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# Commissioner resigns job

## Dennis Maughan takes state post.

By John T. Huddy  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** — Dennis Maughan will step down from his job as a county commissioner after five years to take a job with the state's Department of Health and Welfare.

Department officials Friday offered him a job as Health and Welfare Region V director. "I spent Friday with the department's administrators in Boise,"

Maughan said. "They offered the job to me, and I accepted it." Maughan, 44, was elected county commissioner in 1994 as a Democrat. In 1998, he switched parties to run successfully for reelection as a Republican, a move that sparked criticism from both sides.

As regional director, Maughan will oversee five field offices, health and welfare programs and the department's regional budget. His new \$62,400-a-year job is a



Dennis Maughan

\$26,623 increase from his county job, which paid \$35,776. Though the money is nice, it wasn't the main reason for his interest.

"The driving thing with this was the opportunity — and — the challenge," Maughan said. "The pay is good, but if you don't love what your doing, the pay doesn't mean any-

### Want to see?

Anyone interested in Dennis Maughan's job as a Twin Falls County commissioner should call Twin Falls Republican Center Committee Chairman Gary Grindstaff at 543-5755. Candidates must be Republican from District 3 in Twin Falls County.

The new job starts Oct. 15. Though he looks forward to the new challenges, he will miss his job as a county commissioner, he said.

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# Allegations fly over 4-H sale

## Questions arise over performance of packing plant

By Carol Ryan Dumas  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** — Only a month ago the annual 4-H Market Animal Sale at the Twin Falls County Fair was deemed a success, raking in \$230,000 from supportive buyers. Today it is the subject of serious conflict, dividing friends and sparking talk of lawsuits.

Some allege that the animals, slaughtered locally, were mishandled following the sale, and carcasses were damaged. The volunteer boards responsible for the sale and the 4-H beef program say it's all a lot of nonsense stirred up by a few disgruntled parents and competitive custom cutters.

"The one thing everybody agrees on is that the brouhaha could jeopardize the youth program and decimate next year's sale."

"They've already got it so that next year our sale is going to be a flop," said Rick Rodgers, a member of the Twin Falls County beef committee. "They've got buyers upset. I don't take kindly when somebody starts rumors around, and they don't have the facts."

Brenda Wengreen of Castletro, however, says youths in the program and buyers deserve some unstated facts.

"I know how much these kids put into it, and now it's just dog meat," said Wengreen, whose daughter, Krystle, 17, lost \$250 on one of her steers, discounted on grade and yield, and \$850 on another when the buyer rejected the meat.

"The carcass was ruined," she said.

A senior, Krystle Wengreen could participate in the program again this year, but she said she won't.

"I don't have any trust in the people on the beef board," she said.

John Harris, plant manager at Riverview, however, said U.S. Marine Roy Jernig, a former radio reporter sentenced to death for the 1981 killing of a Philadelphia policeman, was denied a fair trial. However, there is little likelihood he will be executed soon.

Tanned away challenges to Arizona's program allowing up to \$500 in tax credits for contributions to scholarships at religious and other private schools. Justice refused to review a state court decision that the credits do not violate the Constitution's requirement for separation of church and state.

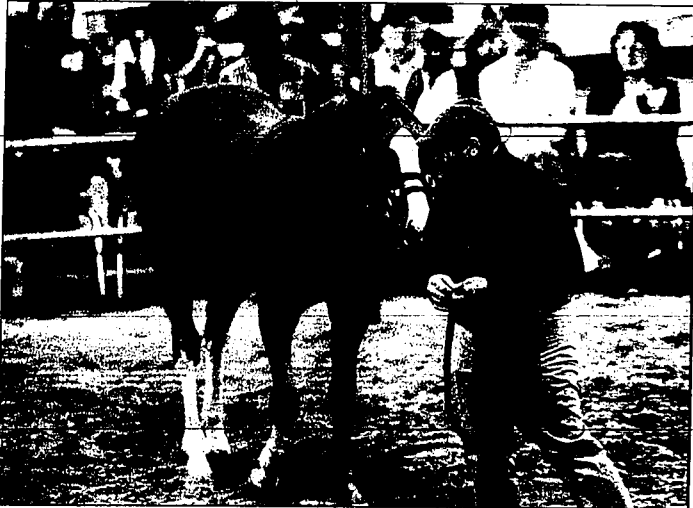
Colif standing a ruling that participation in Michael Jordan's deal between Atlanta, Va., 22-year-old with AIDS, in a rough-and-tumble karate school would pose too much of a threat to the health and safety of other students.

4-H leader Mary Comer, also of Castletro, said allegations lost grade and yield while waiting for slaughter.

Meanwhile, some buyers from the sale have been getting calls from custom butchers. Although

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## HORSE TRAINER RETURNS



Mostly Roberts waits for Tetan Boy to approach him in what Roberts calls "the moment of truth."

Roberts returned to Twin Falls on Monday to demonstrate his techniques for "gentling" horses. The event was a fundraiser for the College of Southern Idaho Rodeo Team.

## Nuclear mishap stirs up Japanese anxiety over atom

Night Rider News Service

**NAGASAKI, Japan** — The fall-out from Japan's worst nuclear accident last week goes well beyond a criminal investigation and national fury over the government's clumsy response. On a deeper level, the incident stirred the nation's collective anxiety over the power of the atom.

Japan, after all, is the only country with firsthand knowledge of the terror of nuclear weapons. More than 50 years after the United States dropped atom bombs on Hiroshima and this southern harbor city, bringing World War II to a close, nuclear power accidents resonate in Japan with unique and emotional force.

Atsushi Taguchi, president of the Japan Red Cross Nagasaki

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## School voucher backers hail ruling

### Court OKs tax breaks for school donations

The Associated Press

**WASHINGTON** — The Supreme Court is letting Arizona give tax breaks to people who donate money for scholarships at religious schools.

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A development saluted as a major victory by backers of tuition vouchers and other aid for families whose children attend private schools.

The court rejected two appeals Monday in which challengers called the Arizona program a flagrant violation of the constitutionally required separation of church and state.

The action comes at a time when the political debate over tuition vouchers is heating up,

sparked by Florida's adoption of the nation's first statewide voucher program.

The court, which began its 1999-2000 term with the traditional first Monday in October, flurried by issuing orders in some 1,750 cases, is sure to play a key — and still emerging — role in that debate.

Monday's action set no legal precedent, and the justices could decide sometime in the future to take up a similar case. In Arizona, the state's highest court voted 3-2 to uphold the tax-credit program.

Clint Bolick of the pro-voucher Institute for Justice said the Arizona ruling "will now resonate widely."

"Clearly, the momentum remains on the side of school choice supporters," Bolick said. The Rev. Barry Lynn of Americans United for Separation of Church and State disagreed. "It's dangerous to read too much into this denial of review," he said.

### In other action

Issuing a flurry of orders on opening day, the Supreme Court:

- Turned away arguments that ...
- Maria Abu-Jarrah, a former radio reporter sentenced to death for the 1981 killing of a Philadelphia policeman, was denied a fair trial.
- However, there is little likelihood he will be executed soon.

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## A BIG DEAL

# MCI looks to win race for Sprint

The Associated Press

**NEW YORK** — MCI WorldCom Inc. made a successful bid worth more than \$100 billion for Sprint Corp. Monday in what would be the largest corporate buyout ever, according to a person familiar with the negotiations.

MCI WorldCom sweetened its \$93 billion offer rather than risk losing the nation's No. 3 long distance carrier to rival BellSouth Corp., which had offered \$100 billion, the person said on condition of anonymity.

The boards of both companies voted to approve the deal Monday. Neither company would comment.

The terms of the deal, expected to be announced Tuesday morning,

are not available. A successful bid would produce the largest corporate merger ever, eclipsing the pending \$82 billion deal between Exxon Corp. and Mobil Corp.

It was unclear late Monday whether Bell South, an Atlanta-based Baby Bell, would raise its offer or walk away. Executives continued to meet with bankers and lawyers Monday night.

Also unclear was the potential of a third bid from Deutsche Telekom, which owns 10 percent of Sprint.

MCI WorldCom is the nation's second largest long-distance company and one of the world's biggest operators of the networks that make up the Internet, but has no wireless calling business.

Sprint PCS would fill that hole nicely.

BellSouth wants Sprint's long-distance business. Allowing the sale, its local telephone business in nine Southeast states. Like the other Baby Bells, the Atlanta-based company is hopeful that federal regulators will soon allow it to offer long-distance service in its home region.

Deutsche Telekom, meanwhile, needs Sprint to establish a foothold in the U.S. market. Even the mightiest telecommunications companies are racing to grab an edge in technology and geographic reach so they can compete in a market where distinctions between telephones, television, radio and computers are disappearing.

# THE REGION

# MAGIC VALLEY FIVE-DAY FORECAST

# YESTERDAY'S WEATHER

## Carnas Prairie

**High:** 65 **Low:** 31  
Sunny and breezy in the afternoon. Mostly cloudy on Wednesday with highs around 60.

## Treasure Valley

**High:** 72 **Low:** 42  
Mostly sunny and cooler. Light winds increasing to 20 mph in the late morning. Mostly cloudy on Wednesday.

## Sawtooth Mountains/Wood River Valley

**High:** 70 **Low:** 28  
Mostly sunny today, with increasing clouds tonight. Partly cloudy Wednesday with a slight chance of showers. Highs in the 60s.

## Eastern Idaho

**High:** 73 **Low:** 34  
Mostly sunny and locally hazy tonight. Partly cloudy, increasing to 10-20 mph in the afternoon. Partly cloudy on Wednesday.

## Northern Idaho

**High:** 68 **Low:** 41  
Partly cloudy, with winds increasing to 10-15 mph in the afternoon. Mostly cloudy on Wednesday.

## Northern Utah

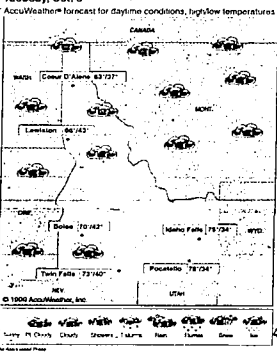
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## Northern Nevada

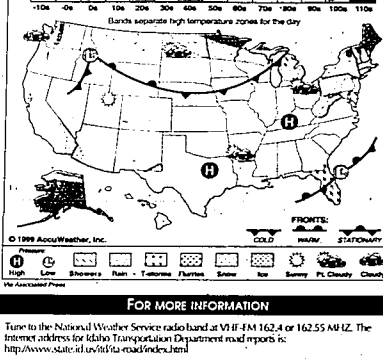
**High:** 72 **Low:** 38  
Sunny Tuesday and clear tonight. Partly cloudy with winds at 15-20 mph.

Today	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
High: 73 Low: 40 Sunny and a little cooler, with winds at 15-20 mph.	High: 68 Low: 38 Partly cloudy with a slight chance of showers.	High: 60s Low: 40s Partly cloudy.	High: 60s Low: 40s Mostly sunny.	High: 70s Low: 40s Mostly sunny and a little warmer.

## Idaho weather



## National weather



Twin Falls	Precipitation	Yesterday in Twin Falls
Yesterday: 69	35	Nation: High: 106
Last year: 59	34	Normal mo. to date: .10
Normal: n/a	n/a	Water year to date: .00
		Normal year to date: .10

Idaho	Highs/Lows	Comments
Boise	73/40	Idaho: High: 73, Low: 34
Burley	70/35	Idaho: High: 70, Low: 28
Coeur d'Alene	42/32	Idaho: High: 42, Low: 28
Grangeville	65/40	Idaho: High: 65, Low: 40
Hayden	65/40	Idaho: High: 65, Low: 40
Idaho Falls	63/27	Idaho: High: 63, Low: 27
Lewiston	71/43	Idaho: High: 71, Low: 43
Malad	72/m	Idaho: High: 72, Low: m
Meridian	70/40	Idaho: High: 70, Low: 40
McCall	63/23	Idaho: High: 63, Low: 23
Pocatello	66/29	Idaho: High: 66, Low: 29
Salem	63/27	Idaho: High: 63, Low: 27
Stanley	64/19	Idaho: High: 64, Low: 19
Sun Valley	m/m	Idaho: High: m, Low: m

## ACU-Weather.com

ACU-Weather.com forecast for noontime, Tuesday, Oct. 5. Includes a temperature scale and icons for weather conditions like High, Low, Showers, Rain, etc.

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## UV INDEX FIRE DANGER

UV Index: 3. Fire conditions in southern Idaho: moderate to orange. Lanes and moderate in forested lands.

## ACROSS THE NATION

Monday while most of the western two-thirds of the nation had clear skies, numerous showers and thunderstorms blanketed eastern sections of the United States.

## SKYWATCH

Sunset today 7:13 p.m. Sunrise tomorrow 7:40 a.m. Lunar phase: New, Oct. 9; first quarter, Oct. 17; full, Oct. 24; last quarter, Oct. 31.

## The Nation

City	High	Low	Pcp
Albuquerque	71	51	.07
Anchorage	47	31	.00
Atlanta	71	68	.21
Baltimore	50	41	.00
Chicago	54	42	.10
Dallas	74	58	.00
Denver	56	29	.00
Des Moines	56	29	.00
Detroit	56	44	.00
Honolulu	86	74	.00
Houston	90	68	.00
Indianapolis	56	44	.00
Kansas City	56	37	.00
Las Vegas	78	56	.00
Los Angeles	67	48	.00
Memphis	61	47	.00
Miami Beach	87	78	.00
Milwaukee	54	38	.00
Minneapolis	56	33	.04
New Orleans	76	74	.04
New York	61	43	.14
Oakland	66	44	.00
Omaha	63	31	.00
Phoenix	100	59	.00
Portland	49	43	.49
Portland, Ore.	55	44	.00
Reno	82	44	.00
St. Louis	58	44	.00
St. Louis, Mo.	58	44	.00
San Francisco	68	56	.00
Seattle	70	46	.00
Spokane	76	64	.41
Washington	102	69	.00

## Canadian Cities

Calgary	60	25	city
Edmonton	54	40	city
Toronto	51	36	city
Vancouver	58	43	city

# Custom cutters concur on carcass condition

By Carol Ryan Dumas  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS**—Several Magic Valley butchers reported problems with the condition of carcasses from the 4-H Market Animal Sale at the Twin Falls County Fair. 4-H beef committee members and managers of Riverview

Packing, the Burley packing plant which prepared the carcasses, both say the problems have been overstated. Here's a sampling of butchers' comments: "They weren't real great, as far as coming from a packing house. It left some (to be) desired," Brent "Oop" Johnson,

owner, Oop's City Market, Jerome. "It wasn't a good job. It was not 4-H quality beef when it came in. I called my customers to tell them. These are people I deal with every day," Dee Misenheimer, owner, Northland Cold Storage, Burley. "They were OK other than

they were butchered, cut into quite a lot. Some of mine are kind of gouged but nothing I can't live with. I don't know if it was just inexperience or they just didn't care," Gerald Knutson, owner, Knutson's Kustom Kutting, Filer. "Ours was very nice, really nice beef, clean," June Sherrill, B & L Meats, Buhl.

# Murderer asks for death sentence

Los Angeles Times

**SAN DIEGO**—Brandon Wilson testified Monday that he has no regrets over murdering 9-year-old Matthew Cecchi in an oceanfront bathroom and asked a Superior Court jury to sentence him to death.

"I feel absolutely no remorse for what I've done," he said. The 21-year-old Wisconsin drifter and drug user. "I would do it again in a second if I got the chance. ... You should do everything in your power to rid the world of me."

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beef committee members say the meat went to the cutters in good shape, most of the custom cutters who took delivery from Riverview were less than pleased with the carcasses. Some asked their customers what they wanted done with the meat. "They arrived in a condition we don't hold as acceptable ... so we contacted the owners," said Clint Carlin of Carlin Inc., a custom cutters business in Jerome. Carlin said the carcasses arrived in an unrefrigerated truck, full of flies. The carcasses were stacked on a truck's wooden floor, protected only by a layer of paper, and were dragged across the wood surface as they from taken from the truck, he said. The carcasses were poorly skinned and mottled with knife marks, gouges, and discoloration, calling for additional trimming. Meat arrived at a core temper-

ature of 45 degrees—"in temperature we would not be happy with," Carlin added. "My whole intent in this was to notify our customers. If it was our meat, we wouldn't eat it," he said. Corner and Carlin say the beef committee has tried to bring aside the issue. "They just want to stick their head in the sand and say there's not a problem," Carlin said. "If there's not a problem, why are we replacing carcasses? Bad things happen, but you stand up and say, 'Something bad happened.' But it's deny, deny, deny." "Nobody's trying to sweep anything under the rug," Rodgers said. "We've been trying to sort it out, find out what's going on." Committee members say the carcasses were inspected and approved first at the plant and a second time when officials were

called in to re-inspect the meat at Carlin's and Northland. Both Gaston, spokesman for the USDA's Food Safety and Inspection Service in Washington, D.C., verified that the carcasses passed inspection both times. USDA inspected plants are under constant inspection, and while the inspection service does not inspect delivery vehicles it has jurisdiction over the product. The carcasses were deemed worthy of the inspection stamp before delivery, she said. Peterson said Riverview will be happy to replace the carcasses. He'd like to get his hands on them and have them inspected himself to disprove the allegations. One carcass was collected from Northland's on Friday, re-inspected and found to have no problem, Peterson said. Another carcass, at Eden's Cold Storage in Hazelton, is also scheduled to be replaced.

Rheo Lanting, director of the 4-H program in Twin Falls County, is on both sides of the fence. "Certainly I don't want to do anything that's going to hurt the 4-H program," she said. But she is also a beef producer and had two extra 4-H animals butchered to be sold through the family ranch, Lanting Enterprises in Hollister. "My concern as a producer was the quality of the meat when it reached Carlin's. We have a pretty good reputation of selling the best meat," she said. "I was disappointed on how it was delivered and in the condition they were delivered in. We're not used to seeing carcasses slashed." While the USDA's officer assured the Lantings that the meat is safe, she's not taking any chances with the family's reputation for quality beef. "We'll taste-test the meat ourselves," she said.

# Maughan

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"The hard part will be leaving," he said. "You build up a lot of relationships with people." Maughan succeeds Joyce McRoberts, who was named as the department's deputy director in July. McRoberts worked as regional director for four years. She said Maughan's three years' experience on the Region V health and welfare board will help him settle into the job. "I think Dennis will adjust very quickly," she said. "He is a quick learner." Anita Henna, who will be working alongside Maughan at his new Twin Falls office, said she is happy and relieved that Maughan was appointed. Aside from her job as administrative support manager, Henna has been the temporary acting regional director. She worked with Maughan while he was of the Region V Republican Central Committee chairman. His new job is an important position, Henna said. "It's a big job, it truly is," she said. Now that Maughan is stepping down as commissioner, Gary Grundstaff, the Twin Falls Republican Central Committee chairman, has ten days to find interested candidates to replace Maughan — once he gets Maughan's resignation letter. He has not yet received the letter. This is the fourth time the com-

mittee had to replace a county official who resigned. The last time it happened, Brent Keinke was replaced by Carla Reed in 1999, Grundstaff said. "I think it's a process," Grundstaff said. Anyone interested in filling Maughan's position must be Republican and from District 3. Maughan's new appointment comes at a good time, his term is up next year. His replacement will have to face next year's election. Grundstaff expects to get about five applications. The committee will narrow that to three candidates and send their resumes to Gov. Dirk Kempthorne, who will choose Maughan's replacement. Maughan said he will continue to be interested in county issues. "If somebody wanted my advice, I'd be more than happy to offer that," he said. "As long as it wouldn't interfere with my new duties." Commissioners Reed and Marvin Heilmann will be most than able to handle the issues currently before the county, Maughan said. At this point, it's the matter of bringing up some loose ends, he said. "I'm looking forward to closing out my county responsibilities as best I can," he said.

