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## What are we witnessing?

### Impeachment proceedings are historical, but is it legal or political history?

By Gregory Hahn Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - As the nation nears a historic point, the second U.S. House of Representatives vote in history on a presidential impeachment, will legal or political history be written?

"Magic Valley" political observers have mixed feelings. "I have to say legal because I'm not a lawyer," said Rep. Maxine Bell, R-Terme. "I'm going to give the legal people the benefit of the doubt for their knowledge."

If the process were entirely

### Constituent calls

Southern Idahoans - at least the out-of-town ones calling Rep. Al Gore's office - want the House to impeach Clinton. "We're hearing a lot from people who want Clinton impeached," she said. "I've got a lot of people who want Clinton impeached."

Clinton's office is in Immaculation, and the calls are hard to quantify, but they're making.

Giving the Democrats that advantage in the presidential elections in 2000 would be "stupid," she said. In fact, if Democrats had solely political motives, they would push for the change.

Looking at the action from the legal side, though, former District Judge Lloyd Webb had a different perspective.

"It's strictly political, as far as I'm concerned," he said.

President Clinton may have "laid his teeth off," Webb said, but anything he said in the Paula Jones sexual harassment case -

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## Clinton, Gore appeal to GOP for compromise

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON - President Clinton and Vice President Al Gore publicly appealed to House Republican leaders Monday to consider "any compromise" to head off the fateful impeachment vote slated for later this week, even as the president's support eroded among critical swing members with time running short.

Three House Republicans who had been on a White House target list of undecided members announced Monday that they will vote to impeach Clinton when the issue reaches the floor Thursday and several others appeared poised to follow suit as early as Tuesday. Another key GOP moderate who was one of only a handful of Republicans to oppose impeachment, Rep. Christopher Shays (Conn.), signaled he was reconsidering and asked to meet with Clinton.

Increasingly gloomy about their chances of halting the slide, White House officials and their

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allies intensified efforts to win over the remaining, two dozen Republicans who held Clinton's future in their hands and worked to bolster the few wavering Democratic lawmakers as well. The president's lawyers called members to ask if they had questions about his defense against the four articles of impeachment approved by the House Judiciary Committee. Gore cancelled an out-of-town trip and prepared to contact House Democrats. Labor leaders decided to stage vigils in 100 home districts of undecided representatives while a liberal group brought radio ads in Washington and two other cities. As the debate rages to a fever pitch, scoreboards at the Capitol were swamped by thousands of

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## Gene therapy beefs up muscles

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Injecting new genes into aging muscles can restore youthful vigor and strength, according to a laboratory study of mice. But researchers caution that many safety questions must be resolved before they can try the therapy on humans.

Old mice gained 27 percent of the muscle lost to age when they were injected with a gene that prompts muscle cell growth, the researchers at the University of Pennsylvania Medical Center said Monday.

For younger mice, the gain was about 15 percent, said Dr. H. Lee Sweeney, the study's senior author.

While the technique is ready for humans, however, there are both ethical and safety questions to be resolved, Sweeney said. For athletes, he said, the injections could be the "perfect performance enhancer."

"You build muscle mass and strength even without exercise," said Sweeney. "And it is not detectable in the blood."

The safety issue arises because the same gene that causes muscles to grow can also cause the overgrowth of unwanted cells. "Abnormal growth could be a health risk," said Sweeney. "For instance, you wouldn't want your heart to grow larger."

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## PEACEFUL PROGRESS



President Clinton congratulates Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat after witnessing the Palestine National Council vote to support the abolition of the resolutions of the Palestinian charter that were calling for the destruction of the state of Israel in Gaza City Monday. For a detailed story, see page A3.

## PUTTING PRICES GO UP



Mike Anderson, left, and Dick Mart of Twin Falls finish up a break round of golf at Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course Monday afternoon. The Twin Falls City Council voted Monday night to raise the fee for a season pass.

## City Council approves rate hikes at Muni

By Mark Heitz Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - While mixing a proposed 650 increase in the cost of driving and using a private cart at the Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course, the City Council Monday accepted across-the-board increases in season passes.

The cart storage fee increase was the most widely criticized part of the fee proposal, which drew about a dozen golfers to a council hearing. The annual haul-on cart use fee was boosted from \$100 to \$150. Virginia Urdheim of Twin Falls said the private cart fee hike would have been especially hard on senior golfers, who own most of the carts stored at the course.

Muni course pro Mike Hamilton said the proposed increase wasn't excessive. "Private carts are a luxury," he said. "The proposed fee is less than a dollar a day for storage and usage at the course."

The council also opted for a \$1 per-day surcharge for season pass holders, rather than the \$1 per round charge recommended by a golf advisory committee. While season passes will be \$25 more for nearly all age groups, the greens fees were cut by about \$3. A special foul-weather daily

## Cassia County hears hog plans

By John T. Huxley Times-News writer

BURLEY - Amid growing concern and disapproval from local residents, Cassia County commissioners Monday heard plans for a 3,600-sow hog production facility southwest of town.

More than 40 county residents gathered in the Cassia County courtroom to hear Brent Dame, general manager of the proposed facility and spokesman for Pro-Action of Caldwell, make his pitch to the commissioners.

Dame's company filed an application with Cassia County in November, before the Twin Falls County commissioners had ruled on an appeal of Dame's permit for a similar proposal in Twin Falls County.

Twin Falls County planners had approved a permit for a 3,800-sow facility, with a capacity to produce 72,000 hogs annually, 10 miles south of Twin Falls in September, but it was opposed by neighbors. The county commissioners sent the permit back to planning and zoning Dec. 7 for additional information.

The proposed Cassia County facility would sit on 640 acres at 1300 south and 500 west, half a mile south of Warm Creek Road seven miles northwest of Oakley. The site is an isolated agricultural area of the county, Dame said.

Construction could begin as early as March if commissioners approve the plan. The operation would employ 20 full-time employees. Dame said he would buy grain and corn to feed the hogs locally.

"We want to be a good outstanding member of your county," Dame said. "I want to put together the best operation we can put together. If I can't do it right and the best I can, then I don't want to do it at all."

Along with his partner and construction specialist, Charlie Lemmon of Albion, Ind., Dame outlined the proposed facility - of the four buildings, two would be within 150 feet of each other, and another two buildings a half mile away.

"If we do anything else here, I want to differentiate our buildings from the rest of the industry," said Lemmon, who will oversee the construction of the facilities. "Our industry has not always taken the right path when it comes to the siting and location of facilities - our philosophy is to do it once and do it right and do it like you say your going to do it."

For some at Monday's hearing, the main concerns were odor and pollution problems - others said the proposal sounded good, as long as everything was followed through as proposed.

"I think they've thought things through," said Mike Crumey, an Oakley resident who lives within a few miles of the proposed farm. "I don't want the small amount that anyone else does - 20 in a lot of the plan, but it's important that we make sure these operations do what they say they will."

Each building would be equipped with a mechanical ventilation system, cutting down on the amount of odor and dust by an even distribution of air flow and temperature regulation, Dame said.

Orders would be controlled through containment, with concrete structures for waste beneath the barns, rather than lagoons, as is traditional with hog farms of this type, said Lemmon. The smell would not drift 25 to 30 miles from the facilities, as sometimes happens with other farms.

But not all residents were so sure about the goals of Dame and Lemmon to be good neighbors. "Every cubic foot of air that goes out from this facility comes out," said Gordon Linker, "a former student of Burley near the proposed site. "These men were sent here

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# Palestinians renounce call for Israel's demise

A vigilant Clinton impassions requests



Bill Clinton Yasser Arafat Benjamin Netanyahu

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) — Stirring Palestinian passions for statehood, President Clinton stood with Monday as hundreds of Palestinian leaders renounced a call for the destruction of Israel. Clinton urged "legitimate rights for Palestinians, real security for Israel."

told reporters, Arafat must renounce plans to declare statehood and take steps to end the violence in the region.

Just as Netanyahu told Clinton on Sunday that the Palestinians were violating peace accords, Arafat told the president Monday that Israel was guilty of violations. He called on Israel to release jailed Palestinians — "our heroes in prison." Netanyahu has vowed not to release prisoners he regards as terrorists.

Pressing both sides to reconcile, Clinton said, "I think there will be more to be gained frankly. But I think there will be more breakthroughs as well."

Addressing former guerrilla fighters and other top Palestinians, Clinton said the peace

process has brought rewards elections and self-government in Gaza and the West Bank. Israeli troop redeployments, relations with Washington and a Palestinian airport.

But he also acknowledged Palestinian bitterness over Israeli restrictions on people and commerce, land confiscation and Israeli settlements. He said Israel, for its part, has justifiable concerns about Palestinian violence.

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"Enough of this mashing of teeth, let us join hands and proudly go forward together," the president said.

Tentative plans for a three-week meeting at the Gaza border crossing between Israel and Gaza were abandoned Monday night.

A White House spokesman said all three leaders departed to prepare the meeting until Tuesday morning.

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Ohio man gets 2 1/2-hour jail days for failing to turn off truck's air bag that killed son

PARMA, Ohio (AP) — A man who failed to switch off an air bag that deployed in an accident and killed his infant son was sentenced Monday to two 1 1/2-hour days in jail — the boy's birthday and the trash anniversary.

Dwight Childs, 29, is believed to be the first person sentenced for failing to switch off an air bag, according to the American Automobile Association.

"Anything I do won't matter," Municipal Court Judge Kenneth Spanganel told Childs, who hung his head and grimaced during his sentencing. "Your personal guilt — you're going to carry."

Since 1990, air bags have caused the deaths of 121 people, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. The NHTSA estimates air bags have also saved 3,600 lives. Childs pleaded no contest last month to charging his 2-month-old son in the death of his 2-month-old son, Jacob.

No law required Childs to disengage the air bag, which deployed after Childs' truck crashed into another truck at an intersection. The boy was strapped into a rear-facing car seat and suffered head injuries.

But prosecutors charged him because his 1997 pickup truck and the boy's car seat had stickers warning that the device should be switched off in such circumstances.

"I believe we counted over a dozen warnings that should have triggered a different response from the driver," said David Toetz, assistant city prosecutor.

A rear-facing infant seat strapped into the front seat puts a baby's head dangerously close to the deploying air bag.

David Van Sickle, a AAA spokesman, said that as far as he could determine it is the first time anyone has been charged for failing to turn off an air bag since the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration allowed cutoff switches in pickup trucks.

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# Pro-impeachment-ranks swell as House vote nears

WASHINGTON (AP) — The ranks of pro-impeachment Republicans swelled on Monday in the run-up to a momentous House vote, and one prominent moderate arranged a meeting with President Clinton to discuss the case against him. Vice President Al Gore accused the GOP of ignoring the "will of the American people" by blocking a vote.

Dogged by the issue on a trip to the Middle East, Clinton said he was open to "any reasonable compromise" with Congress short of impeachment.

But if anything, the shaky

ground under the president appeared to soften further during the day. Two Northeast Republican lawmakers eyed by Clinton's defenders as potential opponents of impeachment announced their intention to vote the other way. And Rep. Christopher Shays of Connecticut, one of a handful of anti-impeachment GOP lawmakers, said he was "willing to reconsider" his position and asked for a meeting with Clinton.

The developments came two days after the House Judiciary Committee completed work on four articles of impeachment alleging

perjury, obstruction of justice and abuse of power. All stem from evidence developed by Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr, who investigated Clinton's sexual relationship with Monica Lewinsky and efforts to keep it secret.

The committee's votes, along party lines, set the stage for this week's holiday-season session of the House, which will convene Thursday for the first presidential impeachment vote in 130 years. Approval of a single article would lead to a Senate trial, the likes of which hasn't occurred since Andrew Johnson was president in 1865. A two-thirds vote of the

Senate would be required to remove the president from office. Clinton's fate in the House is likely to be settled on a close tally, and most attention has focused on moderate-Republicans like Shays, a longtime opponent of impeachment.

"If I had to vote today I would vote against impeachment," he said in a telephone interview while traveling in his congressional district. But, he added, "I don't have the same level of conviction I had a week ago... I'm willing to reconsider this issue," he said, noting that he has a meeting with constituents set for today.

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## White House options run low to sway House vote

WASHINGTON (AP) — Running out of time and options, White House advisers said Monday they are increasingly pessimistic about President Clinton's prospects of avoiding impeachment in the House.

"It's like a tidal wave moving against him," said Democratic consultant Harold Ickes, though he held out hope the tide could be reversed.

Several other advisers inside and outside the White House complained that the president has made matters worse for himself with ill-advised statements. They said Clinton, who has survived many career-threatening scandals, is "too close" to his GOP critics and unusually reluctant to turn advice into action.

Still, top White House officials and leading Democrats put Clinton's chances in the House at 50-50. White House chief of staff John Podesta reminded worried aides at one meeting that their boss has prevailed in tough fights before. And House Minority Leader Dick Gephardt's team told the White House there were still moderate Republicans still undecided to give the president hope.

"Nobody here expects this to be easy, but people feel very strongly... that we're going to continue looking for a compromise in this to avoid getting the country bogged down in a Senate trial next year," said White House spokesman Brien Toiv.

Privately, some of Toiv's colleagues said they were resigned to seeing Clinton impeached by the House. The mood soured through the days, as moderates Republican Christopher Shays of Connecticut signaled a possible shift in his anti-impeachment position and rumors circulated that Clinton Democrats might bolt.

Some thought the gloomy tone might simply be an overreaction to what one aide called a delayed sense of reality. Until recently, most Clinton supporters believed impeachment was impossible.

There also was the possibility of a White House strategy to sound alarms across the country by lowering expectations. In October, Clinton partisans warned that 75 or more Democrats were poised to approve impeachment proceedings, knowing the actual vote would be less than half that.

But more than ever, aides were questioning the president's political judgment.

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FAMILY LIFE

# Acupressure helps out in a pinch

**DEAR ABBY:** I learned something in the '70s that I would like to pass on to your readers. Your column is the best. I know to reach the most people.

I was watching a college football game on television. The sportscasters were Keith Jackson and Frank Broyles. A player was lying on the field with what appeared to be the sportscasters to be a leg cramp. Frank Broyles commented that they should pinch his upper lip just under his nose to stop the cramp. Keith Jackson, and probably millions of other viewers like me, laughed at the idea.

However, the next time I got a leg cramp in the middle of the night, I pinched my upper lip. Sure enough, I quickly felt relief. This method has saved me many moments of excruciating pain.

I don't know if it will help everyone, but it wouldn't hurt to try it. Abby, every time I have a leg cramp, I thank Frank Broyles for his simple, quick remedy.

—DON SHINELL, HOBERT, OKLA.

**DEAR DON:** Thank you for sharing this acupressure technique. However, if leg cramps persist, it would be a good idea to consult your family doctor to be sure they aren't symptoms of a potentially serious medical problem.

**DEAR ABBY:** I am a 43-year-old mother, married for 25 years, with three wonderful children. My 20-year-old son recently moved out of state to become a law enforcement officer.

