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GOOD MORNING

WEATHER

Today: Mostly sunny, light winds, high 55°. **Friday:** Partly cloudy, mainly low 33°. **Page A2**

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Legislative groundwork

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Regional ambulance

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CANYON CONTROVERSY



Sam Adler speaks out against granting a zoning variance to a proposed hotel on the rim of the Snake River Canyon at a public hearing at Twin Falls City Hall Monday night. An overflow crowd of supporters and opponents of the controversial project filled the council chambers and the lobby of the building.

Proponents, opponents fill council chambers

By John T. Hudry
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — A controversial development plan would ruin the beauty of the Snake River Canyon rim, opponents said Monday; others said it would enhance the area.

People crowded the council chambers and spilled out into the hallway in a 3 1/2-hour hearing Monday evening on Craig H. Neilson's plan for a proposed canyon rim hotel-convention center complex.

With sketches of his plans posted around the council chambers, representatives of the Las Vegas hotel developer requested a change in the city's canyon rim ordinance — a change that, if approved, would pave the way for the hotel complex development on the canyon rim.

In the first of three scheduled public hearings, Neilson's representatives and project officials presented Neilson's hotel, con-

Questions and answers

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vention center and retail outlet plan before a packed room of supporters and opponents.

After the presentation, residents got their chance to speak.

"We're not against the project.

We're opposed to the design," said David Mead, who spoke for a citizens group opposed to the project. "The code is not flawed, the design is flawed."

Mead, and several others

Monday, voiced their concerns about the proposed hotel.

"I probably shouldn't say this but I will," said Don May of Twin Falls, who spoke in support of the project.

Neilson and Company said they will fund the traffic signal's installation.

What next? The Twin Falls City Council has scheduled two more public hearings, at 6 p.m. on Dec. 6 and Dec. 20, before making a final decision.

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Backer slows on Cassia hog farm

By Michael Journe
Times-News writer

BURLEY — Although Ron Achs is no longer pushing to open his hog farm immediately, his resolve to build a multimillion dollar operation in eastern Cassia County remains steadfast. So does the opposition to his idea.

"This really doesn't change anything," said Mike Garner, one of a number of local Fall-River area and Cassia County residents who have taken up a campaign against Achs' plans to build a 50,000-sow hog farm that would produce about one million hogs a year. "The issue is still at hand."

Monday morning's Cassia County commissioners' meeting drew a standing-room-only crowd. Residents had come to hear deliberation on Achs' request for an exemption to a countywide moratorium on confined animal feeding operations. But in what his opponents call a political move, Achs withdrew his application for the exemption just before the commissioners' meeting.

This basically leaves the question of whether Achs will be able to open the plant unanswered until spring. In the meantime, the Legislature will consider guidelines for the construction of such farms anywhere in the state. Commissioners plan to end the moratorium when the Legislature approves the regulations, freemove counties from having to draw up local rules.

Achs had hoped to have his farm well under construction by the time those state regulations were released.

"He obviously saw the handwriting on the wall," said John Evans Sr., the former Idaho governor who has thrown his own weight — and his family's bank's political weight — behind opposing the hog factory. "The fact that commissioners were probably not

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Researchers: 30 minutes won't trim fat

The Associated Press

CHARLESTON, S.C. — Losing weight and keeping it off may require more exercise than previously thought — as little twice as much as the 30 minutes recommended, researchers said Monday.

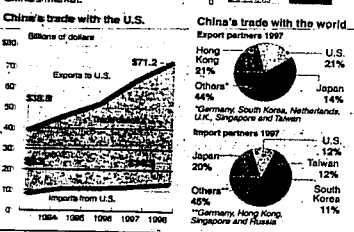
A study from Brown University researchers found that 2,300 people who lost an average 60 pounds and kept it off for a year exercised about an hour a day.

"We know that 30 minutes every day is a good thing — it's better than less than that," said Dr. John Jakicic, an assistant professor of behavioral medicine at Brown. "But after that when you want is somewhere between 30 and 60 minutes and where that is, we're not sure."

Dr. Rena Wing, a professor of psychiatry and behavioral medicine at Brown, said most of the people studied walked about 10 miles a week, then did aerobics, weight lifting or other activities.

Trading with China

The U.S.-China trade deal signed Monday will obligate Beijing to cut tariffs and grant greater access to China's market.



Beijing breakthrough

Trade pact pleases some, rangles others

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The United States and China reached a major trade agreement on Monday that offers the prospect of billions of dollars in increased overseas sales for American manufacturers, farmers and high-tech industries. But labor unions said they would fight the deal in Congress as a job-killer.

After being criticized by business leaders for walking away from an April trade agreement with China, President Clinton moved in recent weeks to restart the stalled talks through personal phone calls to Chinese President Jiang Zemin, who gave the go-

ahead a week ago for Clinton to send a high-level bargaining team to Beijing.

"This is a good agreement for China, for America and for the world," an elated Clinton told reporters at a news conference in Ankara, Turkey.

Major business groups, including the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and the U.S. Roundtable, joined him in praising the agreement and pledged to work for congressional approval.

But the package was denounced by labor unions, the U.S. textile industry and others who face intense competition

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Study: Politicians trigger audits of foes

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Members of Congress and the White House have triggered audits of hundreds of tax-exempt groups this decade by lodging complaints with the Internal Revenue Service against their political foes.

The referrals range from citizen letters and newspaper articles to personal demands for investigations, according to documents reviewed by The Associated Press.

The White House once referred a constituent complaint about a

IRS says it can't ignore requests, but considers each case on its merits

group that had suggested presidential lawyer Vincent Foster had been murdered. Democratic lawmakers sought investigations of conservatives ranging from the Heritage Foundation to the Rev. Jerry Falwell.

And the Republican chairman of the House committee that writes tax laws sought an audit of a Buddhist temple in California after it was host for a Democratic

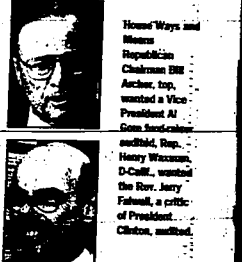
Rep. Henry Waxman, D-Calif., an ally of the president, referred Falwell, an outspoken critic of Clinton, for investigation based on a constituent complaint in May 1993 that "religious broadcasters are using their tax-exempt status for political purposes."

Waxman urged the agency to keep his constituents' "concerns in mind."

The congressman got a speedy reply, but the IRS didn't audit Falwell. Five of his organizations had just been audited two years

ago. Not all requests result in audits.

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House Ways and Means Republican Chairman Bill Archer, top, wanted a Vice President Al Gore tax-exempt audit. Rep. Henry Waxman, center, wanted the Rev. Jerry Falwell, a critic of President Clinton, audited.

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THE REGION

Camas Prairie

High: 58 Low: 25
Partly cloudy today and tonight. Light winds. Cloudy Wednesday. Chance of showers, breezy, high 49.

Treasure Valley

High: 64 Low: 40
Increasing clouds today and tonight with light winds. Cloudy Wednesday. Chance of showers, high 54.

Sawtooth Mountains/Wood River Valley

High: 64 Low: 35
Increasing clouds today and breezy. Cloudy Wednesday. Chance of showers, high 50.

Eastern Idaho

High: 63 Low: 28
Increasing clouds today and breezy. Cloudy, windy, chance of rain Wednesday, high 53.

Northern Idaho

High: 57 Low: 38
Cloudy today with chance of rain. Mostly cloudy Wednesday. Chance of rain, high 46.

Northern Utah

High: 69 Low: 42
Mostly sunny today with light winds. Partly cloudy tonight. Cloudy Wednesday with chance of rain, high 60.

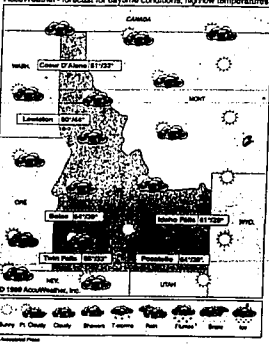
Northern Nevada

High: 67 Low: 32
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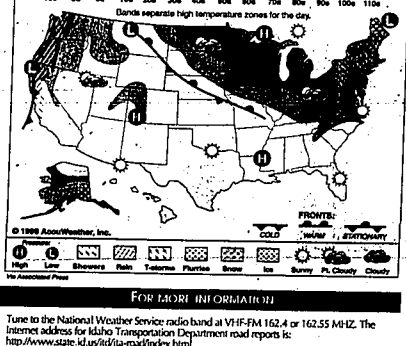
MAGIC VALLEY FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
High: 65 Low: 33 Partly sunny and cool. Partly cloudy tonight.	High: 54 Low: 31 Cloudy with chance of showers.	High: 40 Low: 20 Partly cloudy and cooler.	High: 50 Low: 30s Partly cloudy.	High: 50 Low: 30s Partly cloudy.

Idaho weather



National weather



YESTERDAY'S WEATHER

Twin Falls	Precipitation	Idaho	Highs/Lows
Yesterday: 68 28 Last year: 54 36 Normal: 49 26	Normal to date: .06 Month to date: .64 Water year to date: 1.36 Normal year to date: 0.36	Boise: 68 30 Burley: 68 30 Coeur d'Alene: 50 41 Grangeville: m m Hagerman: m m Idaho Falls: 66 17 Lewiston: 48 40 Malad: 66 20 Malia: m 19 McCall: 51 19 Pocatello: 66 19 Salmon: 48 18 Stanley: 53 13 Sun Valley: m m	Idaho: High: 68 degrees below low. Burley: 13 degrees at Stanley. Nations: High: 95 at C&A Road. Aft. 1:30 6 at W. Yellowstone. Mont., and Jackson. Wyo.

Idaho

City	Max	Min	Pcp	Idaho: High/Low
Boise	68	30	0.00	68/30
Burley	68	30	0.00	68/30
Coeur d'Alene	50	41	0.00	50/41
Grangeville	m	m	0.00	m/m
Hagerman	m	m	0.00	m/m
Idaho Falls	66	17	0.00	66/17
Lewiston	48	40	0.00	48/40
Malad	66	20	0.00	66/20
Malia	m	19	0.00	m/19
McCall	51	19	0.00	51/19
Pocatello	66	19	0.00	66/19
Salmon	48	18	0.00	48/18
Stanley	53	13	0.00	53/13
Sun Valley	m	m	0.00	m/m

The Nation

City	Max	Min	Pcp
Albuquerque	68	43	0.00
Anchorage	64	40	0.00
Atlanta	64	43	0.00
Boston	45	29	0.00
Chicago	30	51	0.00
Dallas	40	25	0.00
Dallas	40	25	0.00
Denver	75	36	0.00
Des Moines	48	38	0.00
Detroit	37	24	0.00
Houston	84	49	0.00
Indianapolis	53	31	0.00
Los Angeles	70	51	0.00
Las Vegas	71	55	0.00
Memphis	63	46	0.00
Miami Beach	77	65	0.01
Minneapolis	51	29	0.00
Minneapolis	51	29	0.00
New York	46	24	0.00
Oklahoma City	73	47	0.00
Phoenix	90	60	0.00
Portland, Ore.	44	40	0.01
Portland, Me.	42	12	0.00
Portland, Ore.	61	50	0.05
Reno	66	50	0.00
St. Louis	57	34	0.00
Salt Lake City	70	29	0.00
Seattle	55	49	0.09
San Francisco	66	50	0.00
Washington	53	45	0.00
Yuma	91	63	0.00

Canadian Cities

City	Max	Min
Montreal	55	30
Toronto	52	35
Vancouver	48	35

UV INDEX

Index: 2 (Minimal)
Burn time: 60 minutes

FIRE DANGER

The BLM has ended its fire exempt groups each year originate with complaints from lawmakers or the White House. The White House forwards about 1,500 consultant letters each year to the IRS ranging from complaints of wrongdoing to obscure tax questions.

SKYWATCH

Sunset today: 5:15 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow: 7:32 a.m.
Lunar phase: Full, Nov. 22; last quarter, Nov. 28; new, Dec. 7; first quarter, Dec. 16.

ACROSS THE NATION

Idaho: Clouds were on the increase across Idaho Monday as a minor disturbance in the upper atmosphere moved across the northwest. A slight cold front approaching the West Coast will likely hit Wednesday, bringing showers and blustery windy weather.

Elsewhere: High winds blew through the East Coast Monday while the West Coast has fair skies and cool temperatures prevailed in the nation's midsection.

Clear: Partly cloudy skies and dry conditions remained across the Rockies, the Great Plains, the Mississippi Valley, and east into the Southeast and Mid-Atlantic regions.

Cooler temperatures: spread across the middle of the country, bringing an end to the record warm temperatures in many areas.

A storm system: continued to enter the West Coast, bringing light showers to portions of California, western Nevada, Oregon, and Washington.

Fair and dry weather: continued across southern California.

Clinton hails deal on U.N. payments

WASHINGTON — The Clinton administration claimed victory Monday in a seven-day effort to persuade Congress to release nearly \$1 billion in back payments to the United Nations. But abortion rights advocates said the White House abandoned them to get the deal.

By its actions, Sen. Barbara Boxer, D-Calif., said the White House was "putting the women of the world at risk in order to placate the right-wing Republicans who control Congress."

Under the agreement reached Sunday night, the White House would accept restrictions on money going to groups that perform abortions overseas or lobby for liberalized abortion reforms. In exchange, Congress would release \$926 million in money owed the U.N.

If, by January, the United States had not paid \$350 million of its arrears, it stood to lose its seat in the U.N. General Assembly, Congress has agreed to pay \$926 million in back dues, while the United Nations estimates the U.S. debt at \$1.3 billion to \$1.5 billion.

African protesters burn U.N. office to the ground

KABUL, Afghanistan — Protesters angered by U.N. sanctions against Osama bin Laden, set off a ground Monday, set off a fire that destroyed the United Nations office and scuffled with Taliban troops guarding the world body's buildings and equipment.

Students who saw the videotape went to school officials who then called police.

— compiled from wire reports

Trade

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from lower-priced Chinese imports in exchange for Beijing's agreement to slash its own tariff and other trade barriers that now keep U.S. products away from

China's 1.3 billion consumers, the United States will support China's membership in the World Trade Organization, the 135-member Geneva-based organization that sets the rules for global trade.

For the United States to receive the market-opening benefits of the agreement, Congress must

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Audit Canyon

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"Prostitution was outlawed in Idaho, and now it's allowed in Idaho. We don't want (Neilsen) to build a tower here and pimp our canyon."

Others favored Neilsen's proposal. "I'd like to be able to have a facility that people can enjoy, that will bring people in," said Ken Stutzman, chairman of the county planning commission. "I really feel that the location of this facility is very adequate for this area. With some planning, it could be really harmonious for the area."

Stutzman is a contractor and served on the committee that drew up the canyon rim overlay ordinance.

Neilsen's plan has met a great deal of criticism and support during the past few weeks, as the issue has gained momentum. Groups have

Hogs

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going issue him an exemption from that moratorium."

But Achs said a motive for withdrawing the application was to simplify the decision for the commissioners and the county.

"I removed my application in the best interests of all concerned — to allow the state rules to give the commissioners guidance," Achs said. "I'm not looking to get around anything."

Thursday's meeting of the county Planning and Zoning Commission had been scheduled to take up the matter of necessary zoning for the operation. But County Prosecutor Stephen Bywater said he will urge the commission to table its recommendation until the moratorium is lifted.

Achs' announcement has removed, for now, the time pressure.

Evans said Achs should make the next step and withdraw his request for a conditional-use permit — the permit which would allow him to build the plant.

"He should be a good citizen," Evans said. "That would be only

What's next?

Neilsen representatives also have met with various groups and attended several meetings over the past few weeks in an effort to get public comments and gain more support.

Neilsen wants to build a 175-room hotel, roughly 10 stories high. But the developer has not committed to building the second tower in the proposal. This tower most likely would be shorter than the 10-story tower.

Gillian Silver, spokeswoman for Craig H. Neilsen and Co. said, "Another developer would build the second tower, Silver said.

Some remain wary of the proposal, saying it may look good on paper, but the final result could change.

Ken Edmunds, consultant to the Neilsen, stood by the project and his boss at Monday's hearing.

"This is Mr. Neilsen's investment," Edmunds said. "It's his private dream for Twin Falls."

College athletes suspected of videotaping their rapes

TIFFIN, Ohio — A football player and a wrestler at Heidelberg College were arrested and expelled from school after being accused of videotaping themselves raping an unconscious woman and then showing the tape to other students.

"They were proud of it," said Sarah Smith, an 18-year-old freshman from Canton. "I talked to someone who's seen it. They asked them if they wanted to watch it."

Students who saw the videotape went to school officials who then called police.

— compiled from wire reports

Clinton talks rights in Turkey

WASHINGTON Post

ANKARA, Turkey — President Clinton kicked off a five-day visit to Turkey Monday by prodding this NATO ally to make a record in three years to have received the designation of "developing democracy."

Clinton, addressing the Turkish parliament, leveled his comments by acknowledging Turkey has improved its human rights record and stressing his support for its application to join the European Union.

LOTTERY UPDATE

There are still 20 1999 Ford Mustang Convertibles available on the lot.

Idaho Lottery's Mustang Madness scratch game!

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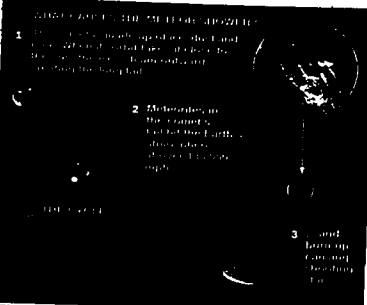
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Star light, star bright

Every year between Nov. 16 and 19, the night sky lights up with shooting stars known as the Leonids - so-called because they appear to emanate from the constellation Leo. Every 33 years, this meteor storm is more dramatic. Scientists predict that this should be a good year. Here's a look at why:



WHO WILL SEE THEM?
The best predicted viewing will be Western Europe, the Mediterranean, North Africa and the Middle East. In North America, the Eastern Seaboard may see some depending on the timing of the peak.

DO THEY POSE A DANGER?
As a precaution, the nearly 600 orbiting satellites are rotating solar panels and sensitive optics to avoid hits. NASA is postponing space shuttle flights until after Nov. 19.

CAN YOU SEE IT ON THE WEB?
NASA is launching a weather balloon with a video camera for a live webcast at <http://www.LeonidsLive.com>

Meteor watchers hold out for clear skies

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. (AP) - Amateur astronomers anxiously scanned the weather forecasts Monday in preparation for what could be a spectacular meteor shower. And Magic Valley residents received some bad news: cloudy weather predicted the next few days.

This year's Leonid meteor shower is expected to peak tonight and Wednesday night.

Although the best watching is forecast for North Africa, the Middle East and Europe,

astronomers say sightings also could abound for sky watchers along the East Coast.

The meteor shower is made up of a hail of dusty, icy rubble thrown off by the Tempel-Tuttle comet as it races around the sun. When the Earth's orbit carries it into the path of these cosmic pellets, they burn up in the atmosphere in a display of shooting stars.

Some astronomers predict that this year's display could send 2,000 or more meteors blazing through the atmosphere every

hour in the liveliest display since 1966, when it peaked in a storm of 144,000 per hour. A typical year might yield just 20 per hour.

This week's show may also be the best for decades to come because a combination of irregularities in Earth's orbit and Jupiter's powerful gravitational pull is likely to keep our planet out of the thickest part of the comet debris.

Tom Whitney, an astronomy buff in Amherst, said he plans to head out Wednesday evening to

a nature preserve near the Berkshire Mountain town of Cummington, away from the bright lights of the Connecticut River Valley.

"I've looked at the Leonids over the last several years - and they've been very disappointing," he said.

Astronomers recommend a viewing spot with a low horizon. The shooting stars can appear anywhere, but are mostly likely to show up from the direction of the constellation Leo, above the horizon in the east-southeast.

Hubble's pointing system fails

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) - The Hubble Space Telescope has halted all astronomical observations because of a failed aiming system and will remain in hibernation until astronauts arrive with spare parts next month, NASA said Monday.

"It's quite safe," said program manager John Campbell. "We're not doing science, so the power load has been reduced. But everything is quite OK."

The shuttle Discovery is supposed to lift off Dec. 6 with a team of spacewalkers who will install new pointing devices, or gyroscopes, and other crucial replacement parts. The mission had been scheduled for October but was delayed because of shuttle wiring problems. Then a

contaminated engine had to be replaced aboard Discovery.

One of three gyroscopes that are needed to aim and hold Hubble steady "just stopped in its tracks" on Saturday morning, Campbell said. The unit had been acting up for the previous 12 hours, becoming less and less accurate in its guidance, he said.

When the gyroscope failed, Hubble's computer sensed the problem and ordered the aperture door to be closed. The computer then put the telescope into a so-called safe mode, which is akin to being asleep.

Get Ready For

WINTER!

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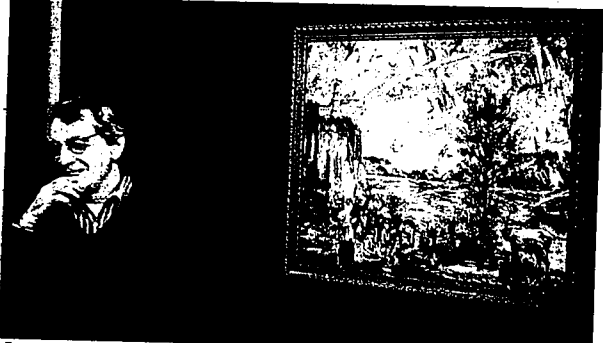
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Artist Alexander Melamid answers questions about his work during a meeting Friday at the Landmark Center in St. Paul, Minn.

Art by virtue of the survey
The results of majority rule are often banal

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) - The people have spoken, and they like wild animals, water, ordinary people having fun and the color blue. At least in their paintings.

Those are among the elements favored most in surveys commissioned by Vitely Komar and Alexander Melamid, Russian artists who set out to create paintings that most pleased and displeased people in the United States and 13 other countries.

Their project is also a thinly veiled commentary on polling and what some might call the tyranny of the majority.

"The People's Choice," a traveling exhibit featuring 33 of their paintings, opened Friday in St. Paul with the unveiling of the city's own "most wanted" painting, commissioned by the Minnesota Museum of American Art.

"We thought this was an important time to look at our choices in art" with the move into the new millennium, said curator Lin Nelson-Mayson.

Like the other "most wanted" paintings from around the world, the St. Paul painting is mostly blue. It shows a family near a lake surrounded by hills and includes an elk and a lighthouse.

The U.S. painting, based on a sampling of 1,001 adults nationwide, shows two deer and a hippopotamus in a mountain lake on a partly cloudy day with people relaxing near the shore. A small image of George Washington in period costume was included because people like pictures of famous people, almost as much as those of ordinary people.

The artists take no position on the quality of their paintings.

"Whether it's good or bad is

not the point. The point is to show the public. I don't think it's up to us to explain. Let the public decide," Melamid said. "Some think it's a joke. Maybe that's true. But many of the works went into textbooks in different countries."

The artists were surprised by the similarity in taste around the world. Blue was always the favored color and people preferred representational paintings of outdoor scenes with wild animals and people at leisure.

Only those in Russia and Kenya wanted religion in their artwork. As in America, people worldwide generally disliked abstract and geometric paintings.

America's most unwanted painting shows randomly scattered, overlapping triangles and rectangles in shades of gold, orange, peach and teal.



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White House, legislators close in on spending deal for 2000

WASHINGTON (AP) — White House and congressional lawmakers moved within grasp of a budget deal Monday night, clearing up disputes over natural resources and aid for Hurricane Floyd victims but leaving their hunt for savings unresolved.

Negotiators, working into the evening in the Capitol, also agreed to the outlines of a plan to expand debt relief efforts for poor countries. They planned to meet again Tuesday morning in hopes of resolving their final major dispute: where to find about \$6.5 billion in savings.

"All in all, it's been pretty productive day," said White House budget chief Jack Lew.

The budget savings are needed to pay for \$5.2 billion in extra spending that President Clinton has vetoed during the course of the talks, and to try keeping the new fiscal year's spending bills from eating into Social Security surpluses.

Republicans have been pushing Democrats to accept an across-the-board cut in proposed agency spending of less than 1 percent, something the administration has criticized but never ruled out. Senate Budget Committee Chairman Pete Domenici, R-N.M., said "all options are on the table," including an across-the-board cut.



House Appropriations Committee Chairman Rep. Bill Young, R-Fla., makes a gesture of hope Monday just before a budget meeting.

