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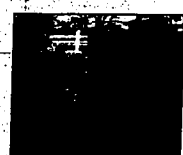
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Advocates give it another shot

Farmworker backers give minimum wage bill a second push

By Gregory Hahn
Times-News writer

BOISE — Pointing to changes in other Western states, advocates announced another effort to push a bill to bring farmworkers under Idaho's minimum wage law.

Farmworkers are the poorest of the working poor, said Maria Gonzalez Mabbutt of the Idahoans for Farmworker Minimum Wage Coalition. Every state bordering Idaho has brought at least some agricultural workers under their minimum wage umbrella, she said.

It's time for farmworkers to be



treated as first-class citizens," added Humberto Puentes, chairman of the Idaho Hispanic Council.

Sponsored by Reps. Ken Robison, D-Boise, and Tom Trull, R-Moscow, the bill was introduced into the House Monday morning. A press conference and rally capitalized on the

Senatehouse's charged atmosphere following a heavily attended celebration of Martin Luther King Jr.'s Idaho Human Rights Day.

Rep. John "Bert" Stevenson, R-Skipper, said he hoped the bill's supporters had more statistical proof than the measure is needed. Last year, he said, the call for farmworker wage law was based on what people heard. It didn't go far.

Stevenson, a Merrimack County farmer, sits on the House State Affairs Committee, which will see the bill.

These statistics may not exist, Mabbutt said. The average farm-

worker makes just \$6.50 a year, but she didn't have any statewide surveys detailing wages. Most of her information, she said, came from crop studies and conversations with workers, such as Emmett laborer Manuel Ortiz, who made a plea for help and support Monday through an interpreter.

Mabbutt said some sugar-beet workers make barely more than \$11 an hour, and farmworkers she knew in Canyon County make between \$2 and \$4 an hour.

But Stevenson said without the data he has a hard time believing that. Surveys around the Magic

Valley show most farmworkers make more than minimum wage, he said.

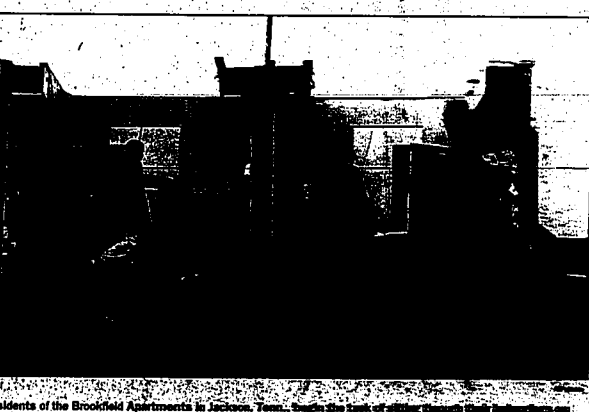
And more disagreement exists around piece-work — where a worker gets paid for each pie he moves or bushel he harvests. Mabbutt said she didn't want to see those workers excluded from an Idaho minimum wage bill — though some neighboring states still exempt them.

"These are the ones that are suffering the most," she said.

Yet Stevenson said he's tried to hire sprinkler-pipe movers for more than \$6 an hour and failed.

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TORNADO DEVASTATION — Clinton's State of the Union will have unusual backdrop



Residents of the Brookfield Apartments in Jackson, Tenn., begin the task of sifting through their belongings on Monday after a tornado ripped through the city Sunday evening.

Clinton's State of the Union will have unusual backdrop

WASHINGTON — President Clinton may score one of the boldest chapters in American political history Tuesday night — or one of the most shameless.

On trial in the Senate with his presidency at stake, Clinton will enter the House chamber to deliver his State of the Union address — one month to the day after he was impeached in the very same room.

And for the third year in a row, the viewing public will enter the annual twister zone that the address has recently become.

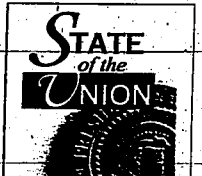
In 1997, Clinton gave the speech in spite across with the O.J. Simpson civil trial verdict. In 1998, it came just as the Monica Lewinsky sex scandal hit center stage.

"It ain't his going to be in the House delivering the State of the Union message while the Senate is deliberating his impeachment trial is . . . bizarre," said Rep. Dave Weldon, R-Fla. "Don't let's still the president, and when he comes back he'll be impeached."

Even if the Senate agrees to serve out his term to January 2002, this State of the Union speech will be Clinton's last.

Though Weldon said he would have preferred that Clinton deliver his message to Congress in writing — as the Constitution allows him to do — he's not surprised that Clinton is foregoing to deliver it in person.

One of the key features of Bill Clinton as a person is his shamelessness," Weldon said. "No matter how salacious and disreputable the current scandal surrounding him is, he has this ability to carry on as if every-



Broadcast times
A CBS, CBS, Fox, NBC and PBS will carry President Clinton's State of the Union address live on Tuesday at 7 p.m. On cable, it includes CNN, Fox News Channel and MSNBC, as well as CNBC and CSPAN, also will air the address.

Earlier in the day, ABC, CBS and NBC will continue selective coverage of the impeachment trial. PBS will continue its live, gavel-to-gavel coverage. On cable, it includes CNN, Fox News Channel, MSNBC, Court TV and CSPAN if plan gavel-to-gavel coverage.

Storms rip through Tennessee

Weather kills 8, injures 100

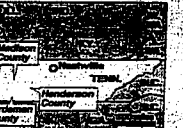
The Associated Press

JACKSON, Tenn. — Residents of a housing subdivision hard hit by a deadly tornado got their first daylight look Monday at the damage — homes reduced to rubble and debris strewn all around.

"Eight" people were killed statewide by twisters and at least 100 were hurt. At least 600 homes were damaged.

In the Charles Latham subdivision about two-thirds of 90 homes were destroyed by the twister that struck Sunday night. A woman and her daughter died there when their home

Tornadoes move across state



was leveled.

Four others died in the Jackson area and two died elsewhere in the state. Several of those hurt were critically injured.

Genevieve Morrow said her sister called to warn her about the storm, and minutes later she ran to the bathroom with her sister-in-

Law and 9-year-old minor 'washed out of town'

"I just felt like this was the end," said Morrow. "We got in there in just 30 seconds."

The Jackson Tribune was destroyed when twisters battered several homes.

After searchers finished searching the area for victims, Charles Latham subdivision residents who thought their luck when they were where was allowed back. Amid the widespread destruction, an ambulance was seen leaving and a young child was home.

Teresa McCabe and her husband were taking photos of lightning from their deck when they heard the tornado. They ran inside and huddled in the bath-

Government spent \$866M on employee complaints

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Even as the federal work force shrinks, employee complaints alleging discrimination or other mistreatment swelled in the 1990s and have already cost taxpayers more than \$866 million, federal records show.

Federal workers are seven times more likely to file a civil rights complaint than private sector employees, one analysis by federal managers found. Those who study such matters say federal workers are supersensitive about their rights, partly because the system makes it easy to seek redress.

Downsizing seems to have contributed to the complaints. Between 1990 and 1997, the government's civilian payroll fell from 3.1 million to 2.8 million, increasing competition for jobs and complaints from those laid off. Other causes include greater

Shootings threaten land access

Recent rash of vandalism may force ranchers to close road

By Heidi Tuttle
Times-News correspondent
and Laraine Casner
Times-News writer

MALLIA — Doug Freestone and his son Doug Freestone Jr. own land that stretches from here to the Black Pine Mountain about 20 miles away.

To get to public lands on the mountain, people have to go through the land the Freestones manage.

The owners of the Scenic Camp ranch leave their private land open for access, and controlled easy-open paths to save the work of opening wire gates.

But the most recent episode of



Doug Freestone and his son Doug Freestone Jr. look out over the cattle on their ranch. In the past two weeks, three cows on their property have been shot.

vandalism, however, is "almost the firm story," Freestone said.

"What really disturbs me is, we have tried to be good stewards and neighbors by leaving our private land open," Freestone said. "And in return, certain people came destroy our property. They don't give a damn about us."

The corporation owns and holds the rights to 57,000 acres of land, which provides pasture for 1,500 head of cattle.

Freestone Jr. checks the herd

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THE REGION

MAGIC VALLEY FIVE-DAY FORECAST

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER

Camas Prairie

High 44 Low 32
Partly cloudy with patchy morning fog. Mostly cloudy this afternoon with chance of rain. Chance of snow tonight. Cloudy tomorrow.

Treasure Valley

High 44 Low 32
Partly cloudy with patchy morning fog. Mostly cloudy this afternoon with chance of rain. Chance of snow tonight. Cloudy tomorrow.

Sawtooth Mountains/Wood River Valley

High 35 Low 24
Mostly cloudy with chance of snow in the afternoon. Cloudy tonight with chance of snow. Wednesday, snow likely by the afternoon.

Eastern Idaho

High 42 Low 30
Partly cloudy with chance of rain in the afternoon. Mostly cloudy tonight with chance of rain. Wednesday, snow likely by the afternoon.

Northern Idaho

High 37 Low 31
Mostly cloudy with patchy morning fog. Winds from 10 to 20 mph. Mostly cloudy tonight with chance of snow. Cloudy tomorrow.

Northern Utah

High 44 Low 32
Mostly cloudy with chance of rain in the afternoon. Mostly cloudy tonight. Chance of snow in the afternoon and windy with chance of showers on Wednesday.

Northern Nevada

High 48 Low 28
Rain and snow showers. Partly cloudy on Wednesday.

Today

High 43 Low 31
Partly cloudy with chance of showers. Mostly cloudy tonight with chance of snow.

Wednesday

High 44 Low 26
Cloudy with chance of snow, changing to rain.

Thursday

High 40s Low 20s
Rain likely.

Friday

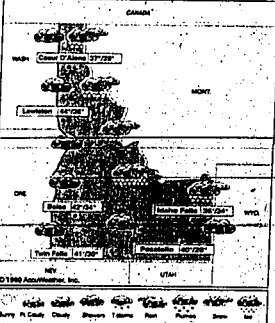
High 30s Low teens
Mostly cloudy with chance of rain.

Saturday

High 30s Low teens
Mostly cloudy with chance of rain.

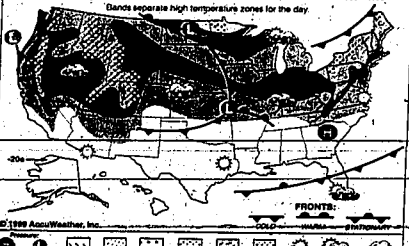
Idaho weather

Tuesday, Jan. 19
AccuWeather forecast for daytime conditions. Nightlow temperatures



National weather

The AccuWeather forecast for noon, Tuesday, Jan. 19
Internet address for Idaho Transportation Department road reports is: <http://www.state.id.us/itd/road/index.htm>



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

UV INDEX

Index: 1
Minimal
Burn time: 60 minutes

ROAD INFORMATION

Call the following number for road conditions in Idaho: 1-800-ID-ROAD (1-800-432-7623).

ACROSS THE NATION

Idaho: The upper-level disturbance, which brought widespread precipitation to the state overnight, continues to track across southeastern Idaho this afternoon. Across southern and southeastern Idaho, precipitation is more widespread and strong gusty winds continue in the vicinity of this disturbance.

move across Idaho on Tuesday bringing yet another chance of precipitation to the state. Nation: It snowed in Wisconsin, eastern Iowa, northern Illinois, northern Indiana and Michigan. Most of the snow was light.

Rain was widespread from the Northeast through the Mid-Atlantic states. Scattered thunderstorms went found across areas of Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland and Virginia. Stronger thunderstorms pushed across northern Florida.

—The Associated Press

Twin Falls	Precipitation	Yesterday	47	32	Yesterday in Twin Falls	15
Last year	38	36	36	36	Year to date:	87
Normal	36	18	18	18	Normal mo. to date:	71
					Water year to date:	2.27
					Normal year to date:	3.76

Idaho

Boise	Max	Min	Pcp	Idaho: High 45	Low 23	degrees at Caldwell
Burley	46	33	40	40	23	degrees at Caldwell
Fairfield	m	m	m	Nation: High 84	24	at Naples, Fla. Low: 1
Hagerman	41	32	19	at Aberdeen, S.D.		
Malheur	39	29	01			
Jerome	m	m	m			
Leovision	53	35	m			
Malad	40	33	05			
Molla	34	24	01			
McCall	36	26	m			
Pocatello	47	33	08			
Rainson	36	27	04			
Stanley	33	23	01			
Sun Valley	m	m	m			

The Nation

Albuquerque	Max	Min	Pcp
Atlanta	61	32	02
Boston	50	29	12
Indianapolis	50	31	01
Dallas	64	37	01
Denver	39	29	01
Des Moines	42	27	04
Detroit	37	26	15
Knoxville	37	26	04
Houston	74	49	01
Indianapolis	51	31	01
Kansas City	57	32	22
Las Vegas	69	43	01
Los Angeles	69	43	01
Memphis	60	45	01
Miami Beach	79	67	01
Milwaukee	36	34	02
Minneapolis	34	32	19
New Orleans	61	35	07
New York	57	35	01
Omaha	40	30	01
Phoenix	74	49	01
Pittsburgh	57	32	01
Portland, Me.	47	23	10
Reno	32	43	05
San Diego	55	35	01
San Francisco	57	54	07
Seattle	51	38	02
Spokane	43	33	41
Washington	59	40	79
Yonkers	74	51	01

Canadian Cities

Calgary	Temp
Montreal	38
Toronto	38
Vancouver	46

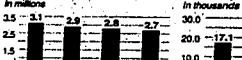
Fewer working, more complaining

While the federal workforce has decreased in the last 10 years, the number and cost of discrimination suits has risen. Here's a look at some of the statistics:

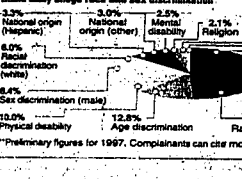
Cost of investigating and settling employee complaints is escalating



Federal employment is falling... but complainers are on the rise...



...and many allege race and sex discrimination...



...Preliminary figures for 1997. Complainers can file more than one action.

Complaints - Tomado

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action lawsuit for black foreign service officers that took 10 years and \$3.8 million to settle. The 1996 agreement also included a cost-sharing deal to help pay promotions for some officers and diversity training.

An Associated Press review of federal records found that from 1990 through 1997, the government spent \$378 million on counselors, judges and investigators who handle complaints.

Another \$488 million went to employees who won compensation awards ranging from a few thousand dollars to millions for class-action lawsuits.

No single agency tracks all worker complaints or costs. The AP reviewed documents from the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, Merit System Protection Board, U.S. Special Counsel and the Treasury Department Judgment Fund. But many hidden costs, such as confidential financial settlements, couldn't be cataloged.

"There's a phenomenal cost," said Jerry Shaw, an attorney for the executives association. "The system in the private sector is not anywhere near as elaborate."

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room as winds peeled off their roof. "We were praying very loudly to God and he was listening to us," she said.

Once the storm passed, her teenage son went to check on a neighbor and freed him after finding the man trapped under a refrigerator.

The fast-moving storm system that swept across western and central Tennessee packed high

winds, hail and heavy rain. Tomadoes were seen or touched down in 32 counties and damage was reported in 28 counties.

Jackson, a city of 50,000 about 85 miles northwest of Memphis, was hardest hit, but wasn't the only area to get a wet hammer.

One person died in Henderson County and another was killed in Hardeman County. About 100 homes and businesses were damaged in Maury County, including Shady Brook Mall.

Bill

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the workers know they make more money doing piece work, he said.

"Most farmers pay minimum wage or more, but not all of them," said House Minority Leader Wendy Jaquet, D-Ketchum. "If they do, no one should have a problem paying the law."

Except passing laws is costly, said Rep. Maxine Bell, R-Jerome, and there's no reason to put a law on the books just to make someone feel better.

Even some of the bill's supporters aren't too confident in its near future. Jaquet said she's concerned with the timing. With the farm economy in its current straits, the conservative Idaho Legislature isn't likely to bring more costs — real or perceived — on the state's struggling farmers.

The advocates plan to keep trying.

"I don't believe there will ever be a right time," Fuentes said.

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IDAHO ROAD REPORT

BOISE (AP) — Here are Monday evening's road conditions from the Idaho Department of Transportation.

Interstates: I-84, I-20, I-24, I-28, I-84, I-86, I-87, I-89, I-90, I-94, I-96, I-98, I-99, I-99A, I-99B, I-99C, I-99D, I-99E, I-99F, I-99G, I-99H, I-99I, I-99J, I-99K, I-99L, I-99M, I-99N, I-99O, I-99P, I-99Q, I-99R, I-99S, I-99T, I-99U, I-99V, I-99W, I-99X, I-99Y, I-99Z.

State Routes: SR 1, SR 2, SR 3, SR 4, SR 5, SR 6, SR 7, SR 8, SR 9, SR 10, SR 11, SR 12, SR 13, SR 14, SR 15, SR 16, SR 17, SR 18, SR 19, SR 20, SR 21, SR 22, SR 23, SR 24, SR 25, SR 26, SR 27, SR 28, SR 29, SR 30, SR 31, SR 32, SR 33, SR 34, SR 35, SR 36, SR 37, SR 38, SR 39, SR 40, SR 41, SR 42, SR 43, SR 44, SR 45, SR 46, SR 47, SR 48, SR 49, SR 50, SR 51, SR 52, SR 53, SR 54, SR 55, SR 56, SR 57, SR 58, SR 59, SR 60, SR 61, SR 62, SR 63, SR 64, SR 65, SR 66, SR 67, SR 68, SR 69, SR 70, SR 71, SR 72, SR 73, SR 74, SR 75, SR 76, SR 77, SR 78, SR 79, SR 80, SR 81, SR 82, SR 83, SR 84, SR 85, SR 86, SR 87, SR 88, SR 89, SR 90, SR 91, SR 92, SR 93, SR 94, SR 95, SR 96, SR 97, SR 98, SR 99, SR 100.

