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"He was always looking for a way to build bridges even when most of us have a tendency to destroy them or burn them down."

— Tom Ramsey,
Former Twin Falls police officer

"He was not the most impressive police officer student I ever had. He was a lightweight and his eyes weren't too darn good. What he had going for him was his determination and empathy for everyone else."

— Was Dobbs,
CSI law enforcement instructor

"He cared about others more than himself. He would help people not because he was a police officer, but because it had become his second nature."

— Jim Sommer,
Twin Falls police chaplain



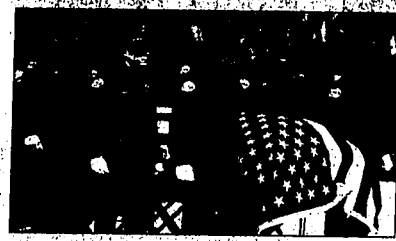
Lou Coronado and the rest of the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Department joined hundreds of other mourners for Jim Milidon's funeral at the College of Southern Idaho gymnasium on Monday morning.

Sergeant of heart

Community remembers, honors life of Jim Milidon

By Brian Haynes
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Jim Milidon, who spent 31 years patrolling Twin Falls, made his final trip Monday through the streets and neighborhoods he loved. Escorted by half a dozen police motorcycles, his white hearse led the funeral cortege that stretched for blocks and included hundreds of people from the two communities to which Milidon dedicated his life — law enforcement and Twin Falls. Milidon, who was known to many in the community as Policeman Jim or Uncle Milt, died suddenly Wednesday at Magic Valley Regional Medical



Jim Milidon had been with the Twin Falls police department for 31 years, the last 21 spent as sergeant. The pallbearers were the Twin Falls police honor guard.

Center. He is survived by his wife, Cheryl; children, Jeff and Brandi; and grandchildren. He was 52. Earlier Monday about 1,000 of Milidon's family, friends and fellow law enforcement officers gathered at the College of Southern Idaho gym to remember the man.

With the sounds of the Boise Police Pipes and Drum Corps echoing through the gym, Milidon's casket, draped in a U.S. flag, was wheeled in by the Twin Falls police honor guard. Police Chaplain Jim Sommer, who met Milidon when the two were in seventh grade, remembered Milidon's dedication to the

Scholarship established

A scholarship for law enforcement students has been established in Jim Milidon's name at the College of Southern Idaho. Contributions can be sent to: Jim Milidon Memorial Scholarship, CSI Foundation, P.O. Box 1238, Twin Falls, ID 83303-1238.

youth of Twin Falls, which he showed through 30 years of coaching seventh-grade football at O'Leary Junior High School. "He loved not only his own children, but about every one he met," Sommer said.

But Milidon's compassion didn't end with children, Twin Falls Police Chief Lee DeVore said. His ability to calm and comfort even the most aggressive people was well known, and he often ended up defusing tense situations, DeVore said. One of those situations happened recently when an officer dealing with a combative man

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Holy Land churches close over dispute

Mosque may be built in Nazareth

The Associated Press — NAZARETH, Israel — The gates of churches across the Holy Land swung shut in protest Monday as church leaders made a final attempt to block the building of a mosque in the heart of Nazareth, the town of Jesus' boyhood. The dispute has also spilled over into Meidest peace talks with Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat backing the Christians in Nazareth in hopes they will support him when he negotiates the future of Jerusalem with the Israelis.

Saudi Arabia, the guardian of Islam's holiest shrines, supported Arafat's efforts, offering to pay for a new mosque at an alternate spot in Nazareth, away from the Basilica of the Annunciation, to avoid friction. The church closures, just weeks before the last Christmas of the millennium, left many pilgrims disappointed. Some endorsed the protest, while others said Christians should set examples of tolerance and not block construction of the mosque. "Nazareth should be a city for everyone," said Joseph Weistiers, 54, a Roman Catholic who had walked more than 2,400 miles since May on a pilgrimage from his hometown in Oss, Holland, only to find the Basilica



Ed Taaffe, 85, demonstrates hand turning signals Monday as he takes a driving test to renew his driver's license in San Francisco.

Elderly driver numbers pose traffic-safety dilemma

The Associated Press — SAN FRANCISCO — It was a baby-boomer anthem: having fun, fun, fun 'til Daddy takes the T-Bird away. But as car-careers boomers age into grandparents, the question is becoming: when to take Daddy's license away. At the American Gerontological Society's annual meeting this weekend, and around the country, experts are trying to figure out how to get unsafe older drivers off the road without unfairly penalizing those who drive well. Statistics show that drivers over 65, along with teen-agers, have the highest accident rates per miles driven. But proposals in several states to toughen require-

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Snow scoop

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- Pomerelle — 673-5525
- Soldier Mountain — 764-2526
- Magic Mountain — 423-2221
- Galena Lodge — 726-6662

Snow piles up in hills

Pomerelle, Sun Valley resorts will open soon

By N.S. Nokenbent
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Start waxing them up, there's snow in the high country. The first skiing of the season will start Wednesday at Pomerelle. And if your Thanksgiving Day plans include skiing, the only other ski area open in southern Idaho will be Sun Valley. Pomerelle plans to open Wednesday for the holiday weekend — the ski area will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Lift tickets are \$22 on weekends and holidays, and \$17 weekdays. Pomerelle has about 22 inches of snow.

Sun Valley Co. isn't waiting for Mother Nature. Snow-making equipment on the mountain is working night and day, as the temperature permits. The resort plans to open one run on Bald Mountain Thursday. Hours will be 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and lift tickets are \$37 for adults, \$22 for children.

And for those who like the quiet of cross-country trails, Galena Lodge is grooming about 12 kilometers — a little more than seven miles — of the Harriman Trail south from the lodge. Skiers on the trail must have a North Valley Trails Pass — daily passes are \$9 for adults; children and dogs are \$2 and an annual pass is \$30. A season pass is \$65 until Dec. 1, when the price goes up to \$75. Passes for couples and

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It's a gamble

Judge's ruling could kill online betting

Los Angeles Times

From her North California home, Cynthia Haines used her personal computer and a stack of credit cards to gamble on the Internet. With each click of her mouse, she lost money from her credit card accounts into the virtual craps, roulette and blackjack tables of Caribbean cyber-casinos with names like Aropolis, Grand Dominican and Cyberhill.

When the banks that issued her 12 Visas and MasterCard tried to recover the \$115,000 debt that she'd piled up, Haines sued and hit the jackpot: As part of a settlement reached last month, her credit card debts were wiped out along with a \$225,000 lawyer's bill.

bolstered by old laws — some dating back to the 18th century — that make gambling debts legally uncollectable in all 50 states, bettors like Haines are going to court to have their online losses covered. Their lawyers are going even further. They've charged in suits filed across the country that banks and credit card companies are engaged in racketeering by allowing offshore casinos to process illegal bets on their customers' credit cards. As Congress debates whether to ban Internet gambling, some credit card issuers are rethinking their policies. Provident National Bank in San Francisco, one of the nation's largest Visa card issuers, says it will no longer process gambling transactions for its 11 million customers. Other card issuers are expected to follow suit. If enough of them do, that could effectively kill online gambling, observers say, by eliminating the only convenient way to pay.

MAGIC VALLEY FIVE-DAY FORECAST

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER

THE REGION

Camas Prairie

High: 35 Low: 17
Partly cloudy today and tonight. Increasing clouds on Wednesday, with highs in the upper 30s.

Treasure Valley

High: 42 Low: 25
Partly cloudy, with light winds. Increasing clouds on Wednesday, with highs in the lower 40s.

Sawtooth Mountains/Wood River Valley

High: 35 Low: 11
Mostly sunny in the morning, with increasing clouds in the afternoon. The same on Wednesday.

Eastern Idaho

High: 34 Low: 11
Mostly sunny in the morning, with increasing clouds. Partly cloudy on Tuesday.

Northern Idaho

High: 44 Low: 34
Mostly cloudy, with chance of rain or snow. Winds 5-10 mph. Cloudy on Wednesday.

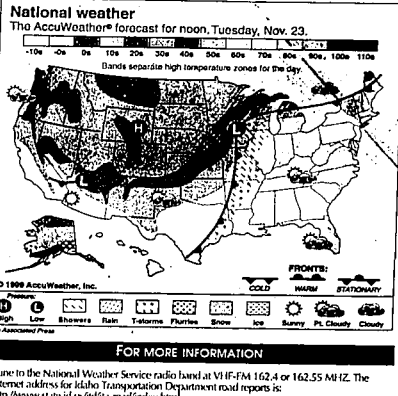
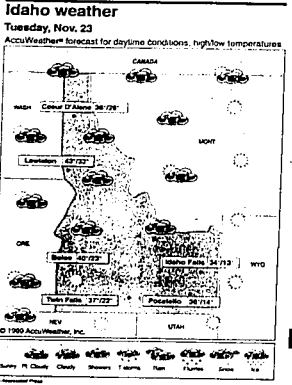
Northern Utah

High: 30 Low: 20
Mostly cloudy and cold. Partly cloudy on Tuesday. Winds 5-10 mph. Highs from 30-35.

Northern Nevada

High: 35 Low: 20
Partly cloudy, with light winds. Partly cloudy and cold on Wednesday.

Today	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
High: 37 Low: 22 Partly cloudy, with light winds.	High: 40 Low: 25 Increasing clouds.	High: 47 Low: 30 Partly cloudy and a little warmer.	High: 40s Low: 30s Partly cloudy.	High: 40s Low: 30s Increasing clouds.



Twin Falls Precipitation

Yesterday	38	21	Yesterday in Twin Falls	...
Last year	60	33	Month to date	0.99
Normal	47	25	Normal mo. to date	.94
			Water year to date	1.16
			Normal year to date	1.66

Idaho Highs/Lows

City	Max	Min	Pcp	Idaho: High, 47 degrees at Lewiston, Low, 7 degrees at Coeur d'Alene
Boise	41	22	...	Nation: High, 68 at Alice and McAllen, Texas. Low, 7 at Ketchikan.
Burley	37	26	...	Confront factors
Coeur d'Alene	37	27	...	Non-humid: 72%
Grangeville	37	19	...	Children and mold counts.
Hayden	41	28	...	The report says that the weather has not been as good for the year.
Idaho Falls	32	16	...	Adena: A blizzard of blizzards returns in March.
Lewiston	47	32	...	
Madras	46	23	...	
Malta	36	27	...	
McCall	28	18	...	
Pocatello	34	25	...	
Shoshone	34	19	...	
Sturley	34	8	...	
Sun Valley	35	7	...	

The Nation

City	Max	Min	Pcp
Albuquerque	47	37	...
Anchorage	37	17	...
Atlanta	71	56	...
Boston	40	27	...
Chicago	62	48	...
Dallas	81	65	...
Denver	29	18	...
Des Moines	58	34	...
Detroit	48	29	...
Honolulu	83	72	...
Houston	81	65	...
Indianapolis	65	46	...
Kansas City	58	35	...
Las Vegas	76	47	...
Los Angeles	70	51	...
Memphis	76	50	...
Miami Beach	80	64	...
Milwaukee	60	45	...
Minneapolis	48	41	...
Mobile	74	46	...
New York	55	51	...
New Orleans	77	61	...
Newark City	57	27	...
Phoenix	67	51	...
Philadelphia	52	33	...
Portland, Me.	48	44	...
Portland, Ore.	44	20	...
Reno	43	20	...
St. Louis	59	44	...
San Diego	73	50	...
San Francisco	59	44	...
Seattle	51	37	...
Spokane	38	26	...
Washington	70	50	...
Yuma

Canadian Cities

Calgary	39	15	city
Edmonton	38	14	city
Toronto	49	28	city
Vancouver	47	38	city

UV INDEX
Index: 1
Minimal
Burn time: 60 minutes

FIRE DANGER
The BLM has ended its fire report for the season. Officials ask public lands users to use caution.

SUNWATCH
Sunset today 5:10 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow 7:40 a.m.
Lunar phase: Last quarter, Nov. 28; new, Dec. 7; first quarter, Dec. 16; full, Dec. 22.

ACROSS THE NATION

Idaho: A weak high pressure system brought mostly clear skies to southern Idaho Tuesday morning, while the northern part of Idaho was affected by cloudy skies caused by a low pressure system in the Pacific ocean.

The band of clouds over northern Idaho Tuesday was expected to continue southward through the rest of the day and Wednesday, bringing cloudy to mostly cloudy skies with scattered precipitation to the northern mountains.

Elsewhere: Snow fell on the Rockies Monday, while the Plains had rain and fog on parts of the East.

A strong area of low pressure over Colorado produced snow over the Rockies and severe thunderstorms over the Plains.

Snow fell from Wyoming, south into New Mexico. The heaviest snow fell about 4 foot since Sunday.

Another facet of the storm system was strong and severe thunderstorms over the Plains.

—The Associated Press

Victims' remains will be buried

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — More than four years after the Oklahoma City bombing, unidentified remains of some of the victims will be buried in a memorial grove of trees at the state Capitol.

Nina Force, Airman Planning and Zoning Commission on Monday agreed to allow the burial of a single casket containing the remains. A ceremony is scheduled for Dec. 11.

All 168 victims of the April 19, 1995, bombing that destroyed the Air Force Armory, Federal Building were identified, but some tissue and bone could not be linked to any specific body and have been held at the medical examiner's office.

The remains include a leg that had been misidentified as that of Nina Force, a Cornell University researcher who was killed. The leg had been buried April 15. Levy's remains in New Orleans but was removed from her coffin in 1996.

Victims' relatives and survivors had wanted the remains buried at the bombing site, where work is under way to create a national memorial due to open April 15. However, National Park Service policy prohibits burials.

Mildon

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called for backup. Mildon showed up and called the man by name, DeVore said.

Then Mildon said, "You know I have permission from your mom and dad to kick your fanny," DeVore said.

But Mildon didn't have to follow through. The man went quietly, he said.

It was another example of Mildon's relationship with the community and how he was "community policing" long before it was a law enforcement buzz word, DeVore said. Mildon built that relationship through years on the beat, both on and off duty.

After graduating from the CSI law enforcement program in 1968, Mildon joined the Twin Falls police department. He spent most of his career as a street patrol officer, the job that allowed the most interaction



Jim Mildon



Twin Falls High School students were let out of class to watch as Jim Mildon's funeral cortege passes their school.

"We can replace a police officer, but we can't replace Jim Mildon."

— Jim Sommer, police chaplain

with people in the community. Even though he spent the last couple of years as a detective, he could still be spotted on street patrol whenever he got the chance.

Mildon's final trip through

Man admits role in hack attack

WASHINGTON (AP) — At age 19, hacker Eric Burns has already wandered the underpinnings of the Web where few had gone before, including an illicit visit into ancient computers at the White House in May.

"I didn't really think it was too much of a big deal," said Burns — hacker name Zylon — who admitted responsibility for some of the most sensational attacks on corporate and government Internet sites.

He was sentenced Friday in U.S. District Court in Alexandria, Va., to 15 months in prison and three years of supervised probation and ordered to pay restitution of \$36,240.

And under a judge's order, he won't be allowed to touch a computer for three years after his release.

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Churches

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closed.

But the highest Roman Catholic authority in the Holy Land, Latin Patriarch Michel Sabbah, said the Christians, a tiny minority of about 100,000, had to make a stand.

"We do the churches so the world can hear, and the world die," Sabbah told a news conference in Jerusalem.

The dispute is uncharacteristic of Israel's Christians, who usually keep a low profile to avoid friction with Muslims.

Sabbah hinted that Pope John Paul II's visit to Israel and the Palestinian areas, set for March, could still be called off if the Nazareth dispute was not resolved.

The argument began two years ago, when the city's Christian mayor, Ramez Jerassi, announced plans to build a tourist plaza on a half-acre plot outside the Basilica to make the congested, noisy downtown more appealing to millennium visitors.

The city's Islamic movement said some of the land was Muslim-owned and set up a protest tent on the lot.

In a compromise brokered by the Israeli government, the mosque is to be built on one-third of the land, the plaza on the remainder.

Terrain reluctantly accepted the deal, saying he wanted to avoid more strife, but was overruled by Roman Catholic, Armenian and Greek Orthodox patriarchs.

Drivers

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ments for older drivers have been thwarted recently by senior-citizen lobbying groups who say age-based measures are discriminatory.

"There are good drivers and bad drivers of all ages," said Nina Glasgow, a Cornell University researcher who opposes age-based testing and favors screening targeted at all unsafe drivers.

Several states require elderly drivers to renew their licenses more frequently than other drivers, but very few require road tests or medical exams.

Lawrence Nitz, a political sci-

entist from the University of Hawaii, presented a thorough study of Hawaiian traffic records at the gerontological meeting. It found that drivers over 75 were far more likely than other motorists to be cited for certain offenses, including failing to yield to pedestrians, backing up unsafely and failing to stop at a flashing red light.

To deal with elderly problem drivers, Nitz suggested a phased removal of driving privileges comparable to the phased scaling of privileges for young drivers. For example, an older driver might be barred from driving at night or restricted to an area near home.

Other experts argued that most elderly drivers regulate themselves effectively, knowing when to avoid nighttime or highway driving. Some cautioned that any extra push to get older drivers off the roads could have negative effects — isolating residents in areas without good public transit and reducing their independence.

Glasgow said her research has shown that elderly drivers are more likely to participate in club and church activities than non-drivers.

"There's a risk to ceasing driving," she said. "People who have stopped driving tend to have lower morale."

Anita Myers of the University of Waterloo in Ontario, Canada, said her province had a stringent license-renewal policy dating to 1936. Drivers over 80 must renew their licenses every two years and take a 90-minute driver education class.

Myers surveyed elderly drivers about the procedure and found them generally tolerant. The mandatory class drew high marks, she said. "They loved the defensive driving tips."

Road tests were part of Ontario's renewal requirements until 1996, but the tests are now required only for selected drivers with questionable safety records.

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Clinton tries to reassure Bulgarians

President receives hero's welcome; he meets U.S. troops today in Kosovo

SOFIA, Bulgaria (AP)—In a cobblestone square where protesters rebelled against communist rule, President Clinton promised tens of thousands of cheering Bulgarians on Monday that "you too shall overcome" in their difficult struggle for democracy and prosperity.

After waiting for hours on a chilly, wet day, Bulgarians jammed into sprawling St. Alexander Nevsky Square and



President Clinton points to exploding fireworks after delivering a speech Monday in Sofia, Bulgaria. Sandy Berger said the president will tell Kosovo Albanians "they have to get beyond the grievances of the past" and stop their

reprisals against the Serbian minority, blamed for years of repression.

In downtown Sofia, Clinton and his daughter Chelsea toured Roman ruins and visited souvenir shops where Clinton bought some presents. He said he was particularly interested in wooden boxes.

Bulgaria, under Moscow's control, was considered one of the most Stalinist of the East Bloc countries. After the collapse of communism in 1989 and elections in 1991, Bulgaria went through a series of government upheavals and setbacks, including about a 40 percent drop in the standard of living and inflation of more than 300 percent.

Kosovo In crisis
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filled nearby streets. The square is named for the spectacular neo-Byzantine style cathedral that towers over the scene. Fireworks lighted the cathedral's gilded dome at the conclusion of Clinton's address.

Clinton was the first American president to visit this one-time Soviet bloc state, and he received a hero's welcome.

Thership, which promises Western security protection against any threat from Moscow.

He also praised Bulgaria for "standing your ground with us and against that evil" when Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic unleashed a campaign of terror in Kosovo. Bulgaria supported NATO's air war over Kosovo by permitting U.S. and allied warplanes to fly over its territory. It also is supporting U.N. economic sanctions against Yugoslavia, a policy that has taken a heavy toll on the already weak Bulgarian economy.

Clinton, on the final stop of his 10-day European trip, will travel to Kosovo today for an early Thanksgiving dinner with some of the 6,000 U.S. peacekeeping troops there.

In Belgrade, Milosevic's ruling party said the visit was Clinton's "return to the scene of the crime" — referring to NATO's 78-day bombing campaign to end the Serb's crackdown on the majority ethnic Albanian population of Kosovo.

National Security Adviser

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NATION

Meningitis campaign draws fire

Students, health experts question need for vaccinations

AMHERST, Mass. (AP) — Lawrence and Sharif Muhammad stand frozen with indecision at the doorway of a University of Massachusetts vaccination clinic.

