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GOOD MORNING

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Today: Mostly cloudy, with southwest morning winds around 10 mph becoming west 10-20 mph by afternoon. High, 38. Cloudy and a chance of snow tonight. Low, 25.
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Michael Benjamin Elson consults with his attorney, Mike Wood, Monday during a recess before hearing his sentence of at least six years in prison for involuntary manslaughter in connection with the death of 22-month-old Zachary Nolan.

Clinton seeks state funds

Budget plan eyes tobacco suit money

By Gregory Hahn Times-News writer

BOISE - The first official threat to Idaho's portion of the national tobacco settlement came Monday with President Clinton's proposed budget for next year.

Clinton hopes to reclaim \$18.9 billion over the next four years from the deal cut between four major tobacco companies and 46 states.

It's unclear how much Idaho stands to lose, but the federal grab came as no surprise in the Statehouse.

"That's one of the reasons why we parked our share," said Rep. Bruce Bell, R-Jerome, a co-chairman of the state's budget committee.

Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's plan to keep the first two payments in the Duglas-Luttrell "rainy day" fund passed both houses and is the first measure of the session awaiting his signature to become law.

The states expected the federal government to go after some of the money, and the White House has said the law requires it because more than half of every dollar spent on Medicaid

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Prison awaits child's killer

Judge gives Jerome man at least 6 years for manslaughter

By Mark Heinz Times-News writer

JEROME - As he made his final statement before being sentenced on an involuntary manslaughter conviction, Michael B. Elson tearfully recalled the night 22-month-old Zachary Nolan died.

Elson told District Judge Barry Wood about how he and Zachary's mother sat with the toddler's body for hours after he died.

"I sat there right next to her, and held him and cried," Elson said.

A jury on Dec. 5, 1998, found Elson guilty in Zachary's death in September 1997.

Wood sentenced Elson to 15 years - six years fixed - in prison, and \$8,500 in fines and restitution. Elson, 23, of Twin Falls

Shaken baby case - A2

received 136 days credit for time already served in jail.

After the sentence was read, Elson embraced his parents and several members of his extended family before being handcuffed and led away by sheriff's deputies.

Members of Elson's family declined to comment. His attorney, Mike Wood, said he hadn't decided whether to appeal the sentence.

Zachary died of closed head wounds in a Boise hospital on Sept. 28, 1997. He had been taken there by Life Flight from Jerome the night before he died.

Elson had made the emergency call for help from the

Jerome apartment he shared with Zachary, Zachary's mother and younger brother. It was the second time that month Zachary had been taken by Life Flight to Boise. Elson was alone in the apartment with the children at the time of both emergencies.

Jerome Prosecutor John Lothspeich based his case largely on medical evidence that he said showed Zachary had been a victim of shaken baby syndrome.

Mike Wood argued during the trial that Zachary's wounds could have been caused by a tumble down stairs or similar accident.

Elson said Zachary fell down a flight of stairs in the apartment the night of the first emergency call, and had a seizure and fell off a couch the night of the second call.

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Surgery center sparks commissioner concern

By Pat Marcantonio Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - A new, doctor-owned surgery center has at least one county official worried about the health of Twin Falls' county-owned hospital.

"We probably should be very concerned about the county's ability to provide the same level of service," said Dennis Maughan, chairman of the Twin Falls County Commission.

For the county, the stakes could be high - and could include a cut in services, layoffs at the hospital, or a subsidy from county property taxes - the first such payment to the hospital in more than a decade.

The Sawtooth Surgery Center, owned by more than 20 local doctors, opened in December. The center offers a full range of outpatient surgeries at what it says

are lower prices than Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. Sawtooth Surgery Center chairman Dr. William Fitzhugh didn't want to talk Monday to Maughan's comments. He said hospital leaders had plenty of opportunity to talk about a relationship while the center was in its formative stages, but the hospital declined.

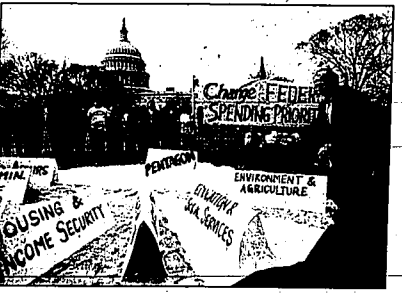
Maughan said the doctors didn't want to talk.

Fitzhugh has said the county hospital has for years survived competition from a doctor-owned business - Twin Falls Clinic & Hospital. The center isn't out to harm the hospital, but the doctors want more say in health care and their own fate.

Maughan said the freestanding surgery center threatens a good chunk of hospital revenue.

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SHOWIN' WHERE IT'S GOIN'



Ben Cohen, co-founder of Ben and Jerry's Homemade Inc., takes a piece of his 'Budget Pie' during a Capitol Hill news conference where he brought the 11-foot pie to discuss spending priorities. On Monday, the president sent Congress a \$1.77 trillion spending plan. For details, please see stories on Page A-3.

Lewinsky testifies

Knight Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON - House Republican prosecutors questioned Monica Lewinsky for less than five hours Monday in a session likely to determine the course, if not the outcome, of President Clinton's Senate impeachment trial.

Lewinsky offered no significant new insights into Clinton's attempts to conceal his affair and the president's lawyers, who were present at the deposition, chose not to ask any questions, according to a person who



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Idaho Senate OKs Lance's plan to rein in telemarketers

Sandy supports measure

The Associated Press

BOISE - Attorney General Al Lance's plan to protect consumers from unwanted telemarketers has won overwhelming state Senate approval despite concerns that unenforced problems will likely develop.

"I know this is extremely popular with constituents, and it's extremely popular with me because we all want protection from this, but there's going to be some unintended consequences," Senate

Judiciary Chairman Denton Darrington Declo, said Monday.

Only five of the 35 senators opposed the proposal to curb disruptive dinner-time sales pitches by creating a registry of people who do not want to receive telephone solicitations. The bill now goes to the House.

Each consumer would pay \$10 to be on the registry for three years. Telemarketers

would pay \$15 for the list and be subject to up to a \$5,000 fine if they contacted anyone on it.

Senate Assistant Republican Floor Leader John Sandy of Biglerville called it "a common sense solution to an ever increasing frustration and intrusion into people's everyday lives."

But it would be up to the registered consumer to report to the attorney general that his privacy had been violated - something advocates of the plan say eliminates most of the concern that Boy Scouts and Campfire Girls raising money for projects

could be prosecuted.

Charitable solicitations, political contacts and opinion surveys are exempt. And skeptics questioned just what action the state could take against telemarketers operating from faraway cities like Miami, Chicago or Houston.

Lance conceded it will not stop every intrusive telephone call, but the concept has worked in other states and will have some impact on what has become the chief complaint filed with his consumer office. Complaints totaled 530 last year alone.

NATION

Clinton unveils \$1.77 trillion budget

President faces struggles with GOP Congress

WASHINGTON (AP) — Urshering in the new millennium with the promise of huge federal surpluses, President Clinton unveiled on Monday a \$1.77 trillion budget for the year 2000 that would trim Social Security and boost billions on everything from troops to teachers.

Republicans, who control Congress, immediately vowed to reverse much of it. Staking out this year's political battlefield, they insisted that hundreds of billions of the \$2.41 trillion in surpluses Clinton estimates over the next decade should be returned to Americans in tax-rate cuts, not used for new spending.

"The fairness dictates that some of this overpayment should go back to the taxpayers," said House Speaker Dennis Hastert of Illinois.

"We don't want to invest programs to spend the surplus on," said Senate Budget Committee Chairman Phil Donahue, R-N.M. Economists caution that a deep, protracted recession could erase the projected black ink, which began appearing last year as a surplus of \$20 billion over last three decades of unremitting

BUDGET 2000

Highlights of President Clinton's 2000 budget plan:

- Spending: \$1,770 billion
- Revenue: \$1,770 billion
- Deficit: \$0 billion
- Surplus: \$2.41 billion
- Debt: \$1.77 billion
- Interest: \$1.77 billion
- Other: \$1.77 billion

Childhood Nutrition for Head Start

- \$2.5 billion to help low-income people below the current federal poverty level
- \$1.1 billion over five years for states to offer Medicaid and children's health insurance to immigrants
- \$953 million for medical research

Veterans

- \$44 billion for veterans' programs

Environment

- \$1.7 billion in initiatives, including program to preserve open spaces

Agriculture

- \$51.2 billion for programs from food aid to rural water

Law enforcement

- \$1.28 billion over five years for police, prosecutors and prevention programs

Transportation

- \$3.3 billion for highway and aviation safety
- Other programs include funds for the Coast Guard and air quality improvement

AP Wirephoto

scores of other purposes.

"We have a rare opportunity that comes along once in a blue moon—to any group of Americans," Clinton said as he outlined his plan at the White House.

Clinton would spend \$39 billion more, or 2 percent more, than is planned for fiscal year 1999, which runs through Sept. 30. But thanks to the humming economy, he anticipates \$77 billion more in federal revenue, allowing this year's expected \$79 billion surplus to swell to \$117 billion in 2000.

If those numbers seem surreal, so did the juxtaposition of the day's two chief events: As the president was releasing his budget, lawyers from his Senate impeachment trial were in a Mayflower Hotel room blocks away, questioning Monica Lewinsky about her affair with Clinton.

The impeachment fallout could leave both sides eager to build records of legislative achievement, or it could make them eager to draw political distinctions as the 2000 elections approach. Initial signs point to confrontation.

Republicans agreed with Clinton that most of the surplus should be set aside to trim the national debt and strengthen Social Security. But the two sides are already fighting over how to do that.

And while Republicans want to

use most of the remaining surplus—nearly \$300 billion over 10 years—largely to cut income tax rates, Clinton prefers aiming that money at Medicare, new retirement-investment-accounts, and defense and domestic programs.

"In all my years in Congress, I've never seen such a kitchen-sink approach to government," mocked tax-cut advocate Rep. Bill Archer, R-Texas, chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee.

Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin shot back, saying that "reducing the federal debt is a far better use of the surplus than consuming it now with a tax cut."

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CLINTON'S ECONOMIC GOALS

Budget hits close to home for parents, smokers

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton wants to come to the aid of stay-at-home parents with a bonus little tax credit in his first year. When the kid goes off to class or perhaps in a trailer at one of the nation's many crowded schools—the budget awaits with money for parents.

For the child slipping into adulthood, Clinton aims to raise a federal grant for low-income managers by \$12, ensure everyone can find something called a One-Stop Career Center and polish up last year's big effort to make college accessible to all.

On it goes, for the poor, the middle class, the middle aged and the old.

For the not-quite elderly, there's a plan to let them buy Medicare coverage when they are younger than today's minimum age of 65. For the chronically ill, there's a \$1,000 tax credit to help with the often exorbitant costs of sending one's health. Living in a sprawling house? Clinton would toughen their inspection.

Smokers would help pay for it all. After seeing prices rise 30 percent recently because of a settlement between the tobacco industry and states, smokers face \$5 cents a pack more in taxes if they smoke the way.

The president's budget reflects flash times and an impulse to do something for someone at almost

BUDGET 2000

every stage of life. It's an impulse more easily committed to paper than written into law.

Republicans have their own ideas, however, on tax cuts. And this president has seen many of his past proposals fail on Capitol Hill.

Specifically, Republicans want to take some of the projected budget surplus and cut everyone's income taxes by up to 10 percent.

Despite the goodies, Clinton's spending plan reflects a reluctance to go all out now that the nation is reversing decades of deficits. In this year before an election year, massive cash-in-your-pocket proposals are missing.

Instead, the president's offering a chunk of diaper change and more.

A \$20 tax credit for a child under age 1, when a parent stays home. You can double your tax credit pleasure with twins. But you can't triple it with triplets — the maximum is \$200. As well, parents who must pay child care expenses to work would get a larger credit now.

For the military, an across-the-board pay increase of 4.4 percent and better retirement benefits.

\$22 billion in school construction and modernization bonds, to take a bite out of school overcrowding. Clinton also wants money to start up 2,200 charter public schools, which operate under fewer regulations and, he believes, are more innovative.

A \$125 increase in the maximum Pell grant, to \$3,250. Post-college, Clinton would let taxpayers deduct interest on their student loans for the life of the loan. Now, the deduction can only be taken for five years.

A \$1,000 tax credit for the chronically ill or those who look after them.

A \$1,000 tax credit for disabled workers to help with the extra costs they may face because of their work, such as special transportation.

A proposal to let people buy Medicare coverage when they are as young as 62. If workers lose their company plan because their employer moves, goes out of business or cuts back their hours, they could buy into Medicare as young as 55.

Apart from the tobacco tax, the budget comes with costs that are less apparent to the individual but may be just as real. It goes after a broad range of accounting practices used in tax shelters and proposes cuts of tax incentives on businesses. Some of those could raise prices for consumers or make workers lose their jobs.

One proposed tax increase on the life insurance industry, for example, would cost a hefty \$4 billion over five years.

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NATION

Spending, income growth close 1998 on a strong note

WASHINGTON (AP) — Americans ended 1998 with a spending spree, giving the economy momentum as it entered the new year. But economists wonder how long consumers can sustain the breakneck pace. Their incomes grew strongly, but they spent every bit of the increase — and more.

Personal income jumped 0.5 percent in December, the best gain in 10 months, the Commerce Department said Monday. Spending surged an even stronger 0.8 percent, the most since May.

"The basic message is the consumer is still ready, willing and able to spend," said economist Robert Dederick of Northern Trust Co. in Chicago. "There is nothing to suggest the consumer is beginning to turn tail."

Strong stock-market gains, low interest rates and robust inflationed wages are all supporting consumer spending, which accounts for two-thirds of the nation's economic activity.

"The fundamental continued gains," said economist Lynn Reaser of Nationsbank in Jacksonville, Fla. "In addition, many individuals this year will be receiving tax refunds, with the child and education tax credits effective for the first time for 1998."

But, because Americans spent more than they earned in December, their personal savings rate went negative — to minus 0.1 percent — for the second time last year. The measure of savings as a percentage of after-tax income has fluctuated around zero for four months.

And spending was bolstered in December by two factors that weren't helping in January: a last-minute surge in holiday shopping in response to discounts and very strong auto sales.

"Bad weather, less aggressive price discounting and a slowdown in employment growth point to

Today's polls may change by 2000

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republicans are taking a hit in the polls by pursuing the impeachment of a popular president, but a lot could happen to change the numbers before the 2000 election.



—Al Gore

President Bush's poll numbers were sliding just after the Persian Gulf War, recalled William Kissell, who was Vice President Quayle's chief of staff and is now editor of the conservative Weekly Standard magazine. But the public's enthusiasm for Bush faded by the 1992 elections and few remembered which Democrats voted against the war with Iraq.

"I don't dare say that the American people don't want President Clinton removed and most Republicans will vote to remove him," Kissell said. "But if there were real anger and animosity at the Republican Party, wouldn't they be doing worse in the presi-

dential polls?"

Texas Gov. George W. Bush, considered potential Republican presidential candidate, has led Vice President Al Gore in most early head-to-head polls.

Democrats are crowing about current polls that show almost six out of 10 people disapprove of how Senate Republicans are handling the impeachment trial. Two-thirds of the public approves of the way Clinton is doing his job, according to several polls.

A few poll of 1,200 taken in mid-January gave Democrats a marked advantage on who has the best ideas on everything from education to HMO reform to Social Security. Democrats had a strong edge in the traditionally strong Republican area of tax cuts for the middle class and a narrow edge on the global economy. Republicans had the edge on handling the issue of morality, the poll showed.

While the president has been talking about "kitchen table" issues like education, health care and Social Security in the State of the Union address and intermittent news conferences, Republican leaders are having to answer TV interviewers' questions about the ongoing impeachment drama.

Republican spokesman Mike Collins says Republicans are moving ahead on other issues, even if

the media is focusing only on the impeachment efforts.

"The agenda is moving forward even as the trial goes forward," Collins said, citing a GOP push for a 10 percent tax cut and the party's plans to safeguard Social Security, improve the nation's schools and shore up national defense.

Stuart Roy, spokesman for the National Republican Senatorial Committee, said it was impossible to know if the impeachment trial will have an impact on the 2000 elections. He doubted the Republicans who voted their conscience would be penalized. But Rep. Lindsey Graham, a South Carolina Republican and one of the House impeachment managers, warned in a letter to donors: "As visibility increases for the impeachment process, the likelihood for opposition in the next election increases."

slower consumer spending gains in January," said Kathleen White of Scotiabank in Toronto.

"Further slowdowns are likely as the year progresses given the low savings rate."

For the year, Americans saved just 0.5 percent of their income, the least since 1933, compared with 2.1 percent in 1997 and 2.9 percent in 1996. But, the figure is not as grim as it appears.

It reflects the fact that prosperous Americans spent a portion of their stock-market gains and tapped their home equity during a wave of refinancing spurred by the lowest mortgage rates since the 1960s.

Income in 1998 rose a healthy 5 percent, the fourth consecutive year at or above that level, but still the smallest rise since 1993. That included a 6.7 percent increase in wages and salaries — the most modest component of income — and a 23.6 percent plunge in firm owners' income, reflecting the worldwide economic slump's impact on commodity prices.

Spending jumped 5.7 percent, the largest gain since 1994. It was propelled by a 7.5 percent increase for big-ticket durable goods, as low interest rates fueled car sales and record home sales encouraged furniture and appliance purchases.

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Ford plant explosion kills 1, injures several others

DEARBORN, Mich. (AP) — An explosion and fire Monday at a power station for a huge Ford Motor Co. plant killed one worker and injured several others as crews battled the blaze for hours.

Three workers were unaccounted for, the company said.

"It's awful," Chairman William Clay Ford said. "Everyone who works at Ford is an extended member of the family. This is the worst day of my life."

Fire broke out about 1 p.m. at the coal-fired plant at Ford's huge Rouge River Complex.

The plant produces electricity for the entire complex. It generates enough power to serve a city the size of Boston, Ford spokesman Michael Vaughn said.

Hours after the fire began, thick smoke and flames were still visible from the building.