# Japan

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Bomb Hospital, put it best: "We have a national allergy to nuclear energy and radiation. "If this sort of accident happened in America, it would be a national crisis. Periodicals paid at Twin Falls by The Times-News. Official city and county newspaper pursuant to Section 6408 of the Idaho Code. Thursday is hereby designated as the day of the week on which legal notices will be published. Postmaster, please send change of address to: P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, Idaho 83403.

Nuclear energy plays a complex role in Japan. The same country that even today mourns its fate as the sole victim of nuclear attack relies heavily on nuclear fuel for electrical power. And while the type and degree of accident released by a massive bomb are in a different league from a one-day leak in a fuel-processing plant, in many people's minds the two are indistinguishable.

"It's not just that nuclear weapons are bad," Koichi Fujiwara said as he collected signatures for an anti-nuclear petition in Nagasaki's Peace Park on a warm fall day. "Nuclear energy itself is bad, no matter what you use it for. We should be thinking about developing other sources of electrical power." The Japanese government announced plans on Monday to

search the offices of 20 nuclear facilities around the country Monday as it intensified the probe into practices that ignited Japan's worst nuclear accident. The government also said the operating procedures of all major power companies will be examined after discovering that the company that ran the uranium-processing plant did not follow government-mandated procedures.

# CORRECTION

Dennis Byington is the president of the Mr. Harrison Heritage Foundation. A story in The Times-News Monday

misidentified the head of the group. The Times-News regrets the error.

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# Floyd victims flood back to school

Many evacuees still live in shelters

TARBORO, N.C. (AP) - Nearly three weeks after Hurricane Floyd, thousands of students returned to class Monday in North Carolina's hardest-hit county. At one school, students came even though more than 100 evacuees were still living in their gym.

The gym at Tarboro High was one of the last shelters still open in Edgecombe County.

"You can't get away from it anywhere in Tarboro," said senior Jonathan Kirkland, whose home was spared. "I have so much, and these people have nothing."



Jonathan Kirkland, center, a senior at Tarboro High School in Tarboro, N.C., leaves school for lunch Monday. Kirkland and about 50 percent of the student body returned to classes Monday for the first time since Sept. 15 when the school closed because of Hurricane Floyd.

Monday was the first day Edgecombe County's 8,000 students had set foot in the classroom. Sept. 15, the day before Floyd came ashore and drenched eastern North Carolina more than 20 inches of rain, causing the worst flooding in state history.

Floyd has been blamed for at least 48 deaths in North Carolina. The high water drove more than

10,000 people into shelters and destroyed 3,680 homes. Floyd is expected to surpass Hurricane Fran, which caused \$6 billion in

damage in 1996, as the state's costliest natural disaster.

Two of the county's 14 schools did not reopen at all; they were

destroyed by floodwaters. Those 550 students will attend classes in trailers at other schools.

While teachers and administrators tried to restore a sense of normalcy, the flood was the dominant theme. In one class, students were asked to summarize their experience in one word. Among the responses: "wet," "lucky," "sad," "relieved" and "blessed."

Jeff Squires, a Tarboro High senior, was upset that he had to attend school. He said his family needs his help recovering from the flooding.

"I lost everything," he said. "I don't see why we're here."

Brad Cox was happy to see his friends from Princeton, the town of 1,900 across the Tar River from Tarboro, that remains undamaged. The flood scattered people from Princeton into shelters and, later, into the homes of friends and relatives.

"It's nice to know they can meet here at school," he said.

Businesses are reopening one by one, and the Tar and Neuse rivers are expected to drop below flood stage this week for the first time since the storm.

# Assistant principal suffers gun wound at high school

PHILADELPHIA (AP) - A high school assistant principal was shot in the leg Monday after he confronted a 17-year-old teenager suspected of carrying a handgun and a knife.

"I don't know if it was an accident on purpose. I don't know what the circumstances are," school district spokeswoman Pam Weddman said.

William Burke, 50, assistant principal at John Bartram High School in Southwest Philadelphia, was shot in his right thigh around 10 a.m. police spokeswoman Carmen Torres said. He was taken to the University of Pennsylvania Medical Center and his injuries were not believed to be life-threatening, a hospital spokesman said.

Superior Richard Dorsett, 17, said he was in a classroom when he heard one shot followed by screams in the hallway.

"I got to get out of there. That's

what I was thinking," Dorsett said. "I saw one of my closest friends come in crying."

After the shooting, witnesses said the suspect tried running into other classrooms but students held the doors shut. The suspect was later apprehended about a block away from the school. Police also recovered a gun believed used in the shooting.

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# Nuclear test ban is a hard sell

WASHINGTON (AP) - In 1958, deep in the Cold War, President Eisenhower proposed a global ban on all nuclear weapons test explosions. He said it would make the world safer.

He didn't have many takers. More than four decades later, winning ratification of a treaty to ban nuclear testing - a top Clinton administration priority - is still a hard sell. Indeed, President Clinton conceded on Monday that he doesn't have the votes needed for Senate ratification.

"I hope we can get them," he told reporters.

Despite repeated efforts by the "big nuclear powers" to limit the nuclear arms race - set in motion by the U.S. bombing of Japan in World War II - the issue hasn't been in the forefront of public attention during most of the 41 years since Eisenhower's proposal.

Study: Kids worried about weight loss are more likely to smoke

CHICAGO (AP) - Some children may see smoking as a way to lose weight.

Youngsters who want to lose weight are more likely to experiment with cigarettes, researchers reported in the October issue of the journal Pediatrics. The study looked at more than 15,000 children, ages 9 to 14.

"In both boys and girls we found children who thought about smoking were more likely to be concerned about their weight," said one of the study's authors, Dr. Neilson Field of Harvard Medical School and Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston. "And those who were doing something to lose weight were more likely to smoke than those who were not."

Children were asked questions about their weight, including what, if anything, they were doing to lose weight. They were also asked if they smoked or considered smoking. About 6 percent of the youngsters were contemplating smoking cigarettes and 9 percent had smoked.

"When you ask people what's the most important thing they worry about, the test ban treaty is not on the top of the list," said Mark Mellman, a Democratic pollster. Still, he said, "when you lay out the arguments to the public, the public overwhelmingly supports the treaty."

The Senate later this week will take up a treaty that would carry out Eisenhower's vision - an international pact intended to halt or at least slow the development of nuclear weapons by banning further testing.

To date, only the United States has used nuclear weapons - the two atomic bombs that ended World War II in August 1945.

Supporters of the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty say it is crucial to keep nuclear weapons from proliferating. They say it would keep large countries with advanced nuclear weapons

already in their arsenals, including Russia and China, from manufacturing even more threatening weapons.

And it would make it easier to rein in smaller nuclear powers, such as India and Pakistan, and stop a dangerous regional arms race.

Supporters of the ban also argue it would lock in superiority achieved through more than 1,000 U.S. nuclear tests.

"Our experts have concluded that we don't need more tests to keep our own nuclear forces strong," Clinton said as he met with his national security team to plot strategy for next week's vote.

"Since we don't need nuclear tests, it is strongly in our interest to achieve agreement that can help prevent other countries like India, Pakistan, Russia, China, Iran and others from testing and deploying nuclear weapons."

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# Ventura's popularity sinks following interview

# Clinton may get to Vietnam yet

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — Gov. Jesse Ventura's popularity plunged 19 points in a poll conducted after his Playboy interview, in which he disparaged organized religion and suggested that the perpetrators in the Navy Tailhook scandal were misunderstood.

Fifty-four percent of Minnesotans approve of Ventura's

overall job performance, according to the poll conducted by the Star Tribune of Minneapolis.

While still a majority, it's a drop from a record-high 73 percent approval in a July poll. At that time, Ventura had wound up a reasonably successful legislative session including passage of a sales tax rebate program that has brought a typical Minnesota fam-

ily a check of a few hundred dollars. Ventura's chief spokesman, John Wodolek, said the findings were a relief, given the storm of statewide and national criticism since the publication of the Playboy interview.

The poll, published Monday, was conducted Friday through Sunday, shortly after his interview with Playboy magazine became

public. In the interview, the pro wrestler turned Reform Party politician said "organized religion is a sham and a crutch for weak minded people."

He also suggested that the perpetrators in the Tailhook sexual harassment scandal were misunderstood, and joked that he would like to be reincarnated as a **SHIT** bird.

**The Washington Post**

WASHINGTON — President Clinton has been scheduled for some time now to go to Vietnam on a kind of anniversary tour — five months after he was sworn in as president.

Clinton has been scheduled to visit, bury the remains and all that. Sources say national security adviser Samuel R. "Sammy" Berger thought that would be fine, but he worried a substantive trip out

some magical mystery tour.

That matter Clinton would have to go to early next year, maybe as part of an expected trip to India and Pakistan. The political folks, along with Chief of Staff John D. Podesta, were said to be most decidedly averse to this. Clinton was expected to be hammered with headlines "dumb dudger goes to Vietnam now that it's safe" and such, the political folk felt.

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# Sheriff says massacre suspects involved in sixth slaying

WAYNESVILLE, N.C. (AP) — Two suspects in the massacre of five family members last week in western North Carolina, are believed to have been involved in an earlier killing more than 100 miles away, a sheriff said. The body of Chad McKinley Watt, 22, was found Saturday under a log in Alexander County near the boyhood home of

Charles Wesley Roache, 25, who is being held without bond for five counts of first-degree murder. Both Roache and a second man wanted in connection with the family slayings are suspected in the Watt slaying as well, Alexander County Sheriff Ray Warren said Sunday. The other suspect, identified

today as Christopher Wayne Lippard, 20, were still at large Monday. Investigators believe Roache and Lippard shot Watt before they killed the Earl Phillips family Thursday night while ditching a stolen truck and trying to take two of the family's vehicles. Watt died of a shotgun wound to the head, investigators said. A

shotgun was also believed to have been used in the Phillips killings. Warren said investigators believe Watt, Lippard and Roache gathered at a convenience store sometime Sunday, then left in Watt's vehicle. A fight broke out after the vehicle broke down, and Roache shot and killed Watt, Warren said.



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# Analysts expect interest rates to stay put

WASHINGTON (AP) — With the economy still racing along, the Federal Reserve should be getting ready to raise interest rates for a third time to cool things off. But most economists are betting that the central bank will leave rates unchanged when policy-makers meet today.

They base that view on what Fed officials have had to say in recent weeks and also on economic indicators showing that while economic growth has been strong, keeping unemployment at a 29-year low, inflation has remained benign as well.

"They definitely won't raise

rates," said Lawrence Chimere, economist at the Economic Strategy Institute, a Washington think tank. "They have moved preemptively twice this year. They can't keep pre-empting when the traditional indicators of an increase in inflation are not there."

The central bank raised rates for the first time in more than two years on June 30 and then again on Aug. 25, boosting the federal funds rate, the interest that banks charge each other, to 5.25 percent.

Those increases in borrowing costs for banks were matched in lockstep fashion by identical

quarter-point raises in banks' prime lending rate. The benchmark rate for millions of consumer and business loans now stands at 8.25 percent.

After the last rate increase, the Fed kept its policy directive, an indicator of future moves, at neutral, saying its two rate increases "should markedly diminish the risk of rising inflation going forward."

Despite that language, economists widely believed at the time that the Fed would not hesitate to move a third time at its Oct. 5 meeting to raise rates should the economy not be exhibiting signs

of slowing on its own.

That consensus view has now switched with most analysts betting the central bank will not raise rates at Tuesday's meeting even though economic growth in the just-completed third quarter is believed to have rebounded to a rapid clip of around 4 percent, far above the 3 percent rate many Fed policy-makers believe is prudent with today's tight labor market.

Analysts had changed their views basically because of a switch in emphasis in the public comments by Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan and other Fed officials.

# Aspirin enters Smithsonian

WASHINGTON (AP) — A century after its discovery, the wonder drug that works wonders took its place Monday in the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of American History.

Aspirin became one of more than 250,000 items in the museum's division of science, medicine and society, devoted to items that reflect scientific advances that improved American lives such as the artificial heart and the stethoscope.

Bayer Corp., the U.S. subsidiary of Germany's Bayer AG, donated a sample of aspirin's active ingredient, acetylsalicylic acid, and a replica of the first Bayer tablets made in 1899.

German scientist Felix Hoffmann is credited with the synthesis of acetylsalicylic acid in August 1897, becoming in effect the drug's discoverer.

"Take two aspirins and call me in the morning is almost an American icon," said Bayer Corp. president Gary Balkema.

Though the brand is 100 years old, it's more relevant today because researchers continue to find new uses for it.

In 1855, for example, the Food and Drug Administration approved the use of aspirin to prevent recurrent heart attacks and first heart attacks in people with unstable angina.

The drug — which comes as a pill, powder, suppository or a tablet that makes a fizzy beverage when dissolved — was developed in 1897 to relieve arthritis.

Over the last hundred years, people began to take the drug to treat headaches and other aches and pains.

By 1965, it was part of the first aid kit on the Apollo 11 mission to the moon.

# Sierra Club praises states for limiting sprawl

WASHINGTON (AP) — Spurred by people fed up with clogged highways and dirty air, many states are coming up with innovative programs to ease urban sprawl, a national environmental group says.

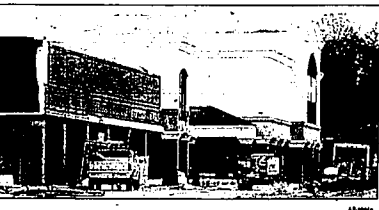
The group, the Sierra Club, says Maryland, Rhode Island, Vermont and Oregon got high marks.

But the Sierra Club found that some of the most densely populated areas, among them New York and Pennsylvania, still lag.

The study was only the latest in a string of recent surveys as the loss of open space in urban areas and was distributed as Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt urged Congress to move more aggressively to allocate \$900 million for buying parkland and open spaces.

Congress historically has come up with only about a third of the \$900 million that federal law provides. Numerous bills in both the House and Senate would guarantee the full \$900 million from revenues collected from offshore oil and gas drilling.

"People want more parks and recreation areas, more wildlife habitat, ... and they want to set aside more buffer lands to combat urban sprawl," said Babbitt.



A new grocery store and strip mall under construction in Greenville, S.C. The Sierra Club said Monday that South Carolina ranks low when it comes to protecting against sprawl.

In the Interior Department budget for the fiscal year that began last Friday, Congress came up with less than \$200 million for state and federal land purchases under the conservation program. That's a little more than a third of the Clinton administration's request.

The Sierra Club report, called "Solving Sprawl," ranked the states in four categories where governments tried to keep residents living closer to their jobs to avoid the pollution and gridlock

of extended suburbs.

Buying land around cities, improving mass transit, limiting development of green spaces and revitalizing urban centers were the subjects graded.

Half the states have acted to protect farms, and 20 have easement programs to prevent development of agricultural land, the Sierra Club said.

Maryland rated tops for protecting open space, with \$140 million earmarked to buy rural land in the next five years.

Under programs implemented since 1995, the states have protected 300,000 acres of farmland and other undeveloped areas.

Eleven states have approved statewide growth-management plans. The Sierra Club said Oregon, which in 1973 required communities to map out development within clearly drawn boundaries, was rated first in land-use planning. Oregon also created an elected, regional planning commission in 1978 to coordinate development around Portland. The state once lost 30,000 acres of farmland a year, but the figure has fallen to 2,000 acres a year.

Twenty-one states spent more than half their federal transportation money on new roads, which the Sierra Club criticized as a magnet for sprawl.

But Rhode Island ranked first in transportation planning by expanding its rail, ferry and bus systems. Last year, voters approved bonds to build 50 miles of new bike paths.

Milwaukee Mayor John Norquist shifted appropriations from an elevated freeway called Park East Freeway and redeveloped vacant land in the proposed road's path.

# CDC seeks to curb HIV virus in prisons

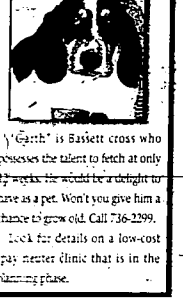
ATLANTA (AP) — Seven states will receive a total of \$7 million in grants to help develop HIV prevention programs in prisons, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention announced Monday.

Each state will receive between \$500,000 and \$1.1 million.

A study released by the CDC in August found that there are 8,900 inmates nationwide with AIDS and between 35,000 and 47,000 with the virus that causes it — a rate five times higher than the national average.

"Prisons and jails provide a critical opportunity to provide lifesaving HIV prevention services to a population that might otherwise be missed," said Dr. Helene D. Gayle, director of the CDC's National Center for HIV, STD, and TB Prevention.

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# High court rejects drug test challenge

WASHINGTON (AP) — Everyone offered a public school teaching job in one Tennessee county can be required to take a drug test, following the Supreme Court's rejection of a challenge by teachers who say the tests violate their rights.

The justices' action Monday set no legal precedent but likely will add fuel to the national debate over school drug testing and could encourage other districts to enact similar policies.

The teachers' appeal was one of hundreds turned down by the court as it opened its 1999-2000 term.

"If our children are not important enough and their safety and educational progress are not important enough to justify this limited drug testing, I don't know what would be," said Richard T. Bauer, attorney for the Knox County Board of Education, which adopted the drug-testing program in 1994.

The teachers contended the tests amount to an unreasonable search under the Constitution's Fourth Amendment if officials do not suspect the tested individual of using drugs.

Their lawyer, Robert H. Chamlin, noted the court's rejection of the teachers' appeal was not a ruling but added, "I expect there will be some search on the actions who misconstrue what the act of the court is and take this as a green light to go forward."

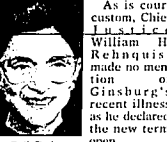
Julie Underwood, the National School Boards Association's general counsel, said she did not

# Justice returns to bench after surgery

WASHINGTON (AP) — Seventeen days after undergoing surgery for colon cancer, Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg was on the bench Monday as the nation's highest court opened its 1999-2000 term.

Ginsburg, looking slightly haggard and holding a bandage placed broadly as she took her place at the end of the bench. Before taking her seat, she smiled at her husband, Martin, and two grown children, James and Jane, who were in the courtroom.

She asked 12 questions of lawyers arguing the first of two cases heard by the court today.



Ruth Bader Ginsburg. Part of her colon was removed during her surgery on Sept. 17, but last week court spokeswoman Kathy Arberg said doctors found that the cancer had not spread to any lymph nodes.

know of other school districts with a similar teacher drug testing policy, although she said most districts require testing of bus drivers.

The Knox County policy requires everyone offered a job considered "safety sensitive" to undergo urinalysis drug testing. Jobs considered safety sensitive

include teachers, principals and assistant principals, teacher aides, school secretaries and bus drivers.

The policy was challenged in federal court by the Knox County Education Association, an organization of teachers, principals and other professional school employees.

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# Security Council allows Iraq to export more oil

**UNITED NATIONS** - While all deadlocked on an overall new policy for Iraq, the Security Council on Monday authorized Baghdad to temporarily export more oil.

The council unanimously adopted a draft resolution that slightly adjusts the U.N. oil-for-food program, which lets Iraq export \$5.26 billion in oil over six months to buy food and medicine for its people suffering under sanctions. The U.N. sanctions were imposed after Iraq's 1990 invasion of Kuwait.

Iraq is expected to reach the \$5.26 billion ceiling between Oct. 8 and 12 - more than a month before the six-month period expires Nov. 20. Without Security Council action, Iraq will not be legally able to keep exporting oil.