Their mom was worried about them contracting meningococcal meningitis. She had heard that it can kill an otherwise healthy teenager in hours. Two students had already been stricken this fall at the university.

But they got better. And with 14,000 undergraduates at UMass-Amherst, how much of a threat was there really? Besides, at \$75 a vaccination, the price looked pretty steep.

The Muhammads brothers finally moved around and left. Spurred by the latest federal recommendations, colleges are mounting a widening attack on meningitis this fall.

But the latest studies suggest that only a few meningitis deaths might be avoided each year in dorms — leading some health authorities to wonder if they could do better by working against more common college scourges like drunken driving or sexually transmitted disease.

"You're talking about millions of dollars per life saved. There are known to be many interventions in public health that do better than that," said Milton Weinstein, a risk expert at the Harvard School of Public Health. On his family doctor's advice, he is letting own 18-year-old son go unvaccinated at college.



Certified medical assistant Joselyn Colby gives a meningitis vaccine to University of Massachusetts students Elizabeth Hebert.

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Meningococcal meningitis is an infection of the membranes around the brain and spinal cord that can be spread by kissing or even sharing a drinking glass. The symptoms include fever, neck stiffness and headache. The disease kills in roughly 10 percent of cases and does serious harm, including brain damage, in another 10 percent.

(Meningococcal meningitis is a bacterial infection. The vaccine does not guard against the generally less serious viral meningitis.)

At least 19 campuses warn of the disease on pre-admission health forms, often recommending that students consider the vaccine, according to Dr. Marjanne Collins, the University of Pennsylvania health director who has surveyed colleges nationwide. At least 87 campuses carry out wider educational campaigns and 57 run meningitis vaccination clinics.

The federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommended last month that campuses give easy access to the meningitis vaccine, especially for college freshmen.

Yet, of 3,000 cases nationwide in a typical year, just 100 to 125

occur at colleges. The death rate is highest among freshmen living in dormitories. With about 520,000 such freshmen this fall, five deaths would be expected.

Figures on causes of death among college students are hard to find. However, in 1997, there were 10,208 road fatalities, 4,180 suicides and 276 AIDS deaths for young people ages 15 to 24, according to the National Center for Health Statistics.

"You can debate the cost-effectiveness of this," said Len Lavenda, a spokesman for meningitis vaccine maker Pasteur Merieux Connaught. "But the greatest tragedy is when a parent sees their child stricken by the disease — and never knew there was an action that can be taken to prevent it."

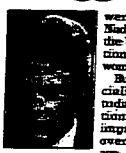
The vaccine is deemed 90 percent effective against 70 percent of college cases. In the remaining 30 percent of cases, the vaccine has no effect.

"Deaths from binge drinking and deaths from suicide are probably more common than deaths from meningitis in college students. But — by God! — if I had a vote for those things, well, give it, wouldn't we?" said Dr. James Turner, chairman of a committee on vaccine-preventable illnesses for the American College Health Association.

Campus policy makers also are aware that meningitis gave rise to more than \$90 million in malpractice claims against colleges between 1985 and 1997, according to the College Health Association.

With war now behind, Kosovo still struggles

OBILIC, Yugoslavia (AP) — Dusty fogs the air of Obilic's crumbling power plant, where two men are rushing to turn on the lights in Kosovo — every now and then.



Workers hover over the sky blue control panel, waiting for the communist-era automats to clatter to a halt. The infrastructure collapse is not surprising here. Very little works in Kosovo, the land between governments that President Clinton visits Tuesday.

Gone is the government of Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic, exiled by war and the arrival of NATO troops in June. In its place is a U.N. administration so beleaguered that five months after its arrival, its primary accomplishment has been getting itself organized.

So far, it has failed to contain crime, halt ethnic enclaves, establish a judiciary or just about any other structure of government. Pristina, the provincial capital, is a city where the streets have no names, most cars have no plates and people can't produce documents to prove they are alive or their relatives are dead.

The troubles attracted the notice of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff, Gen. Henry H. Shelton, when he visited Kosovo earlier this month.

"There is a void between what the military can accomplish and what is needed for a sustainable peace," Shelton said. "Welcome to life in the void, where even U.N. officials acknowledge they've been slow in getting started, primarily because the mission is a black money to jump-start it."

Efforts to get police officers on the streets, for example, have been delayed by their failure to show up: Of the 3,000 police pledged in June, only 1,700 had arrived by November. Serbs and other ethnic minorities continue to flee attacks leveled in revenge for the estimated 10,000 people killed during the 18-month crackdown by NATO in Milosevic.

"We're not where we wish we were," said the U.N. top administrator, Bernard Lonerger, for the U.N.'s wimpy reputation, saying the former French-British mission who helped found Kosovo's Western Borders dined his early efforts toward political consensus. "I had ignored the facts on the ground, where the overwhelping ethnic Albanian population was anxious at first to embrace the West and its dic-

were," said Nadia Younes, the U.N. operations spokesman.

But U.S. officials said today's situation is a big improvement over a year ago.

This will be a difficult win, but it will be a hell of a lot better than her being killed," said National Security Adviser Sandy Berger.

The U.S. and European nations pledged \$1 billion last week to rebuild Kosovo, but that should ameliorate the pace of progress, said Chris Hill, the National Security Council's senior director for Southeastern Europe.

"Standing has been a problem in the intervening months, but we think we're now on a roll," Hill said.

The United Nations moved into a region suffering catastrophic collapse, and not just from the war.

Just from the war alone, severely damaged at least 100,000 homes. Roads, bridges, hospitals, water lines and other infrastructure elements are crumbling from a lack of maintenance, a legacy of a 10-year war of economic attrition waged by Milosevic.

Nonetheless, the U.N. failure to accomplish its goals quickly is shattering the Kosovo's confidence in the mission, said Françoise, a senior editor for the Institute of War and Peace Reporting.

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Few doubts linger about feds' Y2K readiness

WASHINGTON (AP) — Aside from a few gnawing doubts in such areas as food stamp programs and foreign airports, the government is ready for Y2K, lawmakers said Monday. Most important now, they said, is to avoid public panic.

Rep. Stephen Horn, R-Calif., who chaired the Y2K committee, said his staff traffic control systems are among those with work still to be done, but he emphasized that flying will be safe on Jan. 1. The Federal Aviation Administration said all its systems are ready for Y2K.

Even, who gave failing grades to many federal agencies when he issued his first Y2K "report card" last year, gave the government an overall "B-" in his last report before the millennium change.

"We have come a long way since we began examining this enormous technological challenge

four years ago," Horn said at a news conference.

He said that of 24 major federal agencies he has tracked, 12 have completed preparations and eight have fixed their computers but still lack testing.

Four departments — Defense, Health and Human Services, Justice and Treasury — still need to convert some crucial systems, and Horn singled out Justice for blame. "The department does have a contingency plan," he said, "but the plan is worthless because it has not been tested."

Stephen Colgate, Justice's Y2K coordinator, said the unfinished work includes getting new equipment to FBI and Drug Enforcement Administration offices abroad and will not affect department operations or services to citizens. "It's just a few work stations in some difficult places to get to," he said. At any rate, he

said, the equipment would be in place soon.

Many older computers only read the last two digits in a year. If not converted, they could mistake the year 2100, or "00" for 1900, possibly leading to malfunctions and failures.

The report also found that of 43 federal programs deemed to have high impact on Americans, doubts remain about 18, including child nutrition, food safety inspection, food stamps, low-income energy assistance, Medicaid, public housing and air traffic control. Many of those programs are run by state or local governments which have demonstrated varying levels of effort to solve the Y2K problem.

Joel Willemssen, the chief Y2K expert for the General Accounting Office, the investigative wing of Congress, said the FAA is still testing some air traffic control integration systems.

Buchanan says he would talk with Iran, Iraq

WASHINGTON (AP) — Reform Party presidential contender Pat Buchanan declared Monday that he would talk with Iran and Iraq.

Delivering a foreign policy speech, Buchanan asked: "If we can engage China and North Vietnam and even North Korea, why can we not at least talk to Iran and Iraq?"

The third-party candidate also countered claims by his rivals that he is an isolationist.

"As one who has supported every great foreign policy initiative from Kennedy to Reagan, I reject the isolationist label, especially when made by those who spent their youthful careers marching against the Cold War policies that brought us victory," he told an audience at the libertarian Cato Institute.

The remarks followed a foreign policy speech Friday by Texas Gov. George W. Bush, the front-runner for the Republican presidential nomination, and a controversy in September stirred by a publication of Buchanan's book, "A Republic, Not an Empire."

Buchanan derided Bush's speech, saying: "I think the governor read it very well." As to the substance, in which Bush proposed toughening relations with Russia and China, Buchanan said Bush was being advised by people who "feel a sense of loss" at the passing of the Cold War and "are looking for a conflict."

Buchanan's book created a stir by questioning the United States' entry into the war against Nazi Germany.

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Damaged wires hold up Hubble repair mission

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — More damaged wiring found on Shuttle Discovery will delay its space flight to the Hubble Space Telescope until Dec. 9.

Shuttle managers announced the three-day delay Monday, after receiving estimates from engineers on how long it will take to fix the problem. Damaged insulation recently was found on wires in a pair of electrical cables running between Discovery and its external tank tank. The cables transmit vital commands from

the twin that ignite the shuttle's orbiter solid rocket boosters and jetson them in flight.

Technicians will retrace some of the damaged wires and splice others. All of the work can be done at the launch pad, without having to roll Discovery back to Kennedy Space Center's Vehicle Assembly Building.

"This adjusted date allows us time to repair the wiring damaged," space center spokesman Joel Wells said. "It also allows the shuttle workforce to take some time off for the Thanksgiving holidays."

Monday's postponement was the latest in a series of delays for the mission, mostly due to wiring problems. All four shuttle orbiters were grounded after a short circuit during Columbia's July 23 launch led to the discovery of damaged wiring throughout the fleet.

The Hubble telescope is out of service until spacewalking astronauts replace gyroscopes needed to point the observatory at celestial targets. Four of Hubble's six gyroscopes have failed. At least three must work for the orbiting telescope to make observations.

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Fearing anger, art museum director shelves displays

DETROIT (AP) — Afraid of offending blacks and Christians, the new director of the Detroit Institute of Arts has suspended an exhibit that included a Jesus figure wearing a condom and an artwork whose title contains a racial slur.

The exhibit, which also featured a vital of wine from Andres

Serrano's highly publicized photograph of a crucifix submerged in urine.

"I feel strongly I could not defend a couple of the pieces," said Graham Bate, who became director seven weeks ago and suspended the exhibit Friday, two days after it opened. The exhibit, "Art Until Now," opened Wednesday.

The move follows a fight over the Brooklyn Museum of Art's display of a painting of the Virgin Mary with elephant dung stuck on it. New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani condemned the exhibit as "sick stuff," but federal courts have blocked him from cutting off funding for the museum.

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Workplace plan draws blast from businesses

Rules target physical, ergonomic stresses

WASHINGTON (AP) — The 27 million Americans who labor on assembly lines, at computer work stations or in jobs involving heavy lifting could benefit from a government proposal aimed at lessening repetitive-motion injuries, supporters say. Business firms want to fight the rules in court.

"Government action to prevent the crippling of working men and women is long overdue," said John Sweeney, president of the AFL-CIO, the nation's largest labor federation.

"Businesses face an estimated \$42 billion in annual costs to fix job sites and pay workers recovering from injuries under the initiative announced Monday by the Labor Department's Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

"If OSHA persists in pushing forward this ill-considered regulation, then we will meet them in court," said Ronald Johnson, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce's vice president for labor policy.

The new workplace ergonomics regulations, long promised by the Clinton administration, had been delayed for years as the Republican-controlled Congress, under pressure from business groups, repeatedly passed legislation requiring more scientific studies.

The House voted to put another hold on the rules this fall, but the Senate adjourned for the year Friday without acting. After lawmakers left town this week-end, the administration rushed to roll out its proposal.

"We are compelled to act. Employees are getting hurt. Workers are being sent home. People are suffering," said Charles N. Jeffress, assistant labor secretary for occupational safety and health.

Republicans on the House Education and Workforce Committee, including chairman Bill Goodling, R-Pa., said Monday in a written statement that OSHA should delay action until a National Academy of Sciences study is completed in 2001.

"An ergonomics regulation would be a substantial mandated cost on American companies and the economy," said the GOP statement.

The proposed rules, scheduled to be published in today's Federal Register, cannot become final before next year in any case, after a comment period that will include hearings in Washington and other cities starting in February.

Existing workplace safety regulations are aimed mainly at preventing mishaps, such as falls. The new rules also would require employers to minimize everyday physical — or ergonomic — stresses of certain jobs.

Each year, 1.8 million workers have musculoskeletal injuries related to ergonomic factors, and 600,000 people miss some work because of them, according to the OSHA.

The injuries to muscles, nerves, ligaments and tendons include such problems as carpal tunnel syndrome, back pain and tendinitis.

Record number of Americans will be traveling for holiday

WASHINGTON (AP) — Before and after the turkey, almost 20 million passengers will take to the skies this Thanksgiving week. Millions more will travel in cars and buses. Amtrak is scheduling more trains and making them longer for what normally is the busiest travel period of the year.

U.S. airlines are expecting a record 19.8 million passengers in the week and a half surrounding the holiday. That's 10 percent more than the 18 million who flew during the Thanksgiving holiday last year, said David Fuscus, a spokesman for the Air Transport Association, which represents major air carriers.

"It's just going to be busy," Fuscus said. "The airlines gear

up for it. People need to be patient." Bookings are up 2 percent to 3 percent at TWA, said Mark Ahels, a spokesman for the St. Louis-based airline. On Wednesday, 40,000 passengers — 10,000 more than normal — are to board TWA planes in St. Louis, the airline's hub, he said. "On Thursday, though, we have lots of seats," he said.

Sylvia Harris, a 30-year-old legal receptionist from Virginia Beach, Va., said a fear of flying, compounded by recent airliner crashes, prompted her to take a train this Thanksgiving. She and her 3-year-old daughter, Somer, left Virginia early Monday bound for her native Cleveland — a 24-hour journey.

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Government pushes to stop hospital injuries

WASHINGTON (AP) — Hoping to protect health care workers from deadly infections, the government urged hospitals and other health facilities Monday to use needles with sheaths, blunt tips or other safety features.

Hospitals have been slow to adopt safer needles even though at least 60,000 health workers accidentally stick themselves each year, putting themselves at risk for the AIDS virus and liver-destroying hepatitis, as well as other diseases.

"The public attention and awareness of this problem has lagged behind the scope of it," said Dr. Linda Rosenstock of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. "For every 100 beds a hospital has, on average it has 30 needle stick injuries per year."

"Too many people see needle stick injuries as a routine part of doing business," added Rosenstock, director of CDC's National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health. "We want to change that view — it shouldn't be the case."

The Food and Drug Administration has approved the sale of 50 types of specially protected needles and syringes, along with numerous other protective devices.

Some work like ball-point pens: Push the syringe plunger an extra time and it makes the needle retract inside its plastic coating before it's removed from the patient. There are hypodermic needles with a blunt tip or protec-

A safer needle
The government urged health facilities Monday to use needles that would protect health care workers from accidentally sticking themselves. Here is one type of needle.

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2 Needle, which is attached to a spring, retracts into empty syringe, where it remains encased.

Source: *Protective Technology, Inc.* A protective sheath that pops out to cover the sharp point as it's removed. There's even a vaccine injector that has no needle at all — it uses pressure to force certain vaccines through the skin. Yet the American Nurses Association says just 15 percent of hospitals use safer needles. One reason: They cost more. A standard blood-collection needle, for example, costs about 6 cents, while a safer version costs about 25 cents. That adds up, considering the nation uses about half a billion of those needles each year.

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Peanuts cartoonist Schulz has cancer, aide says

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) - "Peanuts" cartoonist Charles M. Schulz is fighting colorectal cancer, his secretary confirmed Tuesday.

Doctors at Santa Rosa Memorial Hospital found the cancer last week, when performing emergency surgery to clear a blocked abdominal artery. His wife, Jean, indicated that the 76-year-old artist will undergo chemotherapy, but no further surgery will be required, said Schulz's secretary, Edna Poehner.

Schulz remained hospitalized Tuesday in Santa Rosa, about 50 miles north of San Francisco where he lives and works. A hospital spokesman refused to comment, releasing only information about his condition.

So far, only family members have visited, Poehner said, but they report that Schulz has been up and walking. "His spirits are good, and that's what it takes," she said. Well-wishers flooded his studio with flowers, balloons,

cards and "a lot of wonderful letters," Poehner said. "He's touched a lot of lives."

Schulz's comic strip appears in 2,600 newspapers in 75 countries and is the basis of a franchise that earns \$1 billion a year.

New strips chronicling the friendships and foibles of Charlie Brown, Snoopy, Lucy, Linus and Woodstock will continue to appear at least through Jan. 1, because Schulz works more than five weeks ahead of publication,

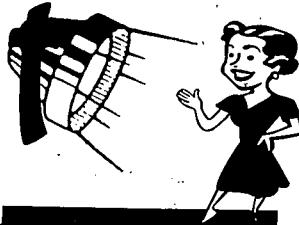
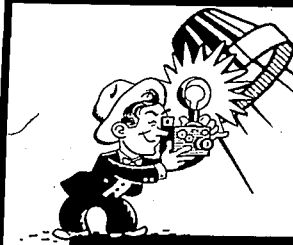
according to United Feature Syndicate. New Sunday strips are completed through Feb. 14. If Schulz is unable to draw new strips after those are published, the syndicate will substitute classic Peanuts strips.

Syndicate employees are signing a 4-foot-tall card decorated with members of the Peanuts' gang. "We are thinking of him and his family, and our prayers are with them," spokeswoman Diane Keelin said.

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Russians stop short of Chechen capital

SLEPTOVSKAYA, Russia - Russian forces are moving steadily to encircle Chechnya's capital and believe civilians will encourage Chechen militants to abandon the city rather than wage an all-out battle, Russia's top army officer said Monday.

Russia pounded parts of Chechnya from the air and ground, with warplanes running about 50 combat missions in a 24-hour period, the Interfax news agency said. Fearful civilians kept up their exodus from Chechnya.

So far, Russia's march across Chechnya, which began two months ago, has not produced major battles reminiscent of the 1996 war in the breakaway territory. The Chechen and Chechens have regularly retreated rather than confront the larger and more heavily armed Russian forces.

With the Russians now on the outskirts of Grozny, some 5,000 to 6,000 militants have barricaded themselves in the Chechen capital in anticipation of a Russian assault, the Russian military said. But Gen. Anatoly Kvashnin, chief of the army's general staff, stressed that his troops would not try to storm the capital. As with other towns captured by the Russians, Kvashnin believes civilians do not want to see widespread destruction and will urge the militants to withdraw, allowing the Russian forces to move in with little resistance.

"People will sort it out with the bandits, and we will help them do so," Kvashnin told the NTV television station.

Grozny is Chechnya's most important city and the rebels may dig in and defend it regardless of the cost, some analysts say.

Russian aircraft and artillery have been pummeling the city for weeks, and Russian forces have already surrounded 80 percent of Grozny, according to the military.

Judge orders Puerto Rico to keep water going to base

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico - A federal judge on Monday ordered the Puerto Rican government not to shut off the water to a U.S. Navy base while he considers a complaint that the military is using the water illegally.

The allegations are part of an escalating feud between the U.S. military and the Puerto Rican government, which is demanding the Navy abandon its bombing range on the outlying island of Vieques.

U.S. District Court Judge Hector Laffitte issued the order during a hearing on the dispute Monday.

The Navy asked the court to intervene after Puerto Rican officials presented the Roosevelt Roads Naval Station, which runs



A Russian soldier scans for signs of the enemy Saturday in occupied territory near the Chechen capital of Grozny.

the bombing range, with a \$8.8 million water bill and fined it an additional \$8 million.

The Natural and Environmental Resources Department alleges the Navy's permit to draw up to 3 million gallons of water daily from the Rio Blanco expired in 1985, and that it owes money for the water it has been drawing since.

Extra oil money gives Russia rare good news

MOSCOW - The Russian economy, beset by a litany of woes, has tapped a mini-gusher of unexpected revenues from surging world oil prices.

One of the world's largest oil exporters, Russia stands to reap an extra \$4 billion this year - a hefty sum in a country where the projected annual budget is only \$25 billion.