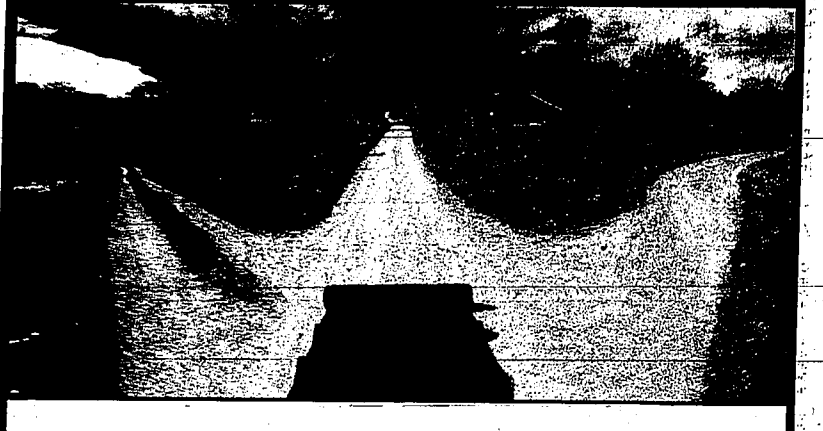
Oakwood Hospital treated 33 patients from the fire and transferred 10 others elsewhere because of the severity of their burns, said Dr. Gary Christopher, director of emergency services at Oakwood.

"Of those treated at Oakwood, six to eight had severe burns, over 60 percent to 80 percent of their bodies."

"Several of these gentlemen were thrown by the blast and suffered various head injuries," Christopher said.

Garden City Hospital received one patient, public relations director Terry Carroll said. University of Michigan Hospital spokeswoman Carol Craig said it was expecting five patients, some from Oakwood, for its burn unit.

The cause of the fire was being investigated.



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NASA wants Wght duplicate on Mars

WASHINGTON (AP) — To mark the 10th anniversary of the Wright Brothers first airplane flight NASA wants to duplicate the event — sort of — on Mars.

The NASA budget for 2000 contains \$50 million to begin development of a Mars airplane.

An animated video played at the budget hearing showed a small, plane-like plane parachuting toward the sandy surface, unfolding its wings and rudder, and penetrating.

In actuality, a lot about the plane remains to be determined, including actual design and means of propulsion and delivery to Mars.

NASA Administrator Daniel S. Goldin said.

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NATION



Defense attorney Michael Tigar talks to reporters outside the U.S. 10th Circuit Court of Appeals in Denver on Monday after arguing the appeal in the case of convicted Oklahoma City bomber Terry Nichols.

Nichols asks court to reverse conviction

DENVER (AP) — Terry Nichols' conviction in the Oklahoma City bombing should be overturned because a federal judge refused to allow an FBI whistleblower to testify, his attorney argued Monday.

Nichols also asked for a reduced sentence, contending the judge used the wrong guidelines to impose a life term.

In a small courtroom crowded with bombing victims and relatives, prosecutor Sean Connolly countered by arguing that Nichols got a fair trial and a fair sentence.

"He committed this nation's most deadly conspiracy. There was nothing unfair about that sentence," Connolly told a three-judge panel at the 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

Michael Tigar, Nichols' lawyer, said U.S. District Judge Richard

Matsch used guidelines for the charge of murder even though Nichols was convicted of the lesser charge of involuntary manslaughter, along with conspiracy.

In the absence of a reversal, Tigar asked the panel "to respect the jury's verdict" and reduce Nichols' sentence of life without parole.

Nichols was sentenced last year and ordered to pay \$14.5 million in restitution. Timothy McVeigh was convicted of murder and conspiracy and sentenced to die for the April 1995 bombing, which killed 168 people. McVeigh is appealing his conviction and sentence to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Judge Bobby Baldock asked Tigar whether it mattered which sentencing guideline was used, for involuntary manslaughter or murder.

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NEW YORK (AP) — AT&T Corp. joined with Time Warner Inc. in a drive to use cable TV wires to provide one-stop shopping for television, telephone and Internet service.

The two companies announced a deal to offer local and long-distance telephone service, cable TV and high-speed Internet access over Time Warner's cable systems in 33 states.

Combined with earlier moves — notably AT&T's purchase of cable TV company Tele-Communications Inc. — the deal will allow AT&T to offer these services to 40 percent of U.S. households, or 35 million homes, within five years, the companies said.

It also marks another big step by AT&T back into the business of local phone service, which it

left after being broken up by the government in 1984.

AT&T and Time Warner will form a joint venture, which will begin offering the new service in one or two cities by the end of 1999. It will begin broader commercial operations next year.

Customers will pay about 20 percent less for the venture's package of long-distance and local phone service than what other vendors could potentially offer, AT&T chief executive C. Michael Armstrong told industry analysts Monday.

"We will be the low-cost provider compared to any other way to deliver these services and we will be putting together more bundles on top of what we're announcing today," Armstrong said.

Officials investigate NYC 911 failure

NEW YORK (AP) — Susan Ungary instinctively called 911 when her boyfriend collapsed in her home. She got one busy signal after another — the system had completely shut down, but she didn't know it.

Frightened and confused, Ms. Ungary — barefoot in the 23-degree cold Sunday — ran three blocks to a police station for help. When police and paramedics arrived, they couldn't revive John Audy.

The 41-year-old Vermont plumber, in New York to cele-

brate his girlfriend's birthday, was pronounced dead Sunday morning. Authorities said he died of an apparent heart attack, but the medical examiner said more tests are needed to determine the cause of death.

On Monday, authorities were investigating whether the hour-long malfunction of the city's 911 system contributed to Audy's death.

The system completely shut down between 10:35 a.m. and 11:40 a.m. Audy collapsed around 10:45 a.m.

"It is ingrained in you that if you need help, you dial 911," Ms. Ungary said. "Maybe it wouldn't have made a difference, but now I'll never know."

Technicians had shut off power to the 911 center in Brooklyn as part of a routine test of emergency generators. The test has been performed four times a year since January 1996, when the computerized 911 system went on line.

The backup system that was supposed to forward 911 calls to police headquarters failed for

an hour, and callers could not get through to emergency operators.

On Monday — her 40th birthday — Ms. Ungary spent the day in mourning.

Audy collapsed right after she had gotten out of the shower.

"There were no signs that Audy was in ill health. Ms. Ungary said he had chronic back problems but was very active."

"I was holding him, talking to him and calling 911," she said. "I was calling 911, and I was getting a busy signal."



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Doctors upgrade 3rd octuplet

HOUSTON (AP) — Another of the seven surviving Houston octuplets was upgraded Monday from critical to serious condition and will be moved out of intensive care.

Ebuka Louis, a girl who was the first of eight babies born to Nigam Chukwu in December, will join sister Echerem and brother Heke in a Texas Children's Hospital nursery designed for tiny infants.

Echerem and Jioke, the largest of the infants, were transferred from intensive care last week. The other three girls and one boy remain in critical but stable condition in the ICU.

The eighth baby, Odera, died of lung and heart failure a week after birth.

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Scorpios wield 'awesome' sex appeal

IF FEBRUARY 2 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You are moody, creative, dynamic, and gain much as result of meditation. Capricorn, Cancer persons play exciting roles in your life, could have these letters, initials in names: B, K, T. Current cycle relates to change, travel, variety of sensations. Spotlight on marital status, writing skills, learning why you are here and what to do about it. March and December, your most romantic, profitable months of 1999.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Relationship, so promising at first, needs reinforcement. You are loved. Remember to get a smile, you must give a smile. Taurus, Libra persons prove their loyalty.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Be in touch with Leo concerning real estate transaction. Define terms, avoid self-deception. For you it is Venus-Neptune ... and that adds up to style, panache, sex appeal.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): People comment, "You look like a different person - what do you do to your hair?" Siffle indulgently, reply, "It's the same hair I had on my head yesterday!" Capricorn involved.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Strive for universal appeal, overcome distance and language barriers. You will be rid of burden you had no right to carry in first place. Love relationship will again sizzle.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Spotlight turned fully on you, just as you desire. Exercise independence of thought, action. Make personal appearances, take chance on romance. Aquarian figures prominently.

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VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Cooperate with Cancer native who offers fair amount of money for that cooperation. Spotlight on legal rights, family relationships, marital status. Marvellous dinner soon.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Avoid scattering efforts - concentrate on achieving basic goal. Individual who discourages is one who knows price of everything and value of nothing. Gemini plays role.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Soon you will win friends and influence people among higher-ups. Others claim you are awesome - what they mean is that you have overwhelming sex appeal.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Read, write, disseminate information - coral flirtatious Virgo. It's true that indeed the pen is mightier than the sword. Your dissertation on human relationships accepted.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): What was a secret romance with Taurus will be revealed - no need for embarrassment! Check automobile license requirements, you will be dealing with transportation.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): People who expect you to perform miracles will be disappointed - the miracle is that it was expected in first place. You have power, be benevolent leader.

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Q I know it has been established that tennis players swear more than golfers, but why?

A. Come their strokes. Feeling whimsical - presumably, our Love and War man saw fit to file under "Lowest Divorce Rate": this natural fact: "The fruit fly lives only 24 hours."

The howl of the wolf is a lost lonely sort of sound, isn't it? But then it should be - that's what it signifies. The wolf howls when its pups die or when it's separated from the pack. Loss and loneliness.

"Fertility of the human female," reports a medical researcher, "is highest when the room temperature is approximately 64 degrees F."

Men who win money on the stock market credit themselves, but blame their advisers when they lose. Women who win money in the stock market credit their advisers,

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but blame luck when they lose. Or so contends a Wall Street psychologist.

Report is 71 percent of the U.S. students suspended from schools are girls.

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A FINE LINE
Scientists use computers to manipulate molecules

WASHINGTON (AP) — Combining the ancient technology of a quill with a modern computer-driven microscope, researchers have created a pen that draws lines one-millionth of an inch thick, giving science a new way of manipulating molecules in the world of the very, very tiny.

The work is an important step toward someday developing electronic chips that are a thousand times smaller than those now used in computers. It moves into unknown corners of what is known as the nanoworld, said Chad A. Mirkin, a chemistry professor at Northwestern University.

"We are now down to a scale that has never been explored before," said Mirkin, the senior author of a study appearing Friday in the journal Science. "Materials change when they're this very small."

Mirkin's team has learned how to draw a line that is 15 nanometers wide. The smallest electronic circuit now in development are about 180 nanometers. A nanometer is one-billionth of a meter. A fine human hair, in contrast, is about 100,000 nanometers thick.

"This is something really new," Harvard University Professor

Charles M. Lieber said of the work by Mirkin and his team.

Lieber said the advance is exciting because, unlike other techniques, "it writes directly on a surface on a nanometer scale."

In the experiment, Mirkin and his team used an atomic force microscope — a common laboratory instrument — and an extremely fine stylus or pen tip made of silicon nitride. The lines were drawn on a gold-coated silicon chip using a special type of ink.

The atomic pen worked in the same way that quill pens were once used to write. Ink flowed down the pen tip onto the surface, just as ink flows from the hollow of a dipped quill pen onto paper.

The water that collects naturally on the microscope tip is a key part of the process, Mirkin said.

"Quill ink is not flowing directly from the tip onto the surface," he said. Instead, it flows through the water, which forms a tiny hollow tube, like a capillary, that allows the researchers to write a very narrow line.

"In a quill pen, that same capillary formation holds ink inside the hollow feather until the point is touched to a surface."

Web site explains DVD for beginners

Los Angeles Times

Hollywood-based DVD Express (<http://www.dvdexpress.com>) is one of the largest online retailers of laser-disc movies. Now the company has launched a second Web site, this one for DVD news: www.dvd.com is dedicated to making sense of the digital-movie home entertainment trend with articles about new technology, celebrity, and DVD features; movie reviews; and a "DVDictionary" of low-tech explanations to high-tech terms.

Through content deals with the Hollywood Reporter, Film Threat and the DVD/Laserdisc Newsletter, DVD.com also provides daily industry news in its "Scoop" section.

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By Noah Matthews
Knight Ridder News Service

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This CD-ROM collection for Windows or Macintosh computers won't break the bank, either. Most are free, shareware, or commercial demos. A word of explanation: Free programs are just that. Once you download them from the Internet, you can use them and share them endlessly at no cost. Shareware programs can be used and shared for a limited time — usually a month — before you either have to register them (you're on the honor system, and I recommend doing the honorable thing) or delete them from your hard disk.

Commercial demos, as with some shareware programs, are usually limited versions of the full programs. They'll never be complete unless you pay the registration fee. These programs can be downloaded at no cost from sites such as <http://www.kidsdomain.com>. All these programs are also offered on CD-ROM for either Windows or Mac to save you the hassle of downloading.

I call this collection Noah's Cyberpets, and they're available for children from age 2 on up. Most will work with Windows 95, 98 and NT, along with Macs of all vintages.

CPU upgrades depend on your budget

By John Gilroy
Special to The Washington Post

Q: Are upgrades a good idea for a CPU?

A: It depends on whether your prime concern is performance or budget.

The CPU, or central processing unit, is the key chip of a computer. In most systems these days, it's a Pentium chip. Upgrade kits let you plug in your computer's performance by replacing the CPU or helping it out.

There are several companies out there selling these products. Kingston Technology has one called the TurboChip 333, for

example, the old CPU remains in place. The real question is if you can buy a new computer for \$1,000 and the upgrade costs \$400, what is the best strategy?

As an individual user, I wouldn't invest the \$400 — I would get a new system, which will generally give you better performance than an upgrade and other new components. However, most network administrators have to think about money. They may have 50 users screaming for more power and a budget that can only buy new machines for half of them. So instead they upgrade the CPUs to reduce complaints to a tolerable level.

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Q: \$349. It's basically an AMD K6-2 33 MHz chip — you yank out the CPU from an older Pentium computer and stick the AMD chip in its place. Caution: To use this chip, your machine must have what's known as a "socket seven" motherboard. Your owner's manual should tell you whether it does; the socket designation also is often stamped on the motherboard.

Evergreen has a product that plugs into the PCI slot. It's called the Eclipse PCI card and claims to give you the power of a Pentium II, for less than \$400. With this sys-

Etiquette tips for Internet neophytes

The Orange County Register

Here are some very basic guidelines to make nice online. To our knowledge, they have no opponents.

- Use E-mail instead of a public forum to reply to a newsgroup or Web site posting. You'll avoid angering purists who want to keep the Net clean.
- Keep communication short and clear; you won't get nit-picked to death — at least, not so often.
- Ignore "trolls" — Net surfers who deliberately bait arguments by posting offensive messages. The resulting word wars tend to drag on.
- Stay focused on the topic of whatever online forum you're in. If a newsgroup is about bicycling, don't talk about cooking. Then again, if you post something related that readers might enjoy — say, something on motor bikes — and someone jumps down your throat, ignore it. The world is full of armchair quarterback.
- You can also try these Web sites, which offer traditional Netiquette guides:
 - Ariene Rinaldi's Netiquette guide: <http://www.fau.edu/netiquette/>
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EDITORIAL

Neutering pets now beats filling dump with bodies later

The numbers were numbing, but the photos were heart-breaking. Last week's story about euthanizing dogs and cats at the Twin Falls Animal Shelter hit us between the eyes. It was just another day at the shelter: 16 dead dogs and a bag of dead cats were headed to the dump.

The only crime these animals committed was that somebody didn't love them enough. Common people, don't use the shelter as a dump. Take some responsibility.

Responsibility No. 1 is to decide if you want your pets to bear offspring. Don't put the decision off and allow the hormonal next door on the dog down the street, to make it for you.

If you choose to have your animal spayed or neutered, then call your veterinarian, make an appointment, and pay for the operation. It won't spare you from having to feed and care for your pet, but it will spare you the hassle of caring for puppies and kittens.

Deeper still, neutering your pets will spare their offspring a one-way trip to the animal shelter.

If you want your pet to reproduce, then you're a breeder. If that's the

case, you should have a plan for the puppies and kittens you pet bring into the world.

There are a couple of reasons why more people don't get their pets neutered. One is inconvonience, and the other is cost. Having a female cat spayed can cost \$45 or \$50, while the vet bill for a large female dog can run to \$75 or \$85.

Perhaps there are economies of scale that could allow local vets to pool their resources and reduce their fees.

But sadly, no amount of discounts or legislation can change the fundamental mind-set of people who regard their pets as disposable ornaments - not cherished members of the household. America's infatuation with throw-away products has stooped to include pets.

It all boils down to the law of supply and demand. When there's a limitless supply of something, it has no value. If we limit the supply of dogs and cats, maybe they will have more value - and our landfill won't be clogged with the bodies of unloved animals.

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Drug firms, seniors prepare to slug it out

Want to watch a great fight? You've already found the main event for the heavyweight bout between the drug industry, which spends more on lobbying than any other industry, and the senior citizens of America, reckoned to be the group most feared in Washington.

This is going to be a slug, a true clash of titans, and it could easily see someone get hurt or worse. The pharmaceutical industry spent \$74.4 million lobbying in 1997 and boasts a crew of high-power lobbyists. In 1998, counting both individual and political action committee contributions, the industry gave \$9.1 million directly to politicians, two-thirds of it to Republicans. That was up 53 percent from the last election cycle.

But - the senior citizens of America vote, and this issue is of immense concern to them. Ruff-hemp-pow! It's a dream dialogue; it's political fireworks in the times. President Clinton's proposal on gun drug costs for the elderly on the Medicare bill will take quite some time to play out - it will cost in the neighborhood of \$48 billion a year, and they don't spend that kind of money in Washington without a long discussion first. But there's a rifty bill by Rep. Tom Allen of Maine that should cut through the flourishing and get straight to the heart of the matter.

Instead of having the government pick up the tab for seniors' drugs, Allen wants Medicare to function as a bulk buyer, so that seniors will get the same discounts already available to what the industry calls "favored customers." The only buyers would be the drug companies, and boy are they steamed.



last year, the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America, the industry lobby, described Allen's bill as a "dangerous proposal that threatens seniors' security." Right, sure. A danger. Based on seniors. By creating a single buyer to act on behalf of the unorganized elderly, the federal government could negotiate some reductions of up to 20 percent. Allen says. The case drugmakers fear: drug costs so large that the money was simply there, the major constraint on seniors. Medicare does not cover the cost of prescription drugs, except in a very few cases. Seniors who buy their own prescriptions are paying double what health maintenance organizations, hospitals, insurance companies, the Veterans Affairs, and other bulk buyers pay. The House Government Reform and Oversight Committee's bill, introduced in 1998, would require drug companies to offer seniors the same discounts that seniors already receive. In the case of Seniors, a common theme of the proposal, the bill would annually reduce costs to seniors by \$22.7 billion, or 2.8 percent of the total 1998 drug costs. The bill also would require 100 percent of the prescription drug costs to be covered. The average senior pays \$280 a year of out-of-pocket, compared with \$20 for the average person under 65.