The new resolution, introduced by the Netherlands, would allow Iraq to keep exporting oil beyond the \$5.26 billion limit through Nov. 20 to make up for export shortfalls from previous six-month periods.

Because of low oil prices and production limits, Iraq fell more than \$3 billion short of the ceiling last year.

Dutch officials stressed that the resolution was a technical maneuver that didn't constitute any lifting of the export limit or easing of sanctions.

## Court sentences concentration camp commander to 20 years

**ZAGREB, Croatia** - The last known living World War II concentration camp commander was sentenced Monday to 20 years in prison - the maximum punishment permitted - for war crimes committed more than a half-century ago while running Croatia's infamous Jasenovac camp.

Dinko Sakic, 78, was found guilty of carrying out or condoning the torture and slayings of inmates while in charge of the concentration camp in 1944.

Jasenovac was considered the worst of more than 20 camps run by the pro-Nazi puppet state of Croatia. Tens of thousands of Serbs, Jews, Gypsies and anti-fascist Croats died in the camp, described by Jewish groups as the "Auschwitz of the Balkans."

Chief Judge Drazen Tripalo said that while committing Jasenovac, Sakic "maltreated, tortured and killed inmates - acts that he either personally ordered, participated in, or did nothing to prevent his subordinates from doing."

## Habibie calls for reforms, says he will be accountable

**JAKARTA, Indonesia** - Fighting for his political life, President B.J. Habibie on Monday renewed a call for the head of state to be elected directly by voters.

Under constitutional rules, Indonesia's highest legislative body, the 700-member People's Consultative Assembly, is to select the next president on Oct. 20.

Habibie, who replaced President Suharto after widespread riots in May 1998, is trying hard to keep his job after instituting widespread democratic reforms.

He has called on the assembly to adopt sweeping changes to Indonesia's 1945 constitution, including the direct election of the president.

"It might prevent national disintegration," he told reporters.

## Candidates blame each other for grenade attack

**KIEV, Ukraine** - Ukraine's presidential candidates placed blame on each other and the president Monday for a grenade attack that injured a top contender and dozens of other people.

Police have arrested two suspects in the apparent attempt Saturday to assassinate radical leftist legislator Natalia Vitrenko,



David Richmond, left, counselor and head of Chancery for the United Kingdom, and Peter Burieligh, right, deputy Ambassador of the United States to the United Nations, vote Monday on a resolution that adjusts the U.N. oil-for-food program, which lets Iraq export \$5.26 billion in oil over six months.

Vitrenko, a popular challenger to President Leonid Kuchma,

escaped with superficial injuries. At least 33 others, mostly members of Vitrenko's Progressive Socialist Party, were wounded.

Police quoted one suspect as saying he received the grenades from his brother, a campaign organizer for another candidate, Socialist Party head Oleksandr Moroz.

Security officials said Monday they were searching for the campaign organizer, who could have escaped into neighboring Russia.

## New terrorist group attacks, damages McDonald's

**ATHENS, Greece** - A previously unknown terrorist group shored a McDonald's restaurant with three gasoline bombs today, causing damage but no injuries, police said.

The anonymous caller claiming

to represent the group called itself "Friends Company" and police the pre-dawn attack in the Athens suburb of Eleusis was carried out to protest President Clinton's planned visit to Greece in November.

Windows and some tables in the restaurant were damaged, but no one was injured, police said.

Firebombings and attacks against American and other foreign targets are common in Greece.

November 17, one of Europe's most deadly militant terrorist organizations, has killed 21 people since their 1975 assassination of the CIA station chief in Athens. Most recently, it took responsibility for a rocket attack on a German branch in Athens last year.

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Time spent on fire drills is small price for safety

DEAR ABBY: Last October, a quarter of a million families took time out of their busy schedules to plan and practice how they would get out if their homes caught fire. They did this during The Great Escape, the unified North American fire drill held in communities large and small in conjunction with Fire Prevention Week.



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brother and his wife visited my family in our summer home in New York state. They presented us with a gift of wine upon their arrival. I selected a favorite bottle of wine from my own small collection and offered it to my sister.

Monday's Puzzle Solved 1 Across: Killer whale, Famous, Trumps, Lina's country, Falls, Rub out, Med. school, Vicinity, Nimble, Men course, Gallery, Friends, 'The Virginian' author Walter, Chickadee, Jack-of-no-lot, Teachers' org, Ultimatum, Ring, College financial supporters, Tilt, Giuseppe, Ring, Mita, Chronol, Antipathies, Treated with respect, CIA forerunner, Seeger and, Sings, Eat away, Enraged, Scoundrel, Bowdler, Main course, Distribute, Yummy, Halibut, Wooden capital, Out of the wind, Some tributary, Fry gently, Massachusetts, City, Lat, Translucent, Pith, Master of 'Got Shony'. 2 Down: 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72.

Virgo must pay attention to details

IF OCTOBER 5 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You are natural psychologist-writer. You have intense intellectual curiosity and many claim you have an abundance of sex appeal. Gemini, Virgo, Sagittarius persons play important roles in your life, could save these letters, initials in names: E, K, W. Before October is finished, you will gain added recognition and a more responsible position. During November, major burden will be removed.

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travel and could be talk of the town. Excellent for fund-raising, winning friends and influencing people. Luck in speculation. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Maintain emotional equilibrium. Libra reveals secret, slow attitude, not temper. Obtaining art object helps beautifully surroundings. Entertain at home, if possible.

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It makes sense why English football fans are called 'hooligans'

Q. If the late Jim "Catfish" Hunter wasn't the first \$1 million baseball player, who was? A. John Mayberry of the Royals signed in November of 1974. Hunter signed on New Year's Day of 1975.



WHAT'S WHAT? L.M. Boyd

Robbers with knives draw far more blood than do robbers with guns. Those who hold stipulates in scientific sex studies in the United States say the average length of a human mating match is 25 minutes.

Q. How was it the American bit in that we call hooligans survived every predator but man? A. Under attack, the females and young huddled tight inside a ring of mules, facing outward with heads down. An instinctive defense, seemingly. It worked pretty well against attackers without arrows or bullets.

Q. Can any animals other than humans develop Alzheimer's? A. In a word, yes, although it may not now be so called. Exactly similar symptoms have been noted in studies of lemons and other monkeys.

Q. What street term now in the Russian language for any young man who commits a violent crime while drunk is "hooligan". The musical scale of the western world was based on the range of the human voice. That's why it only uses about 90 of the 11,000 musical tones the ear can distinguish.

Q. Why were it proposed law to ban hooligans in Wisconsin? A. Nothing. A citizens group called "POOR" - People's Organization for Outdoor Preservation - fought it and won. Among their arguments: Outdoor provide Halloween entertainment. Strung milkers who milked dairy cows only by hand - oh, yes, a long time ago, this - were right-handed. That majority of right-handed milkers trained cows to accept the milker only on the right for easier access.

Long after oriental cooks started using seaweed in their dishes to bring out flavors, monosodium glutamate, call it MSG, was isolated in 1908 from seaweed. By the Japanese chemist Kikunae Ikeda.

Bush admits 'vulgar streak'

NEW YORK (AP) - Sam Donaldson got former president George Bush to admit he has "a vulgar streak" and exchanges Monica Lewinsky jokes. The ABC newsmen interviewed Bush for "20/20". "Although I couldn't get (Bush) to tell me the latest one he had heard, I think he's at the point in his life where he has the freedom to say exactly what is on his mind," Donaldson tells the Oct. 9 issue of TV Guide.

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# Asian tour exceeds Kempthorne's expectations

BOISE (AP) — Citing business deals and agreements improving government and academic relationships, Gov. Dirk Kempthorne Monday called the two-week Asian Trade mission an unqualified success.

"This trip was extremely successful," Kempthorne said. "In fact, if met, it not exceeded, expectations."

Reiterating his conviction that personal presence is critical to

improving trade with Asia, the governor said the trip came at a critical financial time.

"All of their economies are now recovering and seeing true growth," Kempthorne said. "There are so many opportunities."

Despite topping off the first day of meetings in the middle of a severe earthquake in Taipei, Kempthorne pointed to the contract for mulch used in hydroseeding that a Shanghai construction

company signed with Hamilton Manufacturing of Twin Falls and the opening of a Beijing office by Precision Paneling of Eagle, the first U.S. construction company to have an office in the Chinese capi-



Dirk Kempthorne

tal as key business successes. Precision Paneling's consultant it will eventually sign a construction contract in China, and that could improve prospects for Hamilton Manufacturing to sell some of the insulation it makes from recycled newspaper.

"We've gone beyond just a casual meeting to a very serious agreement that will allow us to begin to work," Commerce Director Gar-Mahn said.

# Department of Finance sues Delaware securities corporation

BOISE (AP) — The Department of Finance is filing a civil securities lawsuit against a Delaware corporation and one of its salesmen.

The complaint alleges that Pacific Rim Capital, Inc. and Elie M. Sidiarou of Pasadena, Calif., offered securities to Idaho residents in two publicly traded stocks at a discount. It also says

the defendants violated the registration and anti-fraud provisions of the Idaho Securities Act.

Losses in Idaho are estimated in excess of \$150,000.

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## EDITORIAL

### Fish and Game ought to cut costs before seeking fee hike

The Idaho Department of Fish and Game is in a bad way financially, but asking hunters and anglers to fund a bailout is shooting at the wrong target. Idaho's hunting and fishing public shouldn't have to shoulder another fee increase until Fish and Game pares down its operation and sharpens its focus.

The department is operating on an annual budget of \$56.7 million. Any state government entity spending that much money can tighten its belt - and still survive.

But the Idaho Fish and Game Commission agreed Friday to ask the Legislature for a \$4.4 million fee increase. A similar-sized proposal was headed toward Legislative approval last winter, but lawmakers acted quickly after the commission first department Director Steve Mealey. After that, the fee increase went nowhere.

Instead of pinning all its hopes on another fee increase, Fish and Game should do what private-sector enterprises do when money is tight: retrench.

Among other things, that means cutting back on social engineering programs, such as persuading young people to hunt, and cutting back on environmental activism - particularly on

the salmon issue - masquerading as official business.

In a deeper vein, Fish and Game leaders should stop clamoring for what they want and pay more attention to what Idahoans can afford. In case they haven't noticed, Idaho residents have been hit with sharp price increases in the cost of two basic commodities. Gasoline is around \$1.50 a gallon and the cost of a gallon of milk is up about 50 percent.

Is this the right time for Fish and Game to ask for fee increases of 40, 50, or 60 percent?

An argument can be made that Idaho's hunting and fishing licenses are underpriced. After all, \$21.50 for a combination hunt and fishing license is a relative bargain. Hunters probably would be willing to pay more, but the department should do its part by exercising some fiscal restraint.

If the fee increases are not granted, interim Director Jerry Mallon says the only alternative will be for the department to hold a fire sale to reduce Fish and Game operations statewide.

That may be exactly what Fish and Game needs. After that, the department can rebuild slowly and deliberately, taking pains to keep its bureaucracy from growing faster than its budget.

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### There are some people I'd rather not be

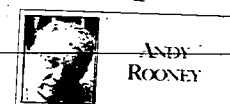
**W**alking the two blocks from where I park the car to where I work, I often pass a delinquent on the sidewalk watching the world go by. I'm always torn between being angry with him for not getting a job and feeling sympathy for a human being who can't handle his life. Mostly I'm glad I'm not him.

This came to me reading the paper today when I got thinking about a lot of other people I wouldn't want to be. One newspaper story told of the shelling of Chechnya by the Russians and the deaths of so many innocent people in the Russian village of Dargo.

I'm happy I'm not a Chechnyan, I wouldn't want to be a Bosnian, a Ugandan, a Hutu or a Tutsi, either. How was I so lucky to have been born in Albany, N.Y., where the natives argued politics and religion but we were never slaughtered? How did I get to grow up happily with peaceful neighbors and a bicycle instead of in Chechnya with nothing but trouble? I didn't do anything to deserve it.

There are so many things I'm glad I'm not.

I'm just as pleased that I am not the coach or manager of a big-time football or baseball team. There are 31 NFL and 30 major league baseball teams and, in the end, only one football coach and one manager ends his season with a trophy. Every one of the other 30 football coaches and 29 baseball managers are varying degrees of failures and in danger of being fired for not winning.



the Super Bowl or the World Series. I would not want a job where my success or failure depended so much on people other than myself.

But of all the people in the world I would least like to be, it's a Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States. I have a hard enough time of it as it is. I have a hard enough time deciding which underwear to put on every morning. I couldn't stand to wake up and be faced with such momentous decisions as face those seven men and two women who recommend the laws. Their decisions have a major effect on hundreds of millions of us. Cases reach the high court because they're too hard for anyone else to decide. Either way, someone loses.

This session, the Court will have to decide whether a national campaign contribution cap can be upheld to \$1,000. My first thought was of course they should, but then the people who oppose the law say this puts a limit on the free speech of people willing to make even larger contributions. I agree with rich people have some rights. Just don't ask me to decide.

There's a huge case to be considered by the Supreme Court on religious legislation. I'm happy I'm not on that. We

all disapprove of cigarette smoking, but should we pass laws that will put people in the tobacco business out of business or make smoking illegal? That would open the door to banning a lot of things we do, eat or drink that we're Supreme Court justice whose decision was crucial in the life and death of affirmative action.

I can't make up my mind whether it's right or wrong, good or bad. The Court has to decide whether police have the right to stop, by force, a meaning shooting and maybe killing a suspect who starts to run. Is flight an admission of guilt? It seems so to me. Would I approve, then, of what amounts to an instant death sentence for someone who snatches a pocketbook and runs from police?

The Court will be deciding whether the federal government can give cash prizes to religious schools. Catholics are enthusiastic about government assistance, but would the same Catholics be enthusiastic about having their tax money benefit Muslim schools? Hebrew academies? Hindu high schools? Baptist schools? What about a school that teaches atheism? I'd rather be that homeless guy I pass on the street every morning than a justice of the Supreme Court. At least the man on the street doesn't have to make a lot of hard decisions.

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## LETTERS

**The show is the important thing**  
Whooa partners! Don't holster that trash-shooter yet!

The editorial on Ketchum's Wagon Days Shootout reports that some consider it, the shootout, a hot target for the politically correct. (Two words that rarely go together.)

I believe that keeping a sight on your objective is of concern. That being: The show's the important thing. The more activities your patrons can see, hear and do, the better.

After all, the primary reason you developed your event was to offer something new and entertaining that would draw people, and their dollars, from outside your area.

During the Twin Falls Western Days Celebration, the Old Town District sponsors the High Noon Shootout. This, to the delight of hundreds of annual spectators, is much the same as your shootout surely does.

While I have not had the pleasure of attending your event, I have heard numerous positive comments about it. I participate, on different levels, in many of the shows, fairs and special events in this region, and I firmly believe that the more activities you can pack into a short time, the greater attendance you'll see. Immediately important but equally crucial to the longevity of the event.

Those who fret chicken a 'slog in a' mock shootout should run far cover to the nearest little outshoot on the prairie and breathe in (and maybe a sigh of relief, too).

**TONY BARNES**  
1999 Western Days Chairman  
Twin Falls

**Taxpayers may not accept deal**

In the ongoing debate over education enrichment in The Times-News, the issue touched on in a recent editorial headed "The school pay to something that matters - performance," deserves further attention. The primary "product" in public education is graduating seniors, and by that measure, local educators are already doing a lot with a little.

For example, the Twin Falls High School Class of 2000 scored at the 67th percentile on the latest TAP, a nationally-normed achievement test. If school pay were tied to performance, Twin Falls educators should likewise be paid at the 67th percentile nationally. However, average teacher pay in Idaho ranks only 26th of the 50 states, and the pay for Twin Falls is almost \$1,400 a year below even that, making pay here below-average in an already below-average state.

Linking "school pay to performance" would probably almost double local educators' salaries. Do you think most Idahoans would accept the much higher taxes that would result? I don't. Until we are ready to link educational pay to performance, let's at least appreciate the bargain that we get now.

**DUANE REYNOLDS**  
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### Idaho will be the winner if dams are breached

**E**vidence continues to grow in favor of bypassing four federal dams on the lower Snake River below Lewiston. Idaho stands to gain a revival of salmon and steelhead fisheries plus large economic benefits.

Runs could be expected to return to the numbers of the 1950s and 1960s, before the dams were built, about 100,000 fish a year. An economic study projects an annual benefit of \$170 million a year in Idaho with salmon fishing restored and steelhead fishing improved.

Another important benefit would be protection of Idaho water. One of the alternatives being considered, if the dams are not bypassed, is to take another 1 million acre-feet of water from southern Idaho. Irrigators would be hurt. A Bureau of Reclamation study projects that, in a dry year, 135,000 to 412,000 acres of irrigated land would be taken out of production.

This would mean a serious loss to the Idaho economy equal to several hundred dollars per acre. The loss would also be recreation losses because less water would remain for the summer recreation season in reservoirs such as American Falls, Lucky Peak and Cascade.

While some conservationists have attempted to conceal the fact that bypass would protect southern Idaho water, that

**READER COMMENT**  
**Ken Robinson**

cut is out of the ban. The Army Corps of Engineers, operators of the Snake River dam, is studying the making of added water as an alternative to bypass. No alternative is being considered that would bypass the dams and take added water.

If the dams are not bypassed, it is possible that a federal court could order the taking of southern Idaho water without action by Congress. The opposition to bypass by major Idaho office holders adds to the possibility that the water will go.

Another benefit of bypass would be the honoring of historic treaties with Idaho and other Northwest tribes. If the dams are not bypassed and salmon are lost, the tribes could ask for as much as \$6 billion from the federal treasury.

Before the dams, there were sufficient salmon to satisfy Indian needs while still providing a good sport fishery in Idaho. An economic study prepared for the Corps shows a short-term gain of 10,000 jobs in the region for work associated with bypassing the dams. It projects a

long-term loss of 500 jobs, but upstream from the dams there is a net gain of 1,300. Some of those would be in eastern Oregon and most would be in Idaho.

The studies show that bypassing the dams is both technically and economically feasible, particularly when you consider the millions of dollars now being wasted on moving salmon by barge, dam modifications and other strategies that don't work.

Bypassing the dams would eliminate barge transport on 140 miles of river between Lewiston and Pasco. A reasonable solution would include payment to shippers now using that system if they incur added costs with shipping by truck or rail. The cost should be less than the \$24 million a year taxpayers are contributing for the barge system.

Electrical energy from the dams is less than 5 percent of the regional total and less than 2 percent of the Idaho supply. The cost of new power plants would be less than the regional economic benefits of the flowing river and revived fisheries.

The people of Idaho will be big winners if the dams are bypassed, losers if they are not.

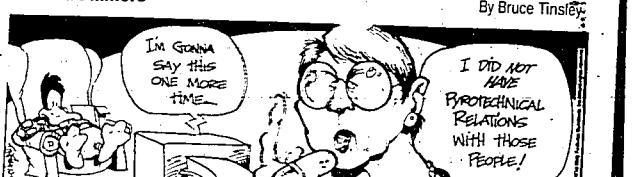
Rep. Ken Robinson, D-Boise, is a member of the House Resources and Conservation Committee.

### Doonesbury



By Garry Trudeau

### Mallard Fillmore



By Bruce Tinsley

# Rotten treatment of bicyclists holds truth for all victims of bullying

**B**icycling provides the ideal way to explore rural areas and understand more about how the world works. Traveling at one-fifth of driving speed but five times faster than walking, one can easily cover 90 to 70 miles in a day. There is time to chat, visit with locals and take photos. Plus, by bicycling, one can burn enough calories to eat like a teenager. One summer my wife and I bicycled from Seattle back to Montana.

