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Lawmakers learn the ropes

Process begins with an idea

By Gregory Hahn
Times-News writer

BOISE - It all starts with an idea. Newly-elected state Rep. Randy Hansen learned that Monday. And it confirmed his hopes about how the Legislature works, and what his excitement for the upcoming session. This week, new representa-

tives Hansen and Leon Smith, both R-Twin Falls, joined nine other rookie lawmakers in an orientation that lasted from dawn to dusk and promises to do the same for the rest of the week. After the close to the 10-hour session, Hansen reflected on the process the group learned. "The thing that I think is great is that anybody out there in Twin Falls County that has an idea, bring it. Let's look at it," he said. More than 1,000 possible bills were introduced last year's session.

That means more than 2,000 Idahoans had ideas that made it to the Statehouse, Hansen said. But most people don't realize how it works. On Monday, with the help of the Legislative Services office, Hansen and the others learned. Starting with a mock letter from a constituent, the group researched the issue, formed the idea into a bill, then discussed the measure in a mock committee meeting. "It takes a lot of steps, and Hansen and the others were given a diagram of the process that will likely be indispensable

for the first few weeks of the real thing. The plan was to show the new lawmakers what to expect in January. "We aren't going to be able to give you all the answers to be a good legislator," Legislative Services Director Carl Bianchi told the group. "But we are going to be able to help you ask the right questions." The legislative process is basically the same it was in 1890, Bianchi said, so there's a lot of institutional memory for a mock.

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Aaron Chandler, left, Jeff Plante, Hannah Bishop, Nicholas Olsen and Emily Nielson pay close attention to their economics teacher Karl Ploss Monday at Twin Falls High School. The five students will be traveling to San Francisco at the end of this week to compete in a national economic challenge.

WHIZ KIDS

Economics pays for TF students

Youths shine in state meet, win two-day trip to San Francisco

By Jennifer Sandmann
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Making sense out of imports, exports and interest rates have earned a handful of Twin Falls High School students a trip to San Francisco. The students beat five other Idaho high school teams, including one from Boise, in an economics challenge last month.

Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco sponsored the state meet and will pay for the two-day trip to California. The students leave Thursday and will complete Friday against teams from seven other states. First-place prize is a \$200 savings bond for each team member. The Twin Falls students shrug their shoulders when asked why they volunteered to compete. "It sounded interesting and like a challenge," said Jeff Plante, 17, who placed first overall in Idaho and won an additional \$50. Prize money wasn't necessarily a draw, Plante said. The best part is traveling to San Francisco.

The team members are just a handful of the students in an elective college level economics course at the high school. Teacher Carrie Ploss works with the College of Southern Idaho to offer the class that allows students to earn college credit. Whole economics might sound like a dull course, team member Aaron Chandler, 17, said he is learning information he can use in the real world. "That's the best part of the class," said Hannah Bishop, 17. "I read the newspaper, I read the money section. And I actually understand it."

Team members include Plante, Bishop, Chandler, and Emily Nielson, 15, and Nicholas Olsen, 16. Competitors must individually complete three multiple-choice tests - 15 questions each - and a current events test as a team. They have 25 minutes to finish each test. Students said the only way for them to prepare is to keep up with class assignments and follow current events in the newspaper and other news media. The bank also posts sample questions on the Internet.

But no study guide exists for the competition.

Sample questions

- Some of the supply of Italian lire in the foreign exchange market originates with:
 - American who wish to purchase Italian products, such as wine.
 - Americans who travel as tourists to Italy.
 - Italian central bank intervention to stop the lire from depreciating.
 - Italian residents who sell goods to the rest of the world.
 - Italian residents who purchase goods from the rest of the world.
- Which of the following characteristics of perfect competition does not apply to monopolistic competition?
 - free entry and exit
 - homogeneous products
 - numerous participants
 - perfect information
- Currency speculators are traders who seek to profit from a(n):
 - shift in global demand and supply patterns.
 - increase in the price of oil.
 - sudden shift in interest rates.
 - exchange rate change by selling the currency expected to appreciate and buying the currency expected to depreciate.

Source: Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco

Clinton pledges more aid to Palestinians

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - The United States and 42 other nations pledged more than \$3 billion Monday to help alleviate Palestinian poverty. Yasser Arafat declared himself satisfied, and stepped up his ranorous exchanges with Israel by declaring Jerusalem "occupied territory" that should be turned over to the Arabs. The outpouring of pledges at a one-day conference at the State Department gave visible backing to President Clinton as he sought to push the Middle East peace effort forward. "No peace stands a chance of

lasting if it does not deliver real results to ordinary people," Clinton said in urging the Europeans, Asians and Arab nations to do better than the \$2.3 billion pledged five years ago. Clinton met privately with Arafat at the White House, hearing his complaint that Israel had not released enough political prisoners under the Wye agreement the president helped negotiate. "I was shocked," Arafat said in response to the announcement by Secretary of State Madeleine Albright that it appears the delinquent state had more than \$3 billion. "She called the response a 'substantial achievement'."

The European Union pledged \$2 billion in assistance to Palestinians on the West Bank and in Gaza over five years; Austrian Foreign Minister Wolfgang Schuessel said at a windup news conference. He said one-half million jobs had to be created for the Palestinians over the next 10 years. Clinton said the United States intends to increase its contribution by adding \$400 million to the \$100 million a year it plans to donate over the next five years. The United States has contributed \$240 million since 1993. Albright said the U.S. assist-

tance would go directly to projects in Palestinian-controlled areas and the Agency for International Development would assure that "every dollar is accounted for." But while Clinton spoke hopefully of overcoming "bumps in the road" in the peace process, he fostered political tensions between Arafat and Israel were rising again. Arafat declared anew that he hoped to establish an independent Palestinian state. He also accused Israel of undermining the Palestinian economy with a "continued siege and frequent closure" of the borders with Gaza and the West Bank.

Clinton asks for adjusted census

Decision would favor Democrats

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - With money and votes across the nation at stake, the Clinton administration asked the Supreme Court Monday to reject a Republican challenge and let it adjust the 2000 census results to make up for an expected undercount of minorities. No census finds everyone, but the Clinton administration will achieve the Constitution's goal of determining the number of persons in each state. Solicitor General Seth Waxman told the court. "It is in the public interest to effect a quality check on the initial head count to be conducted April 1, 2000. But lawyers for the Republican-led House and a group of private citizens insisted the government violate the Constitution and federal law. "A 100 percent head count is the only permissible means of apportioning the population," said Michael A. Carvin, representing private citizens from six states. So far, two lower courts have ruled the government's plan unlawful.

Adjusted the census likely would help Democrats because minorities and city residents made up a large share of the estimated 1 million people missed by the 1990 census. The case could affect the shape of congressional, state and local election districts nationwide as well as the way that \$180 billion in federal-aid is handed out. The court is expected to aim for a decision by March to give the government time to plan for the 2000 count.

Also Monday, the court: Declined to hear an appeal from a California policeman ousted as a Boy Scout leader because he is gay. The Boy Scouts' ban on homosexuals has been challenged in California and other states, and El Cajon policeman Charles Merino's case was the first to reach the nation's highest court. Dodged a dispute over the nuclear industry's most perplexing problem - how and where to store thousands of tons of highly radioactive waste permanently and safely. The Energy Department is studying the feasibility of building a fuel burial site at Yucca Mountain in Nevada.

In the census case, the Constitution requires an "actual enumeration" to divide the 435 members of the House of Representatives among the states based on population. But the justices appeared divided over what they would do. "Most people would think that actual enumeration means a count," said Justice Sandra Day O'Connor.



President Clinton and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat prepare for Monday's Middle East Peace and Development Conference.

Attorney General postpones decision on aide investigation

WASHINGTON (AP) — Attorney General Janet Reno postponed a decision Monday on whether an independent counsel should investigate a former top White House aide who is accused of lying about aid for a union that contributed to Democrats' officials.

Reno requested that a special court allow her 60 more days to review the case, according to officials and others familiar with the case.

There was no immediate word from the court, which must approve the request for an extension. Nor was there explanation



Janet Reno

of how she would spend the extra time. Reno asked the court to seal her reasons for requesting the delay, according to people familiar with the case.

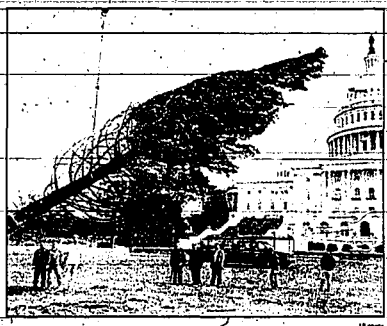
Reno met during the day with aides who were divided on how she should handle the allegation that former White House deputy chief of staff Harold Ickes committed perjury before a

Senate committee about the administration's efforts on behalf of the Teamsters Union in a 1995 strike against Diamond Drilling Co.

Aides were advocating each of three options: ordering a counsel investigation, freezing that idea, or asking a special court for 60 more days to look into the question.

The FBI, for instance, was recommending as it has for more than a year that the case — indeed the entire campaign finance investigation — be handled by an outside prosecutor, officials said.

— CAPITOL CHRISTMAS TREE —



Workers prepare to erect the Capitol Christmas Tree Monday on Capitol Hill. The 50-foot-tall Fraser fir arrived from the Pisgah National Forest in the U.S. Mountains of North Carolina. Lighting ceremonies for the tree will be Dec. 8.

White House balks at invite for Clinton's testimony

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House impeachment inquiry ran into more obstacles Monday as one witness refused to answer investigators' questions and the White House brushed off an invitation to have President Clinton testify.

"I don't think it's very likely you'll see the president appear before that committee," White House spokesman Joe Lockhart said of the invitation from the House Judiciary Committee.

The White House was still weighing whether to send a team of lawyers to make the president's case on his behalf, other aides said.

During a private session with impeachment investigators, Maryland Democratic operative Nathan Landow invoked his Fifth Amendment right against self-incrimination and declined to answer questions, according to a committee official who spoke only on condition of anonymity. Landow refused to comment as he left the hour-long meeting.

Committee members and aides tried to question the real estate developer about whether he was aware of any effort to influence the testimony of former White House volunteer Kathleen Willy, who has accused Clinton of making a sexual advance in 1993.

Countdown begins for start of space station construction

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — NASA began the countdown Monday for a shuttle launch that will put the first American piece of the international space station into orbit.

Endeavour is scheduled to blast off Thursday on the long-delayed mission. During the flight, two spacewalking astronauts will fasten together the U.S. piece and a component that was launched by the Russians nearly two weeks ago.

"Ho, this has been a long time coming," shuttle commander Robert Cabana said. "It's time that we launch and get the first U.S.-built piece of hardware up there to the international space station and start a new era in international cooperation in space exploration."

"It's time to fly," added Sergei Krivleyev, a Russian cosmonaut assigned to the one-year-late mission.

It is expected to take a total of 45 U.S. and Russian launches over the next five years to haul up

pieces of the space station and put them together in orbit. When completed, the station will stretch as long as a football field.

Liftoff is set for just before 4 a.m., although rain and low clouds could interfere. The odds of acceptable weather were put at 40 percent.

On Monday, NASA loaded last-minute Russian equipment into the shuttle, including electrical gear to fix a faulty battery aboard the first station component, Zarya.

The six shuttle astronauts will rendezvous with Zarya, Russian for sunrise, two days into their 12-day flight.

They will use the shuttle robot arm to grab the 4,000-pound cylinder and attach it to the station component carried up aboard Endeavour, a 25,000-pound passageway named Unity. Then two spacewalkers will go outside to fasten all the electrical connections and cables between the two components, and attach hand rails and tools for future crews.

Cops arrest son, friend in family's killing

DALTON TOWNSHIP, Mich. (AP) — An 18-year-old was arrested Monday and accused along with a friend of methodically shooting to death five people — his father, mother, grandfather, brother and his brother's girlfriend.

Authorities said the shootings were stretched out across Sunday afternoon, with the victims probably shot one by one at the family's home. The crime was discovered around midnight Sunday, when the body of the father, an elementary school teacher, was found in his driveway in this rural community.

"The house was scattered with bodies. There was blood everywhere," Prosecutor Tony Tague said. "It's difficult to imagine what possessed 18-year-olds to do something like this."

Seth Stephen Privacky, 18,

eluded searchers through the night and was arrested Monday afternoon in a barn a mile from his home.

Earlier in the day, police using tracking dogs arrested an 18-year-old man who had been seen running out of the woods no far from the home. The man's name was not immediately released.

"What we have here is two young individuals who got involved in a very bad situation and attempted to cover it up," Tague said.

Both men were to be arraigned Tuesday on murder charges.

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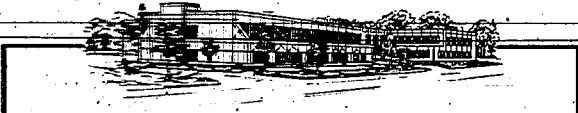
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Clinton pushes electronic commerce

Vows to make Internet purchases less risky

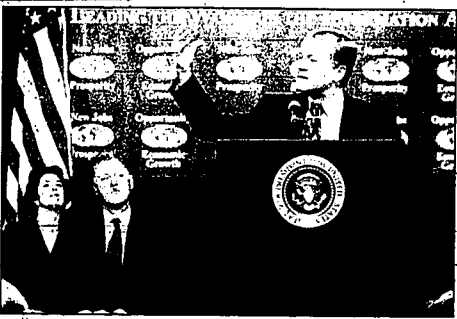
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Clinton, touting electronic commerce as an engine for global economic growth, said Monday his administration is taking steps to promote buying and selling on the Internet. They include pushing for better consumer protection against cyber-fraud.

"We must give consumers the same protection in our virtual mall they now get at the shopping mall," Clinton said at a White House ceremony attended by executives from major e-commerce companies.