Of course, many seniors purchase Medigap insurance precisely because they are afraid of huge drug bills, but even the best Medigap policy pays for only half the cost of prescriptions and has a \$250 deductible. Of course, those who are too poor to afford even Medigap insurance then wind up paying the full cost of prescriptions, so low-income seniors are actually subsidizing others. Allen says the hazy-breaking stories come in by the dozens: people whose health is breaking down because they can't afford to take only half the recommended dosage of their prescriptions; wives who write to say they are forgoing medication because their husbands are sicker and it's more important that they have the medicine.

The drug companies don't sell a discount just to outflit like the VA - they also sell their drugs cheaper in foreign countries. The House study found Canadians paying 73 percent less than Americans and Mexicans 102 percent less. Of course, this has led to a strange border traffic of generic drug smugglers. The Drug Enforcement Administration is not enthusiastic about busting Granny for Zantac, but it has been cracking down. Meanwhile, drug company profits are (as usual) enormous; the annual profits of the 10 leading drug companies were \$20 billion in '97, according to Forbes magazine. They showed an operating profit margin of 28.7 percent - three times as much as companies such as Procter & Gamble and Colgate-Palmolive.

Stay tuned for this fight. Molly Wins is a columnist for the Fort Worth Star-Tribune.

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Hold gun users, not makers, responsible for violent crimes

The mayors of our big cities are launching a massive class-action lawsuit, demanding that firearms manufacturers pay for gun-related deaths caused by violent criminals. It is the gunmakers - the mayors say - who must be held accountable for such crimes. This suit is the latest attempt to destroy rational standards of liability law. It is the continuation of a dangerous trend that seeks to eliminate the individual's responsibility for his own actions. If successful, this lawsuit will give our courts almost limitless power to shut down the manufacturers of legal and legitimate products.

In reason and in justice, no company should be liable for the misuse of its product. If a car is built with faulty brakes, it is the manufacturer who is responsible for any resulting harm. It is not the driver's fault since he was defrauded. But the automaker is not responsible if a driver recklessly and deliberately runs down a pedestrian. There, the driver clearly chooses to cause the injury. The new anti-gun suit seeks to wipe out this obvious distinction.

But, one might object, aren't guns an inherently dangerous product? It is true that guns, unlike cars, are designed to injure and kill. But, like cars, they do have a legitimate use as self-defense. Just as there is a difference between a responsible motorist and a hit-and-run driver, so there is a fundamental difference between a savvy driver who keeps a gun to defend himself, and an armed robber who tries to steal his goods - or between a woman who has a gun in her purse for protection and a rapist who attacks her. A gun is a tool. If a person uses that tool responsibly, it poses a danger only to criminals. It is the gun owner's choice that determines the result.

Liability law ought to be based on the principles of individual responsibility: the idea that an individual is liable for protection and a rapist who attacks her. The suit against gun manufacturers seeks to shift this responsibility to an inanimate object and to its manufacturer.

ROBERT W. TRACINSKI

This overthrow of individual responsibility punishes manufacturers for any negative effects involving their products. It punishes liquor and tobacco companies for the consequences of the individual's decision to drink or to smoke. There are no limits to the suits that could be brought under this standard. Automakers could be sued for the actions of the getaway driver in a robbery; cutlery manufacturers could be sued whenever someone is stabbed; pillow makers could be sued for murders by deflation. The only limit to such suits is the imagination - and just for corporate loot - of prosecutors and ambulance-chasing lawyers.

In fact, such imaginations have already run wild in a wave of frivolous lawsuits: the woman who sued McDonald's because she burned herself with hot coffee, and the man who sued a heavy metal band because he damaged his hearing by going to loud rock concerts. The examples are endless. Time and again, the standard of individual responsibility has been attacked in favor of a legal philosophy that diverts responsibility to anyone with "deep pockets."

The firearms lawsuit would give plaintiffs the arbitrary power to attack the maker of virtually any product. But perhaps this unlimited power is precisely the point of the suit. As Elmore Tooley, the villain of Ayn Rand's novel, The Fountainhead, admonishes: "Never bother to examine a folly. Ask only what it accomplishes." What the suit against gunmakers would accomplish is a de facto gun ban, since no manufacturer could afford to sell guns to the public under this perverse standard of liability.

And this would be achieved without the need for any legislative process or for any judicial consideration of the Second Amendment.

Robert W. Tracinski is a senior writer for the Ayn Rand Institute.

Editorials lack signatures, too

The scurrilous and unwarranted attack on Brad Gilmore, *The Times-News* and *Ac Weekly's* bring shame and disgrace not to Brad but to the publisher and editorial board of those publications. What Brad did was not a crime; his pen name was not a disguise. The editorial board's opinion on the ill effects of industrial livestock operations on the environment and the health, safety and well-being of Idaho are known and shared by many. This is a real and very serious issue that if we don't face it will make this page unlivable.

While *The Times-News* is a private media business free of the equal time constraints of the licensed air wave media, it holds if not a legal requirement at least a moral requirement to foster full, honest and open debate. The editorial board seem to accuse Brad, alias Ozmar Fowler, of high crimes and misdemeanors for using a pen name to hide his true identity. *The Times-News* editorials are never signed, thus hiding the writer of often the most asinine opinions from the public.

LETTERS

Brad Gilmore is a good man. As a public employee, he is one of the few who has the courage to speak the truth. He is necessary. If we allow writing to serve the public needs over corporate greed. It says all my wrongs, but I didn't understand the position Brad was in. Public employees are not to use their positions to publicly criticize public officials; they are, however, not second-class citizens with lesser rights. Brad used his pen name to add his voice to one of the very important debates, one that is not over yet.

Neither does responsibility end writing. Like *The Times-News*, editorial boards should be free to express their opinions on important public issues. The policy of having editorial boards is a result of having a public office. It is not a requirement of the campaign season, and it is not a requirement of a public office. In 1982, a public employee was fired for writing an editorial in *The Idaho Statesman* in which he called for a "full, honest and open debate" on all aspects of the nuclear industry. The resolution passed by the Senate Health and Welfare Committee unanimously and the Senate overwhelmingly. In a House committee, that language was gutted when the Idaho National Engineering Laboratory lobbyist called it "inflammatory in nature." We need a full, honest and open debate on all our issues, and we need it now.

Many cartoons fail to amuse. I see people are whining and squawking about "On the Fringe." Go read "Dilbert." "Dilbert" is the most sensible, dumbest lack of humor. Air-lead office workers with no mouth, turned-up tie, rats, cats, pony tails? Read "Doodleslug." Air-lead office workers and politicians must have a lot in common. "Mallard Filmore" - birds of a feather - however.

KARL FERGUSON
Twin Falls

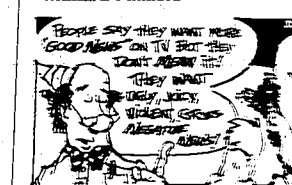
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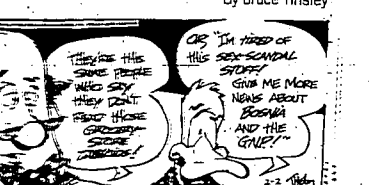
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OPINION

LETTERS

Defense of skateboarding

Julie L. Davis: First off, how can you put down skateboarding when you don't have the slightest clue what it is all about? Skateboarding is not about being bored. It's a way to let all your frustration out and to escape the closed-minded prejudice of people like yourself. Skateboarding kept me in school. I graduated from high school, have a full-time job, plan on going to college this fall and I'm still skating hard to this day. Instead of following the "fit" crowd at school, getting high and drunk, I went skateboarding. I thought there was more to life than a cheap way to die. I got high on life.

Those two students that finished their homework could have been skateboarders and good friends of mine. At least these kids have something to fall back on instead of drugs and violence. Who says that are un-berged with life? To learn a trick and land it with perfection is a feeling that no one can describe to me as life's true living. Wake up and live! **JOSH NALDER** Twin Falls

Shelter needs our help

I have just read an article in the paper about how many cats and dogs have to be put down in a day or a week. Now I know not tonight, out of mind, as if like a tooth gone bad. If it don't hurt, don't fix it. But the thing I can't see is, the city is growing all the time. That means more animals coming into the city with their owners. Now I know not everyone can be on top of all the time, but why can't we find more funds to help the shelter. We have lots of funds for other things the city needs. With all these empty buildings around, why didn't we have a bigger shelter so maybe the animals might have more time to find an owner. This is one small shelter and the city has grown it. It might have been big enough 20 years ago, but not now.

I have two adopted cats myself, and I got the coupons to put them out of the family way and we are all happy. I would just like to say thank you to the ladies who work at the shelter. It can be a very upsetting job that myself and a lot of us couldn't do.

I'm not saying a bigger shelter would solve many problems, but it might give the animals more time and the workers more room. Hopefully, the city might think on this. It's something that we will always have to have, so let's try to make it a little better for all.

And thank you, Laurie Simonds
CAROL RAE SCOGGINS Twin Falls

Truckers drive safely

I totally agree with Camella Lee. My father has been driving long haul for 25-plus years. Every time he gets home, he has a lot of venting to do. "Those idiots that don't have a care in the world for the other driver," he says. We ought to pay attention to the truckers, these people are the safest drivers in America. In my father's career, he has driven in excess of 3 million miles, hauled approximately 3,000 cubic feet of product and only has had three accidents. He wasn't even the one at fault. If it wasn't for those truckers, we would still be ordering from a Sears catalog and waiting four to six weeks to get what we needed. Heaven forbid if all the truckers went on strike.

I appreciate what truckers do for us, do you?
DAVID COX Twin Falls

Unions save capitalism

The opinion letter from The Times-News on Jan. 18 was a real piece of work. It put union labor unions, proved how undeducated some people's opinions are while trying to promote educational programs. It makes me wonder if the Post Register printed the letter just to show how backward the downstream media can be?



Whoever wrote the article must have been dreaming about being a welder during his American history classes; a little over a century ago, the labor force wasn't even considered as human beings. That is why there was a Civil War, the business of the North couldn't compete with the slave labor of the South. If he would have been paying attention in his economic classes, he would have learned that the only reasoning behind capitalism working as an economic system in the United States is because of the American labor movement.

By the way union wages are negotiated, not legislated, and the country side is littered with far more non-union failed businesses than it is union businesses. Union businesses are usually union because they like to have access, at a loose monopoly of the highly skilled and educated work force. Especially in the construction trades, there is no craftsman training anywhere that can compare to the apprenticeship training and journeyman upgrading partnered by union trades and their union employers.

I would like to show support for the Advanced Regional Technical Education Coalition and would be glad to send a delegate from my union or one of our many fine union employers from the Twin Falls area, but at any rate, we will be there on career day, promoting the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers and the National Electrical Contractors Association.
STEVEN J. WALTERS President, IBEW Local 449 Blackfoot

Women ask for red light

Lying on oath - it can mean eight different things which we do every day and we don't know which one they mean. If it's oral, then there's eight different saying plus it also has a synonym. Which one is it and also look on page 1206 in the dictionary for more learning. It will be in the Random House and if that's a big word if it can pertain to so many ways. Like if the red light is on, it means "come on in," which leads to the impromptu dress. They dress like a 15-year-old when they are 25 or 30. That's improper and the women are asking for the red light. One lady on TV crossed her legs and, behold, the white was shown.

I bet the men enjoy the signs that are very high for Old Glory that brightens the day for the men in the Thorndike Dictionary.
HELEN YAPT Buhl

Immigrants freeload

To Julie Emery: I ain't no racist. I believe that everyone should support their own. As a taxpayer, I am tired of my tax dollars going to support these people. Their money goes back to their own country. We aren't free in the United States when the government tells us we have to pay taxes. People that own their land are the ones who pay for schools, courts, law enforcement. Go to the courthouse, read the paper, 85 percent isn't whites who send money to Mexico to take care of their families down there and why, 'cause we are taking care of our own plus them. Yes, I have been to northern

Idaho. I have lived all over the United States, 'cause when first I was alive, he worked at Idaho Power. He worked construction all over most of the dam's power, and reads you are part of work my family did here? No, because we give them every dam person in the world. Why don't they pay taxes for their children to go to school here? No, because we give them food stamps. We give houses. We let them drive without licenses; they wreck, they have no insurance. I know it has happened to me. I had to get my truck fixed out of my own pocket.

No, we don't have the money or room for your kind. You want to support them, fine, but it's time we supported ourselves. No one takes care of us when we're down and out. Why, 'cause they don't have the money and why, 'cause they feel they need to help everyone else but their own.

No, I was born and raised here and if anyone should move, it's your kind and the ones who weren't born here in the States.
DEB CASTER Jerome



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AROUND THE VALLEY

Grissom pleads

Innocent, faces trial

JEROME - A Jerome man charged with first-degree murder in the death of a 5-week-old boy pleaded innocent Monday during his first appearance in 5th District Court.

A trial for Michael Scott Grissom, 38, is set to begin May 3 in Jerome.

Prosecutors say Grissom last year deliberately suffocated Canna Regan Barnett in a Jerome motel room, and then later dragged to two fellow inmates in the Boise County Jail about getting away with killing the infant.

Those men and Grissom's estranged wife, Cynthia Grissom, testified against him during a preliminary hearing last month in Magistrate Court.

Canna's death initially prompted lesser charges against both Grissoms. But those cases were dropped last year when District Court Judge Barry Wood ruled there wasn't enough conclusive evidence against the Grissoms to bind the cases over.

Window smashed at downtown hair salon

TWIN FALLS - The owners of Changes Hair Salon opened the shop Monday morning to find a rock through the window.

Sometime during the weekend, someone threw the rock through the front window, leaving a hole about a foot wide, owner Will Coleman said.

The window was replaced Monday afternoon, at a cost of more than \$200, he said.

Disc jockey suspended over on-air comments

BURLEY - KZDX FM disc jockey Kurt Kruezer was suspended by the rock radio station for on-air comments.

Kruezer was suspended for inappropriately using the word "nipple" while hosting his morning radio show, said Rick Dayley, accounts manager for the station, also known as "The Buzz."

Kruezer was suspended last week. Station manager Kim Lee issued a formal on-air apology for Kruezer's comments. An angry listener complained to the station about the comments, Dayley said.

Kruezer's suspension will end this week and he will return to his regular time slot. Some callers have echoed their support for Kruezer, saying his comments were "minor" and not worthy of a suspension, Dayley said.

Kruezer said his use of the word was a medical reference because he was talking with his co-host, who was pregnant and gave birth this week.

"I really didn't think it was inappropriate," said Kruezer, who uses an assumed name on the air, and who refused to give his real name. "I wasn't trying to do anything sexual or degrading to women."

Kruezer said if he had a chance to redo the show, he wouldn't change it.

Fish and Game seeks public comment on rules

JEROME - Idaho Department of Fish and Game is planning a series of open house meetings to gather public comments on big game rules and long-term plans for wildlife management.

Department officials want comments on big game recommendations for deer, elk, antelope, lion and bobcat and on special areas like hunting opportunities for young hunters. They also want comments on Landowner Appreciation Centennial March, and Big Cottonwood.

Meetings are planned from 5 to 7 p.m. Monday through Feb. 12. Monday, a high school study hall in Fairfield.

Feb. 9 - City Hall in Burley.

Feb. 10 - Old Courthouse in Hartford.

Feb. 11 - City Hall in Gooding.

Feb. 12 - KMVT Community Room in Twin Falls.

For information call the Jerome regional office at 324-4359.

Compiled from staff reports

Snowpack rates above average

By N.S. Nokkettved Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Irrigators and river runners have reason to smile; it looks like there's water enough for everyone this year.

More than a 1-foot snowpack through the snow accumulation season, snowpacks in the mountain basins that supply the Magic Valley are just above average.

The snow accumulation typically peaks in April in most basins, with some of the higher sites peaking in May, said Ron Abramovich, Boise-based hydrologist with the Natural Resources Conservation Service's Snow Survey.

The basins that supply south central Idaho include:

- Henry's Fork, Teton basins at 110 percent of average.
- Upper Snake River basin, 106 percent of average.
- Ovidy basin, 105 percent of average.
- Salmon Falls basin, 102 percent of average.
- Big and Little Wood basins, 105 percent of average.
- Big and Little Lost basins, 106 percent of average.

The best snowpack in the state is in the Clearwater Basin with snow at 129 percent of average. Storage reservoirs on the upper Snake River are about three-fourths full, said Mark Croghan with Bureau of Reclamation in Burley. And with snowpack in the upper basin above average, the bureau is beginning to release water from Fallsades Dam to make room for the expected spring runoff.

About 8,000 cubic feet per second of water is passing Miller Dam and will continue at that level "for at least a week," Croghan said. One cfs equals 449 gallons per minute - so that means 3.6 million gallons per minute flowing over Shoshone Falls.

The 30- and 90-day outlooks from the National Weather Service call for average temperatures and average precipitation.

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Senators introduce land bill

By Gregory Hahn Times-News writer

BOISE - Two southern Idaho senators introduced a bill Monday that would eliminate the bid process when the state is leasing endowment lands to a government agency.

The move follows a much-publicized case involving a land lease.

CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING FOR THE FIRST TIME



Seventh-graders at West Minico Junior High School try out cross-country skiing last week near Paul. Teacher Wendy Merritt took the classes out for a day of outdoor exercise classes but some students spent more time on the ground than others.

Highway districts say proceed on 1st phase of alternate route

Officials also recommend Pole Line route

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - Four county highway districts say the traffic death of a Filer teenager underscores the need for an alternate U.S. Highway 93 project.

They also recommend a route following Pole Line Road and 2400 East rather than a cross-country proposal.

In a letter delivered Monday, representatives of the Filer, Bull, Twin Falls and Murrough Highway Districts urged the Idaho Transportation Department to proceed with the first phase of construction on Pole Line Road between Blue Lakes Boulevard and Grandview Drive. But from Grandview Drive to the U.S. Highways 93-30 junction, the ITD should consider the results of a state Snake River Crossing study.

It is urgent they go forward rather than postpone," said Doug Howard, a Twin Falls Highway District commissioner.