Abby, I'm not handling the loss very well. There are thousands of books on raising children, but very few on letting go. I asked at my local bookstore for a book on "the empty-nest syndrome," but the clerk couldn't help me—and told me to enjoy my free time and, in effect, get over it. I was at a loss as to what to say to her, so I smiled, left the store, and then broke down and cried.

I understand this is a great opportunity for my son, and I wish him all the success in the world, but the fact remains, I must adjust to his absence.

How do I express this to others who think it's silly to grieve for a child who has moved?

EMPTY IN ARIZONA

**DEAR EMPTY:** Empty-nest syndrome is a very real set of emotions. When children start to leave home—even for positive reasons—the family unit is changed forever. Traditions are altered, and even the sight of an empty bedroom can trigger depression. Add to that the knowledge that your son is entering law enforcement—a no-wonder profession—and it's no wonder your outlook is affected.

One way to lose the blues is to

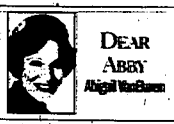
## Doonesbury strikes deal with Starbucks

SEATTLE (AP) — Several years ago, Mike Doonesbury left New York for Seattle. Now, he's got a deal with Starbucks.

Coffee mugs, T-shirts and other "Doonesbury" items went on sale Monday at many Starbucks cafes to raise money for literacy programs.

From 50 percent to 70 percent of the profits will go to charity. The items for sale include greeting cards and, for \$59.95, a signed limited edition "Java Pipeline" lithograph showing Zerkow with his surfboard.

The strip's creator, Garry Trudeau, and Starbucks hope to raise \$500,000. Trudeau, who has sold Doonesbury items for charity in the past, said too much commercialism would be "philosophically at odds with the strip."



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Trustee calls for SLOC fund's full accounting

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A Salt Lake Organizing Committee trustee and former Olympian says city bid officials responsible for a vote-buying scandal will have to account for their actions, even if it turns out they were being blackmailed.

"I knew a lot of athletes who were using steroids, but does that mean I should have, too?" four-time track and field Olympian Henry Marsh asked Monday. "If you can't win with honor, then what's the point?"

Marsh said he will demand a full accounting of the \$300,000 "blackmail fund" used by bid-boosting committee members to pay for subscriptions to at least six relatives of International Olympic Committee members, mostly from Africa.

"If some heads have to roll, then so be it," Marsh said. "This went over the line. And I'll say right now that if it turns out that I should have known about this, then I'm resigning. That is not what the Olympic movement is about."

The existence of the scholarship fund and its use to benefit IOC members has blown up into the biggest corruption scandal in IOC history.

On Sunday, SLOC president Frank Jettke apologized to the IOC executive committee meeting in Lausanne, Switzerland, for the appearance that the fund was used to bribe IOC members to award the 2002 Winter Games to Salt Lake, even though he steadfastly maintained that was not his intent.

Mary Hodler, a senior member of the IOC's executive board, is using the Salt Lake payoff as a catalyst to flush alleged corruption from the IOC's ranks. On Monday, Hodler said Salt Lake was a victim of blackmail by unscrupulous agents and IOC members in its successful quest for the 2002 Olympics.

Hodler said other bids have been tainted as well and the IOC has opened an investigation.

WEST IN BRIEF

Fewer Yellowstone grizzlies killed this year

JACKSON, Wyo. — Humans killed fewer grizzly bears around Yellowstone National Park this year, according to the Intergovernmental Grizzly Bear Committee.

Three bears were killed by humans in a protected "recovery zone" around the park, compared to eight last year.

"That number is good, it's excellent," said Chris Servheen, national grizzly bear recovery coordinator for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

But critics faulted the committee for only counting one of this year's deaths as a loss to the Yellowstone area bear population and omitting two bears that were shot at least 10 miles outside the recovery zone.

Wildlife officials take into account the number of human-caused bear deaths when determining whether to continue protecting grizzly bears under federal law.

Study: No difference in state depredation yet

POCATELLO — A state biologist has found even intensively hunting coyotes so far has done little to reduce the number of mule deer the predators kill.

But Idaho Department of Fish and Game researcher Mark Hurley said two winters of coyote hunting west of the city is not enough to determine the impact on southeastern Idaho's diminished deer population.

In general, Hurley said, it appears coyote are killing roughly the same percentages of deer in game management Unit 73a — where coyotes are intensively hunted — as they are in adjacent Unit 56 where coyotes are hunted only at the request of ranchers to control livestock predation.

Data from the first year of a five-year study by Hurley is based on examinations of the causes of death of deer fitted with radio-tracking collars last winter.

He found 62 percent of collared fawns survived in the Desch Creek Range management unit, where U.S. Animal Damage Control agents killed as many coyotes as possible. About 54 percent of collared fawns survived in the Sublett Range unit to the west, where coyotes were not intensively hunted.

During the past year, mountain lions killed 39 percent of all collared deer that have died so far during the study. Coyotes accounted for 32 percent of the deaths.

Scientists study explosions under Yellowstone

CODY, Wyo. — Geologists are studying whether an ancient blast of hot water and steam that caused deep craters and possibly tidal waves in Yellowstone National Park could strike again.

They have been examining water-filled craters known as Indian Pond, Turbid Lake and Yellowstone Lake's Mary Bay.

"If there is some kind of potential hazard associated with these things, we need to better understand how they work," said geologist Lisa Morgan of the U.S. Geological Survey.

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EDITORIAL

Rather than fight the law, IEA should heed numbers

It's always fun to spend other people's money... The IEA refused to pay for 25 years...

Instead of learning why teachers are... Almost predictably, the IEA lawsuit is led by a Washington, D.C.-based lawyer...

It wasn't always that way. For 25 years, the IEA relied on union dues to finance its political-action committee...

The IEA typically backs Democratic candidates, and a considerable number of teachers apparently disapprove of that political agenda...

The new law gives teachers, unions, and they're responsible by sharing reducing contributions... Most organizations would do something...

The president said he took that to mean that neither party, nor tears, nor wit "nor torment," he added, "can alter what I have done... I must make my peace with that."

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Democrats say 'anything but impeachment, please'

And that's what the president wants... The case is being made by Democrats who are rooting out all their best...

Democrats are not saying "Don't fire the nation's chief executive because of thousands of dollars he doesn't raise... They're arguing against criminal prosecution...

The rest of the House will get it turned in judgment this week, but then no... Democrats are playing the rhetorical game of "how many ways to thank a man without booting him from office..."

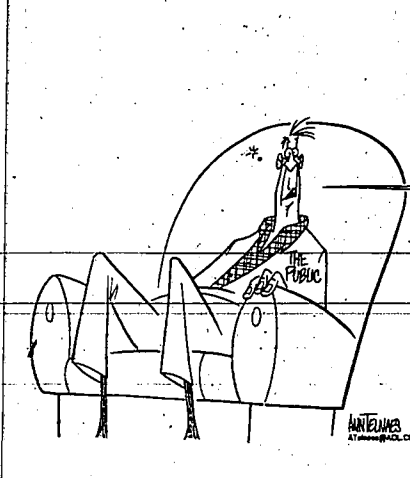
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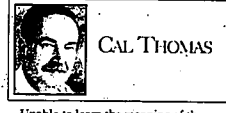
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'Moving finger' points right at Clinton

Commenting on the impeachment proceedings last Friday, President Clinton invoked the words of the Persian poet Omar Khayyam...



presidency were his by right? Offered ample opportunities to humble himself, Clinton used his "contrition" as just one of several strategies to preserve himself...

Unable to learn the meaning of the message from his enchanters, astrologers and diviners, the king summoned Daniel... Belshazzar's reign ended that very night...

The poem cited by President Clinton as worthy of his and our consideration contains a deeper and far more important message for him... He has flouted the law and behaved as if the

Cal Thomas is a Los Angeles Times columnist.

Beginning in verse five, the record says: "Suddenly the fingers of a human hand appeared and wrote on the plaster of the wall... The king watched the hand as it wrote... He was so frightened that his knees knocked together and his legs gave way."

Mimico Renaissance denies kids

Regarding the Mimico Renaissance: I'm writing to you to hope that you can print something to help change the school's mind about how the Renaissance program works...

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LETTERS

I talked to other students that feel this is unfair, too. Even the principal said there has been a bunch of kids that have come to him with the same problem.

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Innocent before proven guilty: Hurry for Charles Packham. It's about time we stop tracking and punishing the innocent in an effort to catch the guilty.

Reader relates to recent report: Your recent article, "High desert is a region of the mind," might as well have been written by me. It expresses my

thoughts and passions for this area exactly. "Hey, man! I relate!"

I grew up in Jerome and went to high school at Richfield.

It was during those teen years in Richfield that I learned to love the desert and seek it in a canyon, hiking, I would spend hours wandering the sage searching for Indian artifacts but mainly just searching for myself and "walking to myself" and catching up on what I am thinking.

My wife and I recently returned to this area after living in east Texas for 16 years and feeling like a tourist the whole time (there is very little public "noise" land on which to roam in east Texas).

Since returning, I have spent many hours walking along the north rim above Shoshone Falls, exploring Devil's Corral, driving the desert roads, watching wildlife in the canyon, hiking in the South Hills (dike mounting my perspectives from the Pike Mountain Lookout) and backpacking Jarbidge.

I appreciate this area now more than ever before.

This is my home. I came (back) to where I was supposed to be. Thanks for your thoughtful and well written articles.

A fellow high desert affectionado, TRACY HANSEN Twin Falls

Doonesbury



By Garry Trudeau

Mallard Fillmore



By Bruce Tinsley





# Dry winter browns Christmas

## Midwest, East hit by abnormal weather patterns

CHICAGO (AP) — Unseasonably warm weather from the Midwest to the East Coast is turning dreams of a white Christmas brown. Wreaths and garlands around Chicago are drying up. Christmas trees are drooping needles pale, and greenery remains woefully sparse. "Get in snow, let it snow, let it snow!"

"The weather's not doing any good, that's for sure," said Bert Holman, whose business has been suffering in the Chicago area. Since Thanksgiving there's been little or no precipitation in much of the Midwest and Northeast.

Temperatures have climbed all the way to the 70s in some spots of Illinois — 30 degrees above normal. On Monday the thermometer approached 60, still well above normal, and was expected to remain higher than usual at least for the early part of the week.

In the East it was the same. Some reasonable cold weather did arrive Monday, but it was expected to give way to balmy temperatures Tuesday.

"I've been doing this for 38 years and this is the warmest most-arrived I've ever seen," said Edward Sciklar of the 4 Science Garden Center in Shippensburg, Pa.

On recent 75-degree days outside the top of the Douglas fir at his eastern Pennsylvania center, he said.

"It's just something that Mother Nature has been doing to us," Sciklar lamented.

Along the East Coast, downtown shopping districts, workers were busy replacing steel-reinforced evergreen heights decorating sidewalk planters.

Along North Wells Street, where Victorian-style architecture and black iron lampposts evoke a Dickensian holiday spirit, pine needles wrapped around the poles looked as if they'd been there since the Fourth of July.

"There's a slight greenish pallid," acknowledged Donald Dandalo, owner of the Judge Pottery store.



A Chicagoan jogs past dried and damaged Christmas decorations on Chicago's North Side. Unseasonably dry and warm weather in the city has caused much of the holiday greenery hung and strung around Chicago to turn brown and drop needles much earlier than expected.

But not everyone was complaining. "Let 'em come, I'm just enjoying the weather," said Phillip Everett, manager of a coffee shop across the street. A few Christmas trees situated last weekend for weeks, said Edward Gentes, a forestry professor at the University of Wisconsin in Madison. But many trees were cut well before Thanksgiving, and this year's unseasonably warm weather has given them plenty of time to dry out, he said.

Chicagoans Scott and Traci Fries found that out the hard way. They bought a green-looked tree at a lot, but when they unboxed it at home "the whole inside of the tree was like brown and dead," said Mrs. Fries, 25, an office manager. Her thoroughly distraught husband pulled off the dead parts, but fears the tree won't last until Christmas. "It goes like this, Curie's ornaments cutting one's tree. The National Christmas Association, a St. Louis-based trade

group for cut-your-own farms, says 40 percent of its members report sales are up this year. One piece of advice for buyers: Find out whether sellers have been naughty or nice to their trees. Proper watering is the key to tree survival. While Mother Nature usually lets Northern retailers off the hook by providing a cool, moist climate, the sellers may have to take a few pointers from Texas or Florida, where trees are shaded with cloth and routinely watered.

# Can scientists bypass morals of cell research?

The Washington Post

Having already stirred bioethical controversy by fusing a human cell and a cow cell to create something resembling a hybrid embryo, scientists at a small biotechnology company in Massachusetts are again fomenting debate by proposing to create purposefully disabled embryonic entities.

The goal is to create a developing mass of mostly human cells that's crippled enough to prevent its development into a person, yet healthy enough during the first week of existence to produce the crucial "stem cells" that scientists want to collect.

Company officials and other experts said they believe the approach may allow researchers to get around the emotional debate over the ethics of conducting research on human embryos since the fatally flawed creations might be seen as standard laboratory-grown cells rather than as potential humans.

But strategy raises a serious ethical problem by making defective, mostly human embryos that are doomed to die soon after their creation.

"On the one hand you could say these types of cells are okay because they could never grow into a person, but others could say you're generating lethal mutations," said an official at the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy, speaking on the condition of anonymity.

The dilemma is part of an expanding controversy over the definition of "human," and in particular the definition of "human embryo" in an era when labels have become easy to combine genes from different species and when embryos and embryo-like entities can be made in a lab.

Michael West, president of Worcester-based Advanced Cell Technology (ACT), said he believed his approach would allow researchers to get around research to go forward not only at his privately financed company but also at federally funded laboratories, which are precluded by Congress from conducting human embryo research.

To ensure that the entities he's creating cannot be considered "human," West says he's mutating the cells in advance. The trick, he said, will be to do

## Looking for an ethical path to growing human spare parts

Scientists are considering various ways of engineering human "preembryos" that have no potential to develop fully into a baby but would still produce a supply of stem cells, which could be harvested and used in new medical treatments.

One possible scenario:  
1. A single cell is removed from a patient and grown in a laboratory dish.  
2. One or more genes crucial to placenta formation are disrupted.  
3. The patient's cell is fused to an egg cell whose DNA has been removed, promoting cell division.  
4. An embryo-like mass of cells develops but lacks a trophoblast, the part of an embryo that turns into a placenta. An ethical question arises: Since it can't survive, is this a human embryo?  
5. Stem cells, all of which are genetically identical to the patient's, are removed and grown into heart, nerve, bone or other replacement tissues for transplantation into patient.

—Source: The Washington Post

just enough damage to preclude the cells from developing into a viable being, but not so much as to interfere with the growing of stem cells, which he hopes to harvest.

Stem cells are primitive, embryonic cells that do not yet become specialized into heart cells, brain cells or other kinds of cells. Scientists see them as a raw material from which they may grow replacement tissues in laboratory dishes, for transplantation into patients with diseases such as Parkinson's and Alzheimer's.

"We believe there are ways that technology could be engineered so as to eliminate the possibility of these (embryo-like entities) becoming a human being," West said.

