped a new Dodge pickup listed as stolen, and arrested the driver, O'Toole, Sheriff's reports say. Two days later, Twin Falls Deputies searched a 25-foot travel trailer parked in a Twin Falls county trailer park, finding stolen trunks and sewing machines inside.

O'Toole on Sept. 17 admitted to getting the key to a lock box on the Dodge, getting the truck keys out of the box and stealing the truck, Twin Falls County Sheriff's reports say. O'Toole said he used the truck to pull off the trailer, the report said.

O'Toole also admitted to renting a U-Haul truck with two other men and breaking into

three storage units, the reports say. O'Toole told investigators the men cut a lock from a storage unit at Budget Storage in Twin Falls to steal the stolen items while they sold them, the report said.

O'Toole apparently was released from Jerome County.

On Nov. 17, Jerome city police spotted the parked grey Suburban, just hours after it had been reported stolen.

The vehicle had a stolen license and a broken back door, and broken ignition, Twin Falls County Sheriff's reports say; police found a duffel bag inside containing O'Toole's identification card. Witnesses told investigators O'Toole was crouched down behind a sofa in the house, hiding from police as

they checked the car, the report said.

When Twin Falls police arrested O'Toole on the forgery charge, warrants on grand theft and burglary charges were awaiting him. He was charged in Twin Falls County with stealing the pickup and the Suburban and with breaking into the storage units.

O'Toole is being held in Twin Falls County Jail on \$40,000 bail on all the charges. O'Toole was due for sentencing in Jerome County on Dec. 12, and also has warrants for burglary, grand theft and possession of methamphetamine from Jerome County, court records say.

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COMICS

**Peanuts** By Charles M. Schulz

YES MAAM, WE GOT THE NEW DODS LICENSE... WE ALSO GOT A DRIVER'S LICENSE AND A FISHING LICENSE...

NO SHE SAYS YOU DON'T NEED A LICENSE FOR THAT.

FOR THE LOVE OF GOD, I'M NOT SURE.

DAD'S TELLING HIS WHOLE MOTHER GOT OFF THE BOAT STORY.

NOW HE'S ONTO THE "YOU YOUNG FOLKS DON'T KNOW HOW GOOD YOU HINE IT."

OK, WE'RE DOWN TO HIS JOKE ABOUT THE TWO KIDS FROM WARSAW.

IS MICHAEL LAUGHING?

YES!!

**Dilbert** By Scott Adams

SO... EACH PHOTON IS A UNIVERSE... THEN MASS IS JUST A PROBABILITY CLUSTER?

THAT'S HOW I SEE IT.

WOW! I THINK MY TINY SKULL IS SO FULL ITS GOING TO EXPLODE.

LET ME GET A TARPAUNT.

HAVE YOU BEEN TALKING TO OUR GARBAGE MAN AGAIN?

DON'T GET TOO CLOSE.

**B.C.** By John Hart

ICE CAPADE

A DRINK SOLD ONLY AT THE NORTH POLE.

WILEY'S DICTIONARY

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**Garfield** By Jim Davis

HI, SANDRA. I WAS WONDERING IF YOU'D LIKE TO GO OUT WITH ME ON NEW YEARS EVE. PARDON? THIS IS A WORKING NUMBER?

OH WELL, AS LONG AS I HAVE YOU ON THE LINE, HOW WOULD YOU LIKE A HUNKY DATE FOR NEW YEARS?

BOY HE HAD A HIGH-PITCHED VOICE

OOH-SU

**Hi and Lois** By Chance Browne

WHY ARE YOU SAVING ALL THOSE LABELS?

I CAN GET FREE STUFF FOR THEM...

AND IF I SAVE ENOUGH, I GET A COMPUTER.

THE LABEL SAYS THE PROMOTION ENDED YESTERDAY.

OH - OH -

**The Wizard of Id** By Brent Parker & Johnny Hart

I'M A LITTLE CONCERNED ABOUT YOUR RESUME.

WHAT'S WRONG?

YOU SPELLED DIPLOMA WRONG.

**Hate the Horrible** By Chris Browne

WHY DO YOU HAVE TWO WOMEN NAMES ON YOUR BOAT?

I PLAN TO WHITE-OUT ONE OF THEM SHORTLY.

MARY LOU BARBARA

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**Beetle Bailey** By Mort Walker

WHY ARE YOU PUTTING ON ALL YOUR MEDALS?

WHEN I VISIT AREA HEADQUARTERS, IT OPENS A LOT OF DOORS.

AIRPORT SECURITY

YOU'LL HAVE TO TAKE OFF YOUR MEDALS

**Frank and Ernest** By Bob Thaves

DON'T WORRY, THEY'LL BE BACK -- I MADE SPACE CURVED.

**The Bom Loser** By Art Sanson & Chip

I'VE BEEN EXPERIENCING A LOT OF STRESS LATELY, BUT THE FEELING SEEMS TO BE GONE NOW!

WE HAVE A NAME FOR THAT, YOU KNOW!

WHAT IS IT?

TRUST FENSE!

**For Better or For Worse** By Lynn Johnston

FOR THE LOVE OF GOD, I'M NOT SURE.

DAD'S TELLING HIS WHOLE MOTHER GOT OFF THE BOAT STORY.

NOW HE'S ONTO THE "YOU YOUNG FOLKS DON'T KNOW HOW GOOD YOU HINE IT."

OK, WE'RE DOWN TO HIS JOKE ABOUT THE TWO KIDS FROM WARSAW.

IS MICHAEL LAUGHING?

YES!!

**Etch A Sketch** By Dean Young & Stan Orsh

COULD YOU GIVE ME SOMETHING TO EAT?