Clearly, we love to bike. But there is always an underlying fear. One is highly vulnerable when bicycling. Even Tour de France winner Lance Armstrong is no match for a car or truck. The problem lies with the character and competence of some drivers.

Picture a sunny Sunday on a paved backroad in a rural western state. There is little traffic, maybe one little vehicle every 10 minutes or so.

It's glorious. Or rather, it is until a semi looms into view. The truck has plenty of room to pass.

But the driver seizes an opportunity to demonstrate his hostility to those who live a different culture.

He's passing us as we approach a bridge over a small river. And he crowds us off the road and into the bridge railing. We survive unscathed but mightily scared — and mad.

I'm amazed to find his truck stopped a few miles down the road. He's talking with a man. I confront him with his assault. He is vitriolic toward bicyclists. Next time, he warns, he won't run us off the road — he'll run us over.

I call the police, to little effect. It's his word against ours, and he has a lot to lose — his commercial driving license.

A week later I'm riding in my home town, doing 20 in a 25 mph zone. There's a honk behind me. I turn and see a decrepit pickup. I'm just where I should be, a door's swing away from the parked cars.

He honks again. I keep pedaling. Then he hits me. Knocking me into a parked car. Again, I'm unhurt but mad as hell.

## JOHN A. BADEN

We live on a ranch 15 miles from a farm equipment dealer. I've bought and tossed their tractors, construction and logging machinery for 30 years. I often use a bike to shuttle equipment from the ranch to the dealer, and vice versa.

It makes for an incongruous sight, but it's great fun to lash my bike to the bucket of an 8-ton front-end loader and tool down the road to the dealer.

Here's my fantasy.

I'm doing the bike leg of the shuttle when some derailed or despicable creature in a motor vehicle comes behind and harasses me. He (it's always a he) runs me off the road.

Five or 10 miles later he's forgotten the incident and pulled into a truck stop.

But I've not forgotten him. When I reach the equipment dealer, I exchange my bike for the tractor and return to the

truck stop.

I see the offending vehicle and use the tractor's front-end loader to hoist the drive wheels of the pickup into the air, immobilizing it. Then I call the police.

This is just a fantasy, but it illustrates an age-old problem not restricted to bicyclists. It is inherent to all forms of injustice.

When there is a huge disparity of power (for example, truck vs. bicycle), frustration and fear can curdle civility and a peaceful social order.

These biking situations are analogous to those daily confronted by people who are legally powerless, subject to abuse with no redress for grievances.

What is their analogue to my front-end loader fantasy? Revolt? Revolution? Both are understandable reactions, even when not reasonable means to constructive ends.

This year marks the 25th

anniversary of America's Civil Rights Act. This federal law was necessitated by the failure of state and local governments to give protection to blacks in the American South.

Bicycling provides many benefits: healthful exercise, scenic views and good company. It can


even teach us the dangers of injustice.

John A. Baden is chairman of the Foundation for Research on Economics and the Environment as well as the Gallatin Writers. He wrote this commentary for Bridge News.

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## LETTERS

### Set the record straight

I wanted to respond to Roy Davenport's recent letter (Sept. 21) to The Times-News about the proposed mixed-waste treatment facility at the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory.

I appreciate Mr. Davenport's concerns, but I wanted to clarify a possible misconception. The proposed incinerator facility will not handle waste from foreign countries. Only waste now stored at the INEEL or waste from other Department of Energy facilities in this country would be treated at the proposed facility.

No commercial or foreign-generated waste would be handled here. This facility is necessary to treat radioactive waste now stored at the INEEL so that it can be safely transported and disposed of in a permitted permanent disposal facility in New Mexico.

**BRAD BUGGER**  
U.S. Department of Energy  
Idaho Falls

### Getting In touch

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dozen states have restricted the size and emissions of factory farms. Because of these restrictions and shrinking domestic markets, large U.S. meat conglomerates are exporting their operations to developing countries.

These operations would devastate the food supplies, environmental resources, public health and economic infrastructures of developing nations. The resulting depletion of grain stocks would create widespread famine.

Their domination and associated "contract farming" would

exploit local farmers in a form of "meat colonialism."

Why should Americans care? Because we don't want our international image shaped by the excesses of the U.S. meat industry.

Because we are sensitive to the economic needs of developing nations.

Because we are committed to preserving the world's natural resources.

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Cops arrest accident fleeing suspect

TWIN FALLS - A Jerome man has been arrested for leaving the scene of an accident that sent another man to the hospital.

About 4:30 p.m. Monday, a 1988 Ford Tempo, eastbound on 3400 N, ran a stop sign at 2900 E and hit a 1998 Ford pickup truck, driven by Dennis Geisler, 56, Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office spokesman Nancy Howell said.

The two occupants of the Tempo fled the scene, Howell said. Geisler, of Twin Falls, was taken to Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. He was not wearing a seat belt.

About 6:30 p.m. a call came in to the emergency dispatch center in Jerome about a man who was being detained at gun-point in the caller's yard.

Twin Falls County sheriff's deputies responded and arrested Alfonso Poral, 48, of Jerome, on a felony charge of leaving the scene of an accident, Howell said.

Poral's son had been in the Tempo but had not been arrested Monday evening. Poral was being treated for chest-and-knee injuries in the emergency room at the county hospital.

Hearing is postponed for shooting suspect

JEROME - The preliminary hearing of a man charged with shooting two Jerome County sheriff's deputies was postponed until 9 a.m. Monday.

Eric J. Buchanan, 24, is charged with shooting the two deputies and another man during a Sept. 20 gun battle outside his home at 515 N. Lincoln St.

The deputies were responding to a disturbance at the home when Buchanan fired upon them in the chest, and the other was hit by broken glass and bullet fragments. Neither deputy was seriously hurt.

At a preliminary hearing, a magistrate judge hears evidence and decides whether enough probable cause exists to send the case to district court for trial.

Buchanan is charged with three counts of aggravated battery, two of which involve stiffer penalties because law officers were involved.

Blazing Lighters suspect pleads innocent

TWIN FALLS - The second suspect charged with delivering drug paraphernalia at the Blazing Lighters store pleaded innocent Monday in District Court.

One charge carries a \$2,000 fine and a 12-month jail term, and another carries a \$500 fine and a 6-month jail term.

The two were charged in November after undercover police bought a pipe and other items from the store.

Briere field dedication ceremony set Wednesday

TWIN FALLS - A dedication ceremony will be held at 5 p.m. Wednesday at Vera C. O'Leary Junior High School for the naming of the Mark J. Briere football field.

The ceremony will be held during half-time of the ninth grade football game.

The field is being named in honor of Mark J. Briere, who died just before school started when he was exposed to toxic algae-killing herbicide while working for the Twin Falls Canal Company.

The field sign bearing Briere's name is being raised for the new field sign bearing Briere's name. For information about making a donation, call the school at 733-2155.

Scamsters try to swindle family with wish tale

TWIN FALLS - A local family was recently targeted by con artists posing as members of a wish-granting organization.

But the family didn't fall for the callers' claims that it owed money to the Wish-a-Grain Foundation, which grants wishes to children with potentially life-threatening diseases.

The Wish-a-Grain Foundation recently granted the family's child's wish to go to Disney World. The callers posed as members of the foundation, saying the family was responsible for part of the expenses, said Diana Jones, president of the local foundation chapter.

Compiled from staff reports

TF council goes for new digs

City reserve fund will pay for project

By John T. Huddy Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The City Council needs more space, and to get what it wants, the council will have to dip into city reserves.

The council approved the purchase of a building owned by Sam and Kelly Yost at 305 Third Ave. East to be used for new council chambers and office space.

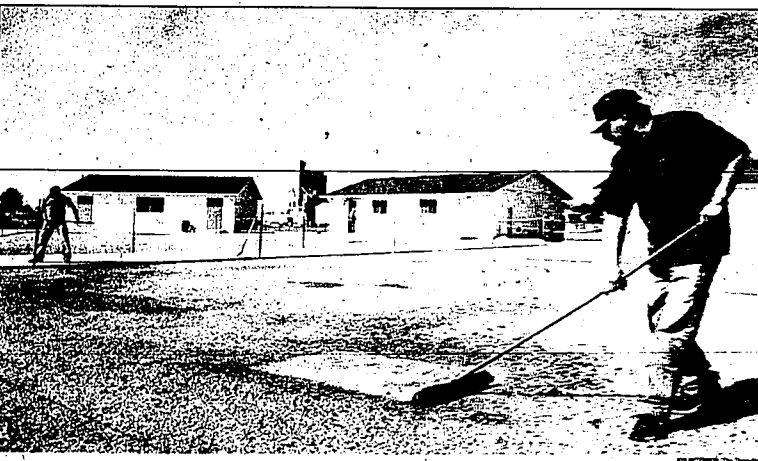
The Yosts used the building as a sound studio. To buy the building, the city will have to re-open this year's budget and appropriate \$250,000 out of reserves, City Manager Tom Courtney said. "We've been talking about space alternatives for several years," he said. "As we looked at the alternatives, we saw this as an opportunity to acquire land in a building close to city hall."

for the new facility and City Hall facilities, Courtney said. The council's meeting room could be turned into a conference room and office space if the council moves into the new building, Courtney said, though no definite plans have been made. The purchase should be complete by the middle of this month, Courtney said. The building has 5,250 square feet of space - 2,400 feet will be used for offices and 3,850 for council chambers and meeting area, he said. The city has no plans to move any departments yet.

Courtney said. In other city business: The council denied a request by Jeff and Linda Swope to re-designate a residential 150-foot by 130-foot lot at 2013 Addison Ave. East to allow professional offices.

The Swopes wanted to operate a beauty salon at the site. Some council members said they were concerned the Swopes would be using the salon for commercial, rather than just professional use.

PREPPING FOR A GREENER SPRING



Alex Medina puts the finishing touches on a new sprinkler system and a newly seeded lawn at Burley Junior High School Monday.

No public wheels in Cassia County

Commission rejects subsidy for low-income transit

By Ruth Streeter Times-News writer

BURLEY - Cassia County Monday rejected a plan to use county money to subsidize transportation for low-income residents.

The commission voted Monday to decline Valley Vista's request to use \$500 a month of Indigent money for transportation.

"I feel like it's an expansion of government service we never had before and we need to be real cautious," Cassia County Commissioner Paul Christensen said.

The commissioners agreed they would advise Valley Vista

to approach them next June before setting the 2000-2001 budget. Minidoka County has granted Valley Vista \$500 per month beginning Oct. 1 Valley Vista is also seeking a \$78,500 grant from the Idaho Transportation Department that would be available to the sponsor. Phyllis Perotto with Valley Vista said Monday night the commission would purchase a new van with more wheelchair seating. Only one of Valley Vista's two vans accommodates wheelchairs. Perotto said Valley Vista will offer monthly reports to Minidoka County that justifies the need.

gravel at Grape Creek to determine whether the rock is suitable to pave Idaho Highway 27 and the road from the Connor Creek Store to Alm. If portions of the gravel are suitable, the county will determine whether those portions present problems with noxious weeds. In the case where weeds are a problem, the ITD can come up with weed management strategies and only then proceed with the project. Christensen said. "The city of Oakley is applying for two grants to go toward drinking water. The city is asking for an \$80,000 grant to increase drinking water capacity. The city is also applying for a grant from the Idaho Community Development Block Grant. The grant would go toward an additional well for the city. Improvements in the city's present well, water collection improvements from city springs, and upgrades on the city's fire hydrant delivery system. Oakley is seeking \$600,000 total. Kathleen Trever with the state's Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory overnight office in Boise and Idaho Falls briefed the commission on groundwater issues.

"I realize groundwater concerns and air quality concerns are important to this area," Trever said. "The county also signed its law enforcement contract with Burley. The city contracts \$1,430,799 worth of services to the Cassia County Sheriff's Department and the county allocates \$24,000."

In other county business: The ITD was given the go-ahead to dig test holes in the

county well for the city. Improvements in the city's present well, water collection improvements from city springs, and upgrades on the city's fire hydrant delivery system. Oakley is seeking \$600,000 total.

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Wood River Valley looks baaa-ck to sheep heyday

By Karen Boselck Times-News correspondent

KETCHUM - Before the ski lifts, there were sheep. And sheep. And more sheep. The woolly critters have taken a back seat to the ski industry for the last 60 or so years, even though the sheep industry in the Wood River Valley was second in size only to Sydney, Australia in the early 1900s. But the sheep are taking over the streets again. The Wall Street Journal has called about

this year, Trailing of the Sheep Festival, which will take place Friday through Sunday in Ketchum and Hailey. So has USA Today, Country Living, the Baltimore Sun and other publications. What's attracted their interest? A parade of Gooding sheep rancher John Faulkner's sheep through downtown Ketchum on their way to winter pastures in Idaho's high desert near Hagerman, Faulkner, one of four or five families that still herd sheep through Ketchum, grazes his sheep in the mountains north of Ketchum and Gulena Pass during the summer.

People from as far away as Florida scheduled detours in their vacation schedules to gawk at last year's trailing of 17,700 sheep, escorted by Peruvian and Chilean shepherders on horseback and four. The excitement of the event has been a bright spot for ranchers who have seen wool prices slide the last couple years. "I think this years event will be a lot of fun. And hopefully it'll give people an idea of the tradition and culture of the sheep."

"Please see SHEEP, Page B3"

Jerome council prepares to woof up comments on animal ordinance

By Dixie Thomas Reale Times-News Reporter

JEROME - A controversial animal control ordinance will get a public airing before the Jerome City Council tonight.

The ordinance, subject of a public hearing tonight, has drawn both criticism and praise. The proposal would amend the current ordinance in several ways, and would apply the same rules and requirements to dogs and cats equally. Among the key points of the ordinance:

before being adopted out or destroyed. Only three cats or dogs would be allowed per household. Cats and dogs over the age of six months must be licensed, licenses will be sold for one or three years. Violations would bring stiff penalties - the first violation will cost the owner \$25, the second violation \$200, and the third violation \$250. The primary objection to the ordinance seems to involve including cats in licensing and confinement requirements. Gerry Shinn, Jerome's animal control officer, has said the city has no place to impound cats. In its efforts to control the stray animal problem the city hired a half-time animal control officer last spring in addition to a full-time officer. Mayor Dennis Moore appointed an advisory committee in February to design a workable animal control ordinance. The committee met in June and August, when the ordinance was finalized and sent to legal counsel to be drafted. Also on tonight's agenda is a public hearing to consider amending the definition of the term "mobile home park." If the ordinance is passed the term "mobile home" will have the same meaning as the term "manufactured home." The council also could vote on an ordinance which would allow in-home businesses in residential zones with special-use permits.

Time-News correspondent Dixie Thomas Reale can be reached in Jerome at 324-3570.

E. coli victim's condition worsens

By Lorraine Creever Times-News writer

BURLEY - Health officials said Monday that they are unlikely to ever find out how a 10-year-old Burley girl came into contact with a potentially deadly strain of E. coli bacteria. Meanwhile, Lacy Hyde's condition worsened over the weekend. She was listed in critical condition Monday afternoon at Primary Children's Medical Center in Salt Lake City, where she was admitted last week after becoming ill. Lacy, who was listed in serious but stable condition last week, remains on a 24-hour-a-day regimen, hospital spokesman Bonnie Midget said.

"She has had some difficulties," Midget said.

Lacy has been put on a ventilator to help her breathe, and she is having trouble breathing. The doctors are still optimistic she will recover, Midget said. "We have to wait it out and assist her body to recover from this illness."

Hyde's bacterial attack caused what is called hemolytic uremic syndrome, a condition known as HUS. Midget said. "Hemolytic uremic syndrome can function like a permanent condition." Hospital officials do not know exactly where the E. coli may have been picked up. The E. coli O157:H7 Lacy contracted can come from poorly cooked hamburger, ground beef, raw water or from another source, said Cheryl Becker, epidemiologist for South Central District Health Department.

But health district officials say they probably never know exactly how Lacy came in contact with the bacteria.

"It's our nature to want to know," Becker said. "It may have been a chance encounter. It was an accident."

When kidneys have been affected by E. coli, recovery can take weeks or months, Becker said. "There have been other cases of E. coli reported in South Central district since Lacy's illness was reported. Hers was the area's first reported E. coli case this year."

That's the first statistical "outbreak" for this area, Becker said.

In 1996, Idaho had 40 cases of E. coli, four in the Magic Valley. Of the 40 cases reported in Idaho in 1997, none were in the Magic Valley. In 1998, 43 cases were reported statewide, including eight in the Magic Valley, Becker said.

"Please see SHEEP, Page B3"

# MAGIC VALLEY/WEST

## SERVICES

**Evelyn Gale Williams Snyder** of Twin Falls, services at 11 a.m. today at the Episcopal Church of the Ascension, 210 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. in Twin Falls (White Mortuary).

**Russell Jacobsen** of Rupert, services at 11 a.m. today at the Rupert First Christian Church, Eighth Street and Christian Way in Rupert. Friends may call one hour before the funeral at the church (Payne Mortuary).

**Merl E. "Mac" McNulty** of Twin Falls, memorial service at 7 p.m. today at the home of Richard Kelling.

**Mae Callen** of Sunny Valley, Ore., and formerly of Bellevue and Jerome, services at 11 a.m. Wednesday, at the Jerome Cemetery (Southern Oregon Cremation Services).

**Lila Oster Prentice**, of Moser Lake, Wash., formerly of Jerome, memorial services at 12:30 p.m. today at the Caswell 1434 W. Ward LDS Church.

Funeral services and burial will be held Saturday in Moses Lake, Wash. (White Mortuary, Twin Falls).

## DEATH NOTICES

**Cheryl L. Cox**  
FILER — Cheryl L. Cox, 42, of Filer, died Monday, Oct. 4, 1999, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center following an extended illness. Graveside funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 6, 1999, at the Filer Cemetery. Services are under the direction of Reynolds Funeral Chapel of Twin Falls.

**Marygrace Cox**  
JEROME — Marygrace Cox, 88, of Jerome, died Sunday, Oct. 3, 1999, at Alpha House. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 7, 1999, at the Hope-Robertson Funeral Chapel. Friends may call at the mortuary 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday evening.

**Archie Gordon**  
OAKLEY — Archie Gordon, 86,

of Oakley, died Monday, Oct. 4, 1999, at Valley Vista Care Center in Rupert. Services are pending and will be announced by Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

**Clara E. Montoya**  
RUPERT — Clara E. Montoya, 75, of Rupert, died Monday, Oct. 4, 1999, at Cassia Medical Center in Burley. Services are at 2 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 7, 1999, at Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel. Family and friends may visit from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the chapel.

**Donald Dickson**  
RUPERT — Donald Dickson, 84, died Monday, Oct. 4, 1999, at Mindoka Memorial Hospital. Services are pending and will be announced by Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

## HOSPITALS

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Steven Tamer, Dale Hobbs, Jake Anderson, and Diana Rodriguez, all of Rupert; Scott Bruno of Burley; and Sergio Coto of Heyburn.

**MAGIC VALLEY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER**  
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Admitted  
Debra Helean of Twin Falls.  
Dismissed  
Randy Bombardier of Twin Falls; Murlene Anderson of Rogerson; and Buster Young of Kimberly.