Local Roads: LR 1, LR 2, LR 3, LR 4, LR 5, LR 6, LR 7, LR 8, LR 9, LR 10, LR 11, LR 12, LR 13, LR 14, LR 15, LR 16, LR 17, LR 18, LR 19, LR 20, LR 21, LR 22, LR 23, LR 24, LR 25, LR 26, LR 27, LR 28, LR 29, LR 30, LR 31, LR 32, LR 33, LR 34, LR 35, LR 36, LR 37, LR 38, LR 39, LR 40, LR 41, LR 42, LR 43, LR 44, LR 45, LR 46, LR 47, LR 48, LR 49, LR 50, LR 51, LR 52, LR 53, LR 54, LR 55, LR 56, LR 57, LR 58, LR 59, LR 60, LR 61, LR 62, LR 63, LR 64, LR 65, LR 66, LR 67, LR 68, LR 69, LR 70, LR 71, LR 72, LR 73, LR 74, LR 75, LR 76, LR 77, LR 78, LR 79, LR 80, LR 81, LR 82, LR 83, LR 84, LR 85, LR 86, LR 87, LR 88, LR 89, LR 90, LR 91, LR 92, LR 93, LR 94, LR 95, LR 96, LR 97, LR 98, LR 99, LR 100.

Access

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Cassia County Sheriff's Capt. Jim Hignens said the department does not have extra patrol in the area.

"I would love to have 15,000 deputies for extra patrol every time an incident happens in the county," Hignens said. "It's not the only crime in the county."

The Freestones have experienced other property losses. Every year after deer hunting season, they have a number of repairs to make. They suspect the damage stems from vandalism, or from people trying to get into their property.

"I can't tell you how many fences they've cut every year," Freestone Jr. said. "There comes

had reports of animal shootings in the past, but those reports are infrequent, Hignens said.

"I don't recall the last time there was an incident of that type," he said.

Elsewhere in the area, farmers said they have seen a decline in livestock shootings.

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"I can't tell you how many fences they've cut every year," Freestone Jr. said. "There comes

a point where you can only take so much."

It is getting to a point where the Freestones are considering closing off access to their land.

"Boy, it is worth it to be a good guy and keep our land open? Or should we close up and forget it?" Freestone said. "We hate to have to do it because a lot of the people have been good to us. They've been using the mountain forever."

"If the trend doesn't change, Freestone said he'll be forced to close off access to their land."

"The majority of the people are good and honest, but it only takes a handful to ruin it for everybody," he said. "We alone can't control it. We need to work

as a group to get rid of the rotten eggs. Someone 'knows' and we need to get to speak up."

If the Freestones close their property off, that's their right, said Tom Dyer, area manager of the Bureau of Land Management.

"It's private land," he said. "If they feel they need to do that to secure their property, then I support it."

"But he has mixed feelings. "I'm a big believer in people having access to their public lands," Dyer said.

Meanwhile, Dyer is already seeing out-of-state buyers moving in to the area, buying pieces of property and barring access to public land.

"We are losing more and more access," he said. "If vandalism keeps occurring, that adds to it, whether it is cows shot or fences cut."

Richard Hall, 37, went hunting in the fall of 1998 for the first time on Black Pine Mountain. He said he would understand if the Freestones restrict access to the mountain.

"I'd be mad, but not at (the Freestones)," Hall said. "If guests they have to do what's necessary to keep the vandalism down."

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LOTTERY UPDATE

WEDNESDAY'S JACKPOTS:

WILD CARD will be an estimated \$1,185,000. Remember, WILD CARD has a \$25,000 second prize and eight prize levels. Don't miss your chance to win!

POWERBALL will be an estimated \$10 million.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 16 NUMBERS

POWERBALL

2 15 20 28 40

POWERBALL NUMBER 15

SATURDAY, JANUARY 16 NUMBERS

WILD CARD

1 12 15 16 25 34

WILD CARD SIX OF SPADES

MONDAY, JANUARY 18 NUMBERS

FAST

2 6 8 12 26

Congratulations to Daniel Green of Boise, who got very, very lucky on POWERBALL. He matched five out of five numbers but not the powerball and won \$100,000! He purchased his winning ticket at 7-Eleven in Boise.

S. African archbishop helps honor Dr. King in Atlanta

ATLANTA (AP) — From the pulpit where Martin Luther King Jr. once preached, South African Archbishop Desmond Tutu on Monday gave thanks to King and all Americans who have been credited with paving the way for the end of apartheid in his country.

"We drew enormous courage from your history. That you emerged from the furnace of affliction, the furnace of injustice, the furnace of oppression of slavery, emerged as strong as you have been," he told a crowd of Episcopalians and Baptists at Church.

"You helped us, 10,000 miles away."

People across the country celebrated Martin Luther King Day on Monday with religious services and volunteerism. Last Friday would have been King's 70th birthday. He died April 4,

1968, from an assassin's bullet.

Tutu, who teaches at Atlanta's Emory University, observed that America still needs to heal a racial split, dividing the country and leaving wounding scars from slavery and the Civil War.

"God has a dream like Martin Luther King Jr.," said Tutu. "That this community, the wonderful people in this land, will come to realize to say, 'Hey we are really members of one family.' Then, and maybe, this great country will be able to say truly, 'Free at last, thank God almighty we're free at last.'"

During the service, King's widow, Coretta Scott King, presented the 1999 Martin Luther King Jr. Non-Violent Peace Prize to John Hume, who last year shared the Nobel Peace Prize for his efforts to bring peace to Northern Ireland.

Violent crime victimizes teen girls more often

Night Rider News Service

MONTEREY, Calif. — Polly Kinca was 12 when her killer snatched her from a slumber party at her Petaluma, Calif., home.

Christina Williams was 13 the day she failed to return from walking her dog, Greg, around her Fort Ord, Calif., neighborhood. Her skeletal remains were found Tuesday.

Lisa Diane Norrell was 15 last November when she left a Pittsburg, Calif., dance hall on foot, apparently planning to walk home alone. Her body was found a week later.

The similarity among these

cases isn't merely coincidence. In California and across America, adolescent girls are at disproportionate risk of becoming victims of rape, sexual assault, or stranger abduction that ends in murder.

Consider these statistics from the U.S. Department of Justice:

- Teen-agers 12 to 19, especially girls, are the most victimized segment of the U.S. population.
- Children ages 12 to 15 are victimized at a rate 84 percent higher than the general population.
- Teen-age girls are among the most frequent victims of sexual assault.

According to a study by the justice department and the

Washington state attorney general's office, the "average" victim of a child abduction-murder is a girl slightly older than 12.

Most are normal kids from middle class neighborhoods who first meet their abductors within a quarter mile of home.

"It is probably not a good idea to send an unescorted 10-year-old girl to the grocery store to buy a quart of milk," the researchers conclude.

Girls constitute 76 percent of all children murdered by abductors, according to the study. A similar figure emerged from a 1991 survey of state prison inmates who had committed violence against children. Three out

of four of their victims were girls, the inmates reported.

"Why are young females so vulnerable?" Partly because of how they see themselves, and partly because of how others see them, experts say.

Adolescent girls tend to be fearless. They feel sophisticated and immortal, even though they lack street savvy and adult judgment. They often act on their own, with lots of time unsupervised by parents or adults.

They may take their first jobs, meeting older people in the workplace. Many begin to date. Some experiment with alcohol and drugs.

Officials charge ex-patient with shooting surgeon

AVENTURA, Fla. (AP) — Dr. Bradley Silverman took the impossible case of another woman turned away. It may have cost him his life.

Roger Herndon, a former patient with a violent and a history of mental problems, was charged with shooting Silverman to death at the doctor's office last week, Herndon's attorneys said.

Herndon was upset with the outcome of an operation. The Miami Herald reported, citing unidentified sources,

Herndon, a 45-year-old carpenter and handyman, suffers from Crohn's disease, a debilitating intestinal illness that causes chronic pain. The Fort Lauderdale Sun-Sentinel reported, Silverman, 41, operated on him last year to remove under-arm polyps.

The surgery left Herndon with restricted movement and some loss of feeling in the arm — an outcome Silverman had warned might occur, the Herald said.

Herndon filed a complaint against the doctor without success.

Date rape drug suspected in death

GROSSE ILE, Mich. (AP) — A 15-year-old girl died after drinking alcohol that police believe was laced with a date rape drug.

Police Chief William Barron said the girl and two others went with three boys to an apartment complex Saturday night. Barron said two of the girls had drinks and after the drinks started vomiting. She died Sunday.

Her name was not released. Her mother, who turns 15 on Tuesday, was in stable condition Monday.

An autopsy was being performed on the 15-year-old. Police said investigators believe the girls' drinks had been laced with gamma-hydroxybutyrate, or GHB, which is known as the "date rape drug" because it has been used to render women helpless against sexual advances.

Ronald Reagan's son to head Bauer PAC

WASHINGTON (AP) — Gary Bauer, a conservative activist preparing to run for president, has tapped Ronald Reagan's son to head his political action committee while he seeks the White House.

Michael Reagan, a California-based radio show host, will take over as head of the Campaign for Working Families once Bauer establishes a presidential exploratory committee, said Tim Goeglein, spokesman for the PAC. He is expected to form the committee next month.

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Homeless advocates Kathleen Betts lies on the sidewalk in front of a restaurant in Philadelphia Monday. Betts and several dozen others are protesting a new city ordinance that allows police to fine and in some cases remove vagrants sitting or living on city sidewalks.

Homeless advocates stage lie-down protest

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Homeless advocates lay down on the sidewalks along a busy shopping district Monday to protest a new ordinance allowing police to fine and in some cases remove vagrants sitting or living on the sidewalks.

The "sidewalk behavior" ordinance also offers more shelter beds, mental-health programs and substance-abuse counseling. Advocates say it will help the homeless by providing treatment when needed.

But what has made the law so contentious is a provision that outlaws lying or sitting on sidewalks.

About 100 protesters bearing signs reading "The City is Unfriendly WHAT?" and chanting "Stop the war on the poor" staged

the protest in City Hall's south walkway to the poth Ritz-Carlton Square area, where they lay down in the rain along a two-block stretch of sidewalk.

Protesters planned to stay there overnight until Tuesday, when the law takes effect.

No arrests had been made by Monday afternoon.

"This is a bill specifically tar-

geting the homeless, and that's fundamentally unfair," said William O'Brien of Project HOME, a nonprofit group that helps the homeless find housing and jobs. "It says some people are welcome in Philadelphia and some are not."

The American Civil Liberties Union of Pennsylvania planned to file a lawsuit Tuesday seeking an injunction against the ordinance.

Under the measure, aggressive panhandling could result in a \$100 fine.

Sitting or lying on a public sidewalk for more than one hour in a two-hour period could bring a \$20 fine.

Police officers would have to call an outreach team of mental health or drug treatment counselors before removing someone from a sidewalk. They also would have to give warnings before taking enforcement action.

Philadelphia's action is not unique. Cities from New York to San Francisco are tightening restrictions on sleeping and begging in public places, according to a report released this month by the National Law Center on Homelessness and Poverty.

Congregation mourns pastor who died at altar

ROCKVILLE, Md. (AP) — Like her father, the priest at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Peggy Puglisi has known how to say the rosary since she was a child. But when her priest collapsed and died while celebrating Mass, the words just wouldn't come.

Monsignor Adam J. Kostick was stricken by an apparent heart attack moments after consecrating the bread and wine during Sunday's Mass. His hands were still raised in prayer when he collapsed. He died with his eyes and collapsed.

"People were crying and I said Puglisi, one of about 700 parishioners in church at the time. "Some of us started saying the rosary. We've known that all our lives, but everybody was stumbling and stumbling."

Kostick, who turned 73 last week, had been pastor of the church in this Washington suburb for the past 16 years. Hundreds of his parishioners gathered at the church Monday for a regular weekday Mass that was overshadowed by their priest's death.

Some people took comfort in how Kostick died.

"That's the way he wanted to die — at the altar," said Monsignor James Beattie, pastor of St. Basil's Church in nearby Bethesda, who played golf with Kostick every Tuesday for the past 30 years.

Last week, Kostick gleefully announced that the congregation had raised \$1.3 million, nearly double its goal, for school scholarships and improvements to the church and its grounds, which include a 19th century cemetery where writer F. Scott Fitzgerald is buried.

"He made sure he got this whole place in shape first, and then he died," parishioner Nancy Keefe said.

Until a new pastor is found, the church's associate pastor, Rev. L. James Downs, is leading the congregation, which is made up of about 2,000 families.

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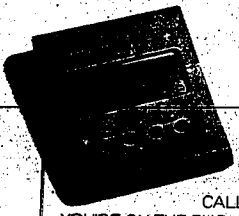
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Guidelines Can decide what legal standard to use, how they apply to facts in case	Instructed by judge on legal standards; can only decide questions of fact
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SOURCE: Knight-Ridder Washington Bureau

White House expects witnesses

Daschle speculates that trial could go on indefinitely.

What's ahead in the impeachment trial

On Tuesday President Clinton's defense begins in his impeachment trial and he delivers his annual State of the Union address. Here's what to watch for on both fronts:

- At 11 a.m., White House Counsel Charles F.C. Ruff will begin the president's defense in the Senate. Ruff will be the only speaker on the first of three days allotted to the defense, and is likely to take several hours.
- At 9 p.m., President Clinton will take the podium in the House, where he was impeached last month, to deliver his State of the Union message. He is expected to get a dignified, though chilly, reception from congressional Republicans, rookie House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., has passed the word for them to be nice when the president shows up.
- Some key House members have said they won't attend the speech — but not because of their disapproval of Clinton.

House Judiciary Committee Chairman Henry Hyde, R-Ill., the president's chief prosecutor, says he won't go because he'd rather watch it on TV at home. "I can jump up and down easier from my chair at home," Hyde quipped.

- Clinton is expected to make his annual address for the coming year. He wants to make state and local school systems more accountable for the quality of education by withholding federal money for failing schools and by dispensing about \$600 million in new aid to districts that meet standards.
- Other goals: addressing the welfare of aging citizens; strengthening Social Security; preparing local governments for a biological weapons attack.
- Clinton is unlikely to make an impeachment. "The president believes the appropriate place for those comments are in the Senate," said White House Press Secretary Joe Lockhart.
- Hastert, center in Washington, has home run recent recruits Mark McNulty and Sammy Sosa may attend the speech as Clinton's guests.
- Source: Knight-Ridder News Service

The White House has been fighting that demand, but now expects to see a deal, officials said.

White House Counsel Charles F.C. Ruff will spend several hours presenting opening defense arguments before the trial resumes for Clinton's State of the Union address in the House chamber where the president was impeached. Senate Republicans will be asked not to be in the audience, who asked not to be identified, said GOP leaders would prefer that senators adopt the demands of Supreme Court justices and not express themselves during the speech.

The lead prosecutor, Rep. Henry Hyde, R-Ill., has said he will not attend the speech, but his absence won't be related to the trial. The lawmaker said he prefers to avoid the crowds and has moved the address in previous years.

Daschle, in an interview with the Associated Press, acknowledged that Democrats' majority have lost their fight with majority Republicans to conclude the trial without live testimony from witnesses.

But the general results were still being hardy disputed.

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate's Democratic leader, conceded on Monday that witnesses "may be inevitable" in President Clinton's impeachment trial but said that once live testimony starts the Senate could lose much of its control over the proceedings.

A Republican victory on calling Monica Lewinsky and others could extend the trial indefinitely, said Sen. Tom Daschle of South Dakota. And he speculated that it also could lead to a Senate floor spectacle of 100 senators watching her "point to where the president touched her."

Republican Sen. Jon Kyl of Arizona dismissed the warning as "all-in-nothing" scare tactics. "Just not true."

At Daschle commented, White House lawyers honed the defense presentation they will begin Tuesday. It will focus on conflicts in testimony, a strategy that

would be aimed at undercutting House charges of perjury and obstruction of justice but that

also could open the way to Republican demands for witnesses to help resolve the disputes.

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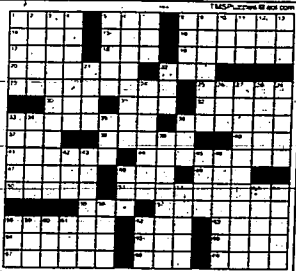
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Love is for real, Leos

IF JANUARY 19 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You are an independent thinker and a dynamic, you exude aura of adventure, sensuality, sex appeal. Leo, Aquarius persons play outstanding roles in your life, could have these letters, initials in names: A, S, J. Current cycle relates to popularity, participation in charitable-political campaigns. In February, flirtation gets serious; be careful.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): On this Tuesday you receive surprise invitation - others on list include the high-and-mighty. Lunar position emphasizes acquisition of art object, luxury item.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Keep plans flexible, emphasis on change, travel, variety of experiences. You write your way in and out-of-tight-spot. Words-of-love come trippingly from your tongue.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Attention revolves around music, harmony, restoration of peace in domestic area. Wear shades of blue, speak up, make yourself noticed. Libra-plays-fascinating role.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Play waiting game, hold out for best offer. Element of deception present, see people, relationships as they are, not merely as you wish they might be. Pisces involved.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Scenario highlights pressure, responsibility, promotion, intense relationship. Doubts will be erased, you'll know your love is not unrequited. Power struggle will include Capricorn.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Don't permit opportunity to slip away. Stress universal appeal, language, journey to another

HOROSCOPE
Sydney Omarr

land. People trust you, confidential information is released for your benefit.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): People comment, "I've seen you before." You will be asking, "Is this guy's job?" Experiences repeat themselves - you are ready to break new ground. Leo, Aquarius persons play roles.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Focus on partnership, public relations, legal rights and permissions. Cancer native makes proposal, business, career, marriage. You will learn more about where you are going and why.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Emphasize your personal, magnetic appeal, increased social activity. Emerge from emotional shell - you will be life of the party. Jupiter, your planet, indicates winning streak.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): What caused delay in recent past will now do turnaround, enabling you to withstand pressure, added responsibility. Scorpio helps in making valuable contacts. Number 4 is winner.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Moon in your sign equates to high cycle - you win friends and influence important people. You will have good fortune in romance, finance. Gemini, Libra persons play roles.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Time will not run out. Family member comes to rescue, helps you become ultimate winner. Prize is silver bowl. Don't give in to yearning for sweets. Aries involved.