The project's urgency was brought home by the death of Dana Blumenthal, 19, in a car crash on Pole Line Road near 2732 East, the letter said.

The funding is available for the alternative, and there is no controversy on the first phase, which would include widening Pole Line Road, Howard said.

But a river crossing study might answer some questions when the state is ready for the next phase, he said.

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November. The study will be used to determine the feasibility of an additional crossing and whether that should be an improved existing crossing or a new one, the ITD said.

Chuck Carnahan, the ITD alternate project manager in Shoshone, said the process is flexible enough to allow another look at the alternate after the first phase, but a whole project must be approved first by the Idaho Transportation Board and Federal Highway Administration. That includes selecting a route - either the proposed Pole Line Road-2400 East route, a cross-country one or no-build option.

If the project proceeds, construction on the first phase would start in October 2000.

Before the state can start construction on the next phase, a

review of information relevant to that phase is mandated, Carnahan said. New crossing information probably would be considered in that review, he added.

That review doesn't preclude the state from approaching land owners about buying right-of-way along the proposed roadway.

"But nothing would change on the ground," he said.

A public hearing on the alternative is tentatively scheduled March 30 in Twin Falls.

The highway districts also said they preferred the proposed Pole Line Road-2400 East route because it would:

- Minimize disruption to the environment, farmland and Rock Creek.
- Cost less.
- Be compatible with future canyon crossings.
- Ease the traffic flow between Bull and Twin Falls areas.
- Provide better access to the Clear Lakes Grade and Interstate 84.
- Reduce through traffic in the urban areas.

Waremart will change its name to WinCo

By The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - The Waremart food store wanted a new name that was distinctive.

So, Waremart renamed itself WinCo - that stands for "Winning Company," said Bill Long, president of the Boise-based Waremart chain.

He didn't know when the name will be switched at the Waremart store in Twin Falls, but expected the change to be complete by June for all their 29 stores in Idaho, Washington, California, Oregon and Nevada.

The Twin Falls store employs about 130 people and there are 5,000 employees company-wide.

The Waremart corporation also will change its name to WinCo, he said. But that's the only change.

"The corporation is still employee-owned," Long said. "The employees' pension plan owns 72 percent of the company."

The name, Waremart suggested an old warehouse, Long said. While the warehouse concept is still alive, the name didn't fit the

newer, brighter stores, such as the one in Twin Falls, he said.

"There are a lot of stores that 'mart' hooked on the end," he said.

In addition, about half of the chain stores were called a different name under a franchise the company held, he said. But that franchise ended.

The company first hired two consulting firms to find a new name for the 32-year-old company, but the board of directors didn't like their suggestions.

Waremart then held an employee contest with a trip to Hawaii and spending money as the prize.

In April, 10 employees ended up winning trips, he said. None of them were from Twin Falls, however.

The new name involves changing signs, bags, billboards, name tags, stationary and business cards, to name a few, he said.

"It doesn't end," Long said. "He didn't have an estimated cost of the name change. But said it will be worth it."

"WinCo is much more distinct. There's nothing like it," he said.

Twin Falls council puts up \$9K for Olde Towne Market proposal

By Mark Holzn Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The City Council Monday opted to divert \$9,000 earmarked for the city's centennial celebration to a proposed Olde Towne Market that might open this summer.

Backers of the market promised not to spend any of that money if the market doesn't open in time. The centennial celebration fund now has about \$20,000.

Twin Falls - who first pitched the idea to the council about two months ago - said the Twin Falls Downtown Business Improvement District has agreed to take charge of the project.

Improvement district director Randy Bembardier said the plan is to close Second Street South between Second Avenue South and Fifth Avenue South for the market.

The total cost of opening the market should run around \$9,500, and Wright has agreed to pay liability insurance for the venture.

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MAGIC VALLEY/IDAHO

Business centers push for expansion

BOISE (AP) — Economic development and other issues continue to conflict with Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's 2000 state spending priorities...



more than five new jobs and increase state tax revenue by \$1.67 billion. "Recognizing that economic development is a high priority to the governor and recognizing what Mr. Hogge has said, this funding should be an integral part of economic development," Republican Sen. Hal Burderson of Meridian said.

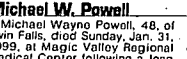
new spending requests to consider. "The governor has a responsibility to balance hundreds of millions of dollars in budget requests against budget constraints," Shinn said.

OBITUARIES

For obituary rates and information, call 733-0932, Ext. 278, between 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Deadline is 4:30 p.m. for next-day publication. Death notices are a free service and can be placed until 5 p.m. every day.

TWIN FALLS

Michael Wayne Powell, 48, of Twin Falls, died Sunday, Jan. 31, 1999, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center following a long and courageous battle with liver disease.



Surviving is his wife, Darlene of Twin Falls; his mother, Margaret Powell of Lodi, Calif.; a daughter, Wendy Kanzer of Seattle, Wash.; a son, Jeremy Kanzer, of Seattle, Wash.; two stepsons, Richard Powell of Twin Falls and Marcus Bacorn of Boise; and five grand children. He was preceded in death by his father Tony, and a brother-in-law.

VANCOUVER

Simon A. Roth, 74, died Friday, Jan. 29, 1999, at SouthWest Washington Medical Center of complications from heart surgery. Mr. Roth, a 70-year resident of Vancouver, was a dairy farmer. He was a member of the Washington County Farm Bureau, Tillamook County Creamers Association and the Anderson Dairy Inc.

MONTELEO, NEV.

Harold Hutchison, of Montello, Nev., and former Malta resident died Friday, Jan. 29, 1999, in Montello, Nev. He was born on Dec. 29, 1932, at Burley, the son of David O. and Wanda Adams Hutchison. Harold received his education in Malta graduating from Raitt River High School in 1970.

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PRESTON, IDAHO

Harold went to work for LaMar Roche on the Gamble Ranch in Montello, Nev., as ranch foreman, where he worked until the time of his death. He was a past member of the American Legion. He was a member of the LDS Church and was serving as a home teacher. He loved hunting, baking, brooking cattle, and riding horses with his wife and son, Rowdy.

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Bonita Lee Day, 69, of Burley, died Jan. 25, 1999, at her home from natural causes. She was born May 27, 1929, in Little Basin, Cassia County, the daughter of Albert D. Lee and Clara Lorraine (John) Williams.

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She was the first female law officer ever killed in the line of duty in Idaho. Yager was arrested near the Idaho State Police office in Coeur d'Alene, where the gunfight occurred, a few minutes later.

PRESTON, IDAHO

Carol G. McMurray, 70, died Saturday, Jan. 30, 1999, at her home in Preston. She was born July 17, 1928, in Wayne, Neb., the daughter of Cecil Ray and Ellen Simpson. She married Glenn W. McMurray on June 10, 1952, in Idaho Falls.

She is survived by her husband, Glenn, of Preston; four daughters, Ellen Little of Sunspot, Utah, Lillian LeRoy Campbell of Clinton, Utah, Karen (Scott) Smith of Clearfield, Utah and Linda M. Florez of Clearfield, Utah; a son, Scott (Shawn) McMurray of Roy, Utah, and Krent (Lynette) McMurray of Preston, 34; a daughter, a brother, Duane (Pat) Gifford of Yorba Linda, Calif.; two sisters, Janice Snel of Auburn, Wash., and Virginia Ingram of Washburn, Texas; a wife, preceded in death by her parents and by a brother, Cecil Harding Gifford.

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Murder trial begins for man charged in shooting state trooper

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — Overwhelming evidence points to Scott Yager as the man who shot Idaho State Police trooper Linda Huff to death last year, prosecutors said as Yager's murder trial opened on Monday.



Scott Yager, center, of Rathburn, is escorted to the Kootenai County Courthouse Monday in Coeur d'Alene by a 9 mm pistol when he was arrested.

"Who drew their weapon first? Who shot first? What happened?" Adams said in a packed courtroom that included Huff's husband, Chad.

SERVICES

Lydia V. Malone of Burley, 2 p.m. today at the Payne Memorial Chapel; friends may call one hour before the funeral at the mortuary.

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Heien Ida Yaeager Thomas of Burley, 11 a.m. Wednesday at the First Presbyterian Church, 2100 Burton Ave in Burley; friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Payne Mortuary in Burley and 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. before the funeral Wednesday at the church.

DEATH NOTICE

Clyde Coats, 68, of Rupert, passed away on Monday, Feb. 1, 1999, at his home in Rupert.

SERVICES

Harold Hutchison of Montello, Nev., 1 p.m. Wednesday at the Malva LDS 1st and 2nd Ward chapel; friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the Payne Mortuary in Burley and noon to 12:45 p.m. before the funeral Wednesday at the church.

HOSPITALS

Amber Cameron of Twin Falls; Wayne Jones and Maria Ramon, both of Heuburn; Frank Wilson of Rupert.

Funeral Home advertisement for FHLB Notes, 6.00% interest rate.

HOSPITALS

Sara Turner of Burley; Fidel Juarez of Hazelton.

Edward Jones financial services advertisement.

HOSPITALS

Births: A baby was born to John and Amber Cameron of Twin Falls.

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HOSPITALS

Births: A son was born to Ruby and Alex Castro of Rupert.

Table listing names and addresses of individuals mentioned in the obituaries and birth notices.

RELAY FOR LIFE

Rupert will hold Mini-Cassia's first ACS walk

By Loraine Weaver
Times-News writer

RUPERT — Gail Gallegos will be able to walk the American Cancer Society Relay for Life survivor lap in Rupert in June.

When the first Mini-Cassia Relay for Life is held in Rupert, Square, she will walk in memory of two friends, who have died of cancer within the past five years and to honor her husband, Don Gallegos, a survivor of Hodgkin's lymphoma.

Gail Gallegos still gets choked up when she thinks about her two friends.

The event, held throughout the state, is held in 11 sites in Idaho. It is the top money-raiser for the American Cancer Society and 75 percent of the money raised in the Mini-Cassia event will stay in

this area, said chairwoman Tracy Haskin. The Relay committee met Monday night to continue planning for the event.

Fees, \$1,000 per 10-member team, will fund local cancer support groups, education and national cancer research. Each member must raise at least \$100.

Teams will have members walking or running around the Rupert Square for the event. Haskin said the event will begin at 6:30 p.m. June 11, and go until noon June 12. Teams also will set up tents in the square's center park. So far, 20 teams are signed up.

A big attraction will be the luncheon ceremony. Haskin said. Candies around the square will be lit to honor people who have survived cancer or have died from the disease.

"One in three families in Idaho are touched by cancer in their lifetime," Haskin said.

After six months of chemotherapy four years ago, Don Gallegos' cancer has been in remission, but he continues to get checkups every six months, Gail Gallegos said.

Verna Zemke had just finished chemotherapy treatments for colon cancer when she walked the survivors' lap in June 1997 at the Filer High School track, she said.

Zemke was so sick from the treatments that family and friends held onto her all the way around the track, she said. Her cancer now is in remission.

Vicki Cole's daughter Melody was diagnosed with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma when she was 5 years old.

"I was told to be prepared because she was going to die. I was positive she was going to die," Vicki Cole said.

But Melody Cole will be 21 in May. Vicki Cole, senior area director for the American Cancer Society, will walk the survivor lap

with her daughter.

Support from the others who have walked the survivor lap is important.

"We've all gone through hard times, but we've survived. The family struggles just as much," Zemke said.

As Zemke walked last year, a person in front of her wore a T-shirt that read, "I am here." That told the whole story, Zemke said.

The relay also is about bringing business to Rupert.

The Rupert Renaissance Committee is excited about the crowd the event will bring.

"It is exciting to see something that will bring in statewide press," said Todd Christensen, economic development specialist for the Mini-Cassia Economic Development Committee.

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Burley Trap Club attendance triples

By Paul Brown
Times-News correspondent

BURLEY — Under clear skies, the Burley Trap Club took to a range near Center Dam for a "Buddy" shoot Saturday.

About 80 members and guests — young and old — gathered in the clubhouse. Sixty of them had come to do some shooting.

Thanks to increased advertising, participation from local businesses and clubhouse renovations, attendance has nearly tripled in the past three years, said J.B. Graham, a range master with the club.

"Our goal is to promote family participation," Graham said. "We are especially interested in promoting activities for youth."

The clubhouse, renovated by volunteers and donated materials, now has restrooms and new windows, Graham said.

On Saturday, club members stood around the clubhouse until it was time to go outside and shoot.

Club president Leo Brown organized the shooters into 30 teams of two, with one adult and one youngster buddying up on each team.

The shooter fires first at the clay pigeons as they soar through

the air. If he or she misses, the buddy takes a shot at the same flying target a split second later.

On windy days the flying discs can dive or flutter unpredictably, making the competition more challenging. A cold east wind made shooting difficult Saturday, but it did not discourage the participants.

Old timers say the east wind is cold "no matter which way it blows from."

Yemen members warmed up with 25 clay pigeons. During the competition they shot at 60.

Saturday's top team was Steve Foster and James Swallow, both of Pocatello. A pair of 27 caliber lever action rifles also were given away in a random drawing.

Members of the trap club say the hobby is addictive.

"I have been shooting for forty years," said assistant range master and board member LeRoy Dierker, a retired state police.

Allen McLean, vice president of the club, said he never misses a weekend of shooting.

"My wife, son and son-in-law along with myself do all we can to involve youth in our program," he said.

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Cassia officials tour juvenile center

By John T. Huddy
Times-News writer

RUPERT — Cassia County commissioners are lunch with juveniles at the Mini-Cassia Juvenile Detention Center Monday, heard from teachers who work with the teen-agers, and got a closer look inside Idaho's juvenile justice system.

"Some of these kids are just babies," new Commissioner Shirley Koyless said, after her first tour of the center as commissioner. "If they keep committing crimes they're going to wind up in prison."

But commissioners also heard from a teacher who said the troubled teen-agers can turn around.

"I believe that there is no such thing as a bad kid — just bad decisions," said Steve Winks, who teaches English and math to dropouts at the facility, and helps them with homework assignments.

Winks has been working at the detention center for six years and said most of the kids are attentive and want to get an education.

"I try to encourage the kids who are dropouts to at least try and get an education," Winks said. "I have discussions with



Cassia County Commissioner Paul Christensen, back, listens as Mini-Cassia Juvenile Detention Center Director Don Garner talks about classes held at the center. Commissioners toured the center Monday.

some of the kids about what they want to do when they grow up.

Most don't know, but some do have ambitions. They just don't have the family structure or the opportunity to encourage them."

Although most of the teen-agers are repeat offenders, some learn their lesson the hard way. The "detour program" is a county-oriented program that

attempts to scare juveniles straight. Youth offenders are taken to the state prison, where they meet with convicts serving time on charges ranging from computer fraud to murder. The program for first-time offenders usually works, Garner said.

Problems at the center sometimes mirror reality. A registered nurse helps inmates with drug

problems or illness. Addicts go through a detoxification program, Garner said.

"We've had to deal with drug abuse and withdrawal syndromes before," Garner said. "After a couple weeks, you see the true personality of a kid come out."

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Residents purchase cigarettes across border to avoid paying taxes

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A number of residents are traveling across the border to buy cigarettes in neighboring states where the tobacco tax is much lower.

Utah has the 16th highest tax on cigarettes in the nation. In Idaho, the tax is nearly 24 cents lower than in the Border States, saving buyers about \$2.40 for a 10-pack carton.

"We see quite a few who come in here with Utah license plates," said Bobby Green at Bob's Kwik Stop in Malad. "About 90 percent of our business overall comes from people in Utah — especially with the lottery."

But out-of-state purchases of cigarettes that are brought back to Utah can carry a \$500 fine and a felony conviction for fraud, although enforcement is rare.

"A resident brings any cigarettes into Utah, they are required to pay the tax," said Doug McDonald, chief economist for the State Tax Commission.

"Now, obviously, we don't go out and check for that."

The penalty for bootlegging cigarettes can range from a misdemeanor to a second-degree felony, punishable by up to 15 years behind bars.

"There are graduated penalties," said Janice Perry Golly, spokeswoman for the state tax commission. "It really does depend on the person's intent as to the penalty."

For example, if a resident brings a truckload of out-of-state cigarettes into the state for the purpose of resale, they could be charged with felony fraud. However, the penalty could be less severe if someone is unaware of the law or purchases just a few packs for personal use.

Sundance festival bus tips over

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A charter bus carrying 30 people from the Sundance Film Festival tipped over on Interstate 215 Monday morning, slightly injuring four people, the Utah Highway Patrol said.

The Coach USA bus was transporting passengers from Park City to Salt Lake City International Airport shortly after 9 a.m. when the driver lost control at about 200 West on the wet, slushy freeway, said patrol Lt. Verdi White.

Most of the passengers had been at the Sundance Film Festival in Park City, which concluded over the weekend.

"The driver was going too fast for the conditions of the road," White said.

"The driver suffered minor injuries, he said. Three were treated at the scene. One passenger, who was ejected from her seat, was transported to Cottonwood Hospital, where she was treated and released, said hospital spokeswoman Jesse Gomez.

Coach USA sent another bus to the scene to pick up the rest of the passengers, White said.

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decided decision by the Land Board last week to award a lease to the U.S. Air Force for about 960 acres in eastern Owyhee County, though the agency was initially considering groups \$5,000 to \$10.

The bill is being sponsored by Sen. Laird Noh, R-Kimberly, and Rep. Robert King, R-Glenns Ferry.

Because Congress last year changed the century-old Idaho Antiquities Act, the bill aims to eliminate the bid process for endowment lands — if it chooses — when the state is negotiating with federal, state or local agencies for all state land, including endowment lands.

All proceeds from endowment lands go to education and a few other mandated priorities.

King said the bidding process can be misleading because it doesn't consider long-term benefits.

The Land Board, however, is required to consider long-term return to the endowment fund in awarding leases. Land Board members last week unanimously awarded the lease to the Air Force based on a demonstrated long-term commitment to the public school endowment by leasing land on the nearby Saylor Creek Bombing Range since 1962.

The 960-acre parcel would be part of a 12,000-acre practice bombing range in the Juniper Butte area, and a one-acre site and two quarter-acre plots intended for elec-



tronic emitting stations.

The training range plans trigger an influx of more than \$30 million in federal money, King said, and help solidify the future of the Mountain Home airbase.

Air Force officials have said the base's future is secure with or without the proposed range. And they have admitted that the range is not needed but would enhance training in Idaho.