WAY OF COURSE!

WAIT A SECOND... YOU WERE IN HERE YESTERDAY AND I GAVE YOU A HUGE HOT PASTRAMI SANDWICH!

YES, BUT IT WASN'T ON PUMPERNICKEL!

**Pickles** By Brian Crane

GRAMPA, I WAS JUST TELLING MY FRIEND GOT HERE THAT YOU KNOW LOTS OF STUFF 'CAUSE YOU'RE OLD.

SO, GO AHEAD, GRAMPA! I SHOW HIM.

OKAY.

YOU EVER HEARD OF EINSTEIN'S THEORY OF RELATIVITY? IT SAYS SPACE IS CURVED, THAT MEANS IF IT WEREN'T FOR MOUNTAINS AND TREES...

...WE COULD ALL SEE THE BACKS OF OUR OWN HEADS.

SEE? ITS JUST LIKE WATCHING THE DISCOVERY CHANNEL.

**Denials the Menace** By Hank Ketcham

"NOW I KNOW WHY THEY SAY 'KIDS SHOULD BE CEEZY AND NOT HEARD!'"

"I'm makin' it for Barbie."

### Squirrels prefer M&M's

**WHAT'S WHAT? L.M. Boyd**

"Hm" is a West African Wolof word. It means "to be aware." Tracers say American musicians popularized a corruption of it into our slang term "hip."

It's a breeze if it blows more than 4 mph but less than 31 mph.

Item No. 9399C in our Love and War man file on marriage recounts a matrimonial counselor's contention: "If a husband dutes overmuch on his wife, she may start to feel responsible for his happiness, and that alone can become enough of a burden to threaten their partnership."

"Smith" was in the names of 50 U.S. towns in last report and "Jones" was only in 29.

If you have a chronic chest pain, you could be suppressing sexual tension. That's one favorite notion of those who explain psychosomatic symptoms. Some believers also say your migraine headache suggests you'd like to hit someone. And a few of the more imaginative contend a

charley horse in your calf indicates you want to run away.

What do Eskimos use for tooth picks?

A Walrus whisker. Or once they did, long time back.

Given a choice between walnuts, peanuts and M&M's, squirrels will go for the M&M's every time. Testers have proved that. And I believe there's a little squirrel in all of us.

Will teaching a houseplant stunt its growth?

A. Yes, but that's not necessarily bad. Some growers touch them to get shorter fuller plants. Or spray the leaves instead of only watering the roots.

The unraveled end of a rope is called the "feathers."

**HOROSCOPE Sydney Orm**

IF DECEMBER 30 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You have remarkable sense of humor and sense of the ridiculous. You adhere to credo, "You can't cheat an honest man." You are super-conscious concerning body image, knowledgeable about fashion and who's got in the who's. Gemini libertarians help make outstanding roles in your life, some will have these letters, initials or names: C. L. U. During 1998, domestic life undergoes transformation, including where you live, money and family.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Respite from pressure. Accept invitation to participate in mini-vacation. Focus on music, adult beverages, domestic adventures that include marital status. Libra involved.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Lunar aspect coincides with journeys of the mind. Means intellectual curiosity sparked - you read, learn, disseminate information. Poses, Virgo person play significant role.

GEARIN (May 21-June 20): Do things in unorthodox manner. High finance could be involved. Don't follow others; let them follow you. Review accounting procedures, protect interest. Capricorn interested.

CANCER (June 21-July 21): Long-term relationship tested - change of scene recommended. Vital issues, money, public relations, partnership and marriage figure prominently. Aries is in picture.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Answer: Yes, fresh start beneficial, prompt! Make room for new love; maintain creative control. Fitness report excellent. You're going places - don't stop now. Aquarian involved.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You'll say, "Finally I have got my bearings." Keep resolutions concerning vital issues, vitamins, fitness. You'll encounter fascinating individual who talks of mystery cure.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You could encounter future soul mate. Tonight relative shares problem, speaks as if you could accomplish anything in the world. Gemini, Sagittarius persons represented.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Focus on automobile, electrical outlets, intrigue revolving around magnetism. You yourself exert magnetic appeal - the world could be your Tralby! Another Scorpio involved.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You'll be here, there, everywhere. Some people accuse you of being quick-change artist. Have fun, but conserve energy; don't attempt to please everyone. Gemini involved.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Cycle high, play your tune and dance to it. Gift received, could be plant, express gratitude without being obsequious. Attention revolves around home, family, inconsideration.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Uranus and Neptune blend - some will insist, "You are off the wall!" Focus on entertainment, intrigue, talent, sex appeal. Clamorous arrangement will cause sparks to fly.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Organic priorities, accept change of added responsibility, declining. Physical attraction featured - you'll feel "I am young again!" Capricorn native helps make well become reality.

**Monday's Puzzle Solved**

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**ACROSS**

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**DOWN**

- Sale tax dodger
- Blackthorn
- Pocketed
- Scuffed
- Call ments
- Worm-eater
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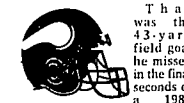


SPORTS

Kicker finds redemption for 1983 miss Declo Hornets improve to 6-0 with 70-50 win

Lions' fans recall Murray's famous miss

EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn. (AP) — Eddie Murray seems his right leg at a football 727 times during his 12 seasons with the Detroit Lions, not counting kickoffs. He was successful 88 percent of the time and scored more points than any player in team history.