West's approach to getting stem cells is to combine a human skin cell and a cow's egg from which many DNA's has been removed. The result is an expanding mass of cells that resembles an embryo and seems to contain the stem cells he wants. But no one knows whether that meets the technical definition of an embryo.

# Campaign fund-raiser buys 5 years of probation for gifts

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Johnny Chung, a fund-raiser who made nearly \$300,000 in illegal contributions to Democratic causes, was sentenced Monday to five years probation by a federal judge.

Chung was also ordered to do 3,000 hours of community service during the five-year period and to file a report to his probation officer every 30 days.

Chung pleaded guilty with U.S. District Judge Samuel R. Real for a "second chance" to be a good citizen.

The government prosecutor supported leniency for Chung, who has been cooperating with the government as part of this plea agreement.

After another reading of an unadvised letter from the DMC about Chung's improper contributions to the organization.

The letter appeared in a press-releasing position report to the judge.

Chung's lawyer and the judge agreed that the DMC letter provided the context as a victim.

The lawyer called it an attempt to portray his client as a public enemy.

The judge decided to link on grand jury transcripts before sentencing.

Chung, The Los Angeles Times reported at the time that the letter claimed Chung had sent the Democrats about the questionable donations.

It was also critical of Chung's role as a witness on the federal government investigation.

The letter reportedly subtly demanded the organization know any contributions were improper and intend implied Chung with avoidance of the DMC and advised the officials to file this campaign finance return.

Chung donated nearly \$400,000 to Democratic candidates and causes between 1994 and 1996. The money was returned after questions arose about its legality.

# Cops blitz streets to quell city's homicide rate

BALTIMORE (AP) — Police officers are being pulled from their desk jobs to flood the streets in a last-ditch bid to prevent the city's homicide rate from reaching 300 for the 11th straight year.

"Here's why you are here," Lt. Don Henly recently told 80 extra officers packed into a roll-call room. "We do not want another homicide in Baltimore city. Shut those (drug) corners down."

While crime has dropped in nearly every other category, Baltimore is still among the leaders nationwide in homicide.

"At a certain point, I think we have an obligation to do everything we can," Police Commissioner Thomas C. Frazer said.

"We can't stop the administrative side of the force permanently, but we can do it for 30 days."

Officers are being taken from desk jobs and placed on patrol to slow the homicide rate, which stood at 294 on Monday.

The Baltimore area had less than 300 killings was 1989. Last year, 312 people were killed in the city.

This year's rate works out to about 43 killings per 100,000 residents, a number only one city behind only Gary, Ind., New Orleans and Detroit.

New York, meanwhile, has seen killings drop from 2,245 in 1990 to 170 last year.

As of Dec. 5, 571 people had

been slain in New York, which tops the list by more than 100 to 80 per 100,000 residents.

Cities such as Los Angeles, Boston, Washington and Chicago are also showing declines.

The president of the police union, James J. O'Connell, said basing tactics on statistics have unintended effects, noting a recent scandal in Philadelphia where officers were accused of recording more crimes to make it appear safer.

# Woman gets life for killing pregnant teen, stealing the victim's unborn fetus

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. (AP) — A woman accused of being so obsessed with having a baby that she killed a pregnant teenager and sliced the fetus from her womb was sentenced Monday to life in prison without a chance of parole.

Felicita Scott's crime was "heinous, atrocious, cruel and premeditated," said Circuit Judge Gay Lake Jr., but he followed the jury's recommendation over the prosecution's plea for a sentence of death in Alabama's electric chair.

Mrs. Scott, convicted in September, maintains she is innocent and showed no emotion as she was sentenced.

Mrs. Scott, 31, was convicted of killing 17-year-old Caroletha Curry with two bullets to the head and performing a crude Cesarean section to remove Miss Curry's baby girl, who she then represented as her own child. The girl is now 2 1/2 and lives with her father.



Felicia Scott received a life sentence Monday for killing a pregnant 17-year-old friend and slicing the unborn fetus from her womb.

and befriended Miss Curry once she learned the teen was pregnant.

The two went out for pizza on Jan. 31, 1996. Then, prosecutors said, Mrs. Scott shot Miss Curry at her apartment, cut out the baby, stuffed the young woman's body in a plastic garbage can and dumped it in a ravine.

Miss Curry's mother said Mrs. Scott deserved the death penalty.

"She not only took my daughter, she took my grandbaby from me. I will never be able to forgive her," said Carolyn O'Neal.

Lake said he decided against the death penalty because of jury's unanimous recommendation and Mrs. Scott's record, which included only one misdemeanor arrest.

In a separate trial, Mrs. Scott's boyfriend, Frederick Pallen, was convicted of kidnapping Miss Curry but acquitted of capital murder. He was sentenced to 20 years in prison and remains free on bond.

# Weather hinders astronauts' return

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Still angry over their space station handiwork, Endeavour's astronauts were in a holiday mood Monday as they packed for the trip home.

"We're feeling terrific," Nancy Currie radioed down. "We are ready to start packing and coming home to see our families just in time for Christmas. Can't be more pleased with the way the mission's gone."

Space shuttle Endeavour is scheduled to land at Kennedy Space Center late Tuesday, nearly 12 days after blasting off on NASA's first station-assembly mission. Cloudy skies could interfere.

Currie needs to get back fast — she has Christmas shopping to do.

"Considering we went into quarantine on Thanksgiving Day, I wasn't looking that far ahead," explained Currie, who has an 11-year-old daughter and a son.

With two toddlers at home, James Newman has more to buy, too, even though he was busy wrapping Christmas presents.

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Chung admitted in Monday that he made the illegal \$300,000 contribution to the 1996 Clinton-Gore re-election campaign.

Chung, a Taiwanese-born U.S. citizen, said the word "second chance" to fund the money and the return there.

Real, who had previously proposed the sentencing after receiving a letter from the Democratic National Committee, expressed his surprise at the committee's claim that it was victimized by Chung.

Real said that if the officials who wrote to him "didn't know what was going on, they are the dumbest politicians I've ever seen."

Chung had also pleaded guilty to charges involving an \$80,000 donation to the campaign in San Joaquin County, 20 miles east, and fraudulently obtaining a \$157,500 loan for his Arizona, Calif., home.

Chung could have been fined \$5 years in prison and \$2.45 million in fines.

Real delayed sentencing until

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SPORTSQUOTE

News: Karl Malone wants out, blames Utah media for making Karl Malone miserable.

Views: And the Utah media is sorry. I know he is: I talked to him.

—Bernie Lincione in a Chicago Tribune

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

Girls' high school basketball

- Bloss at Richfield
Cantu County at Carey
Gooding at Dicks
Wood River at Filer
Wendell at Olinia Ferry
Oakley at Hageman
Ruff River at Hansen
Shoshone at ISDI
Valley at Kimberly
TFCA at MVJHS

Boys' high school basketball

- Bloss at Richfield
Wood River at Filer
Cantu County at Carey
Gooding at Valley
Dexter at Kenah
Shoshone at ISDI
Highland at Lewis
Minior at Twin Falls
Murtugah at Valley Christian
Rockland at Ruff River

High school wrestling

- Bloss at Minior
Ruff River, Oakley, Minior at Gooding
Kimberly, Aberdeen at Twin Falls JV

Most junior varsity basketball games begin at 6 p.m. with the courtesy of television.

IN BRIEF

Dan Bernhard acers TF Municipal's No. 2

TWIN FALLS — Dan Bernhard used a pitching wedge on the 172-yard second hole at Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course Sunday for a hole-in-one.

Oranges have arrived for TF baseball fundraiser

TWIN FALLS — Anyone who didn't pick up his/her oranges from the Twin Falls baseball program should call Mike Federico at 735-8310 or Nick Baumert at 733-4978.

Kimberly cager program takes registrations

KIMBERLY — Kimberly Youth Association (KYA) basketball program signups are being held at any school office or at Persons IGA Saturday between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Burley girls Jazzball invites new members for season

BURLEY — Girls' Jazzball registration will be accepted through Jan. 2 for basketball games Jan. 4-March 20 at the Racqueteurs health and Fitness Club, 1150 E. 16th St.

Stampede's Cartwright gets CBA player of week award

BOISE — Idaho Stampede center Phil Cartwright scored 85 points in Idaho's three wins last week and was named the CBA National Conference Player of the Week for the period ending Dec. 13.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

Niners tame Lions 35-13

Win keeps NFC West tide up for grabs

The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Garrison Hearst and the San Francisco 49ers never gave Barry Sanders a chance to get started.

Hearst threw for a career-record 138 yards and Steve Young threw for one score and ran for another as the 49ers beat the Detroit Lions 35-13 Monday night.

"We played against the best running back and we stopped him tonight," said Hearst, who handed the game ball to his father in the stands after the game. "I did good, but Barry's the man."

The victory was the 49ers' 16th straight regular season win at home, their second dominating game on Monday night in three weeks and kept the Niners (11-3) a game behind Atlanta in the NFC West with two games remaining.

Sanders went nowhere against a San Francisco defense, playing inspired but a week after giving up a season-high 203 yards rushing in a 31-28 overtime win at Carolina in his first game without star tackle Bryant Young, out for the year with a broken right leg.

"I think the statement was made up front," Hearst said. "We're missing key player in B.Y., and those guys came to play tonight."

San Francisco hardly need its league-leading passing attack, scoring a team record with 328 rushing yards. Young was just 12-of-18 for 82 yards.

"We didn't throw the ball nearly as much as we usually do, but we didn't need to. We had a big man," Young said, pointing to Hearst.

"The guys up front took care of me," said Hearst, who refers to his linemen as his "babies."

"It's a little different style for the West Coast system," added 49ers coach Steve Mariucci said. "It was going for us and we were trying to wear them down and we were getting yards on every pop



San Francisco 49ers quarterback Steve Young is tackled by Detroit Lions cornerback Kevin Abrams on a 17-yard run that set up the 49ers touchdown in the first quarter Monday at San Francisco's 3Com Park.

so we just stayed with it." Detroit (5-9) was eliminated from playoff contention with the loss and the Lions also lost quarterback Charlie Batch in the second quarter. He went out with a lower back injury after being sacked by Chris Doleman and Brentson Buckner and was replaced by Frank Reich.

"He got hit in the back and he couldn't straighten up," Detroit coach Bobby Ross said. "X-rays don't show anything but we'll put him in a back brace."

Sanders, who rushed for 175 yards in his last meeting against San Francisco

two years ago, was held to 28 yards on 14 carries. He had averaged 102 yards coming into the game.

"All year long we've lost games and played below our abilities. Maybe we're not that good," Sanders said. "We put together some good drives but for what-

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Reeves endures quadruple bypass

Falcons coach complained of 'burning' feeling in his chest and throat

The Associated Press

ATLANTA — Dan Reeves, the NFL's winningest active coach who has the Atlanta Falcons on the brink of the best record in franchise history, had quadruple bypass surgery Monday and probably will miss the rest of the regular season.

The 54-year-old coach is expected to be discharged Friday and recover in time for the playoffs.

Reeves, who had less serious heart problems in 1990 and '91, checked into Piedmont Hospital a day after feeling ill during a 27-17 victory over the New Orleans Saints, which gave the Falcons their franchise-tying 12th victory.

Rich Brooks, the defensive coordinator

and assistant head coach, will be the interim head coach for Sunday's game at Detroit. Tears welled in his eyes when he spoke of Reeves' importance to the NFC West-leading Falcons (12-2), who have only five playoff appearances in 32 years before this season.

"We're talking about a guy who has meant everything to this organization," Brooks said. "It's just been a remarkable turnaround. And the one rock-solid, steady ingredient is Dan Reeves."

A team physician, Dr. Charles Harrison, stressed that Reeves did not have a heart attack and there was no permanent damage to the organ.

Harrison said the high-stress world of coaching may have contributed to Reeves' condition. NFL coaches Bill



Dan Reeves

Parcells and Mike Ditka also have experienced heart problems.

Reeves could oversee some preparations for the final regular-season game against Miami on Dec. 27 before resuming normal duties in the playoffs.

"We're very optimistic," said Dr. James Kauten, who performed the four-hour operation. "The function of the heart is normal, he's a strong man and we think he's going to do very well long-term."

Reeves, who had been feeling some discomfort the past several weeks, pulled Harrison aside in the locker room just minutes after the victory in New Orleans.

He told the doctor of a burning sensation in his chest and throat — symptoms similar to those Reeves experienced before he underwent two, less obstructive procedures to clear heart blockage in 1990 and 1991 while coaching Denver.

Reeves took two aspirin, flew back to Atlanta with the team, then checked into the hospital at 6:30 a.m. Monday.

Little joy at NBA Christmas bash

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — The NBA instituted another lockout of sorts Monday, closing its official store to the public for almost four hours so it could hold its annual Christmas party.

Commissioner David Stern attended, but there was little to celebrate as the lockout timed more games, threatened more jobs and was about to cost the players another paycheck.

The league said more than 100 employees have left the NBA office since the lockout began, cutting the staff to about 750.

Spokesman Brian McIntyre said all the workers left voluntarily, and Stern said some of the remaining employees could face layoffs if the season is cancelled.

However, a handful of players and payroll freeze since July 1, and Stern has not been drawing his salary.

"We're still hoping to make a deal, so we haven't contemplated that yet. But obviously that would affect the season dramatically," Stern said.

"Right now, we're 125 percent reduced from where we were in June through attrition and the elimination of part-time work and the like," Stern said. "We're achieving very successful cutbacks without mandating layoffs."

"Today also will be the third missed payday for the players.

A constant throng of holiday shoppers stopped outside the new NBA Store on Fifth Avenue, but they were turned away by a pair of league employees standing guard at the door.

The store, which sells a variety of basketball merchandise, was closed to the public from 2:15 p.m. until about 6 p.m. for the NBA office party.

"I was going to buy a shirt for my son, but I can't because they are closed," said Robert Gambardella, an electrician from Staten Island.

Day 167

A look at the NBA lockout through Monday

- Total games missed: 5430
□ Earliest estimated start date: Jan. 15
□ Negotiations: Nothing scheduled.
□ Projected player salary losses: \$430 million
□ Monday's best capped game: Indiana at New Jersey, 8:30 p.m. MSG, Reggie Miller's Pacers go up against the reigning Nets and Kelly Van Horn.

ment elsewhere.

"No. Not at all," said employee Johnnie Banks. "I'm not worried."

There are no scheduled talks between the league and the union. The two sides met Saturday for less than 30 minutes, one of their shortest meetings of the 172-month-old dispute.

Clemens talks fall through

No deal expected at winter meetings either

The Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — No deal Monday for Roger Clemens. And, now, none expected at the winter meetings.

On a day when Heisman Trophy winner Ricky Williams seemed headed to the Texas Rangers — through Montreal, that is — trade talks for another former University of Texas star athlete stalled.

Clemens was still a member of the Blue Jays and, with up to nine teams chasing the five-time Cy Young winner, it looked as if Toronto would leave town without making a trade.

"There's no chance it will happen here," Clemens' agent, Randy Hendricks, promised.