The cash infusion is not enough to solve Russia's huge problems or reverse a decade of economic decline. But it has given President Boris Yeltsin's government extra cash to raise pensions, whittle away at debts to unpaid workers, help stabilize the ruble and cover the costs of the war in Chechnya.

The government may end this year with a balanced budget, something that was unthinkable at the start of the

World in brief

year, when oil prices hovered around \$10 a barrel. By contrast, oil prices have hit nearly \$25 a barrel in recent weeks.

So far, the oil money has been good news mostly for Yeltsin's government and Russian oil companies. The direct benefit for ordinary citizens has been minimal or nonexistent and probably won't make a difference in Dec. 19 parliamentary elections, when Yeltsin's allies are not expected to fare well.

Seven cavers rescued after 10 days stuck underground

FLAUJAC, France - Seven French cave explorers enjoyed their first day above ground Monday after a huge rescue operation succeeded in freeing them from a deep underground cave where they had been trapped by a swollen river for 10 days.

For relatives, the sight of the tired but safe explorers being helped to the surface early this morning brought an end to over a week of worry.

"One should thank and congratulate you and not me for having spent 10 days down there," said Yvon Tuzal, the eldest of the group at 55.

The men had been exploring caves in southwestern France but were trapped when an underground river rose suddenly after violent storms in the area.

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They were stranded on Nov. 11, 330 feet underground in an arching chamber.

Family and rescuers had gathered in Flaujac, 340 miles south of Paris, above the cavern where the men were trapped. Many popped open bottles of champagne Sunday when news came that the men had been found.

Japanese jet crashes, cutting power in Tokyo

TOKYO - A Japanese air force jet ripped through a power line northwest of Tokyo on Monday, cutting off power to hundreds of thousands of homes and businesses and briefly halting some rail service.

The T-33 jet crashed in a dry riverbed near a junior high school, killing both crewmen. There were no reports of casualties on the ground, police spokesman Masami Yoshida said.

As many as 800,000 homes lost electricity in the Tokyo metropolitan area for about three hours after the jet severed the 275,000-volt power transmission line, said Yoichi Takeuchi of Tokyo Electric Power Co. Ltd.

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Serving the Magic Valley

Food and companionship

Souper Supper brightens the day for Wood River residents in need

By Barb Neiwert
Times-News correspondent

HAILLEY - On Monday and Thursday afternoons, the kitchen at the St. Charles Parish Hall comes alive with activity and the rich aroma of a hot meal.

That's when "Souper Suppers" take form for those in the Wood River Valley who would not otherwise get a hot meal or the companionship that goes along with it.

"I know in this community there are people - not necessarily homeless, but the working poor and kids - who don't get enough to eat," says Margie Hill, head of a core group of volunteers who make Souper Suppers successful.

Hill began the project two years ago after her youngest child left home for college. Seeking a place for her energies, she wanted to do something for others. Then, she discovered there were no regular soup kitchens available for those in need of food and a little friendly company.

She organized the Souper Suppers through a network of volunteers and donations from local churches: Catholic, Jewish, Mormon, Presbyterian and

Thanksgiving

The Wood River Jaycees will provide a Thanksgiving dinner at the St. Charles Parish Hall at 311 First Ave. So. on Thursday. The full set-down dinner is provided free of charge and includes turkey with all the trimmings. The doors open at 1 p.m. to enjoy football for the adults and games for children. Dinner will be served at 3 p.m.

Episcopal

Other community members also pitch in to provide money to purchase food and several businesses contribute leftover bread, fruit, vegetables and even pizza.

Each week, the Souper Supper helpers feed between 100-150 people. Nearly half of the dinners are taken to elderly residents who are shut-ins or ill. Hill says a variety of people come to the parish hall for dinner. Families struggling to get back on their feet, single people and the elderly return each week for the camaraderie that develops with the volunteers.

Last week, Linda Olson worked the

early shift at the post office so she could set up the evening meal, a task she does once a month and always with a smile.

Shrugging off the work she put into it, she prepared a well-balanced meal of a Connecticut Beef Supper, apricots and peaches and vegetable medley. The meal was accompanied by fresh baked bread from a local bakery, hot coffee and homemade mustard pie.

Olson's helpers that day included Annie Alcoid and A.J. Beesle, students from the Community School in Sun Valley contributing their time in service to others.

"That's what the Community School is all about - community service," Fredman Alcoid says. She also likes being able to show people that there are kids out there who care.

Seventh-grader Beesle echoes those sentiments and explains he chose to put his community service time in at the kitchen because it's nice to be with the people you're helping.

Before opening the Hailley facility, Hill visited the soup kitchen in Twin Falls to see how soup kitchens operate. Due the lower population in the valley, Souper



Volunteer Linda Olson works to prepare Connecticut Beef Dinner for diners at Souper Supper, a soup kitchen for residents of the Wood River Valley.

Suppers run on a broad base of volunteers so the responsibility is shared by many and no one becomes overwhelmed by the job.

"There's a real camaraderie in the soup kitchen. It's not so big that it feels like an institution," she says.

To volunteer your time, donate or contribute, contact Hill at 788-9363. Meals are served from 5-6 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays.

Times-News correspondent Barb Neiwert can be reached in Hailley at 788-9530.

4-H leaders share new ideas, plans

By Corren Hart
Times-News correspondent

BURLEY - With the theme, "Soaring To New Heights," 4-H leaders and teen leaders took over the Best Western Inn Nov. 12-13 to share new, creative ways to lead.

At a State 4-H Conference, people came from all over Idaho to join together in camaraderie with their common interest - teaching today's youth life skills.

Gone are the days of only teaching animal husbandry and cooking. Demonstrations have expanded to computer skills for learning and teaching, creative scrapbooking, origami and public speaking. The Know Your Government program teaches teens the order of government so that they can participate.

The conference opened with a choice of tours either to Oakley historical homes or the Amalgamated Sugar Factory, or a three-hour computer technology course.

The course highlighted such local achievements as an Oakley High School web page, built by Aaron Hardy, for most student interests. There's a principal's page, constantly updated yearbook photo, a Post A Message page, sports schedule and driver's education page.

Instructor David Mitchell was aided by Josh Blauer, Kerina Blauer, Scott Bowen and Val Bowen in discussing the use of gaming software to teach a specific subject.

They demonstrated SimFarm for very young children. SimFarm was of special interest to Josh Blauer and Scott Bowen, since their interest is in farming.

The software emphasizes real farming situations, including weather disasters and financial record-keeping.

Jana Davidson, 19, says she is enthusiastic about a new independent study program for older teens. They can choose their own project and move ahead without supervision.

Davidson, who lives in Buhl and is a District 3 representative for the teen ambassadors, wrote a science fiction/fantasy novel for her project.

She's also involved in dairy, rabbits and other projects, and is going to the Teen Ambassador conference in McCall next weekend.

Tami Smith, owner of Best Friends in



Scrapbooking Your 4-H Memories' was one of the courses offered at the recent 4-H State Conference in Burley. Shelly Johnson helps Tami Smith, owner of Best Friends on 23rd Drive in Burley, teach two sessions. 4-H leaders made a sample photo album page with 4-H clover emblems and farm animal designs.

Burley, and Shelly Johnson taught two "Scrapbooking Your 4-H Memories" sessions, attended by about 45 leaders. Since scrapbooks are important parts of the history of an individual club, leaders say they were eager to have new ideas to brighten up their own books.

Saturday evening concluded with dis-

tributive service awards for leaders around a caterfire at Minidoka County Fairgrounds.

Sunday morning included capstone speaker Judge John Varin. He's a district juvenile justice who will often specify community service sentences in 4-H. Varin says he supports 4-H as a source of life skills learning.



Clara Bubak, seated, enjoys refreshments after a Civic Club meeting. The group supports the Jerome Public Library and the community.

Jerome's Civic Club has community, youth at heart

By Kelly Bryant
Times-News correspondent

JEROME - The Jerome Civic Club's theme, "Let us not forget to be kind," is a philosophy club members actively practice.

Founded in 1909, the Civic Club is a support group to the Jerome City Library. The organization helps maintain the building, which is named after the club in recognition of its dedication and support.

However, the Civic Club isn't just generous to the library.

The club's main objective is assisting students in the community. Members say they sponsor scholarships for deserving, outstanding high school students and are more than willing to help any student with a financial school need.

The Civic Club welcomed Allison Marshall and Jerome High School Principal Gail Cushman to its monthly meeting Nov. 9. Marshall recited her district winning Enivrothron speech titled, "In The Children's Hand." She competed at a state competition Nov. 15 in Coeur d'Alene.

Cushman talked about various projects the students are involved with around the community. For example, students are collecting names of relatives who are veterans for a memorial wall at the school. The students will pay \$1 to

More about Jerome Civic Club

WHEN: Meets the second Tuesday of each month.

TIME: 2 p.m.

WHERE: Jerome City Library meeting room.

The Civic Club accepts new memberships.

Dues are \$10 annually.

For information, call Marjorie DuBois at 324-2050.

have a veteran's name placed on the wall and proceeds will go to the World War II Memorial in Washington D.C.

Cushman reported that many students are involved in community service activities, such as the "Ovary Sixty and Feeling Fit" program sponsored by the school district, as well as other programs with the Jerome Recreation District and College of Southern Idaho. Students are also collecting and donating goods for a Thanksgiving's Day food drive.

The club members have other community interests.

They recently donated \$100 to the Jerome Historical Society and \$50 to the Jerome Chamber of Commerce for new Christmas decorations.

Civic Club officers are: Marjorie DuBois, president; Lorna Irvin vice president; Nancy Jackson, secretary; Mary Moeller, corresponding secretary; Lara Ercanbrack, treasurer; and Nancy Auchaire, auditor.

around about 52 years, maintaining a group focus on improving education and sharing ideas and solutions to common professional challenges. Recent group projects include enclosing and donating libraries to identify books as accelerated readers and collecting items for holiday gift baskets going to residents of a local women's shelter.

Members also are encouraging legislators to make kindergarten a mandatory grade instead of a grade choice in local school districts and launched a recent effort to emphasize safe and caring environments in schools, a reaction to increased violence in American classrooms.

"The main focus for the group is for teachers to get together and see what they can do to improve education in their community," says Delta Kappa Gamma member, Sandra Calkins of Richfield. Membership in Delta Kappa Gamma is by invitation and limited to female certified educational staff members who have three years of experience and have

demonstrated excellence in improving education.

Social activities include group songs, discussion of good books and current literature, brunches and an annual meeting in December at the Governor's Mansion in Shoshone. Theta members say they are looking forward to the regional conference to be held in Boise in 2001.

Longtime Theta chapter member Begie Hatmaker has a 12-year perfect attendance record and was chosen by Ona Moore, state Alpha News editor as the most helpful to her as a chapter correspondent.

Calkins cites Hatmaker as an inspiration and a shining example of what the Theta chapter is all about. Hatmaker is a retired teacher and became a model for her activity in Delta Kappa Gamma.

"So, I'd have a group of people to relate to when I was done teaching," Calkins says.

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By Kellie Gaston
Times-News writer

SHOSHONE - Delta Kappa Gamma Society, Theta chapter, strives to improve the education of and provide opportunities for women educators in the Jerome, Shoshone and Richfield areas.

Delta Kappa Gamma Society International was a group born of necessity - a female teacher's organization created to level the playing field in the face of sexual discrimination and sexist promotional and firing practices. Organized in the 1920's in Austin, Texas, charter members faced losing their teaching job if they got married, as well as rampant denial of scholarships to women educators and little or no chance of promotion when competing with male colleagues.

The Theta chapter in the north side area of the Magic Valley has been



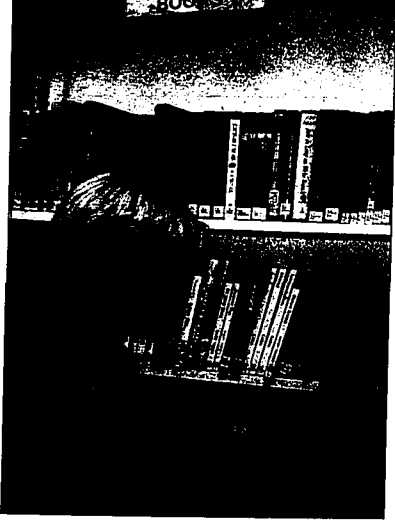
Delta Kappa Gamma Theta Chapter President Kathie Boien presents the chapter flag during the President's March at the Alpha Mu State Convention of Delta Kappa Gamma in Twin Falls. The organization says its strives to improve educational and other opportunities for women educators.

SENIOR CALENDAR

New books hits Buhl Library

BUHL - The Buhl Public Library has added a large number of new books.

Adult Fiction
Ana Scomaru, "A Family for Carter James, Sheriff"
"Hooked," Carla Weathers
"Finding You," Megan Chinn
"Fall From Grace," Sham Amin
"Lord of the Manor," Lisa
"Burke's Rules," Linda Wimbush
"Hi Times, 'n' Home," Chinn
Achebe, "Things Fall Apart"
Sandra Dallas, "The Memory of Myself"
Mattie Spenser, "Lara Wagon"
"Montana 1948, A Novel," Victoria Alexander
"The Car's Mew," Judith McKnight
"Night Whispers," Jerry Mercer
"Spin Image," Judith Annell
"Family, A Change of Life," Stephen King
"Mary in Atlanta," "Sensory Woods," "Worse Fears Realized," Novel, Diane Smith
"Letters from Yellowstone," Tim Lulligan
"Assassins," Robert Hansen
"Spider's Web," A. M. Williams
"As it is in Heaven, A Novel," Judy Blume
"Summer Sisters," Victoria Smith
"An Equal Match," Nighlanthe Smith
"Ghost Stories," Michael Curry
"Crime Zero, A Novel," Emily Grayson
"The Goddess," Thomas Hobbes
"Elisabeth," Elizabeth Walsh White
"Memor of Death," Lauren Belfer
"City of Light," Thorne Sodie
"Of Men and of Angels," A. M. Williams
"Johnston," "Sons of the Phoenix," "Seize the Sky," Kurt Vonnegut
"Bagombo Sambo," Wes Crews
"Tommy's Story," Elin Pattison
"The Skull Maiden," Novel, Kathryn Lynn Davis
"Somewhere Lies the Moon," by Terrence
"Kingsley," Martin Cruz Smith
"Madonna Bay," Richard Worth Patterson
"Dark Lady, A Novel," Shelby Fume
"Shiloh," A Novel, Donald Harward
"Kusno Dood, A Novel," Ed Stewart
"Terrestrial Mercy, A Novel," Clive Cussler
"Serpent," Klarna Davenport
"Song of the Eagle."
Weston
Elmer Kelton, "The Buckskin Line," C.A. Bauer
"White Horse," Robert J. Barlow
"Ghost with Blue Eyes," Frank Roden
"Jason Evers, His Own Story."
Wesley
V.L. Andrews, "Dark Angel," Patricia Cornwell
"Black Notice," Elizabeth George
"In Pursuit of the Pepper Summer," James Patterson
"Midnight Club," Ellis Peters
"St. Peter's Fair," Eric Garcia
"Summer's Secret," Elizabeth Peters
"Mark's Blood."
Science Fiction
Ben Bova, "Return to Mars"
Robert J. Barlow, "The Moon," Neil Gaiman
"Stardust," Timmy Tang
"ICarus Hunt," Frederick Pohl
"The Fire Storm of the Heart," Silverberg
"The Alien Yens."
Fantasy
J.R.R. Tolkien, "The Tolkien Reader."
Adult Non-Fiction
Robin Mead, "Stimmed Hotels," "When your Child is Missing," "What If?" John Maclean, "Fire on the Mountain."



LaId Morgan, a regular visitor to the Buhl Public Library, browses the new books on the shelves. The library has reported the arrival of several new books in several genres. Morgan is in the 11th-grade.

"Consuming Desires," "Sunset Western Garden Problem Solver," Annie Sloan
"Decorative Paint Effects," "EST's Tennis Yearbook," Ed Gray
"Flashes in the River," Emma Ford
"Flodging Days: A Memoir of a Falconer," Janet Guenee
"Living Aboard Your RV," "Children's Writer's and Illustrators' Market," Julie Page
"Smithsonian Guides to the World," "The Wizard of Oz," Robert Louis Stevenson
"Treasure Island: A Story of the Spanish Main," Carolyn Keene
"The Witch Tree Symbol," and "The Clue in the Crumbling Wall," Jonathan Swift
"Gulliver's Travels," Andrew Clements
"The Landry News," Beverly Cleary
"Ramona's World," Lloyd Alexander
"Copy Rika," Andrew Clements
"Frindle," Jean Craighead George
"Frighful's Mountain," Katherine Paterson
"Precher's Boy," Jerry Spinelli
"The Library Card."
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Junior Non-Fiction
Mary Manu Simon, "Moses and the Burning Bush," Rosemary Lee
"Miss Lush's Bible Stories for Children," Diana Griffiths
"Australia," Susan McKay, "Spain," Charlotte Gray
"Henry Dunant: Founder of the Red Cross," David Winner
"Peter Brossner," Roma Gans
"Who do Birds Find Their Way?" Jen Green
"Inserts."

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222 Main St., Filer
Dinners served at noon on Tuesday and Thursday at 6 p.m. on Friday. Suggested donation is \$2 for seniors. Home delivered meals available each meal time.
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Friday: Closed.
Saturday: Closed.
Sunday: Closed.
Monday: Quilting 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Tuesday: Pinned shul.
Wednesday: Closed for Thanksgiving.
Thursday: Closed for Thanksgiving.
Friday: Closed.
Saturday: Closed.
Sunday: Dance.
Monday: Quilting 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Tuesday: Foot clinic, make appointment.

Monday: Biscuits and gravy, hash brown O'Brien, scrambled eggs, fruit, tomato juice, smoothie at 5:30 p.m.
Activities
Thanksgiving shop open every day.
Tuesday: Exercises, 7 to 8 a.m., and at 10 a.m.
Wednesday: Quilting 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Thursday: Exercises 7 to 8 a.m., and at 10 a.m.
Friday: Closed for Thanksgiving.
Saturday: Closed.
Sunday: All-you-can-eat buffet at 1 p.m., chicken fried steak, music by B.J. and Friends.
Monday: Exercises from 7 to 8 a.m., and at 10 a.m.
Tuesday: Evening meal at 5:30 p.m. Cards at 6 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: Roast turkey with dressing, potatoes and gravy, sweet potato, cranberry jelly, rolls, pumpkin pie.
Wednesday: Goulash, carrots, cottage cheese with peaches, bread, fruit, dessert.
Thursday: Closed for Thanksgiving.
Friday: Closed.
Monday: Swiss steak, potatoes and gravy, spinach, rolls, fruit upside down cake.
Activities
Library, Pool Room, and Bargain Center with cards, games, color television, puzzles, and movies. Open weekdays

West End Senior Citizens Inc.
1010 Main St., Buhl
Noon meals served Monday through Friday. Buffet meal at 1 p.m. on Sunday. Evening meals served at 5:30 p.m. Monday and Thursday. Suggested donations for meals is weekdays \$2.50, Sunday \$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: Ham, scalloped potatoes, green salad, cottage cheese and fruit, cran apple crisp.
Wednesday: Cook's choice.
Thursday: Closed for Thanksgiving.
Friday: Closed.

Ageless Senior Citizens Inc.
310 Main N., Kimberly
Wednesday: Park chops, potatoes and gravy, corn, tossed salad, rolls, strawberry shortcake, coffee, milk.
Thursday: Closed for Thanksgiving.
Friday: Potato soup, three bean salad, egg custard, coffee, milk.
Wednesday: Blood pressure check.
Thursday: Closed for Thanksgiving.
Friday: Closed for Thanksgiving.

Scout collects holiday gifts for children

TWIN FALLS - Jeremy Smurthwaite, a Boy Scout with Troop 65 in Twin Falls, will be making Christmas brighter for children in foster care. He is working towards the Eagle Scout rank by collecting toys and gifts for children in foster care in the Fifth Judicial District for ship Service to donate?



Jeremy Smurthwaite is collecting toys for children in foster homes as part of his Eagle project.