That was the 43-yard field goal Murray missed in the final seconds of a 1983 playoff game at San Francisco. Instead of going to Washington to play for the NFL title, the Lions went home with a bitter 24-23 defeat.

chance at a do-or-die playoff kick. This time, he came through, converting from 24 yards with 10 seconds left in the Vikings' unlikely 23-22 win over the New York Giants on Saturday.

"I've never looked at it like I've won the games (just like) when I've missed those kicks I don't look at it like I lost those games," Murray said, trying to overcome a flub game that hit in the hours after the game. "There were so many other people who turned those last two minutes (against the Giants)."

released by Oakland last offseason. They were reunited when Minnesota needed help in September.

But kicker Murray, like all kickers, has to bear an unusually large share of the burden when the game is on the line. "It's his job to make the field goal, second's no doubt. I mean, that's his role," Ball said. "But there are so many things that can dictate the way a game goes, that when the pressure is put on the kicker you have placed all of the responsibility of other people's failures to execute some things earlier on this one guy's shoulders."

The Times-Herald

NEW PLYMOUTH — In the first game of the New Plymouth Tournament, the Declo Hornets school boys' basketball team took care of a speedy win.

To earn the tournament title, the Hornets will have to beat a physical team. Declo, the state's top-ranked A-3 team, whipped up another New Plymouth 70-50 on Monday, and advance to face a big, powerful Middleton team tonight.

Forcing the Pilgrims into several first-half turnovers, Declo took a 17-point lead by the break. In the first half, the Hornets shot 59-percent from the floor.

The game was never in doubt after three Hornets finished in double figures, led by Mike Christensen's game-high 19 points. K.C. Ramsey and Eric Howard each added 14 points. Howard also had a big night on the boards and was strong defensively.

The interest this week lies with AFC games

By Dave Goldberg The Associated Press

The Kansas City Chiefs had the best record in the AFC this year and the Denver Broncos were the NFL's best team for the first half of the season. New England was in the Super Bowl last season and Pittsburgh made it two years ago.

major, major upset, wait until the conference title game, when Green Bay is at San Francisco. That was reflected Monday in the betting lines set forth by the people in Las Vegas who know such things. The 49ers and Packers each are favored by 13 over Minnesota and Tampa Bay, respectively. In the AFC, the Browns and the Jets are favored by six at home over New England and the Chiefs just 1 1/2 points over the Broncos.

"I'd be a rich man," Kansas City coach Marty Schottenheimer likes to say of John Elway, who beat him twice in AFC championship games when Schottenheimer was with Cleveland and almost did again in one of the landmark games of the 1997 season. That was Nov. 16 in Kansas City. Elway took the Chiefs from his 40 to the Kansas City 17 in a minute to set up Jason Elam's field goal for 22-21 lead with a minute left. But in the defining moment of the Chiefs' 13-3 season, backup quarterback Rich

Gannon drove Kansas City far enough to allow Peter Stoyanovich to kick a 54-yarder that just got over the crossbar and gave the Chiefs a 24-22 victory. Had Stoyanovich missed, the Chiefs would have been three games behind the Broncos and probably would have wound up a wild card. Instead, they went on to beat the AFC West and Denver was the wild card after losing three of its final six games. The Broncos beat Jacksonville 42-17 Saturday, setting up the matchup of the weekend.

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Holiday

Continued from C1 the night, scoring from 23 yards on a fake field goal to give the Rams a 24 lead with 10:44 left. The snap went straight to Eslinger, the holder, who needed to get to the 13 to get a first down. He got hit at the 20, but bounced off two tacklers and spun for the TD.

carrier Kitty Hawk on Sunday. "No respect on their part," Moreno said. "They were saying a lot of things that ticked off a few of our players. It was just a great feeling to come out here and outperform them. It was a grudge match all throughout the game."

thrown, said Missouri's Shadrick. "Just a little testosterone running around. Missouri and Fall were selected as co-MVPs. "This is what it's all about, having two local boys coming out and playing their hearts out," Moreno said. WAC champion Colorado State (11-2) won its ninth straight game. Missouri (7-5) was in its first postseason game since losing 21-17 to BYU in 1993 when Steve Young caught the winning touchdown pass with 26

seconds to play. Missouri quarterback Corby Jones didn't have a good night. He did rush for 132 yards on 20 carries, but couldn't get the passing game going. He completed only 8-of-17 passes for 68 yards, and was intercepted by Erik Olson deep in Colorado State territory in the final minutes. The Tigers have had problems all year with their kicking game. "That broke our backs," Ricky Ricks said of the fake field goal. "We had to run our grass and somehow he got it out of it."

Mariners' Johnson expects dollars to get in way of trade

TACOMA, Wash. (AP) — Seattle Mariners pitching ace Randy Johnson doesn't expect to be traded soon because of the team's asking price. "They are asking for a lot," Johnson said. "With New York (the Yankees), they are asking for a couple of players and the Statue of Liberty. And in Cleveland, they are asking for a couple of players and Jacobs Field."

Johnson is under contract for \$6 million for 1998. Team executives worry about his age (34) and his back a bulging disc that required surgery kept him out of most of the 1996 season.

Johnson said if the Mariners do not trade him before spring training begins in February, he does not see himself doing the team any favors. "I don't think I'll find myself saying, 'OK, I'll pitch out of the bullpen for them,' when I know that I have one more year under contract for the Mariners," he said. "I'll honor it, but it will be an uncomfortable situation, though. "The funny thing is the Mariners know how important I am to that team, and they can afford me if they wanted to — heck, raising their ticket prices in the next stadium (scheduled to open in 1999) as much as they are."