There were a few deals, though none of them major. And on one day left in the five-day session, Kevin Brown's signing with Los Angeles remained the only big move.

The New York Mets traded outfielder Butch Huskey to Seattle. St. Louis sent pitcher Mark Petkovsek to Anaheim, and Minnesota moved outfielder Alex Ochoa to Milwaukee.

A couple of free-agent catchers found new homes — Bill Haselman with Detroit and Chad Kreuter with Kansas City.

Plus, Williams was picked by the Expos in the Rule 5 draft for players left off 40-man rosters. Williams hit .283 in Class A for Philadelphia last season, and Montreal was on the verge of trading the outfielder-running back to Texas.

As for trade rumors, Seattle's David Segui, San Diego's Randy Myers and Pittsburgh's Jon Lieber remained possibilities.

The New York Yankees, Houston and Cleveland remained at the top of the list of teams pursuing Clemens, with Texas, Colorado and the Mets also in the mix.

As is often the case, the World Series champion Yankees remained a wild the party, so an agreement will have to wait at least one more day.

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SPORTS

Niners

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Overseas, we'll get the ball in the red and we'd have some problems.
Hears had 127 yards by half-time, ripped off key gains in each of San Francisco's five scoring drives. He had a 5-yard scoring run in the first quarter.
Terry Kirby had a 1-yard touchdown run and Terrell

Owens caught a 1-yard pass for a score from Young, putting San Francisco up 21-0 at the half.
Young ran for 66 yards, including a 5-yard TD run with 5:46 remaining in the third period and Kirby added a 31-yarder in the closing minutes.
Reich, who engineered the NFL's biggest comeback ever in 1992, didn't come close to duplicating the feat against the 49ers.

Baseball

Continued from B1.
Club Owner George Steinbrenner likes Clemens, but has not indicated whether he wants to give up the necessary players and cash to complete a trade.
In the end, when decisions have to be made, we'll make a recommendation and he'll decide one way or another," Yankees GM Brian Cashman said.
"Sometimes he listens, sometimes he doesn't."
The Mets, already one of the majors' most active teams this winter, sent Haskes to Seattle for minor-league pitcher Levi Rea.
Huskey, 27, hit .252 with 13 home runs and 59 RBIs last season.
He has been slowed by an injured knee, on which he had surgery in October.
I was prepared for this, but it's still a shock," said Huskey, who joined the Mets organization in 1990. "They made a decision and I was the odd man out."

Huskey will play right field for the Mariners and take the place of Jay Buhner, moving to first base because of a surgically repaired elbow.
Rea, a 20-year-old right-hander, was 3-4 with 12 saves and 2.76 ERA in 49 games for Class A Wiscara in the Midwest League. He struck out 86 in 59 2/3 innings.
The Florida Marlins sent shortstop Edgar Renteria to St. Louis for three minor leaguers, leaving the team with just four players from their 25-man roster that won the 1997 World Series.
Renteria ended the '97 Series with a two-out single off Cleveland's Charles Nagy in the bottom of the 11th inning of Game 7, giving Florida a 3-2 victory.
Renteria, 23, hit .282 with three home runs and 31 RBIs, and also led 41 bases. He fills the void created July 21, when the Cardinals sent shortstop Royce Clayton to Texas.

No. 8 'Cats roll over UC-Irvine

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — Eighth-ranked Arizona finally won a laugh, even if coach Lute Olson wasn't smiling much.
Jason Terry had 21 points, nine assists and five steals, and freshman Michael Wright had 15 points and 13 rebounds Monday night as Arizona rebounded unbeaten with a 93-70 rout of California.
Another freshman, Richard Jefferson, added 13 points, including three of four 3-pointers, for the Wildcats (5-0), off to their best start in three seasons.
But Olson was concerned about the open 3-pointers the Wildcats gave up. Cal-Irvine made 12 of 29 3-pointers, and he thought his young players had too many defensive breakdowns. He's growing a little frustrated at how the team's freshmen keep making the same mistakes over and over.
"We made a lot of freshmen mistakes in terms of trying to handle some screen situations," Olson said. "They did a nice job of doing some double screens, and some of our freshmen tried to go through the doubles, which maybe you can get away with in high school."
A.J. Brandt added 11 points for Arizona.

Texan crowned world rodeo king

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Ty Murray now stands by himself as rodeo's top cowboy.

Results - Scores and Stats

Murray won a record seventh world all-around title Sunday at the \$4.5 million National Finals Rodeo, breaking the previous record of six by legendary cowboys Larry Mahan and Tom Ferguson.
Murray, of Stephenville, Texas, also won his second bull riding world championship with his 79 score on Hardy Copy. The 775 placed him fifth in the NFR average but earned him first in the NFR average and gave him \$142,250 in season earnings. Denny McClanahan of Camarillo, Texas, won the final all-around with a 74 score.
"Ty Murray won the best ride I've ever made, but I've never cried harder," Games said.
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have done them again."
Mike Miller of Round Rock, La., clinched the world steer wrestling title fourth in the final go-round and moved him to first in the NFR average. He earned \$75,249 at the NFR to raise his season earnings to a record \$161,862. Tommy Cook of Hockley, Texas, won the final go-round in 3.66 seconds.
In calf roping, Cody Ohl of Stephenville, Texas, had already clinched the world championship and finished the NFR with a fifth-place 8.1 second run. He earned \$99,081 at the NFR and \$222,794 on the season. Joe Beaver of Huntsville, Texas, won the final go-round with a 7.5 second run.
"It was as tough as it was last year," said Ohl, who also won last year's world title. "The calves weren't as good as they were last year but the competition is always tough. Everybody out there can really rope or they wouldn't be here."
In team roping, Speed Williams became the world champion header and Rich Skelton the champion heeler with a small round run of 5.1 seconds, good for fourth in the round. The pair finished eighth in the NFR average. Williams, of Jacksonville, Fla., finished with \$128,471 in season earnings while Skelton, of Llano, Texas, had \$127,646. Jip Tucker of Sallisaw, Okla., and Trevor Brazile of Houston, Texas, won the final go-round with a 4.3 second run.

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Murtaugh wins at buzzer

The Times-News
TWIN FALLS - The visiting Murtaugh junior varsity squad hit a shot at the final buzzer...

Jordan finished with 12 points, and led all scorers along with Murtaugh's Stevie Tolman. The Warriors (24) play again today at Magic Valley Christian High School.

Castleford 39, Buhl JV 28

CASTLEFORD - Jacklyn Burgess had both of Castleford's 3-pointers as the Wolves took the 12th title game and beat the Buhl junior varsity basketball team 39-28 Monday.

Kansas State's Snyder named AP college coach of the year

NEW YORK (AP) - Bill Snyder never wavered in his philosophy of getting a little better every day in his 10th season at Kansas State, the Wildcats came close to perfection. But a crushing, double-overtime loss to Texas A&M in the Big 12 title game ended K-State's national championship hopes and stunned even the soft-spoken Snyder.

High school basketball

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MVCHS at ISDB No report

BOYS ISDB 43, MVCHS 26
CODDING - Raptor Chad Robles scored 15 points and Russell Curry added 12 as ISDB won a boys' basketball home match 43-26 over Magic Valley Christian High School Monday night.

It was pretty close up to the fourth quarter, said ISDB coach Lynn Krueger. They just started shooting a little off and we started shooting a little better. ISDB (3-3) hosts Shoshone today.

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Coach of the Year Voting

Table with 2 columns: Name and Points. Bill Snyder, Kansas St. 37; Phillip Fulmer, Tennessee 35; Tommy Bowden, Tulane 29; Houston Nutt, Arkansas 24; Gary Amon, Wisconsin 17; Bob Toledo, UCLA 14; Mike Bellotti, Oregon 13; Mack Brown, Texas 12; John Cooper, Ohio St. 11; Steve Spurrier, Florida 10; Dick Toyney, Arizona 9; Joe Paterno, Penn St. 8; Mike Riley, Oregon St. 7; Terry Shea, Rutgers 6.

jumped to 92-21, including a 32-27 win over Wyoming at the Copper Bowl, K-State's first bowl game.



Snyder was always confident he could turn around college football's biggest losses. After going 1-10 in his first season in 1989, the winning began. By 1991, K-State was 7-4 and, by '93 the record

SPORTS IN BRIEF

BYU, Wyoming players earn WAC honors

BYU - Brigham Young University's Nathan Cooper, who scored 26 points in three games, and Wyoming center Ego Okereke, who scored 10 points in two games, were named the Western Athletic Conference's national players of the week Monday.

Utah State won the Mountain Division honor, as a sophomore from Astoria, Wisniewski. He scored 36 points and grabbed 11 rebounds, ending the 41-point win against Colorado, in which he topped the game winner. He scored 31 points and had 17 rebounds in his victory, North Texas.

Panthers suspend linebacker 1 game, no pay

CHARLOTTE, N.C. - The Carolina Panthers suspended Steve Greene for one game without pay Monday for an alleged altercation on the sidelines during the team's loss to the Washington Redskins.

Las Vegas could get 2nd Winston Cup race
LAS VEGAS - A second NASCAR Winston Cup race could be in the planning stages before the end of the season.

Dilaggin on the mend, talks football
SHILOH, W.V. - Joe Dilaggin felt good enough Monday to sit up in bed and talk football with his lawyer, another step in the recuperative process from a coma that had left him near death.

IOC removes creatine from banned list
LAUSANNE, Switzerland - Creatine is a food, and won't be added to the IOC's list of banned drugs, the committee's top doping expert said Monday.

WBC, WBA call cops for Roy Jones Jr.

NEW YORK (AP) - For Roy Jones Jr.'s next fight, they've called a cop. It's Rick Frazier, a 39-year-old New York City policeman, who will challenge Jones for the WBC-WBA light heavyweight titles Jan. 9 at the champion's hometown of Pensacola, Fla.

Frazier said Monday he won't be bothered by fighting before a hostile crowd or by being a decided underdog.

Look, I'm a cop - the most hated profession in the world," said Frazier, a 17-year veteran of the force, stationed in Harlem, where he was born. I know the writers and other people don't have much hope for me, but I have hope in myself," he said.

Mosley was to have defended against Justin Rossell of Australia, who was 27-0-1 until this past weekend. Then he got knocked out in the sixth round by Lovemore Ndu of South Africa in Australia. A new challenger to Mosley is expected to be announced this week.

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Iowa enters poll with win over KU; women stay put

IOWA CITY, Iowa (AP) - Iowa coach Tom Davis knew all along it would take a streak victory to get his basketball team in the Top 25. When the Hawkeyes beat Kansas to end the Jayhawks' 62-game winning streak at home, they got that victory.

College basketball

College basketball
an average of 37 points. Kentucky (9-1), the defending national champion, beat Maryland (10-1) 103-91 in a much-maligned matchup at Rupp Arena, Cincinnati (6-0), which handed Duke its only loss, had the only other first-place vote.

Iowa has won five straight since losing to Creighton. The Hawkeyes were ranked all last season, getting as high as No. 10, before falling out in early February. Davis is in his 13th year at Iowa and won't return after this season because the university did not renew his contract. He has kept the final year talk to a minimum, however, and is instead enjoying what he thinks is his deepest team ever.

top 8 teams unchanged in women's AP poll
Connecticut led a top eight that stayed the same and Anna Clara made her first appearance over Monday in The Associated Press women's basketball poll. After beating Notre Dame and St. John's by an average of 32 points, Connecticut (18-0) received 38 of 41 first-place votes from a national media panel to lead the poll for the fourth straight week.

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Peasas

GOOD MORNING... WOULD YOU LIKE TO BUY A HAND-DRAWN PICTURE OF SANTA CLAUS?



SLAM!



I ASSUME FROM YOUR RESPONSE THAT YOU'RE NOT INTERESTED...



By Charles M. Schulz

Diabet

I WILL NOW USE MY POWER OF CUTE EARS TO ABUSE THE BANKING INDUSTRY.



I'D LIKE TO MAKE A LARGE WITHDRAWAL FROM OTHER PEOPLE'S ACCOUNTS.



IT WAS FUNNY WHEN I MADE HER COUNT IT TWICE.



By Scott Adams

B.C.

THE DATE CHICK HAS MOVED WE UP A NOTCH ON HER DESIRABILITY LIST!



NO KIDDING?



SHE SAYS I'M NOW NEXT TO THE LAST GUY ON EARTH SHE'D GO OUT WITH.



By Johnny Hart

Karpis

I SAW A REAL CUTE GIRL AT THE MALL STANDING UNDER MISTLETOE, SO I KISSED HER



BUT IT WAS A MANNQUIN



DID YOU KNOW THEIR HEADS POP RIGHT OFF?



By Jim Davis

Hi and Lo

I THOUGHT YOU HATED HATED FISH...



NOT THE WAY DAD MAKES IT!



'CHOCOLATE-CHIP ENCRUSTED HALIBUT?'



By Chance Browne

The Wizard of Id

HOW MUCH RED WINE HAVE YOU BEEN DRINKING?



JUST A LITTLE, WHY?



YOU HAVE A CHOLESTEROL DEFICIENCY



By Brant Parker & Johnny Hart

Hugh the Horrible

HI, HAGAR... HOW'S YOUR DIET GOING?



IT ALREADY WENT



By Chris Browne

Sheila Galley

'WHISKEY HAS BEEN THE SPRING SHAILE HAARSHAP IS THE SECRET OF THE WHISKEY'S UNIQUE LIGHTNESS.



'THE WATER RUNS OVER QUARTZITE AND HEATER TO THE DISTILLERY...'



ARE YOU COMING TO BED?



By Mort Walker

Frank and Ernest



By Bob Thaves

The Born Loser

WOULD YOU LIKE MILK AND CEREAL FOR BREAKFAST, BEAST?



ACTUALLY, I'LL JUST TAKE SOME ASPIRIN WITH THE MILK...



IT'S GOING TO BE ANOTHER ONE OF THOSE DAYS!

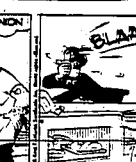


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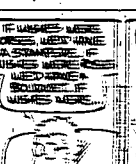
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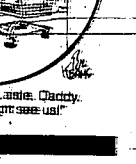
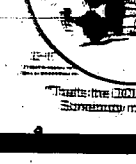
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## AROUND THE VALLEY

### Early-morning fires burn TF motel, house

TWIN FALLS - Two fires early Monday morning damaged a motel and a house in the Twin Falls area.

One fire started in a room of the Dunes Motel, 447 Addison Ave. W. and spread to a bordering room before Twin Falls city firefighters could control it, Battalion Chief Bill Whitney said.

The fire, which started in a heater at around 3:15 a.m., destroyed the room's furniture and part of the room next door, he said. Damage was estimated at \$25,000, and no one was hurt.

The house fire started at around 1:30 a.m. at 2694 E. 3200 N., about a mile southwest of Jostin Field, Magic Valley Regional Airport.

The home's residents awoke to find the adjoining garage engulfed in flames. By the time Salmon Truck firefighters arrived the fire had spread to the house, Chief Rod Davis said.