There are approximately 260 children, ranging in ages from infant to 17 years, currently in foster care within the Fifth Judicial District, which covers eight counties in southern Idaho, Smurthwaite says. Foster parents do not receive any extra money for Christmas presents for their foster children, the Scout says. Smurthwaite is accepting donations of toys and cash, with cash donations going towards the purchase of toys, gift certificates or necessary supplies.

Donations can be mailed or dropped off after 4 p.m. weekdays at 1182 Wendell St. in Twin Falls. Before 4 p.m. weekdays, donations may be dropped off with Kim at Twin Falls Truck and Equipment, 1992 Kimberly

Road in Twin Falls. Smurthwaite asks that donations be made by Dec. 18, so he can distribute gifts to the children the week before Christmas. Individuals may designate their donation for a particular child.

FOCUS ON PEOPLE

Twin Falls resident earns master's degree from CSU
Amber Lee Talley, of Twin Falls, earned her master's degree in anatomy May 27, from Colorado State University in Fort Collins, Colo.
Area educators win IAAPEPO awards
Area educators won awards at

the Idaho Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance Idaho conference, recently held at Bogus Basin Ski Resort near Boise.
Mary Ferrell from Robert Smurthwaite High School was awarded the Health Education Professional of the Year award, and Jane Hall from Kimberly High School was awarded the Model School Program for Health Education

for 1998-1999. Model School awards are presented to schools that demonstrate exemplary programs that provide quality instruction in health and physical education, cooperative learning.
These schools serve as demonstration centers for three years, allowing other Idaho schools to visit their programs and identify strategies for program improvement.

Area students are U of I scholarship winners

MOSCOW - The University of Idaho has awarded more top Idaho high school seniors with U of I Scholar awards this fall, including several Magic Valley residents.
The new U of I freshmen have each been given a one-year renewable scholarship of \$3,000 per year for a maximum of \$12,000.
The U of I Scholars program was initiated in fall 1997 to give Idaho's top high school seniors an

incentive to obtain their college education in the state. Students who score in the top three percent nationally on the SAT or ACT and have an outstanding high school GPA are eligible for the scholarship.
Students currently participating in the U of I Scholars program from Idaho are:
1999 U of I Scholars:
Glenns Ferry - Matthew W. Benke, computer engineering.
Jerome - Megan A. Otto, journalism and mass communication.

Kimberly - Maggie Hopwood, agricultural science and technology.
Mountain Home - Bryan J. Kirkendall, computer science.
Continuing 1998 U of I Scholars:
Jerome - Deborah T. Marshall, information systems.
Twin Falls - Beau D. Barry, civil engineering.
Idaho Falls - Matthew J. Hoffman, range livestock management.

Boy Scouts introduce new Spirit of the Eagle award

TWIN FALLS - The Snake River Council of the Boy Scouts of America announces the Spirit of the Eagle Award will be given in honor of Carl G. Kimbrow, son of Rev. and Mrs. Quinzan Kimbrow, of Jerome, at 7 p.m. Saturday at the Jerome United Methodist Church in Jerome.
On hand will be Scouts and leaders of Troop 128, Scout Executive Officer John Caldwell and representatives from Troop 129, Chase Kimbrow's best friend, Carl G. Kimbrow, to present the award.
Rev. Kimbrow is the pastor of the Jerome United Methodist Church, and his wife, Sandy, is

pastor of the Filer Methodist Church.
The public is invited to attend.
Catholic school PTO holds Holiday Craft Bazaar
TWIN FALLS - St. Edward's Catholic School PTO is hosting a Holiday Craft Bazaar from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at 206 Seventh Ave. in Twin Falls.
More than 25 booths will be at the bazaar, featuring crafts, wreaths and Christmas decorations. Door prizes will also be given.
For more information, all Jody Galim at 734-6082.

Li'l Bit Country hosts Christmas Craft Show
SHOSHONE - Li'l Bit Country is hosting a Christmas Craft Show from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday at the Magic Grange by Johnny's Country Store on Highway 75 in Shoshone.
Wood items, yard signs, ornaments, candles, yard signs, ceramics, and other crafts will be for sale. Some booths spaces are still available.
For more information, call Anji Baumann at 834-8988, or Penny Kerner at 886-7562.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Wednesday at the church at Fifth and Union in Filer.
Service leaders will be the pastors of the Filer community and Rev. Sandra Kimbrow, pastor of the Filer United Methodist Church, will preach. Refreshments will be served.
For more information, call Kimbrow at 326-5424 or 324-4222.

Fellowship Hall hosts Thanksgiving dinner

TWIN FALLS - The Magic Valley Fellowship Hall is hosting a Thanksgiving dinner starting at 1 p.m. Thursday at the Fellowship Hall, 801 Second Ave. N. in Twin Falls.
Admission to the potluck dinner is one covered dish and the Fellowship Hall will provide turkey and ham.
For more information, call the Magic Valley Fellowship Hall at 736-0918.

Group takes nominations for Mother of the Year

The Idaho Mothers Association

is accepting nominations for the state Mother of the Year contest in March, 2000.
The contest selected represents the state at the National American Mothers Annual Convention in April and compete with representatives from all 50 states. Organizations, clubs and church groups are encouraged to nominate outstanding mothers for this honor, organizers say.
Women of any age with natural or adopted children are eligible. Representatives are chosen on their success as a mother, involvement in their church, involvement in the community and unselfish service to others, including service to others as coordinators say. They are also judged on the contributions their children have made to society.
American Mothers Inc. also offers competitions in the areas of art, including sculpture, painting, craft, photography and graphics, musical performance, vocal, piano and violin, and literature, poems, short stories, essays or articles. The Idaho winners in each area will attend the national competition and winners at the

national level will be awarded monetary prizes, organizers say. Mothers who are nominated are required to prepare portfolios with information about themselves and their families and completed portfolios are the Jan. 20, 2000.
If you wish to nominate someone for Mother of the Year, call Chimaine Hess at 745-7456. Call Joan Spencer, Mother of Young Children representative, at 433-2336.

South Hills home features holidays light display

TWIN FALLS - The Wojcik family will have an extensive light display for the holidays starting Tuesday through Dec. 31, 5 miles past Rock Creek on Rock Creek Road.
The light display features animated figures and holiday scenes, including live reindeer and a baby camel, courtesy of Shriver Farms of Buhl. The public is invited to attend and the event is free.
For more information, call Sam Wojcik at 424-4355.

EDITORIAL

Farewell Jim Mildon, you will be missed

Twin Falls lost something rare when police Sgt. Jim Mildon died last week.

Sure, Mildon had a uniform and a badge, but his most effective tools were a caring heart and a pair of hands that reached out to others. He was known for expressing tremendous respect, preferring to make his point with persuasion rather than the force of the law.

Over his 31-year career, Mildon touched the lives of hundreds, maybe thousands, of Twin Falls residents. Rather than write them tickets, he often gave them a talking-to. In the process, the man they knew as Policeman Jim exposed them to wisdom that isn't granted on a summons to appear.

Mary police forces recently have adopted "community policing," stressing personal contact and community cooperation. Mildon embodied this style of police work long before it became stylish.

As a man, he was well-known and well-liked. Virtually everyone who has lived here long remembers him with a smile. We certainly do.

No man lives forever, but Mildon's deeds shouldn't be forgotten. The values that he taught, embedded in the people whom he taught, will keep his spirit alive.

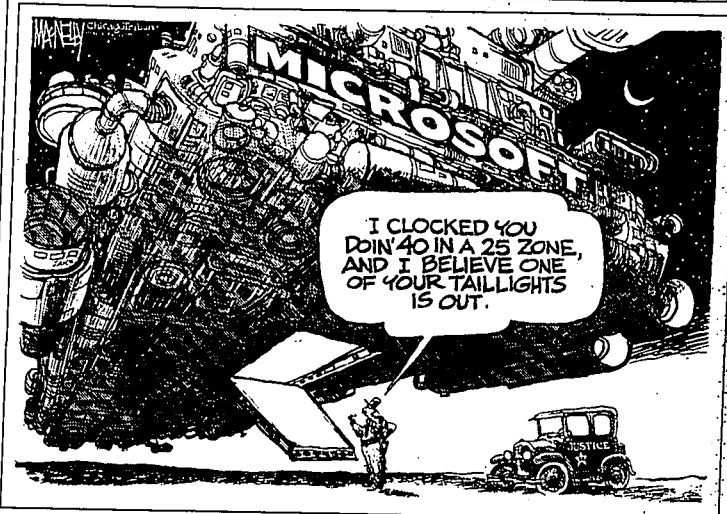
In the greater scheme of things, being a sergeant in the Twin Falls Police Department may not seem like a large platform from which to change the world. But Mildon used it masterfully, employing the power of his badge to improve life in his community.

He had a talent for defusing tense situations because he treated people with dignity, even when they weren't acting dignified. With the insight of a psychologist, he talked couples out of abusing each other and persuaded youngsters to stay away from drugs.

That wasn't in his job description, but Jim Mildon didn't simply do a job; he lived a life that revolved around helping others. It transcended normal working hours, because people called him at home when they needed him, not just any cop.

His death has left some big shoes to fill within the Twin Falls Police Department. We hope someone is lining them up right now.

Jim Mildon practiced community policing long before it became stylish.



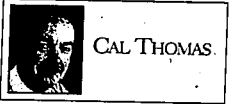
Rescue missions serve thousands

In an age when the hottest cultural indicators are television programs called "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire" and "Greed," and the prevailing philosophy surrounding the poor is Scrooge-like ("Are the poor houses still open?"), the notion of serving one's fellow man without government assistance seems for many less attractive as well as almost nonexistent.

As we prepare to exit the 20th century, we have behind something precious from the 19th century — the few remaining societies and missions that once were the first line of defense against perpetual poverty. The reason is that they treated the poor and homeless not as incurable unfortunate but as redeemable humans.

Sen. Joe Pitts, R-Pa., writes to remind me that this Thanksgiving approximately 175,000 meals will be served to homeless people nationwide as part of the International Union of Gospel Missions' Great Thanksgiving Banquet. More than 150 Gospel Rescue Missions throughout the country will celebrate with a feast for our most vulnerable men, women and children. These are the left-behind for whom a rising Dow Jones Industrial Average is merely print on newspapers that many use to cover themselves at night.

The homeless disappeared as a group in the public mind about the time the Clinton administration took office in January 1993. During the Reagan and Bush years the press fixated on the homeless, strongly suggesting, and in some cases directly asserting, they were



CAL THOMAS

the fault and responsibility of Republicans and their "heartless" policies. These Thanksgiving banquets are excellent opportunities not only for those in need, but for those who need to reach beyond political platitudes of the left and right and make contact with people who are less fortunate.

Creative and diverse opportunities abound. The Miami Rescue Mission is holding a block party that is open to everyone. It features meals, music, even haircuts, and testimonies from people whose lives are being or have been restored.

The Light of Life Mission in Pittsburgh will bring dinner to seniors in high-rise developments. They will be aided by members of the Pittsburgh Steelers football club.

In Clinton, Iowa, the Victory Center Rescue Mission has invited a polka band made up of local pastors to play during the dinner.

Last year, rescue missions served 38 million meals (roughly equivalent to California's population), distributed more than 24 million pieces of clothing, provided 12 million nights of lodging,

graduated more than 15,000 homeless men and women into productive living, provided more than 150,000 medical and dental services, gave more than 200,000 families 735,000 items of furniture, provided services and residential care to more than 40,000 homeless mentally ill, conducted more than 725,000 counseling sessions and welcomed 250,000 volunteers.

These rescue missions redefine the word "needy." Sure, poor and homeless people get fed, but the well-off are fed, too, with a different kind of nourishment. To bring light and hope to a fellow member of the human family is one of the great gifts we can offer to each other. For people who complain about the cost and inefficiency of big government, volunteering even for one day at a rescue mission provides a blessing one cannot buy. In fact, some of the greatest acts of redemption occur at these places.

If you've never visited a rescue mission, there may still be time to call and volunteer. At a minimum, it will add to your own considerable list of things for which to be thankful, and in many cases a homeless person will for the first time in years experience gratitude in his or her own heart.

In an age of conspicuous consumption, one day at a rescue mission might reveal that the person we think is in need of redemption is not the poor homeless person but ourselves.

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Don't look now, but Europe and Japan are gaining on us

Hold the champagne. Before you start celebrating America's global dominance in technology, you should know that in wireless telephony — which many analysts view as the hottest new trend in the tech world — the United States is lagging significantly behind Europe and Japan.

The reason for European and Japanese dominance is a matter. They've been helped by coherent government planning, which established clear wireless standards early on. The United States, in contrast, has been hindered by a chaotic free market. That contrasts the conventional economic wisdom of the 1990s. I know, but read me.

Wireless phones are still scarce here in the United States. The national standard, those self-important hushbuds with phones pressed against their ears walking down the street — are people we live to hate. But cell-phone angst aside, these little devices are on the way to becoming ubiquitous information appliances — as commonplace around the world as lighters or radios.

If you've been actually been lagging in their adoption of wireless technology,

DAVID IGNATIUS

According to the Strategis Group, which estimates the industry, about 30 percent of the U.S. population currently has a cell phone, compared with 69 percent in Finland, 33 percent in Western Europe overall, and 41 percent in Japan. By 2002, Strategis estimates penetration will have increased to 71 percent for Europe and 59 percent for Japan — but just 40 percent for the United States.

One reason for our slow adoption rate is that America has a confusing array of five different wireless standards — ranging from the patchy old "analog" phones that began the cell-phone revolution to the fancy new digital models. But even our digital future is confused, with AT&T and Sprint offering services based on different technologies, known as "TDMA" and "CDMA," respectively. (And don't ask what the initials stand for, because you'll just get more confused.)

Europe, in contrast, decided more than 10 years ago to implement a single digital standard, known as "GSM." This is a rare instance in which Europe's love of bureaucratic rule-setting and centralized economic planning — as opposed to American laissez faire — has been an enormous benefit. It gave the Europeans a uniform standard, which allowed wireless operators and manufacturers there to build out the technology quickly.

How much did standardization benefit Europe? Herschel Shostek, a leading analyst of the wireless industry, estimates that because European companies can produce for a single standard, "they have economies of scale of four to one or five to one" over companies producing for the U.S. market. Shostek predicts that America's current jumble of standards "will be abandoned in favor of the European standard, which the Japanese have already embraced.

The wireless race is about to accelerate

with the adoption of so-called "3G" (for "third generation") technology. It will allow transmission of data through the air at very high speeds, close to those achieved with broadband technologies, such as cable modems or enhanced "DSL" telephone connections. With these high transmission speeds, wireless phones (rather than PCs) are likely to be the way most people around the world connect to the Internet and its services.

Here, it's the Japanese who may have the lead — thanks again to government standards. We've gotten used to tut-tutting the sluggish Japanese economy and deriding the MITI bureaucrats who think they know better than the market. But Japanese regulators have boldly opted to build out a full 3G network, which will be ready by 2002. That will give Japan at least a year's head start on Europe and up to three years on the United States, Shostek estimates.

Other Asian nations will quickly embrace the Japanese standard, Shostek predicts. "Asia will become the largest market for 3G services and equipment," he writes, and "Japanese terminal manufacturers are positioned to dominate it."

Japan and Europe will be the proving ground for 3G wireless technology, just as the United States provided a laboratory for the Internet. American companies such as Motorola, Cisco and Lucent will be players in this market, but the Europeans and Japanese will have home-field advantage. One lesson of the European experience is that technology industries crave a single standard, around which designers can build their products. Indeed, that yearning for standards helps explain why there are so many horizontal monopolies in the tech world, including Microsoft's Windows operating system. Technologists want a common alphabet.

Europe and Japan won't win the technology race overall — America still has overwhelming strength — but they may give us more of a run than we expect. Wireless telephony is a cutting-edge industry — an early warning of the next new thing — developments there should remind us that in a dynamic world, where technology is changing constantly, there's no such thing as permanent dominance.

David Ignatius wrote this commentary for The Washington Post.

Doonesbury



By Garry Trudeau

Mallard Fillmore



By Bruce Tinsley

LETTERS

What's going on in Kimberly?

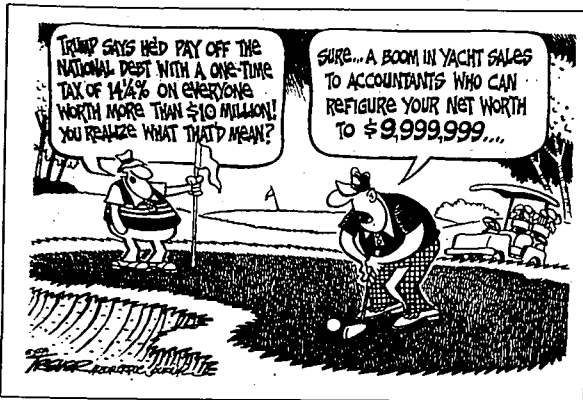
It seems, in their infinite wisdom, the Kimberly City Council has banned all motor vehicle starting and operation in a residential area. How are we supposed to get to work? And what about the businesses in Kimberly that deliver via automobiles? Are we to revert to horse and buggy while in the Kimberly City limits? And how are emergency services supposed to function in the city limits if it's against the law for them to operate their motor vehicles? I think the City Council needs to re-think its objectives on this matter.
ED BRYANT
Kimberly

Revamp jail guidelines

In reference to your story on the Jerome County Jail, I would like to voice my support for Ronnie Watson. I watched a friend's health decline while in the care of the Jerome County Jail. His mother had to send money from her Social Security checks to help him. Jail guidelines of the Jerome County Jail should be re-evaluated to protect the inmates' health and welfare. This is a local facility and people are paying for their mistakes. These are people we know and, God forbid, us if we have a debt to pay.
KEN STOKESBERRY
Twin Falls

Don't forget to tip

I am totally amazed every time my children and I dine at the Jade Restaurant on Kimberly Road. The buffet is one of the best in the area, consistently offering a variety of Asian and American favorites. The quality of our dining experience at this restaurant has as much to do with the food as it does with the service. The management, cooks and wait staff are always professional, clean and pleasant. Even though we generally order the buffet, our waitress works as diligently accommodating our every need as if we had ordered from the menu - our water glasses filled, napkins and silverware replaced, plates removed and condiments checked repeatedly. My small family can eat there for merely \$24, including tip. I am amazed and disheartened by the actions of those who come from a buffet with four to 50 others in their party and don't think it's necessary to acknowledge the service with at least 10 percent to 15 percent in tip. Fingering the kind words to explain this neglect to my children when they notice this rudeness is difficult for me to do. My children are young, but even they have the idea that tipping is part of the dining package. It all goes together. Whether it's a cup of coffee at the Depot Grill, a sandwich at



Kelly's, a mound of pasta at A'Vooma, or a rare steak at Jaker's, it doesn't make a difference how much one eats or pays for that pleasure, tipping your server is to appreciate the service.
MICKEY TANNER
Twin Falls

Put up with ag odors

I like what Judy West and Brad Kerr said about farms and ranch-

es. I say this because they are right to me. They have said, "Stop buying good farm ground and wasting it for housing." Brad had said, "Move or be thankful that you live in a place that can support much activity." Please move if you don't like the smells. If you don't, I say, "Please put up with it then." Just don't keep complaining about it. Please, just keep it to yourself.

Maybe the farms might have been built before you even moved there.
MATTHEW BOS
Jerome

PET OF THE WEEK



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NOTICE

Due to a manufacturer's production problem, the Pokemon sleeping bag advertised in the November 21 Target advertising supplement will not be available. We cannot issue rain checks for this item. We regret any inconvenience this may cause.

TARGET

Guns, schools don't mix

I think that there shouldn't be guns for students in schools. After reading the article in the Sept. 29 issue on Matthew Beck, I felt confused. Why did he do this? Did they have a security system at that school for guns? I don't like students coming to school with guns and shooting other kids.
DECENTE HAGGAN
Twin Falls

Patriotism is alive in Wendell

On Nov. 11, Veteran's Day, I as commander of the American Legion in Wendell, was privileged to attend Veteran's Day services at the Wendell Middle School and Elementary School. These young people put together programs that were both patriotic and dedicated to respect and honor our veterans. It's good to

be remembered and great to see that patriotism is alive and well in Wendell. To the teachers and students at both schools, great job and keep up the good work.
JAMES F. CROUSON
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AROUND THE VALLEY

Investigators ID body from canyon wreck

TWIN FALLS - The body inside a wrecked car found at the bottom of the Snake River Canyon was 61-year-old Ellis Mendenthal, a sheriff's spokeswoman said Monday. Investigators positively identified the body using medical records related to Mendenthal's artificial knee, said Nancy Howell of the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office. Mendenthal disappeared in January 1998 when he drove away from his assisted living home without saying a word. His twisted and mangled Lincoln Continental was discovered two weeks ago below the Hansen Bridge overlook parking lot. Sheriff's detectives have not determined the cause of death and will have a criminal pathologist examine the body this week, Howell said.