# Idaho Falls area farmers draw up water district, attempt to protect rights

## Some Magic Valley farmers file gripes with water court

**IDAHO FALLS (AP)** — Farmers in Bonneville and Jefferson counties who irrigate by pumping from the aquifer are organizing to protect their water rights. Commissioners last week approved an ordinance allowing farmers on the west side of the Bonneville County and the south-west side of Jefferson County to vote on whether they want to create a groundwater district. Some farmers think the district will help protect their water rights in the face of increasing challenges, primarily from farmers in the Magic Valley area who irrigate from the river. Bill Taylor of Osgood hopes to get the issue on the November ballot but the farmers may have to wait until next February to vote to create the district and man its three-member board. Farmers in the Twin Falls, Caral Co. and the Northside Canal Co. have filed a complaint in the

Snake River Basin adjudication Court asking farmers from American Falls north in Blaine County are pumping too much water from the aquifer. They say groundwater pumping depletes spring flows into the Snake River near American Falls, which means less water for them. Creation of a groundwater district will allow farmers in districts to sue in a united fashion to solve problems and to respond to citizens in their water rights. "I don't see it well allow farmers to measure how much water is being pulled from the aquifer." In response to a complaint, also alleging aquifer depletion, by the Snake Canal Co. in the Burley area, the Legislature passed a law for the formation of Groundwater Measurement Districts. Four districts were created covering the eastern Idaho Snake River plain. But if they create a groundwater district, farmers within the

proposed boundaries of the Bonneville-Jefferson Water District could hire their own hydrologist to monitor their own aquifer. They also can devise their own modification plans, such as an aquifer recharge or storing water during the off-season. It might not be necessary. Some water officials and irrigators are also seeing the need for "comprehensive water management" or coordinating both surface and ground water management plans, Yoness said. Norm Semanko, a Twin Falls attorney representing Magic Valley Surface Water irrigators, is not troubled by the creation of groundwater districts. "Now we've got someone we can sue and talk to," Semanko said. "Up until just two or three years ago, all we had was a disparate pack of thousands of water users." Semanko said farmers do not want to be in the position of suing fellow farmers for water. "A lot of people's ask why we are starting the pot, why we are doing this," Semanko said. "It's because this problem won't go away if we don't address it."

# Plaintiffs claim US West played foul

**DENVER (AP)** — Plaintiffs in a state lawsuit that charges US West Inc. with deceiving local telephone customers, spending money to suppress their complaints of improving service, and cutting costs at the expense of customers have filed for class action status. A filing seeking the class-action designation as well as a motion to unseat certain company documents were submitted Friday in Larimer County district court. A hearing on the motion to make the documents public is scheduled for Nov. 3. Shareholders of US West and West Communications International Inc. are scheduled to vote on their proposed merger on Nov. 2. Documents included in the court filings detailed some of the charges against US West. Among them, the plaintiffs allege that US West made "huge financial gains" while allowing its local service to "deteriorate to a level worse than any other baby bell."

The complaint also says that US West's top managers decided to "suppress complaints and cut expenses through means that are a dispiriting effect on customer service." It also criticizes the

company for rewarding senior executives, including Chairman and Chief Executive Solomon J. Shapiro, with stock options, bonuses and "extravagant salaries."

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**Mary H. Atkinson**, 97, of Twin Falls, died Monday, October 4, 1999, at Bronwyn Estates. She was born December 14, 1902, in Portland, Ore., the daughter of John James and Ora O'Neil. She lived most of her life in Twin Falls. She was married to her husband and passed away. She is survived by a son, Ray Atkinson, and a daughter, Mary Terry of Dallas, Texas. She is also survived by a son, John Atkinson, and a daughter, Kayla Atkinson. She is also survived by a son, Richard Atkinson, and a daughter, Dawn Atkinson. She is also survived by a son, John Atkinson, and a daughter, Kayla Atkinson. She is also survived by a son, Richard Atkinson, and a daughter, Dawn Atkinson.

**Aberdeen, South Dakota**, the daughter of Andrew and Christine Fox Heberer, who had immigrated from Russia (Ukraine) to Bowdle, South Dakota in 1912, she moved with her family to Aberdeen, Idaho. At Aberdeen, there were 8 brothers and 5 sisters. On July 3, 1933, she married E. Fay Holloway in Eiko, WY. They lived in the Knoll community where her husband farmed for 35 years. Emily loved to cook. She loved to read, to look for Lincoln School in Curry, Immanuel Lutheran School, and also at Oakley Jr. High. One of her hobbies was collecting recipes. Emily was a member of the First Baptist Church in Twin Falls. She is survived by one son, Jack (Fay) Holloway of Twin Falls, one daughter, Marianne (John) Enters of Twin Falls, one sister, Eva Wilhoit of American Falls, 8 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband Fay, an infant daughter, 3 sisters, and 8 brothers. Funeral services for Emily will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, October 7, 1999, at White Mortuary, with Rev. Gary Gilman officiating. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park. Friends may call from 4-8 p.m. at White Mortuary, Wednesday, October 6.

of Southern Idaho, Idaho Democratic Party, International Teamsters Club, Wiles' Guild, Jerome Methodist Church, Supreme Council, and Order of the Amalith, Inc. She was a loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Survivors include her children, William "Bill" (Ludy) Coak of Las Vegas, Janet Peterson of Filer, Camille Irwin of Phoenix, and another daughter, Barbara of Twin Falls, and grandchildren, Lesli, Lori, Erik, Jon, Pam, Kevin, Shelly, Leanne, Dustin and Abby. Also surviving are 11 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband in 1970, a son-in-law, Lester Peterson, a grandson, 4 sisters and 3 brothers. Funeral services for Marygrace Cox will be conducted at 11 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 7, 1999, in the Hope-Robertson Funeral Chapel by Rev. Quentin Kintbrough. Burial will follow at the Jerome Cemetery. Friends may call at the Hope-Robertson Funeral Chapel Wednesday evening from 5 to 8 p.m. The family suggests memorials be made to the CSI Scholarship Fund or a church of choice.

## JEROME



**Marygrace Brackett Cox**  
Marygrace Brackett Cox, 88, of Jerome, died Sunday, October 3, 1999, at the Alpha House in Jerome. She was born October 29, 1910, at Park Falls, Wisconsin, the daughter of James Ira and Marygrace Lockwood Brackett. She was married and educated in Rubens, Idaho. She married Hinkie William Cox at Lookout, Idaho on November 24, 1932. They moved to Jerome in 1945, where she continued teaching. She raised eight to 30-year careers in the Jerome School District. She also was an accomplished artist and musician, and held memberships and offices in Chapter 54 O.E.S. Business and Professional Women, American War Mothers, and the Jerome Chamber of Commerce. She was a member of the AARP, Jerome Art Guild, Senior Citizens, College

## TWIN FALLS

**Mary Carlson**  
Mary Carlson, 87, of Twin Falls, and formerly of Jerome, died Saturday, October 1, 1999, at Clingson's in Twin Falls. She was born July 16, 1912, at Tokka, Washington, the daughter of Milton and Elizabeth Boyston Brennan. Mary received her college education in various areas of the United States before coming to Jerome as a teacher. Here she graduated from Jerome High School on September 22, 1939. She married Harold Carlson. They and another couple were married in a public ceremony at the Jerome County Fair. Mary worked for the Jerome County Company, and continued with the City of Jerome, after they purchased the company, for a number of years. She attended the Presbyterian Church, and she and Harold were members of the Jerome County Club. Mary was past-president of the Idaho county club association, and was the ladies Club Champion one year. For 20 years, Mary was chapter host for Red Cross Blood Drive in Jerome. Survivors include her two sons, Richard H. "Chip" Carlson of Twin Falls, and Milton J. Carlson of Pocatello, four grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband in 1993, one daughter, and two sons.

Memorial services for Mary Carlson will be conducted at 1 p.m. Friday, October 8, 1999, at the Jerome Presbyterian Church with Rev. Robert Stebb officiating. A private informal celebration will also be held at 11 a.m. Friday. Services are under the direction of the Hope-Robertson Funeral Chapel. The family suggests memorials be made to the American Diabetes Association, or the First Presbyterian Church in Jerome, Idaho.



**Emily Holloway**  
Emily Holloway, 89, of Kimberly, died Sunday, October 3, 1999, at the Regional Medical Center in Kimberly. She was born April 23, 1910, in

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# Burley council eyes landscaping

By Ruth Strater  
Times-News writer

**BURLEY** - Before the City Council will consider changing the zoning on East 16th Street, council member want to ensure it would be kept clean.

The city cannot discriminate against businesses that want to move into an area. Though not opposed to commercial zones, City Council member Kerbs Mendenhall said he is "opposed to not having that area cleaned up."

"I'd like to keep 16th cleaner than it is now," he said.

Worried about the disintegration of the neighborhood whether it stays residential or becomes commercial, Mendenhall proposed the city pursue a landscaping ordinance similar to the one in Falls and Hailey that would ensure a tidier city.

The city is considering changing the area's zoning from residential to a commercial designation that would allow commercial retail, business and professional offices.

A well-kept street would be essential when new businesses make 16th a main thoroughfare, Mendenhall said.

One resident asked why the city doesn't enforce ordinances already on the books.

"We either need to get rid of the ordinances that say you can't have boats, trailers in your yard or enforce them," he said.

An ordinance would affect not just 16th Street, but the rest of the city, Mendenhall said.

The city planning and zoning commission will discuss the landscaping ordinance at an Oct. 13 meeting.

The City Council set an Oct. 18 public hearing on the zoning change. A landscaping ordinance may affect whether the council approves the change.

"What if you don't support the ordinance?" Mendenhall asked.

Council member Bill Schaefer said he would support it even if the area was kept a residential zone.

### In other business:

City Council member Al Thaxton said he wanted increased police patrols around the Burley Junior High School, where he sees suspicious activity quite often.

Cassia County Lieutenant Cary Bristol acknowledged such problems but said things have improved recently.

"I think since we've put in a resource officer things have gotten better," he said.

Brent Kerbs asked whether the city could hire a second resource officer.

Bristol said that because state funding for such services comes from limited tobacco money, the state is being careful with the money.

Kerbs asked Bristol if daytime patrols could be increased in the parts of the city where suspicious activity takes place frequently.

Bristol encouraged the public to report suspicious activity in the city when they see it.

"We'd like to have public citizenry tell us when they see things," he said, because officers cannot be in two places at once.

Mendenhall encouraged people to attend City Council meetings where they can talk to city department heads.

"This is a good place" for people to voice their concerns, Mendenhall said.

Mendenhall expressed concern that Minidoka County commissioners do not want to work with Burley on sewer plans for the Atchley subdivision.

"I would invite the two counties and citizens to work together to make (the Atchley subdivision) North Burley," Mendenhall said.

The move would create a larger tax base and a larger tax base for the school district as well, he said.

Vaughn Egan opposed the pet ordinance committee's decision to not limit the number of pets a person may own.

It is "a very important item, because we need some control," he said.

Egan also questioned the decision to not require licenses for cats, because doing so would keep people in control of their cats.

Committee chairman Dave Ringle said the cat problem was covered sufficiently.

"All the problem of noise, of litter... we addressed all those issues without the licensing," he said. The committee will meet again before the ordinance goes to the city council.

Burley City Fire Chief Phil Heiner announced Fire Prevention Week this week, with activities and contests for kids and a fireman's breakfast Saturday.

Times-News reporter Ruth Strater can be reached in Burley at 677-4042.

# ONE MORE FOR THE GIPPER



Former first lady Nancy Reagan on Monday thanked California Gov. Gray Davis for signing legislation introduced by Assemblyman Tony Strickland, R-Thousand Oaks, establishing a commemorative license plate bearing the picture of former president and California Gov. Ronald Reagan.

# Idaho lags behind in health insurance

**BOISE (AP)** - A new Census Bureau report shows Idaho losing ground among the states for the percentage of its population with health insurance even as the national uninsured rate continues edging upward.

The report released on Monday found that 17.7 percent of the Idaho population - over 217,000 men, women and children - had no health coverage last year. San Diego's rate was 17.1 percent, and the national uninsured rate was 17.7 percent.

It was also 17.7 percent in 1997, when the actual number of uninsured people was estimated at just over 214,000. But Idaho jumped a spot - from 12th to 11th - for the highest uninsured percentage among the states. And that occurred even though the national percentage of uninsured people increased modestly from 16.1 percent in 1997 to 17.7 percent in 1998.

"We're seeing a dramatic trend of the young and healthy dropping their health policies," said state Sen. Dean Cameron, one of the leaders of a special legislative task force on the issue. "They're simply being priced out."

Legislative leaders acknowledge the serious proportions of the problem this spring when they authorized the task force on health insurance premiums in response to mounting complaints.

The industry has generally maintained that insurance reforms, especially those requiring them to guarantee insurance to all comers within specified rate bands, are behind escalating premiums. Spiraling drug costs - another major insurance pressure point - are also having an impact, they say.

Cameron, a Rupert insurance agent, acknowledged those concerns but said he suggested neither assured coverage as a plan to get inmate Dillard.

The criminal trial in state court as the first in nearly a decade for guards at Corcoran, a maximum-security prison in the San Joaquin Valley. The prison was the nation's most deadly from 1989 to 1995, when 43 inmates were wounded and seven died or died by guards.

Two state investigations into abuses at Corcoran and other prisons, where eight other officers are accused of setting up gladiator-style battles among inmates for the guards' entertainment. They will be tried later.

"No one is above the law," prosecutor Vernon Piersen told the jury as the four guards sat in court.

The guards are accused of putting Eddie Dillard, a 118-pound first-time offender, in the cell of Wayne Jerome Robertson, a 6-foot-3, 230-pound sexual predator known as the "Booby Bandit," to punish Dillard for kicking a female guard.

Robertson, a lifer, admitted to a grand jury that he sodomized Dillard and threatened to kill him if he put up a fight during the three days in 1993 when guards left the smaller man in the cell.

Dillard, in prison for assault with a deadly weapon, had just been transferred from another prison, in part because he had killed the female guard.

The prosecutor said the guards knew Robertson was Dillard's enemy - Dillard had said so, in prison paperwork, because in a fight the two had at another prison. Prison policy forbids putting such inmates in the same cell.

Dillard should have never been put in the cell with me, period," Robertson testified to a grand jury. "I mean, my luck, ground is no secret... The Corrections Department used

age and drug costs nor reforms that are shifting low-income people off of government-subsidized health care programs are unique to Idaho.

And the explanation of the state's high percentage of uninsured residents continues to elude policy makers.

"There's some anecdotal evidence that our provider costs are higher than surrounding states," Cameron said. "We're trying to draw on that. I don't know that we know the answer as to why that's the case, but we're going to look at it."

"If it is, the insurance would simply be a reaction to what our provider costs are," he said.

Insurance industry officials have been advising the task force throughout the summer that a number of policyholders who have decided to keep coverage are opting for larger and larger deductibles. While that helps check premiums, health advocates say it also discourages people from seeking medical attention.

All four guards, who face 5 to 9 years in prison if convicted, are on administrative leave with pay. None of their superiors have been subjected to any disciplinary actions as a result of the Dillard case, said Curtis Fisk, the lawyer for Decker, who supervised the other guards as well as more than 400 inmates.

In his opening statement, Fisk sought to put the blame on Robertson, and on poor paperwork. He said the files that the accused guards were given on the prisoners didn't include Dillard's names list or mention his attack on the female guard. The files also showed that Robertson was classified as being allowed to have cellmates, he said.

"Our clients had no motive to punish inmate Dillard," Fisk said. "At the time these two inmates were put together, there was no particular reason for these inmates not to be celled together."

He agreed that Wayne Robertson is a rapist and a thug, but that fact was not known to the floor staff," Fisk said.

As a result of an FBI investigation, eight other guards face federal charges of staging gladiator-style fights by putting rival gang members in the exercise yard at the same time.

# Local jails pass state inspections

The Times-News

**POCATELLO** - Three local jails were among the 17 in Idaho to lock up perfect scores during inspections by the Idaho Sheriff's Association.

The Mini-Cassia, Twin Falls County and Blaine County jails met all 31 jail standards during yearly inspections by the association's Jail Standards Committee, a news release from the Idaho Sheriff's Association said.

The perfect scores earned the jails a Certificate of Compliance. The Jail Standards Committee inspected each of Idaho's 42 jails twice this year.

Times-News reporter Ruth Strater can be reached in Burley at 677-4042.

# Dietrich sets date for bond issue vote

The Times-News

**DIETRICH** - The Dietrich School Board plans to approve a \$1.7 million bond issue that failed by four votes in May.

The board decided at its September meeting to put the bond issue before voters, Superintendent Peter Bois said. Board members will meet at 8

p.m. Thursday to formally set the election date for Nov. 23. The bond issue needs two-thirds voter approval to pass. If approved, it would pay for a new gymnasium and four elementary classrooms.

# Mom charged with murder faces judge

**SPOKANE (AP)** - Bail was set at \$1 million Monday for a woman prosecutors allege stabbed her 8-year-old daughter to death and then wounded herself in an apparent suicide attempt.

Sharon Curry, still recovering from three stab wounds, moved slowly and spoke quietly in her first court appearance in the Sept. 26 slaying.

A judge assigned a public defender for Curry, who is charged with first-degree murder. She was being held in the Spokane County jail on a suicide watch.

Detectives believe the 41-year-old woman stabbed her daughter

Jessica with a kitchen knife inside the woman's convertible Ford Mustang in the driveway of their home in Medical Lake, a suburb west of Spokane.

Investigators believe she used the same knife to stab herself in the chest.

Police, called by a neighbor, arrived to find the girl dead in the driveway and her injured mother nearby.

Curry was taken to a Spokane hospital. Two days later, detectives interviewed her and she notified her she was under arrest. She was charged with murder.

Court documents filed in support of the charge allege Curry sat with her daughter in the car's passenger seat and alternately

stabbed her daughter and then herself.

The girl suffered five stab wounds and had cuts to her right hand, an autopsy found.

The cuts were consistent with defensive wounds often associated with stabbings, Spokane County Medical Examiner George Lindholm told detectives.

Curry, a divorcee who worked part time at a Medical Lake grocery store, recently moved to the modest, single-story home she shares with her third-grade daughter.

Investigators have not discussed a motive.

# Sheep

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business in Idaho, said Judi Faulkner, whose family maintains one of the largest sheep operations left in Idaho.

Among the new events this year will be a shepherder hike Sunday where hikers will get a guided tour along old sheepherder trails in the canyon.

Hikers will see a variety of Basque and Peruvian tree carvings in the canyon, which lies at the end of Eagle Creek Road north of Ketchum off Idaho Highway 75. Those who wish to further explore old trails can also get maps of Julio's Trail, documenting the passage of a Peruvian shepherder who guided his sheep through Adams Gulch in the 1960s and 1970s.

"These men were alone for months at a time and I can imagine them wanting to say, 'I'm here. The hills here, the mountains here, the land that not many of us have today.'"

Saturday's festival has expanded. The entire contingent of Boise Highlanders bagpipers is expected to perform this year, along with Gaupp's, a group of Basque folk musicians from Boise; a Peruvian group from Goding; the Oinkari Bagpipers, and the Boulder Brothers, a Celtic-Irish group from the Wood River Valley.

### Trailing of the sheep

Friday, 7 p.m.: Storytelling reception, Community Library, 415 Spruce St., Ketchum. Refreshments served.

Saturday, 7 to 10 p.m.: Lamb Dine-Around at area restaurants featuring special lamb dishes. For information, call 726-5463 or 1-800-633-4347.

Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.: Sheep Follies Fair, featuring sheep display, children's workshop and more. Roberta McKelvey, Hailey.

6 to 9 p.m.: Gallery Walk at Ketchum and Sun Valley galleries.

7 p.m.: Sheep Tables Reading, Sun Valley Center for the Arts, Fifth and Washington streets, Ketchum.

Sunday, Noon: Trailing of the Sheep Parade, beginning on Idaho Highway 75 near the Sun Valley Golf Course and proceeding along Main Street in Ketchum. No fee.