Humanitarian

Continued from C1 of Utah State. Rated by one service as one of the top 20 NFL draft prospects this season, Fabian lined up opposite Big West Defensive Player of the Year Ben Crossland. The Aggies defensive end, who had five tight double-team sack tackles and led the team in sacks and tackles for losses, did not add much to his career highlights. Crossland had five tackles,

including an early quarterback sack, but did nothing but get pushed around by Fabian in the second half. The closest Crossland got to the quarterback after the first quarter was when the teams lined up to shake hands after the end of the game. "I'm Fabian-Crossland matchup was merely an example of how easily the Bearcats bullied Utah State. With his line in control, Minter's Bearcats gained 225

yards rushing to 63 by the Aggies. That was as much a factor of Cincinnati controlling the football for 42 minutes to 18 for Utah State as it was the dominance of the Bearcats defense. "Our defense plays its best when it's sitting on the bench," Minter said. "They're excellent when they're sitting down. When they're out there, they're pretty good." Utah State showed little on

offense until receiver Steve Smith snagged a third-quarter pass at the Aggie 40-yard-line, and four wide-area tacklers with turn-around-dime moves snatched into the end zone. He attributed the score to the philosophy of his high school coach at Belle Glade, Fla. "You try to catch a pass with your hands, you're going to miss him," he said. "I saw the guys reaching for me. I just kept running as hard as I could."

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**SPORTS**

# Van Horn lifts Nets over Wizards

**EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J.** (AP) — With the New Jersey Nets trailing by 14 midway through the second quarter, John Calipari turned to a full-court press and an infusion of Keith Van Horn.

Van Horn had career-high 32 points and 10 rebounds and the Nets avenged their worst loss of the season by beating the Wizards 99-91 Monday night.

"If you did me we were going to win this game in the first half I would have sent you to a doctor for a drug test," Calipari said. "We didn't press because of them. We did it to get our guys going, to get some energy and to

make it a rat game." The guy who really got going was Van Horn. He scored eight straight points, including consecutive 3-pointers, in a 27-10 spurt that turned the 46-32 deficit into a 59-56 lead.

"We picked it up defensively in the second period, that's what turned it around," said Van Horn, who hit 10 of 19 shots from the field and all 10 free throw attempts. "We started playing defensively, full-court, trapping. It created turnovers and the defense led to our offense."

It also threw Washington, which was playing the final game of a five-game road trip, into a funk.

"I thought we got a little out of it, out of sync," Wizards coach Bernie Bickerstaff said. "The press at the end of the second

quarter, the turnovers and they kept playing like they normally do."

Jayson Williams added 19 points and 22 rebounds as the Nets prevailed despite making just two field goals in the fourth quarter.

"I didn't even notice and I don't care," Calipari said of the fourth quarter drought. "All I was doing was looking at the scoreboard, making sure we kept the gap."

### Bulls 111, Mavericks 105

**CHICAGO (AP)** — Michael Jordan scored 41 points for his NBA record-breaking 78th consecutive double-digit scoring game and Dennis Rodman fouled Dan Aji's intentional fouling strategy as the Chicago Bulls defeated Dallas.

Rodman just missed a triple-due-

ble, getting 27 rebounds, 11 points and eight assists, as Chicago stretched its winning streak to eight games and extended the Mavericks' losing streak to 12.

Jordan's second straight 40-plus-point game established him to match Kareem Abdul-Jabbar's string of double-figure performances.

Rodman got his season-high point total by shooting his career highs in free throws attempted (12) and made (nine).

### Hornets 120, Rockets 101

**HOUSTON** — David Wesley scored 21 of his season-high 32 points in the first quarter, leading a barrage of 3-point shooting as Charlotte ended its three-game road losing streak.

The Hornets, second in the NBA in 3-point shooting this season, connected on 12 of 18 from behind the arc and shot 60 percent overall.

# Purdue feels slighted

**Chicago Tribune**

**SAN ANTONIO, Texas** — If life were fair, and the people who run these things knew what they were doing, Purdue wouldn't be in south Texas this week.

So goes one line of reasoning. After the stunning magic show new coach Joe Tiller performed in West Lafayette, Ind., this fall, the 16th-ranked BoilerMakers (8-3) probably shouldn't be playing No. 24 Oklahoma State (8-3) tonight in the Alamogordo. They — and not Wisconsin — ought to be playing in the Outback Bowl in Tampa, a New Year's Day bowl game.

"Considering that you clobbered Wisconsin, is there any resentment about that?" Tiller was asked recently.

"Well put," Tiller, recalling his team's 45-20 rout of the Badgers, said with a laugh.

"No," Tiller quickly added, and threw in a politically correct postscript.

"We're pleased to be going to the Alamogordo. To us, Oklahoma State is a good matchup. We're

both ranked teams. There isn't any resentment on this team because this is a new experience for us."

New as in 13 years in the making. For a school that hasn't played a postseason football game since the 1984 Peach Bowl, any game with bowl in its title is peachy. Even one named after the scene of a bloody battle.

Among Tiller's concerns is making sure his BoilerMakers aren't so glad to be playing in December that they overlook the Cowboys.

Tiller won't. Can't. His only other postseason matchup against Oklahoma State was the 1988 Holiday Bowl. He was Wyoming's offensive coordinator at the time — and it wasn't pretty.

Led by a guy named Barry Sanders, Oklahoma State prevailed 62-24 in its last bowl game before this one.

From almost every perspective, including Purdue's, the BoilerMakers can't lose even if they lose. Their 8-3 record exceeded all expectations.

# Idaho State claws past Tennessee Tech

**POCATELLO (AP)** — Johnny Mitchell scored 19 points to lead Idaho State to a 75-56 victory over the Tennessee Tech Golden Eagles Monday night.