The fire, which started in the garage, destroyed the garage and damaged four rooms. The rest of the house was damaged by smoke and water, he said.

### 2-day multi-agency drug operation nets 8 arrests

TWIN FALLS - A two-day drug operation by law enforcement agencies in the Magic Valley last week, the project's coordinator said.

Twin Falls police and sheriff's deputies were joined by the FBI, Idaho State Patrol and Idaho State Police in the operation, which focused on catching drug dealers along U.S. Highway 93, Twin Falls County Sheriff's Deputy Scott Brown said.

Highway 93 is a "major pipeline for narcotics, and we're just trying to get a handle on it," he said.

Most of the arrests were on charges of possession of drugs or paraphernalia, and the ISP found two pounds of marijuana in one car search. Two Boise men were charged with marijuana trafficking.

Up to 15 marked and unmarked police cars patrolled the highway from the Nevada border to U.S. Highway 30 Thursday and Friday night through Saturday afternoon and asked to search cars, Montgomery said.

Most people supported the operation, he said.

He said he has the works for similar patrols in the future, he said.

### Halley planners will meet tonight for public hearing

HAILEY - A regular meeting of the Halley Planning and Zoning Commission will begin at 7 p.m. today at the Hailey Town Center.

Public hearings include the following:

- An application from the Blaine County Recreation District for a conditional-use permit allowing the operation and regulating the use of snowmobiles on the Idaho Transportation Department right of way through Hailey.
- An application from Rene Bina for design review approval for a gas station, convenience store and restaurant at 701 N. Main. The proposed development includes a 4,000-square-foot convenience store and restaurant and a 3,800-square-foot canopy over five gas pump islands. The property is in the business district.

### Jerome School Board will discuss test results

JEROME - The Jerome School Board will meet at 6:30 p.m. today at the Jerome Public Library. The meeting will be taped in its entirety for the record.

An executive session for student concerns is first on the agenda. Agenda items include an update on gifted and talented training, preliminary standardized test results and a report on the Advanced Regional Technical Education Center.

Continuing business focuses on the bond issue election progress. An executive session to discuss personal issues will conclude the meeting.

The Citizens for Better Schools Committee will meet at 5:30 p.m. in the vo-ag building at the high school.

Compiled from staff reports

## RESTAURANT CLOSES ITS DOORS



Kerry Kawamoto, owner of George K's on Kimberly Road, will be closing his restaurant after 46 years of business in Twin Falls.

# George K's clears tables 1 last time

By Pat Marcantonio,  
Times-News writer

We have had real loyal customers and real loyal friends. Our employees have been wonderful," Kawamoto said. "It's been one hell of a ride."

The closure will not affect the George K's in Burley. That operation was sold by the family a few years ago.

Ironically, the family who made a business of welcoming the public didn't have a good welcome to the Magic Valley. Kawamoto's parents, Kay and Mary, who are Japanese-American, were transported to Idaho from their homes in Oregon and Washington right after Pearl Harbor during the 1940s. They were imprisoned at the Hunt relocation camp near Eden. Kay and Mary met at the camp and remained in Idaho, Kawamoto said.

In 1952, they started Kay's Rice Bowl near the corner of the Blue Lakes Boulevard South and Kimberly Road. It was one of the first Chinese restaurants in the area. When the building burned in 1956, they built K's Supper Club on Addison Avenue West. That is now the site of the Rock Creek Restaurant.

In 1970, the family moved the business to the site of the

Prescho Sports Bar on Kimberly Road, Kawamoto said. Then, it was the family-owned Brandley Restaurant.

He and his uncle, George Kawamoto, built the present location in 1976 - hence, the name, George K's.

In the 1950s, the business was one of the few Chinese restaurants. But in the 1980s, George K's faced more competition from eateries.

Kawamoto said business after 7 p.m. had dropped within the last two years.

"But at the same time we've had a wonderful lunch crowd. And our early dinner business and take out has remained fairly stable," he said. "As an independent, we don't have the advertising budgets or the corporation headquarters to fall back on. ... Our biggest thing was I was ready for a change, and it was due to when you have a family-run business."

He and his wife, Ruthie, have grown children, but daughter Kara is a social worker in Vancouver and son, Cade, is studying landscape architecture at the University of Idaho, he said. So, there were no children willing to take on the business,

where he had worried about grade-school.

He plans to sell the building and also another in 1999.

"One of these, that can be home on weekends," Kawamoto said.

Over years, the restaurant has been the home to several community groups, such as the local chapter of Synagogue International, a business women's group, the Samaritans, have met there twice a month since 1973, said Don Wheeler, chapter president.

"They have been wonderful, accommodating people to work with," she said. The restaurant even paid attention to the dietary needs of some of their members. "The food was always good, and the price was more than reasonable."

The Mountain States Club was regularly at George K's for 10 years.

"It was a tremendous institution, an older institution and independent," club president, Ken Skon said. "and we're not very common."

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## Judge OKs doctor

### Murder suspect's defense attorney wants to employ psychiatrist in case

By Mark Heinz,  
Times-News writer

JEROME - Hoping to yank out a cornerstone of the prosecution's case against murder suspect Jimmie Varel Thomas, a defense attorney said he wants a psychiatrist to testify about Thomas' supposed confession.

During Thomas' trial, prosecutors plan to introduce videotape and apparently shows Thomas confessing to detectives that he killed Edwena-resident Steven Louder, 33, defense attorney Lynn Dunlap said during a pre-trial motion hearing Monday.

Jerome County Prosecutor John Lutspeich is seeking the death penalty against Thomas, 33, who is scheduled to go on trial in March 1999.

Dunlap said it will cost about \$2,000 to hire a psychiatrist. The doctor could counter the state's evidence by testifying that psychiatric pressure is commonly experienced by people under police interrogation might have prompted a false confession from Thomas.

"Specifically, Thomas might have been trying to protect a person or people close to him when detectives interviewed him, Dunlap said.

Lutspeich argued that a doctor's testimony would prove only that common mental pressures might have been at work during the interview. Such testimony could not prove that Thomas lied to detectives about Louder's death, Lutspeich said.

District Judge Barry Wood said there is no proof Thomas said anything under duress, and he honored Dunlap's request because Dunlap said he's uncovered inconsistencies in Thomas' statements to police.

Thomas told detectives that he and Louder struggled on and around a dining room table in the Hunt Road house where Louder was killed, but Crime Lab scene investigators found nothing out of place on the table or in the room.

Thomas told police he shot Louder twice, but a forensic witness Louder was hit with at least four handgun slugs, Dunlap said.

In other action related to the case, prosecutors might be under the court this week. A cover sheet will remain recipients that they will essentially be under oath while filling out the questionnaires. Meanwhile, Wood hasn't ruled on Dunlap's motion for a change of venue for the trial, Dunlap has claimed Thomas can't get a fair trial in Jerome because of intense local news coverage of the case.

Times-News staff writer Mark Heinz covers the North Side and Twin Falls City Hall. He can be reached at 224-5622.

### Teen gets probation for role in holdup

TF boy, 14, helped  
rob friend's parents

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - A 14-year-old boy was sentenced Monday to three years of probation for a robbery charge, for helping his friend rob his friend's parents at Sunpoint.

Christopher Cody Flynn, who was sentenced as a juvenile, helped 15-year-old Damien Michael Williams carry out a

plan to rob Williams' parents in September.

The boys went to Williams' home armed with a shotgun taken from Flynn's home. Williams' parents were sleeping when the boys first arrived, according to police statements.

At about 2 a.m., the parents' bed started to rattle. The parents, but they saw nothing and went back to sleep. About 15 minutes later, they awoke and saw their son pointing the shotgun at them, the statements said.

Williams demanded access to the family safe, but Williams'

father refused. Williams took his mother's purse and the bedroom phone before leaving the room to get a roll of duct tape. While Williams went for the tape, Flynn took the gun and watched the parents, the statements said.

When Williams returned with the tape his father told him to stop, he closed the door and locked it from the outside. The boys took keys to a truck and left, the statements said.

They were caught that day in Boise.

In addition to probation, Flynn received a suspended 180-day

sentencing in juvenile detention.

Williams was sentenced last month to probation within the Department of Juvenile Corrections under house arrest.

Both boys pleaded guilty to robbery in Jerome under plea agreements with prosecutors, who agreed to drop grand theft charges.

The boys' accomplice, William Solomon Norton, 15, pleaded guilty last month to carrying and shooting a handgun. Sentencing on the boys to get the upcoming night of the robbery, he faces sentencing in January.

## Teen gets probation for role in holdup

### Gooding offers lowest average Medicare costs in valley

The Times-News

GOODING - Gooding County Memorial Hospital was ranked lowest and Magic Valley Regional Medical Center highest in the Magic Valley for the average charge per Medicare case in 1997.

That is according to a report from Vista Advantage Corp, a Louisville, Ky., health-care information company. Some of the numbers were reported Monday in an article in The Times-News.

The company reported the following findings for average charge per Medicare case:

- Gooding County Memorial Hospital: \$6,345.
- Twin Falls Clinic & Hospital: \$6,381.
- Minidoka Memorial Hospital: \$6,777.
- Wood River Medical Center: Sun Valley and Hailey: \$7,107.
- St. Benedict's Family Medical Center, Jerome: \$7,140.
- Cassia Regional Medical Center, Burley: \$8,241.
- Idaho state average: \$8,278.
- Magic Valley Regional Medical Center: \$8,334.
- Elmore Memorial (Mountain Home): \$8,235.

The report used information from the federal Health Care Financing Administration.

Length of stays were one factor in charges, the company said. But it also excluded cases that exceeded length-of-stay limits for Medicare, a federal health program covering older Americans. This was an attempt to draw better hospital-to-hospital comparisons, Vista Advantage said.

The report specially reflects Medicare data, but applies to hospital care for all patients because the law requires hospitals to have the same charge structure for all patients regardless of who pays, the company said.

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### SERVICES

Harriett Anne (Lamb) Wilms of Cheyenne, Wyo., and formerly of Gooding, Maks of Christian Burial at 10 a.m. today at St. Elizabeths Catholic Church in Gooding (Demary's Gooding Chapel).

Earl Newman Slack of Sheffield, Ala., and formerly of Twin Falls, 11 a.m. today at White Mortuary in Twin Falls; friends may from 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. today at the mortuary.

Russel Stouder of Wendell, memorial service at 11 a.m. today.

at the Wendell Presbyterian Church; friends and family may call from 7 to 7 p.m. today at Demary's Wendell Chapel.

Albert Edward Burton of Eden, 2 p.m. today at the Valley Assembly of God Church (White Mortuary in Twin Falls).

### DEATH NOTICES

**Lena M. Moore**  
GOODING — Lena Mae Moore, 71, of Gooding, died Monday, Dec. 7, 1998, at the Gooding Retirement Living Center.  
At the family's request no service is planned. Arrangements are under the direction of Demary's Gooding Chapel.

**Sarah Devine**  
BURLEY — Sarah Devine, 73, of Burley, died Sunday, Dec. 13, 1998, at the Cassia Regional Medical Center.  
Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Payne Mortuary in Burley.

### HOSPITALS

**MAGIC VALLEY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER**  
Some names omitted at patients' request.  
Admitted  
Jesseell Otterson of Twin Falls

**MINIDOKA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL**  
Some names omitted at patients' request.  
Admitted  
Carmen Mercado and baby boy of Rupert.  
Released  
Lonna Trevino of Rupert.

**CASSIA REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER**  
Some names omitted at patients' request.  
Admitted  
Cynthia Chesley of Burley; Darwin Wilding of Owyhee

**Births**  
A baby was born to Troy and Crystal Chesley of Burley.

**Released**  
Terry Wolfe of Burley; Lori Bird of Rupert.

**Released**  
A daughter was born to Carmen Mercado of Rupert.

### OBITUARIES

For obituary rates and information, call 733-0931, Ext. 278, between 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Deadline is 4:30 p.m. for next-day publication. Death notices are a free service and can be placed until 5 p.m. every day.

#### TWIN FALLS

**Rita S. Crawford**  
Rita S. Crawford, 88, of Twin Falls, died Sunday, Dec. 13, 1998, at her home. She was born in Illinois and had been a resident of Twin Falls for 28 years. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Twin Falls and had been a member for 25 years. She was a devoted mother and grandmother. She is survived by two sons, one daughter and one grandchild. Burial will be at the Twin Falls Cemetery on Thursday, Dec. 17, 1998, at 10 a.m. Friends may call at the funeral home from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Thursday.

#### RUPERT

**Geoffrey G. Gerhardt**  
Geoffrey G. Gerhardt, 32, of Rupert, died Sunday, Dec. 13, 1998, at his home. He was born in Idaho and had been a resident of Rupert for 10 years. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Rupert and had been a member for 10 years. He was a devoted father and son. He is survived by his wife and two children. Burial will be at the Rupert Cemetery on Thursday, Dec. 17, 1998, at 10 a.m. Friends may call at the funeral home from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Thursday.

#### BURLEY

**Nolan L. Jeffs**  
Nolan Lee Jeffs, 82-year-old Burley resident, died Friday, Dec. 11, 1998, at the Cassia Regional Medical Center in Burley. He was born July 4, 1916, in Basin, Idaho, the son of Gordon and Ella Louise Davison. Jeffs received his education in Burley and served in the U.S. Army from 1936 to 1946. He was a member of the First Baptist Church and had been a member for 40 years. He was a devoted father and grandfather. He is survived by his wife, two daughters, and one grandson. Burial will be at the Burley Cemetery on Thursday, Dec. 17, 1998, at 10 a.m. Friends may call at the funeral home from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Thursday.

#### GOODING

**Eldon A. Turner**  
Eldon Arthur Turner passed away peacefully at his home and went to meet his Savior on Dec. 12, 1998. He was born July 10, 1910, in Anna, Okla. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Gooding and had been a member for 40 years. He was a devoted father and grandfather. He is survived by his wife, two daughters, and one grandson. Burial will be at the Gooding Cemetery on Thursday, Dec. 17, 1998, at 10 a.m. Friends may call at the funeral home from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Thursday.

# Defense in Baldwin trial seeks change of venue

By Julie Casey Lynn  
Times-News correspondent

**HAILY** — Defense attorneys for a Hailay woman accused of first-degree murder in the death of a 20-month-old Jerome toddler, asked for a change of venue for a new trial Friday.

Judge James J. May will hear arguments in a pre-trial motion set for Monday, Dec. 21.

Michelle L. Baldwin, 30, is charged with killing Anthony Northrup by violently shaking the child. Prosecutors say that Anthony died from violent shaking consistent with medical markers known as "shaken baby syndrome." Anthony died in January 1997.

jurors were unable to reach a unanimous verdict in November.

Defense attorneys, Keith Roark and Douglas Nelson say it would be in their client's best interest to hold a new trial in another county because of extensive coverage of the trial by local news media.

"I could not look at a jury in Blaine County during the roughly three weeks of trial without being immediately assaulted with a major headline about the Baldwin case," said the brief Roark and Nelson submitted to the judge.