Rats raise big bounties

Hardly anybody on the street knows that elephants have hair all over. Light hair. Very light.

In 1918, Antonio Pagan founded a company to make his classic toy wagon. Radio was new, and so was flight, fairly, and both were exciting.

To capture a little of that excitement, he named his wheeled masterpiece "Radio Flyer."

And ever now, hardly anything in the memory of modern American man is dearer to him than his first such little red wagon.

Am told the only foreign nationals that can serve in the United States Armed Forces are Filipinos.

In 1699, the British and Dutch stockmarkets fell sharply. In 1799, they did likewise. In 1899, they dropped again, did the Dow. So reports the Dutch bank ING Barings.

No conjecture on the rest of 1999. This is about what was, not what will be. But a pattern is there.

Yes-it's still against the law in Schuler, Okla., for a woman to gamble in the nude.

Q. What are "fruit and vegetable" jokes?



WHAT'S WHAT
L.M. Boyd

A. Bad. Knock-knock bad. Like this: Q. "What's the best way to keep dried prunes?" A. Refuse to give them back. Or Q. How do you make good stew? A. Add 14 carrots. Or Q. What's yellow and seldom rings? A. An unlisted banana.

A shameless New England lady says she improved the appearance of her beloved Boston fern almost miraculously sometime back when she started taking it into the shower with her every Sunday morning.

Q. When is "gooses" the plural of "goose"?

A. When you're talking about the smoothing irons of tailors.

Q. If rats are man's worst enemies, why don't governments put bounties on rats?

A. They've done so. Then people started raising rats for the bounties.

Daughter sours on dad

DEAR ABBY: I need some advice about how to talk to my father. I'm getting married soon...



DEAR ABBY
Abby Cadabby

He left when I was about 2 years old and came back into the picture again when I was 16. The man who was more like a father to me, and still is, is my grandfather.

He is the person I would like to ask to give me away.

I haven't been able to come up with a diplomatic way of telling my father how I feel. I'm not even sure I want him at my wedding.

He knows I don't value him as a daughter should value a father and has made several attempts to redeem himself in my eyes.

Since I am early in learning communication skills, will you please

help me?
— LISA IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR LISA: You communicate your feelings better than you think you do. May I suggest a compromise? Ask both your father and your grandfather to walk you down the aisle - one on each arm. There is no reason to hurt either man on your special day. In years to come you will be happy you made the gesture. The alternative is to walk down the aisle alone.

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Idaho study breaks down tourism's economic impact

BOISE (AP) — Idaho's tourism and travel industry generated direct expenditures of nearly \$17 billion in 1997, according to a new economic impact study commissioned by the Idaho Travel Council.

Carl Wilgus, administrator for the Idaho Division of Tourism Development, said the study breaks new ground for Idaho's tourism industry.

"We now have a breakdown of tourism expenditures by region and then again by county," Wilgus said. "That kind of information is incredibly helpful to a firm looking to relocate or expand."

The results show more than half of Idaho's tourism expenditures are generated in northern and southwestern Idaho. Ada County leads the state in tourism dollars at \$324 million followed by Kootenai County at \$203 million and Blaine County \$151 million.

Statewide figures show travelers spent the majority of their money at retail establishments and on ground transportation.

Wilgus said preliminary results show more than 24,000 Idaho residents are employed in the tourism industry, generating a total of payroll of nearly \$772 million. The majority of those persons are in eating and drinking establishments followed by accommodations, retail sales and recreation.

Reservable County Jail on suspicion of aggravated robbery.

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Searchers find last of 4 bodies

BERLIN (AP) — Rescue workers have recovered the last body of four Washington women killed when a U.S. military refueling plane crashed and landed near the Duwamish River in a military spokesman said Monday.

Cpt. Kelley Thibodeaux, spokesman for the NATO base where the plane was temporarily based, said the last body was recovered Sunday. He said there was no decision on when the bodies of the women, all members of Washington state's Air National Guard, would be sent home.

The base resumed air traffic Monday for the first time since Wednesday's crash near the northwest German town of Goshenwik.

The KC-135 Stratotanker had been refueling a tank when it crashed near the base runway. A U.S. military investigation team is expected to take at least 30 days to determine the cause of the accident.

The plane had touched down, then rolled again immediately and then crashed into a height of 620 feet. Loaded with around 2,600 gallons of fuel, the plane burst immediately into flames.

Salmon coalition pushes change

GRANTS PASS, Ore. (AP) — A coalition of timber and conservation groups wants to move the Oregon Salmon Plan out of the governor's office and into the hands of a new state commission.

That commission would oversee the \$45 million in state Lottery money voters earmarked for salmon restoration last fall and create a veto for the plan's future.

Legislation has been developed by the Oregon Business Council and is backed by the Oregon Forest Industries Council, Oregon Trout, Defenders of Wildlife and the Nature Conservancy.

"We are very interested in seeing the proposal," said Roy Hemmingsway, Gov. John Kitzhaber's top salmon advisor.

Kitzhaber developed the groundbreaking Oregon Salmon Plan to enlist private landowners along the Coast Range in voluntary efforts to restore and protect salmon habitat and stave off the federal government from listing Oregon coastal coho salmon as a threatened species. Local watershed councils decide what to do and where to do it.

Through a lawsuit by environmentalists led to a court order forcing the National Marine Fisheries Service to list coastal coho, Kitzhaber has spread efforts to restore salmon statewide with a recent executive order calling on all state agencies to get behind the Salmon Plan.

Private timberland owners support the salmon commission because they are worried that federal agencies will impose logging restrictions that would make their lands unprofitable unless salmon runs are healthy.

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Idaho Falls mother to be charged

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — Prosecutors are expected to file charges Tuesday against a 23-year-old woman for the weekend death of her baby, according to police.

Eleven-month-old Isabell Castro died Saturday night at Columbia Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center after being taken off life support, according to a police report.

Her mother, Leticia Castro, was being held Sunday in the

Reservable County Jail on suspicion of aggravated robbery.

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CHILD BIRTH PREPARATION PROGRAM

PREPARED CHILD BIRTH COURSE CLASS SCHEDULE 1999-2000

It is recommended you complete classes in your 37-38th week of pregnancy.

Day of Week	Beginning	Ending
Tuesday	Dec. 29, 1998	Jan. 26, 1999
Wednesday	Jan. 13	Feb. 30
Thursday	Jan. 28	Feb. 25
Tuesday	Feb. 9	March 9
Wednesday	Feb. 24	March 24
Thursday	March 4	April 1
Tuesday	March 30	April 27
Thursday	April 8	May 6
Wednesday	April 21	May 19
Tuesday	May 11	July 8
Thursday	May 27	June 24
Wednesday	June 9	July 7
Tuesday	June 29	July 27
Thursday	July 15	Aug. 12
Wednesday	July 28	Aug. 25
Tuesday	Aug. 10	Sept. 7
Thursday	Aug. 26	Sept. 30
Wednesday	Sept. 15	Oct. 13
Tuesday	Sept. 28	Oct. 26
Thursday	Oct. 14	Nov. 11
Wednesday	Oct. 27	Dec. 1
Tuesday	Nov. 16	Dec. 14
Thursday	Dec. 2	Dec. 30
Wednesday	Dec. 22	Jan. 19, 2000
Tuesday	Jan. 4, 2000	Feb. 1, 2000
Thursday	Jan. 20, 2000	Feb. 17, 2000

For information regarding the availability of Saturday-childbirth classes, please call 737-2900.

BIG KIDS KLUB

Single class designed to help prepare babies and sisters for the new baby. Children talk about their feelings concerning the new baby's arrival, visit the maternity unit, and receive a certificate of participation. (Participants need to bring a picture of themselves.)

Saturdays each month from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Cost: \$7.50/child or \$18/family.

Jan. 9, 1999	Feb. 6	March 6
April 10	May 1	June 5
July 10	Aug. 7	Sept. 11
Oct. 2	Nov. 6	Dec. 4

CESAREAN CHILD BIRTH CLASS

The short class of each Childbirth Preparation Program will be available to women wishing to learn more about cesarean deliveries. Post-partum care, medications, modifications, hospital procedures, non-comforting labor, and a tour of Labor and Delivery will be covered. (Pre-registration is required for this program.)

Evenings, 7-9:30 p.m. Cost: \$15.

Tuesday, Jan. 12	Wednesday, Jan. 27
Thursday, Feb. 11	Thursday, Feb. 23
Wednesday, March 10	Thursday, March 18
Tuesday, April 13	Thursday, April 22
Wednesday, May 5	Tuesday, May 25
Thursday, June 10	Wednesday, June 23
Tuesday, July 13	Thursday, July 29
Wednesday, Aug. 11	Tuesday, Aug. 24
Thursday, Sept. 16	Wednesday, Sept. 29
Tuesday, Oct. 12	Thursday, Oct. 28
Wednesday, Nov. 10	Tuesday, Nov. 30
Thursday, Dec. 16	Wednesday, Jan. 5, 2000
Tuesday, Jan. 18, 2000	

INFANT CPR CLASSES

New parents, their family members, and babysitters who will be taking care of the newborn are encouraged to take this free Infant CPR class. You will learn to recognize the choking infant and act appropriately. Child safety and prevention of injury are also discussed. No registration is required for this class.

Evenings, 7-9:30 p.m. No charge.

Thursday, Jan. 7	Tuesday, Jan. 26
Wednesday, Feb. 10	Thursday, Feb. 25
Tuesday, March 9	Wednesday, March 24
Thursday, April 1	Tuesday, April 27
Thursday, May 6	Wednesday, May 19
Tuesday, June 8	Thursday, June 24
Wednesday, July 7	Tuesday, July 27
Thursday, Aug. 12	Wednesday, Aug. 25
Tuesday, Sept. 7	Thursday, Sept. 30
Wednesday, Oct. 13	Tuesday, Oct. 26
Thursday, Nov. 11	Wednesday, Dec. 1
Tuesday, Dec. 14	Thursday, Dec. 30
Wednesday, Jan. 19, 2000	

CAR SEATS

Installation Instruction and Information is available by Calling Magic Valley Safe Kids at 737-2430.

CHILD BIRTH REFRESHER CLASS

The second class of each Childbirth Preparation Program will be offered for persons who have previously taken any prepared childbirth course. Childbirth preparation and medical center procedures will be reviewed. Tours of the labor/delivery area will be given.

New class each month. Evenings, 7-10 p.m. Cost: \$15.

Tuesday, Jan. 5	Wednesday, Jan. 20
Thursday, Feb. 4	Tuesday, Feb. 16
Wednesday, March 3	Thursday, March 11
Tuesday, April 6	Thursday, April 15
Wednesday, April 28	Tuesday, May 18
Thursday, June 3	Wednesday, June 16
Tuesday, July 6	Thursday, July 22
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Tuesday, Jan. 11, 2000	Thursday, Jan. 27, 2000

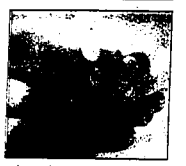


VBAC PREPARATION PROGRAM

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Mothers who plan on having a vaginal birth after a previous cesarean delivery have the opportunity to meet one-on-one with a childbirth educator. Safety of VBAC is discussed, plus tools and information on coping with labor are presented.

Mother and her support person need to set up this appointment by calling 737-2901. They then should plan on attending the Childbirth Refresher Class, meeting with other couples who have succeeded in vaginal delivery.



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EDITORIAL

City worker damaged public discussion with phony letters

Everyone who reads this page lost something last week, when a Twin Falls city employee admitted publishing letters to the editor under a phony name.

The employee, city Environmental Coordinator Brad Gilmore, destroyed some of our small-town trust and replaced it with cynicism.

As a result, the paper is tightening our access for writing letters. Anyone inconvenienced by this can thank Gilmore and another hoax writer, Jerome-area resident Lee

Brad Gilmore's letters to the editor added confusion, not clarity, to the debate over local water quality.

Our letters section is the Magic Valley's most prominent public forum. It is a never-ending town meeting, and the rules are simple: 1) Send us your letter; and 2) Sign your real name.

The second rule is necessary because letters are public testimony. Using an alias is no different from speaking up at a public meeting under a phony name. It is deceitful.

Gilmore's letters weren't innocuous. They were pointed attacks on the livestock industry. One of them urged the recall of Twin Falls county commissioners.

This is serious business. As the city's top environmental official, Gilmore has a dog in the fight over who is contaminating local

streams, including Rock Creek. He is correct that livestock plays a role, but his letter ignores the fact that untreated residential sewage also figures in the equation.

In effect, his letters are a diversionary smokescreen. They add confusion, not clarity, to the debate over local water quality.

It's a dishonest way to conduct one's personal business, and we're left to wonder if it spilled into Gilmore's official business as the city's environmental-quality specialist.

Given his demonstrated willingness to manipulate the public, can city leaders trust his analysis of the Rock Creek problem? Are his sampling methods accurate?

We don't know, and we're not taking any chances. In addition to barring Gilmore from publishing letters to the editor, we won't quote him as a news source anymore. From now on, if we need environmental information from the city, we'll get it from the city manager.

Gilmore's deception strikes at the essence of journalism: public trust.

We don't begrudge him his opinion, and we would happily have printed it, if he'd just been truthful about who he was. If he believed in what he wrote, he should have signed his name with pride.

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Write to us

The Times-News welcomes letters from readers on subjects of public interest. To make sure your letter is published promptly, here are a few guidelines to remember:

- Each letter should include the writer's signature, mailing address and telephone number. Typewritten letters are preferred because they allow faster handling with less chance of error.
- Letters may be brought to our Twin Falls office, mailed to P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303, or sent by fax to (200) 734-5538.

- Letters considered libelous, obscene or in bad taste will be rejected, as will racial, ethnic or religious slurs.
- We do not publish verse or poetry, and we generally remove or limit religious quotations. Articles taken from other publications will be reprinted.
- Because of space constraints, please limit letters to 400 words. Longer letters will be shortened. The Times-News reserves the right to edit letters.
- We look forward to hearing from you!



Militant Taliban terrorizes Afghani women

When the Berlin Wall fell and the Soviet Union collapsed, most people thought the days of oppression were largely over. Not in Afghanistan, where the ruling Taliban militia has plunged women into a new Dark Age.

Massacring as Muslims doing the will of God, the Taliban are terrorizing more than 11 million Afghans simply because they are female.



CAL THOMAS

Three months ago, the Feminist Majority Foundation launched a Campaign to Stop Gender Apartheid in Afghanistan. Mavis Leno and her husband, Jay, contributed \$100,000 to help restore the right of Afghan women to work, be educated, have access to health care and vote freely.

Women there are now under virtual house arrest, allowed to emerge only in the company of a male and then for limited reasons. Any home with a female inside must put the windows and the Taliban have decreed that all women must wear the burqa, a full-length garb that resembles a horror-movie costume.

While the Feminist Majority campaign received some initial publicity, many human rights work must generate sustained attention from different political camps if it is to succeed. It is hard to believe at the dawn of a new millennium that such archaic practices still exist. In Afghanistan, girls and women may not attend school, even home school. Until the Taliban seized power two years ago,

40 percent of Afghani doctors were women. Now, female doctors are not only prohibited from practicing medicine, but male doctors cannot examine or treat women.

Hillary Rodham Clinton told a Human Rights Day gathering at the White House last month that at one time half the teachers in Afghanistan were women, but now they are barred from teaching.

As with most oppressors, the Taliban say they are doing these things for the "good" of women, but it is impossible to see how this Orwellian NewSpeak of "bad is good" can serve the interest of females. In her testimony last March before a special hearing chaired by Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., Mavis Leno noted that "Pakistan and Saudi Arabia have recognized the Taliban and have provided substantial support to this regime. Saudi Arabia has long received military equipment and assistance from the United States government. Pakistan receives assistance from the United States as well."

Pakistan and Saudi Arabia are the major sources of support and arms for the Taliban. Saudi Arabia is a major source of funding for the Taliban on the part of the United States government must

urge Pakistan and Saudi Arabia to cease arming and funding the Taliban. Leno tells me "the Saudi government has had some degree of falling out over Osama Bin Laden." She says the Taliban "desperately want a seat at the United Nations, which the United States and most other governments oppose until human rights for women and girls are again recognized."

"There are schools for Afghan girls in Pakistan refugee camps for those fortunate enough to escape the Taliban's iron-fisted rule, but they are underfunded and can help only a tiny fraction of Afghanistan's females."

What Secretary of State Madeleine Albright has called the "despicable" treatment of Afghan females can be stopped, only if government, businesses and individuals impose pressure, isolation and humiliation on the Taliban. The Muslim community has a special role to play as it seeks to combat the stereotype that all Muslims are terrorists. It must continually point out that the education of women and girls is not prohibited by the Koran, but encourage women and girls to acknowledge that the Taliban are extreme to Muslims as Doomsday cults are to Christians and the Jewish Defense League.

Why is a nice conservative boy like me endorsing the work of the Feminist Majority? Maybe it's because some of my best friends and relations are women.

Cal Thomas is a Los Angeles Times columnist.

LETTERS

Skateboarders deserve space

It is great to read that the city of Twin Falls will match funds donated for a skateboard park.

The city of Ketchum has a skateboard park that is very successful. It has been a wonderful, active spot for our kids to gather.

The city of Halley is currently working on a skateboard park. Our kids have been working hard fundraising. Donations for Halley's park may be sent to First Security Bank, P.O. Box 727, Halley, ID 83333.

Please let us know where donations can be sent to help get the Twin Falls park up and going. It is a worthy cause. TRINA MCNEAL, Halley

Ordinance would hurt business

To the City Council of Twin Falls: I feel like I should speak up on behalf of the ordinance that they're trying to pass. On behalf of the secondhand furniture stores when they buy or rent with people like me that they would have to ask me for my fingerprints and also expect these buyers to store the furniture for 30 days. I believe you had better take a second look and let these people make an honest living in these stores.