An effort by Sen. Robert Byrd, D-W.Va., to exempt his state's mountaintop coal mines from federal restrictions on dumping their waste into valleys and streams.

The White House, which fought off several GOP provisions it considers anti-environmental, was trying to keep Byrd's provision out of the final agreement as well. White House chief of staff John Podesta sent bargainers a letter threatening a Clinton veto the measure if Byrd's provision was included, and suggesting a compromise in which Byrd's provision would last only temporarily, said a White House official speaking on condition of anonymity.

Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas, and others said. That agreement was emerging following repeated conversations between Treasury Secretary Lawrence Summers and House Majority Leader Dick Armey, R-Texas. The IMF would revalue some of its gold reserves and use part of the interest to help other multilateral banks forgive debt from developing countries.

On Monday, negotiators agreed to provide about \$500 million in agriculture relief, much of which is expected to go to victims of Hurricane Floyd, said participants. An additional \$215 million in previously approved money will also be set aside for the aftermath of the storm, which ravaged North Carolina and nearby states this fall, destroying thousands of farms, businesses and homes.

Airline inspectors hint they may turn EgyptAir probe over to FBI

Knight Ridder News Service

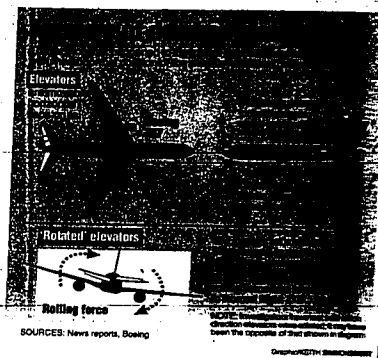
WASHINGTON — Signaling that something criminal may have caused the crash of EgyptAir Flight 990, the National Transportation Safety Board hinted Monday that it may turn the investigation over to the FBI.

The lead accident investigators said that after poring over the cockpit voice tape they are looking into whether someone else — an unspoken reference to the FBI — should take over the crash inquiry. There were several unconfirmed media reports that a voice on the cockpit recorder suggested possible criminal activity.

It was the latest bizarre twist in a mystery that has taken a number of hairpin turns. NTSB Chairman Jim Hall said Monday afternoon that there is enough evidence between the cockpit voice recorder and flight data recorder to answer many of the questions about the crash that killed 217 people off the New England coast on Halloween.

"We are concentrating our efforts on determining from the evidence, including the cockpit voice recorder, whether or not this investigation is to remain under the leadership of the NTSB," Hall said at a news conference here.

The only U.S. agency that has taken over such investigations is the FBI. Officials of that agency were as cryptic as Hall on Monday about their possible growing involvement in the case. Hall reportedly discussed the



case Monday with FBI Director Louis Freeh and also briefed White House officials by phone.

"There are constant discussions between ourselves and the NTSB. There certainly have been discussions during the course of the day," FBI spokesman Joe Valiquette said Monday from the agency's New York field office, which is coordinating law enforcement efforts related to the crash.

"We all agree that the (cockpit voice recorder) needs further analysis before a decision is made."

Normally in major commercial airliner crashes the FBI is part of

the initial investigative team with the NTSB taking the lead. If there's no criminal activity, the FBI backs away. The FBI and NTSB clashed in 1997 over which should lead the inquiry into the TWA Flight 800 crash off the coast of Long Island.

And for the first two weeks of the EgyptAir investigation, FBI officials had said they had no evidence pointing to a criminal investigation.

That appeared to change after a more careful assessment of the cockpit voice recorder, following an initial report Sunday evening that the recorder offered no

immediate clues.

Ruling finds sexual discrimination at CBS

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission says it has found evidence that CBS Inc. has discriminated against female technicians at its television stations.

The women were "subjected to disparate treatment in salary, amount of overtime, promotion opportunities and training," wrote Spencer H. Lewis, Jr.,

director of the EEOC's New York district office in an Oct. 29 ruling. "In addition, evidence of record indicates a sexually hostile environment at (CBS), in that female technicians have been subject to endure verbal sexual harassment by their colleagues and by management. Evidence of record also indicates that several female technicians have been retaliated

against for complaining about sexual discrimination," the ruling said.

The document provides no further details of the allegations.

The EEOC ruling responded to a complaint filed in 1993 by a former CBS camera woman in New York, Linda Koppell, who claims she was sexually harassed, passed over for the best assignments and fired after she protested.

Bradley hits campaign trail with optimism

MANCHESTER, N.H. — Bill Bradley embraced with an air of elation Monday the defection of Clinton administration veteran Robert Reich, who regressed the "unfinished business" of President Clinton and Vice President Al Gore and declared Gore's presidential rival "the leader for our time."

Opening a week in which he will debut his television ad campaign here and in Iowa, Bradley emphasized in his stump speech the point his Madison Avenue-styled ad hopes to make: that his candidacy represents "a new world of possibilities."

"I've had no better day in this campaign," Bradley enthused after Reich, a liberal, delivered at St. Anselm College a tribute to Bradley's proposals for alleviating child poverty and providing universal health care. "He is the leader for our time," Reich said.

The Clinton-Gore administration, in which Reich served as Labor Secretary for four years, got the national economy "back on track," but "has left the hard work on health and poverty unfinished, Reich said.

Nation in brief

recent polls of people who plan to vote in the presidential primary, the nation's earliest on Feb. 1, may voters last week showed McCain in a statistical tie with Bush for the first time, with Bush at 41 percent and McCain at 38 percent. The margin of error was plus or minus 4 percentage points.

Forbes ads highlight issues, don't mention Bush

WASHINGTON — Steve Forbes highlights his personal background, his position as a flat tax advocate and his position on Social Security in a series of new television ads released Monday — but doesn't mention Republican presidential front-runner George W. Bush.

One ad focuses on Forbes' personal background as a veteran financial publisher, a husband and father and longtime conservative. Another explains his position on a flat tax, with no tax on pensions, capital gains and inher-

itance. The third proposes removing all taxes and penalties on Social Security benefits. "A conservative with innovative ideas and practical solutions. A man with character and direction. That man is Steve Forbes," a narrator says in the ad titled, "Big."

Trump meets with Bay of Pigs vets, slams Castro

MIAMI — Donald Trump told veterans of the failed 1961 Bay of Pigs invasion that to get rid of Fidel Castro's dictatorship, the United States must rein in its economic embargo of Cuba.

"He's been a killer, he's a criminal, and I don't think you should reward people who have done what he's done," the potential presidential candidate told members of Assault Brigade 2506. Trump spoke Monday at the brigade's museum, an anchorage library dedicated to the failed attempt to overthrow Castro two years into his revolutionary rule.

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Insulting remarks create uproar, leave career in jeopardy

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The words "insulting" and "disrespectful" are on the lips of U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Northwest Region project leaders meeting scattered off pleasantly enough. "I'm a former Interior Department employee and for many years executive director of the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, was at the banquet to present the "Chickie Younger Award" to a deserving employee. I began by saying the name Younger and then the simple pilot,

a former foundation board member, was someone who knew how to "stand up to the powers that be" and fight for his cause. By way of example, Eno told the 120 or so employees there that he and Younger had worked constantly with Bush administration Interior Secretary Manuel Lujan Jr. and that at one point Younger got so fed up he went to complain to President Bush directly. And then it happened: "I hope there are no Hispanics in the room," Eno said, according to Spence Conley, FWS assistant

regional director for external affairs and apparently the only secretary in the room taking notes. Eno, oblivious to all manner of sirens and alarm bells going off, continued: "He said, 'Mr. President, get that damned chicleater off the foundation's back.'" The shrapnel flew everywhere. Hispanics and others in the audience complained. Eno started apologizing and says he offered his resignation to the board of the foundation, a congressionally chartered, public-private venture that gets some of its \$150 million

budget from Interior but most from private funds. (The Interior secretary picks the board members.) FWS Director Jamie Rappaport Clark fired off a blistering note to the board a week later about the "inappropriate and insensitive remarks," which were "an egregious insult to ... Hispanic employees and Hispanics everywhere. ... If one of my senior managers had made similar statements, I would find it extremely difficult to allow that manager to remain in place."

The board didn't accept Eno's offer to resign but suspended him without pay until Dec. 1, pending an independent investigation of Eno and the foundation's commitment to diversity. That prompted a scorching letter from the National Hispanic Environmental Council to the foundation, saying it will ask Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt to investigate "the board's violation of its public trust" by not demanding Eno's "immediate resignation or termination." Letting him stick around for

even a moment was "completely unacceptable and reprehensible," said council president Roger Rivera. Eno says he had no intent to be racist or offensive. "I professed my respect for all people," he says. "I didn't realize at the time I was making a pejorative remark." He asked if he had got a 50-minute meeting Friday with Rivera and others on the council where "I apologized sincerely, profusely, abjectly, respectfully," but noted the group is demanding a "zero-tolerance standard."

Workplace sexism runs rampant

WASHINGTON (AP) — Working women in Russia and Eastern Europe have endured rampant sexism in the workplace, says a new study. "Women's discrimination moves to free-market economies, a human rights group said Monday. A survey of 300 companies and interviews with more than 200 women found that workplace discrimination has become common in Bulgaria, Poland, Ukraine and Russia, said Women, Law & Development International in a study funded by the U.S. Agency for International Development. "In nearly every situation, in every country studied, there is rampant sexism in the workplace," said Anne Zelner of the Washington-based human rights group. "Women disproportionately endure the negative consequences of privatization and the transition to a free-market system. That includes unfair layoffs, chronic unemployment, discrimination in hiring and sexual harassment," she said in a statement.



Former nurse Grville Lynn Majors, left, waits to hear his fate from Judge Ernest Yelton in Brazil, Ind., Monday, with defense attorney Carolyn Radar. The judge sentenced Majors to 360 days in prison for giving six patients lethal injections.

Makers of watercraft agree to end industry 'speed war'

Nebraska

In an informal agreement reached after almost a year of negotiations, the nation's manufacturers of personal watercraft have agreed to cap the speed of their controversial but highly popular products at 65 mph. The craft continue to be involved in a disproportionate number of accidents, and the U.S. Coast Guard has pressed since last January for an industrywide speed limit on all new models. The agency hinted it might hold off regulatory approval of some model designs if the industry did not agree. The manufacturers have several motivations for agreeing to the pact. They include burnishing an industry image tarred by the accident rate — even if most authorities agree rider error causes most of the problems — and avoiding the costly investments required to make faster machines. For every

additional mile per hour, one company executive said, it costs \$1 million in research and development. "We felt it was time to stop the speed war and start focusing on education," said Jim Ehl, manager of government relations and public affairs for industry leader Bombardier Recreational Products, which makes the Sea-Doo watercraft. "Nationally, personal watercraft make up 10 percent of registered boats, but are involved in 40 percent of accidents, according to Capt. Michael Holmes, chief of boating safety for the Coast Guard. "We just want to avoid them in a little bit and make sure it doesn't get any worse," he said. Like Holmes, other safety officials emphasize that rider mistakes, rather than speed, are probably the largest cause of accidents. As proof, they point to decreasing number of accidents in states that mandate operator education.

Organizations that resisted in the study were the United Women's Rights Center in Poland, Krakow's Center for Women's Studies, Ukraine and the Bulgarian Center Research Foundation.

As privatization brought layoffs, the study found that women reach higher case than men. In decreasing in the Ukraine, for instance, 80 percent of jobs last year 1998 to 1999 were held by women. Despite sometimes higher levels of education, women face discrimination in hiring and promotion. In Poland, for example, 82 percent of men's salary in private companies in Russia reaches 60 percent of men's salary in civil engineering, and 65 percent to 80 percent in clothing and footwear industries. Sexual harassment is becoming commonplace. Results of the study mirror a U.N. Children's Fund report released in September that said decades of communist rule brought improvements such as better education for women, equal health care, high rates of birth and sex education — but failed to dislodge traditional sexist attitudes.

Judge calls murders of elderly patients 'evil at its most wicked'

BRAZIL, Ind. (AP) — A former nurse was sentenced Monday to spend the rest of his life in prison for murdering six of his elderly patients, a crime the judge called "a mansion of evil at its most wicked." Grville Lynn Majors was sentenced to six consecutive 60-year terms for giving lethal injections of heart-stopping drugs to six patients being treated at Vermillion County Hospital in the mid-1990s. In a courtroom packed with relatives of the victims, Judge Ernest Yelton stared at Majors as he imposed the maximum penalty. "He was entrusted with these people's care. In response he committed diabolical acts that extinguished the frail lives of six people," Yelton said. Relatives of Majors' victims broke into tears as Yelton read off the sentences. Majors would have to serve at least 180 years before being eligible for early release.

"At long last, may the souls of Mary Ann Alderson, Dorothea Dixon, Luella Hopkins, Margaret Hornick, Freddie Dale Wilson, Derek Maxwell and Cecil Smith rest in peace," Yelton said. Majors, 38, was convicted Oct. 17 of killing six patients — all those mentioned by the judge except Smith. A mistrial was declared in Smith's case because jurors could not reach a decision. Investigators suggest Majors gave lethal injections to dozens of patients at the hospital. A nursing supervisor's study showed Majors was present at 130 of 147 deaths from March 1993 to March 1995, when the hospital fired him. A more scientific study, ordered by police, found Majors was on duty for 63 of 67 deaths in the last six months of 1994. However, prosecutors pressed charges only in the seven cases they felt certain they could prove, and the two studies were not presented at trial.

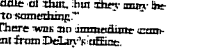
Majors looked down at the defense table while Yelton spoke, and did not react to the sentence. His lawyers made no argument for leniency. Attorney Carolyn Radar told the judge Majors continues to maintain his innocence, but that nothing he or any witnesses could say seemed likely to change the outcome. Three of the victims' relatives made emotional pleas for the longest possible sentence. "Mr. Majors, if you don't want the fruit of sin, then stay out of the devil's orchard," said Maxwell's wife, Kathryn. After Majors was led out of court, prosecutors and police officers who spent nearly five years investigating the case bundled for a group photo and congratulatory hugs. "Justice can never completely be done in this case because these people are dead, and they can never be with their families again," said Greg Carter, one of the prosecutors.

DeLay insists Dache go first, then turns down CBS interview

WASHINGTON (AP) — Rep. Tom DeLay, the House's third-ranked Republican, pulled out of an interview on CBS' "Face the Nation" Sunday because CBS would not agree to his demand to appear after a Democratic leader. DeLay's office said Thursday that he would be on the news program to discuss end-of-session issues in Congress. But on Saturday, CBS was informed that he wanted assurances that he would appear after Senate Democratic leader Tom Daschle of South Dakota. "Face the Nation" moderator Bob Schieffer said today.

Schieffer declined to make up that problem as he said that his interview would be sure, but ironically, it comes as more and more rank-and-file Republicans are telling me that their problem is their leaders can't seem to find a way to get the party message out. I have no interest in being in the middle of that, but they may be on to something."

There was no immediate comment from DeLay's office.



Rep. Tom DeLay

Rare disease robs Dudley Moore of his music

NEW YORK (AP) — The Professor's Blue illness that has attacked Dudley Moore's ability to speak, eat and walk has robbed the 64-year-old actor and pianist of what he holds most dear: his music. In an interview with the Daily News, Moore described the degeneration he has suffered since contracting the brain disease, progressive supranuclear palsy, or PSP. The problems began about five years ago, when Moore started forgetting words and falling backward, and the disease was diagnosed in May. Moore, known for the "Arthur" movies and his longtime onscreen love, Peter Cushing, said he had a huge announcement of his illness in September and described his personal toll in Moore's column

People in the news

of the News. "It's agonizing," he said. "I just can't play the sounds that I hear in my head. It's something I've given up. I think it's fair to say I have experienced a life without music. No music at all. It's a great emptiness. My wife's financial problems have forced him to sell his California home and stay with friends in New Jersey who are helping to care for him. He will attend a charity event in Philadelphia this week to launch the Dudley Moore Research Fund, aimed to find a cure for PSP. "I'm not going to give up," he said. "I owe it to other PSP peo-

ple to go on. And maybe that's meant to be my purpose in life right now."

Holyfield reflects on bout that cost him the title

ATLANTA — Evander Holyfield says he was surprised to come out of Saturday's fight against Lennox Lewis with few scratches and bruises but no heavyweight title. Still, the Atlanta fighter says he is at peace. "The main reason I'm at peace with myself is that I fought a complete fight and a smart fight, and I put on a good performance for myself," he said in Monday's Atlanta Journal-Constitution. He said the "turning point" was that he came out of the fight

relatively unscathed. "I haven't felt this good after a fight since I was a cruiserweight," he said. "It makes me think I should have fought a little harder against Lennox. Maybe I'd be sore and sick, but I'd have the victory."

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Government unveils Y2K crisis center

Key adviser hopes
Dec. 31-Jan. 1
in \$50 million facility
will be 'really boring'

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government opened the first public-private partnership Monday in a new \$50 million Y2K crisis center, a highly compartmentalized center near the White House designed to track failures worldwide caused by the Year 2000 technology problem.

President Clinton's top Y2K adviser, John Koskinen, said the administration estimates to believe there will be no major national problems, but said its Information Communications Center will watch for "some glitches" anticipated during the "New Year's dine-out."

"We hope that might well be really boring," said Koskinen, standing before a dimly lit room filled with high-end computers and digital maps showing global time zones. He called it "the one place in the world with the most complete information."

The government Monday also began announcing plans to begin announcing plans to begin announcing plans during the New Year's weekend, since some non-Y2K computer failures might simply coincide with the holiday.

"We'll have failures from now to time whether you have a computer date change or not," said Skip Paterson, who runs the \$200 million program for Bell Atlantic Corp. Experts here previously warned of widespread phone outages if evergreen used to make a last second midnight — what Koskinen described as "Mother's Day by multiples."

Natural disasters almost every day, for example, some Internet sites crash, electronic transactions fail or airline tickets are delayed. In the earliest hours of Jan. 1, no one may know



The Y2K crisis center in Washington, D.C., is designed to track computer as well as non-computer failures.

whether problems were caused by the Y2K bug or something else.

"The presumption is to blame all failures on Y2K that weekend," Koskinen said.

About 90 percent of all credit transactions fail routinely because, for example, equipment breaks down or because consumers are overextended or forget their ATM password, said Paul Schmeizer, an executive vice president for Orlando, Fla.-based Star Systems Inc., which processes about 2 billion financial transactions annually.

He expects those same problems to show up Jan. 1. "What consumers need to do if they go to an ATM on New Year's Day and find for whatever reason they can't get service,

they should do what they do today — go find a machine down the block or get cash back in the grocery store," Schmeizer said. "Let's don't immediately assume we've got some serious Y2K problems."

The government's Y2K crisis center is hardly a bunker — it's on the 10th floor of a downtown building just blocks from the White House — but it includes backup communications systems and entrance guards.

Reports of any problems — rated "minor" or "significant" — will be shared with the White House and top government officials who will decide what to do. Information overseas will be fed by the State and Defense departments and industry groups, starting at roughly 6

a.m. EST Dec. 31, when midnight falls worldwide first in New Zealand.

A flurry of activity is expected as midnight arrives across U.S. time zones, with many attention focused on their computers — and returning to their offices — and the first time since the date change.

Koskinen predicted that any hacker attacks could be more easily detected during the date rollover because computers will be so closely monitored.

A hacker calling himself "Comdextr" vandalized a Web site at the Commerce Department late Sunday, warning people to "run for your lives!" and to "hit your comput-

er's power button and never, ever turn it on again!" because of the Y2K bug.

A spokesman for the National Telecommunications and Information Administration, the government agency that handles high-tech policies, said its Internet site was altered about 9 p.m. Sunday but repaired about one hour later.

Koskinen noted that recreational hackers typically vandalize Web sites to demonstrate some vulnerability that a computer administrator failed to fix. He said he was hopeful hackers wouldn't try such demonstrations during the weekend date change.

"We think they will understand this is not the best time to do that," Koskinen said.

Report rips teacher recruiting methods

WASHINGTON (AP) — States may want to boost teacher quality, but they're going about it the wrong way with regulation-heavy policies that don't encourage creative hiring, asserts a report issued Monday.

The Thomas Fordham Foundation, a private research group, compiled data on policies it associates with teacher quality and concluded most states stand in the way of getting quality teachers into the nation's classrooms.

"A far more promising approach is to deregulate entry into teaching, devolve personnel authority to individual schools, and then hold those schools and their staffs to account for student learning that occurs in them," said foundation president Chester E. Finn Jr., an Education Department official during the Reagan administration.

The report evaluated states in areas including how they punish or reward teachers and administrators for student achievement, conduct checks on teachers' backgrounds and college course work, and how much they give individual schools power to hire and fire teachers.

"It seems that they singled out whether the state concurs with a certain political agenda," said Kathleen Lyons, spokeswoman for National Education Association, the nation's largest teachers' union with 2.5 million members. Lyons called the report, which gave high marks to states with school-choice programs, anti-union education.

The report cited Texas for being one of the few states to evaluate teachers based on student performance and its aggressive recruitment of talented professionals from other fields.

Court to hear school football invocations case

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court heard the emotional debate over prayer Monday, agreeing to decide whether public schools can let students lead group invocations at high school football games.

A Galveston County, Texas, school board is asking the justices to overturn a lower court ruling that said students led invocations at the public address system at football games violate the constitutionally required separation of church and state.

"The school district is not causing prayer or endorsing prayer if it leaves it to the student the choice of what to say," school district lawyer Lisa A. Schaefer said. She said the district's highest court granted review. "There's a long tradition in many states of having this program as a part of having a moment of reflection before the game begins."



Santa Fe, Texas, principal Gary Conroy bows his head as senior Marian Ward, 13, delivers a prayer before a football game Oct. 8 in town.

But the Rev. Barry Lyons of American Council for Separation of Church and State contended such prayers are officially sponsored school events violate the Constitution.

"The school's giving you the microphone; it will sound like an

officially sanctioned religious statement, and that's what has no place at a high school football game," Lynn said.

The Supreme Court's decision, expected by late June, could help clarify the jumbled state of the law surrounding school prayer.

The justices' last major school-prayer ruling, in 1992, barred clergy-led prayers at public school graduation ceremonies. "The Constitution forbids the state to exact religious conformity from a student as the price of attending her own high school graduation," the court said then.

The ruling was viewed by many as a strong reaffirmation of the highest court's 1962 decision banning organized, officially sponsored prayers from public schools.

But in 1993, the justices let stand a federal appeals court ruling in a Texas case that allowed student-led prayers at graduations.

However, the panel is more focused on innovative ways for the nation's 16,000 public school districts to deliver a quality education than on advocating any one particular system, including private school vouchers, insisted Sherree Speakman, who helped write the report.

"The larger question is what to do with thousands and thousands of regulations we have, now that we are getting serious about improving student learning as a nation," said Speakman, a panel member and education

policy consultant. "Everybody's doing policy. The question is what are they doing in terms of policy and performance."

Citing concerns over low test scores, the Denver-based group says its report is meant to get lawmakers to consider one of two options for deciding how schools are run.

In the first, which is more traditional, districts would continue to hire superintendents and principals, bargain with unions, and hold schools accountable for results.

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Lawmakers urged to consider options for better schools

WASHINGTON (AP) — State lawmakers could find failing schools by giving principals more authority, giving parents more options of where to send their children and allowing taxpayers to fund directly to a private school, says a group that advises state officials on education policy.

The policy paper released Monday by the Education Commission of the States represents a mainstream, bipartisan embrace of school reform.

Superintendent's pay hike prompts strike by teachers

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) — Hundreds of teachers, bus drivers and lunchroom workers went on strike Monday, protesting a \$20,000 raise for the city school superintendent at a time when the city is facing a budget crisis.

Some of the system's 75 schools were virtually empty as teachers picketed the school board office. Administrators said substitute teachers filled where they could, but many parents kept their children home from school.

"We have spoken, and no one has listened," Alabama Education Association leader Paul Hubbard said at a meeting of about 300 educators. "This is the first time we have been listened to."

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Boris Yeltsin

MOSCOW (AP) — President Boris Yeltsin strongly rejected growing Western pressure to end the war in Chechnya, saying Monday the military would press ahead with air and ground assaults until rebel fighters are wiped out.

Underlining Yeltsin's strong statement, warplanes and artillery battered targets in more than 20 towns and cities in the breakaway republic.