2 to 3:30 p.m.: Sheepherder Walk. Hikers should meet at Starbuck's, housed in the Lane mercantile building at Main Street and Sun Valley. Fee to meet at Bear Canyon at the end of Eagle Creek Road just north of Ketchum off Idaho 75.

7 to 10 p.m.: Lamb Dine-Around.

Tish Lewis of Murphy will demonstrate how sheepdogs round up their charges. Basque competitors from as far away as Elko, Nev., will match skills lifting weights and chopping wood.

Craft people will demonstrate carding, spinning, weaving and shearing and sell sheep cookies, drawings, cards, wools and Basque items.

St. Charles Parish in Hailey will serve up its 50th annual lamb barbecue. "We're calling it a folklike fair this year because that's what it is, a celebration of history and culture, of sounds and smells," Peavey said.

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# Graffiti might point way to missing boy

GRANTS PASS, Ore. (AP) — Graffiti on a bathroom wall at a rest stop in the remote Oregon desert may hold a clue to what happened to an 8-year-old boy who vanished last December while looking for a Christmas tree.

It could also just be a cruel joke. But detectives — looking for any possible clue to the disappearance of Derrick Engebretson — removed part of the wall last week and sent it to the state crime lab to check for fingerprinting or anything else that might shed light on the graffiti.

Investigators refused to say what was written on the wall, but Derrick's mother said Monday it suggested her son may have been abducted.

"At first you think, 'Oh my God, he might be alive and somebody is actually going to give him back,'" Lori Engebretson said.

"All I can say is I hope if Derrick did die, I hope he died on that mountain and not at the hands of some sick person. If he died on the mountain, he just closed his eyes and went to sleep. There would have been no pain or anything."

On Saturday, she and her husband, millworker Robert Engebretson, drove the 250 miles from their home in the small farming community of Bonanza, near the California line, to the rest stop to have a look for themselves. But they left unconvinced that the message was significant.

"I think it's just a big, sick joke," Mrs. Engebretson said. "I thought, if somebody would have had Derrick, if they put this on the wall, they were wanting to be caught. If they were wanting to be caught, why didn't they leave something of Derrick's there?"

Not a trace of Derrick — not one of his gloves bearing the logo of the Goosebumps books he loved to read, the jacket he hated to wear, or even the hatchet he carried — has turned up since he disappeared Dec. 5 on the east side of the Cascade Range.

The boy had been out with his father and grandfather. He had been sent up a hill with a hatchet to cut down a tree. After he disappeared, a snowstorm blew in. Helicopters with heat sensors, tracking dogs and hundreds of volunteers all combed the woods for more than a week.

Since then, Derrick's family has spent nearly every weekend

on the mountain looking for him. They have found someone's glasses, shoestrings, and the tag out of a T-shirt. But no sign of Derrick. The remote-controlled Big Foot truck and laser-sighted BB gun Mrs. Engebretson bought her son for Christmas are still wrapped and underneath the artificial tree in the family room.

"There's clothing I can't imagine would fit him now, even if he does come home," she said. "The presents, the paper is starting to come off because it's so old."

But yeah, it's still there. The tree is not lit any more. But it is still put up.

"At first, it was tough, but now it's just a permanent fixture in the house. Nobody says anything

about it any more. Every once in a while we just stare at it. But nobody talks about it any more."

On Derrick's ninth birthday, July 5, they took a bunch of balloons up to the mountain and left

them on a tree. "I haven't given up on him being alive," his mother said. "I pray ever single night for him to be alive in somebody's safe hands."

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**Crews reach milestone on I-15**

SALT LAKE CITY — The I-15 reconstruction project is a long way from over, but two major reopenings scheduled for today will ease some of the congestion.

The northbound I-15 off-ramp at 600 South and a new collector connecting westbound I-80 with northbound I-15 will open at 6 a.m. The 700 East and State Street onramps to westbound I-80 also are set to reopen.

The \$1.59 billion dollar project to rebuild 17-miles of the freeway is on schedule.

Mayor Devede Corradini and Gov. Mike Leavitt will place a key to the city in a time capsule at a ribbon-cutting for the 600 South off-ramp.

The downside is that when the new I-80/I-15 connector opens, motorists on northbound I-15 no longer will have access to the 1300 South and 900 South off-ramps. But, vehicles entering the I-15 corridor from 2100 South and the new westbound I-80 ramp will be able to exit at 1300 South and 900 South.

The eastbound I-80 off-ramp at State Street closed Monday and is not scheduled to reopen until the winter. Also, the 900 South on-ramp to southbound I-15 will close Friday at 10 p.m. for one year.

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## Meet Grammam Maudie

### Twin Falls woman brings Oregon Trail history to life

By Pat Marnett  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Grammam Maudie Miller was born out of tales of the Oregon Trail and Mary Inman's love of history.

Maudie appears when Inman dons bonnet and long skirt and tells of pioneer families forging their way into then-new country. She turns history into flesh and blood.

Inman is a former park ranger with a master's degree in biology. She entered the National Park Service in the 1960s as a naturalist when ranger positions first opened to women. With the Park Service, Inman received interpretation training and gained five years of experience. Interpretation is simply telling people a story, Inman says.

By 1992, she had retired and moved to Twin Falls, where history came home.

"I've been fascinated with anything western, especially the Oregon Trail took my imagination," she says.

Inman began researching the trail, which moved through several locations in the Magic Valley.

For the 1993 Oregon Trail Sesquicentennial, she made a pioneer dress and traveled as a participant on a Park Service Wagon. On the trail, Maudie was born.

"I needed a character to tell the story. That's where Grammam Maudie comes in," Inman says.

Maudie tells stories of the life on the trail. "It's all authentic. It's right out of the diaries," Inman says. "I got an appreciation of the humor that got them through the hardships."

Her first paid performance was at the 1995 celebration of the

Three Mile Crossing, where pioneers challenged the Snake River.

"Two years later, she had joined the Idaho Humanities Speakers Bureau, presenting her program at parks, conventions, clubs, educational groups and libraries.

"If I can make them get lost in the history, feel like they were there, that's the best reward," Inman says.

The council also inducted Inman into its Scholars-in-the-Schools program. Third-graders hear Maudie's accounts of her mountain man brother. Fourth-graders hear from Maudie's sister, Carrie, and Carrie's granddaughter, Martha — who dresses in bustles and bloomers — about life after the trail and up to the gay 1900s.

"That's a totally different story," Inman says.

Such performances help people understand history and also get the attention of young people to encourage an interest in history, says Howard Allen, former Twin Falls mayor and member of a centennial committee planning a celebration.

"And by 2000 we hope to get a lot of young people involved," he says.

In addition to performing, Inman is working on the committee and on a guidebook of historic tours of Twin Falls for the city's centennial. She and Lorayne Smith, a former Times-News writer, also are putting together a book of interviews from and about pioneers.

Research of the past has given Inman a deeper appreciation of the present.

"I write take so much for granted," she says. "People have struggled to give us what we have. More than that... these are interesting people."

### Have some history to share?

If you have some information or stories to share about the history of the Twin Falls area, call Mary Inman at 733-3512. You can also call that number to order Inman's compact disc of her performance of Grammam Maudie Miller.



Mary Inman portrays Grammam Maudie Miller, the character she created to bring alive tales of the Oregon Trail days.

## Oriental art comes home to Burley

By Coroon Hart  
Times-News correspondent

BURLEY — Twin Falls artist Carmen Van Zante brings home an art of the Far East.

Van Zante offered a free class in oriental painting Sept. 18 at Donna's Studio to that had his students happily swirling, free-form lines in custom-blended ink.

Sumi or sumi-e ink paintings are a tradition born in China. The form migrated to Japan, where it was probably integrated with traditional Japanese art style, and then returned to China where it evolved again, Van Zante conjectures. Technique, use of rice paper and the lack of color are characteristics of sumi.

Graceful arrangements of bamboo stalks and flowers, pine trees and stoffes were some of the subjects of the paintings Van Zante presented. All of the paintings were in black and gray on white rice paper, most her own work. She also showed the work of other artists to illustrate the distinctive style.

"I don't know of anyone else in Idaho who is teaching this form," Van Zante says.

She taught herself and has sought out books on the topic for about 20 years, she says. Van Zante, who also has earned recognition for many of her acrylic paintings in competitions around the area, says she will conduct classes as long as there is a demand.

Arlene Aho attended and offered to have her art translate some of the symbols and Japanese language in order to enrich the class. She says she felt a cultural bond she would like to explore further.

In addition to the painting style, the tools of the art are unique.



Twin Falls artist Carmen Van Zante, seated, works with students in a free, basic orientation class in oriental-style painting. She will be offering a series of instructional sessions on Saturdays at Donna's Studio in Burley.

"The ink comes in bars," Van Zante says. "You grind it finely, then add water to get the shade you want."

The ink is formed into bars by mixing it with a mullage type glue and then pressing it into a form. The bars are carved in traditional designs, perhaps to inspire the budding artist, she says.

In addition, there are many forms of rice paper, but beginners started on newsprint.

Last November, Donna Arbogast established her studio, located at 401 E. 16th. She offers space and materials and imports teachers to keep fellow artists growing in their own media. She is the former co-owner of Dick and Donna's Crafts in Heyburn and has been painting for many years, working in oils, acrylics, and various other media.

"I enjoy having people in, pursuing their art," Arbogast says.

### Want more info?

Regular classes in oriental painting will be held from 1-4 p.m. Saturdays. There is a \$10 charge, plus materials of about \$20.



Right, Joe Seltz checks the hearing of a youngster at a screening in Jerome. Left, Fernette Turner screens a child at last year's Healthy Futures Day in Twin Falls. This year's free screening takes place Oct. 15, but parents must make an appointment.

## Screenings are part of 'Healthy Futures Day'

TWIN FALLS — For the health of a future generation, the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare is hosting Healthy Futures Day, an opportunity for parents to have children screened for Oct. 15 at area locations in Twin Falls, Rupert, Halley, Jerome, and Gooding.

The screening is limited to children up to 36 months of age. Nurse practitioners and nurses will provide physicals for each child. Occupational therapists, physical therapists, and developmental screeners will examine children for potential developmental delays, including speech, motor, and developmental indicators. Early identification of developmental delays and early intervention can provide a child with a brighter and healthier future, the department says. Research shows that 90 percent of a child's brain development occurs during

the first three years.

Children demonstrating a developmental delay will be referred to the state Adult Child Developmental Center for further evaluation, organizers say. Therapeutic services including speech therapy, occupational therapy, physical therapy, and developmental therapy will be provided to children with developmental delays at no charge.

Parents must schedule an appointment with their local Health and Welfare office to have their child screened.

For more information on Health Futures Day, call Annette Wilkinson at 1-800-432-2135.

About 90 people from 21 agencies will provide services for the event. In addition, about 25 businesses are contributing toys, food and other items for the screening.

### To sign up for a free screening

In the Twin Falls area, call 734-5000.  
In the Burley and Rupert area, call 678-8221.  
For Blaine County, call 783-4355.  
In Jerome, call 324-8838.  
In Gooding, parents can call 324-4477.

## COMMUNITY GET TOGETHER



Kortlie Peterson, left, Megan Choate, middle, and Whitney Blick enjoy the eats at the recent community picnic and school open house sponsored by the Castletown Mens Club and the school district. Parents met teachers and enjoyed a meal and entertainment by the cheerleaders. Club president Gary Hadel says the club had been sponsoring the picnic for many years before it joined up with the district. "The combination functions have worked very well and have increased in popularity each year," says Mary Potucek, school board chairman.

## Book Marques club celebrates 30 years

### Review group meets monthly for discussions and good company

TWIN FALLS — For 30 years, the Book Marques have reviewed books of all types — nonfiction, fiction, biographies and how-to's.

The book review club celebrated another chapter with a 30th reunion Sept. 18 at the home of Cora Lee Dettweiler in Twin Falls.

The club meets monthly and each member takes turns discussing a book they have read, says Kathy Crow, former club chairman. The members also take turns hosting the meeting.

The club is limited to 20 members and is at capacity, but over the years some 66 people have belonged, Crow says. The club doesn't meet during the summer and at its annual Christmas meeting donates to the Twin Falls Library Foundation.

"We Are the People Our Parents Warned Us About," by Nicholas Hoffman was the first book reviewed at the club's first meeting in May 1969. Over the years, the members have discussed both modern bestsellers and classics.

"This gives us a chance to know about the books we didn't have time to read," she says. "It's interesting what people read."

Crow has been a member for 17 years, and says she enjoys the people as well as



Above, Joy Hartmann, left, of Salt Lake City, gets a hug from Shirley Stranblaw of Twin Falls at the 30th reunion of the Book Marques club Sept. 18. Both were founding members of the book review club. Left, Jody Shottwell welcomes members to the reunion.

the books. "Over a 17-year period, for me it's been every interesting, informative and companionable," she adds.



COMMUNITY

QUILT TIME



Dedicated quilters, Cleo Benson, Loreta Walters, Louise Bowles, Helen Slater and June Fowers seek and visit at the Twin Falls Senior Center. One of their quilts, entitled "Rainbow rings" will be raffied this month to raise money for a new center. The quilt is on display at the Twin Falls Public Library. Tickets are available at the center for \$1 or six for \$5. The women gather three times a week and for a charge, quilt projects for the public with proceeds going back to the center. "We have a good time," Slater says. "It's kind of meditative," Benson adds.

County fair lists livestock winners

Table listing livestock winners for various classes including TWIN FALLS COUNTY FAIR, CATTLE, HORSES, SWINE, SHEEP, and other categories. Lists winners and their owners.

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.
Tuesday: Lasagna, green beans, tossed salad, french bread, fruit cobbler.
Wednesday: Fried chicken, potatoes and gravy, california mix veggies, beef salad, plum pudding.
Thursday: Broccoli quiche, beets, pea salad, corn bread, fruit dessert.
Friday: Fried chicken, au gratin potatoes, mixed veggies, coleslaw, muffin, fruit pie.
Monday: Taco salad.

Ageless Senior Citizens Inc.
310 Main N., Kimberly
Wednesday: Oven fried chicken.
Friday: Salad bar.
Monday: Beef biscuit roll.

Suggested donation for meals is weekdays \$2.50, Sunday \$3.50, non-seniors \$4.25 and children under 22 years old \$2.50. Meals are delivered Monday through Friday. Call 543-4577 for more information.
Tuesday: Quilt and/or card.
Thursday: Quilt and/or card.
Friday: Quilt and/or card.
Saturday: Quilt and/or card.
Sunday: Quilt and/or card.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

A special bead show under way today in Twin Falls
TWIN FALLS - A special bead show will be held from noon to 6 p.m. today at Deedman's Gulch Leather-Tandy Leather, 1158 South Park Ave. W. in Twin Falls.

West End Senior Citizens Inc.
1010 Main St., Buhl
Noon meals served Monday through Friday. Buffet meal at 1 p.m. on Sunday. Evening meals served at 5:30 p.m. Monday and Thursday.

Idaho Rehearsal Lodge holds card party Saturday
WENDELL - The Idaho Rehearsal Lodge #32 will host a card party on Saturday at 1 p.m. at the Idaho Rehearsal Lodge, 230 West Ave. A in Wendell.

Gooding Airport Flyers Association holds meeting
GOODING - The Gooding Airport Flyers Association (GAFA) will have its general meeting at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Gooding Airport.

LAZY J HOMEOWNER'S GROUP HEARS FROM REPRESENTATIVE
TWIN FALLS - The Lazy J Homeowner's Association will hold a meeting at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday.

Gooding Senior Center hosts flea market
GOODING - The Gooding Senior Center will hold a flea market from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and starting at 9 a.m. Saturday at the senior center at 308 Senior Ave. in Gooding.

Jerome High School releases report cards
JEROME - Parents of Jerome High School students are encouraged to pick up first trimester mid-term report cards and meet with teachers from 6-9 p.m. today or from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Wednesday in the gymnasium.

Magic Valley Astronomical Society plans meeting
TWIN FALLS - The Magic Valley Astronomical Society will meet at 7 p.m. Saturday at the Shields Building, Room 217, on the College.

We want your news
PHOTO: [Image of a person]
BY: [Name]

SERVICE NEWS

Elko resident reports for duty with aviation squadron
Marine Lance Cpl. Donald T. Fish, son of Keith D. and Susan E. Fish of Elko, Nev., has reported for duty with Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 36, Marine Air Group 36, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, Okinawa, Japan.

During the visit, sailors from Garlinghouse's ship provided humanitarian assistance to the flood victims of the Eastern seaboard provinces of Chantumi and Trai, Thailand, by distributing more than 200 pounds of medical supplies, organizers say. Sailors from the USS Chancellorsville also visited a school for the blind. The USS Chancellorsville is based in Yokosuka, Japan.

Report cards not picked up by parents in Oct. 11
For more information, call Jerome High School at 324-8137.

Prison reform group gets started with meeting today
TWIN FALLS - The Friends and Families of Idaho inmates

# COMPUTERS AND TECHNOLOGY

## USER FRIENDLY

### Tech-savvy teachers lacking in most schools

Though a lot of U.S. schools have plenty of personal computers, many do not have well-trained teachers, or the funds to train or hire more.

#### Troubling numbers

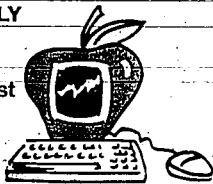
- 20%** This is the number of U.S. teachers who say they are comfortable integrating computers into classroom instruction.
- 3 to 5** This is the number of years of professional development needed before a teacher can effectively use computers in class.
- 30%** This is the percentage of a school district's budget the U.S. Department of Education says should be spent on teacher training.
- 9%** This is the percentage of a school district's budget, on average, that is actually spent on teacher training.
- 50%** This is the percentage of teachers who got their own computer training at their own expense.
- 2 million** This is the number of new teachers needed in U.S. schools by 2010.

#### And the poor lose again

Kids in poorer school districts have longer waits for high-tech goodies. Percentage of low- income enrollment

0-10%	42%	30%
11-20%	26%	12%

Percentage of schools with: Pentium or Power Mac computers considered technology intensive



### Knight Ridder News Service

What was supposed to be the party of the millennium - New Year's Eve 1999 - may turn out to be as memorable as another day in the office.

While many people undoubtedly will be celebrating the end of the 20th Century, many others around the world will be at their work stations just in case something goes wrong with their computer systems.

And that is spilling plans of airlines, hotels, resorts and restaurants that had been counting on bigger-than-ever holiday bashes tonight in the new year.

"Demand is pretty light," says Mary Vogt, director of sales and marketing for the Hotel Inter-Continental on North Michigan Avenue. The rooms that have been booked, she adds, have been reserved mostly by companies for employees put on holiday duty as the world spins into the next century.

New Year's Eve is also shaping up as something of a bust for airlines. For example, Ansett Australia Airlines, a member of the Star Alliance with United

Airlines, on Thursday canceled all flights from 11 p.m. Dec. 31 through noon Jan. 1.

Meantime, restaurants have so few year-end reservations that some Chicago caterers on Friday put themselves up for auction on e-Bay.com. High bidders get a special menu and an open bar. Minimum bids range from \$6,500 for the Chicago

Avenue Bar Lounge to \$15,000 for Nick & Tony's.

By now, companies and government entities generally say that after spending billions of dollars, they're confident their computers won't fail because of the Y2K computer bug. The problem is that computers might misread dates because programmers used only the last two digits for years. Thus, the year 2000 might be read as the year 1900.

But to play it safe, many employers are putting workers on standby for the New Year's

weekend, bringing them and their families to each city tomorrow on Johnson County.