I am 75 years old, have lived in the Magic Valley all my life and I got very angry at those who want my fingerprints. I have never had any trouble buying used

furniture. I have to because I have a very small income. So I would hope that you would let them get on with their business and living and go out and find the real thieves.

HELEN MEYERS, Jerome

Pay attention to success

"Successes": I wonder what this is. Webster describes it as simple, along with 75 look-alike words. I think maybe for me it means search of happiness. So far in my life, I have been watching my fellow man chase what they considered it to mean. Most all of them place dollars at the top of their list. Out of all these folks I know, one I think has reached his goal.

Every man has something that motivates him to some degree. That all strive for in their mind what it is success. My old departed Uncle Bill, he just wanted to live long enough to get Social Security and a home in Godling. He did this and, when he died, I believe he found his success. His wife lives there today alone. She really hasn't reached her goal yet. More than likely, she will never reach it. I ask and wonder what she think it is. Of hundreds of people, very few ever find the piece of "mind" that I believe is true success. For sure, it means something entirely different to each of us. I think success with one's own God might be enough for many.

If it were finance it would stand out

more than it does. Money doesn't fit hardly anywhere in the equation in my eyes. Money is greed and greed drives most humans nut crazy. Power, same thing. As I sit here this morning trying to find more than one human I know of that found success, bewildered, it just must be pursuit of happiness. If it ain't, we're in a deep.

The nation is mired in turmoil like we have never seen. An individual human being, the cause, Bill Clinton, he is after his goal, success? I wonder what he thinks it is.

He ask his god for help. What kind of help can God give that that don't believe God's word. For sure, to this point, he has had the help. No way could he have gotten to here without it. Scared the hell out of me.

I know my own who do wrong daily and don't show any harm. Clinton is one. Sure, he look like dead weight, but over, fakes everything, including expressions. He has got to be living in hell, but this don't detour this person. If he is after the elusive word, "success," he better put and start over.

Pay attention. BARNEY J. ROWLAND, Hagerman

Secondhanders deserve better

To the City Council of Twin Falls: If I feel like I should put my comments in on behalf of the secondhand stores tak-

ing/fingerprints when selling used furniture. I am 68 years old, was born and raised here in Twin Falls.

I don't expect these buyers to ask for my fingerprints when I sell or trade my furniture and to expect us to have our fingerprints and hold it for 30 days.

I believe to be uncalled for; I think that the Twin Falls commissioners had better take a second look at this ordinance and give these stores a chance to make an honest living.

I patronize secondhand stores pretty frequently and have never been faced with this problem.

I'm sure if you would take a closer look, you might find that many other people in the Magic Valley and surrounding areas would agree with me on this matter. People, please look into this for mine and other people's concern. VALERIE LUKENS, Twin Falls

TF officers disgust reader

To the City Council and the citizens of Twin Falls:

I am a 76-year-old citizen of this town and have lived here all my life, through bad times and good times.

But I am so disgusted with our police department and the City Council who certainly are being dictatorial in the decisions they make. They do not abide by what the public wishes, only the police

department. This one, for a big, big sample pertaining to an ordinance on secondhand stores.

I feel it would alienate my rights and anyone else's to be fingerprinted and having a police record taken whenever I walk with a piece of my furniture to be treated like a common criminal.

It's not hiding anything, it's just a stupid law to compare us like crooks. Being fingerprinted, etc., is invading our privacy and classing us in a wrong category.

Being the city police are classing every one in what they believe in is terrible for our average citizens.

People, think of this if you wish to sell a piece or two of furniture and go and have fingerprints and police records. How will you feel?

This stupid ordinance is judging every one common criminals.

Why don't they put heavier locks and more lighting at these storage sheds and more security. There would be less crime. The police say this is where the crime is.

So now everyone is to be punished for a few. Wrong! When it comes to our everyday citizens, we have rights, too, not just the police want.

Right! Folks, look into this situation and see what is being done and see the injustice of it. GLADYS L. DAYLEY, Twin Falls

Doonesbury



By Gary Trudeau

Mallard Fillmore



By Bruce Tinsley

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AROUND THE VALLEY

CALLING THE STEPS

TF chamber looks forward to 1999, honors best of '98

CSI trustees to hear athletics report

TWIN FALLS - The College of Southern Idaho's board of directors will hear from coaches today about how their athletes are performing in school.
Other business slated for the meeting includes a report on a J.A. ...

Bar board names Rupert judge president

BOISE - Rupert District Judge J. William Hart was named president of the Idaho State Bar's board of directors last week.
Hart, who has served on the board since 1996, will spend the final six months of his term on the board, but is its president.
Hart represents the third and fifth judicial districts, a news release from the bar said.
Since his appointment as district judge in 1986, Hart has served as the fifth district's administrative judge, and he was on the committee that developed the courts automated record system.

Sun Valley to hold first town meeting

SUN VALLEY - More than 3,000 Sun Valley residents have been sent out to homes, business owners and property owners for Sun Valley's first ever town meeting.
The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Limelight Room of the Sun Valley Inn. City officials will hear about a variety of issues, such as the proposed special-use tax that went into effect this month.
People are encouraged to bring a small suggestion to the city of Sun Valley. Snacks, coffee, and soft drinks will be served.

Jerome School Board will discuss bond

JEROME - The Jerome School Board tonight will discuss adopting a bond resolution, the Jerome Boarding District Contract renewal and will approve a student teacher, new hires and early graduation program.
Executive sessions for student discipline are set for 6:30 and 7 p.m. The regular meeting starts at 7:30 p.m.
Agenda items include Megan Matthews with a credit appeal, Valina Chmura for the Drug Abuse Resistance Education contract renewal, a meeting with HBS and TAP, results of the Math Curriculum Committee, an Albion Foundation Technical Institute, learning for the 21st century and a food service review.
An executive session for personnel and 20-plus concerns will conclude the meeting.

Blaine commissioners to discuss grant

HABLEY - The Blaine County commissioners will start the day Monday with discussions of a waterways grant, the Carey Fire District, 2098th Street and a request for consolidation of zones.
The commissioners meeting opens at 8:45 a.m. with public comment and approval of liquor licenses, reports and contracts concludes the morning session.
The afternoon session opens at 1:30 p.m. with commissioner reports and administrative and budgetary matters, and ordinances and contracts. An SOB presentation, a resolution and planning and zoning discussion follow.
A public hearing is set for 3:30 p.m. Ivair and Nina Louvas are appealing their 20 approval of a residential overlay district site alteration permit for Robert Dix. The permit affects 20-plus acres located on the corner of 20th and 10th.
Planning and zoning discussion will conclude the meeting.
Compiled from staff reports



Wilford Allison calls a square dance Monday night at the Jerome American Legion Hall where dancers gather each week to learn both square and round dancing steps. Allison, who has been calling dances for 34 years, said classes are taught starting in November and continue till May.

By Mark Heitz Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - With the end of the millennium yearling, the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce faces the twin challenges of boosting business while preserving quality of life here, the chamber's new president said Monday.
"We've got to be progressive, without losing sight of why we're here," Ken Edmunds, told a packed house at the chamber's 29th annual banquet.
To that end, the chamber should focus on recruiting and retaining, as well as backing efforts to better train the Magic Valley's workforce, he said.
And Twin Falls also needs to make an aggressive bid for its share of the state's tourism industry, which last year brought in \$1.7 billion, Edmunds said.
Earlier in the evening, Lockheed Martin Idaho Technologies Co. President John Denon presented the chamber with a \$10,000 check for the Business Plus II program. The fund-raising program's revenue

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Jerome City Council to discuss controversial cheese plant plan

By Mark Heitz Times-News writer and Dixie Thomas Reale Times-News correspondent

JEROME - The Jerome City Council will discuss, and perhaps take action on, a controversial proposal to annex the Jerome Cheese Co. factory and surrounding property.
The Jerome Cheese factory is one of several sections of property the council decided to study this year, for possible annexation.
The cheese company has resisted annexation, saying past City Council members and local business development leaders promised the factory would never face annexation. When the city courted Jerome Cheese in the early 1990s, it was promised the factory wouldn't be annexed if the company agreed to build in Jerome's industrial park, said Jerome Cheese Plant Manager Jon Davis.
There is no written record of that agreement, Davis said, but the company took it as a matter of trust and built in the park.
Jerome Cheese has avoided paying city taxes, but the fees the factory pays for using the Jerome waste water treatment plant more than make up for that, Davis said.
But some members of the current council say the factory has been getting too sweet a deal, and want Jerome Cheese to start paying municipal taxes.
To complicate the matter further,

Next meeting
Jerome City Council meets at 7 p.m. tonight in council chamber, 300 E. Ave. A.

Jerome Mayor Dennis Moore is on the Jerome Cheese payroll, as a part-time groundskeeper. Moore has said repeatedly he's made no attempt to hide his employment at the factory, and won't let his job sway any decisions he might make on the annexation proposal.
If annexation comes up for a vote, Moore would vote only to break a tie among the four council members.

In other business
Wireless communication towers may be grouped at one site if a new ordinance is passed.
A public hearing on the proposed ordinance is scheduled tonight.
The city Planning and Zoning Commission has proposed locating these wireless facilities together.
The Jerome Highway District wants to move its shop-storage yard from a North Birch Street location to 32 North and 100 West south of the water tower wastewater plant. The highway district has requested a zoning change at the site from rural transition to light manufacturing.
A second reading of an ordinance to establish an interstate sign district is

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Local residents have complained that trucks parked on a hot road by Jim Loy's at Seaside and 11 streets create safety hazards.

Trucks stir safety concerns

Heyburn residents complain at city council meeting

By John T. Shultz Times-News writer
HEYBURN - Jim Loy's can't understand why some local residents are upset with him.
They complained to the Heyburn City Council about trucks parked on Loy's property on the corner of Seaside and 11 streets at a recent council meeting.
Residents were complaining about children playing in the street, cars parked on the property and the street, said Clarence "Rocky" Baker, who lives across the street from Loy's lot. Baker asked the city to make Loy clean up the lot, citing potential problems with public safety and land value.
"I can sit here in my house and look out

my window and see kids playing around the trucks on the property," Baker said. "It's an eye sore. One has been asked to move the trucks before, and he's said they're going to come back. If we let it keep going on like this it's just going to prevent the city from bringing the value of land down here down."

Loy's bought the property with hopes of building a new home. When the one he was building burned down more than a year ago, he has been waiting for his trucks to be moved.
Several trucks from his business, Triple L Truck Hauling in Burley, have been parked on the lot for more than three months, Loy's said.

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Whom to contact and how to do it

The Times-News
TWIN FALLS - Bending the ear of your legislators is as easy as dialing a 1-800 number or clicking of the mouse.
Here's a rundown of the best ways to get your voice heard in the heart of Magic Valley law-making.
For more information, visit the state's home page, click on "Legislature" and follow easy directions from there.
Senators have individual phone lines, but they're a long-distance call from the Magic Valley.
Fax: 208-334-8397
E-mail: info@co.sos.state.id.us
Mail: Address a letter to your legislator c/o Idaho State Legislature, State Capitol Building, P.O. Box 83720, Boise. The ZIP code for the Senate is 83720-0038; for the House, it's 83720-0038.

Legislators and their committees
Here's a rundown of the state's legislators, and their committees:
District 20, Elmore and Owyhee counties
Sen. Robbi King, R-Elmore Ferry; Judiciary and Rules (vice chairwoman); Commerce and Human Resources; Health and Welfare. Phone: 332-2332.
Rep. France Field, R-Grand View; Agriculture Affairs (vice chairwoman); Appropriations; Resources and Conservation.
Rep. Sher Sellman, R-Mountaine Home; Education; Judiciary, Rules and Administration; Local Government.
District 21, Blaine, Camas, Lincoln, and parts of Elmore and Gooding counties
Sen. W. Clinton Stenewett, D-Ketchum; Senate Minority Leader; Agriculture Affairs; Local Government and Taxation; Resources and Environment. Phone: 332-1351.
Rep. Wendy Jaquet, D-Ketchum; House Minority Leader; Environmental

LEGISLATURE EXTRAS: Diversity, court costs and the Owyhee County seat

The Times-News
BOISE - The second week of the 55th Idaho Legislature got off to a busy start Monday.
Here's a quick recap of some of the action:
Hate crimes: The idea of adding "sexual orientation" under the state's hate-crime law has a business-lawyer's eye for a lawsuit. A group of hundreds of people gathered at the Sandstone for a celebration of Martin Luther King Jr.-Idaho Human Rights Day.
A bill adding the clause will be in front of the House State Affairs Committee today.
Court costs: Associations of Idaho cities and counties backed an idea to raise the times a city levies. This would strip the

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OBITUARIES

HOSPITALS

For obituary notices and information, call 733-0531, 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 three-day ad and can be placed until 5 p.m. every day.

TWIN FALLS

A funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Jan. 22, 1999, at White Mortuary Chapel in Twin Falls, with the Rev. Paul Reeves officiating. Interment will follow at Twin Falls Cemetery. Friends may call from 4 to 6 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 21, at White Mortuary and from 9 a.m. until noon on Friday. The family suggests that memorial contributions be made to the First Presbyterian Church of Twin Falls, and may be left at the church or mailed to the church at 209 5th Ave. N., Twin Falls, ID 83301.

Mario L. Wyland
Mario L. Wyland, 84, of Twin Falls, died Jan. 18, 1999, at the St. Barbara's Memory Daycare Center in Jerome.
He was born Aug. 25, 1914, to Harry and Grace Rockwell Washburn in Burdick, N.T. She worked for Ford Motor Company for many years as a bookkeeper. She and her husband enjoyed living in Minden-Gardnerville, Nev. They spent their last years in Twin Falls.
Mario is survived by his husband, Anne of Twin Falls, and their two loving children.
Visitation will be held from 3 to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 19, 1999, at the Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls. A graveside service will be held Thursday, Jan. 21, 1999, at Eastern Memorial Park, 1101 W. Main, with Pastor John Corona officiating.

RUPERT
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SPRINGDALE, ARK.

Billee Shipley
Billee Shipley, 87, of Springdale, Ark., died Jan. 16, 1999, in Springdale, Ark.
She was born Nov. 25, 1931, in Woodward, Okla., to Ralph Carlin and Edna Mae Thomas Workman. She worked 20 years for the naval exchanges at Miramar and Los Alamitos, Calif. She moved in 1979 to Twin Falls, Idaho. She worked for Idaho Frozen Foods until her retirement in 1995. While in Twin Falls she was a little-league booster, and an annual volunteer for the Muscular Dystrophy Association. She moved to Springdale in 1997.
Survivors include four sons: Carl Shipley Jr. of Gresham, Ore.; Ralph Shipley of Twin Falls; Casey Shipley of Jerome; and Cory Shipley of Sacramento, Calif.; one daughter, Carol Shipley of Springdale, Ark.; one brother, Ralph Carlin Workman of Richardson, Texas; one sister, Tommy Dixon of Plummerville, Ark.; 12 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one daughter and one son.
A memorial will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Backstrom-Pyatt's Funeral Home in Springdale, Ark., with the Rev. Eddie Boyd officiating. The family requests that in lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association.

MAGIC VALLEY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER
Some names omitted at patients' request.
Released
Lucia Hernandez of Twin Falls.
CASSIA REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER
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Admitted
Wayne Giles, Clara Joins and Ralph Marsh of Burley; William Combs of Heyburn; Lidia Ruiz of Rupert; and Lidia Solis of Declo.
Maria Chavez, Julie Decker, Virginia Kennedy, all of Burley; Sherrie Hous of Orem, Utah; Whitney Smith of Oakley.
A baby was born to Jose and Lidia Solis of Declo; a baby was born to Rafael and Lidia Ruiz of Rupert; a baby was born to Brent and Kara Johns of Burley.
MINDOCKA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
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Admitted
Vanessa Meiza of Park City, Ariz.; and Shirlee Crystal of Rupert; Victoria Pacilla and Teresa Arroyo and son, of Burley.
Released
William Baker and Sarah Saunders of Heyburn; Vera Bird of Burley; Manuel Rivera and Kenneth Reed of Rupert; Rosario Gil of Hailey.

Ruth V. White

Ruth V. White, 83, of Twin Falls, went to be with the Lord early Sunday, Jan. 17, 1999, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.
Ruth was born on Aug. 16, 1915, in Potlatch. She was the daughter of Ben and Ravene Helm Kessler. She grew up and attended schools in Twin Falls and graduated from Twin Falls High School in 1933. She married Harold White in Twin Falls on Nov. 5, 1937. They had one child, Donna Mae White (Harney). She served in the First Christian Church for many years as a Sunday school teacher and custodian. Her greatest pleasure came from serving others. She delivered groceries for several years for the less fortunate and shined. She had a great sense of humor which will be missed by all who knew her.
Ruth is survived by her daughter, Donna (Chuck) Kessler, three grandchildren, John (Joel) Banks of Lees Moines, Iowa, Jim (Sharryn) Banks of Twin Falls, and Denise (Chris) Fuller of Las Vegas, Nev., and two great-grandchildren. Also surviving are three brothers: Wilbur Kessler, K. S. Kessler, and Fred Whittier, Calif., and Bill Kessler of Twin Falls, one sister, Shirley Sawyer of Declo, W. She was preceded in death by her husband, Harold and a brother, Ray Kessler.
A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 20, 1999, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel with the Rev. Myron Glaz, officiating. Interment will follow at Eastern Memorial Park. Friends may call from 3 until 5 p.m. Tuesday at Reynolds Chapel.

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Robert A. Calhoun
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In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that memorial contributions be given to the United O.A.R.E. program, one of Robert's favorite organizations, c/o Twin Falls Police Dept., P.O. Box 3027, Twin Falls, ID 83303-3027.