The president also said his administration would work with the Federal Communications Commission and U.S. trading partners to promote the development of faster Internet connections. For many people, connections are so slow that shopping at the virtual mall is filled with frustration, he said.

Clinton cited projections that this year Americans will spend more than \$10 billion on goods and services on the Internet. Americans with home computers will shop for holiday gifts online, compared



President Clinton watches John Chambers, president and chief executive officer of Cisco Systems, speak Monday during an announcement to promote global commerce on the Internet.

Clinton said. More needs to be done, he said, to build confidence among consumers that they can shop online with safeguards against being cheated.

"People should get what they pay for online; it should be easy to get refunds if they don't," he said, adding that his administration wants the online industry — not the government — to privatize the protections.

In response to Clinton's remarks, the National Fraud Center, a private fraud prevention company, applauded the administration for steering away from imposing government anti-fraud regulations.

"Self-regulation is the most practical way to protect Internet consumers," the center said, adding that it is skeptical about government intervention. "It is the responsibility of government to set the rules, not to micromanage," said Norman Wilton, Jr., president of the National Fraud Center.

Clinton also announced that the U.S. and Australian governments had agreed on a common approach to promoting electronic commerce. It includes supporting the mid-term extension of a May 1998 World Trade Organization declaration not to impose customs duties on electronic transactions.

Dow slides 216 points in wave of profit-taking

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — The Dow industrials slid 216 points on Monday, a week after returning to record levels, in the first real wave of profit-taking since the stock market resumed trading about two months ago.

The selling was heaviest among the common stock and Internet-related names that were up the most in the week, particularly in the technology sector.

The Dow Jones industrial average sank 216 points to 7,615.53, down from 7,831.53 on Oct. 1. The Dow Jones industrials were up 1,000 points from 6,615.53 on Oct. 1. The Dow Jones industrials were up 1,000 points from 6,615.53 on Oct. 1.

The Nasdaq composite index fell 66.50, or 1.22 percent, to 1,249.24 after setting a new high on Friday to hit the Dow and Nasdaq on Monday. A four-month drought in the market ended on Monday.

The selling, which came without any apparent cause, was hardly unusual, according to Dow and low-cost investment fund analysts. "It's just a normal reaction to a market that has been up for a long time," said one analyst.

While some analysts say the fears that motivated the market through early autumn were exaggerated, some also say that Wall Street's recovery will be limited by a four-month drought in the market.

with 10 percent during last year's holiday season. "If the virtual mall is to grow, we must help small-businesses and families get more of the same goods at the same speed that big-business enjoys."

Investing in a 401(k) plan can yield rich benefits

Knights-Ridder News Service

If 401(k) plans such as a good deal, how come a lot of eligible workers don't invest in them?

It could be their employers and hired

consultants do a lousy job of explaining the benefits. Such as "dollar-cost averaging" and "evenly distributed contributions" befuddle the financially illiterate, which include many in the workforce.

Face it, a lot of folks are afraid they can't make ends meet if they reduce their take-home pay for any reason — much less for 401(k) contributions. And they're afraid they won't get the rich benefits. Many more aren't ready to worry about the finer points,

such as understanding penalties for early withdrawal before age 59 1/2. Employers, consultants and employees share the blame for ignorance. No matter how good the plan is, it's not worth it if the employee doesn't understand it.

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Table with columns: Name, Div, Last, Chg. Lists various stocks like AIG, AMZN, AAPL, etc.

MARKET SUMMARY

Summary table for NYSE, AMEX, NASDAQ. Includes Most Active, Gainers, Losers, Diary, and Indexes.

NASDAQ NATIONAL MARKET

Table listing various NASDAQ stocks and their prices.

STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST

Table listing local stocks like Alton, Alton, Alton, etc.

HOW TO READ THE MARKET REPORT

Details on how to read the market report, including symbols and abbreviations.

Table listing various stocks under the heading 'AMERICAN STOCK EXCHANGE'.

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MARKETS

CLOSING FUTURES

Table of closing futures prices for various commodities including soybeans, corn, wheat, and oil. Columns include contract type, price, and change.

BEANS

Table of bean futures prices, including soybean and bean contracts, with prices and changes.

GRAINS

Table of grain futures prices, including wheat, corn, and soybean contracts, with prices and changes.

CHEESE

Table of cheese futures prices, including various cheese contracts, with prices and changes.

POTATOES/ONIONS

Table of potato and onion futures prices, including various grades and contracts, with prices and changes.

MEATS

Table of meat futures prices, including pork, beef, and lamb contracts, with prices and changes.

ENERGY

Table of energy futures prices, including oil, natural gas, and coal contracts, with prices and changes.

SOYBEAN OIL

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Table of stock market indices including S&P 500, Dow Jones, and NASDAQ, with prices and changes.

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Microsoft tries to show lack of dominance in market

WASHINGTON (AP) — Microsoft Corp. tried to show Monday that an aggressive new strategy to market its software products does not mean it is in danger of losing its dominance in the market.

Plan

Continued from 48: How aggressive investment strategies in the market are changing the way investors think about their money.

Metals/Currency

Table of metals and currency prices, including gold, silver, and various currencies, with prices and changes.

Mutual Funds

Large table of mutual fund prices, including various fund names, prices, and changes.

EDITORIAL

CSI produces winners on the court and in the classroom

Yet again, the College of Southern Idaho has vanquished all rivals for the national championship in junior college women's volleyball. This is the sixth in a row for CSI, a remarkable record for a two-year school.

While we're celebrating the school's latest sports championship, let's also take a moment to celebrate CSI's drive to excellence in its vocational and academic programs.

At the start of the 1980s, CSI was a modest school in virtually every respect. Since then, it has matured into an enterprise that capably serves the needs of students bound for four-year schools — and those headed directly for the workplace.

CSI's vocational and technical programs place appropriate emphasis on workplace needs, which means employability for students and value for employers.

That said, the sports side of the college also deserves praise. At any other community college in America, the hometown fans would be dancing in the streets after a single national championship. We have a six-pack of successive volleyball titles, which is something no other junior college — anywhere — can say.

Congratulations to CSI's players and coaches. You are powerful role models who have put Idaho on the map for something other than potatoes.

It's no fluke that CSI's volleyball program is the best in the land. It has been a calculated effort that relies heavily on recruitment of top-grade players, both foreign and domestic. It has been a gamble, and it's paying dividends both on and off the court.

Players want to play here, students want to study here and teachers want to teach here.

Successful school teams bring trophies, championships and glory. They capture the public imagination in ways that nursing programs or drafting programs are unlikely to do.

Here in the Magic Valley, most non-students think of women's volleyball, men's basketball, rodeo and — yes — education when they think of CSI.

The school should be justly proud of its sports teams, students and teachers.

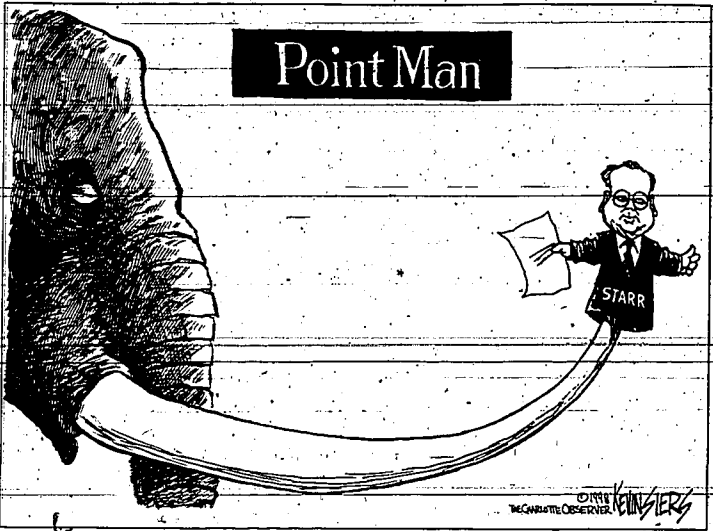
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Success breeds success. For reasons that are simple yet subtle, sports teams capture the spotlight at many colleges. Millions of Americans know about Duke University because of its basketball program, not because of the quality of its science or health programs.

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The school should be justly proud of its sports teams, students and teachers.



Supreme Court 'takes' out Right to Farm laws

The odious irony of it. The Iowa Supreme Court recently struck down Iowa's "Right to Farm" law, ruling that the law was unconstitutional.

From certain sundry suits — was an unconstitutional "bill of attainder" — landowners' right to stop smells and noises from spilling over on their property.

Having signed the American Farm Bureau's promulgated bill, the Iowa Supreme Court's decision is a blow to the "Right to Farm" movement — all under the Farm Bureau's hooded eyes.

But proponents of community rights must not celebrate, lest we foster a bid west of one's own. For however laudable the policy result, the Iowa Supreme Court's ambiguous, Burroughs' Board of Supervisors in hand, it's the mark and, if subverted in other contexts, the court's ruling will have a chilling effect on other communities.

Right to Farm laws are the Farm Bureau's response to a lawsuit filed by a student known as the "Amish" in the judicial system. A hog farmer sets up shop in a rural area and, after years, goes quietly about his dairy business, sending foul odors and fumes to his neighbor's vacant property.

That, in and behind, the neighbor develops a distaste and the new residents audaciously complain about those same smells and odors. It is among the most vexing public questions in property law: should a new business be an unenviable and unproductive use be deemed a nuisance simply because neighbors set up within smelling distance?

Right to Farm laws, which the Farm Bureau has championed in support in numerous states, resolve this policy question.

DOUGLAS KENDALL

tion in favor of farmers. The laws immunize farmers from some types of nuisance suits (generally suits based on noise and smell, but not those based on other forms of pollution).

But Right to Farm laws are bad public policy. Why should farmers have the right to foul their neighbors' property, even if they have been doing it for a long time? Yet they do not, as the Iowa court ruled, always constitute takings.

The Borrmans and the other farm neighbors who challenged the law could not establish either of the touchstones of a successful takings claim.

The government had not physically taken their property or deprived them of all beneficial uses.

In finding a taking nonetheless, the Iowa court relied heavily on an analogy between Right to Farm laws and eminent domain takings by military planes. The court opined that by stripping neighbors of their ability to stop noise and odor nuisances, the government had, in effect, created an easement in favor of the farmer.

Because courts have occasionally found takings based on government over-regulation — which create similar easement-like interests for the government — the Iowa court, by analogy, struck down the Right to Farm law.

In terms any hog farmer can relate to, the court's analogy stinks. The successful government over-regulation takings claims have been "as applied" claims, in which the landowner demonstrated that the rights were low and frequent enough to have a dramatic impact on their specific parcel of property.

The Borrmans' claim was a general challenge to the law itself. While Right to

Farm laws may sometimes have a dramatic enough impact on farm neighbors to support a takings claim (the Borrmans may, in other words, have an "as applied" takings claim), these laws are not always takings.

In ruling for the Borrmans, the Iowa court continued a disturbing trend by courts of finding a taking based on government interference with just one aspect of property ownership — here, the right to enjoy nuisances.

Because innumerable laws — ranging from the federal Clean Water Act, to workplace safety laws, to local zoning impact on some aspect of property ownership, this trend greatly threatens the ability of communities to protect their health and safety.

Borrmans' silver lining is that it shows takings litigation is a double-edged sword. Every developer's claim to a "right" to develop is counterbalanced by an equally or more valid claim by a neighbor of "right" to be free of spillover costs.

Thoughtful farmers long ago concluded it is not in their interest for either side to win this battle of absolute rights.

If developers have an unlettered right to build subdivisions, communities will be unable to protect farmland from encroaching sprawl.

If neighbors have an absolute right to be free from spillover costs, farmers will operate entirely at their neighbor's mercy.

Perhaps after Borrmans, the Farm Bureau, which has heretofore blindly taken the developer's side in takings disputes, will get this message.

Douglas Kendall is founder and executive director of the Community Rights Counsel, a non-profit law firm that helps state and local governments defend against takings lawsuits.

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LETTERS

Don't increase F&G fees

I disagree with the Idaho Fish and Game proposal to raise hunting fees, and I agree with Fish and Game Commission Chairman Fred Wood that state general funds should not be used to bail out Fish and Game's financial problems. Fish and Game should cut expenses to live within its budget and its management policies should be revised. For example, why does Fish and Game buy private ranches? Why does it use helicopters instead of less expensive methods for counting birds? Why does it squander funds to buy deer and elk dumplings to entrap hunters? Why doesn't it use its vehicles more than once or two years before buying new ones? Predators suppress programs and States should not be protected, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife

Service should not be allowed to impose its unpopular and unwanted wolf-end grizzly bear recovery programs in Idaho.

In addition, the present five-month open season for deer and elk in the "Big Design Zone" seems exceedingly long. The game herds in this area will most likely be decimated in two or three more years if the hunting season remains open for five months each year. Over several years, deer numbers have decreased to a new low in the South Hills and Sublette areas. As usual, Fish and Game blames lack of funds. Idaho hunters don't want Fish and Game excuses. We need Fish and Game personnel who can get the job done to build up the game herds. Perhaps the Magic Valley Region Fish and Game director and his staff in Jerome should be replaced. Possibly, the Fish and Game director in Boise

should also be replaced.

In view of Fish and Game's past record of inaccuracy and extravagance, a mandatory annual audit should be made of all Fish and Game operations, and the audit results should be made public. Hunting fees for resident hunters should not be increased if they should be decreased. A great many Idaho residents can no longer afford to hunt in Idaho, and it would be totally unfair to allow hunting and game to wealthy who can afford to pay the higher fees. I also disagree with the Fish and Game mandatory business reports. Keeping count of game harvest numbers should be a Fish and Game responsibility. VAUGHN PETERSON, Burley

I'm glad you purchase local crops, pay bills on time, contribute to your community and support 27 families. However, you speak from both sides of the same mouth when referencing life issues that plague your industry.