Albion man killed in motorcycle crash

RUFERT - A motorcycle ride down a dry canal cost an Albion man his life Saturday afternoon, when he rode into a foot bridge spanning the canal. RUFERT Whitehead, 26, of Albion was killed when he and a companion were riding their motorcycles down a canal around 3 p.m. at 330 E. 30 N. in Rupert, Minidoka County Sheriff Elizabeth Whitehead was thrown from his motorcycle and suffered from facial and head injuries, Fries said. He was wearing a helmet. Whitehead's companion was not injured, Fries said.

Man fails to elude cops, faces charges from court

TWIN FALLS - A man with an arrest warrant outran the sheriff's officer chasing him, but he couldn't hide from a police dog's nose. Todd Richardson, 37, who was facing a warrant saying he had missed a court appearance on two misdemeanor charges, was spotted by Twin Falls County Deputy Alan Eden Monday afternoon, sheriff's spokeswoman Nancy Howell said. After Eden followed him for a short time, Richardson stopped at Locust Street and Elizabeth Boulevard and ran, she said. Eden ran after him and pulled a muscle in the process, but Eden's dog, Ulex, sniffed Richardson's hiding place underneath a nearby camper shell, Howell said. Richardson was arrested and taken to jail.

Mail employee charged with after-hours theft

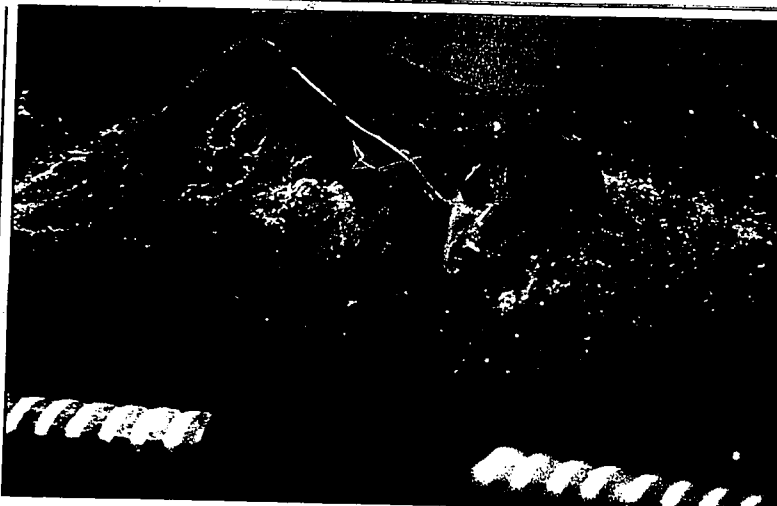
TWIN FALLS - A Magic Valley Mail employee was charged Monday with stealing from a mail store while working the graveyard shift. James Grant Aerni, 23, was charged with burglary in connection with the theft. He faces a Dec. 3 preliminary hearing. Aerni, who worked as a late-night mail carrier, was arrested after two CD players were taken from Musiland, a police report said. Because of a recent string of after-hours thefts, the head of mail security and the manager of Musiland had staked out the store Saturday night. Just after midnight they videotaped a man stick a broom handle through the security gate and fish two \$50 CD players from a display rack, the report said. During a police interview, Aerni confessed to that theft as well as several other recent thefts, the report said.

Compiled from staff reports

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Are you a post-Thanksgiving power shopper?

Are you going to be up and out early to hit the sales? The Times-News would like to ride along. We're planning a story on the day-after shopping frenzy, and we're looking to follow some shoppers on their rounds. Contact Kevin Rickett • By phone, 733-0931, Ext. 234. • By fax, 734-5538. • By E-mail, ricketk@magicvalley.com



B.L. Emmons practices in the new covered swimming pool, which will be open to the public on Friday.

Warm water for chilly days

Newly installed cover will allow folks to enjoy Twin Falls pool during the winter



High-grader Jacob Carroll helps his team practice by holding up a kick-board for his teammates to dive over.

By John T. Huddy
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - While some might be hitting the ski slopes this winter, others will be doing laps in the pool pool. Thanks to a new cover, water lovers can swim laps, take courses or just enjoy a refreshing dip in the middle of winter at the Twin Falls Community Pool. And for those interested in getting wet, Friday will be just the day to do it. The pool is scheduled to open

for the winter season Friday, with kids 17 and under getting in for free. Adults will be charged \$2.50 to take a dip. The free swim day is sponsored by the Magic Valley Mall and Lynwood and Historic Downtown merchants associations, said Dennis Bowyer, the city's Parks and Recreation Department superintendent. The summer pool prices will be in effect through December, but a fee increase is likely in January 2000, Bowyer said. Since Friday is the day after

Thanksgiving, opening day attendance should be good at the pool. "We're staffing for a lot of people," Bowyer said. The pool got its new cover earlier this fall and it will be taken down in May. Several business and local groups donated money used to buy the cover. It will cost about \$64,000 a year to keep the bubble in operation. The cost is based on heating, lights and utility costs, Bowyer said. The entire bubble package

Pool Closes
and to check out Twin Falls' newly covered pool? Friday, Nov. 10, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 7 p.m. will be free swim day for children ages 17 and under. Pool will be closed Nov. 11 through Dec. 31. Water aerobics, 7 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Daily admission prices are 50 cents for children ages 5 and under, \$1.50 for ages 6 to 12, \$2.00 for ages 13 to 17 and \$2.50 for adults. Lap swim admission is \$2.50. Water aerobics is \$2.50. Water polo is \$2.50. The pool will be closed Dec. 26 through Dec. 31 and Jan. 1 and 2, 2000. Bowyer, Dennis Bowyer, city parks and recreation department.

Cassia County nixes hog farm, orders moratorium

By Ruth Streeter
Times-News writer

BURLEY - Cassia County commissioners denied a new request for an exemption to the county's six-month moratorium on large-scale livestock operations. An exhausted of reasons why Ron Achs of Big Sky Farms should not be granted an exemption to the interim moratorium, the commissioners imposed a 120-day emergency moratorium. Until the state Legislature officially adopts the Division of Environmental Quality's proposed rules on swine and poultry facilities, "the imminent

peril to the public health, safety and general welfare requires the adoption of an emergency moratorium," said the ordinance the county approved Monday. But such setbacks are financially compromising, Achs said. "If we put this project off, it will jeopardize the viability of the project," he said. Commissioner Paul Christensen said he understood Achs' situation. "I can appreciate that time is money, but by the same token, we represent the populace of Cassia County," he said. County Attorney Stephen Bywater had drawn up the ordinance for an emergency moratorium last week. It offered the county an argument against Achs' contention that the interim moratorium had served the purpose for which it was imposed. "We feel as if there is no regulatory reason to delay," Achs said. The moratorium has allowed the commission more than seven months to conduct research into large livestock operations and to visit a similar facility in Colorado, Achs' petition said. In addition, temporary legislation is in place, with the adoption of the DEQ's temporary rules last week - regulations that Achs says are enforceable.

"Ultimately, the rules they adopted are good rules, are enforceable rules," he said. Achs has submitted his application to DEQ, which would issue environmental permits based on those regulations, Achs argued. And the DEQ cannot issue its permit without an agreement between Big Sky and the county, Achs said. Though Achs would be bound to comply by the temporary rules, the county would prefer to wait until legislative sanctions were in place, Bywater said, to know whether the proposed rules are enforceable. "I'd like to wait until the state

cost \$172,000. It would have cost an estimated \$1.5 million to build a permanent structure over the pool. Times-News staff writer John T. Huddy can be reached in Twin Falls at 733-0931, Ext. 259 or by e-mail at jhuddy@magicvalley.com

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Albion, Declo say they're ready for any possible Y2K problems

By Michael Journe
Times-News writer

BURLEY - Two Cassia County cities were supposed to find Monday that they were expected to report Y2K compli-

ance to U.S. Department of Energy even though they buy their power and have no computer hardware or software vulnerable to the Y2K bug. The Energy Department reported Monday that Albion

Light and Water Plant and Declo Municipal Electric Department were two of only 13 municipal systems in the country - and the only two in Idaho - that had not reported their Y2K status.

But upon learning of the oversight, both cities quickly made efforts to rectify the problem and both will probably be in compliance shortly, said Bud Tracy, who informed the cities of the problem on behalf of the Public Utilities Commission. But because neither city owns a power company, neither felt like they needed to reply to the Energy Department's request for information. Declo buys its

A bitter harvest?

Farmers have little good to tell Simpson

By Gregory Hahn
Times-News writer

MURTAUGH - Rep. Mike Simpson came to Murtaugh Monday to talk to farmers about agriculture's role in upcoming world trade talks, but it wasn't long before the questions turned to their problems here at home. Opening trade and limiting tariffs will help, many of the 35 or so farmers said, but they won't help enough, or in time. "It's too late for us," Murtaugh grower Gordon Egan said. Egan said he's heard Idaho politicians talk about this for years. Three years ago, Egan said he heard Sen. Larry Craig talk about these same needs. Since then, many of Egan's friends and neighbors have been forced to leave their farms. "I don't think they can wait another three years for things to change," he said. Egan's son Jason said he could see similarities between the changing agriculture economy here and what was left when the coal companies closed in eastern Idaho, where he spent a church mission. "It was amazing to see," he said. "The people couldn't sell their houses because there was no economy there. They were just leaving them behind."

Much of the rest of the world is committed to preserving family farmers - powers U.S. farmers have to compete against. And the U.S. government needs to start looking seriously at mergers and other market-manipulating ways corporations are driving family farmers out of business, they said. "Is the government going to make that commitment?" asked Kelly Cutler, who's been farming in Murtaugh for 24 years. In the counties where ConAgra and other giant agribusinesses have bought foothold, the land is used to grow what is profitable, not what feeds the people, said Kelly Cutler. That could happen here, too. Much of the land around Murtaugh, as well as most storage and processing facilities - is now corporately owned, he said. "If the government doesn't come in an break up these big mergers," Cutler said, "there won't be any family farms."

Simpson agreed. The county is going through "merger-mania," he said, in agriculture, banking and virtually every other industry. It's time to resist the county's anti-merger laws, he said. And though the effects may come slowly, changing the trade rules are needed, and a good place to start, he said. But the rest of Idaho farmers was evident in the very first question Monday. A farmer asked about the capital-gains tax he would have to pay when he sells his land.

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City inks pipe bid

By John T. Huddy
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Replacing the city's water supply pipeline across the Snake River will cost \$1.2 million more than the City Council had planned.

The council Monday approved a \$2.5 million bid to replace more than 2,000 feet of the pipeline that connects the city's main spring-fed water source near the Blue Lakes

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MAGIC VALLEY/WEST

Ketchum mulls chamber funds

By **Tom Buehler**
Three Falls Correspondent

KETCHUM — Ketchum City Council members Monday spent the evening discussing the city's long-term goals for the Ketchum Valley Chamber of Commerce, as a time to re-evaluate the city's role in the chamber and to determine whether the chamber has reached its goals before setting the chamber's budget for August 2000.

The council's goal is to find innovative ways of determining whether the chamber has reached its goals before setting the chamber's budget for August 2000.

Ketchum resident Julie Jacoby Monday continued to question the chamber and the council about whether the chamber's purpose is to encourage growth in Ketchum.

Jacoby and fellow Ketchum resident Capron Young prepared the council with similar questions at its previous meeting.

Young says the Idaho

Constitution prohibits the council from giving the chamber a percentage of its local option tax for marketing the city to tourists. The council gave the chamber \$315,000 this year from the special tax levied on drinks and other items.

Young had hoped the council would discuss the issue of chamber funding at Monday's meeting, and didn't attend when he learned the council planned just to look at performance criteria.

Monday's exchange between Jacoby and the council was more civil than the last meeting. Still, several council members clearly were exasperated with some of Jacoby's questions.

"You know how you could get a lot of this information? Join the chamber," Councilman David Hutchinson told Jacoby.

City officials also wrestled with coming up with a way to fund Ketchum's tourism efforts. Hutchinson suggested that the

chamber should keep more specific records of its support from membership fees, cash business support and in-kind business support.

Carwin, who runs Tamarack, Christina and Wood River Inn hotel properties, cautioned that asking inkeepers for occupancy rates trends on confidential business information. The chamber can chart occupancy rates by looking at local option taxes from hotels, he said.

But City Administrator Jim Jaquet said increased local option tax revenue could mean only that hotel owners raised rates, and not get at occupancy rates.

And occupancy rates don't always tell the story, Wally Huffman, general manager of Sun Valley Co., cautioned the council. One large hotel might do poorly after raising rates, but the average of numbers might not reveal that, he said.

Police charge two in three-year-old case

FARMINGTON, Utah (AP) — Three years after the killing of a Motel 6 night desk clerk, police have arrested two more suspects.

Woods Cross police arrested Brandon Lee Fairbourne, 19, of Bountiful, last week on charges of murder and aggravated robbery. Justin Schuba, 20, was arrested in Redwood City, Calif., and also charged with murder and robbery.

Two other men — Todd Jeremy Rettenberger, 21, and Scott Johnson, 21 — were previously charged in the slaying.

"This is something we've suspected for a while," Davis County Attorney Mel Wilson said. "It was just a matter of waiting until we had enough evidence to charge the others."

Prosecutors would not say who is suspected of doing

the shooting.

On Oct. 29, 1996, desk clerk Matthew Whicker, 30, was found dead with multiple gunshot wounds in the lobby of a Woods Cross Motel 6. The motive seemed to be robbery, since \$491 was missing from the cash drawer.

A month later, Rettenberger and Johnson, both 18 at the time, were arrested.

Rettenberger confessed to the shooting after two days of interrogation. But he later pleaded innocent and fought to have the confession ruled inadmissible. The Utah Supreme Court agreed to suppress it Aug. 27.

Johnson had the case against him dismissed because police did not have enough evidence to give him a speedy trial. Wilson said he is considering re-filing charges against Johnson, who is

in prison for an unrelated sex crime.

Though the loss of the confession and Johnson hurt the state's case, investigators found new witnesses and new evidence linking Fairbourne and Schuba to the shooting, said Woods Cross Police Chief Paul Howard.

But Wilson said most of the case hinges on accounts from witnesses.


"The evidence is all circumstantial," Wilson said. "We have very little physical evidence. (The case) is based on testimony of friends and witnesses."

Fairbourne is in jail on \$100,000 bail. Schuba has waived his extradition from California and should appear in 2nd District Court later this week.

OBITUARIES

For obituary rates and information, call 733-0832. Ext. 278. Between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Deadline is 4:30 p.m. for Monday publications. Death notices are a free service and can be placed until 5 p.m. every day.

ALBION



Tyler D. Whitehead
Tyler D. Whitehead, 38, of Albion, Idaho, died Saturday, November 20, 1999, at his home in Albion. He was born November 13, 1961, in Boise, Idaho, to Gary L. Whitehead and Dorothy Ellen Steele Whitehead. He graduated from Albion High School in 1980. He married Catherine Ann Larson in 1982, and their marriage was later dissolved in 1984. In 1984, he married the late Jennifer Lynn Whitehead. He was a member of the Albion Church of Christ. He was employed by Albion High School. He is survived by his wife, Catherine Ann Whitehead, and two daughters, Amber Lynn Whitehead and Dorothy Ellen Whitehead. He is also survived by his mother, Dorothy Ellen Whitehead, and his father, Gary L. Whitehead. He is also survived by his grandparents, Robert and Dorothy Whitehead, and his great-grandparents, Alvin and Dorothy Whitehead. He is also survived by his great-grandparents, Alvin and Dorothy Whitehead. He is also survived by his great-grandparents, Alvin and Dorothy Whitehead.

ALBION

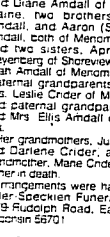
Exchange Program, with plans to complete her fall and spring semesters here, and return to Eau Claire to complete her English degree. She attended Evangelical Seminary of God in Eau Claire, and Calvary Chapel in Menomonee. Her college major was English, and her minor was Art. Her many interests included photography, listening to classical music, pencil and charcoal sketching, drawing and painting, writing poetry and short stories, and reading literature. She immensely enjoyed nature walks, and sharing people's joy of God's wonderful creation. In the short time that she was with all of us, she lived a very full life. She was loved in family discussions, Bible passages she had chosen, and various other works of literature.

She is survived by her parents, John Amdall of Menomonee, Wis., and Elaine Amdall of Glenburn, Minn.; two brothers, Nathan Amdall, and Aaron (Samantha) Amdall, both of Menomonee, Wis.; and two sisters, Amy (Stephen) Weyerberg of Shoreview, Minn., and Wally Amdall of Menomonee, Wis.; several grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Oeder of Moleky, Minn. and paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Amdall of Barron, Wis.

Her grandmothers, June Amdall and Danelene Crier, and step-grandmother, Mane Crier, predeceased her in death.

Arrangements were handled by the Erickson Funeral Home, 1209 Fuldich Road, Eau Claire, Wisconsin 56701.

SHOSHONE



Mary E. Kerner
Mary E. Kerner, 68, of Shoshone, passed away November 20, 1999, at the Wood River Rehabilitation and Care Center in Shoshone, following a courageous struggle with cancer.

Mary was born June 3, 1931, in Concordia, Kansas. Her parents were Merrill H. Gee and Bertha M. E. Gee. She moved to Idaho with her toddler in 1933. As a child, Mary was a bright student and loved school. She attended Gooding High School and graduated with the Class of 1949. Soon after her graduation from high school, Mary was married to Gilbert Kerner on September 10, 1949. The couple moved to the Kerner family farm northeast of Shoshone, where they farmed and raised children until 1988. Throughout her rich life, Mary tackled several endeavors including selling Avon, working at the Shoshone State Yard, as well as serving in several positions in the Magic Grange and The Ladies Club. Mary assisted in planning several class reunions and thoroughly enjoyed seeing old friends. She also celebrated her 50th class reunion in August, and looked forward to the Kerner family reunion of the event. Gilbert and Mary celebrated 50 wonderful years together this last September. This celebration was one of life's milestones that Mary accomplished proudly.

Mary is survived by her husband Gilbert Kerner of Shoshone, a brother, Alvah (Florence) Gee of Columbia, Montana; son, Al (Melody) Kerner of Wendell; a daughter, Donna (Lynn) Hansen of Arco; and grandchildren, Jennifer Kerner Vahsholtz, Jamie Kerner Merritt, Joseph Hansen, LuAnn Hansen and a great-granddaughter, McKenley Kerner Merritt.

The family wishes to generously thank all of those who sent cards, flowers, and other lovely tokens during Mary's fight in the hospital and the care center, as well as those who received her in the hospital.

A special Thank You to the staff at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, Cancer Center, and the Wood River Rehabilitation and Care Center for all of their respectful care and consternation of her needs. The family encourages donations in memory of Mary's life to these establishments, as well as the United Methodist Church of Shoshone.

Funeral services to celebrate Mary's life will take place Wednesday, Nov. 24, 1999, at 2 p.m. at the Gooding United Methodist Church. Friends may call on Wednesday from 12:30 p.m. until service time at the church. Mary was a wonderful and caring woman to so many, and will be greatly missed by those whose lives she touched.

TWIN FALLS



Rose M. Dawson
Rose Mary Dawson, 71, of Twin Falls, died Saturday, November 20, 1999, at her home.

Rose was born December 18, 1927, at Hendley, Nebraska, to Ludwig and Grace Batchelor Schultz. She attended school in Nebraska. On July 21, 1943, she married Vurt Dawson at Norton, Oregon. She moved with her family to Oregon in 1947, and was a housewife into the late 50s. Rose moved to Idaho in 1962 and worked for the Great Grain at the Great Plant. In 1965, she began working for Idaho Frozen Foods and retired in 1983. She enjoyed camping and traveling. Her hobby was collecting shells, and she made all eight of her pilgrimages to the Grand Canyon. She was a member of the United Methodist Church, and great-grandchildren. Her most recent enjoyment, because of her illness, was watching the hummingbirds while sitting on her deck or through her front window. Rose was loved and remembered by all who knew her.