Airlines typically cut back on the number of flights they make around New Year's Eve each year. That's because most holiday board planes for their networks will be full the night before the annual count-down. This year, however, that

calculations are much more

complicated because of the airlines' largest domestic carrier with 100 flights a day between Atlanta and its 30 major airports. It says it will cancel at least 20 percent of its

flights on New Year's Eve and is looking to cancel at least 7 percent of its New Year's Day traffic. A year ago, it canceled 30 percent.

United doesn't have a firm number yet, but the Elk Grove Township business union says the number likely will exceed 50 percent of its previously planned

New Year's Eve schedule. United flies more than 2,000 flights daily it canceled 5 percent percent last year.

Norwest Airlines and its European partner, KLM Royal Dutch Airlines, on Wednesday said they would ground virtually all of their flights between the United States and Europe.

Earlier in the year, there were reports that an traffic control system might fail on New Year's Eve, but that scare doesn't seem to be the reason for slack holiday

demand, airline executives say.

"Either people have gotten to where they are going or they are staying home," says Al Becker, a spokesman for American.

Mimi McGettigan, who has been monitoring Y2K preparations in detail of her business clients, agrees. "People are not flocking any more than normal," she says.

"I still hope to go away for Christmas and New Year's. I'm still going away. But there is no room to be the mad rush that was predicted," says McGettigan, president of McGettigan Partners of Philadelphia, one of the nation's largest corporate event planners.

## Y2K anticipation dampens demand for bashes

### Chat rooms face evolution of chatting instead of typing

#### By Craig Crossman Knight Ridder News Service

Used to be when you sat down to have a nice chat with someone, it implied having a pleasant face-to-face conversation. Today's high tech definition of having a nice chat usually means firing up the computer, going online and entering a chat room.

Trouble is there isn't any "chatting" going on because no one is speaking. You type in a chat room. For example, you can't see nor hear the other people in the room, most of the social cues that come from vocal inflections and facial expressions are lost.

Without them, it's not surprising how easy it is for misunderstandings to occur amongst the participants in the chat room.

Take for example, the phrase "Have a nice day." It can be spoken with sincerity or given a sarcastic tonality that means you're wishing someone the exact opposite of the phrase's inherent meaning. The ability to convey these subtleties is usually lost in a chat room. To make up for this deficiency, the addition of emoticons help to display a state of mind. For example typing a :) for

a smile or a :( for a frown certainly isn't still a poor substitute for spoken words.

Now the folks at Excite have taken the chat room to the next level. Technologically it's a leap forward that takes us back to using the voice. With Voice Chat, you can now speak in a chat room.

Voice Chat is a chat room in which the participants speak to each other using a computer's sound card and microphone. Upon entering the room, you see a list of names representing its occupants. You can instantly hear everyone in the room.

Pressing the Control key on your keyboard lets you speak. Voice Chat is a full duplex system so even when you speak you can still hear the others. This makes it ideal for interrupting anyone at any time.

In an ordinary chat room, you know who is typing because each line is preceeded with the person's name. In a Voice Chat, you may not know what someone sounds like initially. To make things more clear, Voice Chat automatically highlights the name of the person on the room list that is speaking.

## Chat rooms face evolution of chatting instead of typing

## Non-profit group donates 1,500 computers to Buffalo schools

### Knight Ridder News Service

Two years after beginning operations in the basement of one of its founders, a non-profit group has now prepared more than 1,500 refurbished computers to local schools for classroom use.

"They've bridged a gap in this district," David J. Lane, director of instructional computer services for the Buffalo Public Schools, said of Computers for Children.

"They have definitely provided a niche service for us." The group, which now operates on the entire floor of a downtown office building provided by HSBC Bank, updates old computers and donates them to local schools based on need, equitable infrastructure and a plan to use them

effectively.

Christy, with local Catholic and Christian schools, the Buffalo Public Schools have so far received the bulk of the computers.

Outdated computers - donated largely by corporations - are updated by volunteers using parts purchased with donations from foundations, businesses and individuals, said Kate Artea, the executive director who originally housed the operation in her basement.

The John R. Oishei Foundation provided a \$195,000 grant to provide 500 computers for Catholic schools. AmeriCorp volunteers pick up and deliver the equipment, and volunteers install additional equipment, hard drives and CD-ROMs and being trained by Computers for Children.

## Some computer problems are caused by users, not bugs

### By James Coates Chicago Tribune

#### Computer Q & A

**Q:** I can't find the answer to a recurring problem my husband has when he's on the Web with our browser, Netscape. Once in a while, the cursor turns into a triangle with dot below it. Then its speed is increased, but he can't do anything with it except look at the Web page. The computer must be restarted to get rid of the pesky little thing and return to the normal pointer and operations.

**A:** It's never happened to me, so maybe it's a "male thing." Can you tell us who this is happening so he can avoid it? Just think, if we knew as little about the cars we drive, we'd never have been issued a driver's license.

—Blinda Wladis

makes the whole screen scroll. All you need to do is click the wheel a second time and the pesky thing will stop.

**Q:** I read your column every Monday and I enjoy trying out the helpful tips. Until now, they all have worked nicely. But I tried to follow your advice about running the program "msconfig" from the Start/Run line and found that my computer doesn't have such a file (I searched for it and it's not there). Could I be doing something wrong?

I am running Windows 95 on a 160 MHz Compaq Presario.

—Jim Ramsey

**A:** Sometimes I suspect that if automobiles had been as cranky to use as are computers, we'd still be riding streetcars and I'd still be a reporter on the nighttime police beat.

Anyway, the object of your frustration is neither gender-related nor a bug. Ms. W.' it's a feature called IntellMouse.

Your husband apparently is clicking the little wheel at the front of your newfangled mouse between the left clicker and the right clicker. That wheel is called the automatic scrolling wheel, and once you click it, the cursor changes to that dot plus triangle affair. Thereafter, moving the mouse backward and forward

Apologies to the dozens of Windows 95 users who wrote to say they were let down by my advice to use the msconfig program, which I failed to mention, is available only in Windows 98.

Msconfig works by bringing up a list with check marks allowing a user to stop automatically running many of the programs that are started when Windows boots up, whether you need them or not.

Msconfig in Windows 98 is a nifty way to reduce the number of programs that get started in the system tray at the lower right-hand corner of the screen but wasn't included in Windows 95. Bammer.

## Internet retailer goes wireless

**SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) —** A week after moving to offer online shoppers just about anything they could want to buy - from third sale trinkets to buffalo peeks - Amazon.com is giving customers a chance to place their orders from just about anywhere they go.

Amazon planned to announce Monday it will become one of the first e-commerce companies to sell its products through new wireless devices.

The move is timed to coincide with this week's nationwide

release of 3Com Corp.'s new Palm VII, a hand-held computer that will provide wireless Internet access to allow users to read e-mail, shop and browse popular Web sites.

Last week we announced our new zSHOPS, which was about anything. This is about anywhere," said Warren Adams, an Amazon executive who lead the "Amazon Anywhere" initiative. "Now our customers can have their shopping mall in their pockets instead of having to be at their desktop."

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## CAUTIOUS ABOUT BANKS

### Banks, regulators tour Idaho to say money is safest in banks

By Virginia S. Hutchins  
Times-News writer

#### BRIEFLY IN MONEY

##### U S WEST launches emergency system

BOISE — U S WEST is pioneering a 911 solution with the first advanced, integrated system of its kind in the United States.

The U S WEST Emergency Preparedness Network warning system can identify and warn people in a designated area that an emergency is headed their way.

A public safety official can order phone service to the Magic Valley to activate the network in event of a disaster. Within minutes, telephone calls simultaneously reach the affected community and deliver warnings and safety instructions.

"Our goal is to provide public safety agencies the tools to help lessen the impact that unpredictable events can have on our communities," said James Reid, 911 group manager. "(The system) provides advance warning by proactively placing calls to people and informing them of imminent danger."

When emergencies arise, public safety officials identify a specific geographic area, and the Emergency Preparedness Network pulls up the telephone numbers of the people within that area. Emergency messages can be delivered at a rate of up to 2,000 calls per minute.

U S WEST plans to introduce the system later this year.

**TWIN FALLS** — Cash isn't nutritious.

If you're worried about running out of food when the year 2000 arrives, just buy a few extra groceries.

"Don't depend on cash to solve all your Y2K problems, if that's your concern," said Gavin M. Gee, director of the Idaho Department of Finance, touring southern Idaho Monday to

spread the message that it's unnecessary and unsafe — and might be inconvenient for the bank — to withdraw extra cash for the looming date change.

Every one of the banks authorized by state or federal regulators to do business in Idaho has met the government's requirements for being Y2K-ready, Gee said. And each one has contingency plans.

"They have all met those standards," he said.

Please see **BANKS**, Page C6

#### WHAT TO EXPECT

On the three-day New Year's holiday weekend:

- All Idaho banks will be open Friday, a state holiday.
- ATMs will be available all weekend.
- Most banks' in-store branches will be open Sunday.
- "It's going to be an interesting weekend," said Barbara Strickland, executive director of the Idaho Bankers Association.
- "Never has there been so much work

put into something to make it a non-event," added Gavin M. Gee, director of the Idaho Department of Finance. Banks will be staffed all weekend for the date change, and finance regulators are expected to announce hot-line numbers for consumers. First Federal Savings Bank Chairman C. Alan Homer said.

#### A simple check

Check your credit cards.

If one has an expiration date in 2000 or 2001, and it works for a purchase today, you can be assured that the store and all other links in the financial chain are Y2K-compliant. Zorn, vice president Kelly Anderson said. One of First Federal's cards didn't work last year for a customer at a Nevada motel, Homer said. That kept off the news that it had some work to do.

## Woodworker carves out niche with ornate mantelpieces

The Associated Press

MEDFORD, Ore. — Roger Butterfield's gloved hands linger on the flowing forms, cradling a rounded mound of grapes here, fingering the veins of a curved leaf there, dropping low to trace a trailing tendril.

It's hard to remember the man is working in wood, so sinuous are the shapes he creates. But wood is his white oak — his feet that provides the foundation for this vine-carved mantelpiece, just one of the Medford woodworker's commissioned pieces.

When it's finished, the intricate, three-part mantel will have absorbed 300 hours of Butterfield's time and talent. Eventually, it will adorn the fireplace in a neighborhood home.

Then, Butterfield will turn his attention to the next project, part of his ongoing exploration of the relationship between a block of wood and a work of art.

"It's kind of just inventive expression," said Butterfield, 46. "It's the organic and the geometric. There's just something about the blending of the two."

Butterfield has been blending those dimensions in fine wood-working for more than 15 years, creating architectural and ornamental pieces that command prices ranging from a few hundred to several thousand dollars.

Butterfield has worked with mythic themes and symbolic subjects since he turned to woodworking as a profession.

He was making a living installing air conditioning and



Roger Butterfield gingerly carves out a grape leaf on a white oak mantelpiece in his Medford, Ore., workshop last month. Butterfield has been creating architectural and ornamental pieces for more than 15 years.

heating systems in Maryland, when a friend offered him part of a centerpiece beam from an old barn.

"I just knew I wanted a big piece of wood," Butterfield said.

"I bought an old Stanley's carpenter chisel, a gouge and a mallet."

Those tools — the woodworker's holy trinity — launched Butterfield into a new life.

His first commissioned piece was a wooden symbol for a Unity Church.

"It was a 4-foot mahogany globe with wings and they used it underneath the portrait,"

Butterfield said.

Five years later that coup, Butterfield built a portable wood shop, hitched it to his mother's unused motor home, and moved it to his shop. Please see **MANTEL**, Page C5

## Jury awards policyholders \$456 million in State Farm suit

The Associated Press

MARIION, Ill. — A jury Monday ordered the nation's largest auto insurer to pay \$456 million for allegedly cheating customers by ordering body shops to use substandard repair parts.

Lawsuits for State Farm policyholders complaining about "aftermarket parts" had asked for more than \$5.4 billion in damages in the class-action lawsuit. A decision on parts of the suit was still pending.

The lawsuit, which went to the jury Wednesday, accused the State Farm Mutual Automobile

Insurance Co., based in Bloomington, Ill., of breaching its contract with policyholders to restore their cars to their pre-accident conditions.

Jurors decided that claim, while two consumer fraud counts accusing State Farm of deceiving customers were to be decided by Williamson County Circuit Judge John Speroni. Speroni was expected to rule within the next few days.

Plaintiffs had sought \$1.4 billion on the breach of contract claim decided Monday and about \$4 billion on the other counts. "We think it's a great victory

"This is a major setback for our policyholders."

— Bill Sirolo, State Farm spokesman

for policyholders and the body-shop industry as a whole," plaintiffs' attorney Tom Thrash said.

Bill Sirolo, spokesman for State Farm — which sells insurance in offices throughout the Magic Valley — promised an appeal and said the company

would not immediately change its policy.

"This is a major setback for our policyholders," he said.

The lawsuit involved parts such as door panels, hoods and fenders, modeled on original parts produced by auto makers but made without benefit of the original specifications. About 15 percent of all crash-repair parts used last year were aftermarket replacements, according to insurance and auto-body repair groups.

Critics claim such parts fail to provide the same fit, finish, corrosion protection and, in some

cases, safety as the more expensive parts made for auto makers.

Industry analysts and some consumer advocates have said a large verdict against State Farm could reduce the use of aftermarket parts in the auto-repair business and drive up the price of crash repairs.

During trial, State Farm lawyers said the use of aftermarket parts saved policyholders more than \$233 million in premiums in 1998.

The lawsuit combines the potential claims of 4.7 million current and former State Farm policyholders.

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BURLEY — Illusions, a Burley salon, recently changed ownership and added new services for area customers.

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Karla Douglas and Jackie Kidd are nail technicians, and Kidd is an Elegant Glass Educator. She is a licensed skin-care specialist.

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Sheila Claxton

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Continued from C4 and began marketing his skills to every Unity Church from San Francisco to Portland. "I had a real niche market," he said. "I was doing works for Unity churches."

One of those churches, minister Victoria Ethelbert wanted a distinctive sculpture for the entry.

She envisioned a wooden depiction of the church's logo, which includes a heart etched with a map of the globe, surrounded by four bars symbolizing balance.

In a brief description, Butterfield seemed to understand the concept. "I have to admit, I had never met Milton and I spent less than an hour with him," she said. "He

went off and carved it, he came back, he showed up with it and unveiled it. It brought tears to my eyes."

Butterfield said he works hard to capture the essence of his clients' desires. He starts with discussions and sketches, then moves to models before beginning the actual carving. The process requires, he said, an element of faith.

"Everything I've ever done, I've never done before," he said. The carving is careful, painstaking work done one stroke at a time.

As he works, Butterfield's biceps flex and his body tenses with the controlled energy it takes to shape even one small, round grape.

"Most of it is finding your

angle and making the cut," Butterfield said.

"Carving in grain is kind of like sailing. When I go against the grain, it's like running against the wind."

Such effort leaves Butterfield depleted after about four hours. He no longer tries to force himself to work longer than that; instead, he diverts his energy to tasks with different demands.

Teaching ballroom dancing, for instance, provides an antidote to hours of isolation on a studio stool.

"I was structured my time because I don't want to work," he said.

"I want to be in a place where I want to live."

Stocks rebound after poor performance last week

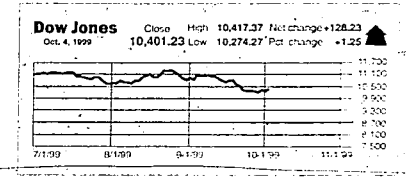
NEW YORK — Stocks rebounded sharply Monday, led by financial and telecommunications issues, as investors but that the Federal Reserve will leave interest rates alone on Tuesday. Prices also got a boost from the latest corporate merger announcements.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 128.23 to 10,417.23 after posting losses in three of the past four sessions.

Broader indicators also closed higher. The Standard & Poor's 500 index was up 21.79 at 1,304.60, and the Nasdaq composite index rose 59.12 to 2,795.97.

"With the pounding that the market took in early and late September, it got pretty overdone, so it was set up for a reflex bounce or a short-term rally," said Richard McCabe, chief market strategist at Merrill Lynch & Co. Going into the week, the Dow had fallen more than 9 percent since August.

But McCabe predicted the rally would be short-lived. "We haven't



gone to the bottom yet."

Analysts said the market has come to believe that the Federal Reserve will leave interest rates unchanged when its policy-making Open Market Committee meets today. While widespread worries about higher rates sent stock prices plunging in recent weeks, most economists say there actually are few signs that the economy is growing too fast.

A spate of merger announcements also helped lift investors' spirits. Telecommunications issues rose after BellSouth joined a bidding war with MCI WorldCom for Sprint, the No. 3 U.S. long-distance carrier. Sprint rose 3.932 to 60.93, and MCI added 1.125 to 71.625 while BellSouth slid 2 1/16 to 42.11/16.

Radio stocks rose after Clear Channel Communications said it was buying AMFM Inc. for \$16.7 billion in stock, creating a company that will dominate the airwaves.

Clear Channel also announced a bid for 71.625 million BellSouth shares to 42.11/16.

to 65.316 while Clear Channel fell 3.875 to 76.5.

Gemstar International Group Inc. said it would buy TV Guide for about \$9.2 billion in stock and debt to improve its electronic program guides. Gemstar fell 7.716 to 76.316, while TV Guide added 4.1332 to 45.1516. Meanwhile, Dow component AT&T, the No. 1 long-distance company, rose 2 to 43.75.

"It creates a new, more accurate 'tracking' stocks to reflect the value of different businesses such as the company's cable and wireless operations."

"The takers are always adding pizzazz," said Barry Hyman, market strategist for Ehrenkrantz-Kline-Nusbaum. "It creates a new landscape and people think bigger is better."

American Express led the Dow, rising 6 3/16 to 127.916 on optimism that interest rates will remain stable. Higher rates could hurt borrowing, which would hurt the credit card company's earnings.

Micron posts loss for second straight quarter

BOISE (AP) — Despite a late summer improvement, depressed international computer chip prices kept Micron Technology Inc. in the red for a second straight quarter.

The Boise-based computer chip maker on Monday reported a net loss of \$17.4 million in its fourth

quarter. But the losses for both the June-August quarter and the year-to-date were smaller than those posted for the same periods a year earlier.

In a statement, the company declined to predict whether the market for radio stations operating in late August and September

would be sustained.

Over the year, however, the company said average memory product prices were off another 40 percent on the heels of 75 percent and 60 percent declines the two previous years, leaving the price about 6 percent of what it was in 1996.

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Healthier foods enter convenience stores

CHICAGO - The average convenience store is stocked with staples that attracts the weak of will...

But reflecting the booming business in health foods and the growing number of female shoppers, convenience stores are shuffling their shelves to make room for more nutritious alternatives.

At the 1999 National Association of Convenience Stores Show this week in Chicago, that trend was evident in the number of booths showcasing vitamins, herbal supplements, upscale bottled water, energy bars and even raw vegetables.

Now the challenge is countering fraud, fear and fat was of cash. Money in the bank is insured, and that's the safest place for it, said Gee and his touring partners...

Instead, Gee said, remember payment options other than cash, with a debit card or credit card. Traveler's checks, for instance, are a safer alternative for the three-day holiday weekend at year's end.

But to an industry accustomed to heavy oversight - dealing with new regulatory issues every year - the preparations aren't new stuff, said Alan Horner, chairman of First Federal Savings Bank.

Perfection is expected, and that's normal for bankers. First Federal offers counseling to customers making unusually large withdrawals, Horner said. The bank's storage food on the way to work.