"It is clear that the media reports released in this case contain such prejudicial and inadmissible information that there is very little probability that Michelle Baldwin would get a fair trial in Blaine County," Nelson wrote.

"It would be impossible for jurors who haven't formed some kind of opinion about the case, he said.

Nelson suggested Minidoka County as a possible location for a new trial because potential jurors would be more likely to be out of the influence of media reports generated during the three-week trial.

Minidoka County also is within the 5th Judicial District as is Blaine County, which would make scheduling a trial easier. Rupert's close proximity to Hailay allows for many jurors regarding where the trial is conducted and convenience for witnesses, lawyers and the court.

Times-News correspondent Julie Casey Lynn can be reached at Ketchum at 733-7964.

## Blaine school district looks to fill administrative jobs

By Bob Newert  
Times-News correspondent

**HAILY** — Three administrative positions in the Blaine County School District are up for grabs.

A national search for replacements will begin next month. The assistant superintendent curriculum director is open, said Jim Lewis was promoted last week to superintendent. He will replace retiring superintendent Phil Homer effective July 1, 1999.

The new assistant superintendent will be hired for about \$73,000, said Katie Henderson, human resources director for the district.

The new executive director is expected to earn \$79,635 annually. His wages for superintendent will be negotiated during a School Board executive session, sometime before the board's Jan. 12

meeting, chairman Mike Foshting said.

Wood River Middle School Principal Chuck Turner, who has held announced plans to retire, earns \$72,500 a year. The board will negotiate with his replacement for a salary of about \$70,000, Henderson said.

John Peck, serving on a one-year basis as vice principal of Wood River High School, receives \$50,900. The board will advertise the position at a similar salary range.

All administrative salaries are negotiable and based on experience, Henderson said.

A committee is being formed to review applications and make recommendations to the School Board. Interviews are scheduled for March; the district hopes to fill the positions that month for the coming school year.

## Report: Kempthorne has work cut out

By Bob Fleck  
Associated Press Writer

**BOISE** — A new federal report indicates Gov. Len Kirk Kempthorne may have his work cut out in reducing his state's classroom clear message to Idaho students about public school discipline.

The 1998 report of the National Education Goals panel charted a marked increase in classroom disruption and a comparatively high percentage of students carrying weapons on school property.

But the report did put the state's high school graduation just ahead of the national average along with its eighth grade mathematical skills.

The figures are not for the current year. Some are as much as several years old, but officials say they indicate the possible magnitude of any problems in schools.

Kempthorne, who takes the oath of office on Jan. 4, has promised to ensure that teachers and administrators are supported in their efforts to stop disruptive behavior. But beyond using what he has called the bully pulpit of the state's highest office he has yet to outline how he intends to achieve that goal.

The new federal report found that the incidence of student disruptions that interfere with teaching increased in Idaho by 43 percent from 1991 to 1994, the most recent figures used by the national panel.

It said 14 percent of students carried weapons on school property in 1993 while 17 percent were involved in physical fights

at school, and that a year later 11 percent of teachers reported being victimized.

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# Burley grocer plans move

By David Lee  
Times-News writer

**BURLEY** — Kevin Croft is getting ready to cross the intersection of 16th Street and Overland Avenue.

On the southwest corner is John's Grocery, the 48-year-old family business named after his father. On the northeast corner is the old Canned Food Outlet building, which in the next few months will become the grocery store's new home.

Croft and his partner, Darrin Preece, will be co-owners of the new John's Grocery. They have been planning since January for the \$1 million market will give them three times the floor space.

"The timing and availability is just," Croft said. "We've been wanting to expand for the past 10 years."

The store's size will increase



Darrin Preece and Kevin Croft of John's Grocery hold up a blueprint of what the back wall of their new store will look like. The 48-year-old store will move into the old Canned Food Outlet building on the other side of the intersection.

from 6,000 to 18,000 square feet, Croft said, making it more similar in size to the area's three other grocery stores: Albertson's, Smith's and Stokes.

The move also will put John's in compliance with Associated Foods chain regulations, Croft said. The store does not have product scanning or automated supply unloading capabilities. The store could survive at its current location, but would not comply with regulations.

The new location "will establish our position in the community for a long time to come," Croft said.

John's also maintains charge accounts with customers. It will probably keep the existing accounts, but may not open more accounts when it moves, Croft said.

Croft will hire 20 to 30 new people at the store's new location, he said; the store has 14 employees. Croft will lease or sell

the old building.

Preece, who began working at the store in 1995 as its meat department manager, said the store also will expand hours after the move.

Preece said he and Croft will try to maintain the current atmosphere.

"We've always had a reputation of working one-on-one with customers," Preece said, "which is a big factor in the grocery business."

# Gooding School Board to read drug-testing policy

The Times-News

**GOODING** — The Gooding School Board will meet at 7 p.m. today at the school district office. The meeting will be taped in its entirety for the record.

Scheduled items include second reading of the weapons/fire-

works and dangerous instruments policy, and first reading of a drug-testing policy. The committee also will consider reading and mathematics requirements and suspension and expulsion policies.

An executive session for property discussion is set for 8 p.m.

# 140 gallons of deadly nerve gas spill at Utah weapons incinerator

**TOOELE, Utah (AP)** — Officials at the first chemical weapons incinerator in the continental United States said Monday they were cleaning up a spill of 140 gallons of the deadly nerve agent Sarin.

The spill occurred Sunday afternoon and was confined to a containment area within the Tooele Chemical Disposal Facility, said spokesman Jon Pettibone. There were no injuries and none of the chemical escaped into the atmosphere.

The spill occurred as the liquid was being poured into the incineration chamber. It wound up in a containment sump designed for just such an accident.

A news release said inspectors suspect the spill was caused by a failure of a filter designed to screen out small particles from the furnace.

The spill was the largest reported to date at the facility.

Leaking chemical munitions at the Desert Chemical Depot, formerly known as the Tooele Army Depot, are nothing new.

There are more than 1 million pounds of nerve and blister agent stored in earthen and concrete bunkers sprinkled throughout the depot, located on a vast reservation 50 miles west of Salt Lake. The stockpile represents nearly 42 percent of the country's chemical arsenal.

Most of the weapons are relics of the Cold War and many date to World War II. Many of them are leaking.

The depot, operated by EG&G Defense Materials Inc. for the Army, routinely reports small leaks detected inside sealed containers which hold the shells, neckers and one-ton bulk containers.

# Herrett Center plans last 'star party' of year

The Times-News

**TWIN FALLS** — The last star party of 1998 will begin at 8 p.m. today at the Herrett Center on the College of Southern Idaho campus.

The theme is "The Sky is Falling II," to coincide with the peak of the Geminid meteor

shower. Viewers can expect a meteor about every 90 seconds tonight, especially between midnight and daylight Wednesday.

The Herrett Center will provide its 18-inch telescope for viewing Jupiter and Saturn, the Pleiades star cluster and the Orion nebula. Members of the Magic Valley Astronomical Society will be

available to answer questions about astronomy. Participants are encouraged to bring their own telescopes or binoculars.

Beginning in 1999, the monthly star parties at the Herrett Center will be held the second Saturday of each month in conjunction with meetings of the Magic Valley Astronomical Society.

# Hospital

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unexpected community health needs.

The foundation will receive a fee for its services. The fee has yet to be negotiated, said Cheryl Jaraman, a board member who headed a group that forged the new policy.

The hospital's community spending is separate from the private nonprofit foundation, which makes its own contributions to groups from endowments and fund-raising efforts.

Under the hospital policy, community programs must meet health priorities collaborate with the hospital; and be unique, among other criteria.

The people requesting money also must demonstrate the project was effective. Preference will be given to projects serving many communities in the Magic Valley and northern Nevada.

The hospital already had a policy on donations, but the board decided it needed refining.

In the 1997 budget year, \$312,409 was donated to community groups and projects, Jaraman said.

Recipients of cash, expertise, equipment or other hospital contributions included the DARE drug awareness program, Paint Magic, Twin Falls Lions Club, Idaho Diabetic Association, Newspapers in Education, Twin Falls Police Benefit Association, Valley Rescue, Cover the Pool Committee, American Heart Association and Art in the Park to name a few.

Before the 1997 budget year, the hospital didn't specifically delineate these community benefits dollars, spokeswoman Rhonda Wright said. The hospital then began using a database for better tracking of the dollars.

During the 1998 budget year, an estimated \$136,458 was spent, Jaraman said. That included more than \$100,000 for existing programs, such as the Magic Valley Safe Kids Coalition CARES, a child-abuse prevention and Health Net, which works to solve community health problems.

Under the amount donated for the 1999 budget year, 10 percent or about \$22,145, would be retained for unexpected or discretionary health projects.

Another \$150,000 is expected to be spent again on the existing programs, such as the Magic Valley Safe Kids Coalition, Jaraman said. They would get priority, but would have to make application for the funds that would be available July 1, 1999.

That would leave \$50,000 open for contributions to new programs, she said. Applications will be taken between Jan. 1 and Feb. 1.

*"I think the growth rate of Twin Fall is out of control."*

— Jim Conder,  
Filer resident

An impetus for the policy was the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce request of \$20,000 for five years for Business Plus II. The hospital board voted to donate for the first year, but wanted the money earmarked to programs to better prepare the work force through a regional technical high school. The board wants to review the chamber program before another donation.

The chamber request set off a healthy discussion among hospital board members. Some said donating the money would open a Pandora's Box of requests.

Jim Conder of Filer asked the

hospital board Monday not to fund the Business Plus II program again, because he didn't view it as a needy project.

"I think the growth rate of Twin Fall is out of control and I don't think we need an oversized and hyperactive chamber of commerce," Conder said later. The chamber should be an organization that responds to requests for information, he said.

Dr. Mark McKain, acting board chairman, said the policy will help guide the hospital in making donations.

"So, we don't waste county money," McKain said.

The new policy also covers contributions of staff members giving presentations, classes or work to community projects on hospital time, Jaraman said.

Those contributions added up to \$813,478 during the 1997 budget year, and an estimated \$772,837 for the 1998 budget year. For the 1999 budget year, \$774,000 was budgeted.

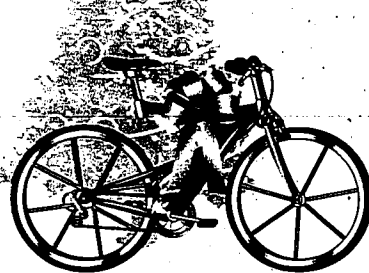
Under the policy, the time will be better coordinated and monitored, she said.

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**Virgo** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Emphasis on movement, moving, getting help in securing, remodeling home.

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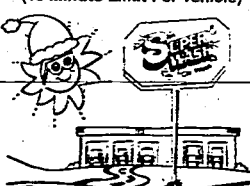
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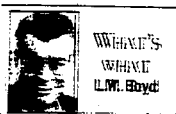


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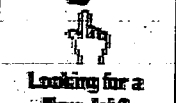
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Jellyfish have no brains. Ireland's Cork Seven, Bona sometime back posted new names for employees. Among them was the request that any employee absent because of wife employee's own death should give two weeks notice so the boss can train a replacement. It was decreed also that employees should go to the rest room only



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# Kosovo border clash kills dozens of ethnic Albanians



A Serbian police officer motions traffic around an accident Monday in Besijine, a village 5 miles from the Kosovo capital of Pristina. The accident between a bus and a French Embassy car resulted in the deaths of an embassy official and two others who were in the car.

**World news**

**Ethnic Albanian rebels who have been fighting for Kosovo's independence have frequently aimed themselves in neighboring Albania.**

The most reported violence in Kosovo in more than two months came Sunday when the diplomatic efforts to bring a lasting peace to the Serbian province, where many believe a resumption of full-scale fighting by spring is inevitable.

Dozens of people on both sides have been killed since an Oct. 12 peace agreement brokered by U.S. envoy Richard Holbrooke ended months of fighting in the separate province in southern Serbia.

### Iraq denies access to U.N. inspectors

**UNITED NATIONS** — Iraq has again denied U.N. weapons inspectors access to a site despite Baghdad's promise of full cooperation, a U.S. spokesman said Monday.

A Baghdad-based chemical engineering team seeking entry to a warehouse on Friday that had been inspected earlier, access was denied because it was the Muslim Sabbath, said Ewen Buchanan, spokesman for the U.N. Special Commission.

Also known as UNSCOM, the organization is charged with veri-

fying the destruction of Iraq's weapons of mass destruction.

In deference to local religious sensitivities, inspectors have limited a visiting team from conducting "the right to go any time, any place, 24 hours a day," Buchanan said. "They should have let us in," he said.

It wasn't clear whether the monitoring team tried to enter the warehouse over the weekend, Buchanan said.

Last Wednesday, Iraq prevented a visiting team from conducting a surprise inspection of the offices of the ruling Baath Party in Baghdad. Iraqi officials announced Thursday that the office was off limits to future inspections.

The surprise inspections by the visiting teams were the final test of Iraq's compliance with UNSCOM before chief weapons inspector Richard Butler reports to U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan, either late Monday or Tuesday.

The last three visiting teams were expected to leave Baghdad Monday, but up to 140 resident experts will remain in the country to monitor Iraq's known weapons.

Under threat of U.S. and British airstrikes, Iraq promised Nov. 14 to resume full cooperation with inspectors and allow unfettered access to sites and documents.

Washington and London have said military strikes remain an option to compel Baghdad to cooperate with the inspectors.

In reports Dec. 3 and Dec. 9, Butler told the U.N. Security

Council that Iraq failed to produce several key documents and placed "unacceptable" conditions on weapons experts during some inspections.

Annan will deliver Butler's report to the Security Council, which will determine whether to go ahead with the first "comprehensive review" of Iraq's compliance with U.N. resolutions since economic sanctions were imposed in 1990 after Baghdad's invasion of Kuwait.

Annan said he was reserving judgment on Butler's report but suggested that Baghdad had fallen short of his expectations.

"I had expected them to cooperate fully," Annan said at a news conference Monday.

Annan said he was puzzled by the Security Council's position that once UNSCOM says Iraq has been disarmed, sanctions will be lifted in line with U.S. policy, that goes beyond the council's mandate.

The United States insists a comprehensive review does not guarantee the lifting of sanctions.

**Parachutist Santa falls during half-time show**

**BIRMINGHAM, England** — An experienced parachutist dressed as Santa Claus broke both his legs after crashing to the ground in front of 40,000 soccer fans.

Flight Sergeant Nigel Rogoff was listed in serious but stable condition Monday after falling 40 yards during a half-time show at Sunday's match between Aston Villa and Arsenal in Birmingham.

Rogoff, 39, a veteran of more than 6,000 parachute jumps, also suffered a fractured pelvis and broken ribs.

The West Midlands police said the accident occurred when the parachutist caught the parapet of the soccer stand as he attempted to land. "He banged on the stand and then fell to the ground," said witness Peter Hagger, who attended the soccer match.

"No one could believe it."

"Paramedics immediately rushed onto the field, and the second half of the game was delayed by 15 minutes.

Rogoff is a member of the Royal Air Force Sport Parachute Association.