You say dairy manure smells all animal waste, smells — and suggest checking out cities' wastewater treatment plants for inspiration. You say new technology and treatments have helped us virtually eliminate the odor of wastewater treatment lagoons. How can raw manure and dairy lagoons stink while yours don't? At 100 percent of Idaho's farms, are you in compliance with the Clean Water Act as you stated, why are so many required to have federal permits to discharge pollutants? You may think the Department of Agriculture has a handle on your industry, but I believe your industry

has a handle on the department.

I lived in the country 27 years and I was always complaining about dairies until one foul mile away. Never smelled a thing. Next door were corrals for beef cattle. When the corrals were cleaned and manure was piled higher than the fence, it stunk all right, but it wasn't there for long and couldn't compare to the odor from the large industrial dairy built a mile downwind. The putrid odor from this facility wasn't that of manure (although it was always piled high and did stink). The overpowering obnoxious smell permeating the air was lagoon water. I know people who smell this inside their homes four miles away. This is a state-of-the-art facility with new technologies and treatments as you referenced. It's been plagued with illegalities from water rights to numerous Clean Water Act violations.

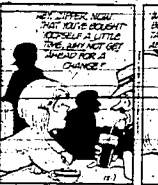
Perhaps you're right, a few give the many a bad rap. However, we are not complaining about dairies until practices changed from small to large factory-style operations that are common today. When does bigger no longer mean better? I think the turn your industry has taken isn't for the better but for the worse, and many people across the country would agree, preferring more small operations scattered across the land.

When a large industrial operation moves into a neighborhood, lifestyles become altered like no one could possibly imagine until experienced, which I have. I know many with similar experiences from different neighborhoods, counties and states. Silence is difficult when I know statements like yours are not the whole truth. Mr. Ledbetter, BERTILIA REDFERN, Federal Way, Wash.

Ledbetter had better listen

To Mr. Ledbetter

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By Garry Trudeau



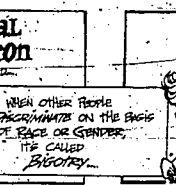
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When Liberals do it, it's called 'Affirmative Action'



LETTERS

Award? Bah. It still stinks!

I read with contempt in the Nov. 27 News section that the Amalgamated Sugar Co. recently won the 1998 International Best Practices Award for Leasing the Power of Technology Today.

Isn't it interesting that a company that can win an award for "its use of technology to improve the production and distribution of more than 1.8 billion pounds of sugar-per year" can do nothing to improve the stench that billows out of its factory on a daily basis? The fact is that Amalgamated can do something about the obnoxious smell—it just chooses not to, apparently because there is a monetary cost involved.

Congratulations, Amalgamated, for improving your plant's production through your use of technology.
Perhaps now you could turn your attention to improving your community's perception about your lack of interest in wanting to clean up the foul smell associated with your operation. As I recall, the Amalgamated Sugar Co. consistently appears on the list of top polluters in the state of Idaho year after year.

LAURA RULE
Twin Falls

Coalition is no Nazi Germany
Arno Gabriel's recent satirical and twisted attempt to somehow equate the Christian Coalition's efforts at maintaining our nation's greatness with the Nazi's efforts to snuff out Jews was the most blatant attack on the Judeo-Christian ethic I have seen in a long time.

Nazi Germany tried to eliminate several races of people. The Christian Coalition simply disagrees with celebrating homosexuality in front of our school children. The difference between the two is night and day.

In fact, Gen. Colin Powell, the first African American to serve as chairman of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff, has this to say, "Skin color is a benign, non-

behavioral characteristic. Sexual orientation is perhaps the most profound of all human behavioral characteristics. Comparison of the two is a convenient but invalid argument."

Whatever anyone wants to do in the privacy of their bedroom is their business, but the minute homosexual behavior is taught in Idaho public schools as healthy and normal, I will step forward and fight it with every available legal means possible.

If the other side wants another initiative similar to 1994's Proposition 1, they know what to do. Start promoting this behavior at our schools.

If they don't want another political war, they need to leave Idaho's school kids alone. Do homosexuals recruit our kids? Let me quote Donna Minkowitz, "I am tired of the old chestnut that our movement for public acceptance has not increased and will not increase the number of gay men and lesbians in existence. There are more of us than there used to be."

The Christian Coalition's attempts at mobilizing pro-family voters must be working, because I've heard more whining from leftists since the Idaho general election than I've heard in a long time.

But Gabriel's attack on people of faith who have the courage to say that homosexuals can and do personally destructive behaviors goes beyond disagreement.

His attitude is truly hate-filled. I would die defending his right to say it, but he is incredibly wrong to hatefully vilify those who disagree with his agenda. Let me be clear: Anyone who would physically harm those who practice homosexual behavior should be punished to the full extent of the law.

However, this does not mean we, as a society, should be forced to "celebrate" a destructive behavior in public schools to the detriment of our children.

KELLY WALTON
President
Idaho Christian Coalition
Burley

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South Africa's AIDS crisis runs rampant.

JOHANNESBURG — South Africa's AIDS epidemic is spreading rapidly in the southern part of the country, particularly in the southern part. About two-thirds of the 33 million people worldwide who are infected with the HIV virus that causes AIDS live south of the Sahara. An estimated two million people will die of the disease in sub-Saharan Africa this year, four times the total for the rest of the world.

HIV infection rates in Botswana, Namibia, Swaziland and Zimbabwe — South African neighbors — hover between 20 percent and 25 percent of the adult population, the United Nations said.

South Africa, which ended in 1994, looked forward to 1998 and made it a latecomer to the AIDS epidemic. But it is fast catching up with its neighbors. An estimated 32 million South Africans are HIV positive, or about 12 to 14 percent of the population.

More than 1 million South Africans will have died of AIDS by 2001, bringing the life expectancy down from 60 years to 45 within the first decade of the new millennium, the U.N. Development Program said.

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Jury selection still under way in Jerome

Jerome jurors were called yesterday for jury selection in the pending trial of an Okla. man charged in connection with a Jerome teacher's death.

Market would link downtown with Old Towne

By Mark Heitz
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - An outdoor market linking downtown Twin Falls with Old Towne along Second Street South could support as many as 100 vendors next spring, a booster of the idea told the City Council.

Economic activity lulls at local airport

TWIN FALLS - A recent study shows the economic importance of Twin Falls' Magic Valley Regional Airport.

The report, generated nearly \$23 million annually in economic activity for the region, says a study by the Western Transportation and Planning Group Inc. of Sacramento.

The study, which celebrated its 50th anniversary this summer, has 50,000 passengers and loadings annually. The airport supports airline passenger service, freight, corporate aircraft, charter, general aviation, fire services, maintenance and private aviation.

Eighteen aviation-related businesses operate at the airport.

The report was sponsored by the Idaho Transportation Department's Division of Aeronautics as part of an evaluation of Idaho's public airports.

The report estimates the economic activity generated by the airport at \$23 million annually.

Open house honors retiring district judge

TWIN FALLS - The St. Joseph Diocese is sponsoring an open house for District Judge Daniel C. Hurburd Jr. from 2-4 p.m. Friday at the Snake River Basin Administration office, 222 Third Ave. N.

Hurburd, who has presided over the multimillion-dollar Snake River Basin reclamation - scoring one more than 150,000 water rights - from Twin Falls since he began his work there in 1984, will leave the district in January.

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Hagerman fossil beds earns grant for education

HAGERMAN - Hagerman Fossil Beds National Monument received a grant for developing educational activities at the site and reach out to surrounding areas through interactive visits.

The monument will receive \$25,000 over three years from an Exxon Corp. grant. On a national scale, Exxon creates \$2.5 million in grants for science and environmental education programs in national parks.

'Our Town' comes to TV this week

TWIN FALLS - The College of Southern Idaho Theatre Department will present Thornton Wilder's "Our Town" starting last week.

Performances are scheduled for Thursday through Saturday and again July 10-12, 1999, in Room 109 of the St. Luke Arts Center.

Showtimes are 8 p.m. nightly. Tickets are \$12. For the public, tickets are \$8. For students, tickets can be reserved by phoning 733-2224, ext. 202.

Consider non-staff reports

City favors market idea

Market would link downtown with Old Towne

By Mark Heitz
Times-News writer

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"The Market Place at Old Towne" might be an appropriate moniker for the venture, which could be open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on weekends between June and September, said Jack Wright. A former owner of Kimberly Nurseries and Landscaping, Wright is among a small group of locals interested in opening the market, possibly as soon as June 1999.

Backers envision a place where a wide array of mostly new goods and produce could be sold, he said. "There should be no reason you couldn't sell new cars there, as well as tennis shoes and fresh produce."

Backers would like the city's help in finding ways to provide parking and public restrooms for the market, Wright said.

The council agreed to further discuss the market idea, which drew favorable comments from council members.

City Manager Tom Courtney said the city will also have to research the legal issues associated with the proposed market, such as regulations regarding sales on public property.

In other business, the council briefly discussed a proposed renewal of the city's franchise agreement with Idaho Power Co. The current 50-year agreement expires in 2001, but the company and city officials hope to hammer out a renewal by the end of this year.

The council plans to involve the city attorney in a more thorough review of the renewal proposal this month.

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Baldwin will be retried

Defense may ask for change of venue

By Julie Casey Lynn
Times-News correspondent

HAYLEY - Blaine County prosecutors plan to retry Michael J. Baldwin on a charge of murder charge in connection with the death of a young woman. Baldwin's attorney announced that intent Monday in a pretrial conference with District Judge James J. May.

Baldwin is charged with killing 20-month-old Anthony Northrup, by violently shaking and possibly strangling him while he was in her care. Northrup died in June 1997.

On Nov. 13, jurors in Baldwin's first trial failed to reach a verdict. The deadlock resulted in a mistrial.

On Monday, Baldwin's mother restated her belief in Baldwin's innocence.

Tami Northrup, in the court gallery Monday to show support for Baldwin, said she believes Baldwin was incapable of hurting her son.

"She's not that kind of person," Northrup said, noting her 3-month-old son Trevor is her last.

Northrup said she believes Anthony's injuries were sustained in a "hard fall" in which Anthony's head struck a coffee table. The fall occurred the day Baldwin picked up Anthony at Northrup's Jerome apartment.

Northrup, who said Baldwin has been her friend since childhood, said Baldwin helped raise her son and has always been "real good" and relaxed with children.

Northrup said Baldwin helped with Trevor, babysitting, and buys him toys and clothes, just as she did with Anthony.

Defense attorney Keith Roark requested a two-week continuance to decide whether to request a change of venue or a jury from another county.

May granted the request and scheduled another pretrial conference for Dec. 14 at 9 p.m. At that time, a new trial may be scheduled.

Times-News correspondent Julie Casey Lynn can be reached in Keckham at 726-7854.

CHANGES IN DAY-CARE?



One-year-old Alexis Chambers spends her day with sister Mercedes Pequeira, 6, and other children at Debbie Wilkinson's day care at her home in Jerome. A zoning ordinance before the Jerome City Council may place small day care facilities in jeopardy.

Jerome mulls changes in day-care rules

By Mark Heitz
Times-News writer

JEROME - City officials hope a proposed ordinance will clear up confusion over day-care regulations, but some providers and parents say the ordinance could take away a vital part of local child care.

"I like the family home-type setting" for a day care, said Sherie Nelson of Jerome.

Small day cares are also usually cheaper, said Nelson, a single parent.

Nelson said others fear that the ordinance as drafted could drive small, home-based day cares out of business.

During a meeting late Monday with a group of day care providers, planning commission Chairman Bill Allred said the ordinance as drafted has received no much fire to have much chance of passing.

Allred said he could recommend to the council tonight that the ordinance be passed back to the planning commission. The commission could then work with providers on another draft.

"That would probably be best, said Kimberly Frank, who works with providers through the South Central District Health Department.

The current draft could still have existing day cares, because the ordinance may give permanent licenses of providers operating outside city code, she said.

But there's a high turnover of day-care providers, and each day care could quickly dry up if the city won't allow new ones to open in residential zones, Frank said.

"While day care staff has been a 'B' grade," City Administrator Jon Ceil said on Monday as he opened the city's code book in his office.

The current code says nothing about day-care centers, but clearly says "child murderer" in any of the city's residential zones.

Proposed ordinance

The Jerome City Council plans a public hearing tonight regarding a proposed day care ordinance during its meeting, which begins at 7 p.m. in the Jerome City Council chamber on the corner of Lincoln St. and East Ave. A.

The proposed ordinance says about different sizes of day cares in the three classes residential zones - R-1 is the densely populated, R-2 the most sparse.

There are three classes of day care. A family day care has 6 or fewer chil-

City considers ordinance to limit pet populations

JEROME - Only three dogs or cats, or some combination of the two, would be allowed in residential households if the city of Jerome adopts a revised pet ordinance.

Glenda Kestle said she's had the same problem. Under the proposed ordinance, Kestle and Wilkinson's businesses would fall into the group day care class.

Ceil said city fire inspectors can't legally check out any day care until a specific ordinance is in place.

Nelson said that worries her. Wilkinson's house has plenty of smoke alarms and other safety equipment, she said, but nothing beats the peace of mind a professional inspection brings.

"There's always that chance; I want my kids to be safe," she said.

Kestle said she recently got a three-month extension of her temporary license from the state. But state officials can't grant her a permanent license until she passes a fire inspection.

"I've already got my CPR certification and the background check," she said.

For now, it still isn't known if the grandfathered day cares will be eligible for life inspection, even if the proposed ordinance passes, Ceil said.

That's up to the City Council and city attorney to determine, he said.