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She was born in Bellicy, Mo., May 26, 1929. She lived and worked in Rupert for over 20 years. Her hobbies included embroidery and going jogging with her twin sister, Hollie. She will be remembered by her family and friends for her sense of humor, joyful spirit and delightful laugh. She loved and cared for her family first and foremost.
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IDAHO FALLS

Francis "Ace" Ballard
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He was born June 17, 1937, at Idaho Falls, Idaho. He was the son of Clifford Leroy Ballard and Flora Nelson Ballard. He grew up in Idaho Falls and graduated from Idaho Falls High School in 1955. He received his B.A. and Master's of Education Administration from the University of Idaho. He taught at Idaho Falls High School from 1961 to 1965. He was a principal in Roberta, Jerome, and Nampa. He worked for the Idaho Falls High School from 1965 to 1995. He was a member of the Idaho Falls Area Education Association, the National Teachers Association. He was a member of the Methodist Church in Boise, Idaho. He was a member of the National Teachers Association. He taught piano in Burley for many years.
He is survived by two daughters, Carol Turner of Tucson, Ariz., and Stephanie of Burley; ten grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.
He was preceded in death by his parents, his husband and two sisters.
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Doyleston Barber

Doyle "Doc" Dossan Barber, 65, of Twin Falls passed peacefully from his life to the next on Sunday, Jan. 17, 1999, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, Doshier, Idaho.
A son of Abraham Lincoln Dossan and Harlan Hayden Dossan. She attended school at Lower Weirton. On May 6, 1932, Doyle married Wilbur Bailey Barber in Huntsville, Ark. In 1935, they moved to Castleton in 1936, they moved to the Twin Falls area, where they remained until retirement in 1969. Doyle worked at the Rogerson Hotel in Twin Falls for many years.
Doyle was a devoted father, mother, grandfather, great-grandfather, and in many ways, he was a great man. He enjoyed playing, sewing, quilting, and cards. He was a long time member of the First Presbyterian Church in Twin Falls. He was very active in the quilting group at Twin Falls. He was also a member of the American Legion, the Royal Neighbors of America.
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BURLEY

Neva L. Seibert
Neva L. Seibert, 99, Burley resident, died Monday, Jan. 11, 1999, in the Burley Care Center.
She was born Dec. 30, 1899, in Coeur d'Alene. She was the daughter of Carol and Ellie Mae Mitchell. She married Lloyd Seibert on Nov. 3, 1923, in Linton, Colo. He died in 1977. She graduated from Simpson College in Simpson, Iowa, where she was a member of Alpha Chi Omega Sorority. She taught first grade in Reno and Winnemucca, Nev. She also taught school at the South West Grade School in Burley, as well as in the Springdale area. She graduated from the University of Colorado in Boulder. She was a member of the Methodist Church in Burley. She was a member of the National Teachers Association. She taught piano in Burley for many years.
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He was born June 17, 1937, at Idaho Falls, Idaho. He was the son of Clifford Leroy Ballard and Flora Nelson Ballard. He grew up in Idaho Falls and graduated from Idaho Falls High School in 1955. He received his B.A. and Master's of Education Administration from the University of Idaho. He taught at Idaho Falls High School from 1961 to 1965. He was a principal in Roberta, Jerome, and Nampa. He worked for the Idaho Falls High School from 1965 to 1995. He was a member of the Idaho Falls Area Education Association, the National Teachers Association. He was a member of the Methodist Church in Boise, Idaho. He was a member of the National Teachers Association. He taught piano in Burley for many years.
He is survived by two daughters, Carol Turner of Tucson, Ariz., and Stephanie of Burley; ten grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.
He was preceded in death by his parents, his husband and two sisters.
A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 20, 1999, at the Burley Methodist Church, 450 E. 27th with Pastor Al Trachsel officiating. The family will hold friends at the church one hour before the service. Arrangements are under the direction of Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel.

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Cross country skiers Dennis Omstead, left, and Maureen Harahill travel along the road to Timberline Lodge at Mt. Hood, Ore., Monday, in a year when snow is snabbing most of the nation's big-name skiing destinations, modest Mount Hood is basking in waist-deep powder, triple-digit depths and the best skiing anyone can remember.

Oregon skiers bask in best snowfall in years

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — In a year when snow is snabbing most of the nation's big-name skiing destinations, modest Mount Hood is basking in waist-deep powder, triple-digit depths and the best skiing anyone can remember.

"We've got the best snow in the country right now," said Dave Riley, manager of Mount Hood Meadows. "It's the kind of year skiers dream about."

With a base as deep as 157 inches in some places, business at Meadows is up 21 percent from

this time last year. Season passes sales are up by nearly 50 percent. And over the three-day holiday weekend alone, 21,300 skiers hit the slopes compared to 15,500 last year, Riley said.

Similar conditions have been reported at Oregon's other ski areas, with Timberline reporting a 148-inch base, Mount Bachelor at 135 inches and Ski Ashland at 102.

"We're the little microcosm of this year," said Skip Rockwood, owner of Cascade Ski and Sports in Sandy, who reports better-

than-normal business since the snow started falling. "Our climate up here is drawing some of those hungry skiers from elsewhere."

It's a different story at many traditional skiing meccas, which have been plagued by unseasonably warm, dry conditions. Many blame the phenomenon known as La Nina, a weather pattern that typically features drier conditions in the Southwest and wetter conditions in the Pacific Northwest.

The base depths tell the story: In New Mexico, Tros has only 47

inches. In Colorado, Aspen has 38 inches and Telluride 45. Although conditions have improved since the dismal start of the season, most resorts can only look enviously at Oregon's bountiful snow.

"Whoa," said Beth Pagano, Colorado Ski Country USA, a skiing trade association. "Like most of the country we suffered from the warmer weather earlier in the season. It's been consistently snowing since the beginning of the year, but we're not at Oregon levels. That's amazing."

ISU professor talks civil rights at Almo Elementary

By Andy Millott
Times-News correspondent

ALMO — Students at Almo Elementary School celebrated Martin Luther King Jr. Day Monday by hearing about what life was like during segregation, and how King helped change it.

Dr. David Adler, an Idaho State University political science professor, made a presentation to students, teachers and local residents. Adler's speech was arranged by AmeriCorps, a national service program.

Adler first tested students' knowledge about King, asking them what state King was from (he was born in Georgia) and what he means to the students. He told students that what life was like during segregation, when blacks could not eat in the

restaurants as whites or use the same hotels. This drew a "wow" from some amazed kids. Adler also told them about how King led boycotts to oppose the law peacefully, eventually leading to desegregation.

He also explained King's "I have a dream" speech, and civil rights marches in Washington, D.C.

In the end, students learned the meaning of democracy and how freedoms are needed to preserve democracy.

"It was great," said Tammy Ward, a teacher's aide at Almo Elementary. "He did it to the kids' level."

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VALLEY IN BRIEF

Ketchum council takes up sidewalk issue

KETCHUM — The City Council plans a public hearing today to consider protests on a local improvement district for the construction of sidewalks in downtown Ketchum.

Comments from the public, mayor and staff follow. The council gets under way at 6:30 p.m. today at the City Hall.

Planning and zoning business includes the following:

- Plans for improvement on Main Street between the Highway 75 bridge and Second Street and between Fourth and Ninth streets.
- Preliminary design for street department facilities at 220, 10th St.
- Sun Valley Partners' application to subdivide two lots in the Crossing Subdivision into four townhouse sublots as the final plat of the Villas and the Crossing Townhomes.
- An application to subdivide two units and the common areas of the Belmont Plaza Condominiums into two townhouse sublots as the preliminary plat of Belmont Plaza Townhomes.
- Council members also will approve a 1998 liquor, beer and wine license.

An executive session to discuss litigation, personnel and land acquisition concludes the meeting.

Conservation district to set trees

BURLEY — The East Cassia and West Cassia Soil and Water Conservation Districts are having their annual tree sale. The trees are available for homeowners, farmers and ranchers to use as windbreaks, shelter belts, habitat projects and landscape plantings.

The trees block wind and blowing dust, keep roads clear of drifting snow, provide wildlife habitat and cool the air in the summer. They protect property, topsoil and public facilities such as schools and parks.

The trees available are Austrian pine, Colorado blue spruce, eastern red cedar, Rocky Mountain juniper, red maple, hybrid poplar, European white birch, Siberian peashrub and purple lilac.

The trees come in bundles of 10 and cost \$5 per bundle. A deposit of 50 percent is required for each order and trees are scheduled to arrive around April 19. To order or for more information, call 678-3225.

Board names acting superintendent

BURLEY — The Cassia County School Board appointed Jerry Doggett to the district as acting superintendent last night. Doggett will serve in this position until a permanent superintendent is hired.

Doggett replaces Thomas Morley. Morley left the district for a school in another district.

The board will prepare an application packet this week to begin the search for a new superintendent.

Compiled from staff reports.

Gas break highlights public information failure

WALLA WALLA, Wash. (AP) — A gas line rupture that knocked out service to thousands of homes earlier this month also exposed big gaps in the emergency public notification system.

The pipeline exploded near Mission, Ore., about 9:30 a.m. on Jan. 2, but many people first learned of the emergency from family, friends or furnace repair companies.

Some blame Cascade Natural Gas, while others say emergency management workers and the news media should have done more to provide information.

"This was an information emergency," said Region Planning Director Darcey Fugman-Small, whose office is responsible for the county's Emergency Operations Center.

"Since Cascade wasn't providing the information, it was kind of up to us," Walla Walla Fire Department Capt. Jack Evans said on vacation that day and first heard about the gas failure around noon on the emergency scanner at his home.

"I figured something would be on radio or TV, and there was really absolutely nothing," he said.

Fugman-Small was told by her furnace repair company, Emergency Medical Services Coordinator Nina Conn heard about it at Shopko.

"He was kind of a word-of-mouth kind of thing. There was never any big announcement that Walla Walla was out of gas," Conn said.

This year starts out more violent than last for Utah

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — In the first 17 days of 1999, Utah has had twice as many shootings than in the same period last year, and some police officers are blaming guns and drugs.

This year has started off with 12 shootings in which 18 people were shot — six of them fatally — compared to six shootings resulting in two deaths in the first 17 days of 1998.

Sandy police Sgt. Kevin Thacker said the availability of guns, particularly in the hands of youths, is causing an upsurge in homicides and violent crimes.

"We are enacting laws that make it tougher for people to get guns," he said. "But the people we are trying to keep from getting them are finding ways to get guns. Let's face it, if you really

want to get a gun you can get one."

Thacker added that many of the people who have guns are not adequately trained to handle them.

"Police officers spend hours and hours of training learning to try to avoid using their weapons on kids, and some adults, don't," Thacker said.

West Valley City police Lt. Charles Illaley, a 22-year veteran of law enforcement, attributes the increase to the growing use of methamphetamines.

"Drug-related violence kicked off the most violent decade of the last 100 years of this country," he said. "The catalyst for the worst of these shootings is meth. It is the leading cause of domestic violence and a mainstay of gangs."

Trucks

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Two dump trucks and two tractor-trailers are parked on the property, along with one van. One tractor-trailer is parked on Session Street and one on the property's grass. The beds of two other trucks are propped up on skids on the grass.

Loya lives in Burley but plans to develop the property. The lot is near a garage in Heyburn where his trucks are repaired, he said.

But that's not a good enough

reason to keep the vehicles on the property, Baker said.

A Heyburn ordinance restricts trucks parked in residential areas, Heyburn Fire Chief Mike Brown said.

Loya has been asked to move the trucks and to mow the overgrown lawn on his property. The lawn is a fire hazard, and the trucks parked at the intersection presents a traffic hazard, Brown said. Loya has moved the lawn, but he has yet to move his trucks.

The trucks will be moved in March, when they will be used for hauling again, Loya said.

"If I was required to move my trucks, then I'd want to see other people have to move their trucks too," Loya said. "If it came down to it, I guess I would move them. But I don't want to be the only one being targeted."

Baker agreed it would be unfair to target Loya when the actions of other residents have been just as questionable. But this kind of thing should not be

tolerated by the city, Baker said.

Heyburn Mayor George Froom said he did not have enough information to make a comment, he said.

The next step is for the city to step in and make Loya move the trucks, whether he is ready or not, Brown said.

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Chamber

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recently peaked at over \$1.6 million.

Denson and other representatives of Lockheed Martin, which since 1994 has operated the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory for the federal Energy Department, were honored guests at the banquet.

Denson said his company will soon be ready to start shipping radioactive waste out of Idaho, and has taken steps to protect the Magic Valley's groundwater supply from contamination.

"Our whole goal is to protect what you have here," Denson said.

But contamination at INEEL continues to threaten the Snake River Plain Aquifer.

Before handing the gavel over to Edmunds, 1998 Chamber President Tamara Harney, presented several awards to some of the chamber's best performers and friends.

Julie Zamperdi of Northwest Finance was named Chamber

Ambassador of the year, and Dave Snelson of Blue Shield of Idaho was awarded as the volunteer of the year.

The Curtis T. Eaton Award was given to Twin Falls Clinic and Hospital.

The hospital has excelled in "investing time, energy and money into the community it serves," said College of Southern Idaho President Jerry Meyerhoefer as he presented the award.

The Curtis T. Eaton Award was first given in 1990 to Universal Frozen Foods. CSI won the award last year.

Step-Ken Auto Parts and the Twin Falls Land and Water Co. were awarded as charter members.

Kathy Hanifen and Sandy Flora received the first-ever President's award for their efforts in managing the chamber's annual picnic and auction.

Times-News writer Mark Heinz can be reached at 324-6962.

Legislature

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courts cover the costs of proceedings for the cities.

Right now, cities and counties around the state have different agreements that leave some cities paying a lot for the service and others paying nothing at all. The idea for the fine increase generated from the Twin Falls

County Commission.

County politics — Owyhee style. More than 60 years since Murphy became Owyhee County's seat, the county wants to make it official.

Sen. Robbi King, R-Glenns Ferry, introduced a bill in the Senate Local Government and Taxation Committee to officially

sanction the 1934 move from Silver City to Murphy.

Things just move a little slower in the high desert West.

According to the Idaho Blue Book, the state's volume of things governmental, Owyhee County was established on Dec. 31, 1863, the first county established by the territorial

Legislature. The county seat was moved in 1867 from Ruby City to Silver City, where it remained until the move to Murphy.

Legislature Extra is compiled by Times-News political writer Gregory Hahn. He can be reached in Boise at (208) 345-5198.

Plant

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scheduled. Signs in the district would be allowed to be higher than 35 feet and up to 350 square feet for a sign for a single business.

City building inspector Rod Wilson said signs along

Interstate 84 have to be larger and higher so a traveler can read them at 70 mph, where signs in the middle of town are read at 25 to 35 mph.

The council may give Harlan Mann, a community development consultant from Boise, the green

light to prepare another urban renewal eligibility report on land along South Lincoln Street from 300 South north to the railroad tracks.

Commercial development of the area is expected, but improvements might be needed

in the area, including a traffic light at 300 South, widening of 300 South and sewer/water line upgrades.

Times-News correspondent Dicie Thomas Reas can be reached in Jerome at 324-3670.

Idaho hunters complete safe season

BOISE (AP) — Idaho hunters have completed the safest fall season on record, according to the state Department of Fish and Game.

No firearms-related fatalities were reported among hunters in the 1998 Idaho hunting seasons. And just three deer-related accidents were recorded last year, the lowest number since

the agency began keeping track in 1953.

Hunter Education Coordinator Dan Papp said teaching younger hunters the proper way to handle a firearm is the key to Idaho's improved safety record. Papp also handed out praise to the corps of volunteer instructors that teach Idaho's hunter education courses.

WORLD

You want fries with that? Belgians do

ANTWERP, Belgium — When the news broke a few years back, Belgium was a fazz. Giuseppe Bonisgnore of Hertzal, an otherwise forgettable town in eastern Belgium, won a patent for six-sided French fries.

His fries were healthier than four-sided ones, government research found.

Also, the health-fries crusade fizzled fast, which says much about tinkering with Belgium's favorite food.

Belgians eat fries with a passion. In homes, restaurants and roadside shacks that French-speakers call "barques a fries" and Dutch-speakers refer to as "frietkotens."

"Talk about Belgium, and you talk about fries," says Paul Hegems, an Antwerp art academy teacher—who has—exposed and explained the Belgian love of fries in three books and a traveling art show.

His not wholly successful, cheek campaign aims to make fries a national symbol and a source of national pride, which is a tall order.

"Belgians are ashamed of their fries culture because it figures in Belgian jokes in France and Holland," Hegems said.

Belgians get their fry-fix at shacks or hole-in-the-wall eateries that challenge your senses. Often converted wood-paneled, plywood shacks, these eateries are sometimes dressed up as Swiss chalets, Venetian palazzos or upscale, chaise-longue cafes.

A basic order costs \$2 to \$3 a portion and comes with a dusting of salt. There are also toppings that include landais, oysters, American and Mexicano, Gynys, Americaine, and Oudsaus, Tomarec and other sauces with names as mysterious as their ingredients.

Such is the anarchy, there is not even an agreed spelling. Dutch speakers call fries "Frit," "Friet," "Frites," "Frits" or "Patat." French-speakers call-the-fried potato sticks "frites," "pommes frites" or "patates frites."

Hegems' first two books—"The Fries Shack Culture" and "The Belgian Fries Book"—dissect Belgium's fries history in deadpan prose.

They contain photos of campy shacks, routes featuring top-scoring fries, a glossary of shack types and fry toppings, including the Brussels soccer stadium vendor who issued a free condom with every order in 1994.

Hegems' third book, "The Definitive Belgian Fries Book," is still awaiting a publisher. It explains how Belgium's fries culture is a major factor for this country of 10 million. Hegems sees Belgium as one unorganized, rickety shack, stapled together on a slow Sunday.

Hegems' art collection includes models of fries forks, paintings featuring a fries thumb-and-a-lard sculpture in the shape of a bag of fries.

Lucien Decraeyer, leader of the 7,000-member Belgian Fryers Federation, estimates there are 3,500 shacks in Belgium, down from 4,500 in the mid-1980s.

"The number drops because local governments clamp down on shacks on health and aesthetics grounds," he said.



Paul Hegems poses with a model of a giant bag of fries in his house in Antwerp, Thursday. Hegems, an Antwerp art academy instructor, has exposed, exposed and explained the Belgian love of fries in three books and a traveling art show.