**Farm ministers agree on Russian food aid**

**BRUSSELS, Belgium** — European Union farm ministers

agreed on a \$460 million program Monday that would send tons of European grain, beef and other food aid to Russia, possibly as soon as the end of January, officials said.

The ministers have unanimously endorsed the program. Said EU Commission spokesman Gerry Kiely, after the EU executive body approved the aid, the strict monitoring to make sure the aid does not end up in the hands of black marketers.

The program will now be sent to the European parliament for an assessment. The legislature cannot stop the deal, however, and it is expected to be finally approved at a meeting of EU fisheries ministers on Thursday or Friday.

Under the current program, the 15 EU member nations, the Commission and the European Parliament will share responsibility to make sure the food reaches the needy.

There will be monthly reports from Russia, the EU's Court of Auditors will be allowed to inspect the distribution of the aid.

**Prosecutors to use stained mattress**

**KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia** — The sex and corruption trial of former deputy prime minister Anwar Ibrahim took a sensational turn Monday when the prosecution said it would bring a stained mattress to court to prove Anwar had engaged in illegal sex.

Deputy Public Prosecutor Azhar Mohamed told the court that the mattress, seized in July from a Kuala Lumpur apartment, had already been examined at a police laboratory.

Anwar faces abuse of power charges and is being tried separately for allegedly taking part in illegal sex acts.

He has denied all the charges.

Compiled from wire reports

## CORRECTION

The Goode Motor ad that ran on Sunday December 13, 1998 had an incorrect phone number, the ad read 1-800-786-9084 it should have read 1-800-786-0984. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused.

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Call 733-0931  
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677-4042  
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- We're Open -  
8 AM to 5:30 PM Mon.-Fri.  
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The Times-News accepts payment for classified ads in cash, personal check, Visa, MasterCard or electronic check.

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Monday	10 AM Saturday	
Tuesday	2 PM Monday	
Wednesday	2 PM Tuesday	
Thursday	2 PM Wednesday	
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Call Our Customer Service Representatives for Information on Weekly Classified Specials!

The Times-News Classified Marketplace 733-9331

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
At 10:00 o'clock A.M. on February 17, 1999, in the Office of First American Title Company...

ADVERTISING
Special proposals will be received by the Division of Public Information, State of Idaho...

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE LANDS
DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS...

DEAN GOODWIN; RALPH H. AND ANITA M. PLAIN; specifications, proposals, terms and other information...

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CARRIAGE LANE APARTMENTS 2510 Whispering Pine • 735-2111 Brand New 3 BDRM, 2 BA; W/D Hookups & Garage Included. Rents: '447 to '550

HOMES AMERICA Shopping For Christmas? Why Not Put A New Home On Your List Low Down Payment Easy Monthly Payment 3 Bedroom 2 Bath NO PAYMENTS UNTIL FEBRUARY

# THE ACES ON BRIDGE

Bobby Wolff

"Ask me no questions, and I'll tell you no fibs."  
— Oliver Goldsmith

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\* 6 5 3

WEST EAST  
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\* A K Q J 7 \* 5 3  
\* 10 9 8 \* 6 5 4 3  
\* K 8 7 \* 10 10 4 2

SOUTH  
\* A Q 7 5 4  
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\* A J 9

When conventional signals will not suffice, a defender must decipher the declarer's intentions. One must ask himself, "Why is he playing this way?" The answer will improve one's chances to throw declarer off the track.

West leads the heart king, catches his queen, and then shifts to his diamond jack. South wins dummy's king and ruffs a heart with his trump jack. He leads a low trump to dummy's nine to ruff dummy's last heart and catches his diamond ace. When he leads another trump to dummy's king again, what should East play?

Vulnerable: Both  
Dealer: South

The bidding:  
1♠ 2♥ 2♠ East  
1♠ West 2♠ Pass  
4♠ Pass Pass Pass

Opening lead: Heart king

## BID WITH THE ACES

South holds:  
\* 3  
\* A K Q J 7  
\* J 10 9 8  
\* K 8 7

South North  
2♠ 2NT

ANSWER: Three no-trump. Although his count is minimum, South should press on to game. The solid heart suit and good intermediates should offer a reasonable shot.

Send feedback to The Aces, P.O. Box 1282, Idaho Falls, ID 83402. Write Bobby Wolff, Editor, Times-News, Twin Falls, Idaho.

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Save on your groceries.  
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watches. 1215  
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w/ mattress. \$100. In-  
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(1) good cond., \$350  
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All in great cond. 733-8568

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For \$4. 11888 concert  
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From Chris Kringle!

Receive a Lloyd Family Christmas Tree with any vehicle purchase! Good Nov. 27 thru Dec. 15

### Drive a New 1999 VW Beetle

Absolutely **\$243**/mo OR Purchase for **\$18,995**

### Drive a New 1999 VW Jetta GL

Absolutely **\$251**/mo OR Purchase for **\$18,175**

### Drive a New 1999 VW Passat

Absolutely **\$344**/mo OR Purchase for **\$25,375**

## Get in. Be moved.

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### 1999 B2500 SE5

Absolutely **\$199**/mo OR Purchase for **\$13,479**

### NEW B2500 SE5 EXT CAB

Absolutely **\$199**/mo OR Purchase for **\$13,999**

### DRIVE A NEW 1999 B4000 EXT CAB 4X4 4-DOOR 3 PASSENGER PICKUP

Absolutely **\$196**/mo OR Purchase for **\$13,399**

### 1999 PROTEGE LX

Absolutely **\$239**/mo OR Purchase for **\$16,999**

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94 Mercury Cougar LS \$8 down	209	98 Chevy Cavalier LS \$0 down	10,995
93 Ford Escort LX \$0 down	99	97 Suzuki Suzuki 4x4 \$0 down	10,995
94 Ford Bronco \$149	895	96 Chevy Lumina V6 \$0 down	11,495
96 Chevy Blazer \$0 down	895	95 Nissan CA Cab 4x4 \$0 down	12,695
94 VW Jetta GL \$0 down	895	95 Mazda Miata \$0 down	11,995
96 Mazda B2300 SE5 \$0 down	895	97 Pontiac Grand Am \$0 down	11,995
95 Mazda MX-6 LS \$0 down	895	96 Mazda B3000 X Cab \$0 down	12,495
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CATTLE COUNTRY feeding beef or dairy, small feedyard, great care. S. Marlow 878-0578 w. map.

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OVEN, 3 yr. old Hotpoint, \$150. 734-5520

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### COMPUTERS

COMPAQ w/Windows 95, 3.5 modem, CD-ROM, speakers, monitor, printer, 15" CRT. \$450. Call 823-4573

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Must be \$500.00. 734-5068

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Section D

## Buhl presents dinner theater

By Dara Jensen  
Times-News correspondent

**BUHL** - The Buhl High School Drama Department invites you to join it and the Phantom Pig Productions for the dinner theater presentation of "A Tuna Christmas" at 6:30 p.m. with the play starting at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

Set in the small town of Tuna, Texas, Christmas is celebrated with characters you won't forget. Cost is \$20 per couple, \$12 a single or \$10 for seniors and students and includes dinner and the play.

Tickets may be purchased at the high school or junior high school and at the door.

Reservations are required by Wednesday and can be made by calling the Buhl High School at 543-8262 or the Buhl Middle School at 543-8292.

Right, Tristian Griffin and Jona Davidson rehearse a scene from Buhl High School's dinner theater production of "A Tuna Christmas."



DAVID JENSEN/Times-News

## SENIOR CALENDAR

**West End Senior Citizens, Inc.**  
1011 Main St., Buhl  
All meals at noon, Tuesday through Saturday, 1 p.m. on Monday and Thursday.  
Suggested donations for meals is weekdays \$2.50, Sundays \$3.50, Monday evenings \$2.50, non-seniors \$4.25 and children under 12 years-old \$2.50. Meals can be delivered and bus services are available Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, call 543-4577. Coffee and rolls every two weeks at 8 a.m.

**Activities**  
Library, Gene Baum, and the Buhl High School will hold a game night every week, music and movies. Join weekdays from 6:30-8:30 p.m.  
Tuesday  
Blood pressure at 10 a.m. 12 noon  
Wednesday  
Quilting 9 a.m. 12 noon  
Thursday  
Blood pressure at 10 a.m. 12 noon  
Friday  
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Saturday  
Quilting  
Bingo after meal  
Cards after evening meal  
Friday  
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Thursday  
Monday: Surprise

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55 Alive at 9 a.m.  
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Exercise at 10 a.m.  
Thursday  
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Bingo after meal  
Cards after evening meal  
Friday  
Exercise at 10 a.m.  
Non-meet  
Cards following evening meal at 5:30 p.m.

**High School Senior Center**  
2101 Main St., Kimberly  
All dinner and non-suggested donation is \$5.00 for seniors, \$4.00 for non-seniors, and \$2.00 for children under 12.  
Dinner (open) open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
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**Program offers chance to lower insurance rates**  
BUHL - A 55 Alive driving program is available to seniors interested in lowering their car insurance rates.  
Cost is \$8 for materials. The certification lasts for three years. To register, call the center at 543-4577.

**We want your news**

733-9311 Ext. 288 or fax at 678-4543. You can reach me by fax at 678-4543 or by e-mail at [news@timesnews.com](mailto:news@timesnews.com). Send me your news items for the Thursday page in more than 10 days before the Thursday page is news. Send me your news items for the Wednesday page in more than 10 days before the Wednesday page is news. Friday!

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### Community singers plan Christmas night concert

**BUHL** - The West End Community Singers will present their annual Christmas Candlelight concert at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Castleford United Methodist Church and Sunday at 3 p.m. at the Buhl United Methodist Church.

Both performances will feature a Hanging of the Greens service featuring compositions by Handel, Bach and Mendelssohn with carols such as "Joy to the World" and "The First Noel."

Charles Lehrman is the host with accompaniment provided by Carolyn Kohnropp, Mavis Easterday and Lois Lehrman on

keyboards, and Ron Kofod on the clarinet. The director is Gary Heidel.

### Filer library invites all to preschool story time

**FILER** - A preschool story time is planned for 11 a.m. Thursday at the Filer Public Library, 219 Main St.

### Filer schools plan holiday concerts, fund raisers

**FILER** - The fifth and six grades will hold their Christmas concert at 6 p.m. Thursday at the Filer Middle School auditorium. The Filer Middle School will hold its Christmas concert at 7 p.m.

### Thursday at the Filer Middle School

Larry Larson will direct. A dessert auction will be held along with a gingerbread house raffle. The winner will be announced at the Monday night concert. Admission is one can of food to be donated to the Filer Ministerial Association.

The Filer High School will present its Christmas concert at 7:30 p.m. on Monday at the Filer Middle School auditorium. A gingerbread house raffle winner will be announced at the concert.

### Puppet tells story of how Santa got a cold

**TWIN FALLS** - A holiday puppet show celebrates the season at 4 p.m. Friday at the Twin Falls Public Library.

The show features that jolly little elf, Bello, as he tells of the time when Santa's sleigh was pulled by horses and the year that Santa caught a cold.

The public is invited.

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## 'TIS THE SEASON FOR GIVING



O'Leary Junior High School students are getting ready for their Festival of Giving. Made in Idaho in the Magic Valley Mall has donated three retired Beanie Babies to be raffled off to raise money for the Valley House. Please contact any O'Leary student to purchase a ticket. All tickets are 50 cents a piece and you need not be present to win. The raffle will take place on Dec. 17 at the school and the winner will be contacted by phone. You can also participate in the Festival of Giving by donating any used toys in good condition or canned food goods. Items may be dropped off at the O'Leary office before Dec. 17.

## FOCUS ON

### PEOPLE

#### TF High school names successful fine artists

Robert Seaman, trumpet, and Dan McMahon, clarinet, of Twin Falls High School will be part of the All-Northwest Honor Band marching in Portland, Ore., Feb. 12-14. They competed against students from Alaska, Washington, Oregon, Montana, Wyoming, and Idaho. Jesse Hatley, also of Twin Falls High School, was picked as the top jazz bass guitar player in the six Northwest Honor Orchestra available bands.

The Twin Falls High School Thespians took second place at the District Four Drama Competition in Buhl. Winning acts included: Deborah Singer and Emily Pratt, 2nd - humorous ensemble; Coleen High, Bobbi Harney, Sam Webster and Tana Yokom, 3rd, original script; Bobbi Harney, 3rd, costume design; Carissa Thurmond, 1st, prop/stage manager's book; Rebecca Alfred, 3rd, solo audition and 2nd, solo serious; Jamie Murray, Kelly McShowell, Kelley Ward and Paula Heaber, 2nd, original humorous; Paula Heaber, 2nd, costume design; and Lyndee Wilson, 2nd, solo humorous.

Also qualifying for state drama were: Karmella Leyba, Alias Day and Jill Bringham, serious ensemble; Jessica Schmidt and Sean Kelly, serious ensemble; Josh VanNoy, solo pantomime; Dusan Barril, solo serious; Pete Wampler, solo serious; and Carissa Thurmond, Kristin Sorenson and Alison Holman, humorous ensemble.

State Drama will be held Feb. 4 and 5 at Twin Falls High School.

#### Andersen contributed to success of student

Erik Anderson of Twin Falls, an instructor at Idaho State University was the encouraging factor to one of his award-winning students. The student, Jerry Nader of Inkon, took second place in a statewide Best Business Plan Contest and received \$300 from the U.S. West Foundation in support of the National entrepreneurship training program. Nader stated he was encouraged to enter the contest by Andersen, his small business management course instructor.

## SERVICE NEWS

### Compton finishes Army basic training in Alabama

**Pvt. Jeremy T. Compton** graduated from Army basic training and Military Police School at Ft. McClellan, Ala. He is to report to Ft. Richardson, Alaska later this month.

Compton, son of Robert and Kim Compton of Buhl, graduated from Buhl High School in 1997.

### Wachal successfully completes O. Wachal

Army Pvt. Jerold G. Wachal Jr. has graduated from One Station

Unit Training at Fort Leonard Wood, Waynesville, Mo. The training included basic military training and advanced individual training.

Wachal is the son of Jerold G. Wachal of Twin Falls.

### Callen returns home after basic, special training

**Army Pvt. Cory Callen** has recently returned home on leave after completing basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, Waynesville, Mo., and medical specialist training at Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, Texas.

He will then be heading to Fort Hood, Texas for further training. Callen, son of Doug and Sandy Callen of Filer, is a 1998 graduate of Filer High School.

### Armstrong acts in cooperation exercise

Marine Lance Cpl. Daniel J. Armstrong recently participated in Exercise Cooperative Best Effort 98 in the former Yugoslavian republic of Macedonia with the 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit. During the seven-day exercise his unit conducted a noncombatant evacuation more than 80 miles ashore, demonstrating its ability to operate independently of the Amphibious Ready Group ships. Armstrong, son of Sheila Wilcher of Elko, Nev., is a 1994 graduate of Elko High School.