The issue goes beyond the training range, though, and shouldn't be overshadowed by last week's controversy, King said.

The Wilderness Society's Craig Gehrke said he thought the move was "not a very good idea."

His group was one of the several that joined with the Idaho Watersheds Project to enter the high bid last week.

Gehrke said it's embarrassing to the Land Board and the state to be the lowest bidder, and that this bill would remove a step from the public process.

"They don't want parents like myself to know," he said.

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O'Leary Junior High will

host career day Friday

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — Vera C. O'Leary Junior High School will host a career day Friday for students.

Students will choose from among 16 career fields, attending four 30-minute presentations during the afternoon.

Informational sessions will be offered by local professionals, including a health care presentation by Dr. David McClosky and a law and justice presentation by Magistrate Judge Michael Redman. Other career exploration fields that will be available include forestry and teaching.

Read the Times-News sports pages to see how your favorite team is doing.

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Council

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In another matter, the council decided to share with Costco the cost of putting in a stop light at the intersection of Pole Line Road and Hillmore Street. Costco wants to open a fuel station for customers at its store near the intersection, and the city required a stop light as part of the deal.

Costco had agreed to put up either \$70,000 or half the money for the stop light, whichever is less. The council, by a vote of 4 to

3 turned down a proposed commercial residential subdivision on 160 acres north of Pole Line Road and west of Blake Street.

Mayor Gayle Kleinkopf, Councilman Lance Clow and Councilman Tom Mikseloff voted for the proposal. Council members Howard Allen, Art Frantz, Elaine Stetell and Chris Talkington voted against it.

Talkington and Allen said they had misgivings about the city being able to provide ample water to the proposed project.

IDAHO/WEST

Governor makes choices for law enforcement, judge positions

BOISE (AP) — Gov. Dirk Kempthorne appointed a familiar Department of Law Enforcement director, a new district judge and — in a move that shuns an incumbent leadership — a Public Utilities Commission member.

The new Republican chief executive on Monday removed the "interim" label from former Idaho State Police Superintendent Ed Strickfaden's title as Law Enforcement director. Kempthorne also named state Rep. Paul Kjellander of Boise, chairman of the House Republican Caucus, to succeed Ralph Nelson on the three-member Public Utilities Commission. And Nez Perce County Magistrate Earl Kerrick was selected to replace 2nd District Judge Ida Rudolph Leggett, who resigned.

The governor cited Strickfaden's 31 years of law enforcement experience in appointing him to lead an agency. Kempthorne had placed him in the spotlight with his emphasis on increased security at the Capitol and cracking down on the burgeoning methamphetamine trade.

"Ed is well respected by his peers. He has cultivated positive relationships with sheriffs and police chiefs throughout Idaho, and has demonstrated a strong



working relationship with legislators from the state as he presented the Enforcement Budget and led the agency during transition," Kempthorne said. Strickfaden, 52, became a part of emery officer at King Hill in 1967 and a year later became an Idaho State Police patrolman. He rose through the ranks to become a colonel and was named superintendent of the State Police by retired GOP Gov. Phil Batt.

The governor said his appointment to the Public Utilities Commission was recommended by Kjellander's background in telecommunications and information technology and his experience working with utility regulations as a third-term legislator.

His departure from the Legislature opens up the position of caucus chairman. Among those mentioned as possible candidates are House State Affairs Chairman John Tippetts of Bennington and Reps. Debbie Fitch of Boise, Dan Mader of Genesee, and Jim Clark of Hayden.

Tippetts, who lost a bid for majority leader during the December organizing session, said he has not yet decided

whether to seek a return to leadership. If he steps up to caucus chair, Rep. Bill Deal of Kampana probably would inherit the powerful State Affairs chairmanship.

Besides his House seat from District 15, Kjellander will give up his job as director of the Distance Learning Network in State College of Applied Technology at Boise State University.

His appointment to a six-year term requires Senate confirmation.

Kjellander, who has a master's degree in telecommunications regulation/media law, was co-chairman of a legislative task force on the Telecommunications Act of 1996 and a member of the Information Technology Advisory Council. He also is on the Council of State Governments' western advisory committee on telecommunications commerce and the Y2K issue.

"In addition to a firm understanding of these issues, Paul has an education background," Kempthorne said. "As we look for ways to link Idaho electronically, and the role of our schools, colleges and universities will play in meeting the state. I know Paul will have valuable insights and wisdom."

Still, Kjellander said, "I'm not going to walk in to the job and pretend to be an expert."

LEGISLATIVE LOG

By The Associated Press

Sent to Governor

SB1012 (Finance) — Makes emergency appropriations of \$27,100 to the Board of Medicine, \$31,900 to the Board of Nursing and \$19,100 to the Board of Pharmacy.

SB113 (Finance) — Makes emergency appropriation of \$98,800 to the Department of Agriculture's Forest Industries Program for pest control.

SB1014 (Finance) — Makes emergency appropriation of \$18 million to the Department of Lands for the Forest and Range Fire Protection

Program.

SB1015 (Finance) — Makes emergency appropriation of \$21.2 million in federal money to the Transportation Department.

Returned to Governor

Dale Jankerski, Boise, to the Personnel Commission.

Confirmed by Senate

Clarise Maxwell, Boise, to the Human Rights Commission.

Karl Kertz, Boise, as director of the Department of Health and Welfare.

Steve Alfred, Boise, as administrator

of the Division of Environmental Quality.

Introduced in Senate

SB1073 (Education) — Includes receipts from vending machines on school property among funds to be accounted for by the school board.

SB1076 (Agricultural Affairs) — Increases from \$50 to \$300 the total sales requiring a nursery or floral license.

Introduced in House

HB143 (Environmental Affairs) — Allows a 5 percent state purchasing preference for recycled paper products.

Montana Senate passes speed-limit bill

HELENA, Mont. (AP) — A bill to establish a daytime speed limit in Montana passed the state Senate by an overwhelming majority on Monday and moved to the House.

Sensors voted 462 for Senate Bill 133, which would establish a day-and-night speed limit of 75 mph for all vehicles on interstate highways. The limit would be 65 mph near larger urban areas,

such as Billings, Great Falls and Missoula.

On other roads, the speed limit for cars would be 70 mph during the day and 65 mph at night. Limits for trucks would be 60 mph and 55 mph, respectively.

Montana operated under the "basic rule" until it was struck down by the Montana Supreme Court last year. That law required cars be operated in a

manner reasonable for conditions, such as weather and traffic, but did not specify a speed. A numeric limit was in effect at night.

The two negative votes Monday were cast by Republican Sens. Darryl Tost of Luster and Jack Wells of Bozeman. They also cast the only negative votes Saturday, when the Senate took preliminary action on the bill.

Teen-ager works hard to polish reputation

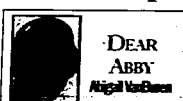
DEAR ABBY: When I was in high school and college, I was very promiscuous. I'm only 19 and have already had more than 10 sex partners. Because of this I have lost many friends, and at this point, I have no one to turn to.

I am changing now and have made some modifications in my life to raise my self-esteem. I know now that when I was younger, in order to feel wanted, I was willing to do anything to get attention. I now feel better about myself, but I'm finding it difficult to live down my bad reputation. People seem to have a hard time forgiving and forgetting.

Abby, I don't want to have to move. I just want people to realize that I am a changed person. I have questions I can lose my past? — REPEATED IN OREGON

DEAR REPENTED: Your situation reminds me of a saying I heard many years ago: "A woman's virtue is like a fine piece of antique furniture. If it is questioned, it's never quite the same." People have long memories — and they love to talk — so even the best who have turned over a new leaf, it could take many years to live down your past. Starting over in a new location might be easier, faster and probably more effective.

DEAR ABBY: If you're not up to here with responses to "Dad, the Morning Roster," please consider my comments for publication. "Dad's" son could have been me when I was young. Alarm clocks never had the desired effect on me. I was called lazy, and my guidance counselor said I lacked motivation. My teachers branded me a slacker. I slept on the bus, slept in class, etc., although I tested off the charts



DEAR ABBY
Nigal Washburn

for aptitude and intelligence. Because of my sleep problems, I barely graduated from high school. I do not get restorative sleep. My energy levels were even less understanding of my difficulty than my teachers.

Abby, when my wife complained about my sleepiness and difficulty in waking up, I finally consulted a doctor. Guess what, folks! I do not get restorative sleep. I have a condition called sleep apnea that prevents the sleep stage from rejuvenating me.

I am scheduled for a surgical procedure that may relieve me of this affliction, and I'm excited beyond words. "Dad," who has his son evaluated at a sleep disorder clinic, heard the relationship is strained

beyond repair. — WAITING FOR A GOOD NIGHT'S SLEEP IN GALENA, OHIO

DEAR WAITING: Sleep apnea can indeed interfere with restorative sleep, leaving one still in need of rest when the sun comes up in the morning. Perhaps the young man does suffer from this disorder and would benefit from being evaluated by a sleep disorder specialist. Thanks for suggesting it.

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HONOR ROLL

Local students excel in fall semester at Boise State

TWIN FALLS - More than 30 Magic Valley residents were among 1,923 students named to the fall semester 1998 Dean's List at Boise State University.

Highest honors: LeAnna Healey and Ron Thomsen of Buhi; Adam Dailey and Justin Goring, both of Burley; Heath Bennett of Filer; Sara Lopez of Gooding; Desiree Majerus of Hayden; Jodi Jorgensen of Hansen; Anita Bost of Twin Falls; Tim Brown and Shiloh Jay of Wendell.

High honors: Vanessa Scioneaux of Bellevue; Madisa Miller of Fairfield; Melissa Pagan of Filer; Kari Capps of Gooding; Nicholas Dahler of Hayden; Miley Martin of Elgin; Ryan Capps of Jerome; Allen Callagane of Rupert; Rebecca Patten of Twin Falls.

Honors: Cliff Adams and Stacy Schmitt, both of Burley; Christine Shaw and Andrew Tomman, both of Gooding; Sarah Cunniff of Hayden; Gina Hodge of Heyburn; Kai Robrahn of Ketchikan; Joey Victoria of Rupert; Chris Pellow and Wesley Vengeman, both of Twin Falls; Kelli Mundy of Wendell.

Names of students who have recognized their names for inclusion are included on the Dean's List that is submitted for publication.

Buhl High School releases names of highest achievers

BUHL - The fall semester honor rolls have been released by Buhl High School and are as follows:

Straight A students

Seniors: Luke Cimer, Angie Fry, Josh Goodhart, Michelle Hart, Korrine Krellkamp, Erin Scott, Wendy Scott, Marci Vandeweyer, Cara Williamson, Jeff Zorn.
Juniors: Kaitlin Brown, Austin Cole, Anna Rodriguez.

Sophomores: Hattie Hunt, Ta Homan, Joshua Jayek, Jackie Meyer, Michael Phillips, Ty Puppleswell, Rebecca Ward.

Freshmen: Megan Gilbert, Jennifer Hansen, Wendy Hays, Andrew Holmquist, Karissa Howell, Darren Peterson.

High Honor Roll

Seniors: John Barker, Jennifer Bruner, Melissa Blustock, Rachael Clark, Michael Clark, Kimberly Carter, Matt Fischer, Michael Garcia, Michael Hays, Andrew Jerke, Natalya Kryshal, John McCusker, Leah Moore, Scott Orr, Denny Owen, Matthew Paulson, Aaron Reardon, Eric Reynolds, Leha Ring, Ryan Scott, Gabe Saitor, Holly Satterwhite, Tyler Sorenson, Derek Thomas, Matt Ward, Skema Webb, Gavin West, TJ Wynn.

Juniors: Belle Bagg, Megan Bailey, Katie Bingham, Sean Darwell, Michelle Martinez, Kaleb McClain, Michael McCall, Blair Messinger, Shane Patten, Tyler Smith.

Sophomores: Michelle Arnesen, Tyler Biles, Jana Davidson, Holly Demmecker, A.J. Hoffman, Kimberly Johnson, Greg Heather Macchuck, Amanda Mann, Holly Stevens, Tiffany Vannoy, Erica Voss.

Freshmen: Anaceli Aguilar, Brian Avelar, Alan Avery, Catherine Azevedo, Jasmine Brown, Bonnie Brown, Irene Brown, Brian Flores, Noah Holt, Ryan Ide, Christy Jones, Courtney Kendall, Jamie Larson, Anne McCarty, Aspen Montgomery, Ashlee Nye, Lance Oberdorfer, Christine Zachary Peckham, Brandon Ormley, Michelle Smith, Amy Thomas, Erik Van Patten, Ellen Vandeweyer, Erica Wagner.

Honor Roll

Seniors: Spring Alexander, Pamela Edson, Heide Betts, Jeff Bachop, Abi Blasco, Kristina Bowhard, Eric Butterworth, Brandon Cramer, Jessica Grier, Steven Graham, Nancy Ingram, Terry Kral, Lindsey Krogstad, Heather Lockley, Brent Lloyd, James Mandelkow, Nadia Matladyshy, Cassi McDaniel, Jon Patten, Eric Scott, Kristina Thomas, George Troin, David Turman, Jason Vanden, Van Elderen, Kala Watson, Kim Wright.

Juniors: Jared Assay, Anne Assendrop, Jeff Berly, Richard Bowers, David Deville, Chris Flynn, Jacklynne Hughes, Zachary Jacobson, Fwan Jaynes, Beckly Kinn, Kimberly Kinn, Jason Kinn, Kamesh Michael, William Montgomery, Brigid Murphy, Carly Phares, Brandi Richtig, Erica Sharp, Andrew Stevens, Lakota Stewart, Kaitlyn Stewart, Scott Thoraborrow, Jeff Van Sickle, Olga Zagorodny.

Sophomores: Heather Alexander, Jannica Bauer, Gloria Blazo, Leahna Cheney, TJ Cline, Nicole Cramer, Danielle Cramer, Rachel Cramer, Heather Cuddell Hedrick, Joseph Holmquist, Seth Huddleston, Larissa Krynhal, Kara Lavelle, Andrew Lambert, Jason Lewis, Caitlin Mathews, Shirley Mizer, Steve Montgomery, Ryan Moore, Amanda Olschberger, Kimberly Parnell, Brandon Seal, Brent Terry, Jeff Walker, Katie Williamson, Layton Zagorodny.

Freshmen: Ingrid Balle, Danny Cabella, Haley Campbell, Angie Campbell, Franco, Anthony Gallo, Samuel Garcia, Whitney Gellings, Coy Hoyer, Amanda Jackson, Skyler Johnson, Taylor Johnson, Jennifer Kellins, Krista Kliegl, Jana Larson, Michael Leonard, Ashlee McDaniel, Katrina Michael, Janna Miller, Adele Moore, Rachel Moore, Britney Moore, Jessica Nipper, Josh Sirocki, Matthew Soborka, Nick Speck, Haley Thompson, Michael Thompson, Kaitlyn Thomas, Kristi Truller, Ryan Wagner, Nicole Wampler, Keri Zorn.



Twin Falls celebrates Smallwood Day

Benefactor enjoys 90th birthday at Boys, Girls Club

By Rachel Denny
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - When Cliff and Ione Smallwood showed up at the Boys and Girls Club of the Magic Valley for Cliff's 90th birthday, the couple received an unexpected gift from the club and the city of Twin Falls.

Members of the club dedicated the building to the Smallwoods, who were major contributors to its construction, and Twin Falls Mayor Gale Kleinkopf declared Feb. 1 Mr. Smallwood Day. Feb. 1 is also Cliff's birthday.

"Mr. Smallwood has been a strong supporter of the Boys and Girls Club and he's financially supported the current building," Kleinkopf said. "He is one of the key reasons we have a Boys and Girls Club today."

Karian Toolson, executive director of the club, agrees with Kleinkopf. In 1995 the Smallwoods donated \$75,000 to the club to renovate an old warehouse in Twin Falls' Old Towne. Last year they gave the club \$500,000 to help construct the new club on the College of Southern Idaho campus.

But the couple wanted to give more than money. When Cliff Smallwood was 86 he was helping with the renovations to the first club, Toolson said.

"I think the city council has taken a bold step in recognizing the bold efforts of one man," Toolson said. "Cliff Cliff epitomizes the basic majority of people in the Magic Valley. They're not born with a silver spoon in their mouths. He (Cliff) was not born with a silver spoon in his mouth, he worked very hard for what he has, and he

turns around and gives it back. I think he epitomizes why we're called the Magic Valley."

The Smallwoods, however, felt undeserving of all of the attention they received. "It was a complete surprise," Ione said. "They gave us a lot more than we deserve. It was wonderful. It brought tears to my eyes."

"It's one of the happiest days of my life," Cliff said. "I appreciate the people that appreciate this building. It makes it worthwhile. If we can help the kids in this community in any way, I'm all for it."

In addition to their generous monetary contributions to the club, the Smallwoods have also established a Smallwood Scholarship Fund for "needy and deserving college-bound young people."

"It's an opportunity for a number of our kids to have an activity to do that helps prevent some of the concerns the community might have relating to crime, mischief and drugs on the street," Kleinkopf said. "This addresses some of those problems and eliminates some concerns. It's a great program and we need to have more of them."

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

Photo at left, Cliff Smallwood speaks with one of his relatives at the party that the Boys and Girls Club threw for him on Jan. 30. At the party the new club building was dedicated to Smallwood and his wife, Ione.

Head Start teacher receives state honor

By Julie Wimberley
Times-News correspondent

In 1981, Terri Palmer enrolled her 4-year-old daughter, Angela, in Head Start. When the little yellow bus came to pick up Angela, she was scared to go alone. Palmer went with her in Head Start that day and hasn't quit since.

She began a process which has resulted so far in her being the recent recipient of the Margaret Arnold Teacher of the Year Award at the Idaho Head Start Association Luncheon in Boise on Jan. 12.

"All the family educators work hard," Palmer said. "It's nice to be recognized by my peers and have someone say, 'Good job!'"

Palmer set a goal, as a Head Start parent, to enter her CED and in 1992 she reached her goal and started working as an assistant teacher with the Felipe Cultural Migrant Council Head Start, a diverse, dual-language program for children of migrant workers.

That fall she became a family educator with the Twin Falls Head Start program. Since then she has completed extensive training in childhood development and served for six years as the vice chairperson for the Idaho Head Start Transition Project Governing Board.