World-in-brief

Banana, a 62-year Methodist minister and the nation's first postcolonial president, was convicted last fall of 11 counts of sodomy, attempted sodomy and indecent assault on charges related to his 1980-1987 tenure in office.

plended guilty to manslaughter Monday in the death of a 6-month-old baby in her care.

Louise Sullivan, 27, made the guilty plea as her trial was about to begin in the death of Caroline Jørgen.

Sullivan, of Sydney, Australia, was working as a live-in nanny at the Jørgens' north London home when Caroline was taken to a hospital on April 17, suffering from head injuries.



Serbs forces attack near massacre site

MALOPOLJE, Yugoslavia — Defying global outrage over the massacre of civilians, Serb forces pounded villages Monday with artillery. The government also ordered the American head of the Kosovo peace mission to leave the country and barred a U.N. investigator looking into the massacre.

Fighting spread Monday to northern Kosovo, where ethnic Albanian rebels attacked a Serb vehicle, wounding five policemen in an ambush 25 miles northwest of the provincial capital, Pristina.

The defiant moves after last week's massacre of 45 ethnic Albanian civilians indicated President Slobodan Milosevic was willing to risk further international pressure in his campaign against rebels seeking independence from the main Yugoslav republic, Serbia.

NATO's supreme commander, Gen. Wesley Clark, and German Gen. Klaus Naumann, planned to fly to the Yugoslav capital of Belgrade on Tuesday to warn Milosevic he is facing military action unless he abides by the U.S.-negotiated Oct. 12 deal that ended seven months of fighting.

Yeltsin may need 3 weeks to recover from ulcer

MOSCOW — Boris Yeltsin has made so many trips to the hospital in the past few years that his latest illness, a bleeding ulcer, provoked no panic in Russia. In fact, it barely raised eyebrows.

Prime Minister Yegor Yevgenyev has taken over day-to-day running of the government since his appointment in September.

Yeltsin, who has yet to set foot in

the Kremlin this year, has only been working part-time between illnesses and has been mostly silent on the country's most pressing problem, an economic crisis that struck five months ago.

6 Killed, 5 missing in Argentina bus accident

SANTA FE, Argentina — A bus plunged 30 feet into a river after colliding with a car, killing six people. The bodies of five people were believed to be still in the bus.

Efforts to locate the missing passengers were halted late Sunday after a truck with a mounted crane trying to retrieve the sunken bus slipped over the bridge's side and fell into the river.

Deadly virus claims 14th victim in Malaysia

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia — An outbreak of Japanese Encephalitis in Malaysia claimed its 14th victim after a 36-year-old farmer suspected to be suffering from the illness died Monday, a news report said.

The 28-year-old man died at Ipoh Hospital, 120 miles north of Malaysia's capital city, after suffering from symptoms associated with the deadly mosquito-borne virus, state-run Bernama news agency said.

UNESCO sponsors Net pedophilia conference

PARIS — With child pornography increasingly accessible on the Internet, experts gathering at UNESCO for the first major international conference on the issue hope to hammer out concrete ways to combat it.

Starting today, 250 participants from 40 countries and representatives of 75 nongovernmental organizations will discuss ways to improve training for police officers, judges and doctors handling cases of child sex abuse.

—Compiled from wire reports.

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Varsity Blues (R) Star Trek (R) Today 9:20-11:00-12:35
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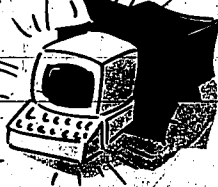
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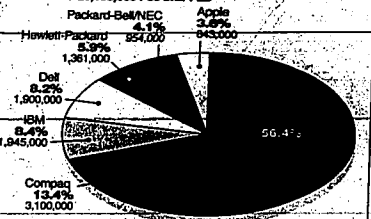
USER FRIENDLY

New PCs are moving apace

In contrast to worries about soft global economies, third-quarter worldwide shipments of PCs were up 16.5 percent over the same period a year ago. Apple Computer's sales were up 27.7 percent.



Third-quarter 1998 new personal computer shipments PERCENT OF 23,165,000 PCS SHIPPED



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Web pages ease search for genealogical roots

By Laura Lorek Sun-Sentinel (South Florida)

Are you linked to the emperor of Japan or Davy Crockett of Tennessee?

More and more people are turning to the Internet to find out. With a baby boomer turning 50 every eight seconds, it's not surprising genealogy is one of the fastest-growing hobbies in the United States.

It seems the older people get the more they want to know about the past. With all the stuff out there, how do you ferret out all the names, dates and places that make up your past?

A myriad of Web sites makes digging into your family roots easier, faster, cheaper and more efficient than combing through library stacks worldwide.

With just a few key strokes, you can locate historical archives that might hold the keys to the past. The Internet also lets you network with other people who can fill in the gaps in the research.

In a recent AT&T study of online habits, 30 percent of Internet users said they had gone online to research not to mention. Although the Internet has a wealth of information, genealogy experts will tell you can't find

everything you need online. Many historical documents such as birth certificates, cemetery listings and property records are not available on the Internet and still require a visit to a courthouse or library.

Yet the Internet is a great place to start digging. Many Web sites, of which there are many, offer indexes to those resources.

In addition to the Internet, dozens of software programs have been created for roots research. One of the best is Family Tree Maker Deluxe Edition 3 by Broderbund for \$82 for Macs and PCs. It lets you record detailed information and attach long texts to individual's photos to enhance them with photos or videos.

It also has a Web site at <http://www.familytreemaker.com> to research nearly 115 million names from the census, marriage, records, Social Security records and other sources.

Other software programs include Sierra Home's Generations Deluxe for \$49.95, Palladium Interactive's Ultimate Family Tree Premier for \$59.95 and Mindscape's Family Heritage Deluxe for \$19.99.

On the Internet, one of the best places to begin a family search online is at the National Genealogical Society, a nonprofit group based in Arlington, Va.

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Spotlight on software: QuickCam Home USB

By James Costas Chicago Tribune

Millions of Windows 98-compliant PCs now offer the USB connections that make this sleek miniature video camera and its superb collection of included software a gadget to covet.

Turn on your computer, plug the camera into a USB opening in the back of the machine and the software automatically installs using the Plug and Play feature. You're then greeted with a small window on your monitor displaying moving video of wherever the camera is pointed. From then on you can simply plug in the camera without powering down without the need for a quick video grab utility.

Buy one camera and your desktop becomes a minivideo studio where you can copy photos, snap pictures or movies of people and create video showing objects you can then send via e-mail. Auto focus lets you zoom in on the date on a dime or point the thing out on a window for a landscape. The snaps are made by pressing a shutter button on the device. Or you can capture moving video in the av format.

The still pictures can be imported into any graphics program using the TWAIN feature employed by cameras. The software show how to create "claymation" type animations and even how to produce time-lapse movies.

Buy two cameras (microphones "built in" and give one to a family member and you can do live video conferencing over the Internet using the included Microsoft NetMeeting software.

By Logitech Inc. \$130, for Windows 98 with Universal Serial Bus. 800-231-7717, <http://www.logitech.com>.

There's no icon for it, but AOL lets you stop service

By James Costas Chicago Tribune

Q. I love your columns and news falls there, even though I understand less than 25 percent of what is in them. Your answers are great — it's the questions that baffle me.

A. Small problem: How do you cancel AOL? I have searched Member Services to no avail. If the directions are in there, they have buried them quite cleverly (what a surprise). I just want to get rid of it.

—Myra Austin @juno.com

A. You are most kind and I hate to look a gift horse in the mouth, but the arithmetic doesn't bear out even your semantic complaint. Because the answers tend to be longer than the questions, I must sadly conclude that I am responsible for the majority of the 75 percent that is incomprehensible by your count.

Bummer. But I am working on it every day.

Happily, your question has a very simple answer: Log on to AOL Press Center + K and type the word cancel in the Keyword box and click OK.

You'll get a window with a toll-free number to call and a toll-mail address for canceling your service.

Computer Q & A

Q. Our new U.S. Robotics 56k modem installed just fine, but can't connect at greater than 28K. USB was very helpful and their diagnostics indicated our phone line in Naperville (Ill.) is too noisy to support 56K.

Connection came out and tested with the line and said everything was OK but that they do not support 56k access. They suggested that I return the modem to the store. This seems extreme, not to mention expensive and far from customer-focused.

A neighbor has had exactly the same experience. Is this situation common or unique to us? Is there any solution? Can Amputech be persuaded to correct the situation?

—Joe Jara @worklink @comcast.net

A. Interesting how your modem-maker's diagnostics blame the phone company and your phone company's diagnostics blame the modem.

One of them, it would seem, is fibbing. Since I'm not in the line detector business, I'll do it for you.

Up front, ISDN is far too big a hassle unless you find you really

have to go that route. So I would urge you to try to find an ISP that offers a modern line closer to your house than the ones you now use.

Most likely the combination of distance and the nature of the circuits between your house and the current ISP are causing or are part of the problem. A new connection might solve things well short of shelling out for ISDN (not to mention the cost of a new phone company's word alone).

To home in on an ISP as close to your house as possible use the street view of the modem Web site, which lets you search for providers by area code and town.

Jim Coates covers computers for the Chicago Tribune.

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8 Compelling Reasons Why Christ Is Coming "Very, Very Soon"

How To Be Prepared For History's Greatest Event

- 1. Evidence for the soon return of Jesus Christ is overwhelming.** It could be any moment. One scholar lists 167 converging clues just in the last century of this millennium. The following are eight:
 1. Israel's rebirth. As Jesus prophesied, the Jews were scattered during the Jewish-Roman war of A.D. 70 (Luke 21:24). Roman war led to occur before Christ's return, the nation of Israel was miraculously reborn on May 14, 1948. Israel is called "God's time clock."
 2. Pharoahing morally. "Down just since mid-century" (2 Timothy 3:1-4).
 3. Famine, violence and wars. Like birth pangs that intensify, Jesus said that the days just before His coming would see increased famines, violence and ethnic wars, a clear picture of our planet (Matthew 24:6-8). One of six people on earth suffer from hunger. Violence is rampant, epidemic and a study of wars since 500 B.C. shows a recent dramatic increase. Of 82 world conflicts since 1900, all but three have been civil or ethnic.
 4. Increase in earthquakes. A recent study shows a dramatic increase in worldwide earthquakes, just since the decade of Israel's rebirth. Like increasing birth pangs, in the 1940s there were 51 above Richter 6.0; the 1950s, 475; the 1960s, 1,085 and in the 1990s the current rate, a projected 1,540 (Matthew 24:7).
 5. Explosion of travel and education. Two key conditions described about 2,500 years ago for Second Coming are that "travel and education shall be vastly increased" (Daniel 12:4, Living Bible). In all of history, the vast increase in travel has come just since mid-century with the explosion of both ground and air transportation in education, with the advent of science and computers.
 6. Explosion of cults and the occult. Counterfeit spirituality is everywhere with cults and false Christs (Matthew 24:24), psychic phenomena,
2. Spiritism, Satan worship, witchcraft, neo-paganism and the New Age movement (1 Timothy 4:1). What is a cult or the occult? See FREE REPORTS below.
3. The New World Order. Increased centralization of world financial and political power is a prelude to the soon-coming world power system in the hands of "Antichrist," who will be the incarnation of Satan and who will divide most of the world (Daniel 7:12, Matthew 24:15, Revelation 13).
4. Increase in both apostasy and faith. The Bible predicts in the last days: "A form of godliness, although they have denied its power" (2 Timothy 3:5). Today we see the incarnation of Satan and the power of the Holy Spirit, replacing them with ungodly, temporal and "political" forms of values. But also, a prophesied outpouring of God's Spirit is causing hundreds of millions worldwide to come to true faith in Christ in recent numbers, virtually unnoticed by the media.
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TOP OF THE CLASSES



Mary Ann Delamyle's class captured first place in the fifth-grade division of Idaho's "Thinking Cap Quiz Bowl." The class represents Valley Elementary School in Hazelton. Stephany Whitor, Kendall Grant and Allison Carls stand with their class and display the ribbons and trophy received.

SENIOR CALENDAR

Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center
616 Eastland Drive
Dinner served from noon to 12:30 p.m. Suggested donation is \$3 for seniors. The cost is \$4 for non-seniors under 60 and \$2.50 for children under 12.
Today: Park with noodles
Wednesday: Turkey Divan
Thursday: Taco salad
Friday: Swiss steak
Monday: Beef stew

Activities
Library, pool room, and bargain center with cards, games, color television, puzzles and movies. Open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Today: Blood pressure at 10 a.m. to noon
Foot clinic by appt. only
Wednesday: Quilting
Jackpot trip
Thursday: Exercise class at 9:30 a.m.
Pinocle at 1 p.m.
Friday: Quilting
Blood pressure at 10 a.m. to noon
Bingo after noon meal
Monday: Quilting from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

West End Senior Citizens, Inc.
1010 Main St. Buhl
All meals at noon, Tuesday through Saturday 1 p.m. on Sunday and 5:30 p.m. on Monday and Thursday. Suggested donations for meals on weekdays is \$2.50, Sundays \$3.50, Monday evenings \$2.50, and \$4.25 for children under 12, years-old \$2.50. Meals can be delivered and bus service to meals is available Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, call 543-4577. Cakes and rolls everyday after 8 a.m.
Today: Fried chicken

Agelless Senior Citizens
Kimberly
Dinner at noon
Monday: Spaghetti
Friday: Roast pork (Birthday dinner)
Monday: Sausage and eggs
Activities
Today: Jackpot at 1 p.m.
Wednesday: Blood pressure check
Thursday: Crafts at 1 p.m.
Friday: Bingo at 11:55 a.m.
Pinocle at 3 p.m.

Flier Senior Haven
222 Main St., Flier
Dinners served at noon on Tuesday and Thursday and at 6 p.m. on Friday. Suggested donation is \$2 for seniors. Home delivered meals available each meal time.
Today: Baked lasagna
Thursday: Sliced ham
Friday: Fizzaburger

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Home library will host meeting of TOPS group
"EROME" - A Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) open house will be held from 6 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday at the Home Public Library.

Information, consulting service offers help to those widowed
TWIN FALLS - Widowed Information and Consulting Services will begin a series of meetings on coping with widowed from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Wednesday at the College of Southern Idaho Office on

This eight-week series will meet each Wednesday. Through the sessions, widowed persons will receive information and support in dealing with the special problems of being widowed.
For more information, or to register, call 736-2122.
The public is invited.

Bloodmobile travels to Gooding; call now for appointment
GOODING - The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be in Gooding at the War Memorial Hall from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday.
For an appointment call 934-5409.

Computer users plan meeting at family history center
TWIN FALLS - The Magic Valley

Computer User Group will meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the Family History Center, 401 Main St. N.
For further information, contact Howard Johnson at 423-4283.

Flier Public Library welcomes public to preschool storytime
FLIER - A preschool storytime at 11 a.m. Thursday will be hosted by the Flier Public Library, 219 Main St.

CSI host 4th-annual blues, jazz summit this weekend
TWIN FALLS - The fourth-annual College of Southern Idaho Blues and Jazz Summit will be Friday and Saturday in the Fine Arts Auditorium.

Junior high school, high school and college ensembles will perform daily, starting at 9 a.m. Clinics will begin on Friday, woodwind and improvisation starts at 11 a.m. All daily events are free to the public.
The concert will start at 7 p.m. Friday and at 8 p.m. Saturday. Tickets are \$8 per person. Performers include Fred Hamilton, professor of jazz studies, guitar and bass at the University of North Texas; Bob Montgomery, a Yamaha trumpet artist from Aberdeen, Colo.; Robbie Jordan, a Shofar artist and clinician on woodwinds from Spokane, Wash.; Everett the Van, an organ and piano player from Kansas City, Mo.; Lisa Hays, a vocalist from Kansas City, Mo.; and Chico Sarraglia, a Latin percussionist from Las Vegas, Nev.

Ticket outlets include Everybody's Bookstore, Welch Music, Crowley's Pharmacy and CSI's student information department in Twin Falls. Arizona's Flowers in Jerome, Star-Mor Drug in Buhl and Welch Music in Burley. Tickets can also be obtained by calling the CSI ticket office at 233-8254, Ext. 2527.
For more information, call Jim Mair at 233-8254, Ext. 2527.

Chess tournament comes to Buhl, offers competition, fun
BULSE - The Gem State Chess Association and the Boise Community Education Program are sponsoring the 1998 Boise Winter Open chess tournament on Saturday at the Horizon Elementary Center, 290 N. Mitchell.

The tournament is scheduled to benefit for players through the 7th grade. Each regular weekend scholastic section and an USCF rated section is offered for players to choose from. All rounds will begin after 10:00 a.m. and have a daily chess program round game. Individual section awards will be handed upon completion of play within a particular section.
The tournament objective is to provide players with an opportunity to test and increase their chess skills through tournament competition and to have fun.
For more information, contact Dick Vandenberg at 342-0938 or Craig Barrett at 342-8052.

FOCUS ON PEOPLE

Walker of King Hill wins Wrangler team roping honor.
GLENNIS FERRY - Wrangler is proud to announce Amy Walker of King Hill as the winner of the 1998 United States Team Roping, Championship Rodeo, the Year Award. This is the first time ever that the award has been given. It is a nationwide award that is given to the top header and top heeler who were first-time members in 1998. Amy is the top header. This award is calculated for money earned before the USTRC

National Finals and includes all earnings from both sanctioned and ad-hoc USTRC events. Each winner receives a \$200 bonus plus three pairs of winners 20K jeans, three Wrangler 20K shirts and a Wrangler jacket.
Walker is a sophomore year student at Glenn's Ferry High School. She is an honor student. In addition to team roping, Walker competes in volleyball and is on the Jr. Varsity basketball team. Walker is a member of the Glenn's Ferry High School Rodeo Team. She is also a member of the Southern Idaho Junior

Boys Association.
Amy is the daughter of John D. and Linda Walker of King Hill.
Lewis graduates from George Fox, finishing 1st in his senior year.
BULSE - Patrick Lewis of Twin Falls completed George Fox University's adult degree completion program in Boise and received his diploma during mid-year commencement ceremonies at the university's main campus in Newburg, Ore.