Surviving are her children, Vurt Leo (Lucia) Dawson, Jr. of Wendell, Idaho; Sheila (Steve) Dawson (Mike) Jasper, Crystal (Duce) Hart, and Laram (Patty) Dawson, all of Twin Falls; and Dorothy (Charlie) Dawson and Louis (Cheri) Dawson, both of Atwood, Kansas; a sister, Ruth DeVries of Fruita, Colorado; 22 grandchildren; and 44 great-grandchildren.

Rose was preceded in death by her husband, Vurt Leo Dawson, Sr.; a daughter, Grace Reeves; her parents; two brothers; one sister;

MENOMONEE WIS.

Andrew M. Amdall
Andrew M. Amdall, 20, of Menomonee, Wis., died Saturday, November 20, 1999, in Grant, Minn.

He was born May 10, 1979, to John and Diane Amdall of Menomonee, Wis. He graduated from Woodson High School, Menomonee, Wis., in 1997. He was a member of the Menomonee Valley Chapter of American Mortuary Society, Dodge.

SERVICES

Dr. George William Warner, of Twin Falls, memorial services at noon today at the Twin Falls Presbyterian Church in Twin Falls (White Mortuary).

Thelma Holloway Peterson, of Twin Falls, services at 2 p.m. today at Reynolds Funeral Chapel.

and 8:45 to 9:45 a.m. Wednesday at the church.

Horace M. Byers, of Rupert, memorial services from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday at Hansen Mortuary.

Rupert Chapel.

Anna "Ann" M. Ryan, of Twin Falls, memorial service at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel.

DEATH NOTICES

Sean R. Jagers
TWIN FALLS — Sean Ray Jagers, infant child of Ray and Robin Bachman Jagers, died Sunday, Nov. 21, 1999, in Idaho City. Services are scheduled at 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 26, 1999, at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, in Twin Falls, with Pastor Paul Springer officiating. Burial will follow at Twin Falls Cemetery. Friends may call from 12 to 2 p.m. at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home.

Eldon Stott
BURLEY — Eldon Stott, 88, of Burley, died Monday, Nov. 22, 1999, at the Parke View Care and Rehabilitation Center in Burley. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Payne Mortuary in Burley.

HOSPITALS

MAGIC VALLEY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER
Some names are omitted at patients' request.

Admitted
Elaine Daniels, Kyle Degraw, Nancy Rodriguez, and Jean Sommer, all of Twin Falls.
Released
Shelley Lewis of Rupert; Bud Mason of Twin Falls; and Nancy Swainston, of Richfield.

MINIDOKA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
Some names have been omitted at patient's request.

Admitted
Mark Olmos of Rupert; and Brandee Reidle of Heyburn.
Dismissed
Lalane Delis and twin boys, of Heyburn.

History buffs hope to raise \$65,000 to rejuvenate Boise's oldest home

BOISE (AP) — John O'Farrell just chopped some cottonwood trees to make the city's first home in 1863, but preservationists must raise \$65,000 to preserve his old cabin.

Fund-raising for the restoration began last week, organized by the Boise Parks and Recreation Department, the General Federation of Women Club-Boise Charlesium Club and architect Charles Hummel.

The one-story cabin, lived in for at least seven years by the O'Farrell family, was moved about 200 feet from its original location on 4th Street to its current site in 1912 because O'Farrell's daughters, who owned the block, wanted to develop homes, Hummel said.

The daughters gave the cabin to the Daughters of the American Revolution. Some stabilization was done then, but nothing much has been done since.

"It's just steadily deteriorated. The place is about ready to fall down," Hummel said.

In the 1960s, the Sons and Daughters of Idaho Pioneers became the owners and added the protective roof, he said.

The cabin needs about \$55,000 worth of work, parks officials estimate. The group has raised about half that amount through grants and other sources.

The cabin will be taken apart and the salvagable parts reassembled.

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Judging Amy
What started as a teen prank has become Judge Amy Gray's most diverting hobby.

What's new
Tonight at 8:00

Insurance rates irk Minidoka

By Lorraine Cavener
Times-News writer

RUPERT - Facing a possible 28 percent increase in employee health insurance costs, Minidoka County is exploring health insurance options.

Unless the county changes its health care plan or provider, it is facing the large rate increase, county Clerk Duane Smith said.

When commissioners approved the county's \$7.3 million budget in September, a sizable increase could be traced to a large increase in health insurance rate, Smith said. Of a \$300,000 increase for the county, \$14,000 was health insurance for the sheriff's department, he said.

After a visit from the coun-

ty's health insurance representative Monday, Smith said several options are being discussed. Those options include changing the type of prescription medication card, dropping the accident benefit or going to a preferred provider option.

"We have already rejected the preferred provider option," Smith said.

Changing the employees' co-insurance amount and deductibles are also options being considered, Smith said. The county may refer the issue to its health insurance committee for recommendations, he said.

"But the commissioners have not decided what they will do yet," he said.

The City of Rupert, Minidoka Memorial Hospital,

Minidoka and Cassia County school districts are also wrestling with health insurance cost issues.

With a 30 percent increase in health insurance cost, Rupert also is having a health insurance committee look at the issue. The committee will review the options and bring the matter back to the council, Mayor Dwinelle Allred said.

If the current insurance cost were accepted, the 30 percent increase would be one-third of some city department's budget, said councilman Layne Rutschke.

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HIGH DRAMA



Members of the Burley High School drama team walked away with the district championship this weekend. The Burley players accumulated 52 sweepstakes points in the competition. Twin Falls High School came the closest to the Burley team with 27 points. Several of the Burley team qualified to go to the state tournament with their performances.

Feds, engineers disagree over roads

By Ruth Streeter
Times-News writer

BURLEY - The Federal Highway Administration and an Idaho engineering firm disagree about what caused Howell Canyon Road's premature deterioration.

It's a situation where engineers are likely to disagree, Stephen Freiberger, area manager for J-U-B Engineers Inc. in Pocatello, told the Cassia County Commissioners Monday.

"I don't want to get into a philosophical argument with the feds," Freiberger said. "The bottom line is the pavement's failing, and what can we do about it."

J-U-B Engineers was hired by the Burley Highway District to analyze why Howell Canyon Road showed signs of deterioration only two years after the Federal Highway Administration paved it. The Highway Administration's own

assessment, but the county and local highway districts said they wanted an outside opinion.

The Highway Administration maintains that the most serious problem the road faces is longitudinal cracking from frost heave, while J-U-B contends a raveling, or crumbling, is occurring and is more serious.

The Highway Administration maintains, the raveling is only located in isolated areas. The administration has offered to seal coat the road for the cracking.

But J-U-B says the raveling will not be remedied by a seal coat. If the county could persuade the Highway Administration to commit to a five-year corrective action, Freiberger said, the administration would be obligated to fix any problems that emerged after a seal coat was put down.

If an agreement can't be reached, the county may be forced to pursue the matter in

court, county Attorney Stephen Bywater said.

Cassia County, the Burley Highway District and the Albion Highway District are preparing to start discussions with the Federal Highway Administration next month about who is responsible for maintaining the deteriorating Howell Canyon Road.

A Dec. 10 meeting between the county, the highway districts and the Federal Highway Administration will be rescheduled because federal representatives are unable to attend, according to a letter to the county.

"I think at this point we need to continue to pursue the meeting (with the government)," Commissioner Paul Christensen said.

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County says work is too costly

By Lorraine Cavener
Times-News writer

RUPERT - Minidoka County is putting out a warning that an out-of-town remodeling contractor is charging too much for its work.

The county had recently issued permits for several home remodeling jobs to an out-of-town company, which may end up costing the homeowner more than what local contractors would charge, said Paul Aston, head of the Minidoka County Building and Zoning Department.

Representatives of an out-of-town company are going door-to-door selling siding, roofing and other remodeling services, Aston said.

"It's not that the company does bad work, but they charge a lot of money," Aston said.

The company's prices are higher than what local contractors normally charge because its package includes a high interest long-term loan, he said.

There has been at least one recent complaint to the Rupert Police Department about a door-to-door remodeling company.

When considering remodeling work, a homeowner should get at least two bids, Aston said.

For an average house - 28 feet wide, 40 feet high and 10 feet tall - Homeguard Siding would charge about \$4,500 for steel seamless siding, installed, not

Hiring a contractor

- How do you choose a contractor? Here are some tips from the Idaho Attorney General's office:
- Ask friends or relatives for recommendations.
- Ask for references, including a street address.
- Check with the Better Business Bureau.
- Check records at municipalities or district courts to see if any claims have been filed.
- Ask if a contractor is a member of an organization, such as the Idaho Building Contractors Association.
- Compare costs and verify licenses.
- Don't let a contractor pressure you.
- Do not automatically select the lowest bidder.
- Beware of unknown or out-of-town plumbers, door-to-door sales people and telephone solicitors.
- Beware of contractors who promise to do a job for less than the industry's price. High-pressure sales tactics and heavy tactics or threats.

including soffit and fascia, said Laurie Bradley, a Homeguard sales representative.

The company would charge about \$3,000 for high quality vinyl siding, she said, and would charge more if insulation is installed.

ABC Seamless Siding's estimate is about \$7,000 for high quality vinyl siding, she said, and would charge more if insulation is installed.

Both companies' prices include insurance. If a worker is hurt on a job, and a company isn't insured, then the homeowner would be liable, Bridges said.

Both companies also offer financing.

Buyers should always compare which is included on a job.

"There are so many variances between companies and materials," Bridges said.

Beware if a contractor comes unsolicited and promises a good deal, said Kathryn Jones, president of the eastern Idaho and western Wyoming Better Business Bureau.

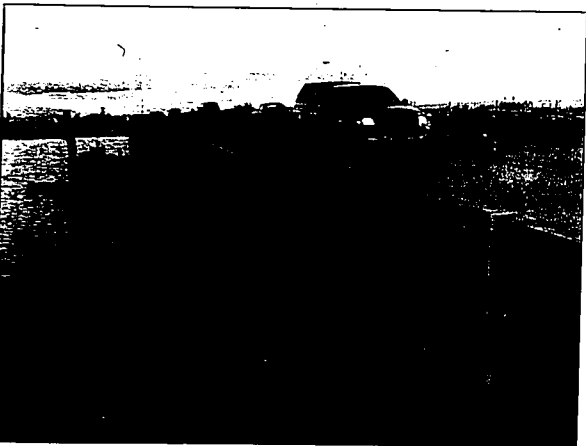
Out-of-state license plates are a red flag. So too is the contractor who won't provide a customer reference, or doesn't give a customer time to check them. A rush decision is not acceptable.

"Go check the references and see those jobs," Jones said. "There are many good contractors in Idaho, but people need to check for the bad apples."

"If you do your homework, you will get what you pay for," she said.

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OPEN FOR BUSINESS



Workers began the new portion of the Overland Avenue bridge Monday afternoon. With two new traffic lanes completed, workers will begin tearing down the old bridge so they can start on the second half of the new bridge. The project is expected to be completely finished in about one year.

Ready

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power directly from the Bonneville Power Administration and Albion is part of the Raft River Electric Cooperative.

"We buy our power - it comes through a transformer and we deliver it to our customers. We have no computer programming or anything that has to do with that," Declo Mayor Jay Darrington said.

With Tracy's guidance,

Darrington filled out an assessment form and attached it to a letter Tracy had worked out in advanced with the PUC that spelled out Declo's compliance through BFA.

Albion Mayor Jim Kelly was unavailable for comment, but Tracy said that because the city is part of the Raft River Electric Cooperative, which he manages, he was able to draft a letter which Kelly signed assuring that Albion and its power customers will be covered by the cooperative's

assessment of VZK compliance.

Both letters were mailed today, Tracy said he is confident that both cities will be considered in compliance as soon as the letters are received by the PUC and the Energy Department.

"It was really a matter of filing," said Tracy.

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Achs assured the county Big Sky would be willing to work out an agreement with DEQ to inspect the facilities while the interim rules were in place. Big Sky would fund monitoring and inspection of the facilities on behalf of the county until the state of Idaho is able to appropriate the money, he said.

Achs filed three petitions with the county Monday, one to the planning and zoning commission that objected to the commis-

sion's right to reopen the issue for public comment.

The other two petitions were "either-or" requests, one to exempt Big Sky from the moratorium, the other, to lift the moratorium entirely.

Achs declined to comment after meeting with the commissioners.

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Bid

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Country Club to the city's water plant.

The state increased its revolving loan to the city to \$6.4 million from \$5.2 million to allow the city to improve its water control system.

The project is part of an overall set of water system improvements, which include three new wells and two new reservoirs south of town. The wells and the reservoirs will provide more water and better flow to residents on the south side of Twin Falls.

An Idaho Falls company won the bid and will start replacing the aged pipeline immediately.

And the chlorination equipment that had held up completion of the new reservoirs and wells has arrived, said Bill Block, regional manager of J-U-B Engineers Inc. The wells and reservoirs are scheduled to be completed by December, he said.

In other business, the council heard from Tim Colner about planting trees near Dierkes Lake and Shoshone Falls.

Valley in brief

master's degree in business administration.

In August, the university had said it would offer classes in Twin Falls if it found enough interest.

The 15-month program will begin in January on the College of Southern Idaho campus. The class will meet twice weekly and will have room for 20 to 25 students.

Students who apply must have a bachelor's degree, but it can be in any discipline. Program cost is \$13,300 and includes tuition, books and fees. Students will be considered full-time graduate students and will be eligible for financial aid.

For more information, call Michelle Kuykendahl at 1-877-

NUU-4MBA or 208-467-8447. She can be reached by e-mail at mab@nuu.edu.

Mini-Cassia ranchers in line to head cattle association

BOISE - The Idaho Cattle Association has elected Oakley rancher Scott Bedke to replace President Greg Garatea of Paul when his term expires in a year.

The 1,500-member organization was picked by Dave Nelson of Mackay as its new vice president, putting him on the course to take over the organization after Bedke.

Garatea became president at the recent association convention, replacing Morgan Evans of Downey.

Compiled from staff reports

Water needs

Here's a glance at the city's water system improvement project:

- Improvements:
- Two new wells - two dry wells are deep, pumping more than 2 million gallons of water per day; the third is 350 feet deep, pumping 7 million gallons per day.
- Two new reservoirs - one east of town and one south of town, with a total capacity of 7 million gallons, costing more than \$7 million.
- Replacement of the 10-year-old pipeline along the Snake River.
- Benefits:
- The improvements will boost the city water supply to 48 million gallons per day.
- Increase water pressure to residents in the area of Addison Avenue, East Handlins Drive, Kimberly Road and Easton Boulevard; and water to a new industrial area on 120 acres near Kimberly Road.
- Costs:
- Money for the project comes from urban renewal revenue and a state loan that has to be paid off in 20 years.
- Sewer and water rates will go up to pay off the loan.

Colner to go through with his project.

Chris Talkington proposed the city establish a memorial award in honor of Sgt. Jim Mildon. The community service policing award would be presented during a Twin Falls police officers' banquet in February.

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Hogs

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sets the rules in iron," Commissioner Shirley Povlsen said.

Regardless of how the rules change upon their review by the Legislature, Achs said he would comply.

"Whether or not the rules change, we have designed our whole project - to be compliant with California law, which is known to be the most stringent in the country," he said.

IDAHO/WEST

Panel prepares plan in case of delisting

BOISE (AP) — Amid concern from both ends of the spectrum, a special panel has tentatively approved a plan for state management of translocated wolves in anticipation that the federal government will remove the predators from the endangered species list earlier than expected.

But while optimism has been rising that federal recovery managers will ease the criteria for delisting, any quick management transfer to the state is doubtful.

What seemed to be a surge in wolf populations in central Idaho and Yellowstone National Park this spring has slipped back. A harsh winter combined with a high-level of conflict with livestock has significantly lowered the population in northern Montana.

Advocates of accelerated delisting expect such an attempt would be challenged in court by

Quick management transfer to state doubtful

environmentalists. And the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, which is in charge of the recovery effort, has raised some concerns about such key pieces of the draft proposal.

"It's not going to happen anytime soon," John Rochelle of the Fish and Game department said.

In addition, there remains opposition among central Idaho ranchers and sportsmen to doing anything other than completely eradicating the wolves they claim are killing their stock and big game.

Compounding that is a lingering refusal among some state officials to have anything to do with fostering the wolf population. That attitude left the state without any say in handling wolves during the recovery, which has been managed by the Nez Perce Tribe.

Still, Wolf Oversight Committee member Stan Boyd said, "these feds are all of a sudden making overtures about accelerated delisting."

"They've planted a seed that's taken off faster than weeds," Boyd said. "We just want to be in a position so if they do delist we can get on with a management plan immediately. The feds have made it real clear we don't delist until we have a plan in place."

The oversight committee is expected to meet again next month to consider details and the questions raised about the proposed management framework.

When the 35 Canadian wolves were released in the central Idaho wilderness in 1995 and 1996, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service expected it would be a

10-year recovery effort.

But from the start, their survival was significantly better than expected and the timeline was scuttled back for reaching the target of 10 breeding pairs each in central Idaho, Yellowstone National Park, where they were also transplanted, and northern Montana, where they had established themselves naturally.

This spring, federal experts estimated as many as 13 breeding pairs in Idaho and 10 or 11 in Yellowstone. Conflicts, however, cut the number by fall to 10 pairs in Idaho and nine in Yellowstone.

There were only six in northern Montana.

That has dampened some of the hope that federal recovery managers would modify the delisting target to 30 pairs throughout the Northern Rockies, allowing more than 10 years to make up for less than 10 in another.

Approaching new year has officials looking toward past

CATALDO (AP) — Turning the page into a new century will not diminish interest in Idaho's most cherished and oldest landmark, the Cataldo Mission.

And the foundation that supports the 146-year-old bold white structure has just secured a \$10,000 grant to maintain the structure that draws 85,000 visitors a year.

But the approaching new year has left the state's historians and history buffs nostalgic about Idaho's past and making sure it is not lost.

"It's a time of reflection for everybody in the state and across the country," said Suzi Neitzel, deputy state historic preservation officer for the Idaho State Historical Society.

"It's one of those opportunities to really stop and think about what we're doing and what we're preserving," she said.

On the front burner is passage of a state preservation law passed that would formalize preservation issues and promote interaction between various historical groups, Neitzel said, for education and interpretation as well as building preservation.

"There is a growing interest in our communities across the state to make sure that our historic places are protected and that information is made available to school children and the public," she said.

A three-year millennium project is under way with financial assistance from the state to preserve historical photographs, maps and other archives, Neitzel said, "and we hope to get money in the future for the historical buildings that the society owns."

Technology like computers and digital cameras threatens the safekeeping of valuable historical items and events as images on a screen replace newspapers and photographs, she said.

The preservation law would create the framework for making history a policy consideration in the future.

"Idaho is one of only a handful of states in the nation that doesn't have a state preservation law," Neitzel said. "The law would set up a formal consultation process for state agencies to talk to our office about projects to assist us on preservation issues."

Officials search for carjacking suspects

SPARKS, Nev. (AP) — A police officer who came upon a kidnapping suspect sexually assaulting a carjacking victim fired gun shots at the suspect, but he got away and remained at large Monday despite a massive manhunt.

As many as 50 law enforcement officers, police dogs, SWAT teams and two police helicopters searched late Sunday and early Monday for two suspects along Interstate 80 and the Truckee River east of the Reno-Sparks area.

More than 500 homes were searched and all vehicles leaving the Lockwood and Mustang area were stopped at police roadblocks Monday morning.

But the manhunt over rugged terrain was called off Monday afternoon when police concluded the suspects must have left the area.

"At this point they are closing down the command post, in effect ending the search in that area for the suspect," Washoe County

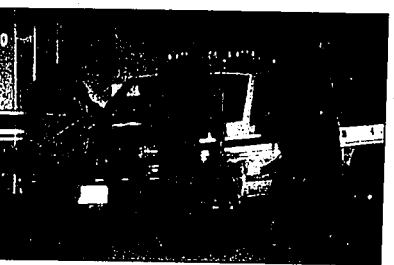
Sheriff's Lt. Doug Gist said. "The SWAT team had checked the entire area as have the helicopters from the air. Now, everything really reverts to a simple investigation by the Sparks Police Department," he said.