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By Dixie Thomas Reale
Times-News correspondent

JEROME - Only three dogs or cats, or some combination of the two, would be allowed in residential households if the city of Jerome adopts a revised pet ordinance.

In an attempt to control the dog and cat population, city officials want to reduce the maximum number of pets per household from four to three.

The ordinance would allow any combination of three dogs and cats. Residents with four animals would be allowed to keep their pets under a grandfather clause.

"It's the second version of an ordinance to limit pet populations. Earlier this fall, city planners had discussed an ordinance to allow no more than two dogs per household.

The Jerome animal control center has no place for cats, so it's unlikely the city will start licensing cats, said Jon Ceil, Jerome's city administrator.

"The ordinance is being drafted so it can be enforced if it becomes necessary," he said.

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Firm will fight Declo suit

Company that paved high school track won't hire lawyer

By David Lee
Times-News writer

DECLO - The owner of a Massachusetts-based track surfacing company says he will fight a lawsuit over a faulty running track at DeLo High School.

But June Dauluse, owner of the Springfield surfacing company, said he won't hire a lawyer to fight the lawsuit filed by the Idaho attorney general's office in late October.

"The cost is too much," Dauluse said from Springfield, Mass., where Sprintrax is located. He's like 2000, before the suit began.

Dauluse has until next week to formally respond to the lawsuit. Sprintrax is not honoring its five-year warranty for a running track it installed in spring 1995.

The lawsuit also seeks an injunction prohibiting Sprintrax from further violating the Idaho Contract Protection Act, along with restitution fees, costs and civil penalties of \$5,000 for each

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Bus drivers try to recall shooter

SEATTLE (AP) — Bus drivers at a Metro Transit bus base in north Seattle on Tuesday photographed displayed side by side as they arrived for work Sunday.

One was 44-year-old Mark McLaughlin — the bus driver who was shot by a passenger Friday, causing a 60-foot bus to careen across Aurora Bridge, plow through a guardrail and fall 50 feet onto an apartment house below. The other picture showed a front view and profile of a man known variously as Silas Cool or Steven Gary Coole — a clean-cut, clean-shaven 43-year-old suspected of firing those shots.

"This happened to one of the nicest guys," said Metro driver Shannon Morgan, who knows McLaughlin. "He always had a smile" — a joker, she called him. When their buses passed, she said, "He'd stick his tongue out at me."

Another driver, Reuben Hoke, said his children — called McLaughlin "the bubble-gum man. He was always giving them bubble gum."

Information on Cool was sketchy. He reportedly was from North Plainfield, N.J., 25 miles west of New York City. A man who answered the phone of D.R. Coole, believed to be the residence of the Cool family, declined to comment on Sunday.

"I've talked to many drivers and no one so far seems to recognize this individual and they all air at a loss as to why this happened."

Roger Higbee, bus driver

answered "the phone of D.R. Coole, believed to be the residence of the Cool family, declined to comment on Sunday."

Classmates of Silas Cool, holding their 25th reunion on Friday — the day the shooting occurred — recalled him as a nice guy, but somewhat quiet and a loner.

In Seattle, conflicting impressions of a man believed to be Cool emerged. One was of a man seeking redemption in a crowded homeless shelter; the other was of an angry, alcohol-swilling man waiting for a bus.

The name Steven Coole is in Seattle Municipal Court records from the early 1990s. Records show he was charged with obstructing a police officer and false reporting in 1994. Those charges were later dropped; the Seattle Post-Intelligencer reported: "He had also been arrested for theft and cited for driving while wearing earphones; the P-I reported."

Bill Wippel of Seattle's Union Gospel Mission, where the man also was known as Steven Coole, said he identified the man for a detective from a photo they showed him. Wippel said he had come to the mission twice in the last month, seeking food, shelter and prayer. Wippel said the unemployed man asked to be placed on a waiting list for a bed in the downtown mission, but records show he never received one.



Rupert car salesman Jack Bell was chosen to help set achievement standards for National Assessment of Educational Progress, known as "The Nation's Report Card."

Rupert man chosen to set writing standards

By Lorraine Cavener Times-News writer

RUPERT — Jack Bell was nominated to serve on a panel that will help set achievement standards for National Assessment of Educational Progress in writing.

Bell — a car salesman at Goode Motors in Rupert, was nominated not because he is a professional writer but because the staff from American College Testing Inc. wanted the panel to include people who were not educators, but had contributed significantly to the community.

When asked for recommendations for the panel, Minidoka County School District Superintendent Nick Hallett made seven.

"Jack came to mind right away. He is so active in the community, especially the chamber of commerce and the Elks Club. Bell also is active in the Elks

and Rotary Club and is an active participant in the advancement of business, a real booster of the community," Hallett said. "He makes everyone else feel like they are not doing it right in the eye and will then what he thinks."

The 16-member panel, consisting mostly of college deans, professors and 12th grade English teachers, met in St. Louis, Mo., several months ago to review the format on National Assessment of Educational Progress testing, Bell said.

Only three or four members of the panel were not educators, Bell said.

Bell went as someone who was not an expert, but as John Q. Public."

he said. "The test can only be influenced so much by educators."

Bell found working as a panel member rewarding.

"I was quite intrigued with the whole concept," Bell said. "It was most fascinating."

The panel, which worked for five days, did not just read through the test and then make recommendations, he said.

"Our first assignment was to take the test," he said. "They put the sharp pencil on our desk and said 'now when to start'."

Bell did twice as well as he thought he would on the 35 minute writing test, he said. The panel looked for consistencies to standardize the writing test.

"If the story was about a manhole cover, street kids would have a better concept," Bell said.

the 1999-2000 school year, he said. No drastic changes were made.

Working on the panel confirmed Bell's conviction about America's education system.

"I think our education system is healthy. America's education system is working," he said.

Information compiled from the national test is used to build a national composite to help federal government officials determine where to funnel money. School administrators can also use the results of the test to determine academic strengths and weaknesses, Bell said.

The test also is a good opportunity for students, Bell said.

"It is important that exiting high school students be able to express themselves," he said.

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Audubon selects wolf recovery leader as top 100 conservationists

LEWISTON (AP) — For his work with rare and endangered animals, Curt Mack has been selected among the top 100 conservationists of the century by Audubon Magazine.

But the gray wolf recovery leader for the Nez Perce Tribe seems unsure of the praise that has landed him on the same list with John Muir, Ansel Adams and Aldo Leopold. After all, he said, it is the wolves that have done as well as anyone could

have helped.

Just three years after the introduction of 35 gray wolves from Canada into central Idaho, the packs are flourishing. Idaho is expected to reach the goal of 10 breeding pairs for the first time in January. De-leasing can begin when wolves are found in Yellowstone National Park and northwestern Minnesota each have 30 breeding pairs for three consecutive years.

But Mack prefers to spread the

credit around. Others worked for years to bring back wolves to central Idaho, he said.

"Tim Johnny-come-lately, I just happened to be assigned the task to recover wolves," Mack said. The tribe should share the credit, he said.

While continuing to work on wolf reintroduction, Mack also is on a team putting together an environmental impact statement for the release of grizzly bears in the Selway Bitterroot Wilderness.

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violation of the act.

Daluse said there is no warranty on this track because it was not properly installed by the company's northwest dealer, Dexter, Hanks.

Hanks used the wrong materials, Daluse said, and the \$57,000 track began falling apart in fall 1995.

Sprintax no longer works with Hanks, Daluse said, adding that Hanks still owes the company \$70,000. Daluse has given up trying to reach Hanks.

"We have no chance to get money out of him," Daluse said.

Hanks, who lives in Washington, said he was only following directions from Sprintax.

buying the recommended materials and installing them.

"The cause of the problem can be laid back to the manufacturer," said Hanks, who has since filed for bankruptcy.

While Hanks and Sprintax blame each other, Dexter High is stuck with the defective track and is working with the attorney general's office to resolve the matter.

Dexter High says attorney general at the consumer protection unit, said he will follow legal procedures if Daluse failed to meet his part of the agreement with a license.

"It is our right to seek a judgment and collect on it," Daluse said, adding that the process could lead to a court order, seiz-

ing Sprintax assets.

Jerry Doggett, assistant superintendent for the Cassia County School District, said he simply wants the track that Declo was promised.

"All we want is for that track to be acceptable for what it was designed," Doggett said. "We want to fix it before the spring break."

Declo High had to cancel its home track meets last spring, Doggett said, and if the lawsuit does not progress, the school may have to cancel its meets this spring.

"It's a possibility," he said.

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There is no fine for having too many animals, but violators are required to reduce the number of animals they are housing.

If residents have more than three pets, a kennel permit would be required. But kennel permits are allowed only in commercial zones, not in residential zones. Cecil does not foresee the city allowing kennels in residential zones.

The plan has drawn criticism. Art Brown, Jerome County's planning and zoning administrator, has objected to the proposed ordinance before city planners.

He said people in the rural, unincorporated zone often have large farms they own but many dogs are hunting. He often sees many cats in rural areas.

In a letter to the city, Dr. Richard A. Jick, a veterinarian with the Jerome Veterinary Clinic, offered other solutions in the city's animal overpopulation problem.

He said the city should not adopt anti-animal laws unless it has a plan to increase the number of animals that are allowed to be housed. He said the city should increase the number of people found abandoning animals

and work on a consolidated city-county shelter.

Lauree Simonds, director of the Twin Falls Animal Shelter, suggested the city address cats and dogs separately, and said the ordinance should differentiate whether animals are vaccinated and spayed or neutered.

In other business the council will consider a resolution establishing a deadline policy to place items on City Council agendas.

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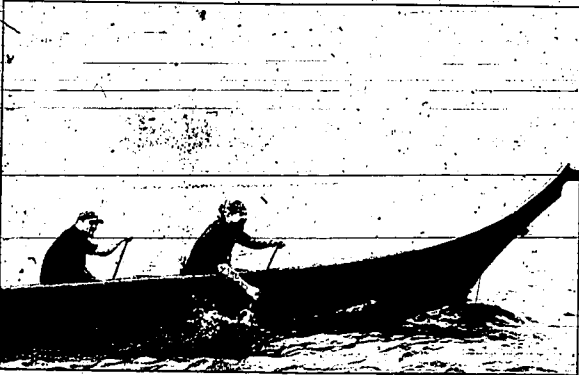
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Makah whaling captain Eric Johnson and Donny Swan paddle the 32-foot Hummingbird through the waters of Neah Bay, Wash., Sunday. The Makah have been cleared to whale since Oct. 1 but have not yet ventured out into the Pacific to intercept the gray-whale migration from Alaska to Mexico.

High court tosses out nuclear waste case; problem refuses to dissipate

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court rejected competing appeals by state and federal legislators Monday in throwing out a dispute over the nuclear industry's perplexing problem of finding a permanent, safe home for thousands of tons of highly radioactive waste.

The justices, acting without comment, let stand a ruling that sparked appeals by nuclear power plant operators on one side and the federal government on the other.

More than 40,000 tons of used reactor fuel have piled up at 72 civilian nuclear power plants in 34 states, with the amount continuing to grow, until the federal Department of Energy provides a permanent burial site.

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such waste by Feb. 1, 1998. That deadline has long past, and the Department of Energy still is studying the feasibility of building a nuclear fuel burial site at Yucca Mountain in Nevada, about 90 miles north of Las Vegas.

That evaluation is expected to be completed in 2001, govern-

ment lawyers told the court. If Yucca Mountain is found suitable, presidential approval would be required before construction could start. The site would not be ready to receive any nuclear waste until 2010, the justices were told.

Idaho Republican Sen. Larry Craig has successfully pushed legislation to make a site near Yucca Mountain a temporary dump while the permanent facility is prepared.

The nuclear industry has paid the government about \$15 billion toward building the storage facility, and continues to pay about \$1 billion a year in fees.

When it became obvious that the 1982 deadline would not be met, Department of Energy officials interpreted the 1982 law to mean that no government collection of nuclear waste need begin until a storage facility was completed.

Veterans propose cemetery in Mountain Home area

BOISE (AP) — Now that plans for a cemetery at White Bird Hill have been scrapped, Garden Valley veteran Charles Baldridge hopes Idaho's first cemetery for veterans will be built closer to the state's population center.

"We're looking at land on the Mountain Home Air Force Base or adjacent to it or Bureau of Land Management land," Baldridge said.

National Park Service land at White Bird Hill near Grandview. But some veterans groups complained White Bird Hill was too far from the Treasure Valley, home to most Idaho veterans. Some also believed a veterans cemetery would not fit with the area's history as the site of the 1877 battle that opened the Nez Perce War with the U.S. Cavalry.

Baldridge said the Mountain Home area is ideal for a cemetery because of its national military significance. And Brock said that because the Air Force base has the built-in facilities to help oversee a cemetery, adding a caretaker's house and other improvements would not be necessary.

"I thought White Bird Hill met all the requirements, being on a highway and accessible to the public," Baldridge said. "But in retrospect, this is probably where it should have been to begin with."

High court rejects landowners' appeal

BOISE (AP) — The Idaho Supreme Court has narrowly rejected an appeal from Boise County landowners who blocked a private road across their property that had been used for years by residents of adjacent subdivisions.

In a 3-2 decision, the high court upheld 4th District Judge George Carey's summary judgment for lot owners in the Wildernis Ranch Subdivisions, off Idaho Highway 21 between Boise and Idaho City.

But Chief Justice Linda Coppel Trout joined retiring Justice Byron Johnson in disagreeing with Carey and the Supreme Court majority's reliance on a finding that Wildernis Ranch Ltd. intended residents to have permanent access to the private road when it developed the subdivision.

Without a formal agreement, developers simply letting lot owners use the road did not establish a right to access, as Carey and three justices ruled. Johnson said, "I am unable to accept this theory. It does not state current Idaho law, and I am not prepared to embrace it as appropriate law in our state," he wrote in dissent.