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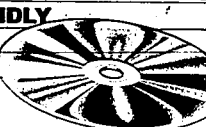
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# COMPUTERS & TECHNOLOGY

## USER FRIENDLY

### Disc soup

Here is a comparison of the different flavors of optical storage:



Type	Function	Capacity	Drive price/retail price
CD-ROM	Read-only	650MB	\$75-\$100/variable
CD-R	Write data once, read many times (WORM)	\$50-\$50/650MB	\$300 to \$600/\$2
CD-RW	Write, read, erase and rewrite	650MB	\$350-\$600/\$20-\$25
DVD-ROM	Read-only. Also to current CD-ROMs	4.7GB to 17GB	\$200/\$20 (upgrade kits \$300 to \$400)
DVD-R	WORM	3.95GB to 7.8GB	\$170-\$350 to \$70
DVD-RAM	Write, read, erase and rewrite (present standard)	2.6GB per side	\$500 to \$800/\$30
DVD-RW	Competitor to DVD-RAM. Write, read, erase and rewrite	3GB	Coming soon
DVD-RW	Pioneer's format to compete with DVD-RAM and DVD-RW	3.95GB	Coming soon
DVD-Audio	Interactive playback of games and movies	Up to four feature-length films	\$300 to \$800/\$12

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# Protect yourself at workstation

## Computers present health challenges

By Michele Himmelfarb  
The Orange County Register

A marathon runner would never run a race with shoes that were too tight or with the laces untied. And yet "computer athletes" compete every day with equipment that is either inappropriate or poorly adjusted. Not surprisingly, it's causing plenty of injuries.

About 75 million U.S. workers use computers on a daily basis. Those who sit connected to a monitor and keyboard for four or more hours a day have been called "computer athletes" by Tom Albin, an ergonomist with

### Ergonomics tips

- Make sure your computer monitor is at the right height. Monitors should be no higher than eye level.
- One of the best preventive measures is proper posture. Sit in a chair adjusted for your height and make sure it provides adequate support for the lower back. Place your feet on the floor or on a footrest.
- Don't cradle the phone between your ear and shoulder. Use a headset or speakerphone.
- Use a wrist rest for support. A 3M study found that using wrist rests will keep the wrist in a neutral position, thereby reducing the stress on the wrists and hands.
- Adjust your keyboard height and tilt to maintain a relaxed, neutral posture for the shoulders, elbows and wrists.

This helps reduce stress on the shoulder, arm and hand.  
Place the mouse in the optimal area — approximately beside shoulder width. Studies show that placing the mouse outside this area increases the risk of shoulder strain.  
Take a break. Sitting or typing for long periods is not only uncomfortable, it increases the risk of serious long-term problems. Change your position regularly, stretch or take a walk around the office. Experts say this relieves muscle stress and preserves your energy throughout the day.

### Free brochure

For a free brochure about computer workstation safety, call the ACA at (800) 986-6636.

The manufacturing company has joined forces with the American Chiropractic Association to try to prevent

many of the injuries suffered by U.S. workers.

The strain and pain of daily computer use seem to afflict more workers to chiropractors last year. Looking for relief, nearly two-thirds of all workplace illnesses are related to cumulative trauma disorders, reports the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Those injuries, caused by repetitive motions such as keyboarding, cost employers \$20 billion annually in medical costs and lost work days.

Many of the injuries are caused by poor ergonomics. Workers either don't know how to adjust their chairs, monitors and equipment or are unaware of the risks. Some get so busy they pay attention to a daily basis. IMC has established a self-help Web site with tips on how to evaluate your workstation. [www.3m.com/ergonomics](http://www.3m.com/ergonomics)

## COMPUTERS Q&A

up on some of the more irritating aspects of this minor upgrade to Windows 95. He also has some quick solutions at [www.win95tips.com](http://www.win95tips.com).

You can't have Christmas without some games. For aging baby boomers, how about Rocky & Bullwinkle's Know-It-All Game (\$27.95)? (Many readers think I am a proud graduate of the famed university. Whaaa—Matta U.)

Once the Super Bow! is over, Sunday afternoon will be boring without John Madden's NFL 99 (\$49.95). Although I avoid games like the plague, if I were stranded on a desert island (with a laptop computer) I might enjoy some of Madden's play-by-plays.

I just inherited a Toshiba T3600 laptop cost-free from my

company. I've got several versions of WordPerfect and wonder which I should run on it. The machine has a 50 megabyte 486 processor and eight megabytes of memory.

A. With this and any other program, I'd start with the old trial-and-error method: Load the versions you have and see which runs best. The other way is to check with the software firm. Keep in mind that they sometimes play games on questions like this. They want to create the biggest possible market for a given program; therefore, there can be an incentive to underestimate the power of the system that you need to run it. The "minimum system requirements" that companies publicize may yield miserably

slow performance.

Here's what you see when you go to the Web site of the Canadian company Corel Corp., which makes WordPerfect. For WordPerfect 6.1, the company recommends a minimum of a 486 processor with eight megabytes of memory and 16 megabytes of free space on the hard drive. The latest version, 7.0, has a voice recognition program, so it needs a lot of horsepower. It requires a Pentium 133 with 48 megabytes of memory and at least 180 megabytes free on the hard drive.

# Portal sites: King of Clubs?

By Rob Pegoraro  
The Washington Post

NEW YORK — The Web's "portal sites" — those destinations for everyone sites that are meant to be one-stop destinations to become your personal timesuck — are getting to be like our passive-aggressive friend Sam from Green Eggs and Ham. Would you like some free e-mail? Some news? Some stock quotes? Try them. Try them!

The latest draw these sites are developers — nearly simultaneously — are the ones to become your personal timesuck. At this month's Internet World trade show in Manhattan, MSN and Infoseek followed the lead of Yahoo! Excite and Netscape, revealing a series of strikingly similar Web sites, all of which allow you to yak about your interests (scrimshaw, peanuts, Alec Baldwin movies, whatever) with fellow enthusiasts.

Call it the World Wide Treason. While this desire of industry groupthink is a tad amusing, the onetime effort to tempt your eyeballs to a particular Web page isn't. Since advertising is one of the few proven ways to earn money if you actual do anything, a portal site, each wants to keep you around as long as possible.

There is, in this might actually work. The Internet already has a direct line to "click" system. Ornet, but its chaotic nature and to be unkindly honest) the many stupid people using it make it virtually inaccessible to a direct line to "click" system. Ornet, but its chaotic nature and to be unkindly honest) the many stupid people using it make it virtually inaccessible to a direct line to "click" system.

The other big show news was what people weren't hyping: New Web browsers. (You can imagine our relief.) Netscape plans to top Communicator 4.5 in a month, but the company also promises to demonstrate it on the computers on the show floor.

Microsoft, in turn, focused on its efforts with its own MSN portal. You can now read the news, follow sports teams, find a restaurant, track investments and buy plane tickets, a car and a home from one Microsoft site — all vice, presumably, you use

### Cyber sites:

Cool new places to go  
TWO — Audio Disc is a new and unique Web site. The service is offering CDs (music, MP3 or AAC format), and trying to attract artists by also offering them royalties in addition to the downloads. The service also offers to sell CDs for artists with the majority of money going direct to them. It's an interesting concept and will be out some again. Web site: [www.audiocd.com](http://www.audiocd.com)  
— Source: Newsbytes

### Review

your Microsoft Internet-access service, keyboard, mouse, Web browser and operating system. (Is this too much of one company?) Few other groups, except maybe the Communist Party of the U.S.S.R., have ever tried to embed themselves into so many parts of people's lives.)

Elsewhere at the show, interesting developments were brewing in Web multimedia. Real Networks' RealPlayer 2.0 software will be a sort of all-in-one recipe for Web-based audio and video. And veteran graphics pioneer Adobe demonstrated a new Web-design standard, PGML (Precision Graphics Markup Language), that would let designers create slick, seamlessly interactive Web pages that you'll need new software to view, of course.

In that light, the most useful technology here may have been Motorola's VoxML, a way to "publish" Web sites via phone. Call a site's toll-free number and a vaguely Swedish-sounding, computerized voice greets you; then simply say what you want. This in-development system is a little spotty — for instance, the Weather Channel demo we tried had trouble with "Philadelphia" — but at least it doesn't make you use a Microsoft or Netscape phone.

Show propaganda: <http://www.internetnews.com/wliverfall98>.

## Kodak's Digital Video Camera looks like something from sci-fi

By Gareth Branwyn  
Special to The Baltimore Sun

It looks like some gadget from "Star Trek," but it's Kodak's DV323 Digital Video Camera (\$169), one of the first Universal Serial Bus (USB) mini-cameras.

One of the beauties of USB, the latest PC connectivity technology, is that devices can be plugged and unplugged without turning off the computer (perfect for digital cameras), and the USB connections provide power to the devices to move several quads of power cables and adapter buses beneath your desk. The DV323 is a great example of USB's strengths.

You can't have it out of the box and be missing in fewer of a lens within minutes.

The camera has a sturdy body and a torpedo-like body. The camera can be removed from the base, and the shutter release button on top can be used to take still pictures away from the desktop (the cable is almost 10 feet long).

The DV323 comes with links of software. PictureWorks allows you to capture still and moving images with sound and to e-mail

Netscids (think video postcards) over the Internet. Kodak's

### What's hot

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The Washington Post

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Banking companies recently began to offer prepaid "gift" credit cards - Visa or MasterCard, take your pick - in amounts of \$25 and up.

The benefit is convenience: You don't have to leave your home or office to buy a gift.

So far, only a handful of companies have begun to offer prepaid gift cards under the Visa and MasterCard umbrellas...



Ten-year-old Valerie Benavides, left, looks at dolls at K-Mart in New York while her friend browses for Christmas bargains.

card that carries \$25, \$75 for a \$50 card and so on. The card also expires in 90 days and comes in only four amounts - \$25, \$50, \$75 and \$100.

The big downside, however, is that First USA is only offering the gift card to its members...

Don't pay for debt-relief advice

Here's the scoop for free: Cut spending, stop charging, start paying

By Susan Tompor Knight Ridder News Service

The painful truth about being deep in debt is that there's always someone, somewhere who is peddling a magic shovel.

And, oh, what a price tag. It starts simply enough at \$45 for a three-hour class at a community college...

If that doesn't do the trick, you might want to pay \$69 for the manual and some tapes, \$39 for "Debt-Free" software...

Hundreds of dollars later you'll learn what we'll tell you here for free: Stop charging on your credit cards...

But wait, there's more. If Debt-Free tapes and the classes don't take, you have another out.

There are a lot of people who don't have what it takes to stick to it, said Phil Nace, president of Debt-Free Seminars Inc.

Help for people trying to get out of debt

There is imaginative help for people trying to get out of debt.

Credit Counseling Centers Inc., a nonprofit family finance counselor group, at 1-800-541-5706, meets 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday...

The Urbanite Credit Handbook by Gene DeWolfe, \$12.95, Plume/Penguin Book.

A 15-page pamphlet called "Debt Consolidation 101: Strategies for Saving Money & Paying Off Your Debt Faster" costs \$4.50.

Debt-Free Seminars Inc., in Greensburg, Pa., which peddles the debt services...

My foray into the Debt-Free world began innocently. A local public relations firm told me about a seminar at Henry Ford Community College.

I don't read "Inc." magazine. So, I had no idea that in 1997...

Community company, the Financial Independence Network, latched the No. 249 spot on the Inc. 500...

Of that his company had revenues of about \$20 million in 1996 - a 50-percent increase from 1995.

At that time, he was in charge of the company's financial planning as chief financial officer of the company.

I knew none of this when I started with class instructor Dave Leuthold...

"As our point, we were within one week of getting our home repossessed," Leuthold tells me.

Now Leuthold, who lives outside Pittsburgh, travels three or four times a week to give seminars in Michigan, Kentucky, Indiana and other states.

Susan Tompor writes for the Detroit Free Press.

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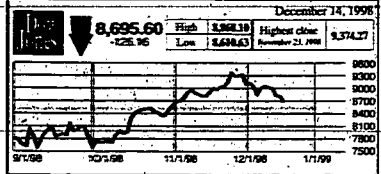
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Stock markets slide as earnings disappoint

NEW YORK (AP) — Earnings disappointments and weakening technology stocks pushed stocks sharply lower Monday, extending the market's weeklong drop to nearly 400 points.

At the close of trading on Wall Street, the Dow Jones industrial average had fallen 125.15 to 8,656.03, near its low for the day of 8,676.03. Much of the loss came in the last hour of trading.

The Dow Jones index has fallen 37,547 points in five consecutive trading sessions since Dec. 7. Broader stock indicators, including the technology-heavy Nasdaq composite index, also slid ground, Nasdaq closed down 58.80 to 1,570.51, weighed down by declines in Microsoft Corp., Intel Corp. and Yahoo! Inc.

The Internet stocks have followed a recent trading frenzy that elevated the sector beyond what many market watchers consider to be realistic levels. Some Internet stocks have doubled since an October, although they've yet to turn a profit. The Nasdaq isn't just up 100 points, it's up 60 percent from Oct. 8 to Dec. 8, according to Bill Meahan, chief market analyst for Cantor Fitzgerald.

"It's just a matter of how far can you push these stocks," he said. In trading Monday, Yahoo! fell 4 7/16 to 191 3/4, Intel dropped 4 3/4 and Ericc Inc. fell 3 1/2 to 49 1/2. Microsoft dropped 6 1/8 to 127 7/8. Stocks in general are ready for a breather, one market analyst said. "The markets have climbed steadily for weeks despite a stream of disappointing earnings reports."

"The market frenzy was due for a correction," said Charles White, portfolio manager and president at Avatar Associates in New York. "Perhaps fund managers are now catching up with reality."

Court's expert: Microsoft's Windows design unjustified

WASHINGTON (AP) — A computer scientist testified Monday that there is no justification for the way Microsoft bundled its Internet software within its dominant Windows operating system.

Edward Felten, a professor at Princeton, told the judge at the software giant's antitrust trial that the company deliberately blended different computer functions into some of the same Windows files, essentially making it impossible to completely delete all traces of its Internet software without affecting the operating system.

But Felten, who studied the closely guarded technical blueprints for Windows in a court-ordered examination, showed a 30-minute video describing how he was able to modify some files to prevent Microsoft's Internet software from launching.

"I know of no reason Microsoft was technologically compelled to design things that way," Felten said. "These files are packages of stuff, and some of the stuff relates to Web browsing and some of it doesn't."

Felten's testimony is important because the government is trying to prove Microsoft illegally tied its Internet software to Windows, in part to protect its monopoly among computer operating systems and also to stifle competition. Microsoft Communications Corp., which makes a popular competing Internet browser.

Felten called the way Microsoft implanted its browser "a question of packaging" rather than a design decision. He said there was no discussion over removing the browser's functions under Windows and actually deleting all the browser's components.

In a related case last summer, a federal appeals court ruled that Microsoft's decision to bundle its browser into an earlier version of Windows was allowed.

The government has said that decision was a narrow ruling about a previous agreement Microsoft made with the Justice Department over forcing computer makers to install Microsoft's Internet software with Windows.

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