The Golden Eagles tied the game at 44 early in the second half, but the Bengals then went on a 14-0 run, during which Mitchell scored eight points.

Idaho State (4-6) of the Big Sky Conference stayed at least 12 points ahead of Tennessee Tech (4-8) of the Ohio Valley Conference the rest of the way.

The Bengals took their biggest lead at 42-44 with two minutes left. Albert Wilson scored 19 for the Golden Eagles and Eric Akins added 15.

Wilson made a 3-pointer to tie it at 35 at the end of the first half.

The Golden Eagles led for nine minutes in the first half, capitalizing on ISU turnovers.

Dedrick Bell dropped in one his five 3-point shots to give ISU a 20-19 lead. Bell ended the night with 17 points.

Tennessee Tech took back the lead when a 3-pointer by Wesley Whitehorn made it 26-25.

Three minutes later Odell

### Men's basketball

Stokes made two foul shots to put Idaho State ahead 33-32.

Idaho State was without starting point guard Tyvon Mousoudis due to traveling problems.

Memphis 72, Idaho 58

**MEMPHIS, Tenn.** — Guard Harry Allen scored 18 points and grabbed seven rebounds in leading Memphis over Idaho.

Allen, who connected on 7-of-11 shots from the field, including 4-of-6 from 3-point range, added two steals and a couple of assists for the Tigers (5-3).

Idaho (5-4) trailed by only 54-51 on Eddie Hampton's 15-foot jumper with 7:50 remaining.

But Memphis scored the next seven rebounds in a 3-point play and another driving basket by Omar Sneed and an inside basket from Jermaine Onley for a 61-51 lead with 3:42 left.

Idaho never got closer than seven the rest of the way, and the final 14-point margin was the Tigers' biggest lead of the game.

Memphis held a 40-33 lead at the half.

Both teams shot the ball well from the field — Memphis hitting 80.9 percent while the Vandals connected on 47.1 percent. The two teams were about equal in turnovers, but Memphis controlled the boards, out-rebounding Idaho 37-25.

Sneed had 17 points, while Onley added 13 points and a game-high 19 rebounds for the Tigers.

Senior guard Avery Curry was the only Vandal to finish in double figures, with a game-high 19 points.

### Virginia 72, Brigham Young 54

**HONOLULU** — Nurren Nolan scored 15 of his game-high 24 points in the first half and pulled down 10 rebounds to lead Virginia to a victory over cold-shooting Brigham Young in a consolation round game of the Rainbow Classic.

Curtis Staples added 17 points and Donald Ham III as the Cavaliers (7-4) got off to a fast start in pulling away from the Cougars (3-9).

### Top 25

**No. 1 North Carolina 97, Bethune-Cookman 46**

**DAYTONA BEACH, Fla.** —

Anton Jamison scored 22 points and Vince Carter added 18 in his homecoming before being injured as No. 1 North Carolina remained undefeated with a victory over Bethune-Cookman.

Coming off their first overtime game in 57 outings, the Tar Heels (14-0) bolted to an 11-0 lead 4:30 into the game, were ahead by 28 at half-time and won for the 30th time in their last 31 games.

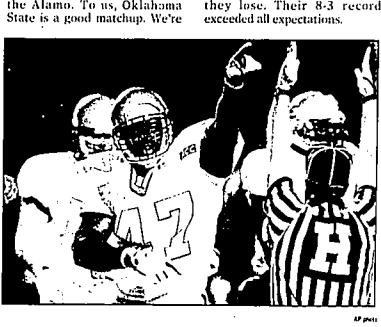
### No. 15 Florida State 80, SW Louisiana 71

**LAFAYETTE, La.** — Terrell Baker had 23 points and his Florida State teammates hit six free throws in the final 12:1 to lead the 15th-ranked Seminoles to a victory over Southwestern Louisiana.

Southwestern Louisiana's leading scorer, guard Casey Green, shot just 1-for-17.

### No. 12 New Mexico 112, Holy Cross 61

**ALBUQUERQUE, N.M.** — No. 12 New Mexico set a school record with 18 3-pointers, 12 of them by guards Kevin Henry and Reece Oley, to beat Holy Cross in the Lovin Invitational.



Ed Wilder of Georgia Tech points to fans after scoring against West Virginia in the Carquest Bowl on Monday in Miami.

# Tech rambles to win

**MIAMI (AP)** — The West Virginia Mountaineers couldn't stop their bowl losing streak because they couldn't stop Georgia Tech's Joe Hamilton.

The shifty sophomore passed and ran for 356 yards and three touchdowns Monday night to help the Yellow Jackets win the Carquest Bowl 35-30, extending West Virginia's bowl losing streak to seven games.

"Anytime you play a scrambling quarterback like that, it's almost impossible," Mountaineers line backer Gary Still said. "Guys were missing tackles on him all game long."

The Yellow Jackets scored on their first three possessions to go ahead 21-7 and led the rest of the way. West Virginia closed within five points on Marc Bulger's 74-yard touchdown pass to Jerry Porter with 3:49 left, but Georgia Tech picked up two first downs

to run out the clock. Both teams finished the season 7-5.

The game drew only 28,262 fans, the smallest crowd in the bowl's eight-year history. Carquest officials had hoped for 50,000 in 75,192-seat Pro Player Stadium.

Hamilton, the game's most valuable player, completed 19 of 36 passes for 274 yards and added 82 yards rushing in 14 carries. He scored from the shotgun on scrambles of 30 and 9 yards and hit Mike Lillie with a 3-yard touchdown pass.

"I thought we could do what we wanted," Hamilton said. "We knew what to expect."