Yeltsin has been largely out of public view for the past month after suffering from the flu, but on Monday he went to the Kremlin and told journalists, "We won't stop as long as a single terrorist remains on our territory."

Russia launched its campaign in Chechnya in early September after militants based there twice attacked neighboring Dagestan. The militants

also have been blamed in the apartment bombings that killed about 300 people in Russia in September.

Western countries "have no right to criticize Russia for exterminating bandits, murderers who cut off their victims' heads, and terrorists on its territory," Yeltsin said.

Despite Russia's insistence that the campaign is a strictly internal affair, the fighting is expected to be

a prime topic in Turkey on Thursday and Friday at the summit of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe.

OSCE chairman Knut Vollebæk raised the pressure Monday, saying Russia must set a deadline for withdrawing from Chechnya.

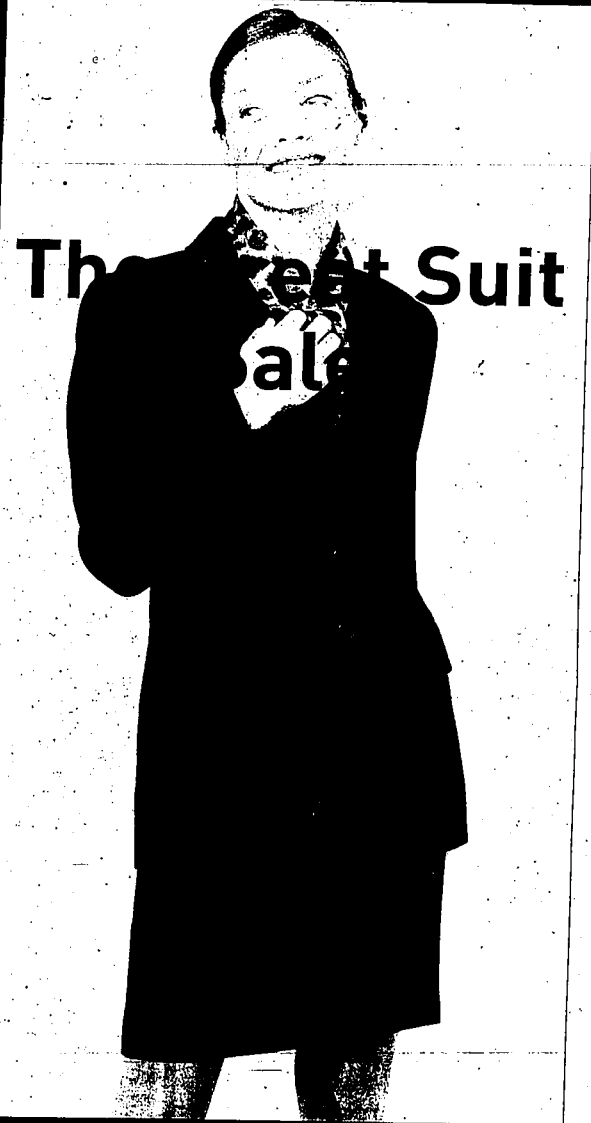
There was no immediate government response, but Foreign Minister Igor Ivanov repeated Russia's stance

that Chechnya should not even be discussed at the meeting.

Russia also has been under growing criticism for the miserable conditions endured by many of the 200,000 refugees who have fled Chechnya for neighboring regions.

U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees Sadako Ogata was to travel to Moscow for meetings with top officials on Tuesday.

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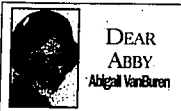
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Loot-grubbing kids upset widow



DEAR ABBY
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DEAR ABBY: After only six years of marriage, my darling husband died on Oct. 4. He had three children and taught them good values. He once said during our marriage, "When I die, I hope my kids don't come in and start announcing, 'I want this' or 'I want that.'"

Well, sure enough, two days after my husband's death — even before the funeral arrangements had been completed — his son came to me with a verbal list of things they wanted.

I kindly told him that his father and I had discussed what he would like them to have, and we would take care of it sometime later. I left his kids at home while I went out to run some errands. When I returned and they had left, I found evidence that they had gone through my belongings looking. I suppose, for things they wanted.

The next day his son called and said they were bringing my husband's ex-wife over to load up the things they wanted

before they went home. The day of the funeral his son called to inform me that they had brought a truck from Arkansas to haul it all away.

Abby, I couldn't take it any more, I said, "Your daddy would be ashamed of you. To ask his widow on the day of his funeral to come over immediately afterward is incredibly crass."

Well, during the funeral, I observed his sons' grief, and now I feel terribly guilty for being a wicked stepmother. Am I?

Also, is it in good taste for an ex-wife to pluck flowers from her ex-husband's grave in front of his widow, before he is lowered into the ground? I'm appalled.

GRIEVING IN MISSOURI

DEAR GRIEVING: Stop feeling guilty for having reacted the way you did to the phone calls. You showed remarkable restraint in the face of insensitivity. Something tells me that any hurt feelings will be mended as soon as you tell "the kids" they can come and collect the loot.

As for your husband's ex-wife asking flowers from his grave at the burial, customs vary in different parts of the country. Perhaps she wanted to press them and put them in a family album. After having had three children with him, she must have been feeling some sense of loss at his death. When people are grieving, they sometimes say or do things without thinking them through. Give her the benefit of the doubt.

DEAR ABBY: I recently took a commercial airline flight home from England to the United States. Regrettably, the woman I sat next to wore too much perfume. I don't mind perfume in good taste, but this

woman must have taken a bath in it. The smell was unbearable, so I first covered my nose with a blanket. Then I tried turning my head in the other direction. Then I tried to sleep. Lastly, I put the air on me, but nothing seemed to help.

What should I have done to get away from the horrible perfume smell?

SENSITIVE NOSE IN GARDEN GROVE, CALIF.

DEAR SENSITIVE NOSE: I have heard countless complaints over the years from people who are sensitive to perfumes. Many of them suffered allergic reactions when in close quarters such as elevators. The problem is perfume wearers who think that if a little bit is good, then more must be better. Not true!

You should have informed the flight attendant that you couldn't tolerate the strong odor and asked to change your seat. If the flight wasn't fully booked, the attendant would have accommodated you.

Watch that computer, Pisces; Leo is arty

IF NOVEMBER 16 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You are spiritual, could gain much via meditation, are quiet on the outside but passionate inside. Pisces, Virgo persons play significant roles in your life. Social activities will alternate before November ends. Your most important month in year 2000 will be June.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Cycle moves up — you win friends and will obtain necessary funding for unique project. You encounter inventive, creative, temperamental people, especially Aquarius.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Burden lifted, you might be regarded as a social lion. Expand horizons; give serious attention to journey overseas. Gemini, Sagittarius persons play outstanding roles.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Be willing to revise, review, tear down in order to rebuild. Refuse to be prisoner of mediocrity.

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Insist on quality no matter whose feelings it might hurt.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Keep plans flexible; scenario possible change — travel variety of sensations. People will comment on your sex appeal. Virgo, Sagittarius play major roles.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Attention revolves around necessity for improving appearance of home. Focus on antiques, art objects, music. Libra, Aries people play significant roles. Lucky number is 6.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): See people, relationships the way they are and not merely as you wish they could be. Protect self in emotional clinches. Perfect techniques, streamline procedures.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Number 8 Saturn gravitate to you Venus — one relationship could end and another get started. You will be part of capitalistic adven-

ture. Capricorn plays role.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Look beyond the immediate. Strive to make predictions come true. You exude universal appeal, aura of sensuality, sex appeal. Aries, Libra persons are in scenario.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Make fresh start. Let go of preconceived notions. As Shakespeare said, "There are more things in heaven and earth than are dreamt of in your philosophy." Virgo involved.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Emphasis on earning capacity, ability to locate lost articles.

Family member proves loyalty, declares you are worth it. Cancer, another Capricorn dominate scenario.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You feel as if you have been here before — deja vu. Scenario features familiar places, faces. During social affair, you encounter Gemini who teaches the meaning of love.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Get foothold on area that leads to major objective. Taurus, Leo, Scorpio persons play significant roles. Check accounting procedures. Computer might need repair.

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Monday's Puzzle Solved

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22 TAKE up
23 APPROXIMATELY
24 CLEAR and boy
25 SQUEEZE (out)
26 OPPOSITE of WSW

It takes about six years to wean an orangutan

The typical orangutan infant nurses for six years.

It was a San Franciscan named Ed Cox who invented a pre-empted to clean pots. It was his wife who named it — S.O.S. — for "Save Our Scapeuts."

Q. Doesn't the mane stand erect on some breeds of horses?

A. Oh, just one, the only wild breed, Przewalski's.

Q. Which is the oldest known holiday?

A. New Year's Day. Babylonians celebrated it a couple of millennia B.C. on what would now be around March 25th.

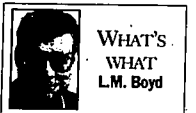
Most of the fabric patterns on the oldest dress known — India's sari — are designed by computer now.

What a spider eats is already digested by the spider before it eats it. It injects digestive juices into its prey, then sucks out the dissolved tissues. This is Diner Tab Conversation Item No. 14C. Bring it up right after the soup.

"Heebie jeebies" was coined by the same man who came up with "hotsy tosy" — Billy De Beck, originator of the old Barney Google comic strip.

Yes, "microbe" is still a word, but microbiologists don't use it anymore.

Client asks if some people inherently have warmer hands than others. Indeed. Scientists say the size and arrangement of blood vessels in the hands of the Inuit are not precisely the same as those of people elsewhere. They get better circulation. So



WHAT'S WHAT L.M. Boyd

their hands stay warmer.

Yiddish Proverb: "If you want to give God a good laugh, tell Him your plans."

Q. What's "stussy pudding"?

A. Either oatmeal or corn meal depends on where you live — topped with butter and molasses. Known otherwise down on the farm as mush.

Studies indicate only about half the commuters go from a suburb to downtown. The other half go from a suburb to another suburb.

The oldest known specimen of Chinese printing translates: "Beware of the Dog."

Said Goethe, himself a renowned Love and War man: "He who cannot love must learn to flatter."

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EDITORIAL

Others should take notice of Judge Wood's vision

When it comes to claiming water, the Nez Perce Tribe thinks big. In fact, the tribe's claims in Idaho's Snake River water court exceed the average annual flow of the Snake, Clearwater, and Salmon rivers combined.

Those claims have loomed over the state's farm economy like a colossus, threatening to stomp out a century's worth of economic expansion.

Fortunately, 5th District Judge Barry Wood has rejected the tribe's offer.

This is where the tribe is fighting an uphill or, at least, a hard-fought battle. Because the U.S. Supreme Court has ruled decisively in this area, the high court has made it clear that a fishing right is a limited right, not a guaranteed entitlement.

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For starters, the tribe was claiming an Indian reserved water right, not an implied federal reserved water right. The distinction is important because a ruling by Wood's predecessor - recently upheld by the Idaho Supreme Court - granted federal reserved water rights for three wilderness areas. Had

the Nez Perce claims been similar, they would have had a powerful precedent pulling for them.

But neither the federal government nor the Nez Perce Tribe specifically intended to reserve a water right in the Treaty of 1855. The issue of water was never even contemplated. No, the essence of the Nez Perce claim is to preserve and protect the tribe's fishing heritage.

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The fishing right is non-exclusive and shared with non-Indians. The right is essentially a right to a share of the fish harvest. The right is not an absolute entitlement. Nor does it guarantee a set amount of fish.

- Judge Barry Wood, Snake River Basin Adjudication

Here's the sentence in Wood's decision that says it all: "Fishing rights are subject to changing circumstances incurred by settlement and development, which is what has occurred in this area."

Wood is a voice for every farmer - past and present - who has cultivated a living farm with his hard earth and hot sun. It's a voice we hope other judges will hear.

and there's every reason why it should be upheld.

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LETTERS

J.C. Penney makes extra effort

I purchased an outfit on Nov. 3 to wear to a banquet on Nov. 5. Because of a special sale, I couldn't actually take the clothes home until the day of the banquet.

The plan was to pick up the clothes on my way home from work (I live in Jerome), drive home, change into the new clothes and get back home in Twin Falls for the banquet. When I got home, I realized that there was still one of those big plastic security tags on the sleeve of the sweater. The tag that says, "Do not attempt to remove, releases alarm." I was in a panic! I called Penney's and explained the situation and they actually sent a gentleman all the way to my house in Jerome to remove the tag! I was so surprised I had to ask the girl I was talking to if she was joking! Well, they sent someone out and I was on time to the banquet.

This type of outstanding customer service is what ensures loyal customers and, J.C. Penney, you have just ensured yourself another loyal customer!

LESLIE COLLINGS
Jerome

Put upland game in expert hands

1982 was the last time we have seen Huns like we have this year. Then the hard winter set in and the road killers wiped out most of the population. Huns can stand hard winters, but not six child lead. Now we have a season so long that it defies good sense. Let the season run into January and you won't see the Huns next year in numbers. The limit should be three, and the season closed

with pheasants.

Huns skip mule and do well missing hards regardless of weather. You find them at all elevations. The deer is scarce! The state would be wise to cap DNR permits and turn them over to private breeders for programs like they do in England.

The upland game stamp version is poorly the way it was handled. Now they want to eliminate the stamp when they could be buying huns. Mr. Gammann is on the right track. Finally we get some birds in Montana. Bird planning is more to stay in the United States. The big planning was a joke and a lot of wasted money. Game breeders did more for the birds than any program.

If there was some way to have all the transmitters banned, we would save a lot of money and huns. Do any of you know what good they have done?

We are sure to find at the fine increase. Does anyone know what is proposed?

Upland game is a good money maker and a rapid renewable resource. The solution is to put it into the hands of those who know what they are doing. It was believe all the stories about game birds' availability, you will believe. Reason: We don't know how to increase a few for Huns.

Mother Nature has done more for the game than all the proposals in your mind. Let's be sure to be heard this year. All is not well with game departments all over the United States. So don't blame all things on predators unless you include man.

NICK BRINCH
Barley

Kimberly supports its students

Thank you for the extensive article published on Nov. 7 relating to school facilities. Intelligent decisions regarding the building needs of local school districts are dependent on a better understanding of the complexities of the school building issue.

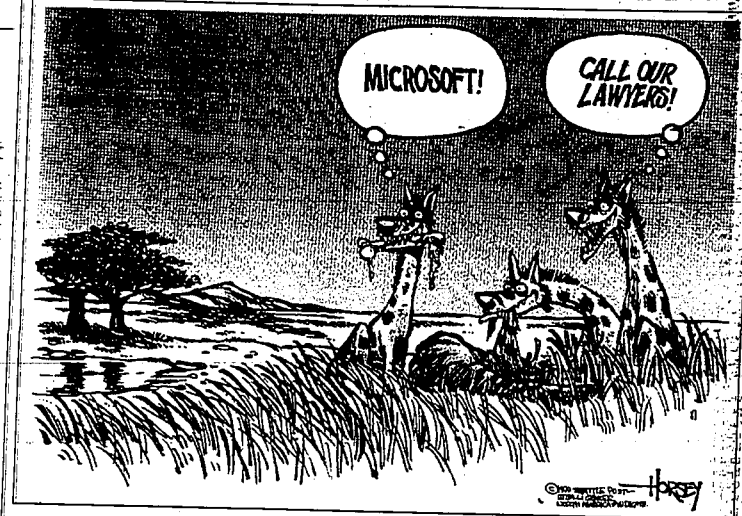
In your article, you omitted to mention the fact that the Twin Falls School District approved a \$4.86 million bond issue in May of 1999. The bond proceeds will be used to build the new Kimberly High School and retrofit a building that has served the people of Kimberly since 1914. The bond was approved by 83 percent of the voters.

As a result of this bond election, the Kimberly public schools have maximized their allowable building bond capacity. The effect on local taxpayers is that we now have one of the highest

bond redemption taxes in place while the balance and interest is paid on the \$4.86 million bond. If the Kimberly School District was closer to the average assessed property value per student in the state, local taxpayers could pay for a new high school with taxes at less than half the current rate.

According to your article, the Kimberly

Doonesbury



Cheese plant won't endanger TF water

Y our editorial of Oct. 26 qualifies as one of your most blatantly uninformative, biased and abusive to date.

You continue to hammer on Roy Prescott as if he made decisions concerning the direction of this county on his own. May I remind you that the board of county commissioners is made up of three. I have served with Roy for the past five years on the board of county commissioners and three years prior on the planning and zoning commission. Also serving with Roy during this five-year period were three very competent strong leaders. They were Jerry Ridley, owner of a number of stores throughout Idaho, Emmett Bruller a vice president of First Security Bank, and Earriet Weisel, a former Times-News correspondent.

Currently, Alvin Chojnacki is our third commissioner - a very honest, capable person. All of those who have served with Roy feel as I do - that he is an absolutely honest, energetic, competent public servant. In the future, don't single out Roy, include us all because, with rare exception, our decisions have been unanimous.

Now let's consider several important facts. In 1993, the Crossroads Ranch project requested an amendment to the comprehensive plan and rezoning of several hundred acres from agricultural to commercial. Accompanying its request was an environmental impact statement (EIS). Included with the EIS were overlays showing the gradient lines and a letter from Dr. C.E. Brockway which states the following:

"The flow lines indicate that movement of water from the interchange area is westerly and does not enter springs in the Blue Lakes area." Based on this professional information, the request for a plan amendment and rezoning were approved unanimously by both the plan-

READER COMMENT

John M. Toolson Jr.

ning and zoning commission and the county commissioners.

According to Dr. Brockway's facts and gradient maps, the most westerly flow line feeding Blue Lakes is almost one mile from the eastern boundary of Crossroads Ranch and approximately two miles from the agriculture land anticipated to receive effluent from a proposed cheese plant. The proposed effluent is primarily water removed from milk that is safe for human consumption. Approval of that process is not vested within the jurisdiction of the city of Twin Falls, but rather the Idaho Division of Environmental Quality (DEQ). If an application for land-applied effluent were rejected by DEQ, the Jerome County commissioners would not approve siting of a cheese plant at that location.

Further facts: In 1996, the city of Twin Falls presented a wellhead protection overlay ordinance to the Jerome County commissioners for consideration. The actual basis used in that request was the same overlay information provided by Dr. Brockway in 1993. Twin Falls city's proposed overlay map did not include the Crossroads Ranch site or any property north or west of Crossroads Ranch. In taking independent responsibility for addressing protection issues within the boundaries of the proposed wellhead protection zone presented by the city of Twin Falls, Jerome County has become the driving force behind getting the land located south and east of the junction of 184 and Highway 93 designated as open space for a regional park. It might also be useful for The Times-News to recall that

Crossroads Ranch graciously donated 120 acres of very valuable farm property on Highway 93 to the College of Southern Idaho to support the park concept. These actions clearly exhibit positive and progressive solutions on the part of Jerome County to promote a responsible protection plan for Twin Falls' water supply.

It is mystifying that ground application of water from milk, which per Dr. Brockway is clearly some distance from flow lines entering Blue Lakes, would cause Twin Falls city any concern whatsoever. This is even more puzzling given that Petro II is ground applying a variety of wastes on land that is much closer to Blue Lakes flow lines. Could the reason be that Petro II is owned by several prominent Twin Falls businessmen?

I think the time has come for Twin Falls city and The Times-News to recognize and accept that those of us on the northside are capable and have the obligation and the right to determine our destiny and to make those decisions concerning our economic development which we feel are in the best interest of our citizens.

We are fortunate that we have a number of bright, forward-thinking citizens who are very much in favor of seeing Crossroads succeed. Take the time to ask, Con Paulos, LeRoy Craig and Rick Bertson, to name a few, what the reasons in the future your editorials include factual, empirical data, as opposed to the reckless, unsupported assertions which seemingly have been characteristic of most past editorials. Given you were faced with a competing daily paper, I am convinced changes would be implemented or you would be out of business.

Have a good day!

John M. Toolson Jr. is a Jerome County commissioner.

LETTERS

School District has the lowest property valuations per student in the Magic Valley.

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The School Board, administration, staff and students would like to thank our constituents for their decision to support education in the Kimberly School District. Kimberly patrons believe in the idea of "children first."

JOHN GARNER
Superintendent
Kimberly School District
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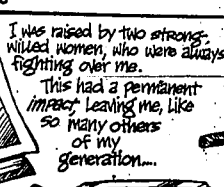
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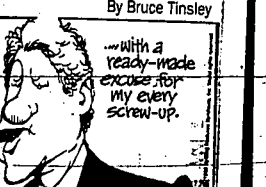
Mallard Fillmore



By Garry Trudeau



By Bruce Tinsley



OPINION

Yes, Virginia, there is risk in stock market

The Securities Industry Association and the Investment Company Institute — the trade groups for stockbrokers and mutual funds — recently released a survey showing that 85 percent of U.S. investors hold new stocks or stock mutual funds. This is a huge increase from 15 percent in 1993 and may be the result of a boom in the stock market. The explosion in stock ownership makes sense as one of the great social movements of the 1990s, and, in the eyes of many, represents a significant achievement.

People's capitalism (as the story goes) is triumphant. More Americans have a stake in the nation's businesses and just as wage earners. Class conflict, always smoldered in the United States, will continue to subside. On a more practical level, owning stocks (or the more conservative mutual average investment funds, because stocks do better over time than other investments. People can save money by being in the market as opposed to buying bonds or building cash.

We will know in five or 10 years whether this pleasing story proceeds according to script. The outcome may depend on something suggested by the stock boom: the spreading conviction that the U.S. economy has hit the "snake river" stage. Capitalism has never existed without risk and uncertainty. But people are acting as if the separation is unending. If it were, the frenzy into stocks could spawn disillusion.

Time was when many Americans considered stocks too dangerous to hold. Since 1980, the number of shareholders has jumped 50 percent to 79 million. Of today's owners, 48 percent bought their first shares in 1990.



ROBERT J. SAMUELSON

Of course, few shareholders have consciously concluded that economic risk is gradually vanishing. People have bought stock mainly because the market keeps rising. But confidence in the market that risk is falling.

Proof lies in the decline of the so-called equity risk premium, a more obscure concept that's become fashionable. The basic idea is simple. Stocks are risky because profits — the source of stocks' value — are uncertain. Reactions, new competition or management blunders can cut profits and stock prices. To compensate for risk, investors demand an extra return over the most dependable investment, a Treasury bond. You may pay \$200 for a Treasury security that provides 56 of annual interest (a 28 percent return). But you won't pay \$100 for a company's stock with profits of \$6 a share. You'll pay a higher return. (We're ignoring, for the moment, share speculation.) This extra return is "the risk premium."

But if risk drops, investors will accept lower returns, and stock prices will rise. Here's the magic of the market boom. Between 1990 and 1998, corporate profits roughly doubled to \$240 billion. This boosted stocks. But the larger cause of their rise is the fall in "the risk premium." There are many different ways to calculate this. A study by Regional Financial Associates

puts the present "risk premium" at about 4 percent, down from 13 percent in the early 1980s. As perceived risks dropped, stocks soared.

But why? Have investors gone on a speculative binge, raising prices relative to profits? Or has the economy become less risky? Well, there's a case for less risk, starting with the decline of inflation. High inflation in the 1970s and early 1980s hurt profits and stock prices in two ways. It eroded their "real" (inflation-adjusted) value; and it led to recessions as the Federal Reserve tried to suppress rising prices. Low inflation — other things being equal — should mean fewer and milder recessions. Since late 1982, the economy has spent only eight months in recession (in late 1990 and early 1991).

"Globalization" and new information technologies also may enhance economic stability and growth. Competition compels companies to hold down prices. Better information — about buy-

ing patterns, for example — improves control of inventories (supplies of unsold goods). But these forces can also magnify risk. New technology creates uncertainty. Profits are not ensured. No one knows what will work. Older companies may suffer from new competition.

"Globalization" poses dangers, starting with ignorance of other societies. Finally, faith in a riskless economy may inspire risky behavior. People may become imprudent because they think they're insulated from danger. Economic risk is not static; it constantly shifts. The rush into the stock market may produce the blessings that its admirers anticipate. But there's a nastier prospect — a backlash of some sort — if Americans have underestimated risk and pushed stocks too high. No one can be sure which it will be, because we are uncertain about uncertainty.

Robert J. Samuelson is a Newsweek columnist.