"I teach because I love children," Palmer explained. "I feel like I can make a difference in the world by working with kids. If they have fun, feel loved and have a warm learning environment now they will look forward to school and want to learn when they get older."

After setting goals with the parents, Palmer works with each child to reach these individualized goals.

"But the most important part of my job is working with the parents," she said. "Parents are the first teachers of their children. Getting back to family values and working with the parents makes a big impact on the family."

"I think the most exciting thing about this is that our local program has won more national awards than any other state as a whole," said Head Start Director

Logo promotes teen abstinence



Boysen Blustock, left, encourages high school students to judge by members of the Mid-Columbia Region the Abstinence Pregnancy Prevention Contest.

Logo promotes teen abstinence

BERLEY - The Mid-Columbia Coalition for Abstinence Pregnancy Prevention recently announced a logo contest for an easily recognizable logo consistent with the coalition's mission. The contest was co-sponsored by the merchants at the Snake River Plaza.

Across merchants from age 12 to 18 submitted over 25 artistic entries. The entries were judged on creativity, originality and the concept that best promotes abstinence.

World Studies, 15, from Snake River High School won the \$100 first prize. Justice Ebert, 17, from Mackay High School took the 2nd place \$50 gift certificate to the Snake River Plaza. Amanda Shultz, 15, from the Idaho Youth Ranch, won \$25 for 3rd place. Honorable mention went to Abby Jane Gaffin, 15, from the Idaho Youth Ranch.

High Desert Nordic Association offers cross-country fun

TWIN FALLS - The High Desert Nordic Association meets at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month from October through April at Idaho Joe's on the 2nd level in Twin Falls. The group's next gathering will be on Feb. 5.

The organization holds the following as its purposes:

1. To promote cross-country skiing at all skill levels with an emphasis on trails in the South Hills.
2. The periodic grooming of ski trails in the Magic Mountain area with volunteer help. Trails include Lower and Upper Pinnacles, Lower and Upper Rock Creek loops, Pike Mountain and Wahsner Hollow.
3. Off-season maintenance and marking of high cross-country trails.
4. Sponsoring the Thompson Creek

shelterhunt.

5. Assisting with the Idaho Free Ski Day at Magic Mountain each January.

6. It conducts the annual Nordic Fair each January.

7. Planning organized trips to ski locations for members and friends.

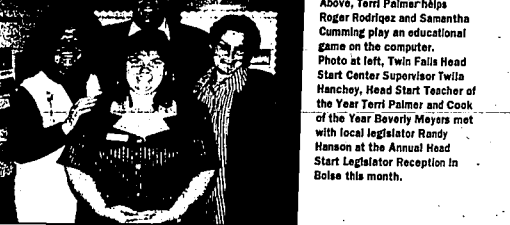
8. Providing an opportunity for cross-country skiers from the Magic Valley area to meet and ski with others of similar skills and interests.

9. Educating cross-country skiers and other winter outdoors enthusiasts about weather and avalanche safety, travel techniques, packing and proper gear selection and maintenance and trail use and courtesy.

For more information, contact Dave and Cindy Bjornberg, at 423-4057 or Kaitlyn Jones at 324-2122.



Photo at left, Twin Falls Head Start Center Supervisor Twila Hanchev, Head Start Teacher of the Year Terri Palmer and Cook of the Year Beverly Meyers met with local legislator Randy Hanson at the Annual Head Start Legislator Reception in Boise this month.



Donna Suhr. "We have some absolutely incredible applicants, and have made a point to nominate them. Community volunteers, parents, staff and even a former student have won awards." Times-News correspondent Julie Wimberley can be reached in Buhi at 543-8013.



High Desert Nordic Association members enjoy a hearty breakfast during an early-January ski trip to Hartman State Park of 1998 in the Island Park area.

COMMUNITY

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: Potato bar
Wednesday: Cheeseburger pie
Thursday: Pork steak
Friday: Sweet and sour chicken
Saturday: Pancake breakfast
Monday: Rib Q's sandwich

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
Wednesday: Quilting from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Thursday: Exercise class at 9:30 a.m.
Pinophile 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.
Foot clinic by appt. 734-5084

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 is weekdays \$2.50, Saturdays \$3.50, Monday evenings \$2.50, non-seniors \$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 843-4577. Coffee and rolls every day after 8 a.m.
Thrift shop open every day.
Today: Spaghetti

Wednesday: Macaroni and cheese
Thursday: Turkey roll
Friday: Hot turkey sandwich
Saturday: Closed
Sunday: Buffet, roast beef
Monday: Tuna melt

Activities

Today: Quilting
Wednesday: Speech assistance at 9 a.m.
Bingo at 7 to 9 p.m.
Thursday: Exercise class at 10 a.m.
In-car trip must call to reserve seat at 543-4577
Thursday: Quilting
Foot clinic at 1 p.m.
Bingo after noon meal
Evening meal and cards at 5:30 p.m.
Friday: Exercise at 10 a.m.
Monday: Exercise at 10 a.m.
Evening meal and cards at 5:30 p.m.

Filer Senior Haven

222 Main St., Filer
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: Spaghetti
Thursday: Cudlet steak
Friday: Hot turkey sandwich

Ageless Senior Citizens

Dinner at noon:
Wednesday: Beef and macaroni
Friday: Fried chicken
Monday: Franks and macaroni and cheese
Activities
Today: Ceramics at 1 p.m.
Wednesday: Blood pressure check
Thursday: Crafts at 1 p.m.
Friday: Bingo at 11:30 a.m.
Foot clinic at 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. \$5 fee
Pinophile at 1 p.m.

SHOOTING FOR SUCCESS



Kindergartner Ashlee Rider, age 5, enjoys some time with a few of the Twin Falls High School cheerleaders. Rider was a participant in a recent cheer camp hosted by the Bruin cheerleaders at the high school gymnasium. The event drew nearly 300 participants ranging from 4 to 22 years old. Aspiring spirit leaders came from all over the Magic Valley to join in the fun. The cheerleaders-to-be participated in a half-time event during a varsity basketball game.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Children can learn to sing, enjoy art with rec classes
TWIN FALLS - New classes for the winter/ spring are being offered by Twin Falls Parks and Recreation.
Singing classes for children ages preschool through sixth grade begin Feb. 9. The classes will encourage the love of music, build self confidence and teach basic singing skills.
There are no concert fees and no costume fees. There is a \$5 new student registration.
Pre-register for classes by calling Niki Hawkes at 733-9532 or 736-2265.
Art classes for children ages six to 16 are being offered Feb. 10 for beginning, intermediate and advanced-level students. Students will explore art through drawing, color, clay and much more.
Ceramic classes will also be available.
For more information, call Carol Conover at 734-1588 or 736-2265.

CSI's North Side Center offers watercolor course
WENDELL - Painting with watercolor will be held Thursday evenings from 6 to 9 p.m. beginning Feb. 11 at the Wendell High School. Award-winning Magic Valley watercolor artist Roy Mason will teach the watercolor course for the College of Southern Idaho's North Side Center in February and March.
The seven-week course is open to beginning and intermediate-level students. Participants will learn how watercolor works and how shapes, line movement and color composition work together in a painting.
The cost of the course is \$65, plus supplies.
For more information, or to register, call the CSI North Side Center at 934-8678.

chords, strumming and playing folk and blues music. Basic music theory and music reading skills will also be taught.
The cost of the course is \$55.
Introduction to Word will be taught from 9 a.m. until noon every Tuesday and Thursday from Feb. 9 through Feb. 23. Participants will create letters, business documents, newsletters and presentation materials with multiple font leaders and embedded tables.
Previous Windows experience is required. Cost for the course is \$86.50, plus the book.
Call 788-2038 for more information or to register for the above courses.

Boise State Women's Center seeks nominations for award
BOISE - Nominations are being accepted for the Larry Selland Humanitarian Award given each year by the Boise State University Women's Center. The award was created in 1997 in honor of Larry G. Selland, former dean, executive vice president and interim president of Boise State. He died of cancer in 1996.
The award honors men and women who exemplify Selland's caring nature, his compassion and his encouragement to women and minorities.
Two awards, one for a student and one for a faculty or staff member, are awarded each year.
Eligible students must be in good academic standing with at least a 2.0 grade-point average and faculty or staff must be currently employed at Boise State.
Nominations must be submitted to the Office of Student Special Services, MS1375, Boise State University, by 5 p.m. on Feb. 10.
For more information, call Margie Van Vooren, dean of student special services, at 426-1583.

Buhl club, families, teachers will enjoy trip back to '50s
BUHL - The 2002 Club of Buhl High School, along with family members and teachers, are planning to attend a presentation of "Beehive," a show that takes a nostalgic trip back to the '50s.
The parents of the members of the 2002-Club submitted a grant to the Idaho Community Foundation. Through the Albertson Foundation Education Fund they won \$2,478 toward transportation for two class field trips.
Learn the basics of investing with 1-night CSI course
WENDELL - The College of Southern Idaho North Side Center is offering a one-night investing course at 6:30 p.m. Thursday.
The three-hour course taught by Robert Alfred will cover mutual funds, annuities, bonds and stocks. Discussion of sources for individual research including the Internet is planned.
Cost \$10. For a copy of the call the CSI North Side Center at 934-8678.

FOCUS ON PEOPLE

Leonard is named to Dean's List at Carroll College

Samuel Leonard of Twin Falls, was among the 343 full-time students who were named to the fall semester Dean's List at Carroll College.
To be named to the Dean's List, students must maintain a grade-point average of at least 3.5 and be enrolled for a minimum of 12 credit hours.

Arts commission releases names of grant recipients

BOISE - The Idaho Commission on the Arts announced the recipients of Round-3 QuickStart grants in Boise. QuickStart awards are judged quarterly and are available to individual artists, arts educators and arts organizations in amounts of up to \$1,000 for activities, projects, or professional development. Organizations must match the amount of the grant on a one-to-one basis; individuals on a one-to-three basis. Because the ICA is receiving high quality applications and more of them, it was able to fund less than one-third of the dollars requested, and of those grants given, more were funded at 54% to 80% of the amount requested.
Michelle Black, Ketchum resident, received \$850 to create up to ten new sculpture pieces from found items.
Penny Nalbur Paul, resident, received \$400 in order to attend the National Art Education Convention.
Marjoline Renko, Ketchum resident, received \$1,000 to create up to ten ceramic pieces.
Maggie Valley Arts Council of Twin Falls, received \$600 to underwrite a performance and workshop by the Dallas

Filer BPA students place at regional competition

FILER - Business Professionals of America (BPA) is a new organization at Filer High School with 16 local members. Twelve of them are also situational members. Nine students attended the Regional BPA Conference held at Twin Falls High School.
"They made Filer High School proud," said Pam Lambert, adviser. "It was a good place to showcase their business skills."
Students from 12 different schools in the region competed. Those placing 1st through 3rd will compete in their individual events March 11 through 13 at the State Leadership Conference in Boise. If any of them place at the state competition, they will be eligible to represent Idaho at the National Leadership Conference in Philadelphia.
Results from the Twin Falls competition are as follows:
Breah Lawley: 1st in computerized accounting, 4th in financial assistant.
Jeremi Smith: 2nd in computerized accounting, 3rd in financial assistant.
Nyci Mesaros: 4th in computerized accounting, 5th in financial assistant.
Sarah Brennan: 5th in medical concepts, 6th in legal concepts.
Kathleen Lambert: 1st in document formatting, 1st in administrative specialist.
Misty Johnson: 1st in information processing specialist, 9th in document formatting.

Odd Fellows invite everyone to join in Ground Hog Feed

BURLEY - The Burley Lodge of Odd Fellows is holding its 53rd-annual Ground Hog Feed, from 7 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Saturday at the Lodge Hall, 1358 Oakley Ave. in Burley.
They will be serving with the assistance of Ruth Rebekah Lodge, the usual menu of hotcakes, sausage, eggs as you like them and choice of beverage at \$4 per plate.
Veterans services group offers outreach program Feb. 8
COODING - The Idaho Division of Veterans Services is holding an outreach program from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Feb. 8 at the War Memorial Hall in Gooding, at the corner of 3rd and Idaho.
Those veterans and veteran's widows, and others who may qualify for assistance or benefits, are asked to please bring proof of service, disability and marriage.
For more information, contact Gooding County Service Officer George Serr, at 530-2089 or the Gooding post commander at 934-8687.

Fairboard, chamber accept family of year nominations

JEROME - The Jerome County Fairboard and the Jerome Chamber of Commerce will honor an "Ag Family of the Year" during their Ag Appreciation Day banquet at the Jerome County Fairgrounds on Feb. 27.
To nominate an "Ag Family of the Year," submit the name of a Jerome County family and a one-page or less explanation of how the nominated family has been instrumental in the development and promotion of Agriculture in Jerome County during 1998.
Nominations must be received at the Fair Office, 200 N. Fir, Jerome, by Feb. 12.
If you have any questions, contact the fair manager, Rob Lundgren at 324-7203.

3-day dairy school will be taught by Steven Rosa

TWIN FALLS - A three-day dairy school will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on three successive Saturdays starting Feb. 27, in Room A24 of Evergreen Building at the College of Southern Idaho. Steven M. Rosa will be the course instructor.
One Saturday session will cost \$95, if pre-registered before Feb. 15, or attend all three sessions for \$195. There are no refunds after Feb. 15.
To register for these sessions, call 733-9554, Ext. 2401.

Diabetes foundation will discuss living with the illness

TWIN FALLS - The February meeting of the Diabetes Center Foundation will be held at 7 p.m. on Feb. 8 at the South Central District Public Health Building on the College of Southern Idaho campus.
A panel discussion entitled "Living with Diabetes - A Lifetime Commitment" will be presented.
For further information, call Ann Bybee at 733-3700, Ext. 174 or Barbara Holloway at 736-8336.

Learn woodcarving, guitar, computer skills at CSI center

HALLEY - Respected Woodcarver and Instructor Cleve Taylor will teach a woodcarving class from 6 to 9 p.m. Friday at the College of Southern Idaho Blaine County Center Fox Building, 115 S. Main in Halley.
Taylor will guide students through every step of the process of selecting a figure, carving it and painting or antiquing it. A number of patterns will be available and the \$25 tuition includes blanks for carving. Tools will be available for loan or for sale.
The College of Southern Idaho is sponsoring a four-week beginning guitar course from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. starting today at the Wood River High School in Halley.
Guitarist and Singer Andrew Blunt will help students learn tuning, basic

CLASSES

Jerome Rec District offers variety of life-enriching classes

JEROME - The Jerome Recreation District has several classes available.
Art For Rehabilitation Peter Page invites you to join him from 10 a.m. to noon Saturdays, Feb. 13 - March 6, for a time of relaxing and enjoyment with art. This four-week class will focus on experiencing creative expression. Students will be having fun exploring a different medium including watercolor, chess carving, paper sculpture and dough art in a relaxed and fun atmosphere.
Cost is \$10/\$15.
President's Day Crafts Looking for something for the kids to do while they are out of school? Crafts will be held from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Feb. 16 at the Art Center. Candelholders will be made out of clay, then candles dipped to put in their holders.
Kids need to bring a sack lunch.
Cost is \$15/\$18 and includes all supplies.
Archie Bowling A special night of bowling from 9:30 p.m. until midnight on Saturday, Feb. 20 will include lasers, glow-in-the-dark pins and music.
Cost is \$7 per person and includes shoes and bowling. Groups of four or more receive a 20% discount.
Learn to Quilt Learn the basic quilting skills and techniques in a quilting project you are working on. There are two classes scheduled from 10 a.m. to noon

Wednesdays, Feb. 10 and 24th.
Cost is \$7.50/\$12.50.
CPR and First Aid Get your CPR and First Aid Card Inlet training all in one night on Feb. 17 through March 24. Classes are offered for kids-ages three to 12 with varied abilities. Classes are 30 minutes and begin at 3:30 p.m.
Cost is \$23/30.
Fencing A new session of foil fencing will be held from 7 to 8 p.m. Feb. 19 to March 26. Beginning through advanced classes will be offered. Intermediate classes start at 8 p.m. and advanced will be held from 9 to 10 p.m.
Cost is \$10/\$15. There will be a \$10 equipment rental fee for those needing equipment.
Tumbling A new session of tumbling will start Feb. 17 through March 24. Classes are offered for kids-ages three to 12 with varied abilities. Classes are 30 minutes and begin at 3:30 p.m.
Cost is \$6 for preschoolers, \$8 for older kids.
Introduction to Microsoft Office 97 Part II This five week course from 7 to 9 p.m. on Thursdays from Feb. 1 through March 11, will provide students with an introduction to MS Office 97 with an emphasis on Microsoft Excel. You will learn spreadsheet secrets that make it easy, no matter how little experience you might have. Learn how to take the grind out of worksheets, formatting and functions in Excel.

Advertisement for 'We Want' featuring a form for submitting photos and information. The form includes fields for name, address, phone, and a section for 'Special Achievements' and 'Other Information'. It also mentions a deadline of February 15, 1999.

Banks refine, expand fees as customers hate so much

New competition Equires added Source of revenue

Knight Ridder News Service

Want to use an automated teller machine that's not your bank's? That'll be \$1.

Did you fall below your checking account's minimum balance? That's over \$6.

Want to talk to a teller? Call the bank's customer service number? Got your canceled checks? You could pay another \$2 to \$5.

Over the last decade or so, banks have been quietly executing a major shift in the way they price their products. As nonbank competitors have stolen some of their most lucrative business, they've turned to fees as a source of income. And that's growing dramatically.

At first, customers protested: "Why should I pay the bank to use my money?" But now, judging by recent years' proliferation of bank fees, it appears that most customers accept those charges and at least are resigned to them.

"Fees are something everyone is doing and has done for some

time," said Ricky Dailey, 42, a Concord, N.C., resident making a deposit at a First Citizens Bank branch in Charlotte, N.C., during lunchtime. "As long as I don't have any problems (with the account), I'll pay the fees."

The acceptance battle largely won, banks see new territory to conquer. They want to tinker with the fees that drive customers away. And they want to continue redistributing fees so the most profitable customers are rewarded and the unprofitable ones pay more of the freight.

The bottom line for customers: Bank fees are not going away, but banks will use them more strategically in the future.

In some ways, banks have found themselves in an unusual position compared to companies in other industries. Automakers don't feel the need to explain when they raise prices on new models because their customers, automakers never used to give away cars for free.