West Virginia and coach Don Nehlen fell to 1-9 in Florida since 1980, including 0-5 in bowls. Their last bowl victory was against Texas Christian in the 1984 Bluetonnet Bowl.

# No. 6 Texas Tech rocks S. Methodist, 78-55

**LUBBOCK, Texas (AP)** — Texas Tech coach Marsha Sharp was worried her sixth-ranked Lady Raiders wouldn't be ready for Southern Methodist.

It didn't take long for the team to prove Sharp wrong.

Angie Brazier had 26 points and eight rebounds Monday night as Texas Tech jumped on the Lady Mustangs early and cruised to a 78-55 victory over SMU.

Brazier helped the Lady Raiders (7-1) dominate SMU inside while Rene Hanebant struck from the perimeter for 16 points on 6-of-9 shooting. Hanebant also grabbed 14 rebounds.

"I was concerned about SMU beforehand, but we got off to a great start and continued to play well," Sharp said. "We had a great night offensively. Rene put the nail in the coffin with her outside shooting. She ... had her most complete game of the season."

### Women's basketball

### No. 4 Louisiana Tech 75, Alcorn St. 53

**RUSTON, La.** — Amanda Wilson's 16 points led three players in double figures and No. 4 Louisiana Tech outscored Alcorn State 22-8 from the foul line en route to a 75-53 victory in the first round of the Dial Soap Classic.

The victory extended the Lady Techsters' homecourt winning streak to 38 games — longest in the nation.

### No. 10 Arizona 86, Baylor 73

**RUSTON, La.** — Adia Barnes scored 29 points and led the second-half charge as Arizona defeated Baylor in the opening game of the Dial Basketball Classic.

### No. 7 Vanderbilt 83, Murray St. 38

**NASHVILLE, Tenn.** — Nettie

Responded, a 5-foot-10 guard had season highs with 19 points, 10 rebounds and eight assists to lead No. 7 Vanderbilt (9-1) past Murray State (2-9) in the championship game of the MCI Prepaid First American Classic.

### No. 8 Washington 78, Texas 72

**SEATTLE** — Amber Hall had 22 points, 16 rebounds, and Janice Redd added 21 points to lead the No. 8 Washington Huskies to victory.

### No. 12 Florida 70, No. 23 Duke 63

**GAINESVILLE, Fla.** — Tamara Stokes scored 20 points, Muriel Page had 15 and the two combined for 20 rebounds as No. 12 Florida defeated No. 23 Duke in the championship game of the State Farm Classic.

### No. 17 Georgia 94, Fairfield 68

**PHILADELPHIA** — Kelly Miller

# Coach questions his team making poll position

**The Associated Press**

Marquette squeaked into the No. 25 spot of the AP's college basketball poll this week, but coach Mike Deane said Monday he isn't certain his team belongs there.

"We aren't a great team or a spectacular team, but we played well to date," Deane said of his team, which has won its first eight games of the season. "I don't think of us as a Top 25 team, but the games we were in do so in pretty good fashion."

Deane said he can beat any team on a given night.

In the latest poll released Monday, North Carolina easily held the No. 1 spot, receiving 69 first-place votes and 1,749 points from a 76-member media panel. It was the third straight week North Carolina (13-0) has been top-ranked under first-year coach Bill Guthrie.

Kansas (15-1) held second with

Syracuse and Maryland. The last five teams were Clemson, West Virginia, Arkansas, Rhode Island and Marquette.

Marquette's spot at the bottom of the poll "puts a target" on the players' backs for fans and the media, Deane said.

### Women's poll

Tennessee remained a unanimous No. 1 Monday in The Associated Press women's basketball poll, and the Lady Vols did it the easy way — and not plays.

Only 13 ranked teams did play in the past week and just one lost to a team that wasn't ranked, so there were few changes in the Top 25. The top seven were

unchanged and the poll had the same teams as last week.

Tennessee (13-0), which returns to action New Year's Day against No. 25 Arkansas, received all 38 first-place votes from a national media panel. The Lady Vols have been No. 1 all season and have been a unanimous choice for the last six weeks.

They haven't played since beating Wisconsin in the finals of the Northern Lights Invitational on Dec. 20.

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### Enis decides to enter draft

**HARRISBURG (AP)** — All-American running back Curtis Enis is leaving Penn State to enter the NFL draft.

Enis, a junior, was suspended by coach Joe Paterno for the team's appearance in the Citrus Bowl after accepting a suit from a sports agent to wear at an awards show. In issuing an apology for his actions Monday, he also revealed his decision to turn pro.

"I would like to begin by apologizing to my family, teammates, coaches and fans for recent events," he said. "I made a mistake and I accept full responsibility for my actions."

"However, I did not want to hurt Penn State University in any way — or the people that have been so influential in helping me achieve my goal of playing major college football."

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**TWIN FALLS HOUSING AUTHORITY INVITATION TO SUBMIT INFORMATION**  
This is an invitation to submit information for Architectural/Engineering

services for C.I.A.P. Model rezonization No. ID16P001907.  
97. General scope of work will be make common areas meet 504 Uniform Accessibility Standards.

Make 12 apartments meet 504 Uniform Accessibility Standards, remove and replace gas wall furnaces, replace existing smoke detectors with hard wired

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If interested, please contact Penny Earl, Executive Director, Twin Falls Housing Authority, 200 Elm St.

N. Twin Falls, Idaho 83301 Telephone 208-733-5365  
proposals conference held at 10:00 A.M. January 7, 1998 at the Twin Falls Housing Authority and to visit the site.

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Successful bidders shall operate from July 1, 1998 through July 30, 1999. Estimated funding available is \$140,000.