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LETTER

Keep height limit in place

This letter is in regard to the current Craig Neilson proposal for commercial development near the Snake River on both sides of Blue Lakes Boulevard. The proposal includes a convention center, a hiking trail along the canyon and a controversial request for a variance from the existing city zoning ordinance that limits building heights to 35 feet near the canyon rim. The developer proposes one or more 100-foot-tall hotels near the canyon rim.

I wish to add my voice to those who oppose the request for a variance from the Twin Falls City Council to deny this request for a variance. The height restrictions are included in the Canyon Overlay Ordinance in February 1995. This was a result of a lot of work by many Twin Falls citizens. The height restrictions are reasonable, proper and should be enforced. The Twin Falls Planning and Zoning Commission turned down the Neilson request for a variance.

The proposed convention center and public hiking trail are good features of the proposal. The plan for one or more 100-foot hotel buildings need to be changed to provide for steeper building restrictions or provide for taller buildings outside the restricted area of the Canyon Overlay Zone.

The Twin Falls City Council should deny the request for a

variance from the Canyon Overlay height restriction. If the council cannot agree to do this, the request should be denied for further discussion and study.

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Cold follows killer quake in Turkey

DUZCE, Turkey - Families made homeless by a shattering earthquake gathered scrap wood for campfires Monday as temperatures plunged into the teens, while rescuers warned that the cold decreased the chances of finding anyone alive in the wreckage.

The death toll from Friday's quake rose to 450; survivors struggled to find food and shelter and rebuild their lives.

Jean-Philippe Jutzzi of Swiss Rescue said that after the freezing temperatures of the past three nights, many people trapped in the rubble must have died of hypothermia.

International rescuers were scheduled to meet Monday to decide whether to put an end to rescue operations because of about 20 countries are searching the area, including a group from Fairfax, Va.

U.N. report on Srebrenica massacre blames many

UNITED NATIONS - The United Nations and key governments bear some blame for the 1995 mass killings in the Bosnian enclave of Srebrenica - but primary responsibility lies with the wartime Bosnian Serb leadership, a U.N. report said Monday.

Secretary-General Kofi Annan's long-awaited assessment of the fall of the U.N.-designated "safe haven" speaks candidly of errors, misjudgments and failures by the international community, while offering lessons for the future.

The remains of some 2,500 men and boys have been found in mass graves in and around Srebrenica and several thousand more who are still missing are likely to be found at other sites, Annan said.

In assessing blame for the killings, Annan pointed at the Security Council, the staff at U.N. headquarters in New York - including himself - U.N. peacekeepers on the ground and the six-nation Contact Group that oversees the Balkans - the United States, Russia, Britain, France, Germany and Italy.

But Annan said "the primary and most direct responsibility" lies with wartime Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic and his military chief Gen. Ratko Mladic who embarked on the planned and systematic killing of Bosnian Muslims in Srebrenica.

Optimism grows, progress builds in Belfast talks

BELFAST, Northern Ireland - Raising hopes of a breakthrough, American mediator George Mitchell said Monday that Protestant and Catholic politicians are developing unprecedented "common ground" on how to govern Northern Ireland together.

Speaking on the 11th week of his mission to resuscitate last year's Good Friday peace accord, Mitchell suggested that Sinn Fein, the Irish Republican Army-linked party, now agrees with the major Protestant party, the Ulster Unionists, that the IRA should start disarming "as quickly as possible."

Mitchell, a former U.S. Senate majority leader, said all negotiators now agree that the new provincial government should be formed "at the earliest possible date."

Spanish chess players forced to undergo drug test

MADRID, Spain - Drug-testing has reached a cerebral corner of the sports world: chess.



Relatives on Monday grieve Esra Altunay, 18, who was killed Friday in an earthquake in Duzce, Turkey. The quake claimed 452 lives and injured 3,000.

World in brief

Players at a Spanish team championship tournament under way on the Mediterranean island of Menorca were stunned to learn Sunday they had to provide a urine sample under doctor's supervision, the daily El Mundo said Monday.

World's most expensive watch fetches \$1.9 million

GENEVA - A rare 1922 gentleman's wristwatch was bought by a Middle Eastern collector for a staggering \$1.9 million, making it the most expensive wristwatch in history, Antiquorum Auctioneers said Monday.

The 18-karat yellow gold Patek, Philippe timepiece boasts a split-second stopwatch and a simple chronograph set by a single button. The earliest known wristwatch of its type, it fetched the second-highest price at an auction by any watch - wrist or pocket, Antiquorum said.

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Section B

AROUND THE VALLEY

Four arrested in attempted carjacking

JEROME - Four juveniles face charges in an attempted carjacking in Jerome Sunday when a Jerome County sheriff's deputies arrested the juveniles Sunday night following an incident at 501 North Road, a news release said.

A Jerome motorist reported that four teen-agers flagged him down on North Road, and when he stopped one of them pulled out a handgun and tried to take his vehicle, the release said.

The motorist sped away and called authorities.

Four juveniles, whose names were not released, were arrested a short time later, the release said.

The charges are attempted robbery, aiding and abetting attempted robbery and two counts of grand theft by possession, the release said. It was not clear which juvenile was charged with what.

The juveniles were runaways who were in a car from Salt Lake City, the release said.

Teen-ager charged in pedestrian death

TWIN FALLS - A teen-ager was charged Monday in the hit-and-run death of an 88-year-old man this weekend.

The teen, whose name was not released, was charged with vehicular manslaughter and leaving the scene of an injury accident.

Twin Falls police did not release the victim's name because they are waiting for relatives to identify the body, Sgt. Don Hall said.

Police found the victim lying in the street in the 100 block of Sixth Street North early Sunday. The man was taken to Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, where he was pronounced dead.

The teen was arrested later Sunday.

Council to discuss downtown proposal

TWIN FALLS - The City Council will have a public hearing today on a state block grant.

The council will have a public hearing to discuss an annual Community Development Block Grant for a local improvement district in downtown and to consider bids for the Lakeside project.

The block grant would enable the city to improve sections of downtown Twin Falls. The pipeline project is part of the city's overall water improvement project.

The hearing will be at 5 p.m. at the Twin Falls City Hall meeting chambers.

School Board to hear update on auditorium fee

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls School Board today will hear an update on the Auditorium fee.

The fee is used to cover rental costs charged to school groups that use the auditorium.

The School Board in August agreed to help the Magic Valley Arts Council. The council fees could be reduced without raising costs to the district. The arts council wants to find a way to increase community use of the auditorium because of tight budgets at the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center.

In other business, the board is set to decide whether to raise the auditorium at Vera C. O'Leary Junior High School to be used without charge for a charity concert in December. The CSI student government is sponsoring the concert to raise money for United Way.

The School Board meets at 7 p.m. in the district office, 201 Main Ave. W.

Forest Service approves Stanley sewer project

STANLEY - The U.S. Forest Service has approved a municipal wastewater facility, and plans for construction are under way.

Craig Thurgood from the U.S. Department of Agriculture recently presented a check for \$1.6 million to the Stanley Sewer Association. The money represents loans and grants from the department's Rural Development program and the Idaho Department of Commerce.

Permits for the wastewater site and land application are expiring and will need to be renewed. The facility did not meet the National Sanitation Foundation's Environmental Quality Agency's requirements.

Compiled from staff reports



A construction worker sorts through a pile of tools outside the addition to the Twin Falls County Courthouse. A legislative committee is looking at ways to streamline the paperwork contractors must deal with.

Lawmakers look at ways to make work on public buildings simpler

By Gregory Hahn
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Larry Lucas has been in the construction industry for more than 20 years. He knows the hoops through which public-works contractors must jump.

The paperwork, the permits, the licenses - and they're all through different local, state and federal agencies.

"It's ugly," said Lucas, who's Jac-Lyn Construction Co. is expanding the county's judicial building.

"It's always been that way and it probably always will be," he said. "But that's the nature of the business we're in."

But a legislative committee is working on ways to make at least one step a little bit simpler. The lawmakers are looking at "one-stop shopping," said Dave Munroe, a former Buhl resident who now heads the state Division of Building Safety.

The maze of fire marshals, building safety inspectors and even the Energy Division of the Idaho Department of Water Resources could be simplified into a separate division or a department if the Legislature approves a couple of proposals the interim committee has talked about.

Other committees are working on bills that would change the benefits for public employees, revamp the rules for teachers' contracts and even protect the interests of Idaho rate-payers as large power companies get larger.

The committees are created to evaluate complex issues that the deliberative Legislature doesn't have the time - or the stomach - to delve into.

A committee looking at the future of Nampa's Idaho State School and Hospital is evaluating the benefits of expanding the residential facilities there - a concept supported by Canyon County lawmakers but hasn't, and probably still doesn't, have the support of the rest of the state. The project would cost up to \$13.5 million, and some advocates of people with disabilities say the money would be better spent on community-based treatment facilities.

Another group is trying to balance the needs and interests of school districts and the faculty they employ as it looks at teacher and administrator contract rules. The committee's co-chairman, Sen. Darrel Delde, R-Nampa, is proposing a plan that would create local "performance review panels" of teachers, administrators and parents.

A closer look

Some of the bills being considered by the Legislature include:

- **Public Safety:** A bill to create a new state agency to coordinate fire, police and emergency services.
- **Education:** A bill to create a new state agency to coordinate education and workforce development.
- **Healthcare:** A bill to create a new state agency to coordinate healthcare and long-term care services.
- **Transportation:** A bill to create a new state agency to coordinate transportation and infrastructure services.
- **Environment:** A bill to create a new state agency to coordinate environmental and natural resources services.

Newslink

State Assemblyman John Carpenter, who has clashed with Flor as the leader of a group hoping to rob a road in the Humboldt-Tolay National Forest, read part of her resignation letter during a hearing Saturday before a U.S. House Resources subcommittee on

But the group is also considering plans that the teachers, administrators and school board members say would help new teachers succeed. The committee will decide Friday which proposals to support.

A couple of ongoing committees were established to keep a close eye on tough problems. Sen. Laird Noh, R-Kimberly, oversees groups that watch unfolding natural resource issues and the myriad questions surrounding electrical deregulation.

This year, as PacificCorp is being swallowed by the giant Scottish Power Co., the deregulation committee is considering proposals to ensure that Idaho rate payers are protected from undue increases to their power bills.

"Though the committees take some of the heat off the legislative body as a whole, they put more of it on the lawmakers appointed to the groups.

Rep. Randy Hansen, R-Twin Falls, recently explained to a room full of teachers, firemen and police officers that another interim committee was probably going to recommend just a couple of the benefit enhancements the public employees were hoping for. Rejecting some of the committee's approval, whichdrinks it will have a tough time in the Statehouse this winter.

But for all the time and effort these committees spend on their recommendations, the suggestions are just that - suggestions.

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TF might snap up Jerome ambulance

By Brian Haynes
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The county hospital board approved the purchase of Unistar Paramedics Monday evening, paving the way for joint ambulance service between Jerome and Twin Falls counties.

Before the sale is final, however, the agreement needs approval by the commissioners of both counties.

A regional ambulance service was also included in Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's strategic plan, which was approved last month.

Negotiations for a joint ambulance service have been in the works for months, Unistar's Chief Executive Officer Larry Wood said after the strategic plan's approval.

"Really the only cost-effective way to provide ambulance service in our area is to regionalize it," Wood said then. "The bottom line is it has to be good for

the patients."

In other business, Magic Valley Regional is continuing negotiations with Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center to expand service of the hand/flyt helicopter ambulance service.

The service has operated in the Magic Valley since September 1998. Expansion plans include buying a bigger helicopter and doubling operation hours from 12 to 24 hours a day.

Hospital Board Treasurer Art Tanner will hear Saint Alphonsus' new proposal today at a meeting in Boise.

The board also agreed to meet with the board of St. Benedict's Family Medical Center in Jerome next month. The board members will discuss ways the hospitals can work together.

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CSI considers new drug testing policy

By Jennifer Sandmann
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The College of Southern Idaho's board considered a possible employee drug testing policy Monday evening along with a review of school policies governing everything from hiring practices to student alcohol restrictions.

CSI President Jerry Meyerhoeffer told board members he has resisted pre-employment drug screening and random drug testing. He favors a policy that would call for testing only after a problem has been documented.

"I don't think we want this to be a policy where we say to someone, 'hey, go take a test,'" he said.

Meyerhoeffer predicts that random drug testing and pre-employment screening would be resisted by professional staff as a matter of principle.

Opponents of the practice say it's a violation of privacy rights. During his more than 30 years at CSI, Meyerhoeffer said he

never had reason for a drug screening policy until a recent situation involving an employee. A policy allowing the college to request a test after a problem has been documented, he said, would mirror other policies in place for student athletes and student government officers.

Follow-up testing and post-accident testing also could be included in a policy, Meyerhoeffer said.

Employees who test positive could request a re-test from a different lab agreed to by both the employee and college. Counseling would be required for employees who test positive.

A second positive test would be grounds for employee termination.

One board member supports consideration of pre-employment drug screening. Dr. Charles Lehman said CSI should look into the practice, particularly because of the number of temporary employees it hires.

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Investigation into dogs' deaths moves slowly

The Times-News

BURLEY - Officials investigating the mysterious deaths of three dogs along the Snake River between Minidoka Dam and Burley said it may be late in the week before any definitive answers can be extracted from an autopsy of one dog, or from soil samples.

Bill Allred of the state's Division of Environmental Quality said Monday that the investigation is being handled with the utmost speed, but the remoteness of the laboratories and the need for absolute accuracy in the findings will delay concrete information until at least Thursday.

"Under normal circumstances, I've seen lab results take up to six weeks to be

returned," Allred said. However, the urgency of the investigation has made the soil sample analysis and the autopsy top priorities.

Officials have said people should be wary of being near the river with family and pets until a cause can be determined.

The situation began Nov. 6 when a Burley family discovered their dog was suffering from severe distress after using its snout to probe a hole left by the family's stuck four-wheeler.

Despite an urgent rush to a veterinary clinic, the dog became lethargic and unable to breathe. It died within minutes.

Family members also suffered from headaches and nausea after the encounter, but

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Lawmakers will review Forest Service boss' harassment claims

ELKO, Nev. (AP) - A congressman and a state assemblyman say they intend to find out whether there is any truth to claims by resigning U.S. Forest Service supervisor Gloria Flora that federal land managers are routinely harassed in rural Nevada.

State Assemblyman John Carpenter, who has clashed with Flor as the leader of a group hoping to rob a road in the Humboldt-Tolay National Forest, read part of her resignation letter during a hearing Saturday before a U.S. House Resources subcommittee on

forests and forest health. Flora spoke out against an "anti-federal forest" and said she feared for the safety of her workers if she were to stay on the job as supervisor of the Humboldt-Tolay National Forest.

"The attitude towards federal employees and federal laws in

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Gloria Flora

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Group appeals dumping permit

SANTA FE, N.M. (AP) — An environmental group on Monday appealed the state Environment Department's permit to let the federal government store radioactive waste contaminated with other hazardous substances at its underground dump near Ogden.

The Southwest Resources and Information Center's petition to the New Mexico Court of Appeals calling the permit requirements too lax was the second legal challenge to the permit, which was to become effective Nov. 25.

The Energy Department sued over the regulations earlier this month in federal court in Albuquerque, calling the requirements too stringent.

SERVICES

Bruce W. Reese of Hagerman, memorial service at 10:30 a.m. today at the Hagerman LDS Church; the family will greet friends from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. today at the church (White Mortuary and Crematory in Twin Falls).

Lillian V. Smith of Burley, services at 11 a.m. today at the Payne Memorial Chapel in Burley; graveside service at 1 p.m. today at the Jerome Chapel. Friends may call from 10 to 11 a.m. today at Payne Mortuary.

Heace M. Byers, of Rupert, memorial service from 5 to 7 p.m. Nov. 25 at Hansen Mortuary-Rupert Chapel.

Eva Chapsa Salzman of Burley, services at 11 a.m. today at Hergen Mortuary-Rupert Chapel.

Jerome fields leaner animal ordinance

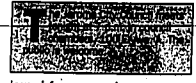
By Dixie Thomas Reale
Times-News correspondent

JEROME — A streamlined and long-awaited animal control ordinance is ready for the Jerome City Council.

The newly completed ordinance will be read before the City Council for the first time at tonight's meeting.

If passed this ordinance would set a limit of three dogs per household. Dogs would not be allowed to run at large and would have to be restrained by a leash or kept on the owner's property. All dogs more than six months old would have to wear a license attached to a collar.

Current rabies vaccinations are required in order for a dog license, and licenses can be



issued for one or three years to match the immunity for rabies cats and dogs. The ordinance would also include a provision to allow local veterinarians to sell dog licenses.

Animals found running at large would be impounded and held for 10 days to allow the owner to reclaim the animal. If unclaimed after 10 days the animal can be euthanized or adopted.

Fines for violation of the ordinance would be set by a separate resolution. The suggested fines are \$50 for the first violation,

\$100 for the second violation and \$200 for the third violation.

Jerome has been working on this ordinance since November 1998.

A previous, controversial version of the ordinance covered cats and dogs. The council eliminated all reference to cats from the ordinance.

Also on tonight's agenda, the city's planning and zoning commission has proposed a change in the city's existing structural height limit, allowing buildings more than 35 feet high with a special-use permit. A public hearing of this height restriction ordinance is scheduled.

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DEATH NOTICES

Norma A. Berry
NORMA A. Berry, 85, of Boise, formerly of Wendell, died Sunday, Nov. 14, 1999. Services are pending at Cloverdale, Funeral Home of Boise.

Helen Harter
JEROME — Helen Harter, 77, of Jerome, died Monday, Nov. 15, 1999, at her home. Services are pending under the direction of the Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

Laura J. Larios
TWIN FALLS — Laura J. Larios, 89, of Twin Falls, died Monday, Nov. 15, 1999, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. Funeral arrangements will be announced by White Mortuary of Twin Falls.

Matison Anne Taylor Williams
TWIN FALLS — Matison Anne Taylor Williams, 6-week-old daughter of Terry Wayne Williams and Amy Lynn Alexander of Twin Falls, died Sunday, Nov. 14, 1999, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. A graveside service will take place at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 17, 1999, at Sunset Memorial Park, with Bishop Dan Peters officiating. Friends

may call from 5-8 p.m. today at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Robert R. Conner
TUSCOX, Ariz. — Robert R. Conner, 77, of Tuscox, Ariz., formerly of Richfield, died Thursday, Nov. 11, 1999, at his home. Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 19, 1999, at Demary's Showcase Chapel, with Rev. Paul Wauder officiating. Burial will be in the Showcase Cemetery. Family members and friends may call from 5-8 p.m. Thursday at the chapel. A complete obituary will appear at a later date.

Colleen J. Lloyd
PAUL — Colleen Jones Lloyd, 71, of Paul, died Sunday, Nov. 14, 1999, at the St. Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Payne Mortuary in Burley.

Elna G. Koonce
WENDELL — Elna G. Koonce, 80, of Wendell, died Sunday, Nov. 14, 1999, at Gooding County Regional Medical Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 17, 1999, at Demary's Gooding Chapel, with Pastor Michael Heller officiating.

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Wild horse adoption planned in Twin Falls

TWIN FALLS (AP) — About 50 wild horses will be available for adoption to qualified applicants on Dec. 4 at the College of Southern Idaho.

The Bureau of Land Management gathered the horses from public range in Wyoming, Utah and Nevada. There will be a mixture of weanlings, yearlings and adults.

"We'll be getting some nice horses for the adoption and we're looking for persons who are interested in providing good homes for them," said Bob Mitchell, wild horse and burro manager in Idaho.

The horses will be offered through a silent bidding process, starting at 9 a.m. Bidding will begin with a minimum amount of \$125 and will increase in increments of no less than \$5 and no more than \$25. As many as four horses may be adopted per qualified applicant.

Prospective buyers must fill out an application and have it approved by the BLM before bidding on a horse.

And because the horses are not accustomed to being confined, specific corral, fencing, hauling and other care and facility requirements must be met by prospective adopters.

A three-horse slant trailer or larger is required to transport the adopted animals.

All horses will be checked and vaccinated by a veterinarian before adoption. Medical records will be provided to the successful adopter.

The BLM gathers wild horses and burros from their populations threaten the ecological balance of public rangelands. About 165,000 animals have been placed in adoptive care since the program began more than 25 years ago.

Time-News correspondent Dixie Thomas Reale can be reached in Jerome at 324-3670.

HOSPITALS

MINDOKA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
Some names are omitted at patient's request.

Admitted
Katherine Wymer of Rupert; and Fabiola Viveros and baby boy, of Malba.

Discharged
Tucker Murphy, Delzann Glausner, and Elna Garcia and daughter, all of Rupert.

Feds outline salmon plan

GRANTS PASS, Ore. — With time running out for saving some Columbia Basin salmon runs from extinction, the federal government has produced a framework of alternatives to help the Northwest make the hard choices ahead.

The framework looks at the chances of restoring salmon runs when changes are made in managing what are known as the Four Hs — habitat, harvest, hatcheries and hydroelectric dams.

National Marine Fisheries Service Regional Director Will Stelle, Army Corps of Engineers Deputy Director Col. Eric Mogren, and Bonneville Power Administration Administrator Judith A. Johansen will present what amounts to a conceptual plan for restoring Columbia Basin salmon runs today in Portland.

"What it represents is a clear call to the region to make some decisions," NMFS spokeswoman Brian Gorman said. "The time for temporizing is over. And the time for action, debate on that action, is beginning."

But the groups with a stake in the debate are not happy with the framework.

"Leaving the dams in place, can you get to harvestable levels of salmon? We don't think you can," said Charles Hudson, spokesman for the Columbia River Intertribal Fish Commission, which supports dam removal. "Habitat is too much of an unknown. There is no scientific proof it can get you to recovery in time."

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TWIN FALLS



W.E. 'Bill' Stuart
W.E. "Bill" Stuart, 86-year-old Rupert resident, passed away Monday, November 15, 1999, at Budge Nursing home in Twin Falls following a long illness.

He was born June 2, 1913, in Enfield, Illinois; the son of W.E. and Mary Pearl Belmar Stuart. He moved with his family to Rupert. He attended schools in Rupert, graduating from Rupert High School. He worked for Morrison Knudsen at one time. He did much current farming in and around Rupert, including the entrance to the Rupert Cemetery. He owned and operated the "Shant East Side Cafe" in Rupert for 10 years in the '40s and '50s. He also worked for the state as State Weights and Measures Inspector, traveling throughout Idaho. He worked awhile with the police force, serving as Justice of the Peace in Rupert in the late '50s. At age 62 he retired as maintenance person for the Heyburn Jr. R. Simpson Co. He married Myrtle Cleone Little in Kimberly, Idaho, on October 14, 1933, and their marriage was later solemnized in the Idaho Falls Temple.

He is survived by three sons, Charles (Carol) Stuart, Taylorville, Ill.; Ernest (Sturtude) Stuart of Rupert; and La Mar (Missy) Stuart of Paul; 20 grandchildren; 45 great-grandchildren; and 8 great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, the wife and two-sons, his wife Myrtle, and one son, Eugene.

He will be missed by all who enjoyed his numerous stories and experiences throughout his lifetime. He could hold the attention of an audience for hours.

Funeral services will be conducted

at Thursday, November 18, 1999, at 11 a.m. at the Rupert First Baptist Church with Bishop Richard Daley officiating. Friends may call at the Robert O'Connor Mortuary, 115 E. Main, Wednesday, November 17, 1999, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Hansen Mortuary in Hagerman. Burial will be in the Wood River Memorial Center in Hagerman. A special illness benefit was born on December 11, 1921, in Baraboo, Wis., to James A. and Grace White, and she was raised in a small town in Wisconsin. Upon graduating from high school, she moved to Gooding, Idaho, to work as a telephone operator and Gooding. She met and married Dean R. Rogers, Jr., her husband and best friend for more than 54 years. They lived on the family farm near Gooding for several years in 1949. The family purchased their property south of Bellevue for more than 50 years. They worked with her family to improve the property into one of the most successful farms in Blaine County. For the past several years, Judy worked tirelessly to preserve agricultural history in Blaine County. She was a member of the Assembly of God Church in both Gooding and Hagerman. She was a very devoted and loved her life accordingly. She and her husband found Christ in 1960.

She is survived by her husband, Dean R. Rogers, Jr. of Bellevue; three children, Dean R. Rogers III of Durban, Wyo.; Dana Rogers of Durban, Wyo.; and her only great-grandchild, Dean R. Rogers IV, Dan Rogers, and Karasee Rogers. She is also survived by her sons, Bow-Allen Albert, Canada; and two sisters, Mary (Wayne) Gross, Opa, Utah, and Ben Ann (Gore) Page, Morristown, Tenn.