From at last November 1989 until access was blocked in March 1995, Wildernis Ranch Subdivisions residents used a private road from their lots to get to Daggert Creek Road.

About 50 feet of the unpaved private road crossed property that Wildernis Ranch Ltd. sold to Jay D. Hollinger and Carol L. Bradshaw in January 1992.

Paycheck withholding rebounds

State offers flagging corporate tax receipts

BOISE (AP) — Continued weak corporate tax receipts in October were offset by rebounding paycheck withholding to keep state revenues in line with the modest growth projection for the current budget year.

The monthly financial update from the Division of Financial Management found corporate tax collections sliding another \$3.3 million to fall nearly \$11 million below projections for the first four months of the 1998-1999 fiscal year.

But paycheck withholding recovered from a sluggish September to exceed the October benchmark by some \$3 million. That was augmented by over \$1 million more in slightly higher-than-expected income tax pay-

ments and specialty tax collections.

The corporate tax's "disappointing performance would be a significant problem were it not for the mitigating strength found in the individual income tax," chief economist Michael Berguson said.

The net effect in October was a slight increase in the state's cash cushion to \$4.1 million over anticipated tax collections. But that is built up against a projection of just 4 percent growth in overall tax revenue during the budget year. Only once in the past 13 years has revenue growth been lower, and that was when the bottom fell out of the international computer chip market in 1996, turning record profits into losses for major corporate taxpayers like Micron Technology Inc.

And some analysts expect revenue growth in this 1999-2000 budget year to continue at the 4 percent rate. The only bright spot for Gov.-elect Dirk Kempthorne is the advent of millions of dollars in damage payments from the tobacco industry beginning next summer.

A key component of the state's income stream is the sales tax, which accounts for a third of annual revenue.

He fell short of projections in both September and October, and administration analysts are concerned about the prospects for Christmas.

White hot consumer confidence and low unemployment and interest rates have created the same kind of high holiday expectations that marked last year's Christmas buying season, analysts fear the outcome may be the same as well — retail sales that fall short.

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Economics class is bullish on learning

By Rachel Denny

Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - Coming up with a business, selling stocks and then paying dividends to investors in the company is an experience that students at the Magic Valley Alternative School (MVAS) experience when they take consumer economics.

When Patty Silvers, teacher of the economics class, decided to teach her students about the stock market, the traditional stock market game was not an option.

Since students are not participants in the game, students at the Twin Falls High School are used to "instead of investing in a number of stocks and trying to come up with the greatest returns, MVAS students got to create their own company."

"I tried to figure out a way that they would understand dividends and how they work," Silvers said. "They had to invest in a company and pay dividends."

After the students decide what they want to sell they go to their fellow students and sell stocks in their company.

Then they let the investors buy, make posters and try to make a profit.

"They determine what they want to sell, how much they need to buy, what

it's going to cost, and then when they're going to sell their stock for," Silvers said. "They make stock certificates to hand out and go to the classes to sell a specified amount of stocks."

Silvers believes that this project really opens students' eyes. Students grasp things that would be considered illegal in the business world and Silvers was able to get into a discussion about illegal trading.

"One thing that happened is the few time kids were so successful selling stocks that they decided to just go back and make stocks," Silvers said.

Which taught them a good lesson when they had to pay their dividends.

"We learned how to scam people," student Ray Bahler said. "How to get something for nothing."

Silvers said the "hands-on" experience is important for many reasons, at the top of those, is understanding how the market works and how an individual can get a high return on his money by investing wisely.

"They're very enthusiastic," Silvers said. "It affects the whole school. It opens all of the kids eyes who invest and it helps these kids understand that it can improve their lives."

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From left, Mike Spilover, Ray Bahler, Josh Lewis and Kim Kasper make a poster to promote their company and their stocks.

Legion food convoy serves vets

TWIN FALLS - The annual American Legion food convoy for the Veterans Home in Boise was a success. Jerry Wertz, post No. 7 commander, said contents were valued at an estimated \$14,100 and weighed approximately 15 tons.

The truckload of food, taken to Boise on Nov. 14 by Bob Downing and Ervin Wilkins, included generous donations from many Magic Valley businesses. There were apples from Kelly's Garden Center, cheese from Atonmwin and potatoes from Keegan's, all Twin Falls businesses. Trout was donated by Clear Springs Trout Farm, and corn was given by Seneca, both from Buhl.

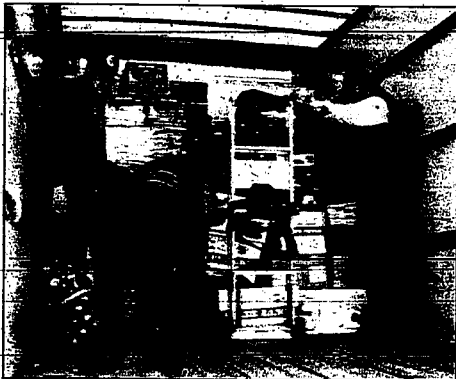
Legion members donated canned goods and garden produce. Ed Schuckert, Downing and Wertz were in charge of the annual collection.

Beans were donated by Southside Bean Co., Associate's Seeds of Idaho, Inc., and Backer Brothers, all of Twin Falls, and by Marshall Brothers in Jerome. Other items were donated by Amalgamated Sugar in Twin Falls and Janus in Wendell.

In addition to the post effort, auxiliary members donated items totaling approximately \$4,700.

Donations included men's and women's clothing, books, playing cards, personal items, gift items, cake mixes and other prepared foods.

These were delivered by Vic and



Volunteers load food for the American Legion food convoy. Pictured from left to right are Bob Downing, Richard Farnsworth and Dale Peterson.

Helen Donbrovsky.

The food convoy is an annual project.

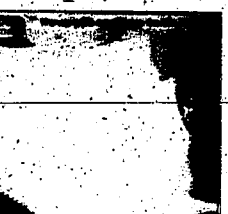
Six Legion posts and auxiliary units throughout the state, Wertz said.

Students hold ropes course fund raiser

TWIN FALLS - During November, students from the Twin Falls Alternative Middle School have been selling raffle tickets at Fred Meyer to earn money to participate in the Spirit Walker Ropes Course.

The ropes course is an experiential course designed to challenge and empower individuals through a series of problem-solving activities. The focus and design enhances the group's ability to work, mutual support, cooperation, teamwork, motivation, productivity, problem-solving and communication.

The raffle drawings will be held at 6 p.m. Dec. 5 at Fred Meyer in Twin Falls. You can see the program in win. Tickets may be purchased for \$25 for 6 tickets, \$20 for 15 tickets or \$20 for 35 tickets.



These raffle tickets for this beautiful handmade, king-size bedspread will be available through this week by calling the Twin Falls Alternative Middle School at 737-5229 or by dropping by Fred Meyer between 12 p.m. and 6 p.m. Dec. 5.

Five years of interpretation experience and, more recently, five years of research prepared her to become an amateur historian.

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Now in the IHC Speakers Bureau, Inman has made presentations at national and state parks, conventions and service clubs, educational groups and libraries, tour groups and at Eldacheston in Wyoming in Oregon.

Her four stories are now available on a two-hour audio tape at various outlets in the Magic Valley and in other states along the Oregon Trail.

Man is an former park ranger with a master's degree in biology. Her experience in interpretation was with the National Park Service (NPS). She entered the NPS in the 1950s, when ranger positions first opened up to women, as a naturalist.

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Speaker brings stories of Oregon Trail to life

Former park ranger shares love of the West

TWIN FALLS - The Idaho Humanities Council (IHC) has inducted Mary Inman of Twin Falls into its new pilot program, Scholars in the Schools, for the period from Jan. 1, 1999 to Dec. 31, 2001. Teachers and school administrators are able to send requests to the IHC for scholars' presentations to be given for their students.

Inman presents four living-history stories of the Oregon Trail by being out one of three characters. For 3rd graders studying mountain men, Grammam Maudie Miller, whose brother is a mountain man, tells about those "Trailblazers of the Oregon Trail."

For 4th graders studying the Oregon Trail, Grammam Maudie takes them "Oregon Bound in 1843," and Maudie's sister Carrie takes them "Oregon Bound in 1852." Carrie's granddaughter Martha tells about the "Indians Along the Oregon Trail" to advanced history students.

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Mary Inman speaks at schools about adventures on the Oregon Trail.

About the Idaho Humanities Council

The Idaho Humanities Council (IHC) is a public, nonprofit organization operating in Idaho as an affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

No speakers are available and willing to travel throughout the state for schools and non-profit organizations.

The IHC pays the speaker directly. The purpose of the IHC is to increase the awareness, understanding, and appreciation of the humanities in Idaho. This is accomplished primarily through financial support for public education projects.

in the Magic Valley and in other states along the Oregon Trail.

MVRMC's Gifts of Love program helps everyone enjoy Christmas

By Rachel Denny

Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - Many residents at the SunRise Treatment Center in Twin Falls haven't been able to give their families and friends gifts during Christmas for a very long time.

One elderly woman named Vee hasn't been able to give for ten years.

This year, through the efforts of a program called Gifts of Love, sponsored by the Health Unit Coordinators at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, Vee will be able to give her family presents.

Instead of receiving presents from the community, gifts will be donated to the care facility and then, the residents will pick out gifts to give to their families.

"When it gets closer to Christmas we take all of the donated gifts and place them on a table," organizer Kim Somrek said. "The residents get to pick out gifts,

You can help

- To donate a gift, wrapping paper, cards, or tape take items to the front desk at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, or contact Kim Somrek at 787-2570.
- The last day to donate is Dec. 21.

that are appropriate for their friends and family. We then take the gift to a wrap table and put a name on each gift."

Somrek believes this program really helps the individuals in the care center feel as though they are participating in Christmas.

In many times, Somrek said, people she so caught up in wanting to do something for the people in the retirement center, that they don't really listen to what they want.

"When I stopped and talked to them, the truth came out," she said.

That truth, according to Somrek, is that they don't have room for, or want some extravagant gift. They'd rather give a gift to someone else."

A resident at SunRise, Helen Brughston, said that she feels really good about the program and she thinks it's very important to be able to give gifts at Christmas because it shows love.

"An employee at SunRise, Dawn McCoey, equally excited about the program.

"I think it's wonderful," McCoey said. "The community has been good about bringing in gifts but their (the residents') saddest memories were of giving. This helps them regain their pride in giving. I just hope I can be there to see them give. That's what Christmas is about. Giving back love. And these people are full of love."

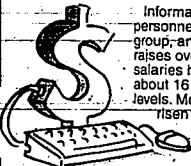
Times-News correspondent Rachel Denny can be reached in Twin Falls at 734-3780.



Charles Okberry talks with Kim Somrek about the Gifts of Love program. He said the program sounds "good."

USER FRIENDLY

It pays to know computers



Information technology (IT) personnel are well paid as a group, and have seen hefty raises over 1997. Programmers' salaries have risen the most at about 16 percent over 1997 levels. Most other salaries have risen about 12 percent, still a handsome gain.

AVERAGE YEARLY SALARY

	1997	1998
Chief Information Officer	\$109,660	\$121,438
Vice President of Information Systems	\$98,028	\$108,901
IT Planner/Architect	\$63,303	\$70,940
Database Administrator	\$55,436	\$62,265
IT Service/Support Manager	\$52,452	\$57,813
Financial Officer	\$51,228	\$57,257
Programmer	\$48,761	\$56,452
Systems Analyst	\$49,968	\$55,670
Systems Administrator	\$45,841	\$51,657
Network Administrator	\$40,476	\$45,511

SOURCE: Informationweek via Smart Computing

Copy News Service/Dan Clifford

Body parts, typing rhythm help keep an eye on security

SEATTLE (AP)—In the days of Morse code, a skilled listener could not only decipher the dots and dashes as fast as they arrived, but sometimes could tell who the sender was by his unique rhythm on the code key.

Today, a Bellevue company is applying the same idea to computer security. NetNanny Software, a far from its Internet filtering software, is sending in the finalized BioPassword that analyzes key board patterns to tell if it's really you trying to log on to that computer, or if an impostor has stolen your password.

It isn't as hard as it sounds to pose as someone else, partly because so many people use obvious passwords — often, the word "password" itself — and Tom, head of research and development for the project.

But with BioPassword, even obvious words will be relatively safe, because it identifies you not by the letters you type but by how you type — how long you hold each key, how quickly your fingers move between keys, etc.

NetNanny was one of several companies demonstrating computer- and network-security technologies at the recent Computer Industry Trade Show in Las Vegas. Their products offer a variety of products they offer, reflect a growing interest in computer security, driven by a variety of factors.

Underlying them all is a world-wide shift from isolated, individual computers to computer networks, including the Internet, where access to one machine can mean access to many.

Electronic commerce further raises the stakes, as do concerns about potential litigation and regulation, especially in the area of health care, where privacy concerns are strong, said analyst and venture capitalist Ira Machelesky of Odeon Capital in Palo Alto, Calif.

"This is the kind of concern that will drive a company to adopt these technologies, some of which aren't cheap," Machelesky said.

InScan of Marlton, N.J., makes a device that does just what the company's name implies: It scans the iris of a user's eye and creates a digital file so detailed that the chance of another eye matching it is less than one in 10 billion.

"We have a very, very powerful laser that scans the network," Dr. Kennedy said.

The system has been in use since April on a group of automatic teller machines in the United Kingdom, he said.

There, InScan simply verifies the authenticity of the user's card and PIN code. But it can also serve as the primary means of identification — the user could walk up, glance at the scanner and use the machine without entering a card or code.

"For now, that kind of use will be limited to places like bank branches with perhaps a few thousand customers, he said. A nationwide or global system with millions of people to keep on file requires too much computer power to be practical.