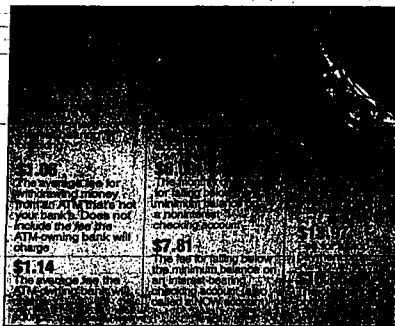
Net interest income — the money banks make from the business of taking deposits and making loans — used to be far more important than fees. The charters for most banks began to change in the 1980s, when deposit interest rates, already warped by inflation,

were deregulated, making the cost of funds for bank lenders more unpredictable. But even before that, competition was growing into banks' traditional markets.

"Generally up until the last 15 years or so, maybe even 20 years, banks had the blue-chip market to themselves," said Ross Waldrop, senior financial analyst with the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. "They tended to use the proceeds from business with commercial borrowers ... to somewhat subsidize retail customers."

Also, overhead was lower, banks offered few perks with their accounts, and they lacked sophisticated ways of measuring the cost of each account. Customers demanded fewer services compared to today, when even middle-class Americans want a host of investment and money-management services.

Now banks offer unprecedented convenience and a host of accounts that carry different levels of service. And the bigger banks are so good at knowing when other customers are making or losing their money that with a glance at a computer screen, a teller can make a customer's worth to the bank when he steps up to the counter. Customers may prefer to get their bank



services for free, but stock analysts, who speak for the banks' investors, praise the banks that regularly rather pay fee income. "Clearly the market and others are looking for companies that provide good returns, and one of the ways to improve that is to increase your percentage of revenue coming in the form of fees," said Don MacLeod, head of deposit products at Charlotte-based First Union.

"My earnings within banks are (being squeezed) and have been for years," MacLeod said. "That generally says we need a more constant revenue stream, and that's what fees are." Net interest income at commercial banks was bigger last year

than fee income — \$174.5 billion, compared to \$104.5 billion, according to the FDIC. But fee income has been growing faster. Between 1987 to 1997, it grew about 152 percent. During the same period, net interest income only grew about 75 percent.

But banks have realized they can't just blindly stick a price tag on every service or product they offer. Prices of everything from a call to the bank phone center to a face-to-face with a teller have to be more than overarching goals, bankers say.

Banks use some fees to discourage certain behavior such as bouncing checks or frequent use of services that are costly to the bank.

Here to stay

Mass mailings make debit cards almost ubiquitous

Knight Ridder News Service

Several years ago, CoreStates Bank made John R. Clarke an offer: How about taking a Visa debit card to replace his plain-vanilla MAC ATM card?

The card would still bear the MAC logo used in the Philadelphia area and would work the same as always at cash machines, the bank promised. It would work just as well, too, at groceries and other stores that accepted MAC payments.

But it would also do something else: It would enable him to pay thousands of other retailers — anyone, anywhere, that accepted Visa credit cards — with funds taken directly from his checking account. Just like a check, only with less effort on his part and more confidence that it would be accepted.

The Wynnewood surgeon said no thanks. He already had his MAC card to get cash, and credit cards that allowed him to make ... Please see DEBIT, Page C4

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Dow Jones Industrial Average

NEW YORK (AP) - Dow Jones Industrial Average closed at 9,345.70, down 13.13 points from 9,358.83.

Tuesday's meeting of Federal Reserve policy makers dampened Wall Street's enthusiasm all day, said Barry Berner, head of stock trader for Robert W. Baird & Co. in Milwaukee.

The Fed is kind of stuck, Berner said, because an impulse to cool the stock market down because of high-flying advances could prove inflationary, and the realization that any action that would send the market lower could slow consumption and have grave consequences for the economy, Berner said.

The Dow opened stronger after high-profile merger news in Europe pushed European stocks higher, but after Washington released data showing consumers earned and spent more money last December.

Debit

Offer them - though they are more likely to ask before issuing the card.

U.S. banks have found much to like about the so-called offline debit cards, especially the Visa Check Card and MasterCard's MasterMoney.

Consumer advocates warn that if a debit card is used fraudulently, or if goods or services were not delivered as promised, the customer is in a worse position than if something similar happens with a credit card.

So has FIMC, where Visa Check Cards now outnumber ordinary MasterCard by more than 3-to-1 among checking customers.

So have Sunbeam Bank and scores of other large and medium banks around the country. Even the smallest banks

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

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MILNER IRRIGATION DISTRICT BALANCE SHEETS OCTOBER 31, 1998

	ASSETS - October 31, 1998		
	General Funds	Ranch Fund	Total
Current Assets:			
Cash in Bank - M&O	\$ 2,295		2,295
Cash in Bank - Bond & Contract	145		145
Cash in Bank - Ranch		\$ 236	236
Total Cash in Bank	2,390	236	2,626
Investment in Government Investment Pool	315,694	41,113	356,807
Government Investment Pool - Reserve Fund	348,031		348,031
Accounts Receivable - Supplemental Water	24,525		24,525
Accounts Receivable - Excess Water	340		340
Palisades Contract Assessments	6,943		6,943
Ranch Crops on Hand		14,000	14,000
Ranch Cash Leases - Receivable		60,527	60,527
Total Current Assets	28,026	10,500	38,526
Property and Equipment:			
Land	526		526
Plant and Office Building	162,332		162,332
Irrigation System	1,292,822	6,312	1,299,134
Equipment and Office Furniture	429,642		429,642
Transportation	143,247		143,247
Total Property and Equipment	2,028,599	6,312	2,034,911
Other Assets:			
Future Assessments Palisades Contract	16,750		16,750
Total Assets	\$ 2,773,996	\$ 72,161	\$ 2,846,157
LIABILITIES & EQUITY - October 31, 1998			
Current Liabilities:			
Accounts Payable	\$ 12,646	\$ 23	\$ 12,669
Contract Payable	9,270		9,270
Retirement Withheld	923		923
Accrued Property Taxes	6,879	1,919	8,798
Palisades Storage Contract Payment	0		0
Total Current Liabilities	\$ 31,728	\$ 1,942	\$ 33,670
Deferred Liabilities:			
Palisades Storage Contract	17,778		17,778
Total Liabilities	\$ 49,506	\$ 1,942	\$ 51,448
Equity:			
Capital Fund Balance	2,028,599	6,312	2,034,911
Reserve Fund Balance	348,031		348,031
Current M&O Fund Balance	347,760		347,760
Total Equity	2,724,380	70,219	2,794,599
Total Liabilities and Equity	\$ 2,773,996	\$ 72,161	\$ 2,846,157

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DAIRY - Experienced milker needed. 2907 E. 2nd St., Burley, ID. 733-0556

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Statement of Revenue and Expenses - M&O Operation Fiscal Year Ended October 31, 1998

Revenues:	October 31, 1998
M&O Assessment	\$ 338,582
Supplemental Water	219,111
Excess Water	349
Interest	4,229
Proceeds from Invested Funds	16,581
Other Income and Refunds	0
Power Credit Adjustment	618,282
Total Revenues	618,282
Expenses:	
Administrative Payroll	47,306
M&O Payroll	101,238
Director's Fees	2,640
Payroll Taxes	12,536
Special Payroll	34,928
Employee Retirement	14,722
Power - Government	90,691
Power - Municipal Pumping	12,323
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Canal Maintenance	21,214
Water Control	11,482
Shoe Expenses	28,095
Gas and Oil	17,698
M&O Assessments	18,771
Plant Maintenance	4,023
Buildings and Grounds	3,013
Utilities	1,949
Telephone	2,594
Office Supplies	1,439
Insurance	10,343
Two Way Radio	11,559
Legal and Audit	3,758
Conferences and Conventions	615,410
Miscellaneous	0
Total Expenses (Expenses)	\$ 6,872

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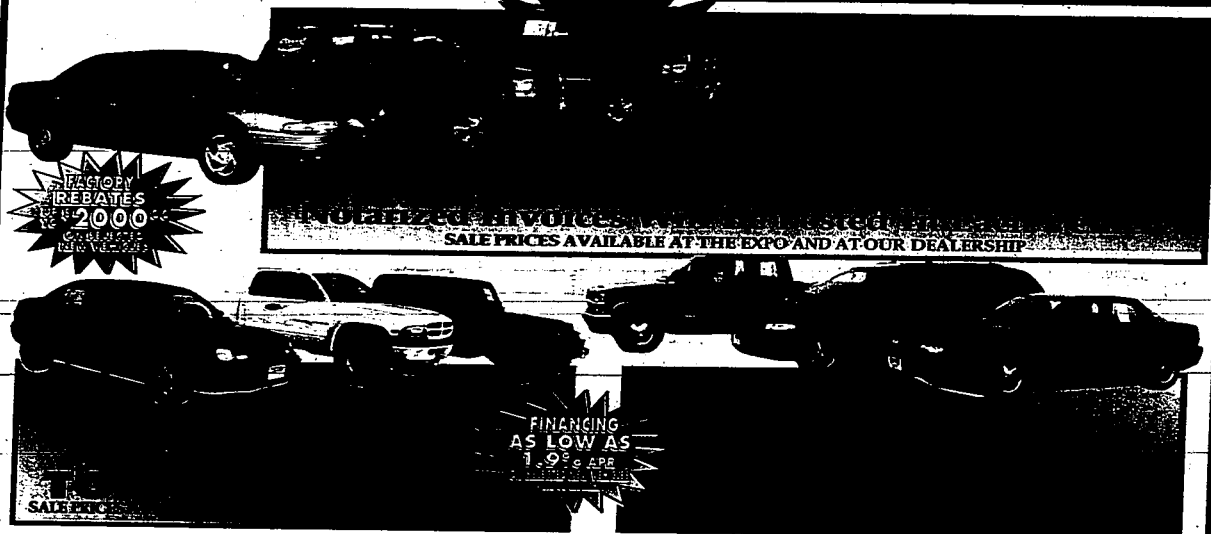
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MORNING LINE

SPORTSQUOTE

“ Officially, it was fourth- and sixth-round draft picks, which amounts in football to key chains and fingernail clippers.”

— Randy Galloway in the Fort Worth Star-Telegram, writing on the then-Houston Oilers trading quarterback Chris Chandler to the Atlanta Falcons

Conference standings

Team	W	L	T	PF	PA	Diff.
Utah	10	2	0	276	176	+100
Idaho	8	2	0	237	172	+65
Montana	8	3	1	221	167	+54
Wyoming	8	3	1	246	186	+60
Colorado	7	4	1	237	197	+40
Arizona	7	4	1	211	177	+34
Utah State	7	4	1	212	182	+30
Washington State	6	4	1	212	182	+30
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Weekend upsets in Utah help 5th-place CSI men

By Daman Clow Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho men's basketball team played just one game last weekend, beating Treasure Valley Community College 81-57.

The Golden Eagles then relaxed, took in some cowboy boozing across campus, watched Curtis Bobb's beloved Denver Broncos win the Super Bowl, and let the rest of the Scenic West Athletic Conference go haywire.

Ricks College walked into Orem and defeated 18th-ranked Utah Valley State College in overtime, 66-63,



then scored a season-low 49 points in an 18-point loss to Salt Lake Community College the following night as UVSC barely recovered and edged 38 North Idaho by five points.

That put CSI (6-4) a half-game behind the third-place duo of UVSC and Ricks. The Wolverines take on travel partner SLCC this week, while both the Golden Eagles and Vikings have a pair of games.

The loss to the Bruins was the Vikings' lowest offensive output since a 65-60 loss to Miles City. Ricks had been averaging 82.5 points per game headed into the weekend.

The job doesn't get easier for Ricks coach Clyde Nelson, whose team hosts Snow and Dixie College — the conference's two top teams — while CSI goes to Eastern Utah and Colorado Northwestern.

Colorado Northwestern, winless in SWAC play, lost by 14 points at Dixie, then fell hard, 35-39 the next night. CEU lost by 14 to Snow and 15 to Dixie.

On the women's side, the favored teams came out of the weekend unscathed. Ricks, Dixie and Snow each won its bid to stay within reach of CSI, which beat Treasure Valley 56-49 in its lone match.

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

- ### Girls' high school basketball
- A-1 Region III tournament
 - Twin Falls at Burley, 7 p.m.
 - Pocatello at Hightland, 7 p.m.
 - A-2 District 4 tournament
 - Wadsworth vs Wood River, 7:30 p.m.
 - A-3 District 4 tournament
 - Glendon Foy at Valley, 7:30 p.m.
- ### Boys' high school basketball
- Camas County at District
 - Managers at Castleton
 - Rufi River at Hansen
 - Shoshone at Kenburn
 - Oskey at Haggaman
 - Curry at Bluff
 - Twin Falls at Mountain Home
- ### High school wrestling
- Kamohy, Glenn Foy vs Wood River
 - Gooding, Jerome IV at Filer
- ### High school bowling
- Kamohy at Gooding
- More sports news, junior-senior football game, page 2 and page 3.

DENVER'S DAY

Fans beg Elway to return

The Associated Press

DENVER — Thousands of fans, some with their faces and heads painted blue and orange, some holding infants swaddled in mini-John Elway uniforms, gathered under cloudy skies Monday to celebrate the Broncos' second straight Super Bowl victory and plead with Elway to play one more season.

"He won't come back because he wants to be the only quarterback to three-peat," said Cindy Dennis Chery, a season ticket holder for her parents before he left.

But, begging a reporter, she added, "It's not just Elway anymore. We have a whole team now — Terrell Davis, Bill Romanowski, Rod Smith."

Many of Elway's teammates said they expect him to retire, but that was before Sunday night's 34-19 victory over the Atlanta Falcons. Elway was named the game's MVP.

Speaking to a crowd of an estimated 375,000 at a downtown rally that followed a victory parade, fans begged Elway to stay in Denver.

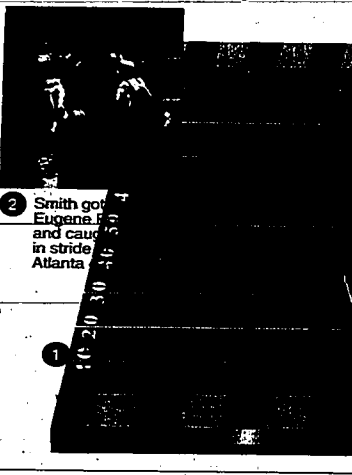
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Play of the game

With 4:54 left in the second quarter, John Elway hit wide receiver Rod Smith with an 80-yard touchdown pass which put the Broncos ahead 17-3. This came on the first play after Morten Anderson missed a 26-yard field goal.



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2 Smith raced untouched into the end zone.

3 Smith raced untouched into the end zone.

AP/Ed Do Gasser

BSU coach resigns

Will assume volleyball post at Michigan

The Times-News

BOISE — Boise State University volleyball coach Mark Rosen has resigned to accept the head coaching position at the University of Michigan.

Rosen just completed his first season as the head coach of the Bronco volleyball program. He was named to that position in December 1997 and led the Broncos to a 1998 record of 11-9 overall and 11-5 in the Big West Conference.

Monday's news came as a surprise to the College of Southern Idaho coach Ben Stroud, who was possible candidate for year before BSU decided to go with Rosen.

"They talked to me a little bit last year, but it didn't go too far," said Stroud, coach of the six-time NJCAA champion Golden Eagles. "Obviously, they weren't too interested."

Stroud said he received a phone call and an application from the school, but did not get an interview.

Rosen joined Boise State after four years at Division II Northern Michigan. During those years, Rosen led the Wildcats to four NCAA Division II Final Four appearances, including the 1994 National Championship.

The Wildcats also won the 1994, 1995, 1996 and 1997 Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference championships.

Rosen takes over from Greg Giovannini, who resigned Dec. 4 after seven years because of health concerns.

Boise State Athletic Director Gene Blum said Rosen's departure will begin immediately to replace Rosen.

IN BRIEF

Special Olympics come to Pomerelle Ski Resort

ALBUQUERQUE — The Special Olympics are coming to Pomerelle Ski Resort.

The Special Olympics Area 5 of the greater Magic Valley and Area 6 of the Pomerelle/Blackfoot area will hold their Area Winter Games at Pomerelle Ski Resort on Tuesday, Feb. 2. Opening ceremonies begin at 9 a.m.

The athletes are invited to cheer on the Special Olympians. Those interested in volunteering for Special Olympics are also invited to take part. For more information, call 733-5457.

Sawtooth Mountain Guides offers Level II course Feb. 7

STANLEY — Sawtooth Mountain Guides, based in the Sawtooth Mountains outside of Stanley, is once again offering a Level II Ski Guiding and Avalanche Hazard course.

The course, set for Feb. 7-11, is a five-day field-based course which will use the Williams Peak ski lift — located at an elevation of 9,000 feet in the Sawtooth Mountains — as a base location.

The course will provide participants with a thorough review of the characteristics of snow and avalanches, and educate them in using the techniques of forecasted-avalanche hazard and snowpack stability prior to planning and leading a ski tour.

The course will be taught by Rick Wyatt, field instructor for American Avalanche Institute and mountain and ski guide.

The cost is \$500 for five days, which includes all instruction, food, lift use, course material and course completion certificate. For more information, call 208-774-3324 for more information.

Skiers, snowboarders may register to fight diabetes

FAIRFIELD — The Diabetes Care Foundation and Soldier Mountain Ski Area are co-sponsoring and seeking ski and snowboard enthusiasts for the second annual Downhillers for Diabetes fundraising event, set for Feb. 27 at Soldier Mountain.

The event will run Saturday, Feb. 27 from 9:30 a.m. until 3 p.m. Entry fees and rules can be picked up at Cascade's Sports, Elevation Sports or at Soldier Mountain. For more information, call Brad Newby at 733-5033.

Compiled from staff and wire reports.

Jerome girls rally past Minico in A-1 regional opener

By John Dyer Times-News writer

JEROME — It would have been the perfect prelude after a frustrating season for the sixth-seeded Minico Spartans to rally and defeat the seventh-seeded Jerome girls' basketball team.

For nearly three quarters it looked like that might just happen, but an 18-0 second half run by Jerome moved the Tigers forward in their first year of A-1 basketball.

Jerome called and escaped with a 55-45 victory. The Tigers now wait until

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Saturday before they hit the hardwood again, while Minico will play Highland today in a loser-out game. The Rams had thoughts of an upset also as they narrowly lost to cross-town rival Pocatello 34-32.