Their fears for the most part are alleviated," he said. Times-News Business Editor Virginia S. Hutchins can be reached at 733-0931, Ext. 242, by e-mail at virginia@magnumcf.com

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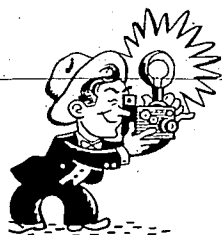
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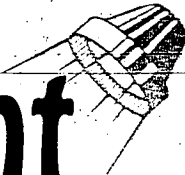
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MORNING LINE

SPORTSQUOTE

But what do you expect from pond scum? If, rather than writing and talking about sports, (the media) could do something constructive, we would.

-Woody Paige of the Denver Post, announcing that the media crew is first to jump off the Broncos bandwagon

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

Golf
Ladies Inter-City Fun Day at Jerome C.C.

High school volleyball
Shoshone at Bliss
Buhl at American Falls Tri
Castledale at Oakley
Dierrich, Butte County at Mackay
Valley at Kimberly
Richfield at Camas County
DeLo at Gemma Ferry
Ketchum at Carey
Hansen at Mtn High
Jerome at Wood River
Richfield at Camas County
Hagerman at Hart River
Gooding at Wendell
Buhl at Minico
DeLo at Gemma Ferry

Girls' high school soccer
Twin Falls at Minico, 5 p.m.
Buhl at Jerome, 5 p.m.
Buhl at Wood River, 5:30 p.m.

Boys' high school soccer
Minico at ISDB, 5 p.m.
Buhl at Ketchum, 5 p.m.

IN BRIEF

CSI men take 5th; women 3rd at meet

SALEM, Ore. - The College of Southern Idaho men's and women's cross country runners posted some of their best times of the year last weekend at the Willamette University Invitational.

Both teams bested all junior colleges competing in the 40-team meet. The men placed fifth overall in the small collegial division. The women took third.

Leading the way for the Golden Eagle men was sophomore Amleson Teklai, who placed 26th overall in a time of 25:14.23. Teammate John Burkey was right behind him for 21st in 25:19.19. B.J. Christenson placed 30 in 25:37.25. Mike Giampini took 32nd in 25:39.50 and Murad Campbell came in 38th in 26:29.57.

On the women's side, Joanne Whitaker was the Golden Eagles top finisher in 7th at 18:50.25. Courtney Barlow placed 16th in 18:52.58 and Liz Jackson of Jerome finished 17th in 18:54.54. Jen Crumley at 19:20.02 and Courtney Cooperwater at 19:27.32 rounded out CSI's top 5 with a 25th- and 33rd-place finishes.

The CSI cross-country teams next travel to Logan, Utah, Oct. 15 to compete in the United States Invitational. Complete results from last week, see Scores and Stats, Page D3.

Kimberly boosters have homecoming BBQ
KIMBERLY - The Kimberly Homecoming Bar-B-Q will be Thursday from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Building Center.

The dinner, sponsored by the high school booster club, will feature steak, baked potatoes, and corn rolls. For more information, call George Flew at 735-0361.

Playoff decides Tournament of Champions winner

Nampa resident edges IGA champ at Elkhorn Resort

ELKHORN - James Brooks of Nampa won a playoff with IGA Amateur champion Bret Rupert of Boise to win the 1999 IGA Tournament of Champions Sunday afternoon at Elkhorn Resort.

Idaho Falls' Bracken Webb for third at 147.
In another playoff in the men's club champions division, Ketchum's Brian Saksas beat Rupert's Steve Strider after both shot 148.

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577-watt ladies course.
Kimberly's Jennifer Harper won the women's club champions flight with a 156, followed by Ketchum's Jany Hinds and Twin Falls' Beth Schumacher alumna Stephanie Bryant at 162, Basee's Bev Mullin at 162, and Caldwell's Jenn Howard at 163.



New York Mets pitcher Al Leiter tossed a sparkling two-hitter against the Cincinnati Reds, propelling the Mets into the playoffs with a 5-0 win in a wild-card playoff.

Mets down Reds for wild card

CINCINNATI - Once they finally figured out how to hold a lead over the Reds, the New York Mets put themselves in the post-season for the first time since 1988.

Al Leiter pitched a two-hitter and Edgardo Alfonzo homered on the sixth pitch as the Mets held firm Monday night, beating Cincinnati 5-0 in a one-game playoff for the NL wild-card spot.

I could tell some of their guys were pressing, swinging at bad pitches."
Cincinnati's attempt to nickel-and-dime its way into the playoffs with the big-budget teams flat in front of the Reds' second-biggest crowd of the season, The Reds were shut out for only the third time since April 30.

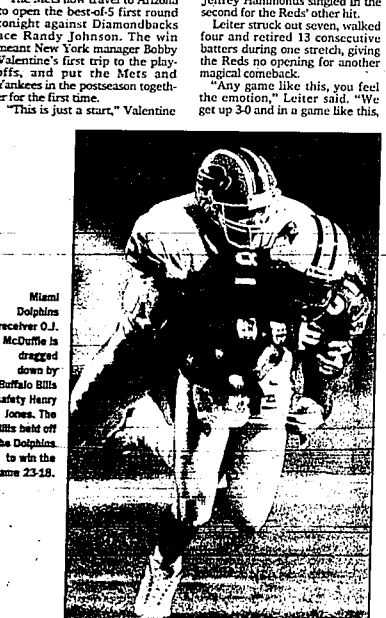
Baseball's final postseason spot came down to a one-game playoff for the second straight year because the Mets couldn't put away the Reds, losing seven in a row after opening a four-game lead on Sept. 19.

The Mets now travel to Arizona to open the best-of-5 first round tonight against Diamondbacks ace Randy Johnson. The win meant New York manager Bobby Valentine's first trip to the playoffs, and put the Mets and Yankees in the postseason together for the first time.

"Any game like this, you feel the emotion," Leiter said. "We get up 3-0 and in a game like this, I could tell some of their guys were pressing, swinging at bad pitches."

Leiter struck out seven, walked four and retired 13 consecutive batters during one stretch, giving the Reds no opening for another magical comeback.

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Miami Dolphins receiver O.J. McDuffie is dragged down by Buffalo Bills safety Henry Jones. The Bills beat the Dolphins to win the game 23-14.

Bills drown Dolphins in Miami

The Associated Press

MIAMI - The Buffalo Bills' defense did all the stomping Monday night against the Miami Dolphins.



Buffalo harried Dan Marino into three turnovers and scored on Gabek Berber's 59-yard fumble return to beat Miami 23-14.

interceptions and two sacks, his first of the year.

The victory avenged the Bills' 24-17 loss at Miami in last season's playoffs.

The teams traded field goals before the Bills' defense broke a 6-6 tie in the first half.

Linebacker John Holecek led the defensive charge by the Bills (3-1), while the loss by the Dolphins (2-1) left the NFL with three undefeated teams. The Bills had lost five consecutive games in Miami.

Holecek came through free on a blitz and blindsided Marino to jar the ball loose. Northern scored it up, escaped a sack by Miami's Cecil Collins and then ran untouched 59 yards for a touchdown.

After Marino took a 23-12 lead on Steve Christie's third field goal with 6:56 left, Miami's Brock Marion returned the ensuing kickoff 93 yards to the 40.

Holecek returned an interception of Marino 35 yards to set up Christie's final field goal, a 31-12.

McDuffie then caught a 9-yard touchdown pass from Marino, the first touchdown allowed by the Bills' defense in 13 quarters.

The Dolphins closed to 13-12 early in the fourth quarter, but Buffalo responded with an 80-yard touchdown drive. Flutie hit Eric Moulden for 40 yards, then hit him again for the 6-yard score and a 20-12 lead.

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Eagles have eyes on young Chukars

By Kevin Hall Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Midway through the 1999 College of Southern Idaho volleyball season, head coach Ben Stroud says it's time for the nation's top-ranked team to adjust its game to the next level.

His team's ranking for an unprecedented seventh consecutive year is the nation's top-ranked team for the remainder of the Scenic West Athletic Conference. Especially Treasure Valley Community College, which invades CSI's gym Wednesday at 7 p.m.

Retiring from a Saturday regional tournament, so it's time to start fine-tuning everything," Stroud said. "Both on offense and defense, we need to make sure we're in the best shape that we can be until we get to the end of the season."

Returning from a Saturday slaughter of North Idaho College, where his team played "almost perfect" volleyball in a 15-1, 15-2, 15-1 win, to improve to 11-1 in the conference and 33-1 overall, one might think tinkering isn't necessary.

Even though we've shown great signs in running our middles (Stephanie Martin and Tamekia Moore combined for 19-of-23 kill attempts Saturday), and our offense going, we need to be smoother."

With only one match this week against the young Chukars (24-17-14), a team led by 10 freshmen, it should be another opportunity for the Golden Eagles to hone its game.

The two squads have only played one match this season, when CSI took a 15-3, 15-7, 15-13 loss in Game 3 when the Chukars overcame an 11-1 deficit to tie it at 12, eventually yielding, 15-13.

CSI is coached by former CSI player Heidi Cartisser, who played for Stroud in 1991 and '92. The Ontario, Ore., team is currently 10th in hitting, and the Chukars average an 11-1 deficit to tie it at 12, eventually yielding, 15-13.

Please see CSI, Page D2

CSI volleyball

Table with columns: Rank, Team, W, L, T, Pct. Rows include Southern Idaho, Twin Falls, etc.

Wednesday's Matchups
Tuesday at CSI, 7 p.m.
Friday at CSI, 7 p.m.

Thursday's Matchups
Friday at CSI
Saturday at CSI

Leading the way

Through Sept. 28, CSI leads first or second in the Scenic West Athletic Conference in 16 team categories, and in 100 categories in 100 categories.

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Hitting Percentage

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Service Aces

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Digs

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SPORTS

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Meet and eat Saturday at Super 8 Motel

TWIN FALLS - Free food, great company, and a Super 8 Motel are waiting for Southern Idaho fans this week. Fans will have a chance to meet all of the CSI athletes, Golden Girls and cheerleaders...

Buhl grad leads Northwest Nazarene soccer

PORTLAND, Ore. - Jon Pereira of Buhl scored in the 71st minute to help lead Northwest Nazarene University to a 2-0 win over Cascade College in a Cascade Conference men's soccer game last Saturday.

Cougars dominate host classic

FULLMAN, Wash. - The Washington State University women's tennis team won five singles and two doubles championships at the 8th Annual Cougar Classic last weekend at the Stadium Way Tennis Center.

Riggleman fired as Cubs' manager

CHICAGO - Chicago Cubs manager Jim Riggleman was fired today after a season in which his team won 67 game winners, the most in the division despite 63 homers from Sammy Sosa.

CSI

Continued from D1. "They're scrappy and probably one of the better Treasure Valley teams that I've seen," Stroud said. "Bill the main thing (Wednesday) is to have better athletes all the way through our lineup and if we just show up and play hard, things will take care of themselves."

was really good. The team is coming along really well." After Wednesday's game, the Eagles finish out their home matches Oct. 15-16. Stroud said the long stretch between matches is just what his team needs to prepare for its Southern Division road trip, which begins Oct. 22 with the one team to have defeated CSI last season, Salt Lake City Community College.

Shoshone sweeps home tri-match

The Times-News

SHOSHONE - The Shoshone Indians improved to 8-1 in Sawtooth Conference volleyball Monday with a 15-11, 15-8 win over Dietrich, then moved their overall record to 18-2 with a non-conference win over Castelfredo, 15-10, 15-4.

Local sports

In the other match Monday, Dietrich came back to beat Castelfredo 6-15, 15-7, 15-6. Shoshone coach Larry Messick praised the serving of Krista Pendleton and Amy Williams, who had seven service points apiece, and the hitting of Anna Cox, who tallied 12 kills against the Blue Devils.

Oakley def. Hansen

HANSEN - The hometown Huskies dropped a conference match in straight games Monday night, but coach Tom Hansen was quick to praise her team's offense against the Hornets. "It was a much better night," Hall said. "We scored more points than we have in the last five games."

Amanda McAhren (six kills), the setting of Staci DeLeon and the serving of Megan Richards, who had 10 service points. "We're young and we're making progress," Hall said. "That's what it's about."

Filer def. Gooding

GOODING - The Wildcatters clawed back from an eight-point deficit in the first game, then rode the momentum in a two-game sweep of South Central Idaho Conference foe Gooding. "We played great, but we opened the door and let them in and they beat us," said Gooding coach Jenny Koski, who praised the hitting of senior Dallas Turner and sophomore Ali Nelson.

Boys' soccer

TWIN FALLS 4, Jerome 1. TWIN FALLS - Four different sophomores scored for the Bruins Monday in a 4-1 win over Jerome.

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"We decided to slow the pace down," said Twin Falls coach Vince Gibson. "We moved the ball backwards and made them chase us and get tired, and when they got tired, we started pressing." Eldredge's goal was his team-leading sixth of the season. "That's kind of strange," Gibson said. "Usually, there's one or two guys on a team with 12 goals each, but on this team, everyone can score. It's more spread out."

Girls' soccer

GOODING 3, Wendell 0. GOODING 3, Senior Molly Wilkinson had two goals and freshman Graciela Miramontes added another as the Gooding girls improved to 4-2 on the soccer season. The Gooding defense allowed nine Wendell shots on goal before tightening in the second half and giving up just two shots in the final 40 minutes. Gooding (4-2) plays again Oct. 14 at Buhl.

In the NFL, the arms race never ends

With apologies to Vince Lombardi in the 1959 NFL season, a quarterback isn't everything, he's the only thing. So, Denver and Atlanta, last year's Super Bowl contestants, are both 0-4 because John Elway retired and Chris Chandler keeps getting hurt the way he did before last season. Arizona is 1-3 because Jake Plummer was supposed to become a superstar this year, has thrown 12 interceptions in four games.



Former Arena Football League quarterback Kurt Warner has helped the St. Louis Rams forget about free-agent quarterback Trent Green's season-ending knee injury, leading the Rams to a 3-0 record.

ANALYSIS Dave Goldberg

Washington is 3-1 because Brad Johnson has stayed healthy and is putting up enough points to offset a defense that's allowing almost 30 points a game. St. Louis is 3-0 because an Arena League graduate named Kurt Warner has become the first modern QB to throw 10 TD passes in each of his first three NFL games. Green Bay could be 0-3 instead of 2-1 had not Brett Favre, the best quarterback in the game, thrown winning TD passes with 11 and 12 seconds left. And New England is 4-0 because Drew Bledsoe has reached the elite level and his receivers, notably Terry Glenn, have remained healthy.

after two good games, Kordell Stewart has reverted to his 1998 form. Against Jacksonville on Sunday, he managed to get

dumped for two safeties in the fourth quarter. There is Tampa Bay, where Trent Dilfer had been awful

until Sunday, when he almost brought the Bucs back from a 21-0 first-quarter deficit. But the emphasis is on "almost." Dilfer's been an "almost" his entire six-year career. There are the New York Jets, losers to Denver in last year's AFC championship, but 1-3 because Vinny Testaverde tore his Achilles' tendon and Rick Mirer is now the quarterback. There is Baltimore, which has a wounded QB, but who has replaced Scott Mitchell with career backup Stoney Case. Case has been OK, but the jury's still out. There is San Francisco, which has a way of getting by with backups, and handed Tennessee its first loss Sunday with Canadian League refugee Jeff Garcia at quarterback. Steve Young is supposed to be back next week, but maybe Garcia is the future. And there are the New York Giants, 2-2 because they have one of the NFL's best defenses but have Kent Graham and/or Kerry Collins playing quarterback. On Sunday, they managed to turn the ball over five times, giving Philadelphia 15 points and barely won 16-15 despite outgaining the awful Eagles 361-174. "He was struggling big time," coach Jim Fassel said of Graham after he threw three interceptions and was yanked for Collins. So, unfortunately, are a lot of quarterbacks. Dave Goldberg is a football writer for The Associated Press.

For Yanks, Braves and Indians, the real season starts today

The Associated Press. The jokes started in spring training: They had already clinched playoff spots and could start printing postseason tickets. The New York Yankees, Cleveland Indians and Atlanta Braves never presumed they would make it this far. Everyone else in baseball did, though. So now, the real season starts. "We're going to win the world championship," Yankees manager Joe Torre said Monday. "I think that's the way people look at us. We've done well over the last few years. Again, that doesn't mean that we assume we're going to win." The Texas Rangers will see a good deal of the unenviable task of beginning the best-of-5 AL playoffs tonight at Yankee Stadium. "The Yankees had a sense of mystery about the Rangers' third baseman Todd Zeile said. "They were the best team in the history of the game. They are still a good club, but we're confident playing against them."

Playoffs All Three MLB Division Series New York vs. Texas Today Texas (est 18) at New York (Hernandez 17:30, 6:10 p.m. (NBC))

Cleveland vs. Boston Wednesday Boston (Paine 23-4) at Cleveland (Colon 18:5, 6:17 a.m. (FOX))

The Astros wound up against Atlanta once New York beat Cincinnati 5-0 on Monday night's one-game playoff for the wild card. Houston was just 1-6 against the Braves this season, and was swept by Atlanta in the 1997 first round.

"We all know how we've fared against the Braves," closer Billy Wagner said. "Their reputation seems to beat us before we get out there. We seem to try to do too much against them. This season we didn't get the job done against them."

"We have to show we can beat them. We beat him before and we have to do that again. The No. 1 game is always important to

Atlanta vs. Houston Today Houston (Reynolds 16-14) at Atlanta (Maddux 19:9, 2:09 p.m. (ESPN))

Arizona vs. New York Today New York (Yoshii 12-8) at Arizona (Johnson 17:30, 9:09 p.m. (ESPN))

win. It doesn't mean anything if we go the full five games. You want it. It's just the first step. You want the first step, but it is more important to take the last step. "They're going to be great also are in the playoffs, making it in just their second season. Randy Johnson will start Game 1 at 8:09 p.m. EDT today at Bank One Ballpark against the Mets.

"They're as talented a club as there is in our league," Arizona manager Buck Showalter said of the Mets. "They're got great depth. It's a well put-together club." Johnson is 2-5 lifetime with a 3.10 ERA in the playoffs and has lost five straight decisions, tying the postseason record shared by Doyle Alexander and Joe Bush.

"I've pitched pretty well," Johnson said. "It's not like I've been a total flop. People just look at the numbers and they want wins, and that's what we want." The Mets and Yankees are in

Broncos lose TD for rest of the season

DENVER (AP) - Terrell Davis, the NFL's MVP last year, will miss the rest of the season because of a knee injury, a devastating blow to a championship team already reeling from four straight losses. The Denver Broncos' running back tore ligaments and cartilage in his right knee while making a tackle Sunday during the first quarter of a 21-13 loss to the New York Jets.

"I talked to him and he's in as good as spirits as he could possibly be in," coach Mike Shanahan said today. "He's working through it right now." Davis is expected to be out four to six months and make a full recovery. "Right now, with the ACL and the advancements they've made in technology, you never know for sure," Shanahan said. The coach said Derek Loville will start in place of Davis. This is the third season he has backed up Davis. Shanahan, whose winless team is clearly diminished by the retirement of John Elway, will also review his quarterbacks. Brian Griese, who replaced Drew Brister during preseason, threw three interceptions Sunday. Brister entered late in the fourth quarter and threw two interceptions.



Denver Broncos running back Terrell Davis will miss the remainder of the season with a knee injury.

Davis, who led the NFL in rushing last season with 2,008 yards, has been off to a slow start. He was hurt during an interception return by Jets safety Victor Green. Broncos offensive tackle Matt Lepsis made a diving tackle to stop down Green at the sideline, but Lepsis also slipped, training the play slightly, on his right knee.

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