She was preceded in death by her parents, one brother and one sister.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, November 17, 1999, at the Wood River Assembly of God Church in Hagerman, with Dr. Nobora speaking. Interment will be in the Bellevue Cemetery.

Funeral services will be at the Wood River Funeral Home in Hagerman at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday.

The family suggests that any memorial donation be made to a favorite charity.

TWIN FALLS



Welda L. Hamm
Welda L. Hamm, 75, of Twin Falls, died Sunday, November 14, 1999, at her home.

Welda was born June 3, 1924, at Doris, Kansas, to Fred and Helen Strier Hamm. In 1936, she moved to Idaho, and graduated from Marsden High School. For a brief time, Welda worked as a beautician. In 1948, she went to work for Twin Falls State and that as a check counter and mail clerk, retiring in 1989. She was a member of the Twin Falls First United Methodist Church. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Welda is survived by her sister, Betty Puzler of Twin Falls; a niece, Sandra Stansell of Nampa, Idaho; three nephews, John Puzler of Napa, California; Robert Puzler of Boise; and Eric Puzler of Meridian, Idaho; and three great-grand-nieces and three great-grand-sons.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

The funeral service will take place at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, November 17, 1999, at the First United Methodist Church, with the Rev. James Frisbie officiating. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park. Friends may call today at White Mortuary from 4 to 6 p.m.

The family suggests that memorial contributions be given to a charity of the donor's choice.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, November 17, 1999, at the Wood River Assembly of God Church in Hagerman, with Dr. Nobora speaking. Interment will be in the Bellevue Cemetery.

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SURVEY SAYS



Joe Burt and Jack Doyle were one of several teams on the Snake River Monday taking part in a U.S. Geological Survey study of water flow in the river. They are using an Acoustic Doppler Current Profiler to measure water depth and the velocity of particles in the water.

The world on display

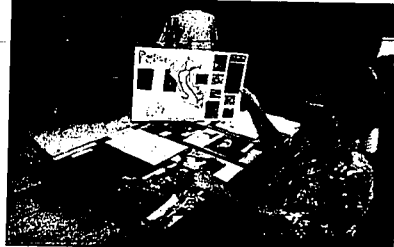
Fair highlights students' knowledge of the globe

By Loraine Caverer Times-News writer

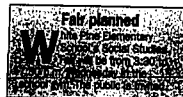
BURLEY - Local sixth-graders will be displaying what they have learned about the world during the annual White Pine Elementary Social Studies Fair. The fair will feature displays that demonstrate the sixth-graders' knowledge of social studies from around the globe. "It is a good hands-on activity. They can create their own displays," said Sheri Greener, sixth-grade teacher at White Pine.

The students got ideas from a list, and they could add their own ideas to the project, Greener said. "They do their own research. They use the Internet, the library, encyclopedias and even relatives who have traveled to the countries," she said.

Jordan Bowen learned from the Encarta Encyclopedia on his computer at home that Honduras is mostly a corn-farming country, Adam Adams learned from a library book by that Surinam, South America, is a heavily forested country. "The major languages are



Troy George, sixth-grader at White Pine Elementary School, shows some of the materials he gathered for a display at the school's annual social studies fair Wednesday.



Dutch, English and Hindi," Adams said. He also learned the first part of the country's national anthem. "It would be fun to go there someday," he said. The children present lots of information about the countries they studied.

"The main thing that grows in Panama is bananas," said Kieri Wood. "Most of the population can't afford to send their kids to school."

From the Internet, Ry Ann Wiseman learned that Brazil is the fifth largest country in the world.

"It gets a lot of immigration," she said. "And there are many different religions."

Troy George learned that Peru has the biggest lake in South America. He put pictures out of magazines to add color and history to his display. One of the pictures shows a Peruvian native with an extended lip.

"Some of the people have big cups in their lips," he said.

Jessica Lucas used a globe to measure the distance from Puerto Rico to Idaho. She also learned that Puerto Rico is an island, and she knows the country's bird, flower and tree. She included a time-line on her display, which shows when major events happened in the country. When she finished the Puerto Rico exhibit, she made one on El Salvador for extra credit.

"Coffee is the main export, and there are not very many people living there," she said.

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Time to show appreciation

The Times-News

BURLEY - Anyone who wants to show appreciation to area businessmen and farmers will have their chance at Thursday's annual Mini-Cassia Farmer's and Businessman's Banquet.

Sponsored in part by the Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce, the gala starts with a social hour at 6 p.m., dinner at 7 p.m., and awards at 8 p.m. at the Burley Inn Convention Center. Tickets are \$20. A reservation is necessary and can be made by calling the Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce at 673-4232.

Two farmers and two businessmen will be honored at the community appreciation dinner, one each from Minidoka and Cassia counties. The names are being kept secret until the awards are given, said Joan Asson, executive director of the Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce. The names of the recipients are not disclosed in advance. Families come up with innovative ways to make sure the recipients are at the banquet, Asson said.



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The families of the recipients also provide pictures of the recipients in good news on U.S. fishing and wildlife service highlights. The pictures will be displayed on a surprise video during the ceremony, Asson said. The nominating committee is made up of bankers and other business people in the area. The event started in 1961, when only one farmer and one businessman was honored. But for six years, the committee has selected one from each county. "It is a fun evening," Asson said. She encouraged community members to attend the event.

Opinions split on bear population

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) - U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service biologists and environmentalists disagree on whether or not bears that have successfully reached Canada is good news.

Three tagged grizzly bears from the Selkirk Mountains have crossed highways and crossed valleys to reach the Purcell Mountains in Canada in the last five years. And two radio-collared bears from the Cabinet-Yaak recovery zone moved into the Purcell Mountains north of the Kootenai River in 1987 and 1992.

The documented passage from seemingly isolated bear populations is good news on U.S. fishing and wildlife service highlights. The agency is promoting the theory that the Selkirk and Cabinet-Yaak bears are a linked population. But conservation groups are concerned that the linkage theory will not help bear recovery, and may in fact harm it.

If the populations are considered combined, recovery strategies are not likely to be as high, said Louisa Wilcox of the Sierra Club's Grizzly Bear Ecosystems Project.

The theory also worries environmentalists who are fighting the perception that Canadian bears are going to save the U.S. bears from extinction. Canadian bears face an increasingly fragmented habitat, they said.

The Energy Department sued over the region's earlier this month in federal court in Albuquerque, calling the requirements too stringent. It claimed compliance would be too costly and would endanger workers in Idaho and other states where the plutonium-contaminated waste is now being temporarily stored. The Waste Isolation Pilot Plant needs a state permit to begin storing radioactive material tainted by chemicals and other substances. Since it opened in March, the \$2 billion facility has

Claims

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Nevada is painful. People in rural communities who do respect the law and accept responsibility for complying with it are often rebuked or ridiculed," Flores said in the open letter to her employees last week.

"I could go on and on with examples of those of you who have been castigated in public, shunned in your communities, refused service at restaurants, kicked out of motels ... just because of who you work for."

"People who support the federal government or conservation of natural resources ask that they not be identified for fear of retaliation," she wrote.

Carpenter, a Republican, said he was taking Flores's claims seriously but wasn't convinced they were true.

"We need to find out the truth here, Carpenter said. "We do not accept discrimination if these things are happening in our town, I want to know."

Carpenter said he has launched a preliminary investigation on his own. "And I found very little" to substantiate her claims, he said.

Carpenter said he "did hear some people were asked to leave" an Elko hotel. He said he called to the manager of the hotel and she "did not absolutely remember" but would be willing to look into it further if she was provided with names and dates.

An incident also may have occurred at a pizza parlor in Elko, but there are too many pizza parlors to track down, Carpenter said.

He said he's also reviewing some instances where federal workers' children may have been harassed at school, but "in those couple of instances the schools, I think, handled it appropriately." Rep. Jim Gibbons, R-Nev., said he agreed with Carpenter.



Elko attorney Stuart Foster, back to camera, demonstrates how the heritage South Canyon Band, which they the Shoshone, controls the result by horse and cooperation.

"If these instances occurred we need to find out and put an end to it," Gibbons said. "Do not see any other place in this country."

Elko County Commissioner Mike Mazzoni said the district believe any of Flores's allegations were true.

"When I hear that I have to laugh. The kind of atmosphere in Elko County is not helping. It's wild guesses," Mazzoni said.

Matt Holford, Nevada director of Trout Unlimited, said he agrees that federal workers are harassed and environmental activists are afraid to speak in rural Nevada. Holford said he had to change his telephone number because he was receiving threatening calls.

The state county officials have threatened to sue him under laws usually aimed at organized crime on the basis that his effort to harm the bull team has harmed Elko County's economy.

"There are different ways to intimidate," he said. Jack Binkley, Elko's direct supervisor as regional boss for the Forest Service's innermountain region, didn't address her letter on the hearing on Saturday. He said in a statement announcing her resignation last week.

"The Forest Service is in the middle of controversy about natural resource issues everywhere in the country, but the animosity and attitude toward the agency, its employees and other federal employees in Nevada are extremely troubling to me."

Group asks for bus, snowmobile ban

SILVER SPRING, Md. (AP) - An animal-rights group wants to ban not only snowmobiles but also snowcoaches and road plowing in Yellowstone and Grand Teton national parks.

The Fur and Animals on Monday called the winter-use plan proposed for the parks by the National Park Service unacceptable.

"The government's inability to develop sensible and legally defensible alternatives is based on its efforts to promote human use of the parks over the protection of park wildlife and wildlands in their natural condition," said D.J. Schubert, a wildlife biologist representing the group. The National Park Service objectively considers the scientific evidence and complies with its management mandate, then it must end this disastrous 50-year snowmobiling experiment.

The draft winter-use plan calls for banning snowmobiles on the popular route from West Yellowstone, Mont., to Old Faithful and plowing the road clear for use by shuttles and limited private vehicles.

The Park Service maintains opening the route to buses and shuttles would allow double the number of winter visitors while curbing vehicle numbers to a fraction of current levels. Communities bordering the park claim the snowmobile ban will destroy their economies.

The suit was prepared to settle a 1997 lawsuit filed by the Fund for

Animals, which claimed the Park Service had failed to properly evaluate the impact on wildlife and the environment of existing snowmobile use in the park. The fund claims the groomed snowmobile trails create artificial routes for park wildlife, disrupting natural cycles.

Rather than plowing roads, the fund urged development of an elevated tramway that would permit public access with less environmental impact.

"These are national parks, not national playgrounds," says Andrea Lococo, Rocky Mountain coordinator for the Fund for Animals. "It is time for the National Park Service to manage the parks for the benefit of wildlife, ecology, air and water quality, and other park users."

Enviros appeal toxic waste dump permit

SANTA FE, N.M. (AP) - An environmental group on Monday appealed the state Environment Department's permit to let the federal government store radioactive waste contaminated with other hazardous substances at its underground dump near Carlsbad.

The Southwest Research and Information Center's petition to the New Mexico Court of Appeals calling the permit requirements too lax is the second legal challenge to the permit, which was to become effective Nov. 26.

The Energy Department sued over the region's earlier this month in federal court in Albuquerque, calling the requirements too stringent. It claimed compliance would be too costly and would endanger workers in Idaho and other states where the plutonium-contaminated waste is now being temporarily stored.

The Waste Isolation Pilot Plant needs a state permit to begin storing radioactive material tainted by chemicals and other substances. Since it opened in March, the \$2 billion facility has

only been able to accept purely radioactive waste from the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory and other sites.

But the bulk of the waste stored at the INEL and elsewhere is mixed with other material. Southwest Research, a long-time critic of the dump, argues that the government's permit application was inadequate and that the Environment Department ignored much of the expert testimony the center presented.

Weed advisory board discusses mapping

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - The county's Noxious Weed Advisory Board will meet Wednesday to discuss a mapping unit.

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Faculty and staff members will be consulted on the issue, Meyerhoffer said.

The issue, which will decide the issue, did not take action Monday on the proposed drug testing policy or on the other policies up for consideration. One proposal would prohibit drinking at off-campus college functions and on college-sponsored trips. The college already bans alcohol on campus. In other business the board: • Met new dean L. De Vere

Burton Burton will leave his job as director of research for the state Division of Professional Technical Education in Boise to begin work at CSI in January. He replaces technical division Dean Mike Glenn who retired this year. From 1972-1984, Burton taught agriculture classes in Minidoka and Cassia counties at Minico High School and Deckard High School.

Approved a budget request of more than \$106,000 to buy 101 new computers and software from Connor Creek Computers in Burley. More than half of the computers will be used in student computer labs in the Evergreen and Canyon buildings and pesticides; a blue-green algae; or strychnine. Despite their suspicions, officials have said the symptoms exhibit by the dogs or similarities at the time contradict all three of these possibilities if some way.

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Approved the college's annual financial audit. No formal presentation was given to the board, but finance Dean Mike Mason said after the meeting that accountants Ware & Associates found that the school's accounting procedures and reserve funds were in order.

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Dogs

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canine. The dogs were found after they had been contaminated. Specialists from the DEQ and the state's Hazardous Materials Response Team investigated both sites and took soil samples. Although they are unsure of what caused the incident, three

possibilities have surfaced: organophosphates or pesticides; a blue-green algae; or strychnine. Despite their suspicions, officials have said the symptoms exhibit by the dogs or similarities at the time contradict all three of these possibilities if some way.

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PUC approves Scottish Power purchase of Idaho utility

BOISE (AP) — Idaho regulators on Monday approved the \$7.5-billion acquisition of PacifiCorp by Scottish Power, leaving only approval from the state of Utah to seal the first foreign purchase of a United States utility.

The Public Utilities Commission voted 2-1 for the deal that has generated vocal opposition from the 53,000 current Idaho customers who will be affected. "At least with respect to PacifiCorp's Idaho customers, the merger will usher in a new era of electric utility service that is more consumer oriented," the majority said in its 62-page order.

Commission President Dennis Hansen, a former state senator from southeastern Idaho, was the dissenting vote.

Hansen argued that the deal would not be in the best interests of Idaho customers.

Scottish Power, a London-based utility, said it would acquire PacifiCorp for \$7.5 billion, or about \$150 per share.

The acquisition has already been approved by both the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and the states of California, Wyoming,

Washington and Oregon.

Scottish Power, the system's largest shareholder, said it will take the next 21 days to assess the order and decide whether to appeal.

And state Sen. Robert Geddes, who succeeded Hansen in the Senate, said he will poll his constituents to confirm their dissatisfaction with the regulatory action before asking the commissioners to reopen the case and hold more public hearings.

Geddes also predicted that the pressure will intensify on Gov. Dirk Kempthorne, who has not responded to date to requests from Geddes and others to step into the debate.

"There will be a lot of pressure put on the governor," Geddes said.

"The people are not happy." The regulatory majority said it had no legal basis for rejecting the merger on grounds that Scottish Power is a foreign company.

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islation this winter to require that any future utility mergers be approved only if customers rates will be permanently lowered — that is approved until an increase is imposed by the commission.

The promised rate cut by Scottish Power is not a reduction in actual rates but one-time credits against those rates.

While such merger legislation would not apply to Scottish Power-PacifiCorp, some believe the proposal is intended as a hedge against any attempt to takeover Idaho's largest utility, Idaho Power Co., once its hydro power dams are relicensed by the federal government in the next several years.

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Pocatello's economy diversifies

POCATELLO (AP) — All of Idaho was in an upheaval in the early and mid-1980s as the state's resource-based economy seemed to be disintegrating.

But while much of the state began pulling out of the downturn in 1987 in an expansion that has essentially continued unabated, it took Pocatello another six years just to rebound from the loss of 1,700 good-paying jobs when mining equipment manufacturer Bucyrus-Erie closed its doors in 1983.

New jobs at J.R. Simplot Co., FMC, Union Pacific Railroad, Lockheed Martin, Associated Foods, Dai-Ichi and others are leaving the city. And while new or expanding businesses are providing employment to help fill the gap, local officials remain cautious. "Every job we lose hurts the community," says Sam Nettings, the general manager of the Greater Pocatello Chamber of Commerce. "The competition out there is absolutely fierce."

Corporate consolidation has created new problems that small-city communities like Pocatello have little or no control over. Union Pacific spokesman Mike Furney says that give for efficiency has led to the recent announced closures of railroad's wheel and refrigeration shops.

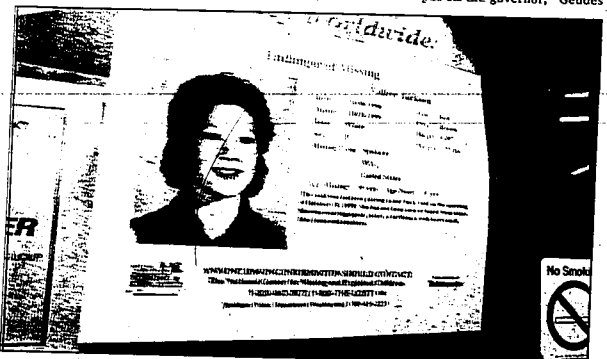
Still, community leaders believe the economic diversification of the past 15 years serves as a shock absorber for sector-by-sector business adjustments just as it has throughout the state.

"If you lose one, it doesn't kill you," labor market analyst Shelley Allen says. "The reality is that's how our labor market is going to be from now on — a lot more dynamic."

While some corporations have taken hundreds of jobs out of the city, SME Steel, U S West, Frasure Construction, Premier Technology, Lewis Corp. and the Farm Bureau added 700 in just the last two years.

With that diversity comes a mix of replacement high-paying jobs lost. SME Steel brought in 160 an hour, The Convergys call center added three times as many jobs but at lower pay.

"There are many jobs there that don't meet what the railroad pays, but there are some that exceed railroad jobs," Nettings says. And others point out that new companies cannot be expected to pay the kind of wages long-established companies do.



William Jackson has been named 'person of interest' by law officers.

Body found in shallow grave; father will be booked into jail

SPokane, Wash. (AP) — A body that appears to be that of a missing Spokane man was found in a shallow grave in Stevens County, Idaho, Monday.

An autopsy was scheduled today to determine whether the remains are those of William Jackson, who was last seen Oct. 16, Sheriff said.

The girl's father, William "Brad" Jackson, will be booked into the Spokane County Jail for investigation of homicide as soon as he is released from a hospital where he is undergoing a mental evaluation, Sheriff said.

Investigators examined the body from a shallow grave at a logging road above the Stevens County town of Spragueville, about 50 miles northwest.

The sheriff said Jackson, who was listed as a "person of interest" in the case over the weekend, had been under surveillance since his disappearance.

Sheriff said authorities have no motive. Detectives last weekend examined a site in the Spokane Valley where they believe the body was buried initially, then later moved to the Stevens County site, Sheriff said.

Information developed from witnesses and surveillance led authorities to the Stevens County site, the sheriff said. He did not provide details.

That site was guarded on Sunday and digging began Monday. Dogs trained to sniff for cadavers led investigators to the grave, the sheriff said.

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Sheriff said detectives would continue to search the area where the remains were found "to see if we can identify any other grave sites."

Enspiral, he will be transported to Spokane County Jail and booked on this homicide," Sheriff said.

On Saturday, law enforcement officers acting on a tip searched a rural area south of Spokane, about five miles from the girl's home, and found evidence that a body had been buried there and then moved, Sheriff said.

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Irrigators withdraw application for dam

MCCALL (AP) — Gem Irrigation District has withdrawn its water right application for the North Fork of the Payette River, effectively ending the long-fought battle over hydro power development on the famous whitewater stretch of river between Smiths Ferry and Banks.

Gem Irrigation of Homedale had an amended permit application filed with the Idaho Department of Water Resources that would have diverted 100 cubic feet per second of water from the river for power production.

That permit was withdrawn by the company last month. The Star-News-Mirror report. The withdrawal came a day before an administrative hearing with the Department of Water Resources. That means there is no chance of

hydro power development on the North Fork of the foreseeable future, said Steve Lester, water rights supervisor for the water resources regional office in Boise.

That means this application is dead duck," said Lester. In 1991, the state legislature designated the North Fork as a protected river, which banned hydro power projects. However, Western Power Inc. held an application for a permit since 1986 to divert 2,200 cubic feet per second of water for power production.

That permit application was transferred to Gem Irrigation, which meant the door remained open for a hydro power project. With the withdrawal of the application, that door is shut and no new applications will be accepted on the North Fork, Lester said.

WSU student falls from fraternity

PULLMAN, Wash. (AP) — An 18-year-old Phi Delta Theta fraternity member was seriously injured in a fall from the house's second story in what police say was an alcohol-related accident.

The student, whose name was not disclosed in the report, was in serious but stable condition Monday at Grigman Medical Center at McCall, Idaho. He was brought to the trauma center with facial

and knee injuries after paramedics and police were called to the fraternity about 7:40 p.m. Sunday.

The fall last year instituted a strict policy barring alcohol in residence halls and fraternities. One fraternity was closed and two others were fined and placed on probation in the wake of a May 1998 riot fueled by drunken students.

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All Aboard! Model railroad group lay tracks to hobby

By Kellee Gaston
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Twin Falls resident Jim Willis has locomotives, train cars, tracks, train equipment and even parts of the Columbia River basin in his basement.

Willis is a model train enthusiast with the Magic Valley Model Railroad group.

"He has a modern-day set-up for his train layout."

"You can go to Shoshone and see your train set in action if you're doing a contemporary layout," Willis says. "The 'Joint Venture' railroad includes many feet of track, trees, train cars, a container yard, grain silo, bridge, hills and dales made of cork salvaged from a cold storage facility in Twin Falls.

"Cork is ideal because it's clean and easy to shape," Willis says. "I got lucky when I picked it up from the cold storage facility because it'd be a fortune to buy it."

Model trains go beyond a toy engine chugging in a circle around the tree on Christmas. H.O. scale trains, a smaller, more authentic version of model trains, come in brass and plastic. The brass version is the superior of the two because cars and locomotives are more detailed, durable, and realistic, enthusiasts say.

"We tell people, buy a good locomotive, and plan on spending about \$35," Willis says. "Athearn brand is a good one.

Want more info?

The Magic Valley Model Railroad group welcomes new members. The group is more than 20 years old and has about 200 members. Model railroad enthusiasts and individuals looking to get started in model railroading are encouraged to call treasurer/secretary Jim Willis at 733-2382.

It runs and runs and runs."

Train cars can be bought in plastic shells with no wheels or chassis in metal-car gray. Enthusiasts can paint the car to match their set, and attach Union Pacific, Burlington Northern, or other train logos. Decals, available in packs from hobby stores, Willis has train cars bearing the Eastern Idaho and BNSF logos, along with Amtrak, Union Pacific, and Rio Grande decals. Train cars are \$5 to \$7.

Miniature people are popular with some model railroaders, with some sets boasting upwards of 1,000 people on the train, in the train yards and over the hillsides. The little people retail for \$2 to \$3 apiece, and can be purchased unfinished so railroaders can personalize them on their display.

Like most hobbies, the sky is the limit when it comes to investing in supplies and new equipment, but for about \$350, you can get a good starter set.

"If you think you or your child will enjoy model trains, you're better off buying the higher quality set, because you'll

have to replace the cheaper set a lot sooner than you'd believe," Willis says.

A high-quality H.O. scale locomotive can pull about 40 cars, coupled with another engine. Magnetic plates in the track enable HO couplers, magnetic hooks that catch when the cars bump each other. The train tracks require almost constant maintenance, and must be cleaned roughly every two days if the tracks are used daily. Space and money are two of the biggest challenges to model railroaders yearning for more pieces to lay track, and more funds to create a bigger, grander scale for their collection.

Group member John Henstock has an magnificent display in his home in Blaine, Willis says. "His layout is absolutely amazing. It's the highest quality scenery and modeling I've seen in this area," he says.

Henstock's layout features a 1950's train setting. Having control over the lay of the land, track layout, and placement and appearance of the populous allows model railroaders to be the lord and master of their own little world.

"A lot of people go into model railroading so they feel they can control something in their lives," Willis says.

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Below, Jim Willis points out the differences between a plastic and a brass locomotive engine. Brass engines are more detailed, and more durable than plastic locomotives, he says. Below, the grain silo corner of Jim Willis' container yard, is the tiny image of a modern rail road yards used to store transport vehicles, train cars, and equipment.