The two male suspects allegedly committed a carjacking and kidnapped a 21-year-old woman and his 18-year-old girlfriend in a car that was parked at Pah Rah Park in northeast Sparks about 4:30 p.m. Sunday, police said.

The suspects threw the man out of the car as they drove down Vista Boulevard toward I-80 in Sparks, he telephoned police.

The woman escaped when the Sparks police officer came upon the car during the alleged sexual assault near Lockwood, about 3 miles east of Sparks.

The officer shouted commands but the suspect drove the car at the officer, Gist said. "The officer fired several shots at the suspect, but the suspect



Members of the Washoe County Sheriff's SWAT team join the search for a kidnapping suspect in Lockwood, Nev., Sunday.

continued on," he said. Blood was found at the scene but it was not clear if the suspect was wounded.

The car was found abandoned in a ditch and the suspect last was seen fleeing the Lockwood area on foot toward the Truckee River.

Both victims are safe. The suspects are considered dangerous and may be armed

with a handgun. The first suspect was described as a white male in his late 30s, about 6-foot-2 and skinny. He has long brown hair with a thin beard or goatee. He was wearing a baseball cap with blue jeans and a purple jacket.

The second suspect is described as between 5-foot-6 and 5-foot-10, wearing a black jacket with a red-hooded sweatshirt

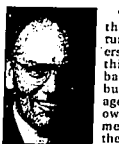
Craig wants accounting in spud scam

The Associated Press

U.S. Sen. Larry Craig has notified Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman of his outrage over current and former federal inspectors at a New York produce market charged with bribery and racketeering.

FBI officials allege there was a scheme to bilk growers and shippers out of top-grade prices since 1980 at the Hunts Point fresh vegetable market.

For potatoes, that meant shipments inspected in Idaho and given the top grade — U.S. No. 1 — were inspected again at Hunts Point and downgraded. Buyers could renegotiate contracts or payments downward, sometimes by tens of thousands of dollars per shipment.



Larry Craig

"The crisis that agricultural producers have faced this year is bad enough, but to have agents of our own government lining their pockets at the expense of hardworking farmers is an abomination," Glickman said. A public letter to Glickman.

Arrested on 65 counts of bribery and racketeering were one former and seven current Agriculture Department inspectors and 13 wholesale produce company owners and employees.

"Operation Forbidden Fruit" discovered evidence federal inspectors were paid an average of \$50 per load to help wholesalers pay producers less for their goods than they were worth.

The FBI said some inspectors may have earned as much as \$100,000 per year in bribes alone.

Craig said he understood Glickman had not held his post for as long as the Hunts Point activity was going on, but asked the Clinton administration official about his plans to prevent it from happening again.

Some Idaho growers are considering filing class-action suits against the conspirators for lost income, Potato Growers of Idaho director Mike Duff said.

ed nothing will change. "Until the public opinion changes, I don't think Governor Kempthorne will fight what he perceives as a public mandate," Pearce said.

The state's largest business association, the Idaho Association of Commerce and Industry, labeled the abandonment of term limits repeal during last winter's session of the Legislature's biggest failure of 1999.

A proposed compromise to total repeal — eliminating of limits on county, city and school board offices and extension of the eight-year restriction to 12 on state officers — has gone nowhere.

Police stop driver headed the wrong way

POCATELLO (AP) — A woman who drove north in the southbound lane of Interstate 15 at 90 miles per hour failed repeated attempts by 19 police officers to stop her.

Audrey Doan, 43, who has a Canadian driver's license, was finally apprehended about 4 p.m. Sunday in the Portneuf Gap area, about an hour after the report came in. She may have driven into the wrong lane in Utah.

Doan was taken to the Bannock County Jail where Idaho Health and Welfare officials will evaluate her.

Authorities had to alert traffic along the interstate to get out of her way.

Officers put down spike strips three times, but the woman avoided them by driving in the median. The spikes are designed to gradually deflate tires without causing them to burst.

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Christmas In Church

On Saturday, December 4th, The Times-News will publish a special church page of Christmas activities. This page gives the Magic Valley churches the opportunity to share their unique and spiritual services that surround the Christmas holiday. Watch for our special Christmas page welcoming those seeking a place of worship. It may be the start of a special and lasting relationship!

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BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Urban Renewal selects demolition company

TWIN FALLS — A Boise company will tear down structures on two downtown and Old Towne properties, the city's Urban Renewal Agency decided Monday.

Urban Renewal accepted two bids from Asbestos Abatement Inc. of Boise: \$23,920 to demolish the old blue grainary on Shoshone Street and \$9,780 to demolish the Mart's Mini-Mart gas station, repair shop, mini-mart and car wash at 260 Second Ave. E. Twin Falls' Economic Development Director Dave McAlindin said.

Asbestos Abatement — the same company that leveled downtown's Rogerson hotel recently — was the low bidder on the first project and the only bidder on the second, he said.

Work is expected to start within a couple of weeks, McAlindin said. Urban Renewal doesn't yet have designs for the small "pocket" parks planned for the two properties and can't create parking lots there until spring. Over winter, expect to see flat land.

Also Monday, the agency approved spending more money for decorative lights in City Park.

Earlier engineering estimates pegged the cost at up to \$47,000 for 600 fashioned lights consistent in design with those installed recently along nearby streets and intended as an endpoint for that recent project.

"The (City Park) lights would give you something of a sense of arrival or a sense of departure," McAlindin said.

The new estimate of cost — which Urban Renewal agreed to pay — is \$54,886 for replacing 10 existing lights and adding six new ones in City Park, he said.

Three of the new lights will be near the band shell.

Aviation Venturing program to meet at regional airport

TWIN FALLS — A meeting of the Aviation Venturing program will be held at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 30 in the messenger terminal at Joslin Field, Magic Valley Regional Airport.

After the meeting, participants will tour the air traffic control tower and get a first-hand look at the tower and ground-control operations.

The program, offered by the airport and the Boy Scouts of America, is open to all young men and women ages 14-21. It is designed to provide an overview of many aviation career fields. Costs for the program will be low because most of the personnel involved are volunteers from the aviation community, a press release said.

For more information, call Airport Manager David Allen at 733-5215, Ext. 6.

A previous announcement contained the wrong date for the aviation tour. The Times-News regrets the error.

Holiday deadline changes for Times-News submissions

TWIN FALLS — Because of the Thanksgiving holiday, The Times-News this week will change its deadline for submission of news items to print in the Sunday Money section's YourBusiness column.

For the upcoming Sunday edition, the deadline for YourBusiness submissions will be noon today.

Next week, the deadline will return to the customary noon on Thursday.

Compiled from staff reports

Back to the boom

Valley's building returns to big gains in September

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Ketchum's spate of new multifamily housing and a new home-improvement store in Twin Falls led the Magic Valley's construction activity in September to a 37 percent gain over numbers from a year earlier.

The estimated value of projects issued permits in September rose by \$11 million from September 1998 for selected areas of the Magic Valley, said First Security Bank's latest statewide report.

Hailey, Ketchum, Sun Valley, Twin Falls city and county and Cassia County improved on year-ago numbers for combined construction types. Gooding, Jerome, Shoshone, Rupert, Mindoka County and rural Blaine County lost ground.

Local construction values edged up in August by just 5.3 percent over year-earlier num-

bers, after shooting up by 33 percent in July and 60 percent in June. All summer, projects in Blaine County or its cities provided the boost.

The 34 multifamily units that were issued September permits in Ketchum — for a \$13.7 million construction value — contributed to a statewide jump.

"A major increase in new multifamily construction in September helped push total construction value to \$213.5 million, compared to \$208 million in August," said First Security's "Idaho Construction Report." Please see CONSTRUCTION, Page C3

Magic Valley's construction permit values

Totals for all construction types

Area	September '99	September '98
Gooding	\$65,869	\$131,935
Hailey	\$1,505,026	\$1,258,873
Ketchum	\$16,212,115	\$5,670,400
Sun Valley	\$3,807,450	\$2,432,918
Blaine County (unincorporated portion)	\$4,171,500	\$11,403,600
Jerome	\$33,567	\$52,646
Shoshone	\$10,000	\$13,908
Twin Falls	\$7,969,811	\$2,971,085
Twin Falls County (unincorporated portion)	\$1,907,808	\$1,289,360
Cassia County (entire county)	\$98,433,190	\$1,436,823
Rupert	\$93,372	\$105,221
Mindoka County (unincorporated portion)	\$967,651	\$1,152,422
Total:	\$40,822,044	\$23,559,943

Source: "Idaho Construction Report" by First Security Bank. September report is most recent available.

THE ONE THAT DIDN'T GET AWAY



The ship Deep Sea, salvaged and restored for fishing by Roger Evans, Howard Gauthier and Mark Shayne, is hoisted up on the Snohomish River in Everett, Wash., Oct. 27. The Deep Sea, the onetime pride of the Alaskan king crab fleet, was within weeks of becoming its own rusty coffin when Gauthier decided to restore the vessel.

Fish dream comes true for three friends

The Associated Press

EVERETT, Wash. — The Deep Sea, the onetime pride of the Alaskan king crab fleet, was within weeks of becoming its own rusty coffin.

The 140-foot vessel had lain for a month on its side, like a fallen horse, scuttled at the bottom of the Snohomish River. Old-timers on the waterfront said the hulk should be scrapped and put out of its misery. After a half-century of service, a ship like The Deep Sea can call it quits without shame.

But Howard Gauthier, 45, had a dream. And every tuna man's dream, he said, is to have the biggest freezer ever built; buying that, the biggest freezer five men trolling 15 fishing lines can fill with abalone tuna.

The Deep Sea's freezer holds



180 tons; about 20,000 tuna fish. That was more freezer than the 30-foot boats guy netter Gauthier had worked on.

In the fall of 1996, while sailing downriver, The Deep Sea's 40-foot mast had caught on another ship's mast. The impact

Western business

Boat skipper Mark Shayne talks about the quality of the tuna he sells. Shayne explains that because they have the freezing capability on board the Deep Sea, which was once used as a processing ship, they can freeze fish as soon as they are caught, while other boats must first take their catch to a processing ship.

caused The Deep Sea to roll and spill cargo and fuel into the river.

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Holiday strains budgets

Give gifts without giving away the farm

The Washington Post

The holiday season opens unofficially this week. At this time of year, many families dig a financial hole for themselves that they spend most of the following year trying to escape.

It's hard to avoid. A lot of people find that everyday expenses eat up the majority of their paychecks. This means that when the holidays roll around, with the pressures to entertain, provide presents and travel, these folks often feel they must borrow or disappoint friends and loved ones at what is supposed to be the most joyous time of the year.

In addition, a certain number of people simply let holiday spending get out of hand. Once their credit cards are out of their wallets, they find it tough not to buy presents and other items that they know they can't afford.

And now there is an extra temptation: online shopping. With conventional holiday shopping, you have to go to the mall and hand over the plastic or cash each time you buy something, and each one of those transactions gives you a chance to pause and reconsider.

In fact, Fairfax, Va. financial planner Ric Edelman recommends a really workable system for dealing with holiday overspending — at least for in-person shopping.

He suggests that you first make a list of the people you have to buy presents for, and decide on the amount you want to spend on each one. Write it down and add it up. If it's too much, then go back and cut.

When you get to a figure you can manage, go to the bank and get that amount of cash, then start shopping. When it runs out, you're done. The system restrains impulse spending.

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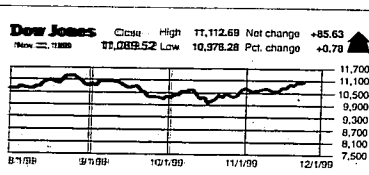
Federal judge: U S West can't Fish bill cities for line relocations

TACOMA, Wash. (AP) - Cities could save millions of dollars under a federal judge's ruling against U S West Communications that requires utilities to shoulder the costs of relocating their lines and other facilities. But U S West said the decision will shift costs to all of its customers that should be paid by citizens in high-growth cities. U.S. District Judge Franklin Brown ruled that U S West is liable for the costs of relocating phone lines on public property when cities expand or repair roads. Eighteen Washington cities sued U S West when the company began billing its cities in 1996 for moving its phone lines to accommodate city projects. Burgess' decision will apply to all Washington cities and may set a precedent elsewhere. "This decision will literally save cities millions," said Tim Sullivan, city attorney for University Place, Wash. "I have \$12,000 on an order relocation bills from U S West on my desk now that I can rip up."

U S West spokesman Lynn Espinoza said the phone company has historically had cooperated with cities in moving phone lines to make way for city projects. That began changing several years ago when it found it had to move lines repeatedly in cities where high growth was occurring. Burgess' ruling will provide little monetary savings to cities, the phone company says. Espinoza said phone-line relocation costs that U S West bills to cities statewide now total about \$100,000 a year. Sullivan said that figure would have been millions had Burgess ruled in the phone company's favor. U S West asked University Place to pay \$125,000 for moving phone lines on one eight-block section of road, he said. "The phone company argued that it was exempt from cities' requirements that it move its lines on public rights of way at no expense to the cities. It claimed that it is regulated by a tariff filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission, not by individual franchise agreements with cities.

Blue chips gain while overall market falters

NEW YORK (AP) - Wall Street turned in a mixed performance Monday as a handful of blue-chip and high-tech companies surged but profit-taking on the lower bill rally sent most other stocks lower. Most of the gains came in late afternoon. The Dow Jones industrial average closed up 85.63 at 11,089.52, and the Nasdaq composite reached its 14th record high close in the past 17 sessions, rising 23.31 to 3,352.56. The Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 1.06 to 4,420.84. Microsoft, Cray and AT&T led the tightly focused rally, accounting for more than two-thirds of the Dow's increase. "Once again it's the big guys leading the way, and it just keeps



going on and on," said John Harnanish, head of trading at Brown Brothers Burman & Co. in New York. Microsoft, which was up 3 1/8% to \$9 13 3/4, was up 3 1/8% to \$9 13 3/4, and AT&T, which was up 1 1/2% to \$51 3/4, was up 1 1/2% to \$51 3/4.

use its gains Monday after a federal judge appointed a mediator to mediate settlement talks between the company and the government. The surprise move dramatically increased chances for an out-of-court agreement. Evans, a lumberman all his life, wanted to go to sea like his father, a merchant seaman. Gauthier, who prefers crab-fishing, shears and a shop dog's coat of machine oil to fresh air and soap, wanted a crack at cranking up the ship's 12-cylinder main engine, which hadn't been used since 1969. "They bought the ship, which had been destined for the scrapyard," he said. "A rusty old heap she was," Shyne said. But in 1947, the Deep Sea had fished Alaska waters for 20 years. In the late 1960s, it was pulled from fishing duty and cranked up the ship's 12-cylinder main engine, which hadn't been used since 1969. "They bought the ship, which had been destined for the scrapyard," he said. "A rusty old heap she was," Shyne said. But in 1947, the Deep Sea had fished Alaska waters for 20 years. In the late 1960s, it was pulled from fishing duty and cranked up the ship's 12-cylinder main engine, which hadn't been used since 1969.

Gauthier's friend, Mark Shyne, 51, also heard about the listing ship. Shyne recalled another boat of the same name. From his youth, he remembered a 200-ton gray and white ship, plinking the waters of Alaska Bay, Alaska, The Deep Sea. The ship, many have said, launched the king crab industry. It was the first crab fishing and processing vessel ever built. The Deep Sea's heirs were merely copycats. Shyne, a ship's captain, took one look at the vessel and knew it was the same Deep Sea. Gauthier and Shyne convinced a third friend, Roger Evans, 53, that they should pool their money and buy the boat. But resurrecting the boat required more than a bank account. Scraping away the rust, slime and rot required their bodies. Evans, a lumberman all his life, wanted to go to sea like his father, a merchant seaman. Gauthier, who prefers crab-fishing, shears and a shop dog's coat of machine oil to fresh air and soap, wanted a crack at cranking up the ship's 12-cylinder main engine, which hadn't been used since 1969. "They bought the ship, which had been destined for the scrapyard," he said. "A rusty old heap she was," Shyne said. But in 1947, the Deep Sea had fished Alaska waters for 20 years. In the late 1960s, it was pulled from fishing duty and cranked up the ship's 12-cylinder main engine, which hadn't been used since 1969.

turned into a floating factory. The three entrepreneurs figured six months worth of repairs would be ready to get them fishing. Months went by, then years. Repairing the ship, replacing its electrical system and wooden wheelhouse, and rebuilding the generators and the refrigeration system took them almost three years. Work meant 16-hour days, seven-day weeks and the good graces of each of their wives. "You see, none of us brought home any money," Evans said. "It was: 'What do you mean you need more money for oil?'" Gauthier said, laughing. Some old-timers scoffed at their attempt to restore the ship by themselves, said Mike Church, owner of Marine Engineering and Repair. They sauntered up to Evans to ask him if he knew how to tie a bowline, the one-knot every sailor knows how to tie in his sleep. "Is that the one where the rabbit comes out of the hole and goes around the tree and goes back down the hole?" Evans would ask. "Yes," the old-timers said. "Then I don't know it," Evans shot back. About two years into the project, Evans one day neglected to ask him if he knew how to tie a vacuum up the little puddle that appeared daily in the ship's hold. The puddle grew. They had just assumed the water was from washing the deck," Gauthier said. Gauthier dug behind the insulation to the hull, pushed his fingers into the hull and felt it crumble. The three partners looked at one another. What if the entire hull were nothing but flakes of rust? If that were true, their dreams

were sunk. The Deep Sea's maiden voyage was a trip to a Bellingham drydock. The condition of the hull would determine the ship's life or death. The three men waited. Several days went by, walked around just numb," Gauthier said. Word came. The steel hull was sound, although a 5-by-40-foot section on either side of the ship would have to be patched. From that day on, it was time and more money than the three men ever bargained for. Last November they finished. The last streaks of rust disappeared beneath 400 gallons of cobalt blue paint. The paint was a gift from Church, who had watched the project from start to finish. In July, the three partners and two crew went tuna fishing. Evans, who had never gone to sea, earned his sea legs. "You have to learn to walk sideways. It rolls. The ship is quick. It's snappy," Evans said. They sailed halfway to Hawaii, dropping their lines near the Kermadec Islands, the Pacific Ocean's underwater mountains. The five-man crew filled the hold with runs, 10,000 fish. Last month, The Deep Sea tied up beneath the two Highway 2 bridges, returning to the Snohomish River from its 15,000-mile journey to the mid-Pacific, where the waves can curl into 30-foot amperands. They sailed halfway to Hawaii, dropping their lines near the Kermadec Islands, the Pacific Ocean's underwater mountains. The five-man crew filled the hold with runs, 10,000 fish. Last month, The Deep Sea tied up beneath the two Highway 2 bridges, returning to the Snohomish River from its 15,000-mile journey to the mid-Pacific, where the waves can curl into 30-foot amperands. They sailed halfway to Hawaii, dropping their lines near the Kermadec Islands, the Pacific Ocean's underwater mountains. The five-man crew filled the hold with runs, 10,000 fish. Last month, The Deep Sea tied up beneath the two Highway 2 bridges, returning to the Snohomish River from its 15,000-mile journey to the mid-Pacific, where the waves can curl into 30-foot amperands.

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COMPUTERS: COMDEX SPECIAL REPORT

Showcasing networks for families

New technology connects kitchen equipment, computers, entertainment centers

Knight Ridder News Service

LAS VEGAS - When every member of the family loves to use the Internet, standing in line to go online is no fun. But some easy-to-use and affordable technology being showcased at Comdex suggests that for people with two or more personal computers in their homes, the long wait may soon become a thing of the past.

Recent studies show that more than 20 million U.S. homes already have multiple PCs. That number is continuing to rise as young family members ask for their own machines to download their favorite music or complete homework assignments over the Internet.

The trend may soon extend to the kitchen. Specialized computers being shown here come with bar code readers that automatically let homemakers know when food supplies are running low or when freshness dates are about to expire. When linked to the Internet, these computers can compile a grocery list tailored to the family diet and arrange for delivery at a convenient time.

Until recently, it has been too costly and complex for most homeowners to connect their computers to a network so they can share printers, scanners and access to the Internet, as well as data files.