SERVICE NEWS

Bragg completes time on ocean, in gulf with Marines
Marine Cpl. Patrick E. Bragg, son of Jerry O. and Wanda M. Bragg of Jerome, recently completed a six-month deployment to the Western Pacific Ocean, Indian Ocean and Arabian Gulf with the 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU). He embarked aboard the ships of the USS Essex Amphibious Ready Group.

BenHayon finishes 6-months at sea on Navy destroyer
Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Joseph E. BenHayon of Ketchikan, recently completed a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea aboard the destroyer USS Stump, home ported in Norfolk, Va.
The 1984 graduate of Kettle Falls High School of Kettle Falls, Wash., joined the

Murphy begins military training at Ft. in Georgia
Army Pvt. Shane P. Murphy has entered basic military training. He is currently at Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga.
Murphy is the son of Regine E. Rock of Jerome.

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Brazil vows to drive ahead with reforms

The Associated Press

BRASILIA, Brazil — Desperate to heal its financial wounds, Brazil permanently floated its beleaguered currency on Monday and sought to assure the rest of the world that it will drive ahead with further tough reforms. Global markets rallied after the news.

Brazil's finance minister, Pedro Malan — anxious to win investor confidence and another piece of a \$41 billion international aid package — was in Washington to explain to the Clinton administration, the International Monetary Fund and investors how his government will meet its reform promises.

President Fernando Cardoso, meanwhile, defended his government's move to end once and for all its expensive four-year defense of the currency's value, saying it was a necessary first step in efforts to turn around the economy.





"We are moving into a new phase where we want to put into place as rapidly as possible the fiscal austerity plan so interest rates could fall and Brazil can begin to grow again," Cardoso told a joint news conference with the heads of both houses of Congress.

The United States fears that if Brazil succumbs to an Asian-style currency crisis, its economy — Latin America's largest — could drag down other countries in the region.

Plunging currencies and a loss of investor confidence could cause a regional economic contraction, which in turn would affect U.S. exports and hurt the U.S. economy, which has about 2,000 American multinationals doing business in Brazil.

The Brazil effect

Economic problems in Brazil are having a negative effect on some U.S. companies while leaving others unaffected.

 <p>General Motors Corp. ● 3 percent of total sales come from Brazil ● Likely to take a hit from lower car sales, which have been depressed by high interest rates</p>	 <p>Citigroup Inc. ● 6 percent of global exposure is in Brazil ● Has been trimming back its dip in emerging markets like Brazil</p>
 <p>Whirlpool Corp. ● 20 percent of total sales come from Brazil ● Sells many household appliances under its Multibras subsidiary. High interest rates have also hurt sales of such big-ticket items.</p>	 <p>Arco Products Inc. ● 10 percent of total sales come from Brazil ● Beauty products maker does not expect heavy toll from Brazilian troubles. Company recruited an additional 100,000 sales representatives in 1998.</p>

Source: Companies

APIC, Tower



Waix de Silva, 20, retrofits boots Monday for a samba school's costume in preparation for a carnival in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Due to the current economic turmoil Brazil faces, the samba school has had to cut its production costs for costumes and floats. Carnival in Rio de Janeiro begins Feb. 24.

Finance minister seeks to reassure Clinton administration, IMF

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Brazilian Finance Minister Pedro Malan Monday sought to reassure nervous investors, the International Monetary Fund and the Clinton administration that his country remains committed to economic reform.

Malan said he spent the weekend explaining to the IMF and the administration how the government of President Fernando Henrique Cardoso will implement the decision to stop defend-

ing the nation's currency and continue meeting its economic commitments to the IMF, including a key pledge to reduce a soaring government budget deficit.

"We will undertake all efforts we have submitted to the fund," he told reporters at IMF headquarters. "We know additional measures may be required."

IMF Managing Director Michel Camdessus said in a statement that he was "personally very satisfied with the conversation that IMF staff and management have had" with the Brazilian team.

Camdessus said he welcomed Malan's message about attacking the budget deficit and controlling inflation and said he would be sending an IMF team to Brazil promptly to see what adjustments should be made in the IMF targets in light of the currency devaluation.

The Cardoso government pledged to boost taxes and slash spending to trim the deficit as part of an agreement in which the IMF assembled a \$41.5-billion rescue package intended to keep Brazil from being pulled into the

economic mainstream that has already hit a number of Asian nations and Russia.

However, investors began renewed panic for the crisis last week amid mounting signs that Cardoso was having trouble meeting his budget goals.

After a temporary decision last week to stop wasting dwindling reserves to defend the currency, the real, the government announced today that this decision would be made permanent. "We in Brazil had held out hope that the IMF would decide to

accelerate its loans to the country, so such an announcement was made today. Malan told reporters he would be in intensive discussions with IMF officials in order to renegotiate whatever targets would be changed in light of the devaluation.

"I see no reason why we will not be able to quickly re-establish the parameters of the program," Malan said.

Malan spent several hours discussing Brazil's situation Sunday with Deputy Treasury Secretary Lawrence Summers.

3 foreign governments sue tobacco firms in U.S.

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The tobacco industry is facing a new legal onslaught as three foreign governments have filed lawsuits to collect hundreds of millions of dollars spent for treating sick smokers.

In recent months, the governments of Guatemala, Nicaragua and Panama have filed lawsuits in U.S. courts, patterned on suits ultimately pursued by the cigarette makers to agree to a \$206 billion settlement last year. The Marshall Islands and British Columbia have filed similar actions in their home courts.

Anti-smoking groups view this handful of cases as the vanguard of a major and potentially dangerous assault on the industry, one that could pick up momentum just as the state cases did after Mississippi Attorney General Mike Moore, D, filed a groundbreaking claim in 1994. Moore has said that people at first dismissed his case as "crazy," but it ultimately spurred laws in more than three dozen states, ending last November with the industry agreeing to pay 50 states and the District of Columbia hundreds of billions of dollars over the next 25 years.


Philip Morris Cos. has denigrated the foreign cases as a bunch of "copycat lawsuits" that "face insurmountable legal obstacles" in U.S. courts.

One of its in-house lawyers, Timothy Lindon, characterized them as "little more than an attempt by plaintiffs' lawyers to use the U.S. courts to generate legal fees for themselves."

Richard Daynard, an anti-tobacco expert who heads the Tobacco Products Liability Project at Northeastern University in Boston, acknowledged that the foreign cases face difficult barriers. Still, he noted that the state cases initially were met with skepticism, but over \$200 billion is being paid out on cases that were not slam-dunks.

Scoring credit

Credit scoring makes an individual's creditworthiness easier to understand. It assigns a numerical score based on how much debt you have, how well you pay it, how long you've had it and how promptly bills are paid, among other factors. Here's how the process works.



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CREDIT REPORT


TransUnion and Experian (formerly EMI) compile this service. They constantly collect data from creditors, such as banks, retailers and credit card issuers, along with court judgments and other sources to build records.

SCORING PROCESS

The credit bureaus all use Fair, Isaac and Co. software to give each credit report a numerical score ranging from 300 to more than 900. Most scores are between 600 and 700. Because credit bureaus have different data at any time, the same borrower likely will have three different scores.

LENDER DECISION

Each lender makes a loan decision based on its own standards for how it values borrower's credit score, overall credit history, level of debt compared to income and other factors.



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It's probably around 700, high enough to clear the credit-checking hurdle that investors see. If not, there's still a chance at landing a mortgage — if you're willing to pay a dearer rate.

This magic number is your credit score. It's calculated as part of your credit report, which every lender worth its salt will run on you when it's time to finance that new house.

You? A number? You betcha.

Of Community Credit, your behavior can be summarized "in a two- or three-digit code," said Rex Huston, vice president of a national underwriting firm for Maryland-based Newwest Mortgage, the nation's biggest mortgage lender.

"The good news is that if your number's good enough, you get fast response, a good rate. And so individual is denied because of a low score. It's just a way of figuring out which customers need more assistance than others," he said.

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If you've received one of those "preapproved" credit cards in the mail, it was based on your credit score. High score, high credit line.

Likewise, if the car dealership's finance manager said the car is happy to arrange financing on that snappy roadster, but... That's scoring at work again, except they'll need a bigger down payment or you'll need to pay a higher rate.

Something about those late payments on the plastic and that pearly dent support.

Is that fair?

Mathew Mapram, head of housing for ACORN, the Association for Community Organizations for Reform Now, isn't sure. ACORN actively monitors mortgage lenders' federal disclosures for evidence of discrimination and abuse, and usually doesn't like what it finds.

How to get

What's your credit score?

1. Get your credit report from one of the three major credit bureaus: Equifax, Experian and TransUnion. You can get a free copy of your report once a year from each bureau.

2. Understand your score.

Most scores range from 300 to 900. Scores above 700 are generally considered good, while scores below 600 are considered poor.

3. Improve your score.

Pay bills on time, keep credit card balances low, and avoid opening too many new credit accounts.

along with the score.

According to David Shellenberger, Fair, Isaac's manager for credit bureau risk scoring, the average U.S. borrower has a FICO score in the low-700s. Scores range from the high 300s to the mid-900s, he said, with higher scores better.

But can those numbers, based on past behavior, really predict a person's future likelihood to repay a loan?

Freddie Mac, in a July 1995 study that looked at 25,000 loans, concluded that the answer is yes.

At the time the study was done, 35 percent of high-risk borrowers — those with FICO scores of lower than 620 — were at least 60 days late on a loan payment. Among denied credit borrowers with FICO scores higher than 650, only 1 percent were in arrears.

The Freddie Mac study found that regardless of race or income, borrowers with low FICO scores defaulted much, much more often than those with high FICO scores.

A high FICO score, then, is the gold star, the badge of honor for a clean credit life.

But what if you have a low score?

"The first thing to learn is why you have a low FICO score. If that doesn't work, call one of more of the big three bureaus: Equifax, at (800) 685-1111; Experian, at (800) 682-7654; TransUnion, at (800) 916-3800.

If you've been denied credit in the past 60 days because of a negative credit report, your report is free. Otherwise, it will cost about \$3.

Your credit report is a list of accounts — banks, merchants, credit cards — that you are responsible for, either solely or jointly.

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“I didn't say how long and I didn't say when, so I did it this morning It was 6:45, and there was nobody on the road. That's why I did it, and I did it goooood.”

—Falcons coach Dan Raxewsky, who claims to have done the Dirty Bird on Atlanta's famous Peachtree Street Monday morning, fulfilling a promise he made in early November

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 Riv at River
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 Kesham at Dsch
 Wendell at Valley

High school bowling

Wendell at Kimbly

New junior varsity basketball games begin at 6 p.m. with McCoyville playing.

IN BRIEF

Former CSI hoops star helps Nicholls State

MEMPHIS, La. — Terrence Howard hit three threes with four seconds left to lift Nicholls State to a 66-65 Southern Conference basketball victory over McNeese State Monday night at St. Joseph's Center.

Former College of Southern Idaho Golden Eagle Terrence McCutcheon scored 11 points for Nicholls, and was one of three players to hit double-digit figures. McCutcheon's brother, James, led with 15 points. Wright added 12 and Howard had 11.

The Colonels (6-11 overall, 4-3 SLC) snapped a three-game losing streak.

Weber State player named player of the week

OGDEN, Utah — Weber State University forward Harold Arsenaux has been named Big Sky Conference player of the week, the league announced Monday. Arsenaux, who leads the conference in scoring at 21.2 points per game, shot 47.1 percent from the field for the week ending Jan. 17. He made 71.4 percent from the free-throw line and averaged 29.0 points and 11.5 rebounds per game.

The 6-foot-6, 215-pound junior from New Orleans, notched career highs at Weber State with 20 points and 14 rebounds in a four-overtime, 101-100 victory over Eastern Washington on the road Saturday. Arsenaux accounted for half of Weber State's 40 overtime points, and added two blocks and two steals.

Arsenaux led all players with 20 points and nine rebounds, and had four assists, four blocks and three steals against Idaho State on Thursday.

Williams, MacCulloch win Pac-10 weekly awards

WALNUT CREEK, Calif. — Oregon's Shaquana Williams and Todd MacCulloch of Washington were named the Pac-10 Conference players of the week Monday.

In the first start of her career, Williams averaged 19.5 points, 6 rebounds and 5.5 assists last week to win the women's weekly award.

The freshman guard scored 25 points and grabbed 11 rebounds in Oregon's victory against Washington.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

Scottie free: Bulls to trade Pippen

\$67M sign-and-trade deal involves player, picks

NEW YORK (AP) — Scottie Pippen will be traded from the Chicago Bulls to the Houston Rockets as soon as the lockout ends later this week, NBA sources told The Associated Press on Monday.

The Bulls will sign Pippen to a deal worth \$67.2 million for five years before trading him, and get forward Roy Rogers and a second-round draft pick in return, said the sources, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

"I would like to thank the Chicago Bulls, the great people of the city of Chicago and all my teammates for 11 wonderful seasons."

Pippen said in a statement released by his agent, Jimmy Seaton. "I would also like to personally thank the Bulls for helping me through this period of free agency. I wish them the best, because that is what Chicago deserves."

Although the salaries for Pippen and Rogers do not match, the deal is allowable under NBA rules because Houston will have enough salary cap room to fit in Pippen's contract.

The salary for this season will be \$18 million.

The deal will not be finalized until the lockout ends Wednesday or Thursday.

"We're not going to confirm anything," Rockets spokesman Tim Frank said. "The lockout is technically not over. We're still under lockout restrictions. No deal can officially be done until that clock is lifted."

Pippen, a six-time champion with the Bulls, talked to the Rockets about signing with them as a free agent.

It was not immediately clear why he agreed to a sign-and-trade deal, but other teams were also discussing similar deals involving Pippen with Bulls general manager Jerry Krause.

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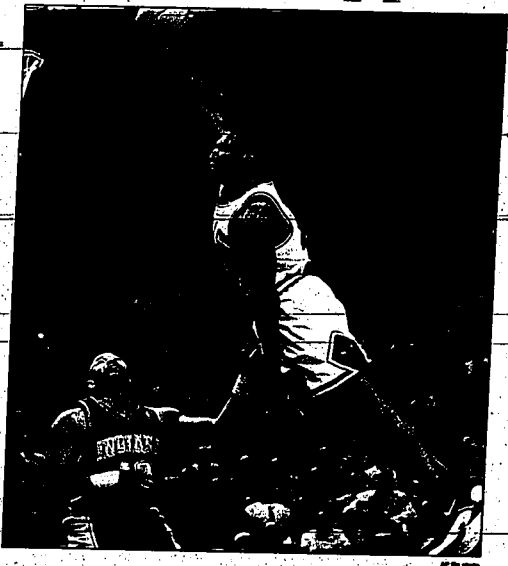
(The acquisition of Pippen should clear the way for Charles Barkley to re-sign with Houston, giving the Rockets a formidable front-line of Barkley, Pippen and Hakeem Olajuwon.)

The 33-year-old Pippen has been with Chicago since the 1987-88 season when he was drafted out of Central Arkansas. Last year, he averaged 19.1 points and 5.2 rebounds per game.

The seven-time All-star forward is considered one of the top three free agents up for grabs as NBA teams prepare to open training camps delayed by the 6 1/2-month lockout.

Pippen should be in uniform for the Rockets when they play an exhibition game against San Antonio on Saturday.

The Rockets also were interested in the other two free agents, Antonio McDyess and Tom Gugliotta. But McDyess has ruled out Houston as a possibility, and Gugliotta appears likely to sign with Minnesota or Denver.



Chicago Bulls forward Scottie Pippen scores toward the basket over Indiana Pacers guard Mark Jackson May 31, during the first quarter of Game 7 of the Eastern Conference Finals. Pippen will be traded to the Houston Rockets immediately after the NBA lockout is settled, The Associated Press learned Monday.

Lady Golden Eagles alone atop SWAC standings

By Damon Clark
 The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — With their 81-72 win over North Idaho College and a 77-50 win over Ricks College, the College of Southern Idaho Golden Eagles took over sole possession of first place in the Scenic West Athletic Conference women's basketball standings.

CSI (6-1, 14-5 overall) was left atop the standings when Salt Lake CC beat Dixie College 76-58, giving the Rebels two conference losses on the season.

Snow College beat Salt Lake CC and Utah Valley to stay a half-game behind the Golden Eagles, and Dixie managed to beat Utah Valley before falling to the Bruins to remain just a half-game out of first place.

The last unbeaten men's team in the conference fell Saturday night when Utah Valley posted a 94-80 win over Snow College. The Badgers (7-1, 19-1 overall) are now tied with travel partner Dixie College atop the standings, and the teams face each other Friday.

Dixie beat Utah Valley by two points in overtime and then beat Salt Lake by 11 points.

Please see SWAC, Page D2.

Stampede moves 9 players

Compiled from wire services

BOISE — The Idaho Stampede, the newest franchise in the Continental Basketball Association, made nine roster moves before Monday night's 91-89 loss to the Connecticut Pride.

Idaho's transactions began early when the team signed Raymond Tut, Brian Tolbert, Chuck Graham, Brian Myers, Mitch Henderson, Jermaine Smith, Al Hamilton and Art Long.

Over the weekend, Idaho's Chris Gaudin, Lawrence Moten, Terrell Bell and Phil Cartwright each received invitations to various NBA training camps.

The rights to those six players have been temporarily placed out — the Stampede's inactive Reserve list pending their potential return from their NBA experiences.

Tolbert, an Eastern Michigan product, participated in the Stampede's training camp this fall and Tut, a UC Santa Barbara standout, appeared in one of the Stampede's free agent camps.

Graham is a 6-3, 200-pound guard who has played in the CBA, with the Shreveport Crawdads and Florida Beachdogs. Al Hamilton (Weber State) played in the CBA for Oklahoma City. Myers (UT-Arlington), Smith (UNLV), Henderson (Purdue) and Long (Cincinnati) all come to the CBA as rookies.

"With the CBA being the official developmental league of the NBA, this day in Stampede history represents the opportunity for several Stampede players to go to an NBA camp and attempt to fulfill a childhood dream of making an NBA team," said Stampede CEO and general manager Clay Moser.