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Hospital auxiliary fund-raiser. In high style for a good cause

By Coreen Hart
Times-News correspondent

RUPERT - It was only the best studs at the Elks Club, where local businesses showcased their latest fashions for all ages.

The occasion? A benefit run by the Minidoka Memorial Hospital Auxiliary. The members say they are devoted to supporting the hospital financially through year-round fund-raisers and the Nov. 4 style show was one of those money-makers. In excess of \$1,000 was raised and more than 150 people attended.

Gara Newman-Cook emceed the event. About 25 models ranged in age from 5 through adult and in every size, showing off clothing from J.C. Penney, Big Knart, Mayfair, Ropers, Corral West and Tots to Teens.

An evening dress from J.C. Penney received audible gasps of appreciation. Elementary age models, both boys and girls, also stole the show with their naughtiness. Larry Hansen mugged for the crowd as he showed a casual suit from Roper's. Annette Hansen provided piano accompaniment.

Auxiliary members periodically held drawings for door prizes throughout the evening. The grand prize, a raffled dean's bench filled with handmade liners, a cross-stitch picture, and an afghan, was awarded last.

At intermission, the Declo Tenders entertained with song and dance. In glittering costumes, the young women sparkled, setting off the young men in their tuxedos. The 28 performers did a variety of music types, all in special arrangements.

Guest members served punch, coffee and homemade cookies at the style show.



Models wait for their cue to enter the runway at the Minidoka Memorial Hospital Auxiliary's annual style show Nov. 4. The event raised funds for various projects at the hospital for the coming year.

Want more info?

The Minidoka Memorial Hospital Auxiliary is a 72-member organization of people who have the same purpose as provide financial support. They are always open to new members, who may offer as many hours per month as they choose in a variety of ways. If you would like more information about membership, call Linda Waulerman at 435-4037 or Jean Rossmussen at 436-6325.

Group gathers for 'Lets Talk' program

By Kelly Bryant
Times-News correspondent

JEROME - Can we talk? Can we talk about books? Members of "Let's Talk About It," a program sponsored by the Friends of the Library and the Jerome Civic Club, welcomed Dr. Steve Osborne to Jerome on Oct. 28. Osborne led a discussion of "The Journal of a Trapper," written by mountaineer Osborne Russell.

Participants meet every two weeks to discuss books in a series titled, "Tough Paradise: the literature of Idaho and the Inmanmountain West."

Grants from the Idaho State Library and the Idaho Humanities Council fund the program. Books are available at the library for reading on a loan basis.

Osborne discussed how Russell wrote about the 1830 trapping and fur trading era. Russell's experience begins 30 years after the Lewis and Clark expedition at a time when Andrew Jackson is president and a period of expansion - the time of manifest destiny. Russell was among the builders of Fort Hall, the first permanent white settlement in Idaho.

Group discussion ranged from how mountain men survived in the wilderness to the diversity of cultures living in the inmanmountain west during the early 1800s.

The program began Sept. 16 with a reading and discussion of "Where the



Dr. Steve Osborne, center, discusses a book by mountaineer Osborne Russell at the Let's Talk About It program sponsored by the Friends of the Library and Jerome Civic Club at the Jerome Public Library.

Morning Light's Still Blue: Personal Essays about Idaho," a book edited by William Studebaker of Twin Falls and Rick Arndinger of Boise. The book features Idaho authors writing "about place."

The group also discussed Sherman Alexie's short story collection, "The Lone Ranger and Tomto Fight in Heaven." Alexie is a Spokane/Coeur d'Alene Indian.

Let's Talk about It

William Studebaker will be at the Jerome Public Library at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 2 to discuss his new book, "Short of a Good Promise." The book tells about his grandparents and parents and growing up in the back country of Southern Idaho in the post-World War I period. Studebaker will also autograph his book during this time.

Group is 'Good Friends' to Jerome Library

By Kelly Bryant
Times-News correspondent

JEROME - Friends of the Library is an opportunity to serve in the community. Janet Sabdeck says.

The group also helps with the summer reading program for school children. At

More about 'Friends'

Annual membership dues for the Friends of the Library are \$10 for individuals, family memberships are \$15, and corporate memberships are \$25. For more information, call Patty Oyler at 324-2678, Dana Lynn Ooster at 324-6499 or Keris Williams at 324-7613.

the end of summer, "Friends" sponsors a picnic supplying food and prizes for the readers. "Friends" will again sponsor an

eight-grade essay contest in the spring. The group also brings authors, Linda Donelson spoke about her book, "Out of Luck: Diaries" earlier this year.

"Friends" raised \$700 from its annual book sale Nov. 5-6 with three local authors signing their books, including Virginia Ricketts of Jerome and Patty Hicks.

Moneys raised goes toward extending services, buying new books, and covering expenses for the programs, the group says. "Friends" already has raised \$4,742 for books, book carts and library programs.

LOTS OF NOODLES



Rosie Everheart, left, event chairman, and Leah Serr separate noodles to dry for the Presbyterians Women's Luncheon and Bake Sale from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday at the church, 2100 Bates Ave. The luncheon will feature homemade noodle soup and chili, sandwiches, salads, German Knast Borek and pies. Items for sale include two styles of homemade noodles for \$3.50 per pound, pie, cakes, cookies and goodies. A tree-will offering will be accepted for the meal.

Twin Falls Library offers patrons access to database

TWIN FALLS - A new system at the Twin Falls Public Library provides an electronic link to thousands of major journals and newspaper articles.

Internet access to LILLD, the Libraries Linking Idaho Database Project, a state-funded database, has recently become available at the Twin Falls Library. Using LILLD to access databases, patrons can gain access to full-length articles from thousands of magazines, encyclopedias, newspapers, and reference books - plus indexing to thousands more.

"By having LILLD, we are able to better serve the informational needs of our patrons. They have been pleased with the results of their searches," says Kathy Morrison, interlibrary loan librarian.

A library patron can also use LILLD from a remote site by accessing its website or by going through the Twin Falls Public Library website on the Internet, says Juditha Ghani, collection services supervisor.

Passwords will be then required to access EBSCOhost and InfoTrac. These



Twin Falls Public Library patron Kristy Schlesinger, center, searches LILLD databases with some research tips from library staff members Kathy Morrison and Joshua Ghani.

passwords can be obtained by contacting the library," he says. Staff members say the library still

offers the printed resources, but now is able to offer patrons more through the Internet and LILLD.

TWIN FALLS COMMUNITY

GOOD FOOD



Photo courtesy of the College of Southern Idaho Child Care Center

Teacher Sue Wood and children, from left to right, Jade Nanez, Martin Lopez and Eric Beasley assist meal preparation at the College of Southern Idaho Child Care Center at 3315 Falls Ave. in Twin Falls. The center has announced sponsorship of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Child and Adult Food Program. Meals will be made available to enrolled children at no separate charge. A family's monthly income determines the amount of money the USDA will reimburse the sponsoring organization to provide the meals. For more information, call the CSI Child Care Center at 733-9554, Ext. 2645.

A SERENADE FROM 'THE KING'



You might call it Preslie meets Preslie. Frank Herman of Twin Falls, who impersonates Elvis Preslie, surprised Preslie Vavord for her birthday at Sawtooth Elementary School Oct. 25 in Twin Falls. Herman put on a mini-concert for the birthday girl and her classmates Preslie's mother, Elise, says she did not name her daughter after the King, but just liked the name.

Photo courtesy of Elise Vavord

SENIOR CALENDAR

Filer Senior Haven
222 Main St., Filer
Dinners served at noon on Tuesday and Thursday and at 6 p.m. on Friday. Suggested donation is \$2 for seniors. Home-delivered meals available each meal time.
Tuesday: Hot beef sandwich.
Thursday: Oven fried chicken.
Friday: Sloppy Joe on a bun.
Activities
Tuesday
Exercise at 10:30 a.m.
Thursday
Exercise at 1 p.m.

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: Sweet and sour chicken, rice, oriental vegetables, Jell-O, fruit salad, cinnamon roll.
Wednesday: Roast beef, potatoes and gravy, California mix veggies, fruit salad, rolls, cake with ice cream.
Thursday: Cook's choice.
Friday: Cube steak with onions, corn, cottage cheese, rolls, plum pudding.
Monday: Spaghetti, green beans, tossed salad, french bread, fruit with cookie.
Activities
Library, Pool Room, and Bargain Center with cards, games, color television, puzzles and movies. Open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Tuesday
Blood pressure check 10 a.m. to noon.
Wednesday
Quitting 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. to noon.
Thursday
Pinchle club.
Thursday
Pinchle at 1 p.m.

Area office on aging public forum, open public discussion, during lunch.
Wednesday
Quitting from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Blood pressure check, 10 a.m. to noon.
Monday
Quitting 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Foot clinic, please make appointment, 734-5084.

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 Tuesday. Suggested donations for meals is weekdays \$2.50, Sundays \$3.50, non-seniors \$4.25 and children under 12-years-old \$2.50. Meals can be delivered Monday through Friday. Call 543-4577 for more information. Free bus service to and from meals is available Monday evening, Tuesday noon and Thursday noon and evening. Please call 543-4577 by 10 a.m. to arrange a ride.
Tuesday: Beef pot pie, salad, muffins, stewed tomato, cookies, pudding.
Wednesday: Macaroni and cheese, Wieners, veggies, green salad, bread, peas.
Thursday: Roast pork, mashed potatoes and gravy, veggies, watergate salad, roll, peach cobbler; smorgasbord at 5:30 p.m.
Friday: Hot pork sandwich, mashed potatoes and gravy, veggies, salad, fruit.
Monday: Hot turkey sandwich, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, cottage cheese, banana pudding; smorgasbord at 5:30 p.m.
Activities
Thrift shop open every day.
Tuesday
Exercises, 7 to 8 a.m., and at 10 a.m.
Quitting 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Bingo 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday
Exercises 7 to 8 a.m., and at 10 a.m.
Thursday
Exercises 7 to 8 p.m., and at 10 a.m.
Quitting 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Evening meal at 5:30 p.m.
Cards at 6 p.m.
Friday
Exercises from 7 to 8 a.m., and at 10 a.m.
Saturday
Community breakfast, 8-10 a.m., \$2.50 scones.
Sunday
All-you-can-eat buffet at 1 p.m., thanksgiving turkey and trimmings; music by Leonard and Billy.
Monday
Exercises from 7 to 8 a.m., and at 10 a.m.
Evening meal at 5:30 p.m.
Cards at 6 p.m.

Ageless Senior Citizens, Inc.
310 Main N., Kimberly
Wednesday: Oven fried chicken, parsley potatoes, spinach, tossed salad, roll, apple cobbler, coffee, milk.
Friday: Turkey and dressing, potatoes and gravy, peas, cranberry salad, roll, pumpkin bars, coffee, milk.
Monday: Roast beef, macaroni and tomatoes, green beans, Jell-O salad, bread and butter, mandarin oranges, coffee, milk.
Wednesday
Blood pressure check.
Thursday
Crafts at 1 p.m.
Friday
Flu shots, 9 a.m. to noon.
Pinchle at 11:55 a.m.
E.J. and Friends at 11:30 a.m.
Thanksgiving and birthday dinner.
Monday
Board meeting at 1:30 p.m.

Holiday hors d'oeuvres class set

TWIN FALLS - The College of Southern Idaho Culinary Arts Department has scheduled a four-evening short course on the making of holiday hors d'oeuvres, featuring local chef Dave Samano.
Culinary Arts Department Director Bill Pappas encourages those who love to cook to take advantage of this unique opportunity to learn the art of making hors d'oeuvres for the holiday hosting season.
"These are your guests' introduction to the foods you serve. It is especially important that they be properly prepared and of the highest quality," Pappas says.
Samano is the executive chef at the Blue Lakes Country Club. His career includes work at the Hilton and Ritz Carlton in Beverly Hills, Sheraton Hotel Ventura, Radisson Suites, and L'Auberge de Sedona. He was recruited to the Northwest by Curcus Petes Resort Casino and has been with the Blue Lakes Country Club since January 1997.
In this course, Samano will teach the making of those that can be made in advance as well as last-minute items. He'll focus on using imagination and the foods at your disposal to create interesting and personal appetizers.
The class will meet from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, Nov. 30 through Dec. 9. There is space in the class for only 15 participants so early pre-registration is essential. The cost is \$50 per person.
For more information, call the CSI Hospitality/Culinary Arts Department at 733-9554, Ext. 2400 or 2401.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Cave explorer club watches National Geographic special

TWIN FALLS - The Silver Sage Groto, a local cave exploring club, will hold its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the Shields Building Room 107 of the College of Southern Idaho.
The public is invited to attend. After a short business meeting, the National Geographic special, "Mysteries Underground," will be viewed. Admission is free.
For more information, call Chris Anderson at 733-9554, Ext. 2663.

Area Kennel club promotes responsible dog ownership

JEROME - The Snake River Canyon Kennel Club of Idaho is holding an American Kennel Club (AKC) Canine Good Citizen test at 8 p.m., Wednesday at the Jerome Fairgrounds in the big blue merchant building.
The AKC Canine Good Citizen Program is a two-part program that teaches responsible dog ownership to owners, and basic good manners to dogs, organizers say.
The Canine Good Citizen test is a non-competitive certification program open to purebred and mixed breed dogs, with all dogs passing the test receiving a certificate from the AKC.
A \$5 testing fee is required for the test, with all proceeds given to a dog organization by the kennel club.
For more information about the Canine Good Citizen Test, call Debbie Kovar at 736-9118.

Gooding Senior Center hosts flea market this weekend

GOODING - The Gooding Senior Center will host a flea market from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday at 303 Senior Ave., in Gooding.
Individuals may rent table space to display and sell merchandise, and soup, salad, and cinnamon rolls will be available at an additional charge.
For more information, call the Gooding Senior Center Citizens at 934-5504.

BPA chapter holds Mr. Twin Falls Pageant

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls Chapter of the Business Professionals of America will have the 15th annual Mr. Twin Falls High Pageant at 7 p.m. Thursday in Roper Auditorium on the Twin Falls High School Campus at 1615 Filer Ave. E., in Twin Falls.
This year's candidates are Joel Barker, David Dodds, Jason Hamilton, Ryan Hays, Pat Hobbs, Aaron King, Miller McMillen, Shaun Rohlfman, Ben Thompson, and Casey Turner.
The emcee will be Graydon Stidley from the College of Southern Idaho. Judges will be Lance Allen, Betsy Florence, and Andrea Pierce. Door prizes will be given, and tickets are \$3 in advance, and \$4 at the door.
Tickets may be purchased in advance at Twin Falls High School during the lunch hour, or by calling Carol Bearup at 733-6551, voice mail 3041. Proceeds will help Business Professionals of America send students to state and national competitions, and a donation from the proceeds will go to Special Olympics.
For more information, call Carol Bearup at 733-6551, Ext. 3041.

Santa arrives at Magic Valley Mall Saturday, day of activities set

TWIN FALLS - Santa will arrive at the Magic Valley Mall at 11 a.m., Saturday for the Kid's Club one-year anniversary celebration.
Families signed up with the Kid's Club will be invited to visit with Santa in the Canyon Cafe Food Court with cookies and milk, and "Dear Santa" letters will be written, organizers say. Children will go to center court for a reading of "Mickey Mouse Flies the Christmas Mail" and Santa will appear to surprise children. Giveaways will feature a drawing for a child to have the first photo taken with Santa, and photos will be available immediately after he arrives at the mall.
Santa will be at the mall from 2-8 p.m. Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, and 12-6 p.m. Sunday.
A bilingual Santa will be at the mall on Dec. 5, to visit with Hispanic shoppers.

Kids Club is targeted toward children age 8 and under

Kids Club is targeted toward children age 8 and under. Kids Club members receive discounts in several mall stores, and monthly invitations to Kids Club events.
For more information, to sign up for the Kids Club, or register for Santa's arrival, call 733-3000.

CSI Bookstore hosts reading of "The Poky Little Puppy"

TWIN FALLS - The College of Southern Idaho Bookstore will host a reading of "The Poky Little Puppy," at 1 p.m. Saturday.
To observe National Children's Book Reading Week, the CSI Bookstore will also hold drawings for prizes and gifts for children. The Poky Little Puppy books, and other children's titles from pre-school through sixth-grade will be discounted 20 percent at the time of the reading.
For more information, call Michelle Orr at the CSI Bookstore at 733-9554, Ext. 2802.

Magic Valley Christian High School plans benefit auction

TWIN FALLS - Magic Valley Christian High School is planning a benefit auction at 5:30 p.m. Friday at the Twin Falls Reformed Church gymnasium at 1631 Grandview Drive N., at the corner of Pole Line Road and Grandview Drive North.
Events include a country store, a silent auction, video livestock auction, and other items at the live auction. All auction items may be viewed beginning at 5:30 p.m., and dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. All proceeds will benefit Magic Valley Christian High School.
For more information, call the school at 733-5999.

Blue Cow Antiques presents Twin Falls Antique Show and Sale

FILER - The Twin Falls Antique Show and Sale will be held from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Saturday and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday at the Twin Falls Country Fairgrounds Merchant Building on Highway 30 in Filer.

More than 30 dealers from Oregon, Montana, and Utah will display their antiques and collectibles, with some dealers specializing in oak furniture, glassware, jewelry, books, and art deco.

Admission is \$1, and door prizes will be raffled off Saturday and Sunday.
For more information, call Dana Jo Cameron at 532-4439.

West End Senior Center serves community breakfast Saturday

BUHL - The West End Senior Center will host a community breakfast from 8-10 a.m. Saturday at 1010 Main St. in Buhl.
The breakfast menu will include scones, eggs, hash browns, sausage, biscuits, fried milk, and coffee. Cost is \$2.50 a plate, and \$1.25 for children age 6 and under. The public is invited to attend.
For more information, call the center at 543-4577.

Woodstone Retirement Center hosts bazaar Wednesday

TWIN FALLS - Woodstone Retirement Center is hosting a bazaar from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday at 491 Cawwell Ave. W. in Twin Falls.
Home baked items and crafts will be available, and vendors may rent table space for \$5. The public is invited to attend.
For more information, call Woodstone Retirement Center at 734-6062.



Community action agency seeks donations for food baskets

TWIN FALLS - The South Central Community Action Agency is seeking donations for holiday food baskets for qualified low-income families, disabled individuals, or the elderly.
The South Central Community Action Agency accumulated non-perishable food items for the baskets through food drives, but have no resources to acquire turkeys or turkey roasts, organizers say.
Turkeys can be donated at the Twin Falls South-Central Community Action Agency office at 725 Shoshone St. W., or

call 733-9351, ext. 3043 or 3045, the Lewiston South Central Community Action Agency office in the basement of the Jerome County Courthouse, or call 324-8856, or the Heyburn South Central Community Action Agency office at 1800 J. St., or call 678-3514.
For more information, call Millie at 733-9351, Ext. 3043.

The Times-Herald would like to profile your organization. Send your information along with your name, a photo and your phone number to Pat Marcantonio, Community Editor, P.O. Box 548 Twin Falls, ID 83301.

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BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Farm Credit Services announces earnings

SPOKANE, Wash. - Northwest Farm Credit Services announced third-quarter earnings of \$11.8 million, compared with earnings of \$9.5 million for third quarter 1998. But earnings for the first nine months of 1999 were \$33.1 million, compared with \$40 million in 1998, said Farm Credit Services, which has branches in Burley and Twin Falls to provide financing and related services to farmers, ranchers, agribusinesses and rural homeowners.

"The increase in earnings for this quarter demonstrates a continued good financial performance by the organization as well as a strong portfolio performance by a majority of our customers," said President and Chief Executive Officer Jay Penick.

"The 1999 harvest season resulted in average to above-average yields with high quality for producers in most of the Northwest agricultural commodities," Penick said. "As a result, the upcoming marketing season shows more promise than the past two or three years."

"The recent action by Congress to step forward and support agriculture, particularly the wheat industry, will again provide a bridge from current low prices into another production year. We still need to get production and demand back in line before agriculture can return to a more profitable state," Penick said.

Rogerson cattleman hears latest at issues meeting

ROGERSON - George Swan, a cow-calf operator from Rogerson, attended a meeting this month of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association's executive committee.

"The committee heard a report on check-off-funded consumer marketing and communications initiatives to sell consumers about convenient, new heat-and-serve beef products and the nutritional attributes of beef, the association said.

"The committee also discussed recommendations of the Blue Ribbon Commission - a producer group charged with gathering grassroots input to improve the beef association's governance structure, membership and state-national partnerships. The recommendations will be considered by the full board of directors and members during the 2000 Cattle Industry Annual Convention Jan. 26-29 in Phoenix.

For more information about current beef-industry issues, contact the association at (803) 624-0305 or by e-mail at cattle@beef.org.

Times-News wants to hear about fascinating jobs

TWIN FALLS - If you have one of the Magic Valley's most interesting jobs, The Times-News wants to know about it.

The newspaper plans to feature a few of the valley's folks who are in unusual, little-known or downright fascinating lines of work. But we need you or someone you know fits that description, call Business Editor Virginia S. Hutchins at 733-0931, Ext. 242, or send e-mail to virginia@magicvalley.com.

Compiled from staff reports

Chamber picks four new leaders

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The Magic Valley's premier business organization has selected an accountant, a bank executive and automotive and mortgage company managers as its newest leaders.

Among about 300 members' ballots returned to the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce, these four candidates were the top vote-getters

for membership on the chamber's board of directors, the chamber's Executive Vice President Kent Just announced late Monday.

• Marc Asher, vice president and director of real estate lending at First Federal Savings Bank.

• Lisa Donnelley, partner at Letopee, Braga and Donnelley, Chtd.

• David Johnson, general manager at Con Paulus Inc.

• Julie Zampedri, branch manager at Norwest Mortgage.

The four winners were the same four people named this fall by a nominating committee of past chamber presidents. Just declined to say who brought in the most votes.

They'll serve terms which end Dec. 21, 2002, filling three-year seats vacated by Ron Belliston, Tamara Harney, Mary Lou Panatopoulos and Beth Smith. After the chamber board's new-

member orientation this month, Asher, Donnelley, Johnson and Zampedri will participate in the board's annual planning session Dec. 2, just said.

Johnson's motive is to help the business community grow "and do some of the right things" to ensure Twin Falls is healthy into the next millennium. For example, he said, the chamber needs to continue attracting businesses that diversify the local employ-

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Experts try to predict Fed move

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Federal Reserve policy-makers will decide today whether to raise interest rates for a third time this year, and private economists are divided over which way the central bank will go.

"It's a toss-up, really. I can't remember when we've had a closer call," said David Jones, an economist with Aubrey G. Lanston & Co.

Jones and many other economists cited strong arguments that can be made for either standing pat or increasing rates. They expect Fed policy-makers will have a spirited debate.

Economists leaning toward the side of another quarter-point bump up in short-term interest rates cite several reasons. One more rate increase would move the short-term rates the Fed controls back to where they were before the central bank cut rates in three quarter-point increments last year to keep financing turmoil in Asia and Russia from derailing the U.S. economy.

"It's going to be a close call," said Tim O'Neill, chief economist for the Bank of Montreal and Harris Bank. "But I think they will unwind the rest of last year's easing."

Others note that the red-hot economy grew at a 4.8 percent annual rate in the third quarter, far above the 3 percent rate many Fed policy-makers believe prudent in today's tight labor market. Another rate increase would help slow the economy.

On the side of the Fed leaving interest rates as they are, economists argue that most recently released economic data suggest that price and wage inflation for now is low even as unemployment stands at 4.1 percent, the lowest rate in three decades.

These economists also point to gains in productivity growth

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BIG NAME IN A NEW GAME



Participants walk through the Sony booth at the Las Vegas Convention Center during COMDEX on Monday. Sony, a longtime pioneer of consumer electronics, wants to stretch its leadership into competing with hand-held gadgets that don't use Microsoft's Windows operating system. See trade show story on page C-4.

J.C. Penney plans meeting to address chain's problems

Knight Ridder News Service

PLANO, Texas - J.C. Penney Co., which has been unable to boost its depressed sales, earnings or stock price, is bringing its 1,150 store managers to Plano for a two-day meeting at corporate headquarters in mid-January.

The staff meeting, which includes regional and district managers, is typical of J.C. Penney, which has a satellite system for communicating with its stores - including its ones in Twin Falls and Burley - simultaneously.