NetNanny Software, 10000 1st Ave. West, Seattle, WA 98148, (206) 835-1111.

COMPUTERS Q&A

By John Mazon
The Writing Doctor

Q: I recently built a Web page on a 100-MHz Pentium II computer. I'm using Netscape 4.0. I'm having trouble with the graphics. I've tried to create a home page, but the graphics don't seem to be showing up. I've tried to create a home page, but the graphics don't seem to be showing up.

A: In these days of advanced Web site capabilities, and they generally don't allow you to use your own domain name, that is, the familiar www.my-site Web address. You may need to find a host for your Web site that allows

unique addresses. Tripod apparently does not, but other sites do for a relatively small fee — generally about \$10 to \$25 per month.

The next step is to reserve an address. Go to www.iana.net and make sure you don't already have the address you want. (At this writing, regkeys.com is still available.) Registration will cost you \$70 for two years.

Obviously, all this is more involved and costly than your freebie. But it might be a worthwhile investment in boosting your club's membership. Good luck.

Fast Tracker puts PC information in reach

By James Coates
Chicago Tribune

This new kid on the block looks very classy indeed as software that incorporates every file and photo on your PC into what amounts to a huge Personal Information Manager that puts what you need at your fingertips almost as fast as you know you need it.

Tracker starts out by creating a huge index of every file name and its contents on your machine and then retrieves stuff by keyword searches. Once created, a search continues to update its results every time you add more data to it.

Documents can then be viewed by selecting each and clicking an icon. Included are viewers for virtually all major spreadsheets, word processors and databases as well as such major graphics formats as .jpg, .gif, .bmp . . .

In tests for this review the software was dramatically faster than the current category leader, Personal AltaVista, but Tracker

Review

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Tracker Pro by English Technology Inc. \$80. For Windows 95/98 and Pentium 166. 626-660-2300, www.english.com

eats up substantial computer resources and works best with 64 megabytes of RAM on board a fast Pentium.

Particularly slick are features that index all the e-mail one accumulates in America Online, Microsoft Outlook, Entourage and others. For heavy AOL mail users, who lack all but the most clumsy search powers, this feature makes the package worth its freight.

Internet features let you use a number of Web search engines including AltaVista and Excite and then add hot links to Internet content to the index of what's on your hard drive.

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These are reviews of shareware programs for IBM-compatible computers running Windows 98, 95 and 3.1. The programs are available from the Internet at sites such as www.mathshareware.com and on CD-ROMs from this column.

Geometry — After a brief introduction to the souls who foisted this unfathomable form of math on high school students, we're taken on a tour of proofs, triangle definitions, quadrilaterals and other polygons, rates and proportions, right triangles, circles and analytic geometry. Each question has an example, and there are abundant tutorials. All told, there are more than 700 problems, which students can solve at their own rate. Problems can be printed out, and students can wander backward through the maze to practice solving the tough ones. Like the Algebra CD, there's nothing fancy about Geometry, which, to this otherwise visually over-stimulated student, is just fine. I needed to learn some terms and ways to solve problems quickly and quietly, and these CDs did just that.

I'm not saying that I'm in Euclid's class, but after a few evenings with these CDs, I showed my kids that I'm not such a dumb-bell, either.

— SHAREWARE REVIEW —

By Noah Matthews
Knight Ridder News Service

When I was in high school, I didn't learn much about algebra or geometry.

At 15, I wasn't thinking of helping kids with homework. Does a Pulitzer Prize-winning foreign correspondent help his kids with homework? Hardly, so I slept through Algebra I and II and Geometry. And now, guess what? My kids are coming to me with equations only a dad who had paid attention in math class could answer.

Fortunately, Dad has two CDs, appropriately titled Algebra and Geometry, respectively, that do what my math teacher tried to do hard to accomplish.

These CDs are geared for high school students, precocious middle-school students and really smart grade school students. And they are just what the doctor ordered for homebound parents (such as myself) who want to brush up on the math they missed when they dreamed of reporting big news from Paris, Madrid or Dar es Salaam. Here's what the CDs offer:

Algebra — This CD explores more than 100 areas of Algebra and II. Starting with an introduction to numbers (not as simple as it sounds), the CD gets into decimals, percent form of fractions, exponents, symbols and variables. Each problem has an explanation that guides students (and parents) through the problem, then offers reviews. The book of this CD is frankly nerdy and the rewards are basic "good job" for correct answers and grading glass scores for wrong ones. Each question (there are 600 of them, 300 of them) can be printed out, and scores are tallied for each student. The tutorials are lucid and students stay on track at their own speed. You also can go back to tough problems and skip the easy ones.

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Pet of the Week

All the glitters is gold like this 2' month old Golden Retriever cross. A group of four pups await their destiny at the Animal Shelter.

Christmas is a pet is not a bad idea. If you are thinking about the next 12 years, a pet can be wonderful. Holiday treats can prove fatal to your pets. Chocolate, bones from poultry, pork and fat can be harmful to dogs. Call 736-2209. The Shelter is located at 4890th Ave. West.

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MORNING BRAK

CROSSWORD puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down. Includes 'Monday's Puzzle Service' and 'Word Search' sections.

Typewriter invented before pens, pencils

Whatever you write with, it probably wasn't invented until long after the typewriter appeared. First, typewriter patent, 1829. First pencil with metal eraser, 1858. The typewriter was being before the fountain pen, too.

WHAT'S WHAT - L.M. Boyd

"Smile, it will help you get your way." So advised her sweet swinness Miss Piggy.

O. I've read that Leo Tolstoy's dying words might have been said by any of us. What were they?

"I don't understand what I'm supposed to do." A, "I don't understand what I'm supposed to do." In 1896, Tampa Bay Buccaneers drafted an Oklahoma man in the eighth round named Denver Johnson. I do not know the whereabouts of Denver now. Nor the whereabouts of his two brothers, Houston and Dallas. Nor the whereabouts of his sister, Philadelphia. But they're out there.

But it does little good in selecting sales people; studies show. The best clerical staffers often times turn out to be those who scored highest on IQ tests. But recently, very rarely, do you find sales persons the highest IQ scorers.

Back when both Nikita Khrushchev and his Soviet Union were alive, he opined, "If you can't catch a bird of paradise, better take a wet hen." Quite so. Our Love and War man's files are crammed with data on bird-of-paradise hunters who bag wet hens. Also therein, however, are some accounts of wet-hen hunters who bag birds-of-paradise. There's always hope.

Cancers should prepare for intense relationship

DECEMBER IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You are independent, creative, controversial. Possess abundance of sex appeal. Leo, Aquarius persons play interesting roles in your life, could have these letters, initials in names - A., S., J. Emerge from emotional shell - individual who threatened is merely sending up your screen. Love that was lost will be recovered - you are going to be happy. March, December your most memorable months of 1998.

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is honed to razor-sharpness. Marital status figures prominently. GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Love behind scenes - someone attempts to catch up with you; has good news. Turn on charm, display humor, talent as sleight-of-hand artist. Spotlight mystery, intrigue, determination.

maintain creative control of project, Aries declares love. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Those who say "I don't know" are stalling for time. Reject excuses, accusations - insist on direct answers to direct questions. Leo states, "Let's get this show on the road."

So, you've been on your own for a while. You will experience false alarm. Mystery prevails. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You're released from unenviable situation - take notes regarding dreams. Flirtation lends spice, know when to say, "Enough is enough." Gift received - fancy writing paper.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Explore various means of improvement. Your intellects gain favorable responses, could lead to interesting offers. Submit innovative concept. Gemini represents. TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Moon cycle high - spells romance, style, initiative, ability to overcome obstacles. Intuitive intellect

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Those who predicted you would fail to finish will be dining on it. You've not only finished, but you've done it well. Relationship intense, dynamic, thrilling. Capricorn plays role. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You'll have others with whom you share - a most intimate nature. Remember aphorism: "Physician, heal thyself." Have self-esteem,

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Burden is lightened - Moon position emphasizes public relations, cooperative efforts, marital status. You'll be rewarded for local love affair. Wallet, pocketbook involved. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Focus on details, safety locks, determination to finish what you

near: Some patients lose you, you behave before them. You will experience false alarm. Mystery prevails. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Emphasize diplomacy - you'll be asked your opinion concerning musical composition. Express appreciation without being obnoxious. Sale or purchase of durable goods featured. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Avoid being deceived by fast talker who is greedy, wants your money. On positive side, you'll bear words of love. Be amused, not confused. Psychic impressions but bullseye.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Ellen DeGeneres says she went into a deep depression after ABC canceled her show earlier this year. "Everything that I ever feared happened to me. I lost my show. I was attacked. It felt like I went from making a lot of money on a sitcom to making no money, she said in Sunday's Los Angeles Times Magazine.

NEW YORK - Ewan Newman, the co-host of "Good Morning America," said his wife's diagnosis of multiple sclerosis has worried about slipping ratings and replacement rumors in perspective.

When I walked out of the studio after five years of working so hard, knowing I had been treated so disrespectfully for no other reason than I was gay, I fell into this deep, deep depression," DeGeneres said, adding "it's not like any other networks have called."

Newman's wife, Cathie, was diagnosed with the chronic degenerative condition in August. "Right now, she is remarkable," he said. Newman said he feels the strain of rumors, he may not have this job for long as the ratings slip. He said he's been thinking he will stay through Christmas.

LONDON - Sinead O'Connor and Van Morrison led their voices to a star-studded album released Monday in Britain to raise money for victims of the IRA bombing in Northern Ireland.

NASHVILLE, Tenn. - Singer-songwriter Billy Joel said he needs surgery to remove adenomatous lipoma.

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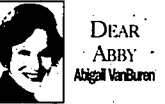
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UNIVERSAL CITY, Calif. (AP) - Professionally speaking, Casey Siemaszko will be laid to rest.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS Study of Barriers to Affordable Housing The Idaho Housing and Finance Association is seeking the services of a consultant to conduct a study on the regulatory and procedural barriers to affordable housing in the State of Idaho.

beneficial proposals aimed at reducing regulatory barriers to affordable housing. C. Services Required: IHFA is seeking the services of a consultant to study the barriers to affordable housing...

E. BASIC ELEMENTS OF THE RFP A. Schedule: Proposals must be received by 5:00 PM, Wednesday, December 23, 1998...

each work unit that constitutes a part of applicant or organization should also be described. C. Optional: Respondents are invited to offer suggestions for additional issues of consideration or recommended modifications to the scope of the project...

ZONING OF TWIN FALLS COUNTY

SUMMARY ORDINANCE #21 AS AMENDED

An ordinance establishing comprehensive zoning and overlay district plans and regulations for land use in the County of Twin Falls, Idaho, divided said County into zones and districts, and establishing new zones, including the 1995 Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance...

A full text of the Twin Falls County Zoning Ordinance is available from the Office of Planning and Zoning, 246 3rd Avenue East, Twin Falls, Idaho. A copy of the full ordinance may be obtained between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

TWIN FALLS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS a/Deanna Hentleman, Chairman a/Marilyn Maughan, Commissioner a/Carla Reed, Commissioner ATTEST: Robert S. Fort, Clerk 1. Robert S. Fort, Twin Falls County Clerk, have reviewed the summary of the Twin Falls County Zoning Ordinance #21 As Amended and find that the summary is true and complete and provides adequate notice of the public of the content of the Twin Falls County Zoning Ordinance.

PUBLISH: December 1, 1998

The proponent will be rated and an award of the contract made by January 20, 1999. B. Evaluation Process: The proposals will be ranked using the following criteria and point system: 10 points: Qualifications of applicant as they relate to the RFP. 30 points: Responsiveness to timeline for completion of the study and report. 10 points: Quality of applicant's proposed costs. 20 points: Responsiveness to timeline for completion of the study and report. 20 points: Applicant's proposed costs. 20 points: Applicant's proposed costs. 20 points: Applicant's proposed costs.

A. Contents of the Statement of Interest: Respondent shall submit a Statement of Interest which identifies the respondent, describes its interest in providing the services being sought, and provides the name, title, and phone number of a contact person for the RFP. B. Contents of the Final Proposal: Proposals submitted under this solicitation should be presented in a clear and concise manner, and kept to a maximum of twenty (20) pages of text, if possible.

1. Product Description: A description of the final product to be presented at the end of the contract, including the specific goals, objectives, methods and plans for completing the contract work, as well as a summary of the issues to be addressed in the study. 2. Major Plans: A description of the major plans to be performed, including but not limited to: (i) the specific methods proposed for identifying barriers; (ii) the methods proposed for analyzing the effect of those barriers on the costs of affordable housing; (iii) an outline of the steps to be taken, in chronological order, to complete the study; and (iv) a proposed outline for the final report to describe the results of the study and the recommended strategies for addressing the barriers identified. Also, define major milestones to be achieved during the course of the study. Identify the staff who will be directly responsible for this project and describe their individual responsibilities.

3. Schedule and Budget: Provide a timeline or schedule for the tasks, reports, and milestones which are being proposed and the corresponding completion dates. The schedule should include a statement of readiness addressing the ability of the applicant to start the project by January 29, 1999. The schedule should display the tasks, deliverable and due dates shown in the work plan. In addition, a budget and funding plan should be provided in as much detail as possible. 4. Project Team Qualifications: Provide a chart describing the applicant's organizational structure, the positions of the various Project Team members in the organization, a description of the professional expertise of the Project Team members and a copy of their resumes. The Project Manager, a primary contact person for the contract, and any other key personnel must be identified, the education, continuity, and functions to be performed.