To obtain further information and an RFP packet, interested persons or organizations should contact: Candy McElfresh, South Central Private Industry Council, Evergreen Building, College of Southern Idaho, PO Box 5079, Twin Falls, Idaho 83303-5079. Telephone: 208-736-3064.

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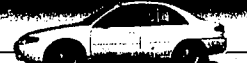


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### THE ACES ON BRIDGE

The who asks questions cannot avoid the answers.  
Cameroonian proverb

"Let's ask the club expert to settle this," agreed Tony's North-South players. They had a difference of opinion about South's play of the diamond suit.

South asked the expert, "What's the best play for five diamond winners with this combination?"

"Wrong question," answered the guru. "You should be interested in the best play for four winners. You need only four diamond tricks, not five."

With diamonds out of the picture, South looked for a miracle in hearts. He held four clubs and led a heart to his 10. Had he found K x with East, he would have to cash three heart winners, enough to make his slam. There was no miracle, and South closed with only 11 tricks.

The best play for 10 tricks is to settle for a probable four diamond winners instead of an elusive five. At trick two, South should cash his diamond ace and lead low to the dummy's jack. This ensures four winners whether diamonds are 3-2 or 4-1. If West began with four, dummy's diamond jack will score. And if East began with four, he can bid spades. Now South can finesse against the 10 to pick up the rest of the suit.

**WEST**

- 10 9 8 7
- K 6 4 2
- 5 4 1
- 3 2

**EAST**

- A Q J 2
- K 9 8 7 3
- 10 8 6 4
- 4 3

**SOUTH**

- K Q 7
- A 10
- 9 8 5 3 2
- A 10

**NORTH**

- A 10
- 8 7 6 5 4 3 2
- K Q 7
- 6 5 4 3

Vulnerable: North-South  
Dealer: South

The bidding:  
South West North East  
2NT Pass 6NT All pass

Opening lead: Spade jack

**HID WITH THE ACES**

**South holds:**

- A 6 4
- Q J 3
- 10 9 8 7 6 5
- K 10 3 2

**North holds:**

- 1 4
- 2 5

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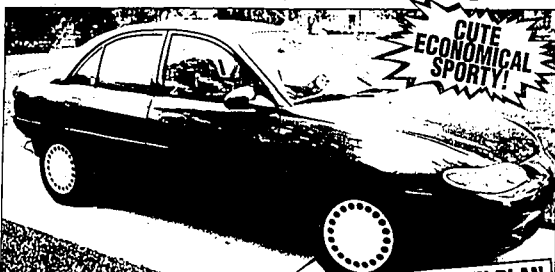
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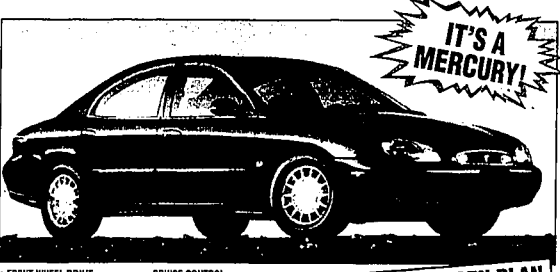
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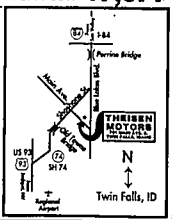
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**\*TWIN FALLS** - Boise's party band, "The New Electric Peaches," will play at a New Year's Eve party set for 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Wednesday at Mugger's Brewpub, 516 Second St. S. The band plays '60s and '70s rock and roll.

**\*TWIN FALLS** - O'Leary Junior High School students will compete in the first round of the National Geography Bee at 3:30 p.m. Jan. 8 in the auditorium at O'Leary Junior High School. For more information, call Marjie Atkins at 733-2155.

**\*BUHL** - The Buhl Community Education and Recreation Association is offering three classes that start soon. Decorative Tile, Tuxeddy and how to make a Decorative Rooster. For more information, call Connie Glander at 543-6553 after 4 p.m.

**\*JEROME** - Several classes are set to begin soon through the Jerome Recreation District. A hand-drawn Sculpture class will teach students the psychology behind the craft. A Women's Rape Defense class will focus on practical application of rape-prevention strategies, tumbling classes, intercolor for beginners and a free Introduction to Jujitsu are also scheduled. Pre-registration is required for all classes. For more information or to register, call 324-3389 or stop by the recreation center at 2444 S. Lincoln.

**We want your news**

If it's news to you, we want to hear about it. We are April Crnich and Joey Bryant. It is our job to fill this page with news about:

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- Social events
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# The next contestant is ...

By Rachel Defny  
Times-News correspondent

**TWIN FALLS** - When Laura Phillips' name was called from an audience of some 350 people, she almost couldn't believe it.

Phillips was chosen to be a contestant on "The Price is Right." The episode will air Jan. 26 on CBS.

Phillips and her husband, Dave, were visiting their son in southern California when they went to the show. Phillips' son knew how much the couple enjoyed

"The Price is Right," so he got them tickets to go to a filming of the show.

"We went on Dec. 1; they were taping two shows," Laura Phillips said.

"My son invited us down for Thanksgiving, and I told him that, if he wanted to do something special, then he could get us tickets to the show."

Anyone who wants to be on the show must arrive early.

More tickets to the show are sold than the number of people who get stamped. Only those who are stamped (about 350) are eligible to be on the show.

The first 350 people are taken through a series of steps. Their identities are checked with two forms of identification and a Social Security number, and then a ticket is put on each individual.