But it is a first imprint of Vanessa Castagna, whom Penney hired from a high-ranking post with Wal-Mart Stores Inc. in July to head its struggling department stores. Similar

gatherings are very much a part of Wal-Mart's corporate culture.

At Wal-Mart, Castagna was credited with improving the discount leader's apparel merchandise. She was also the chain's top female executive.

Since joining Penney as executive vice president and chief operating officer, Castagna has been visiting stores and meeting with corporate staff in Plano. She is the No. 2 executive at Plano-based Penney, reporting to James E. Oesterreicher, chairman and chief executive officer.

"The meeting's objective is to address several issues and to talk about them all together," said Gale Duff-Bloom, Penney's president of company communications. "It's something that we

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Investors act now to lessen tax bite

By Jeff Brown
Knight Ridder News Service

First the bad news. Tax returns for 1999 are due in only five months. Even more pressing, there are only six weeks to find ways to trim this year's tax bill.

Now the good news: This year, there were no radical changes to the tax law. Taxes are a hassle, but at least the rules didn't change midyear the way they did in 1997 and 1998.

For most taxpayers, the basic goals of tax strategy are, of course, to pay no more than you have to and to postpone tax payments as long as possible. That way, money that would be used to pay tax can be invested to earn profits that otherwise would be missed.

This basic rule assumes one's income tax bracket will stay the same in the future or fall. On the other hand, if it is likely to rise dramatically - from 15 percent



to 36 percent, for instance - it may be better to pay tax sooner, while the bracket is low, to avoid a bigger tax bill later. But for now, let's assume the more usual circumstance of tax brackets staying steady.

By it's already too late to initiate some tax-reducing strategies for this year, such as opening a 401(k) or a flexible spending plan for day care or medical expenses. But now is the time for signing up for those programs for 2000. Both programs reduce your taxable income by a dollar for every dollar put into the plan, making them the best tax-reduc-

ing opportunities going. Your employer should have details.

At this late date, the most promising area for tax reduction is your investments. You can minimize investment-related tax by delaying the sale of any profitable investments until next year (assuming you don't expect the security to drop in value).

That puts off the tax on the profit until next year's taxes are due. It also can pay to postpone sales of profitable investments until you have owned them for longer than 12 months: Profits will then be taxed at the maximum 20 percent capital gains rate. Investments held 12 months or less are taxed at the short-term capital gains rate, which is the same as the income tax rate - 28 percent to 39.6 percent for most investors.

If you have already realized profits by selling stocks, bonds or mutual fund shares this year,

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Chemical Lime ceases processing limestone

BANCROFT (AP) - Thirteen of 19 employees at Chemical Lime's \$35 million manufacturing plant here are without work, having lost their jobs on Thursday. The highly automated Tennille Springs ceased processing limestone on Friday, but will continue to operate on a scaled-back basis. With the loss of 13 jobs and annual salaries of about \$500,000, the layoff will have an adverse impact on Carroll County.

Some of the idled employees were offered jobs within Chemical Lime nationwide. The employees laid off will receive severance pay and be retrained by state employment agencies. The plant was designed to produce about 600 tons of high calcium lime a day or 200,000 tons a year. It was estimated that 37 million tons of limestone and waste rock would be extracted over 20 years.

Its Maerz kiln was the first of its kind in the Intermountain region and was designed to achieve the lowest emissions of existing lime plants. It originally required about 2.4 million cubic feet of natural gas a day.

Total consumption of water from one or more process wells was to be a maximum 50 gallons a minute for domestic use and dust control.

"Chemical Lime has scaled back and is redefining its Idaho operations," Plant Manager Randy Hoopes said. "The Bancroft plant will become the distribution point for all of the western region Chemical Lime products."

The plant originally was to employ about 35 workers at peak production. They were to be paid in the 515-an-hour range. Based at Fort Worth, Texas, Chemical Lime has 20 plants in North America. Its Bancroft plant and a limestone quarry started operating with fanfare in 1992.

"There will be a small crew left on site to maintain some equipment and to help in the bag stock of the plant," Hoopes said. In the past eight years, it produced from 350 to 600 tons of lime per day on 24-hour shifts. The lime is used in manufacturing steel, processing gold and treating water. It is also used by the soda ash industry.

Microsoft chairman takes light approach at trade show

Knight Ridder News Service

LAS VEGAS - Anyone who expected Bill Gates, chairman of Microsoft Corp., to come out swinging at Comdex - the biggest and oldest trade show in the technology industry - would have been disappointed by his keynote address Sunday night.

The capacity crowd gathered to hear Gates got mild Bill rather than Wild Bill.

Gates deflected the scathing findings of a federal judge in the antitrust lawsuit brought against Microsoft with a few soft jokes and spent the rest of his time talking about Microsoft's new version of its operating system, Windows 2000.

"Anyone heard any good lawyer jokes?" Gates asked the audience, who greeted him with cheers before a rock star.

Gates then ran a video clip which featured he and Microsoft President Steve Ballmer playing the roles from the comedy "Austin Powers" with Ballmer as Dr. Evil, and Gates as superspy Austin Gates. "I put the sin in Synxan, baby!" Gates said, while grooving to a cranked velvet song. But the humor preceded a serious message from Gates: Microsoft intends to expand its presence on the Internet. Rather than back down after a judge ruled the company was a monopoly, Gates told the crowd Microsoft is moving into the back rooms of e-commerce.

During a demonstration, Gates and Microsoft staffers showed how the new Windows can be used by a business to run thousands of Web applications at once. Gates also unveiled Microsoft's new Web Companion, a small device that lets users connect directly to the Internet.

If attendees wanted a more direct attack on the government, they got over it quickly. Gates got a warm reception and the atmosphere was lighthearted.

"I think he showed he could lighten up, that's he's not so much of a stuffed shirt," said Jeff A. Goddard, an Internet consultant from Toronto, Canada.

Also at Comdex Sunday, Rep. Christopher Cox, R-Newport Beach, was honored along with Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Oregon, by PC Computing Magazine as Consumer of the Year for his work to keep the Internet free of taxation.

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Waiting for Fed, stocks end with marginal losses

NEW YORK (AP) - Stock prices were little changed Monday as investors refrained from building major new positions on the eve of the Federal Reserve's meeting on interest rates. The Nasdaq slipped its latest streak of records, closing with a slim loss.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 8.57 to close at 10,760.75. The Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 1.67 to 1,294.39 and the Nasdaq composite index fell 1.61 to 3,219.54, its first loss since Nov. 9.

In recent weeks, government reports have suggested the economy is continuing to grow without inflation. On Friday, stocks soared following a report that showed U.S. worker productivity jumped in the third quarter while growth in labor costs moderated.

A.C. Moore, chief investment strategist for Dunagain Associates in Santa Barbara, Calif., said the while the odds of a rate increase have slipped, the final decision remains "close call."

Traders marked a quiet session as many investors appeared willing to wait for the outcome of the Fed's Open Market Committee meeting on Tuesday. Economists are divided over whether the Fed will raise interest rates for the third time this year. The Fed raised rates in June and August in a bid to keep inflation from accelerating.

"The two hikes that we've had so far may have done the trick," said Philip S. Dow, director of equity strategy at Dain Rauchner Westalis in Minneapolis. Dow expected the Fed to leave rates unchanged.

In a speech to the American Council on Life Insurance Monday morning, Fed Chairman Alan Greenspan confined his remarks to the financial industry modernization laws enacted Friday. He made no mention about the performance of the overall economy.

Qualcomm, which has helped drive the Nasdaq to 10 new records in the past 12 sessions, fell 10 to 366 Monday as investors locked in profits.

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the amount of output for each hour of work - that is helping hold inflation in check.

As long as workers are increasingly productive, employers can afford to pay them more because of increased output without needing to raise prices. But if productivity falters, pres-

ures for higher wages can result in inflation, a particular danger Fed chairman Alan Greenspan is perpetually on the lookout for.

"I think the Fed can afford to wait, but I'm not as confident as I have been in my prediction," said William Cheney, chief economist for John Hancock Mutual

Life Insurance Co.

Ken Maryland, an economist with the Cleveland-based bank KeyCorp., struck a similar chord. "The odds are slightly in favor of keeping rates unchanged," he said. "If the Fed does raise rates it will be based on the fear of things, including inflation, to come down the road."

down the road.

Economists who believe that the Fed will take a pass at a more moderate rate increase also argue that signs are appearing that the economy may be slowing on its own. Consumer confidence has fallen in the past four months, home sales are down and people are using credit cards less freely

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

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Herzfeld Caribbean Basin Fund bets on Cuba's free future

By Dunstan Prial
The Associated Press

NEW YORK - When - or, more importantly, if - trade reopens between the United States and Cuba, a handful of U.S. closed-end fund investors stand poised to capitalize on a potentially vibrant economy just 90 miles off the coast of Florida.

The Herzfeld Caribbean Basin Fund, run by Miami-based money manager Thomas Herzfeld, was founded five years ago on the premise that the decades-old U.S. trade embargo against Cuba will, eventually be lifted, and when it is opportunity will abound.

"Prior to the embargo, Cuba was the central economic force in the Caribbean," Herzfeld said. "Once the embargo is lifted there will be an economic boon in Cuba which will proliferate throughout the Caribbean."

Herzfeld noted that 80 percent of Cuba's exports were sent to the United States before the ban on trading was established in 1962.

The issue of lifting the embargo has become a political football in the United States: The matter was before Congress as recently as September.



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While the Caribbean Basin Fund, which trades on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol CUBA, is focused primarily on the opportunities that will arise should the trade barriers

be lifted, the fund has a broader scope, Herzfeld said. "We've done very well with this even with the embargo in place," Herzfeld said.

Indeed, Lipper Inc., a New York firm that studies mutual funds, ranked the fund number one among closed-end Latin American funds for the one- and five-year periods ended Dec. 31, 1998, and number one among Latin American stock funds for the same two- and five-year periods.

A closed-end fund differs from a standard mutual fund in that shares of closed-end funds are sold and traded like those of a publicly traded company. Unlike standard mutual funds, which grow whenever shareholders buy more shares,

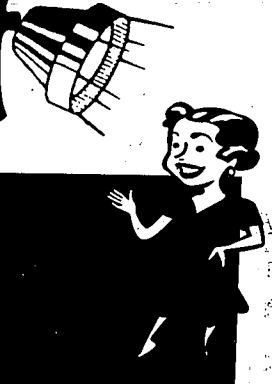
closed-end funds have a limited number of shares and the price of those shares rise and fall with demand.

The Caribbean fund's largest stake - around 24 percent - is in Florida East Coast Industries, a railroad company that operates a freight line along Florida's east coast. When the embargo is lifted, Herzfeld explained, Florida East Coast Industries will be uniquely situated to deliver to Florida's ports for export to Cuba.

The \$9.1 million fund also holds stakes in Royal Caribbean and Carnival cruise lines, which would clearly benefit from the tourism trade between the U.S. and Cuba.

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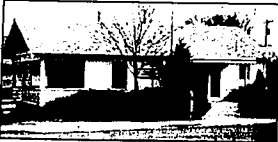


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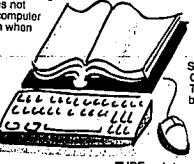
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LCA: Latest computer acronyms

Even if you think you have learned them all, the ones below are common in almost every new computer ad.

An abridged acronym dictionary...

- **USB** — Universal Serial Bus: This is a communications technology that allows up to 127 devices to be connected to a computer at once. USB devices are "hot swappable," meaning that a user does not have to turn a computer off and back on when connecting or disconnecting items.
- **FireWire**: Similar to USB, though speeds are much faster. FireWire is not as common as USB.
- **RAM** — Random Access Memory: RAM is the memory a computer uses to "compute" or run programs. Lots of RAM is needed to run complex applications such as games, graphics or video programs. RAM is added via RAM modules. SDRAM is almost a modern minimum.
- **OS** — Operating System: This is the "mother" program that runs the computer. Windows, MacOS, Unix, Linux, Be and OS/2 are OSes.
- **SDRAM** — Synchronous Dynamic RAM: Unlike the old single-in-line memory modules (SIMMs), SDRAM adjusts its speed, and SDRAM chips usually can be mixed by size.
- **VRAM** — Video RAM: This special RAM boosts the detail and quality of your display.
- **SGRAM** — Synchronous Graphics RAM: This special RAM boosts performance of objects and patterns displayed on your screen.
- **IDE** — Integrated Drive Electronics: This is one of several technologies that lets disk drives talk to your computer. Another common one is SCSI.
- **SCSI** — Small Computer Systems Interface: Another technology for hooking disks (and other items) to a computer. Speeds are good, but devices are expensive (seven) must be assigned a specific number.
- **PCI** — Peripheral Component Interface: PCI "slots" are common in PCs and allow users to add internal options to their systems.



Apple Computer has just released its latest operating system (OS) for the Macintosh. Dubbed Mac OS 9, this latest release offers many improvements over its predecessor, Mac OS 8.6, plus several new features.

First and foremost is its new Instant Update feature. An OS is comprised of numerous software components. As an OS matures, its developer (in this case Apple) is constantly improving these elements. Improvements include bug fixes and expanding compatibility with a wider range of hardware and software, be it Apple's or third-party products. But how does one know when an update has been released, let alone keep track of all those little software parts?

Fortunately, Instant Update has just one big software button. Press it and your computer logs on to Apple's Web site; checks to see if something new has been released, compares it to what you already have. If Apple has something newer, it downloads it and saves it to your hard drive. This assures you have the latest OS revisions. And if pressing that big button makes you nervous, Instant Update can be configured to perform a check automatically according to a schedule you set up.

By Craig Crossman
Knight-Ridder News Service

Keychain is a nifty ability to keep track of all your Internet names and passwords. Normally one has to either remember all these passwords or write them down somewhere for prying eyes to see. Keychain encrypts all of your passwords and is smart enough to know how to issue the proper response to the corresponding Web site to which you log on. All you need to remember is just one password, the one for the Keychain forecast.

The sexiest new feature is 9's ability to recognize your voice. You can set 9 up to optionally recognize any spoken password phrase. Only if you speak the proper phrase are you granted entry to your Mac. Others can say the same phrase but the voice properly can't discern if it's you speaking or someone else pretending to be you. Rumor has it if you select the word "Windows" as your entry phrase, it won't let you in.

You can also password-encrypt any individual file. When someone tries to open a protected document, 9 asks for an unlocking password. Locked files now are play a tiny key image in its lower left corner.

Apple's Internet search program, Sherlock, is now Sherlock 2, which has a cleaner display and lets you choose from eight different channel buttons. The first one lets you search for files

on your hard disks. The other seven are for searching different areas or themes, such as Shopping, People, News, Apple and Reference. Adding plug-in modules expands the category's ability to search different areas on the Internet. For example, Shopping includes plug-in modules for eBay, Amazon.com and Barnes & Noble Web sites.

Multiple Users lets different people have their own working environment on the same computer. Differences include having a unique desktop appearance and lets you limit their access to only the programs and files you designate. This is ideal for either a work environment or use at home. The latter lets you give family members access without worrying about their ruining your precious files and programs.

Mac OS 9 is faster and allows for bigger files to exist. A single file can be as large as 2 terabytes (2,000 megabytes). If you're using an earlier version of the Mac OS, then you might want to seriously consider upgrading to Mac OS 9.599.

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Apple recommends an upside-down solution

By Jim Coates
Chicago Tribune

Computer Q & A

Q I ran to the Jewel grocery store yesterday to find a cleaner for my dirty keyboards.

I asked the cashiers what they used, and two responded, "Alcohol." A man standing in line agreed. Said he once repaired typewriters and used it. All said to dampen cotton swabs in alcohol (don't soak them).

Nothing should leak down. It worked. Cost 81 cents. What do you say to that?

—Helen Lynn hlyn@ci.edu

Q A Why Ask Jim Why when one can Ask Jewel Why? Beats me, but I disagree with the advice you got at the cash register.

Because keyboards are made of plastic — and oftentimes pretty cheesy plastic at that — most experts warn against using alcohol, because it tends to pit the surface of keys and may eventually remove the letters for those who tend to get fanatical about cleanliness.

And, as the technical support register folks at the Jewel note, drip-down is dangerous.

The boilerplate advice is to use a solution of weak soapy water and a damp sponge but to do the cleaning while holding the disconnected keyboard upside down and to dry the job with a paper towel while still inverted.

Apple Computer Inc. advises the further precaution of leaving the keyboard upside down overnight for its products.

One should add that when it comes time to clean the rubber ball inside a computer mouse, alcohol is just the ticket because the balls are rubber rather than plastic.

Q I am a new gray-haired computer user and have sooooo much to learn.

Your columns (many of which are cut out for reference) are a great help. You explain things so that even oldsters can understand.

While diddling with my digital photograph software (which is like no man's land) I hit the button that said "photo as wallpaper." What I thought it meant was to use it as a screen saver.

Question is — can I retrieve the old wallpaper, which is a photo of my cat, Boxer, or is it gone forever?

I have looked for it in Settings and skimmed through a lot of other files but can't find it anywhere. Unfortunately, I hadn't saved it in the digital photo software.

—Ake Augustine aake@ci.com

Q Take a look at that photo at the top of this column and you will see that I am an olderster myself. Hopefully Boxer's .bmp file remains on your computer lurking in the Windows directory, where most software that creates wallpaper puts the raw file for whatever image currently is used.

You may have to open many icons before you spot Boxer, but I've got a strong feeling you'll find your felina behind one icon or another, because every program you use saves its wallpaper as its own file. If you save a picture with the Windows Paint Program, it saves wallpaper in a distinct file.

If you make a picture wallpaper in Internet Explorer, it is saved in a different file; Netscape saves files in yet another place, etc.

So to reach that Windows directory where all these files get stored you need to right-click on the Start button and then scroll up or down until you find the Windows folder.

When you click on it the first time, you will get a warning that messing further might cause problems.

But when you click again, you'll be able to hunt for Boxer by opening each picture file in turn.

When work feels like a joke, get a laugh online

By The Virtual Woman
Knight-Ridder News Service

In one of the best moments in film history, Jack Nicholson in "The Shining" aptly, demagogically and repeatedly reminds us that, "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy." Given the fact that we all need a break every once in a while, including Jack, I have decided to write about the lighter side of business. Whether you're a boss or employee, tuck these links away for a little breather from the daily grind.

For anyone who's looked, there are scads of sites out there dedicated to office humor. One of the best ones I've run across is Jim J's Jokes (<http://www.jimj.com>). At <http://defcon.rutgers.edu/jimjokes/>, for some decent job-related humor, click on the Business Jokes link to the left (definitely use the "no frames option") too. Be sure to check out the famous "Prison Versus Work" and be sure not to miss "Things To Say If You're Caught Sleeping At Your Desk."

Another good joke site is Alex's Humor File at <http://www.ridder.edusers/grush/uhumor.html>. Click on "The Corporate World" on the Table of Contents Menu to the left to find some great anecdotes like the also-famous "Things You Shouldn't Do in a Job Interview."

If you consider yourself one of the most jaded individuals in corporate America, may I suggest you play a round of Business Buzzword Bingo? Point your browser to <http://www.businessbuzzword.com> and let the fun begin. This site shows you how to print out a bingo card filled with corporate buzzwords like "empower" and "quality vector" to take with you to your next meeting. Mark off the buzzwords as you hear them, then shout "Bingo!" when you get five buzzwords in a row.

Think you can run your own business? You might think again after you visit The Lemonade Stand (<http://www.lemonadestand.com/lemonade/>). In this Web version of the popular computer game, you're a kid setting up

your own Lemonade Stand on a neighbor's yard. Before each day starts, you have to decide (based on the weather forecast) how many cups of lemonade you are going to make. At the end of the day, you'll receive a daily report with financial information, letting you know how much profit you made that day, if any. You continue playing until you go bankrupt, you decide to retire or you reach a game days. A delightful time waster!

For those of us who are fed up with your co-workers, there are a couple of class sites that can help you express your feelings. The Automatic Complaint Generator at <http://www.cs.cmu.edu/~jdh/comp/generator/> is a Web-based complaint let's you enter various pieces of information about the person you wish to complain about (i.e., their name, title, gender), then spits out a hilarious complaint letter. Of course, most of the fun comes from reading the letter to yourself, but if you're going to actually send it to the intended complainee, heed the disclaimer for the "Humor-Impaired" listed on the site.

If you're like most office workers, there's no better way to relieve the tedium of the workday than surfing the Web when the boss isn't looking. But as many a fired worker attests, surfing on the job can be a dangerous habit. Thankfully, Don's Boss Page, found at <http://www.donsboss.com> has come to the rescue. This site has everything you need to look busy while kicking back and relaxing or surfing the Net. Try "Sound Busy," which is an audio-enhanced page that contains sound effects that will make it sound like you're busy doing something while you sleep in your cube. My favorite was the realistic whipping sounds combined with typing. Also, make sure to check out Don's tips for "Stealth Surfing" as well as the "Personal Protector," which is a panic button designed to help you surf the Web safely, even with a boss looking over your shoulder who, who says you can't mix business with pleasure?

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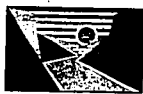
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Section D

Boisterous crowd needs to catch a clue

Everybody is a freakin' ref these days. It was impossible not to notice this Saturday as I and a handful of journalistic colleagues walked the Homedale sideline during the Class A-3 state semi-final football game between the visiting Trejans and host Glenns Ferry.

By the time this thing was over and Homedale had won 35-14, I couldn't help but look back on the afternoon and chuckle. Throughout the game, which by the way was an excellent, physical matchup of the two teams who duked it out in the '94 final (the Pilots won 12-7), parents, siblings and friends of their respective players made suggestions to the zebras on how to do their job.

ON THE RUN Vin Cappiello

Have I ever yelled at a ref? Hmmm, let's see. I coached basketball for four years. The answer would be, uh, yes, yes I have. Do I condone such behavior? Yes, only if it was at a game, which generally was while coaching (my apologies to Brian Willford, Ron Cline and John Miller).

But Saturday's display was frightfully ridiculous.

So, in honor of those of you who were guilty of lambasting the District IV officiating team that worked the game — even though they deserved some of the trilling — I list the top 10 criticisms of the officials I heard at the Homedale-Glenns Ferry playoff game.

1. "Boo-o-o. Shure. To the point. No doubt where you stand. Also very neutral — we're not sure if you're booing the ref or the other team. Or perhaps you're not two weeks late for Halloween.

2. "Come on, give us a break." Very safe comment. Generally uttered by the fan whose team is losing. But Saturday, this wasn't always the case.

3. "Are you kidding me?" Uh, generally, refs don't kid. They have a job to do and yes, surprise, surprise, they DO make mistakes.

4. "You've got to protect those kids, (insert expletive here)." I don't believe I was at a football game when I heard this. Isn't that what shoulder pads and helmets are for?

5. "Hey, ref, you're missing a good game out there." No explanation necessary.

6. "Are you sure he wasn't out of bounds?" This one needs an expletive. Homedale's Andrew Endicott reached the end zone on the far sideline, yes, *the far sideline*, he coughed up the pignisk, which was recovered by Bruce Shields who can confirm for a touchback. An official — ON THAT SIDE OF THE FIELD — ruled Endicott inbounds. I'm pretty sure he got that one right.

7. "Did you see that?" Apparently so, but not the way you did.

8. "What the hell was that?" Obviously something you didn't agree with.

9. "You're terrible." Wow, how personal.

And finally, the most incredible comment I heard from a fan at the Homedale-Glenns Ferry football game Saturday:

"If you're not going to use your whistle, then sit it. I really heard someone say this. If you don't believe me, I encourage you to call Times-News photographers Bruce Shields who can confirm this. He was so appalled, he went to the Glenns Ferry side of the field for a portion of the second half only to return to the Glenns end to say, 'Well, Vin, it isn't much better over there.'

Everyone's a freakin' ref. And finally, a suggestion to those of you who include myself in this group — who get their joy out of hammering the zeb: Come up with some original material. May I try on my ref. I agree with your attitude, but I would like to discuss the matter with you next over tea."

Everyone's a freakin' ref.

Big Unit becomes second to win Cy Young in both leagues

NL Cy Young Award

Arizona Diamondback Randy Johnson won the 1999 National League Cy Young Award. Here is a tally of the voting for the award, with first-, second- and third-place votes and total points on a 5-3-1 basis:

Pitchers	1st	2nd	3rd	Total
Randy Johnson, Arizona	20	11	1	134
Mike Hampton, Houston	11	17	4	110
Kevin Millwood, Atlanta	1	1	10	36
Jose Lima, Houston			3	3
Billy Wagner, Houston			3	3
Kevin Brown, Los Angeles			1	1
Troy Lottman, San Diego			1	1

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Randy Johnson got a lot more support from Cy Young voters than he did from the Arizona Diamondbacks.