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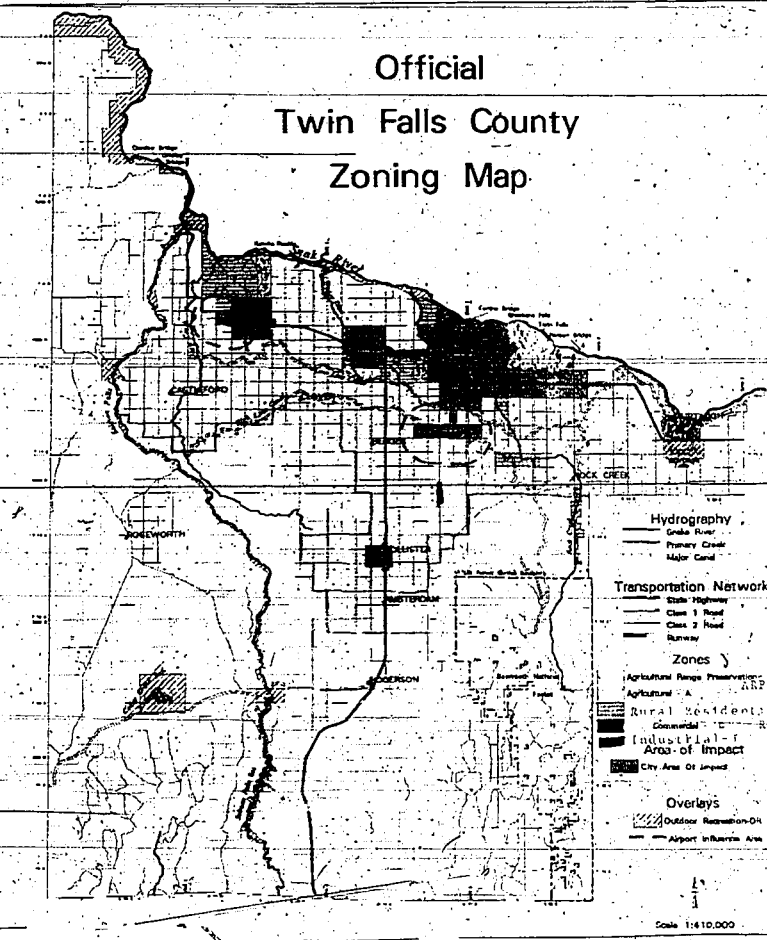
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MORNING LINE
SPORTSQUOTE

Niners clamp down, beat Giants 31-7

I'm going to go out on a limb and suggest K-State might be part of the Bowl Championship Series picture if the Wildcats didn't play Miami's Barber College and St. Aloysius of the Holy Three-Deep Zone in their nonconference season.

—Bob Kravitz in the Rocky Mountain News

The Associated Press

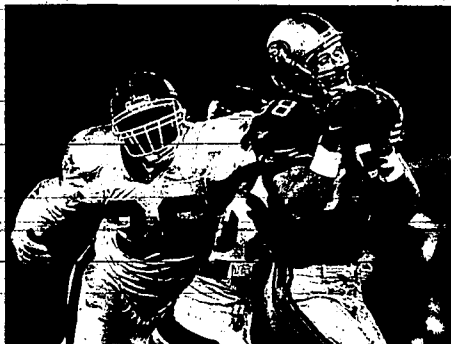
SAN FRANCISCO - Jerry Rice complained about the San Francisco 49ers' erratic play, and offered to jump start the offense. Instead, it was Terrell Owens who provided the spark.

Owens caught a 72-yard touchdown pass from Steve Young and Garrison Hearst ran for 166 yards in 20 carries to go over 1,000 yards rushing for the second straight season as San Francisco beat the New York Giants 31-7 Monday night for their 15th straight regular-season home win.

The victory clinched a 16th straight winning season for the 49ers (9-3) and kept them a game behind first-place Atlanta in the NFC West with four remaining.

But the win was costly. The 49ers lost star defensive tackle Bryant Young midway through the fourth quarter to a right leg injury. Replays showed the linebacker Ken Norton Jr. as they closed in for a tackle. He was wheeled off the field on a gurney.

The Giants (4-8) started fast but then



Top, San Francisco 49ers quarterback Steve Young drops back to pass Monday against the New York Giants in 3Com Park in San Francisco. Left, 49ers wide receiver Mark Harris is caught from behind by Giants safety Shaun Williams (36).

faded, much like they have this season after winning the NFC East last year. Kent Graham had a 48-yard completion to Ike Hilliard on their first play and three plays later, Gary Brown bolted 11 yards up the middle for a touchdown.

New York, with the second-worst offensive ranking in the league, couldn't sustain its advantage against a 49ers

team that fell behind for the seventh time in nine games. The fleet Owens, now perhaps the 49ers' most dangerous receiver, blew past Courad Hamilton near the line of scrimmage and pulled free of Sam Garnes' grasp at the 30.

Suddenly he was running free down the left sideline and into the end zone.

MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

Girls high school basketball
Bliss at Shoshone
Buhl at Jerome
Hambright at Carey
Dewar at Wendell

Boys high school basketball
ISDH at Dierks
NOCIS at TIFLA
Ran-River at Resolute

Boys high school basketball
Wendell at Hagerup
ISDH at Dierks
NOCIS at Minnamah
Globeval at Valley

Missouri State basketball game 10:30 p.m. visit for armory ballgame

IN BRIEF

ISU player named to all-tournament team

SAN DIEGO - Idaho State University's Sergio Martinez was named to the 1998 Sun Diego State Thanksgiving Classic all-tournament team's basketball team. The Most Valuable Player award went to Blakey Durling of Canyon champion Puna State. Starting lineup consisted of Sergio Martinez, James Diego Sogor, S. Shantel Lee and Jorge Carolina Soto. Summer 2nd went to the runner.

Canyon Springs ladies hold Christmas banquet Dec. 2

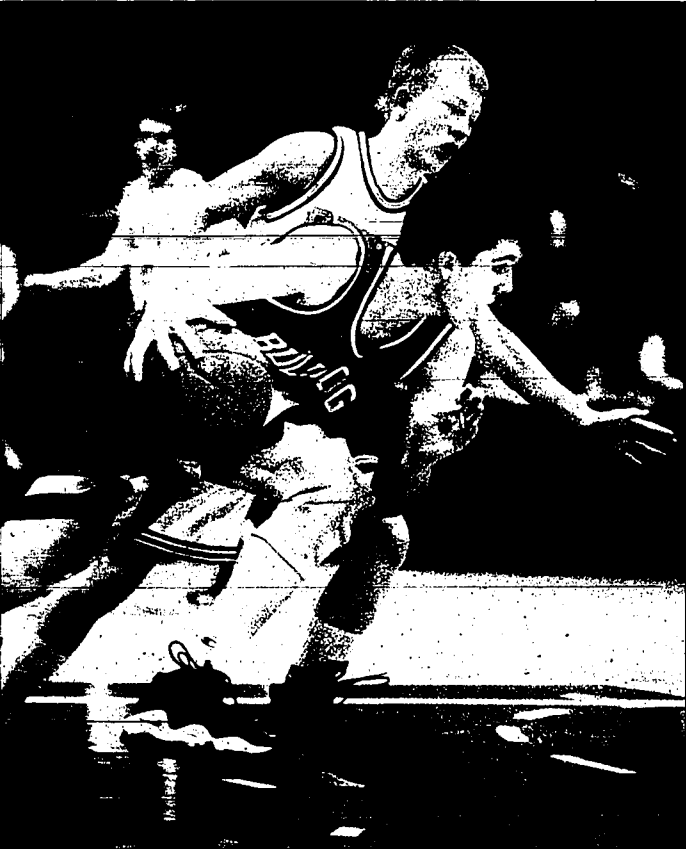
The Canyon Springs Ladies Golf Association will have its annual Christmas banquet Wednesday at Kelly's in the Canyon. The reception will start at 6:30 p.m. with a no-host bar and hors d'oeuvres provided by SCSA. A \$20 gift exchange will be also conducted, so gifts are recommended to bring a gift. For more information, call Laraine at 425-2505.

Vandals beat W. Montana 55-51 in men's hoops

MOOSEWAT - The University of Idaho men's basketball team overpowered NAIA Western Montana 55-51 before 1,227 fans Wednesday at the Kibbie Dome. Idaho improves to 5-1 on the season while Western Montana falls to 2-5. The Vandals led 34-14 at the half. Senior guard Brian Sorenson scored 22 points, including a 3-point shot, to give the lead. "I do think we did a little bit better job at finishing the game," said second-year guard Brian Sorenson. "The game was pretty tight. We were intense. We let us in our. I have exactly the same perspective to matter who we play."

Idaho junior guard Gordon Soren led four other players in double figures with 19 points. He hit 5-of-9 from the field and 3-of-4 from three-point range. He also grabbed six rebounds, made five steals, blocked two shots and recorded a 25-point effort on the free-throw line.

Senior DiShawn Dillard's second half performance, came off the bench to score a career-high 25 points and grab seven rebounds. Idaho shot 49 percent from the field and 80 percent from the free-throw line.



Sanjar Rich Arrossa is back for a final year with the Kimberly Bulldogs basketball team. In March, Arrossa ended a stellar season with a one-point loss to Decio in overtime of the A-2 state championship.

In A-2, Kimberly calls the shots

The Ruhl and Wood River boys basketball teams don't have to worry about Jerome anymore. The Tigers moved up to Class A-1 after purifying the district's berth at the A-2 state tournament to a sixth-place finish.

Boys basketball
Today continues The Times-News' look at the upcoming District 4 boys basketball season. Still to come: A-4 (Wednesday), and A-1 (Thursday).

The Bulldogs were one 75-foot miracle shot away from the A-2 state championship last year. Had it not been for Mike Christensen's last-second heroics in double overtime March 7 in Boise,

Kimberly coach Roger Keller would have made the jump to A-2 with a state championship in tow.

Keller has three returning starters from last season's team and has conference coaches touting the Bulldogs as the team to beat.

Arizona keeps Unit at home, costs \$53M

PHOENIX (AP) - The Arizona Diamondbacks, in the spectacular final act of their ambitious offseason pursuit of free agents, agreed Monday to a \$52.4 million, four-year contract with Randy Johnson.

With an average salary of \$13.3 million per season, Johnson becomes the game's highest-paid pitcher and the second-highest paid player behind Mo Vaughn. The deal is a \$80 million, six-year contract with Anaheim that averages \$13.3 million.

The addition of one of the game's most feared pitchers, coupled with last week's signings of Todd Stortzmyer and Armando Reynoso, gives the second-year expansion club one of the game's most formidable rotations.

"I'm not going to call us a contender, but what I'm hearing from people in baseball is that our starting rotation could be one of the top two or three in baseball," Diamondbacks owner Jerry Colangelo said.

Johnson, who lives in nearby Paradise Valley, chose the Diamondbacks over the Anaheim Angels, Los Angeles Dodgers and Texas Rangers because he wants to play close to home and he thinks Arizona is making moves to quickly become a contender. A

Belle signs with Orioles

Controversial slugger Albert Belle and the Baltimore Orioles finally completed an \$85 million, five-year contract on Monday, and Belle headed to Baltimore for a formal introduction at Camden Yards. There was no announcement by the Orioles, but the final agreement was confirmed to The Associated Press by a pair of sources familiar with the negotiations who spoke on the condition they not be identified.

Oh bugger! Utah coach gets the boot

LOGAN, Utah - A private investigator was asked to bug the Logan Recreation Center last fall to record the suspected use of foul language by Logan High School football coaches, a newspaper reported Monday.

Perry Christensen was dismissed as Logan High football coach for allegedly using foul language.

On Monday, The Herald-Journal reported that to private investigator confirmed that a man approached him about bugging the locker room.

The investigator confirmed that he was approached and said it would be "quite assumed" to assume he was the father of one of the players, but he declined to identify the device.

"It's an illegal act and I told the guy so," said the unidentified investigator, who had no knowledge of whether the locker room was ever successfully bugged.

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Kimberly Bulldogs
Coach: Roger Keller, fifth year, 1997-98 record: 20-7

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SPORTS

A-2

Returning starters: Sr. Rich Arrossa (6-2 guard), sr. Philip Knight (6-3 guard), sr. Ryan Crisp (6-2).

Others who will help: Sr. Jordan Williams (5-10 guard), sr. Jordan Dille (5-11 guard), sr. Nick Powers (6-0 post), sr. Derek Stark (6-2 guard), sr. Derek Holzner (6-11 guard), jr. Billy Humphries (5-11 guard), jr. Travis Lammers (6-0 guard), jr. Tyler Otten (5-11 post).

Outlook: Led by Arrossa (18 points and 5 rebounds per game) and Knight (11 points, 6 rebounds), the Bulldogs will have some great leadership and plenty of experience.

Class A-3 Player of the Year (Scott Flew) and to handle the bigger A-2 schools.

On the state level (Class A-2), will be tougher, but instead of worrying about it, we must accept the fact that we will be playing bigger schools and be confident we can compete with them.

The Bulldogs will travel to American Falls Friday to open their season.

Coach Ed Finger, second year 1997-98 record: 9-15

Key returners: Sr. Eric Reynolds (5-10 guard), sr. Brad Ross (6-0 guard), sr. Matt Bishop (6-9 center).

Others who will help: Sr. Adam Reynolds (5-9 guard), jr. Chris Flynn (5-11 guard), sr. Courtney Mabrey (5-9 guard), sr. John Barker (5-10 forward), sr. Sean VanEdelen (6-2 forward).

Outlook: With four returning senior starters, the Indians will also have leadership and experience.

With the four returning starters we will have the ability to

apply defensive pressure," Finger said. "As with every high school team, a concern for us will be making good decisions with the ball."

The Indians open up their season Wednesday at home against Aberdeen.