Kournikova hangs on; Hingis breezes to win



Anna Kournikova of Russia makes a return against American Jill Craybas Tuesday in the first round at the Australian Open tennis tournament in Melbourne, Australia.

Russian sensation wins despite 23 double faults

The Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia — Anna Kournikova showed off a curious strategy — the occasional accurate serve masking in among 23 double faults.

It was a surprise attack style that worked well enough, especially backed up by a reliable return game that produced nine service breaks, and put the 12th-seeded teen into the second round of the Australian Open with a 7-6 (7-1), 7-5 victory Tuesday over an American qualifier, No. 15-ranked Jill Craybas.

Kournikova, 17, shrugged off the double faults — she had 17 in the first set alone — and emphasized the way she scrambled to survive and hanging in there in tough times," she said. "I should have been more aggressive, but I figured out later in the match, then I started doing what I should have done in the beginning."

Kournikova believes her serving problems, which have led to 62 double faults in her last three matches, are "half mental, half technical."

"But it is not like a huge problem," she said. "When you have a mistake in the forehand, nobody notices, but when you make a double fault, everybody talks about it."

They talk about it because no other women, and few men with much harder serves, give away as many free points on serve as Kournikova does. Though sometimes being erratic helps. When she did hit a first serve in once in a while, Craybas looked surprised and

had trouble catching up to it.

Another 17-year-old, unseeded Serena Williams, escaped the trouble that beset her sister Venus in an opening day three-setter. With Serena almost offsetting seven double faults, Serena beat Romanian Raluca Sandu 6-2, 6-2.

"Five years from now I would definitely see myself at No. 1," said Serena, ranked No. 26.

Martina Hingis, an 18-year-old who had been No. 1 most of the past two years and is the two-time defending Australian champion, breezed through her opening round, 6-1, 6-2 against American Litsa Alexandrova.

In men's matches, No. 10 Yevgeny Kafelnikov of Russia beat Sweden's Jonas Bjorkman 6-3, 6-2, 6-4, and No. 15 American Todd Martin outlasted Brazilian Fernando Meligeni 3-6, 4-6, 6-3, 6-1.

If youth is sometimes wasted on the young, Jana Novotna — misspent a fair share of years until she won Wimbledon last year.

Her losses were the stuff of legend, filled with chokes and tears.

Now at 30, when other players might look to comfortable retirement, Novotna sees only opportunity. A chance for more grand slam titles. A chance that lasts longer than that of fellow Czech native Martina Navratilova, who played until she was 38.

"That's my main goal ... to play longer than Martina," Novotna said. "My first goal already came true, winning Wimbledon, and I'm working on the second one."

And so Novotna is playing the Australian Open for the first time in four years, reshuffling her schedule for an extra shot at a major championship.

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SPORTS

ISDB boys fall in 4th to visiting Mushers; Murtaugh hangs on

GOODING - The Idaho School Deaf and Blind boys' basketball team carried a 14-point lead into the final quarter of Monday's game with the Camas County junior varsity, then watched the Mushers score 26 points for a 58-57 win.

Local sports
Murtaugh 67, Valley Christian 61

MURTAUGH - Reese Widmier had 15 points and Kyle Funk added 11 as Murtaugh defeated Valley Christian in non-conference action.

Local sports
TWIN FALLS - The Warriors cruised to the win behind 29 points from Matt Jones.

"In the third quarter, we switched to a different defense that really shut down their inside play," said TFCA coach Brent Walker, whose team outscored the Conquerors 26-2 in that period.

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Hagerman (5-4) hosts Raft River tonight

HAGERMAN - The Warriors added 11 points in the fourth quarter to defeat Raft River 58-57.

Shoshone 41, Valley 38
HAZELTON - Amy Williams scored 20 points with free throws in the final minute.

Valley (11-6) plays Saturday at home against Raft River.

Glenns Ferry 55, Rimrock 24
RIMROCK - The Pilots recorded 26 steals off their press and shut down the hapless Rimrock squad Monday night in non-conference girls' basketball action.

"We came out and jumped all over them," said Pilots coach Deanna Brock.

Aussie

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Finalist at the Australian in 1991 but an early round loser the next three years, Novotna skipped the year's first grand slam event the past three years because she felt the reasons were too long and she needed extra rest to prepare for the grind of the ensuing campaigns.

TFCA 66, Magic Valley 29

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Hagerman 47, Shoshone 38

HAGERMAN - Tanner Esterbrook led three Pirates in double figures in a A-1 inter-district win over Shoshone.

Girls' basketball
Dietrich 69, Gooding 41

GOODING - The Blue Devils didn't mind a match against A-3 Gooding, coming away with a 2-point win Monday night.

Deco 52, Wendell 23

WENDELL - The visiting Deco Hornets outscored Wendell 23-3 in the first quarter Monday on their way to a 52-23 win.

Glenns Ferry (12-2) plays Thursday at home against Gooding

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one point, both games coming on Jan. 20.

Falls this weekend along with SLCC.
Ricks and Treasure Valley are tied for fourth at 43, after the Vikings swept last week's games against CCS and TVCC.

ated with Salt Lake at 34, with Eastern Utah in the eighth spot at 26.
North Idaho (1-6) and Colorado Northwestern (0-7) round out the men's standings.

Part of Olympic Stadium roof falls in

MONTREAL (AP) - A part of the Olympic Stadium's problems-plagued roof craved in Monday as some 200 workers were setting up for an auto show.

The workers were preparing the stadium for an auto show when the mid-afternoon collapse occurred, sparked apparently by recent heavy snowfall.

Workers setting up for the auto show said they had been told repeatedly by the agency that runs the Olympic Stadium not to worry.

SCORES AND STATS

BASEBALL
Remaining Free Agents
NEW YORK (AP) - The following free agents are available:
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By Steve Moore
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Winter X Games, Steamboat, Steamboat, starting ESPN 7:30 p.m.

TENNIS
Australian Open
MELBOURNE (AP) - The Australian Open tennis tournament is under way in Melbourne.

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MILWAUKEE - Signed to three-year, \$10 million contract.
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Atlanta gets down with its 'Dirty Birds'

Knight Ridder News Service

ATLANTA — Both thumbs cocked under his armpits, both elbows flailing furiously, Jim Swan, the Falcons' mascot, is a perfectly rational human being when it comes to anything other than professional football — strutting around the Bronx Brewing Co. sports bar here Sunday afternoon and basking in it all.

"I've been a Falcons fan for years," said Swan, 39. "It's been a lot of failure, a lot of suffering. But we're in the game. We're in the game."

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Atlanta Falcons coach Dan Reeves does his own rendition of the team's 'Dirty Bird' dance Monday at a press conference in Suwanee, Ga. The Falcons beat the Minnesota Vikings 30-27 Sunday to capture the NFC Championship.

Reeves does the dance

SUWANEE, Ga. (AP) — After the Atlanta Falcons defeated New England 41-10 in early November, Dan Reeves promised to dance the "Dirty Bird" on Peachtree Street if his team made it to the Super Bowl.

Reeves played off their part Sunday, beating Minnesota 30-27 in overtime to win the NFC championship.

So Monday morning, on his way to appear on ABC's "Good Morning America," Reeves kept his word.

The Atlanta coach, who turns 55 Tuesday, claims he stopped his car along the city's most famous street and performed his version of the Falcons' end-zone celebration.

"There's only one problem: he had no witnesses."

"I didn't say how long and I didn't say when, so I did it this morning," Reeves said with a smile. "It was 6:45, and there was nobody on the road. That's why I did it, and I did it goodood."

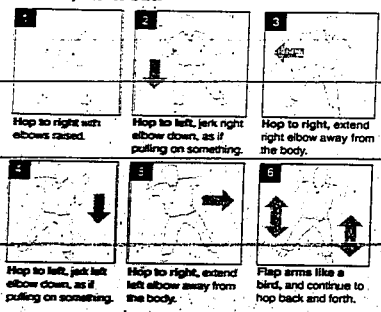
Falcons receiver Terance Mathis, who caught the touchdown pass that helped Atlanta sweep the game into overtime, wasn't buying Reeves' version of events.

"That's a cop out, man," Mathis said with a laugh. "He could have at least called the media and alerted them. That doesn't count. We're going to make him do it."

In fact, up to the very end of Sunday's 30-27 overtime victory in the NFC Championship game

Dirty dancing with Falcons

The Falcons do the "Dirty Bird" dance each time they score a touchdown. Here's how you can do it, too.

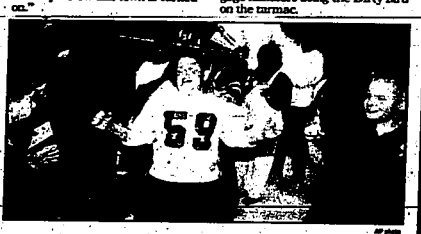


Rep. Kathy Ashe, R-Atlanta, does the "Dirty Bird" on the floor of the Statehouse Friday in Atlanta. The city's NFL Falcons have driven his diligent mad with its ride to the Super Bowl and the team's dance.

So turned on, in fact, that when the Falcons charter flight from Minneapolis pulled up to the gate at Hartsfield International Airport late Sunday night, there were more than 6,000 people waiting to greet them.

And there were plenty of Falcons' hats and caps to be seen, but one of the sweetest sights for Reeves may have been when he even peered through the plane's window and saw the airport's baggage handlers doing the Dirty Bird on the tarmac.

Atlanta Journal and Constitution via AP Monday. "Now this town is turned on."



Atlanta Falcons fan Michael Crosse, center, does the "Dirty Bird" dance with other fans Sunday in Atlanta while waiting for the team to return home.

No. 4 Techsters dump No. 2 UConn

Alumni inspire game effort in 90-76 win

RUSTON, La. (AP) — With dozens of former players and coaches from the tradition-rich school watching in the stands, the pressure was on Louisiana Tech.

The Lady Techsters responded by playing their best game of the season.

Tamicha Jackson scored 26 points while sparking her team's harassing defense, and Amanda Wilson added 17 points and 16 rebounds as No. 4 Louisiana Tech beat No. 2 Connecticut 90-76 Monday.

The victory came as Louisiana Tech was celebrating its 25th year of women's basketball. Coach Leon Barnore had been worried how that would affect his team, which has been inconsistent.

"I don't think you could have put more pressure on our basket ball team than that did," Barnore said. "This is probably one of the most marvelous wins that the Tech team has ever had under these conditions."

It certainly was the biggest victory this season for a team that had won 17 of its 20 games and No. 3 Purdue, and had defeated only one ranked team: Louisiana Tech (14-2) came up with 18 steals and forced 25 Connecticut turnovers — 15 in the second half.

"I've always said if Tamicha and Amanda play well, we can beat a lot of people," Barnore said. "The boards were outstanding and Amanda — 13 defensive boards. The boards were what worried me going in. Michigan had 29 offensive boards



Louisiana Tech's Tamicha Jackson (35) looks to block Connecticut's Estelita Waiters during the second half Monday in Ruston, La. Jackson scored a team high 26 points in the 90-76 upset of the second-ranked Huskies.

"Their speed created a lot of turnovers," Connecticut coach Geno Auriemma said. "They pressure you and the passes that you normally make, and complete weren't received. That doesn't count. We're going to make him do it."

Louisiana Tech's first run came after Connecticut had cut the lead to 60-59 on Svetlana

Abramson's driving shot with 1:18 left. Three steals triggered an 80 basket that consisted entirely of layups, and Connecticut made only three more field goals the rest of the way.

Five straight points by Shea Ralph drew to the Huskies to 70-65 with 6:14 remaining, but Monica Maxwell responded with a 2-pointers to cut to an 11-2 run that stretched the lead to 81-67 with 2:59 to play, and the Lady Techsters finished it off with free throws.

Barkner, who had 16 points in the first half, hit 10-of-18 shots, handed out seven assists and made five steals. She spoke with new respect in her life, the result of an accidental elbow from Ralph.

"We felt like we needed to be aggressive on them," Barkner said. "We pressed the entire game. We never do that. We go some steals in there, get layups, rebounds, things like that. This's supposed to be my job every game — put pressure on the ball."

Maxwell had 11 points, and the Huskies had 11 reserve Christine Sides added 10 points.

Abramson led UConn with 24 points but committed 10 turnovers. Tamika Williams scored 16 points and Ralph finished with 12.

Auriemma, whose team had been averaging 99.7 points, had no regrets about playing the game.

"I'd rather find out right now what issues we have and that's what this game does," he said. "We got beat by a better team. When all is said and done, they're a better team right now."

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Report: Knicks to trade for Sprewell

NEW YORK — Laurrel Sprewell, whose smack on his coach last season led to one of the harshest penalties in NBA history, is expected to be traded to the New York Knicks as soon as the lockout ends, two league sources told The Associated Press on Monday.

It was not immediately clear who the Knicks would send to the Warriors. New York was believed to be offering forward Chris Mills and former Boise State Bronco guard Chris Childs, with Golden State general manager Garry St. Jean asking for Jim Storkis.

Kubiak turns down Colorado coaching job

DENVER — After a few sleepless nights, Denver Broncos offensive coordinator Gary Kubiak rejected an offer Monday to become coach at Colorado.

Saying he was "not good at doing two things," Kubiak said the past five days — during which he was preparing the Broncos for the AFC championship game against the New York Jets while at the same time being courted for the Colorado job — were unbearable.

NBA: Wednesday now earliest start-up date

NEW YORK — The NBA lockout will last at least another day longer, meeting the upcoming trades of Scottie Pippen and Laurrel Sprewell — along with other league "business" — will be on hold until Wednesday at the earliest.

The lockout agreement didn't keep teams from pulling off deals. In addition to Pippen (Chicago Bulls) and Sprewell (above), top free agent Antonio McDyess narrowed his choices to Denver and Phoenix.

All deals cannot be finalized until lawyers representing the league and the union finish pushing the lockout settlement into writing.

Critics press leaders on Olympic debt issue

SALT LAKE CITY — Critics of the 2002 Olympics threatened Monday to launch a petition drive unless the governor and legislature act to protect taxpayers from the Winter Games' "financial folly."

If that means the Utah capitol must follow in Denver's lead from 1976 and give the Olympics.

SALT LAKE 2002

ABL star Price dead of possible suicide

NACOGDOCHES, Texas — Katrina Price, a former basketball star at Stephen F. Austin whose professional career was set back when the ABL folded last month, apparently committed suicide Monday.

Police responding to a 911 call just before 7 a.m. found her dead of an apparent gunshot wound in the hallway of her sister Lucy's apartment. Police said the younger Price is not considered a suspect.

Price, 23, was a third-team All-American last season when she averaged 22.1 points and 5.3 rebounds per game. The 5-foot-10 guard was the Ladyjacks' career leading scorer with 2,270 points and she's among the SFA's top 10 in several other categories.

Katrina Price

Compiled from wire reports

DiMaggio exits hospital after 99 days

HOLLYWOOD, Fla. (AP) — Next stop for Joe DiMaggio, Yankee Stadium.

Yes, that's correct.

After 99 days in intensive care, after lung cancer surgery, pneumonia, and an infection that nearly killed him and left him in a coma, Joe DiMaggio went home Monday.

Now he's getting ready for a return to the Bronx, where he hopes to throw out the ceremonial first pitch on opening day April 9.

The 84-year-old Yankee Clipper received last rites after he lapsed into a coma last month. But each time he awoke, doctors probably wouldn't survive, DiMaggio proved them wrong.

"Mr. DiMaggio wishes to express his thanks to his doctors, ICU nurses and staff at Memorial Regional Hospital, for helping him recover from infectious pneumonia, as well as to the 250 mil-

lion people out there who are praying for him," his lawyer, Morris Engelberg, said in a statement.

The notoriously private DiMaggio left the hospital with little fanfare at about 9:30 a.m. Some hospital workers said they didn't realize he had left.

Other details were not disclosed. A message left at Engelberg's office was not immediately returned, and Dr. Earl Barron's office said the doctor had no comment.

WTVM Channel 6 in Miami reported that DiMaggio would continue his recovery at home. DiMaggio, voted baseball's greatest living player in 1969, entered the hospital Oct. 12 and had surgery two days later to remove a cancerous lung tumor. He had a series of setbacks after a serious infection set in.

On Dec. 10-11, DiMaggio was in



Baseball Hall of Famer Joe DiMaggio (above) leaves the hospital Monday after 99 days in intensive care.

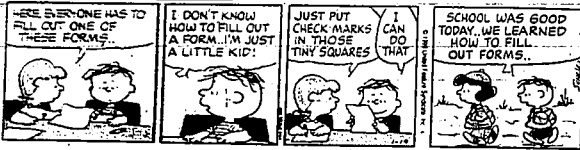
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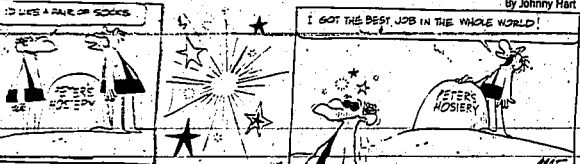
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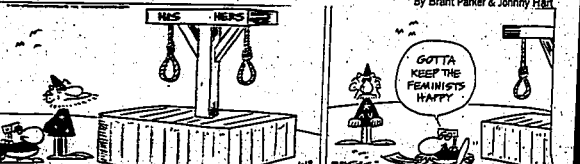
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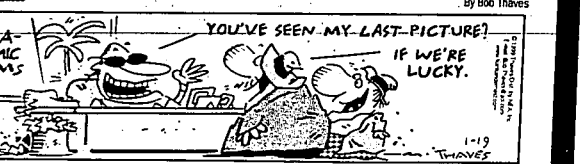
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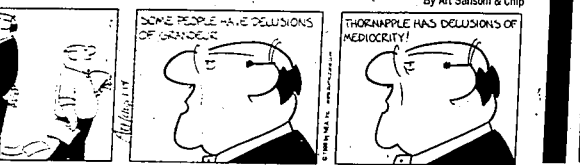
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By Lynn Johnston



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By Dean Young & Stan Drake



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The Family Circus

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