"Later you move through the line and answer one question," Phillips said. "We were told to answer the question and only one question, but if we wanted to live it up we could. Lining up your answer was the key to getting on the show. The people in front of me were asked what their names were and where they were from. When it was my turn (Bob Barker) just looked at me, so I said, 'I'm Laura Phillips from Twin Falls, Idaho. We're the potato country.'"

And with those words, Laura Phillips

was chosen to be on the show. Contestants don't know they've been chosen until they hear their names called.

"When I got down there, the adrenaline was just pumping and I thought, 'I've got to calm down, this is serious busi-



Laura Phillips was a contestant on "The Price is Right." She said she'll never forget the experience.

ness," Phillips said. Although Phillips did not win any big prizes, the experience was enough for her.

"It is a very, very fun experience. It's a one-in-a-lifetime experience," Phillips said. "You can only be on two game

shows in your life. The mileage I will get out of the experience and talking about it will be the biggest prize."

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## Neighbor offers gift of time

By H.R. Weixel  
Times-News correspondent

**JEROME** - When you need help, say residents of Jerome, just call Peg Roberson.

Roberson has been bouncing around the United States, working, taking care of people and assisting in community events since she was born - on July 11, 1923, in Little Falls, N.Y.

She was married to Leslie Roberson on June 14, 1942, in Washington, D.C., while she worked for the U.S. Government Office of Finance, Moving to Idaho in July 1942, she became a community good neighbor when she worked at the Penquin Ice Cream Parlor, McCleary Drug Store and Kay's Variety Store. She took care of veteran's affairs at the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Boise for 14 years and at the VA Center in Minneapolis for six years.

In 1985, she moved back to Jerome and devoted her time to serving as secretary of the Jerome County Historical Society for six years. She has also been a member of the Good Sam Club and state chairwoman of the Arthritis Committee for the Snake River Lodge. And she served as Noble Grand of the Jerome Springs Rebekah Lodge, a position she has held for two terms.

Being a member of the Jerome United Methodist Church, this everyday heroine is the church historian, a task that requires contacts with many different people and organizations. She works with ladies' groups



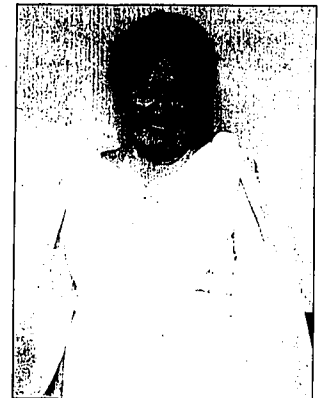
and senior citizens.

With 20 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren, Roberson plays an active role in schools and with her family members. By the way, she gave birth to the first and only set of triplets born at St. Benedict's Family Medical Center. The three babies, Dale, Dawn and Dona, were born April 15, 1953.

"It seemed the whole town knew about the triple birth as soon as the X-rays showed I was going to be the mother of triplets," Roberson said.

Bringing the three babies into a household already filled with Tommy, 11, Diana, 9 and Kent, 2, brought help from neighbors and friends. The babies required 80 bottles of formula a week.

"I worked, hung up, took down and folded nine dozen diapers twice a week," Roberson said.



Peg Roberson of Jerome donates some of her time to taking individuals in long-term care homes for a drive around town.

## Albion club welcomes guest speakers to meeting

By Mary Lynne Bristol  
Times-News correspondent

**ALBION** - The November program of the General Federation of Women's Clubs Albion Four Leaf Clover Club was recently held under the direction of the organization's conservation committee.

Guest speaker Steve Schuyler of the Cassia Soil Conservation Service explained that the two and one-half miles of living fence planted as a windbreak project in the upper end of the Raft River Valley along Interstate 84 helps to alleviate a severe problem of blowing and drifting snow and dust.

"We are very pleased with the results," Schuyler said. "We hope to extend the project."

Schuyler used slides to show the different steps taken in creating the strip. The steps included fabric mulch, the drip irrigation system and the two years of growth. There was a two percent loss of the trees and shrubs selected especially for the area.

Rexburg residents Lida Peterson, GFWC first district president, and Sue Huskinson, state first vice president, gave brief messages.

Peterson commented on the club's heritage and service to the community during its nearly 100 years of existence. She encouraged members to move on to district officers.

Huskinson spoke about the federation programs and the recent Western States Regional Conference in Bozeman, Mont.

The business meeting was conducted by Edie Fitzgerald, president. The club collect was led by Mary



Steve Schuyler from the Cassia Soil Conservation Service speaks at the November General Federation of Women's Clubs Albion Four Leaf Clover Club. Schuyler gave a presentation about the living fence windbreak along Interstate 84 in the upper Raft River Valley.



Lola Peterson is recognized as special guest speaker at the November meeting of the General Federation of Women's Clubs Albion Four Leaf Clover Club. Peterson is the president of the First District of GFWC-Idaho in Rexburg.

Amende and the pledge of allegiance by Vi Cunningham. Carolyn Pirle, secretary, read the minutes of the previous meeting and they were approved and corrected. The treasurer's report was given by Linda Leach and the annual budget approved as amended.

Betha Chatham, library committee chairman, handed out the new work list for the coming year and noted that 50 Albion Elementary students visit the library each week.

The club was presented a certificate of appreciation for contributions to the Girls State program by Shirley Clark, president of the Albion Legion Auxiliary 124.

Plans were made to decorate two small trees for students. The executive committee would decide on recipients.

Hostesses for the evening were Betha and Tammy Chatham.

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Rates fall in Treasury bill auction

WASHINGTON (AP) — Interest rates on short-term Treasury securities fell in Monday's auction to the lowest level in two weeks.

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