Coach: Roger Garies, second year 1997-98 record: 6-15

Returning starters: Jr. James Cordes (5-10 guard), sr. Kenny Nelson (5-10 guard), sr. Brock Weber (6-2 wing), jr. Cory

Others who will help: Sr. Bryon Stallen (6-0 wing), sr. Keaton Hargens (5-10 guard), jr. Charlie Askew (6-1 forward), sr. Rhet Weber (6-6 post), soph. Sky Wolfe (5-9 guard), sr. Jesse Sheue (6-0 guard), jr. Pat Thomson (6-1 forward), jr. Ryan Stinner (6-2 wing), sr. Brandon Bush (6-0 wing), sr. Josh Perron (5-9 guard).

Outlook: "Our major strength this season will be our quickness," Quarles said. "We also played a lot of basketball over the summer."

Quarles is excited about the

new conference and looks forward to continuing the success.

"We did win in the fan spots and we look forward to continuing that success throughout the winter," Quarles said.

Coach: Ty Jones, fourth year 1997-98 record: 3-19

Returning starters: Sr. Tom Bergstrom (6-3 guard), sr. Duke Cheney (5-10 guard).

Others who will help: Sr. Brady Thompson (5-10 guard), jr. Kirk Calacorta (6-1 guard), sr. Paul Boyles (6-2 post), sr. Robert Martinez (5-9 guard), jr. Cory Rodriguez (6-0 post), sr. Matt Beers (6-2 post), jr. Chris Watson (6-4 post), jr. Jared Graybeal (5-10 guard).

Outlook: Team chemistry and a great work ethic is a combination coach Jones thinks will lead his team this season.

"We have some very good perimeter defenders," Jones said. "We are unselfish and have a good attitude."

The Senators' biggest concern is team depth.

"We don't have much variety

experience," Jones said. "We also need to work on our inside play, but we have potential here."

Gooding travels to Shoshone Friday for its season opener.

Coach: Allen Kelsey, 11th year 1997-98 record: 2-23

Returning starters: None

Others who will help: Sr. Josh Prince (5-10 point), sr. Patrick Crawford (6-0), sr. Jared Lamm (6-2 post/wing), sr. Juan Martinez (5-10 wing), sr. Nelson King (6-0 post), jr. Scott DeJong (6-5 post), jr. Zack Hill (5-10 wing), soph. Brent Lammers (5-9 wing), soph. Dustin Sells (5-8 wing).

Outlook: "We have a good mix of inside and outside players," Kelsey said. "Prince should be one of the better players in the league and Crawford can really shoot the ball."

The biggest concern for the Trojans this season will be inexperience, after losing 10 seniors to graduation.

"I believe we'll be capable of beating anyone in our conference by the year's end," Kelsey said.

Coach: Bruce Lenington, second year 1997-98 record: 14-10

Returning starters: Sr. Bryan Lawley (6-2 forward), sr. A.J. Tackett (6-0 guard), jr. Ben Allen (6-3 center).

Others who will help: Jr. Brad Walker (5-10 guard), jr. Zack Chadwick (5-10 guard), jr. Josh Prigmore (5-10 forward), jr. Brandon Kobayashi (5-10 forward), jr. Tim Chandler (5-10 forward), jr. Vince Gerrin (6-2 forward), sr. David Tanning (6-0 center), jr. David Hunter (6-0 forward), jr. Jesus Juarez (5-8 guard).

Outlook: Good quickness and athleticism will have to counter a general lack of big game experience and a lack-of-size for this year's Wildcats.

Second-year coach Lenington notes that the move to A-2 won't change his school's philosophy.

He has hoped it against both Buhl and Wood River in previous years.

"We believe a top three seed in the district (tournament) is not beyond our reach, if it plays to our potential," Lenington said.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

Table with columns for Team, W, L, T, Pct, and Points For/Against. Includes teams like Atlanta, Baltimore, Buffalo, etc.

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49ers 31, Giants 7

Box score for 49ers vs Giants game.

RECORDS

Table listing individual player records for various stats.

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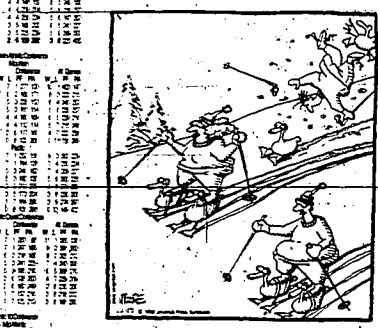
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Hagerman rallies for win

HAGERMAN - The Hagerman Pirates came back from a seven-point-half deficit Monday night to defeat conference rival Castledore 44-40 in A-4 Southside sub-district girls' basketball action.

"We did a lot better job of going to the basket and moving the ball (in the second half)," said Hagerman coach Jason Warr. "We weren't so predictable on offense, and we just played with more intensity."

Katie Martin had 12 points and Jelinda Knight added 11 for the Pirates (5-0), who host Shoshone Thursday.

"Katie went to the basket hard and played a real good game on both sides of the ball," Warr said.

High school basketball

Glenns Ferry 55, Rimrock 49
GLENN'S FERRY - The Pilots outscored Rimrock 16-4 in the third quarter after the two teams played an even first half and won the non-conference girls' basketball game Monday, 55-49.

"We came out and put some pressure on their guards and got a bunch of steals and layups and it just got going," said Glenns Ferry coach Dennis Brock.

The Pilots needed the defensive intensity after the break, as the offense missed 52 shots on the night and hit just seven of 21 free-throw attempts.

Glenns Ferry (4-0) hosts Kimberly Thursday.

Camas County 51, MCVCS 26
FAIRFIELD - Mushers coach Albert Stampke credited good rebounding, defense, movement, and overall hustle with Camas County's 51-16 win Monday in A-4 girls' basketball.

"We looked a lot better than we have in the last few games," said Stampke, whose squad was mixing three girls against the Conquerors and dressed out only seven.

Freshman Sarah Vouch led all scorers with 21 points for Camas County (3-1), who plays Thursday at Detroit.

Oakley at Sho-Ban
No report

Boys basketball
Bliss 46, TFCA 44 (OT)

TWIN FALLS - In the Magic Valley's first boys basketball game of the season, the Bliss Bears capitalized on late-turnovers and edged the Twin Falls Christian Academy Warriors 46-44 in overtime.

"Words like 'ragged' and 'scrappy' you can sure tell it was the opening game," said TFCA coach Brent Walker.

TFCA senior Matt Jones led all scorers with 25 of his team's 44 points.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Utah State signs CSI's Curtis Bobb

LOGAN, Utah - Utah State has signed two junior college players, including the College of Southern Idaho's Curtis Bobb, to its men's basketball program, the school announced on Monday.

Both, whose mentors have been Magic Valley knowledge for weeks, join Marvella Washington, a 6-foot-8 forward currently attending Chaffey Junior College in Rancho Cucamonga, Calif.

"We are very excited to have Curtis join our program," said rookie head coach Steve Morrill. "Curtis has the ability to play both wing positions and is a very good shooter who plays with a lot of energy."

The Aggies are expected to announce one more signing this week, the school said.



Curtis Bobb

Irish, West Virginia, VTU accept bowl bids

More college football teams accepted bowl bids Monday, including the University of Hawaii, West Virginia and Virginia Tech.

The Irish will play Georgia Tech in the Gator Bowl on Jan. 1. Virginia Tech accepted an invitation Monday to play a Southeastern Conference team in the inaugural Music City Bowl in Nashville on Dec. 29.

The SEC opponent will be announced after the conference championship game on Saturday, between Tennessee and Mississippi State. Alabama-Kentucky and Georgia are the most likely candidates to play the Hopkins Music City Bowl spokesman Matt Bakas said.

West Virginia accepted an at-large bid to the Insight.com Bowl Dec. 26 in Tucson, Ariz. Bowl officials said West Virginia (8-3) will play a team from the Big 12 Conference, either Missouri, Nebraska, Texas Tech or Colorado.

College pigskin coaches receive pink slips

A number of colleges fired their head football coaches Monday after disappointing seasons.

The University of Hawaii fired coach Fred Young after a winless season that extended the nation's longest losing streak to 18 games.

Northeast Louisiana University, which went 20-36 the past five seasons playing such national powers as Colorado, Georgia, Auburn, UCLA, Arkansas, Florida and Arizona, fired head football coach Ed Zaunbrecher.

Fred Goldsmith, who in 1994 coached Duke to its only winning football season of the decade, was fired after four years' remaining on his contract. Goldsmith was the second Atlantic Coast Conference coach fired this month. Tommy West was fired at Clemson two weeks ago.

Also, Bob Stroops, whose work as Florida's defensive coordinator helped lead the Gators to the 1996 national title, will become the next head coach at Oklahoma, The Associated Press learned Monday.

Ducks, Bruins' QBs take Pac-10 honors

WALNUT CREEK, Calif. - Quarterbacks Cade McNown of UCLA and Oregon's Akili Smith were named co-Pac-10 Conference offensive players of the year Monday.

Southern California linebacker Chris Claiborne was named the conference's top defensive player with six interceptions, including two returned for touchdowns.

McNown, who has led UCLA to 20 consecutive victories, became the Pac-10 career leader in total offense with 10,415 yards. Smith led the conference in passing yardage and passing efficiency with 191 of 325 completions for 2,307 yards, 30 touchdowns and just seven interceptions.

NFL changes coin flip procedures

NEW YORK - Four days after the Pittsburgh Steelers blamed a disputed coin flip in overtime for their Thanksgiving loss to the Detroit Lions, the NFL announced the first changes in 40-coin toss rules in 22 years.

The changes, which take effect for Thursday's Eagles-Rams game, restore the visiting captain to call heads or tails before the referee tosses the coin, instead of when the coin is in the air. Also, the back judge and field judge will stand by the captains throughout the coin toss.

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BCS standings tighten at the top

The Associated Press

Tennessee and UCLA are a shaky 1-2 in the Bowl Championship Series standings on Monday, with the final decision on who gets to play for a national title in the Fiesta Bowl a few days away.

Kansas State, lurking in third place, remained in contention for a trip to Tampa since point totals were still close enough for the Wildcat to move up.

K-State (11-0) gets its final shot on Saturday, when it plays Texas A&M (10-2) for the Big 12 title. Also, the Volunteers (11-0) play Mississippi State (8-3) for the SEC title and UCLA (10-0) is at Miami (7-3).

If all three win, the BCS will rely on computers to determine which team gets left out of its national title game.

The BCS standings are calculated by using The Associated Press media poll and the coaches' poll, three computer rankings, strength-of-schedule and number of losses.

And then there's Florida State (11-1), which still has a chance to sneak in at least two of the top teams lose on Saturday.

Tennessee, ranked No. 1 in the AP poll, had 4.99 points — 1.5 points for poll average, 2.33 for computer rank average, 1.00 for strength-of-schedule and zero for losses.

The Vols beat Vanderbilt 41-0 on Saturday.

UCLA had 5.03 points — 3 points for poll average, 1.75 for computer rank average, 0.28 for strength-of-schedule and zero for losses.

UConn men, women top polls

Men face dogfight with No. 15 Washington, rematch of last year's NCAA Sweet 16 game

STORRS, Conn. (AP) - For the second time in Division I history, both the men's and women's basketball teams at the University of Connecticut are ranked No. 1 in the Associated Press polls.

UConn is the only major school to hold the top rank in both polls at the same time. The Huskies also achieved that distinction on Feb. 13, 1995.

"There's a certain pride in a school where basketball is so unique and two programs are held in such high respect," said the women's coach Geno Auriemma.

"It's terrific to be in an environment that creates so much excitement for our students and fans,"

Bowl Championship Series rankings

Rank	Team	AP	U.S. Today	ESPN	Computer	Schedule	Quartile rank	Losses	Total			
1	Tennessee	1	2	1.5	3	2	2.33	29	1.16	0	4.99	
2	UCLA	3	2	3.0	2	2.25 (4)	1.75	7	0.28	0	6.03	
3	Kansas State	2	3	2.0	3	3	2.33	62	2.40	0	6.31	
4	Florida State	4	4	4.0	4	4	3.00	5	2.00	1	6.30	
5	Ohio State	5	5	5.0	5	5	5.00	25	1.00	1	12.33	
6	Arizona	6	6	6.0	6	7	5	8.33	54	2.18	1	15.18
7	Florida	7	7	7.0	9	10	10	9.87	28	1.12	2	18.79
8	Texas A&M	10	10	10.0	8	8	7	7.87	13	0.52	2	20.18
9	Wisconsin	8	8	8.0	10	9	9	9.33	63	2.52	1	20.85
10	Tennessee	9	9	9.0	16	18 (22)	8	14.00	67	3.08	0	21.88
11	Nebraska	13	17	15.0	7	13.5 (15)	11	10.50	14	0.58	3	22.06
12	Georgia Tech	12	14	13.0	20	10	17	16.87	44	1.76	2	32.40
13	Arkansas	11	11	11.0	15	21	18	18.00	59	2.38	2	33.36
14	Michigan	14	12	13.0	18	17	14	16.87	43	1.72	2	33.59
15	Syracuse	18	18	18.0	17	6	17.25 (27)	13.82	31	1.24	3	35.66

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Rankings of each team are added, then divided by two.

Computer rankings
Rankings of each team are added, then divided by three. To prevent unusual differences in individual formulas, a maximum unadjusted deviation of no greater than 50 percent of the average of the two lowest computer rankings is utilized.

Quartile rank
Cumulative win-loss records of a team's opponents (win-loss records of the team's opponent's opponents (50-50) are ranked then divided by 25.

Total
Two teams with the lowest total play in the BCS title game.

The Vols' point total fell by 60 points this week because their strength-of-schedule dropped 15 spots to 29th though UCLA improved 24 points with its strength-of-schedule climbing from eighth to seventh though.

Florida State, with 8.20 points, was in fourth place, followed by Ohio State, Arizona, Florida, Texas A&M, Wisconsin and Tulane.

Final BCS standings will be released on Dec. 6.

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