In the other first round regional action today, Burley hosts Twin Falls.

"We weren't playing our game. We needed to step it up and get focused," said Jerome's Camille Brittain, who led 10 of her game-high 15 points in

the second half.

The Tigers were short a coach as Michelle Skyles had a bad case of the flu and didn't want to chance infecting the team during the regional tournament. Ken Wright, a first-year assistant, and junior varsity coach Elmer Musgrave took charge for the game.

"I think her being gone had a big effect," Musgrave said. "They are used to the way she works the game and is an emotional part of it. I think they missed that tonight."

The teams met twice during the season with Jerome taking both victories — the first by four points at home, then a

blowout on the Spartans' home floor.

The Spartans, using an effective press and shooting the ball well, went up by four midway through the third quarter as Jennifer Child hit a long jumper. Brittain scored inside for the Tigers, but Clare Bodenstener stole the ball from the Tiger guard and went in for the layup as Minico led 38-34.

The Tigers took over from there. Brittain scored again inside, Cynthia Bell hit a jumper, and sophomore Kerley Osborn connected in the paint as Jerome took a two-point lead going into the final period.

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SPORTS

Jerome

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The Tiger run continued as Britain, Bel, Brandi Escovar and Kendra West all came out and Jerome pushed the ball up the court to get the easy buckets.

When the run finally ended, the Tigers by 14.
We changed our press breaker in the second half and talked about getting the ball inside, Magrivo said.

The Spartans finally got on the board with two minutes left as Cullie Garney hit a jumper. The Spartans kept the pressure on and went on a 6-1 run over the next 90 seconds.

I am pleased with the effort, but at times we lacked execution, said Minico coach Jodie Mills.

Jerome was in control early as West, who finished the night with 13 points, converted a three-point play and hit a short jumper as the Tigers led by nine early in the game.

We wanted to work the ball inside because we had the size advantage. We were a little off because we didn't have our coach," West said.

LAUSANNE, Switzerland (AP) - An IOC panel proposed Monday that athletes face life bans and fines of up to \$1 million in serious cases of "intentional doping."

The Spartans, despite a 2-17 record, were not about to give up. With an effective press and solid shooting, Minico charged back and took the lead at the 2:00 mark with a 10-2 run. They ended the half with five-point lead as Shiner Crystal mailed a put back at the buzzer.

There are a couple of stupidities in there," said Dr. Michel D'Hooghe, the head of FIFA's medical committee and a key player at the three-day drug summit opening Tuesday.

FINA, the international swimming federation, also cast doubt on the plan.

It is not necessary that all federations use the same points" of a global doping policy, FINA secretary Gunnar Werner said.

The text, prepared by IOC vice president Keba Mbaye of Senegal, was an attempt to get all Olympic sports federations and national governments in line after years of disagreements over

Proposal would create lifetime bans, heavy fines in serious doping cases

doping policies. The proposal calls for the stiffest penalties in cases of intentional doping, use of masking agents, tampering with samples and refusal to undergo tests.

Athletes found guilty of those offenses when they do not voluntarily accept a life ban and a fine of up to \$1 million would face fines of up to \$1 million and a life ban.

The same would apply in the case of a repeat offense involving stimulants.

A first intentional abuse of stimulants would result in a two- to eight-year ban, a ban on competing in most major events and a fine of up to \$100,000.

The IOC, already facing mounting pressure from a bribery scandal,

Proposal would create lifetime bans, heavy fines in serious doping cases

hoping a new drug policy will lift the gloom over the Olympic movement. But even before the conference started disagreements were rife and another clash between the IOC and FIFA seemed inevitable.

IOC and FIFA seemed to find a compromise, Olympic drug chief Prince Alexander de Merode had topped down the IOC's position that federations

refusing to adopt a mandatory minimum two-year suspension for repeat offenses would face removal from the Olympics.

FIFA has always opposed such a policy, claiming it would never hold up for drug-abusing players.

The IOC working group's proposal says the two-year sanction may be reduced in certain cir-

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stances." De Merode said this would open the way for an honorable compromise. "No, so, said FIFA.

"We won't fall for that," D'Hooghe said.

For FIFA the proposal also remained unacceptable to FIFA on several other points.

D'Hooghe said FIFA would not accept a part of the plan that would kick a team out of a competition if one of its members was disqualified for doping.

He said that, in that case, Argentina would have thrown out of the 1994 World Cup after Diego Maradona tested positive for drugs.

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D'Hooghe also objected to the IOC's proposed definition of doping, arguing it only covered health risks and did not address moral issues and the integrity of competition.

And he said million-dollar fines would be unworkable. "Why not make it \$100 million, it is utopia," he said, arguing no court would uphold such fines.

For FIFA the major flaw of the proposal remained placement of the burden of proof on the sports federations.

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Rodman, Strickland lack NBA contracts

The Associated Press

With opening night in the NBA just a few days away, the seven-time rebounding champion and last season's assists leader are still available on the free agent market.

For Dennis Rodman, it appears his next team will be the Orlando Magic or Los Angeles Lakers. For Rod Strickland, it's a choice between taking \$27 million from Washington, holding out or hoping for a trade.

Rodman, Strickland, Kevin Johnson, Jim Jackson, Sherman Douglas, Dominique Wilkins and Scott Burrell are the top free agents still on the market, although all of them have narrowed their options to a few teams.

Rodman's first choice seems to be Orlando, where he would be reunited with his former coach, Chuck Daly.

The Magic played Monday night in Miami, where Rod Strickland spent the past week attending Super Bowl festivities.

Orlando owner Rich DeVos is wary of bringing in a player with such a checkered reputation, so Rodman could end up being available to the Lakers.

Shaquille O'Neal has endorsed the possibility of bringing in Rodman, who would come as the only true power forward on the Lakers' roster.

Meanwhile, the stalemate between the Wizards and Strickland showed no signs of ending. Washington has offered Strickland a five-year contract with three years guaranteed for \$27 million. Strickland's agent, David Falk, is said to be demanding \$55 million guaranteed.

With no other team able to offer Strickland more than \$17.5 million for one-year, his options are limited.

The Rockets and Pistons also have interest in Johnson, the 11-year veteran who spent almost his entire career with the Phoenix Suns.

Douglas, who played last season for the New Jersey Nets, is said to be in the Strickland situation unfolds.

If Strickland is traded by the Wizards, Douglas would sign in Washington. If Strickland stays, Douglas probably would accept the next-most lucrative offer from the Los Angeles Clippers.

Johnson, who played for the Warriors, 76ers, Nets and Mavericks over the past two seasons, is drawing interest from teams needing a scorer. It's still possible that he'll be involved in a sign-and-trade deal sending him from Golden State to a contender.

Once the Jackson question is answered, it should give Wilkins, the nine-time All-Star and former scoring champ, an idea of where he can sign. Aside from several of the top contending teams, the Toronto Raptors and Orlando Magic have expressed interest.

Burrell, who played last season for the Chicago Bulls, might end up taking a one-year offer from the New Jersey Nets.

Other veterans still available include Chris Morris, Stanley Roberts, Oliver Miller and Brian Shaw.



Anne Abernathy of the Virgin Islands women's luge team poses with her sled Jan. 8 in Park City, Utah. Abernathy, 45, has four Olympics under her belt already and is preparing for No. 5 in 2002.

'Grandma Luge' prepares for fifth Olympics in 2002

SALT LAKE CITY — Old Man Winter has nothing on Grandma Luge.

Forty-five-year-old Anne Abernathy, with four Olympics behind her and a fifth looming in 2002, could capture the gold as the oldest female competitor in the luge if medals were given for longevity.

Abernathy claims — through a technicality — to be the oldest woman to successfully compete as a winter Olympian.

At age 45 and 318 days, Edwin Chamier of Canada competed in the alpine combined event during the 1936 Winter Olympic Games, according to record books. But she withdrew before the final slalom run and was disqualified.

Abernathy, who competes for the U.S. Virgin Islands, has been the senior athlete in her sport for the last four Winter Games.

"The last Olympics, I was twice as old as most of the athletes and I'll be three times as old" when Salt Lake City hosts the 2002 Winter Games, she said.

The European press has dubbed her Grandma Luge, even though she has no grandchildren and has never married. She will be 48 when she competes in 2002.

Abernathy came to the sport relatively late. She fell in love with the luge at age 28 when her parents gave her a trip with a local ski club to Lake Placid, N.Y., which was host to the 1980 Winter Games.

"A sled went by and I went 'wow!' she recalls. Two years later she tried it and was hooked. "I never thought of it as speed. I thought of it as fun. That's why I'm still doing it."

When she entered her first Olympics at 34 in 1988, it was the first time the Virgin Islands had competed in a Winter Games.



Abernathy prepares to leave the starting gate during a practice session at the Winter Olympics last year in Utsunomiya, Japan.



The islands, like Puerto Rico and Guam, compete as independent nations.

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Top seeds win in A-2 girls action

The Times-News

Top-seeded Filer cruised through the first half and then survived a third-quarter scare to beat the upstart Wendell Trojans 48-37 Monday in the first round of the girls' Class A-2, District 4 basketball tournament.

Buhl beat Wood River 52-24 and No. 3 Kimberly beat Gooding 45-25, giving the upper seeds a clean sweep of 41st-round action.

Wendell takes on Wood River today at 7:30 p.m. at Gooding High School. The winner will face Gooding Wednesday at 6 p.m. before Buhl meets Kimberly for a shot at the top-seeded Wildcats (16-5) Thursday night.

Filer 48, Wendell 37

FILER — Kara Hymus had 15 points and 12 rebounds to lead Filer (16-5) over Wendell.

"We played really well defensively in the first half," said Filer coach Brett Wright, whose squad led 23-7 at halftime before being outscored 19-4 in the third quarter. "The shots they were missing in the first half were going in in the third quarter."

"She kind of really got us going," said Buhl coach Joe Shepard. "We just kept building on the lead from there."

Buhl 52, Wood River 24

BUHL — After the visiting Wolverines scored the first three points of the game, Buhl's Erin Scott had eight first-quarter points as the Indians (15-6) regained the advantage for good.

"She kind of really got us going," said Buhl coach Joe Shepard. "We just kept building on the lead from there."

"She's been pretty healthy in the last two seasons," said Dallas Simons of Herndon, Ia., Abernathy's physical trainer for 12 years.

It wasn't always so. For more than a decade Abernathy has battled Hodgkin's disease, a cancer of the lymph nodes that affects the body's ability to fight infection. She also has fought through a fractured kneecap, torn ligaments in both knees, a broken wrist and elbow and countless bumps and bruises.

Though she has never won a medal in a major competition, Abernathy remains determined. She used a loan to fund her trip to Lillehammer, Norway, and quit her job as programming producer for special projects for AOL International in March 1997 to train for the 1998 Winter Games.

For several years she was financed in part by her employer, Spring International. Today, as president of her own finance company, Enterprise Fund, Abernathy can pack along her laptop and stay plugged in.

The 2002 Winter Games will be her last. She has no plans to go for the overall longevity record of Winter Olympian James Coates of Great Britain. Coates was 53 when he competed in the skeleton luge in 1948, according to the "Complete Book of Winter Olympics."

But that doesn't mean Abernathy will be leaving the sport after 2002. She hopes to manage a team of luge athletes from the Caribbean, where license plates read "America's Paradise" and ice is what keeps a tall drink cool.

"It's probably," she says dryly, "going to be my greatest challenge."

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Kimberly 45, Gooding 25

KIMBERLY — Kara Erickson outshot all scorers with 15 points for the Bulldogs (6-15).

The Bulldogs came out very strong, shutting out the Senators 10-0 through the first quarter and still leading at the half, 21-5.

"We came out with a lot of pressure, and took control of the first half," said Kimberly coach Mike Erickson. "We kept up the intensity throughout the entire game and played great."

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Boys' basketball TFCA 64, Turmuth JV 43

TWIN FALLS — The Warriors and Red Devils junior varsity battled it out Monday night during a non-conference game of hoops.

The Warriors, coached by Christian Academy, took the 64-43 win.

"Defensively we played very intense, and kept up the boards. Excellent shots were made to balance the scoring," said Warrior coach Brent Walker.

"Luke Walker, Nick Mullin, and Matt Jones all worked hard and contributed with some phenomenal rebounds."

TFCA is 7-4 overall, and will host Magic Valley Christian High School next Thursday.

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SPORTS IN BRIEF

Wind, snow delay first super-G race
VAIL, Colo. — Snow and wind forced postponement Monday of the women's super-G, the first scheduled event of the World Alpine Ski Championships.

Snow began falling in the Vail Valley at sunrise and, with only intermittent breaks, continued into the afternoon. With only a couple hours of dependable light remaining, the race jury decided to postpone the race.

Seattle's Safeco Field gets All-Star game
SEATTLE — After a 22-year absence, the All-Star game is returning to Seattle.

The 2001 All-Star game will be played at Safeco Field, commissioner Bud Selig and All-Star president Gene Boroff said Monday. The Mariners are scheduled to move into their new retractable-roof stadium on July 15 after opening the season in the Kingdome, site of the 1978 All-Star game.

Former Idaho Vandal makes Pro Bowl
NEW YORK — Denver Broncos guard and former Idaho Vandal Mark Schlereth, and Tennessee Oilers tight end Frank Wycheck were selected Monday as replacement players for the AFC Pro Bowl squad.

Schlereth, a 10-year veteran, will replace Oilers guard Bruce Matthews, who will miss Sunday's game with a knee injury. Schlereth's only previous Pro Bowl appearance was in 1992, as a member of the Washington Redskins. Wycheck will replace Broncos tight end Shannon Sharpe, out with a knee injury.

Big Sky honors Weber State forward
OGDEN, Utah — Weber State forward Harold Arceaneux has been named Big Sky Conference basketball player of the week, the league announced Monday.

Arceaneux, a 6-foot-6, 215-pound junior from New Orleans, broke the Dee Events Center record with 39 points in Weber State's 57-42 victory over Eastern Washington last Wednesday.

He followed that up the next night with a 35-point effort in a 92-82 win over Portland State.

Utah, Rice forwards win WAC recognition
DENVER — Utah forward Alex Jensen and Rice forward Alex Bouquieff have been named Western Athletic Conference's basketball players of the week.

Jensen, a senior from Centerville, Utah, in the Pacific division, had a triple-double in his team's 87-74 win over Fresno State. Bouquieff averaged a double-double as rice beat SMU and No. 24 TCU last week.

Compiled from wire reports

Syracuse hands No. 1 Connecticut season's 1st loss 59-42

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — Two injured starters and one of the worst offensive performances in almost two decades meant the end of upstart Connecticut's unbeaten season.

Freshman Damone Brown scored all 14 of his points in the second half and No. 16 Syracuse beat the Huskies 59-42 Monday night as they played without leading scorer Richard Hamilton and leading rebounder Jake Voskuhl.

The Huskies (19-1, 11-1 Big East) had their 16-game conference-winning streak snapped as well as their 31-game winning streak at home.

Syracuse (16-6, 7-5) won for the first time in five games by shooting 43 percent (23-for-54) and outrebounding the Huskies 32-26.

The Huskies struggled all game on the offensive end against Syracuse's zone, shooting just 36 percent (16-for-45), including 3-for-15 from 3-point range.

The game was tied 25-25 at halftime but Connecticut was just 7-of-22 (32 percent) from the

field in the second half as the Orangemen built a lead of as many as 19 points, 54-35, with 3:10 to play on a basket by Jason Hart.

Hamilton, the reigning Big East player of the year, has a bruised right thigh and is listed as day-to-day.

The 6-foot-6 junior is averaging 22.1 points and 4.8 rebounds. He was injured during the second half of Saturday's 78-74 victory over No. 9 St. John's.

Voskuhl, a 6-11 junior, has a stress fracture in his left foot and

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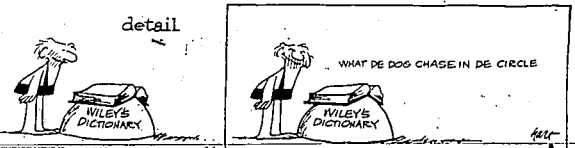
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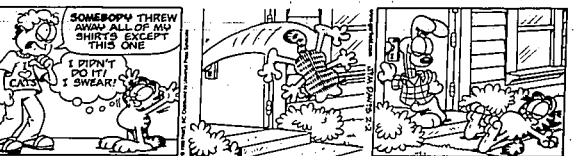
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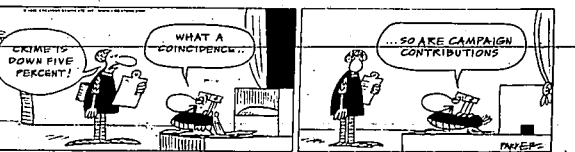
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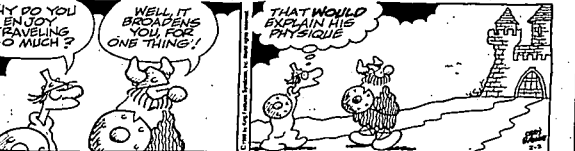
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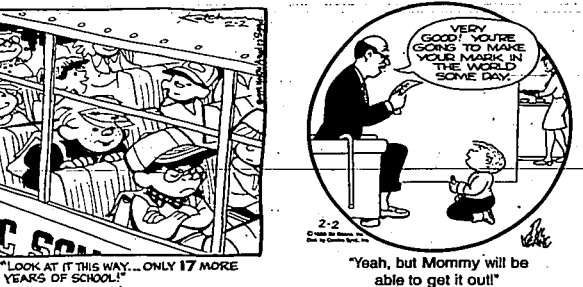


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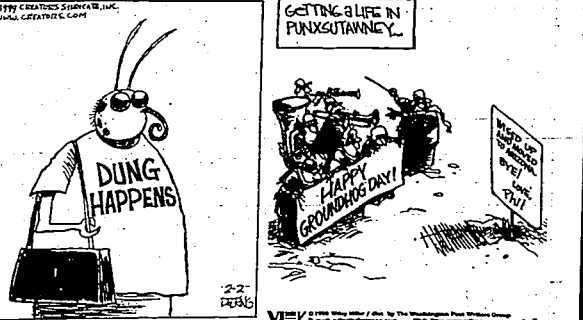


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