Looking past a won-lost record that wasn't nearly as good as Mike Hampton's, baseball writers made the Big Unit only the second pitcher to win a Cy Young Award in each league, giving him a large victory in hand in voting for the National League prize.

"I'd like to think this award isn't solely based on wins and losses," said Johnson, 17-9 with a 2.48 ERA. "There was a lot more to the season. I had than wins and losses.

Quite honestly, I feel still this was the best year I had in my career."

He received 20 first-place votes, 11 seconds and one third for 134 points in balloting by the Baseball Writers' Association of America.

Hampton, who went 22-4 for Houston and led the NL in wins, was second with 11 first-place votes, 17 seconds and four thirds for 110 points. Atlanta's Kevin Millwood was third with one first, four seconds and 18 thirds for 36 points.

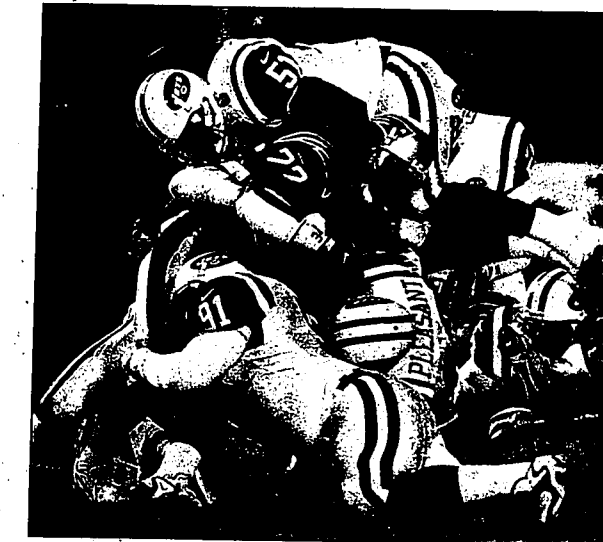
"I don't think the voters could have gone wrong picking either of the three," Johnson said.

Looking past his record, Johnson was dominating.

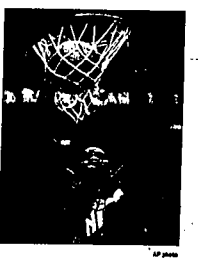
The 6-foot-10 left-hander led the major leagues with 12 complete games and 364 strikeouts in 271 2/3 innings.

He was 19 short of the strikeout record set by Nolan Ryan in 1973, winding up with the fourth-highest single-season total, and struck out 10 or more 23 times; matching the record Ryan set with the California Angels in 1973.

"The one thing that was the least in his control was the wins and losses," Diamondbacks manager Buck Showalter said. "Scoring runs and catching the baseball, that's the thing he couldn't control. Thank goodness people realized that."



New York Jets linebacker Bryan Cox, top, defensive end Anthony Pleasant, center, and defensive tackle Jason Wilks (91) atop New England Patriots running back Terry Allen (22) on fourth down and goal during the second quarter of their AFC East Division game at Foxboro Stadium Monday.



Rubin Patterson of the Seattle SuperSonics dunks the ball during the first quarter against the New Jersey Nets Monday night.

Jets shock New England 24-17

The Associated Press

FOXBORO, Mass. — Bill Parcells might have been right about Ray Lucas. He already knew about Curtis Martin.

The inexperienced Lucas, a longtime player for the New York Jets coach, threw for two touchdowns, and Martin rushed for more than 100 yards for the fourth straight game Monday night in a 24-17 victory over the New England Patriots. That duo of former Patriots produced 14 points in 28 seconds late in the first half and it was decisive.

Martin finished with 149 yards on 31 carries and a 36-yard scoring run, his longest of the season.

For all their heroics, though, the Jets (3-6), who lost four games by blowing fourth-quarter leads, had to hold on. The rusty Patriots, coming off a bye, woke up in the final quarter for 14 points.

It was another sweet victory for Parcells over his former team, which he left in a dispute with Patriots owner Robert Kraft in 1996. The Jets turned their season around last year by beating New England on a Monday night.

Martin's TD run made it 14-3, and when Drew Bledsoe hit an advised bomb into the wind was picked off by Marcus Coleman and returned 26 yards, New

York was in good position again with 48 seconds left in the half. Wayne Cherebet's 15-yard reception and Richie Anderson's 20-yard run got them to the 11. On third down, Lucas hit Fred Baxter for a 21-3 halftime lead.

John Hall's 25-yard field goal capped a monstrous 13-play drive of 11 minutes, 23 seconds and made it 24-3.

The Patriots (6-3), who blew a chance to tie for first place in the AFC East, then responded, scoring on a 13-yard screen pass to rookie Kevin Faulk. They came right back with a 31-yard pass to Troy Brown, making it 24-17 with 6:58 remaining.

Lawyer Milloy's interception

runback three plays later to the Jets 27 gave the Patriots excellent field position. But Bledsoe threw four straight incompletions.

New York, now appearing nervous, went nowhere and punted. Again, the Patriots couldn't move, but they got another chance with 1:51 to go. Once more, New York's defense held.

New England got the game's first big play when Lucas' high pass deflected off Cherebet's outstretched hands to safety Chris Carter at the Patriots 36. Until then, neither team threatened in a backstater first period, although Martin rushed 10 times for 53 yards.

Hokies jump to second place in BCS standings

The Associated Press

Virginia Tech is No. 2 and couldn't be happier — at least for now.

The Hokies moved into second place in the Bowl Championship Series standings on Monday, behind Florida State and ahead of up-and-coming Nebraska.

A week ago, Tennessee pulled in front of Virginia Tech and into second place even though the Hokies were undefeated and the Volunteers had a loss. Hokie fans were hopping mad about it, too.

But Arkansas knocked off the Vols 28-24 on Saturday, and Virginia Tech (9-0) is second behind Florida State (10-0) in the weekly standings.

The final BCS standings, on Dec. 5, will determine which teams play in college football's designated national title game — the Sugar Bowl on Jan. 4. The standings are based on a formula that considers The Associated Press media poll and the USA Today/ESPN coaches' poll, eight computer rankings, strength-of-schedule and losses.

Florida State and Virginia Tech are 1-2 in both polls.

Nebraska (9-1) jumped from sixth to third place with its 41-15 win over Kansas State and trails

BCS standings

	AP	Uve	Ave	Str	Rank	L	Tot
1. Florida St.	1	1	1.00	1.00	1.00	0	2.64
2. Virginia Tech	2	2	2.00	2.14	2.16	0	6.30
3. Nebraska	3	3	3.00	4.00	4.13	1	6.19
4. Florida	3	3	3.00	4.29	2.50	1	9.29
5. Tennessee	5	7	7.00	6.50	6	0.24	15.74
6. Alabama	6	8	8.00	8.00	4	0.24	16.04
7. Wisconsin	7	5	5.00	5.14	63	2.52	17.66
8. Kansas St.	9	9	9.00	7.00	48	1.82	18.92
9. Texas	6	6	6.00	10.21	28	1.12	19.33
10. Michigan	10	10	10.00	8.43	21	0.16	20.59
11. Penn St.	13	13	13.00	10.14	10	0.40	22.54
12. Michigan St.	15	14	14.50	9.57	11	0.44	26.51
13. Georgia Tech	14	12	12.00	13.00	42	1.68	29.68
14. Marshall	11	11	11.00	11.16	98	0.62	31.06
15. Mississippi St.	12	15	15.50	17.57	78	3.12	35.19

Through Games of Nov. 13

Explanation Key

Poll Average — The average of The Associated Press media poll and USA Today-ESPN coaches poll. Others receiving votes are calculated in order received.

Computer Average — The average of Richard Billingsley, Daniel Iain, Kenneth Massey, New York Times, David Rothman, Jeff Sagarin, Matthew Scipio-Howard and the Hester & Anderson/Seattle Times, rankings.

The computer composite will be determined by adding the seven highest computer rankings. The lowest computer ranking will be disregarded. The computer ranking (strength of schedule) is in parentheses.

Losses — Number of losses. The computer is calculated by determining the cumulative win/loss records of the team's opponents (66.6 percent) and the cumulative win/loss records of the team's opponents (33.3 percent).

Lesses — One point for each loss during the season.

The Hokies by 2.4 points. Florida State leads Virginia Tech by 3.66 points. Florida (9-1) is in fourth place.

59 points behind Nebraska, followed by Tennessee; Alabama, Wisconsin, Kansas State, Texas and Michigan.

Florida State, which plays at Florida on Saturday in what becomes a title-elimination game, had the same final as last week, 2.64 points — 1 for poll average, 1 for computer rank average, 0.64 for strength-of-schedule, and zero for losses. The Seminoles beat Maryland 49-10 on Saturday.

Virginia Tech, a 43-10 winner over Miami, had 6.30 points — 2 for poll average, 2.14 for computer rank average, 2.16 for strength-of-schedule and zero for losses.

Nebraska had 6.19 points — 4 for poll average, 2.86 for computer rank average, 0.84 for strength-of-schedule and 1 for losses.

Virginia Tech could be hurt by a weak schedule. The Hokies play the 54th toughest schedule of the 114 I-A teams, while the Seminoles' schedule is rated 16th, the Huskers' 21st and the Gators' 25th.

The Seminoles are first in seven computer ratings; Nebraska is first in the other — the Dunkel Index. Virginia Tech is second on six computers; third on one; and fifth on the other — the Seattle Times. The BCS considers only the top seven computer ratings.

Sonics tip Nets

Seattle ends 3-2 on East Coast road trip

The Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — After getting about 70 tickets for family and friends from Connecticut, Vin Baker was feeling a little pressure to produce after a second-half effort. He didn't disappoint.

Baker and Vernon Maxwell scored 21 points apiece and each hit big fourth-quarter baskets to short-circuit New Jersey rally as the Seattle SuperSonics beat the Nets 100-92 Monday night.

Baker hit three straight jumpers in the final period after New Jersey wiped out all but four points of a 22-point lead.

"I didn't have a good first half and when I stepped in the second I basketball was really focused on playing well," said Baker, who had 16 points in the final 24 minutes. "I didn't want to be the guy blamed for missing shots."

Gary Payton added 16 points, 11 rebounds and nine assists as the Sonics handed the Nets their sixth loss in seven games, their worst start since opening the 1991-92 season with a 1-7 record.

Payton became the Sonics' career assists leader with 4,896, passing assistant coach Nate McMillan (4,853).

Stephen Marbury led the Nets with 24 points and Kendall Gill added 15, including the 10,000th point of his 10-year career.

The Sonics seemed to be cruising to their sixth win in eight games when they opened a 79-57 lead with 3:51 to play in the third quarter on a three-point play by Brent Barry.

However, Seattle went cold after that and the Nets responded with a 22-run game that left 83-79 with 8:41 left on the last of three straight baskets by Marbury.

Barry then took over, hitting three medium-range jumpers that put Seattle ahead 90-81 with just under five minutes to play.

"I got shots and was focusing on knocking them down," said Baker, who was 9-of-14 from the field.

New Jersey got within 94-90 on a putback by Keith Van Horn with 2:58 remaining, but Maxwell then hit two free throws and a floater in the lane to put the game away.

"It's nice to close out a road game. Please see NBA, Page 02

SPORTS

SPORTS IN BRIEF

All-Canyon Conference selections announced

GLENN'S FERRY - Two Declo Hornets took top honors on Monday when the 1999 All-Canyon Conference football teams were announced. Running back Jason Webb was named Most Valuable Player of the Year while head coach Kelly Kidd garnered Coach of the Year.

Of the three teams that make up the league, Declo led the way with 19 players followed by Glenn's Ferry with 17 and Valley with 12.

Listed by position, the teams include: Running backs Webb, Rob Black of Valley and Bernabe Ortiz and Corey Hall from Glenn's Ferry. Honorable mentions are Glenn's Ferry's Lane Smith and Declo's Chad Kidd. Quarterbacks are Glenn's Ferry's Alex Crane, Valley's Jacoby Fox and Declo's David Thibault.

Receivers named are Derek Malone of Valley and Declo's Jesse Meyer with honorable mentions to Glenn's Ferry's duo of Chance Gennette and Ryan Simons and Declo's Brant Darrington. Offensive linemen named include Declo's Ty Cahoon and Lance Osterhout, Valley's Jeremy Holland and Rob Wood and Pilot Richard Ogden. Honorable mention: Glenn's Ferry's Nick Blankens and Alex Seigwien and Declo's Matt Anderson and Hector Rios.

Kicker of the year was Jeremy Webb of Declo while Jason Webb added the punter of the year award.

On defense, linebackers included Pilots Ortiz and Hall, Valley's Wood and Hornets Kidd and Kyle Heward. Honorable mentions go out to Glenn's Ferry's Smith, Declo's Tony Pazzaro and Vikings John Gott and Eric Vansickel. Defensive backs named include Crane of Glenn's Ferry, Jason Webb of Declo and Black of Valley. Honorable mentions to Valley's Billy Salts and Pilot Gennette.

Defensive linemen were Declo trio of Jesse Wickel, Caleb Meyer and Cahoon. Valley had only Ogden of Glenn's Ferry. Honorable mentions were Homer Osterhout, Viking Derek Ruzner and Pilots Cody Ireland and Ellwood Crowell.

TF Christian Academy beats Bliss 33-12

TWIN FALLS - Tawna Becker led all scorers with 16 points Monday as the Twin Falls Christian Academy girls' basketball team opened its season with a win stopping Bliss 33-12.

"For us, the offense was slow but our defense came together," said TFCA coach Amanda Weaver. Samantha Allen led Bliss with eight points.

TFCA (1-0) travels to Richfield today for a game against the Tigers.

Lady Musershers crush MV Christian 58-14

TWIN FALLS - Led by the 12 points of guard Bridget Dalin, the Camas County girls' basketball team stuffed host Magic Valley Christian 58-14 on Monday.

The Lady Musershers return to the hardwood in two weeks against MYC.

Idaho kicker takes Big West honors

MOSCOW - Vandal place-kicker Ben Davis, a junior from Coeur d'Alene, was chosen Big West Conference special teams player of the week on Monday.

Davis had a perfect day on Saturday in Idaho's 33-30 win over Montana when he booted four field goals - the last, a 23-yard game winner - along with three PATs.

Steelheads stay on the road for three games

BOISE - The Idaho Steelheads remain on the road this week traveling to Anchorage for games on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday.

Ida (5-4-1) returns home next week hosting Tacoma on Nov. 24 and Anchorage on Nov. 27.

The Steelheads have gone 4-1-1 in their last six games and are tied with Colorado for second place, five points behind Tacoma, in the Northern Division of the West Coast Hockey League.

NBA All-Star voting starts today

NEW YORK - Voting for the NBA All-Star game starts today and runs through Jan. 16, with ballots available at arenas, about 2,500 movie theaters and the Internet.

Six former All-Star Most Valuable Players are on the ballot, a group that includes Karl Malone (1989 and 1993) and John Stockton (1993) of Utah, Charles Barkley (1993) of Houston, Scottie Pippen (1994) of Portland, Mitch Richmond (1995) of Washington and Glen Rice (1997) of the Los Angeles Lakers. Malone and Stockton were co-MVPs in 1993.

There are 120 players on the ballot, including five rookies: Elton Brand of Chicago, Steve Francis of Houston, Lamar Odom of the Los Angeles Clippers, Jonathan Bender of Indiana and Jason Terry of Atlanta.

Two starting guards, two starting forwards and one starting center will be announced on Jan. 30. The game is scheduled for Feb. 13 at The Arena in Oakland.

Schett, Pierce win opening matches at Chase

NEW YORK - Two points away from defeat, fifth-seeded Mary Pierce tried to win the next point. Then the next and the next.

Two hours and one minute after their match began Monday night, Pierce walked off the Madison Square Garden court with a 6-7 (3-7), 7-6 (7-5), 6-0 victory over a shell-shocked Anna Kournikova.

The hard-earned victory puts Pierce into the quarterfinals of the season-ending Chase Championships of the WTA Tour, where she will face the winner of tonight's match and seven top-seeded Martina Hingis and Sandrine Testud of France.

Earlier Monday, seventh-seeded Barbara Schett of Austria made a successful Garden debut by easily dominating veteran Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario 6-1, 6-4.

LSU sucs football coach DiNardo

BATON ROUGE, La. - Gerry DiNardo, whose team has lost eight straight games and is winless in the Southeastern Conference, was fired Monday as LSU's football coach.

Assistant coach Hal Hunter will coach the team for the final game against Arkansas on Nov. 26.

LSU Chancellor Mark C. Moore said DiNardo will be paid \$600,000 to cover his \$150,000-a-year base salary for the four years left on his five-year contract. He will not get the rest of the package, which includes \$300,000 a year in radio and television appearances and \$135,000 a year in endorsements.

Prada defeats Young America

AUCKLAND, New Zealand - Italy's Prada increased its lead in the America's Cup challenger series Tuesday, beating Young America with the help of a late mistake.

The Prada syndicate, competing for the first time for yachting's most prized trophy, is 17-1 in the first two round-robins of the challenge series.

Prada, which has lost only to America's Cup veteran Dennis Conner's Stars and Stripes, has 38 points, 12 more than second-place America True. Stars and Stripes is second at 24.5, followed by Young America and One at 24 each.

Eleven syndicates are competing in the three round-robin elimination series for the Louis Vuitton Cup. The winner will face defender Team New Zealand early next year for the America's Cup.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

Jarretts bask in glow of Dale's title

HOMESTEAD, Fla. (AP) - As much as winning Winston Cup Championship meant to Dale Jarrett, it was even bigger for his father.

"This is special," Ned Jarrett said. "More special than when I won."

Ned Jarrett won NASCAR titles in 1961 and 1965, and is still considered one of the best stock car drivers of them all. But he insisted that driving the race car in the dangerous old days wasn't nearly as difficult as watching and waiting this season while his son rallied his first series championship.

Dale Jarrett, 32, didn't win his first Winston Cup race until 1993 - after six wins - but he didn't become a series title contender until 1995 when car owner Robert Yates put him together in a new team with crew chief Todd Gordon.

"People looked at Robert kind of funny," Jarrett said. "A brand new crew chief, a new team and I didn't have much of a track record. But we got the best laugh now."

Going into this season, crew No. 88 team had finished third, second and third in the points. This year, it was no contest.

Jarrett took the points lead for good on May 11, and built the margin over runner-up Bobby Labonte to a point where the championship was virtually con-



Former Winston Cup champion Ned Jarrett, left, talks to his son Dale, the current Winston Cup champion Aug. 13.

his first title as a team owner. "There were times I wished somebody would just knock me out and not wake me up until we won it," he said.

Through it all, though, Jarrett, known throughout NASCAR as D.J., was a picture of calm and confidence in public. Privately, though, he felt the pressure of the points race.

"There were some sleepless nights, wondering if something was going to go wrong, if we could get it done," he said. "But every time we had a bad race or two, we'd come back strong. Todd is relentless, and the team did everything that was asked of them. This is a team championship."

On Sunday, when the championship was finally wrapped up with a fifth-place finish at Homestead-Miami Speedway, Ned Jarrett, now a TV motorsports analyst, stayed out of the post-race celebration and simply enjoyed watching his son alone spray champagne and hold his championship trophy aloft.

"It's his day," Ned said. "He's the champion."

creded with two months remaining in the 34-race season.

"But that just made it harder in a way," Ned Jarrett said. "Everybody just wanted it to be over."

Agreeing was Yates, who got

Red Wings skate past Anaheim 6-3

DETROIT (AP) - Vachekor Kozlov scored twice in a 3:36 span of the second period and Igor Larionov had four assists as the Detroit Red Wings beat the Anaheim Mighty Ducks 6-3 on Monday night.

Nicklas Lidstrom had a goal and two assists, and Brendan Shanahan, Larry Murphy and Martin Lapointe also scored for NHL hockey.

Yarman, two shy of 600 career goals, added an assist.

Ted Donnan, Paul Kariya and Jeff Nielsen scored for Anaheim. Mighty Ducks star Teemu Selanne caused the game because of a groin injury.

Kozlov made it 4-2 on a 3-on-1 break with Martin Lapointe and Tomas Holmstrom, squeezing a tough-angle shot between Rostker and the goal post in 13:24.

Nielsen brought the Mighty Ducks within one when he lifted a shot over fallen goalie Chris Osgood 1:34 into the third.

But Lidstrom and Lapointe scored power-play goals 53 seconds apart to break the game open.

Maple Leafs 4, Sharks 2

TORONTO - Yanic Perronnet scored two goals as the Toronto Maple Leafs beat the San Jose Sharks 4-2 on Monday night to end a five-game winless streak.

Jonas Hoglund and rookie Nik Antropov also scored for the Maple Leafs, who moved into a tie with the Los Angeles Kings and Detroit for the overall NHL lead with 25 points.

Curtis Joseph stopped 28 shots, including several in the final minutes of regulation with Toronto playing two men short.

Bryan Berard added two assists for the Maple Leafs.



Anaheim Mighty Ducks' Ted Donato (21) and Detroit Red Wings' Marc Rodrigas (37) battle for position in the first period in Detroit Monday.

Cinci men claim No. 1; changes alter women's poll

The Associated Press AP polls - Scores and Stats

Ohio produced some changes in The Associated Press poll Monday, though not at the top. Connecticut, which has yet to play, remained an overwhelming choice for No. 1, receiving 34 of the 43 first-place votes from a national media panel.

But Louisiana Tech replaced Tennessee at No. 2 after beating the Lady Vols 69-64 in the Top-50 Classic on Sunday, and North Carolina State jumped from 20th to No. 9 after beating Rutgers 68-55 in the same event.

Cincinnati, No. 2 in the preseason poll, led seven teams that moved up one place in the voting as Connecticut dropped to No. 8.

The Bearcats, who open the season Saturday against Youngstown State, received 25 first-place votes and 1705 points from the national media panel.

Michigan State had one less first-place vote and 1,573 points, 22 more than Auburn, which was

No. 1 on eight ballots. Ohio State had seven first-place votes and was followed by North Carolina, Florida, Connecticut, Stanford and Arizona.

Temple had two No. 1 votes, while North Carolina, Florida and Stanford had one each. Of the teams receiving first-place votes, only Stanford has played a game.

Stanford, which won the Coaches vs. Cancer Classic with victories over Duke and Iowa, moved up four spots to No. 9.

Utah Jazz beat the San Antonio Spurs 91-85 on Monday night, handing the defending NBA champions their second loss in eight games.

Stockton shot 9-of-16 from the field and led the Jazz down the stretch.

When the Spurs cut their deficit to 84-81 after holding Utah scoreless for almost three minutes, Stockton drove the left side of the lane, slicing past three defenders for a layup with 1:33 to play.

Utah matched the Spurs push for push, winning a physical showdown three nights after the Jazz were listless in a 105-92 loss at Sacramento.



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U.S. women wing it for indoor soccer tour

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — Rosell of Brazil and Patience Ave of Nigeria each scored three goals Sunday night as the All-Stars beat the United States 12-7.

so far in the series, wrenched the Americans return to the area where their drive to the 1999 World Cup championship began.

"Indoor is a completely different game," she said. "Since we won the World Cup, everybody is gunning for us. We have to lose. I haven't lost four straight anything since high school volleyball."

minute later and celebrated by pulling off her shirt in the same manner that U.S. defender Brandi Chastain had done after her World Cup-winning penalty kick.

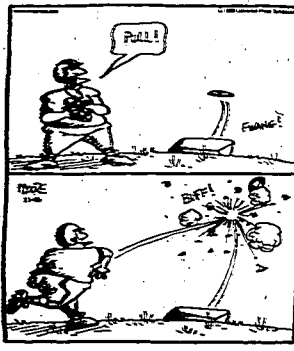
Andro maker reaches settlement

DENVER (AP) — A Colorado company accused of misrepresenting the safety and contents of its muscle-building nutritional supplements has agreed to a settlement with the Federal Trade Commission.

Court in Denver on Monday. Under the terms of the settlement, AST would be forbidden to claim that the use of such products is safe or free from side effects. The company would also be barred from claiming its product is safer than other unless it had reliable scientific evidence to back up the claim.

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