But anyone can plug a telephone into a wall jack, using the



Self-described nerds from NetZero provide free CD-ROMs that allow free Internet access and e-mail as they gather out with the convention center at last week's Comdex computer show in Las Vegas.

familiar plastic connector that phone companies call an RJ-11. Stratonics Corp. of Silicon Valley compacts makes chips for units selling for less than \$100 under a variety of brand names that connect computers via existing phone lines. The lines can be

used simultaneously for ordinary phone calls. Such PC makers as Dell Computer Corp. will now install the RJ-11 networking jacks on their machines if customers request them. The new technology is gaining

favor mainly through the need for high-speed Internet links, currently installed in about 3 million U.S. homes. But it can easily be extended as well to such entertainment devices as game systems and the newly popular DVD players. "You really shouldn't have to

purchase a \$500 machine for every room in the home where you might want to watch a movie," said Adam Stein, marketing director for Broadcom.

Other companies at Comdex showcased devices that can be connected wirelessly through the so-called Bluetooth technology being developed by a consortium of high-tech companies such as IBM Corp. and Intel Corp.

With Bluetooth, backers promise a time when your PC, mouse and keyboard will be connected without wires. Meanwhile, your hand-held electronic organizer can be updated by simply walking past your desktop and, with a cell phone, you can connect to the Internet anytime, anywhere.

The new Bluetooth wireless standard improves on existing wireless technologies to zap data and images among all sorts of household, workplace and mobile devices.

Currently, infrared technology for sharing information is built into many computers, cell phones and printers, but devices must be precisely lined up and range is limited to 10 feet.

Bluetooth, using radio waves to transmit information, can link gadgets as far as 30 feet away - even those in different rooms that aren't in the line of sight.

Bluetooth also offers speedy transmission of up to one megabit per second - 17 times as fast as a typical modem.

Sounding more like a worrisome dental condition than high technology, Bluetooth actually is a combination of specialized computer chips and software. It is named for a Scandinavian king who unified disparate islands into the kingdom of Denmark.

In addition to its backers, about 1,200 companies are considering Bluetooth and many plan to bring out products equipped with the technology starting next year.

"It's going to be very important eventually," said Tim Bajtman, president of the Creative Strategies Research International consulting firm. "It's one of the most important wireless data transfer media of the future."

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Traditional 35mm cameras require film are a standard when it comes to taking pictures, but what if there was a wireless alternative, and their capabilities becoming more enhanced, digital cameras are starting to become a viable option for some photographers. The price of a basic digital camera starts under \$300. What you need to be concerned about is resolution, especially if you plan to print your photos (using a photo printer) in order to create high-quality prints. If you're looking for good quality 5x7-inch prints from a digital snapshot, a camera with a resolution of at least 1,100 x 900 pixels is necessary. For an 8x10-inch print, 1.5 to 2-megapixel resolution is required.

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Information appliances take center stage

Portable, convenient devices do jobs now performed by PCs

Knight-Ridder News Service

LAS VEGAS - Fast, easy and inexpensive are the three things consumers want in any technology product.

At Comdex, the annual computer industry show held last week, a new generation of devices took center stage, promising to deliver these three attributes - unlike the popular but flawed older-generation product known as the personal computer.

Called "information appliances," these new devices will be relatively affordable and will be designed for a simple function, such as Internet access. The ruler on information appliances presented at Comdex range from simplified notepad computers to portable mobile devices, such as pagers, hand-held devices and television set-top boxes.

The pared-down appliances, called handhelds, are the ones consumers spend most of their time doing on PCs: checking electronic mail, surfing the World Wide Web and simple organizational files and scheduling. But the scaled-down machines don't require the sophisticated software and hardware components that make the familiar PC headaches all users have come to know all too well. Complicated instructions, frequent system crashes and lengthy Internet dial-ups, as well as long boot-up and shut-down procedures.

The goals aren't new. For years, companies have predicted the arrival of simple network-connected machines and the convergence of communication devices and computing technology, but this year's Comdex offered the largest display of those long-promised products.

Like any new technological development, only a few products will catch on and some prototypes seen last week won't make it to assembly lines. But here are highlights of what technology companies plan to deliver to retail shelves next year.

Microsoft Corp., which created its biggest annual profit from operating systems for PCs, unveiled what it calls Web Companions, dedicated Internet devices that run on the scaled-down Windows CE operating system and MSN Internet service.

The various appliances, lightweight and easy to install with just a power cord and phone line, promise to connect users immediately to the Internet with instant off and on buttons. Expected to ship in the spring, the devices are for e-mail access, Web browsing and e-commerce. They don't have hard drives, productivity applications, calculators, clocks and other software standard on PCs.

Data & Docs

Other notable announcements:

- Williams Technology Inc. of Akron, Ohio,** demonstrated its \$249 QuickScan, the size of a television remote control, the QuickScan scans text on anything from business cards to large documents and automatically transfers the data to a PC, Palm PDA or to an e-mail cellular phone through a serial cable or infrared connection.
- Sharp Electronics Corp. of Mahwah, N.J.,** demonstrated its \$699 Internet ViewCam digital recorder that uses tiny memory cards instead of tape. The pocket size, 8.5-ounce camera is available today and utilizes MPEG-4 compression technology, with an hour of recording time on a 32 MB SmartMedia Card, to reduce the size of video files so they can be easily sent to e-mail attachments. Sharp announced last week a free service through the Web site POPcast.com allowing consumers to easily display their streaming videos over the Web.

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phone, dubbed Smart Phones, that allows mobile Internet access. Expected to be priced around \$300 to \$500, depending on features, the phones are due to ship before July.

The Nokia 7100 weighs 4.9 ounces, has voice-controlled dialing, a roller key for fast scrolling of text and an infrared transceiver so users can move information from the phone to a PC or printer. Further down the road, Nokia will also add Palm Computing's pen-based operating system to its Smart Phones for organizing appointments and addresses. Palm, already offering limited Web access on its Palm VII model, plans to broaden Internet access on its popular hand-held device for fuller Web browsing capabilities.

At Comdex, Palm and Sony Corp. announced that Sony will use Palm's operating system to create a wide range of wireless communication information devices.

Palm also agreed to format its devices to support Sony's memory stick data storage technology. Sony's \$169 memory stick, about the size of a piece of chewing gum, can hold up to 64 megabytes of video, audio and digital data. Sony also unveiled Music Clip, a device about the size of a fountain pen that stores music downloaded from the Internet or transferred from an audio CD. The \$299 Music Clip is 17 inches long and can hold up to 120 minutes of music files in its 64 MB of rewritable flash

monitor and a wireless hand-held touch-screen Web Pad.

Compaq's prototype Internet device has a 10-inch screen, a Pentium II microprocessor, 32 MB of memory and a wireless keyboard.

Next year, consumers will also be able to check sports scores and make airline reservations through cellular phones. Combining wireless services with Internet access and other everyday tasks like scheduling, will enable consumers to access information and services anywhere and any time - a vision long talked about by technology leaders.

Nokia Inc. demonstrated its new 7100 series of its wireless

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An unusual defensive play that always raises eyebrows is the "Crocoid Coup." The Crocoid Coup of bridge defines it as a defensive maneuver intended to foil an impending endplay. The name is most descriptive. A defender on second chair, like a crocodile opening its jaws, wins a trick with an unnecessarily high card, sacrificing his partner's potential winner and thus preventing an end play. Today's deal provides an instructive example.

South ruffs the second heart and knocks out West's trump ace. West shifts to the club 11 and South wins his king. He leads a club to dummy's ace, catches dummy's diamond ace, and then ruffs a club. Now he leads a nine diamond toward dummy to test West.

If West carelessly plays his nine, he is exposing to win the trick. He is in for an unpleasant surprise. East must overtake with his queen and has no safe exit. He must lead a heart or a club, allowing South to discard his last diamond while he ruffs an dummy.

To save East from the endplay, West must play his diamond king when South leads a nine toward dummy. West's king "challenges" East's bare queen, and West wins two diamond tricks to beat the game.

Should West recognize that it's time for action? Yes, if he answers this question: "Why did South cash the diamond ace before ruffing a club?" When South ruffs a club, West knows that South has dealt seven trumps, a singleton heart and two clubs, and therefore three diamonds. If he held Q-x-x, he wouldn't be here. He'd have been queen rather than away from it!

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SOUTH: ♠ A Q J 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 NORTH: ♠ A K Q J 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2

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Opening lead: Heart queen

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Nationals aren't so grand

SHAWNEE, Kan. — So this is Kansas, huh, Tor? Browns and grays dominate the plain landscape dotted with warehouses, leafless trees and run down houses.

Never having worked, let alone witnessed, a national college championship tournament before, were my expectations too grandiose? — Snoozing at banquets attended by a parade of Amazon-like players, the nation's 16 best junior college women's volleyball teams all gathered in one place, made me think this would be four special days appropriately treated as such.

But after the \$18-a-plate welcome banquet on Sunday served up a 2-

SIDELINE VIEW

Kevin Hall

by 2-inch cheesy square of pasta with plenty of long-winded speakers followed by the first five minutes of entering the cavernous Bailey Ann Olson Athletic Center on Monday, I was ready to call this one humorous lullaby.

The year-old druid barn/gym — replete with a parquet floor, aluminum bleachers and mediocre sound system — is unremarkable in its presentation. Championship banners and streamers are glaringly absent.

The only thing dangling from the rafters are the cobwebs. The only items reminding spectators and participants alike of this on-site handmade championship bracket pasted on the entry wall, while across the way, a pair of Tachikawa banners tied to the official manufacturer of collegiate volleyball hang below wall-mounted electronic scoreboards.

But the many complaints I heard from fans and players Monday tell me Spahr and his overworked staff missed the mark. In a glossy, dank corner of the building lurked the "tournament area." In the morning session, two folding chairs were the only participants lingering in the shadows. CSI trainer Bob Davies later said the area had improved by mid-afternoon.

Still, as CSI booster Sam Adler surmised: "What a primitive facility."

I couldn't agree more, Sam. The so-called championship parade, where assorted teams shivered while lining up abreast in two groups eight rows deep, was quite the joke.

The NBC-inspired Olympic theme being thinly echoed out while those before groups solemnly trode their way onto Court C. Only 15 of the 16 teams at the mandatory assembly, Illinois' Belleville Area College was MIA — due, ceremony officer Bruce Roderick informed via a public-address announcement, to "being lost on the interstate."

The makeshift media room, which admitted several for no purpose, was the center's upstairs office supply room — so there I typed sandwiched between a copier and a shelf full of manila folders and glue containers.

It was as if the entire debacle had been thrown together two hours before the doors opened.

"But hey, I'm here for the competition, not all the glitz — or lack thereof. Besides, the day had one radiantly bright moment: the national volleyball team unleashed a brilliant three-set demolition of Texas Hill College to open the tournament."

And that was all the reminder I needed that it's the substance, not the surface, that really matters.

Coming Wednesday: Forget about what you might have heard or imagined about the (semi-)pro Miami Dolphins community relations program. They're much more frightening in person.

One down, three to go Respect not the issue

Golden Eagles inch toward seventh volleyball title

By Kevin Hall
Times-News writer

SHAWNEE, Kan. — Talk about your wake-up calls. After being roused from slumber to meet an early 8 a.m. opening ceremony, the College of Southern Idaho Golden Eagles used their time wisely, jarring a sleepwalking Hill College 15-3, 15-8, 15-8.

The win opened play at the 26th annual National Junior College Athletic Association national volleyball tournament, held for the first time at the recently dedicated Bailey Ann Olson Athletic Center.

Super serving, a powerful attack and an impenetrable block proved the difference, as the Golden Eagles (44-2) advanced into today's second round against once-beaten Seward County Community College (50-1), of neighboring Liberal, Kan.

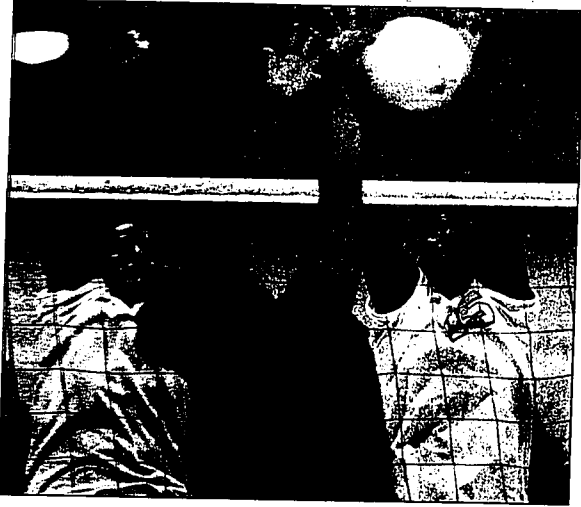
"We played really well," said CSI head coach Ben Struud. "I thought we had a couple of mental breakdowns during the match, but we snapped back."

Middle blocker Stephanie Martin led the vaunted CSI attack, crushing 11 kills in 18 attempts for a match-high 671 hitting points. Overall, CSI hit 301 on 38-of-63 hitting with 13 errors, compared to the Lady Rebels' woeful minus 128 on 17-of-63 attacks.

Although the Lady Rebels kept themselves in the match with superb defense, the overwhelmed and smaller Texas school just couldn't execute any offense.

"(CSI) is a much bigger team than us," said Hill head coach Shelly Barbour. "Obviously, because of their height, they're a really strong team than we are. We played our hearts out."

But playing on heart couldn't get it done for the Lady Rebels, who were led by Julia Hageman's five kills and 677 average. CSI dominated from the onset, as middle Tamekia Moore began



College of Southern Idaho players Fabiana De Abreu, left, and Tamekia Moore, right, block the shot of Hill Community College player Stasha Moudry Monday.

with a bang on the net. The slender jumper stifled Hill at the net with her extraordinary leaping and ability to hang in the air in the match. CSI totaled 11 team blocks and 20 block assists — while serving seven aces — to win three team blocks.

After a Moore deflection made in 4-0 CSI in Game 1, Hill countered with a pair of points before the Golden Eagles took charge. A Stasha Moudry spike into the net made it 5-2 CSI before two sky-dunk aces by Moore and a timely killer quickly made it 8-2. Hill scored its last point at 8-8 when Fabium de Abreu was whistled for a net violation.

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26th Annual NJCAA National Volleyball Tournament

Monday's action	Consolation round
First round results	Hill def. Pasco-Hernando, 15-11, 15-2, 15-11 (Pasco eliminated)
No. 1 CSI def. No. 14 Hill College, 15-3, 15-8, 15-8	SWAS def. Redlands, 15-9, 15-2, 15-11 (Redlands eliminated)
No. 6 Seward County def. No. 11 Pasco-Hernando, 15-5, 15-4, 15-8	Sherridan def. Wallace-Hanceville, 15-11, 15-7, 15-5 (Wallace eliminated)
No. 7 Barton County def. No. 10 Southwest Missouri State, 15-12, 15-9, 15-5, 6:15, 15:11	Western Nebraska def. Iowa Western, no score (Iowa Western eliminated)
No. 2 Salt Lake CC def. No. 15 Redlands CC, 15-5, 15-2, 15-8	
No. 5 Glenville CC def. No. 16 Wallonia State, 15-12, 15-8, 15-9	
No. 9 Belleville Area College def. No. 8 Sheridan, 15-12, 15-17, 15:13	
No. 4 Lincoln CC def. No. 12 Western Nebraska CC, 15-6, 15:10, 15:2	
No. 10 Lejeune College def. No. 13 Iowa Western CC, 15-8, 9-15, 15-13, 15-8, 15-10	

Hall welcomes The Great One

The Associated Press

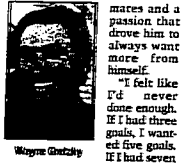
TORONTO — Wayne Gretzky handled the ultimate tribute to his unparalleled hockey career — induction in the Hall of Fame — with the same boyish humility that characterized his playing days.

In typical Gretzky fashion, The Great One tried to share the limelight with his two fellow inductees — former referee Andy Van Heulemond and former referee, coach Stanley Morrison — when they received their Hall of Fame blazers and rings at a ceremony Monday jammed with journalists.

Gretzky insisted that Morrison take the center seat at the interview table and called the honor of joining his co-inductees in the Hall "a very special."

Such gestures have made Gretzky a national hero in Canada, honored and loved as the greatest to ever play the game.

When asked what made him the most dominant player of all time, Gretzky credited his teammates and a passion that drove him to always want more from himself.



Wayne Gretzky

"I felt like I'd never done enough. If I had three goals, I wanted five goals. If I had seven points, I wanted eight points," he said. "I never going off every night, played 80 games every year as hard as I could, whether it was Oct. 1 or April 1."

"Maybe that's why I was able to have the records that I did eventually get," said the holder of 61 NHL records whose trademark No. 99 was retired after his final game.

The 38-year-old master left an extraordinary mark on the game, with four Stanley Cup championships, almost every conceivable award and winning every major NHL award multiple times.

He longs for the camaraderie and competition left behind by retirement, but said his decision to stop playing is final.

"Nothing can replace hockey," he said. "I wish I could still play and I miss it tremendously because it's a great game."

"But I said this before I was going to retire one time, one time officially and I'm officially retired. I probably miss the game more than the game misses Wayne Gretzky."

His legacy is evident, on and off the ice. The NHL now features increasing numbers of swift-skating, highly skilled European players who prosper under the flowing, puck-control style played by Gretzky and his Edmonton Oilers teams of the 1980s to win four championships in five seasons.

Eight NHL teams play in southern U.S. cities formerly considered unsuitable for a winter game such as hockey, due in part to Gretzky's seven-plus years in Los Angeles and the popularity he helped spread.



Tyrone Braxton, left, safety for the Denver Broncos, trips Oakland Raiders tight end Ricky Dudley in the first quarter in Denver's Mile High Stadium Monday.

Broncos dump Raiders

The Associated Press

DENVER — One play after defensive tackle Trevor Pryce forced a fumble, Olandis Gary ran 24 yards for a touchdown, lifting the Denver Broncos to a 27-21 overtime win over the Oakland Raiders on Monday night.

Pryce sacked Rich Gannon, forcing a fumble and recovering it at the Raider 24, and on the next play Gary bolted off the left side for the clinching score 2:40 into the extra period.

Jason Elam kicked two fourth-quarter field goals, including a 53-yarder with seven seconds left in regulation, to produce a 21-21 tie.

Darrien Gordon's 25-yard punt return had set up Michael Husted's 44-yard field goal with 1:17 left, giving the Raiders a 21-18 lead.

But the Broncos (4-7) then went 36 yards in nine plays,

including Brian Griese's 3-yard pass to Rod Smith on fourth-and-1, allowing Elam to force overtime.

Griese replaced starter Chris Miller midway through the final quarter and promptly engineered a 42-yard drive that culminated in Elam's 38-yard field goal with 4:04 left, to tie the game at 15.

A questionable pass interference penalty against Oakland's Charles Woodson covering 31 yards was the key play on the drive. The ball appeared to be uncatchable and receiver Ed McCaffrey went to the ground with minimal contact, but got the call anyway.

Gordon's return appeared to clinch it for the Raiders (5-5), but the Broncos answered.

The Raiders overcame a 15-0 second-quarter deficit to take an 18-15 lead, thanks to two touchdown passes from Gannon.

Cinci holds firm atop college poll

The Associated Press

Cincinnati won its season opener and remained No. 1 in the AP college basketball poll Monday, while Maryland, which spent all last season ranked seventh or higher, moved into the Top 25.

The Bearcats, who beat Youngstown State 94-67 Saturday, received 31 first-place votes and 1,504 points from the national media panel to hold the No. 1 spot for the second straight week.

Auburn, which opened the season last week with two straight wins, moved up to No. 2, ahead of UAB and Arkansas-Pine Bluff, and Michigan State, which opens the season Monday night against

Men's college basketball Top 25

Toluid, which placed fourth last week. Second-ranked Auburn had 10 first-place votes and 1,552 points, two more than the Spartans, who were No. 1 on Oct. 19.

South Carolina, Temple, Florida and Connecticut each moved up one spot in the rankings. Arizona, which moved up two spots, Stanford, which stayed at No. 9, and Kansas, which advanced two spots, rounded out the Top Ten. Temple and Stanford each had two No. 1 votes, while North

Carolina and Florida received one each.

Kentucky, which advanced to Wednesday's Preseason NIT semifinals along with Arizona, Maryland and Notre Dame, moved from 14th to No. 11 and was followed by Ohio State, UCLA, Syracuse, Illinois, Duke, Tennessee, DePaul, Utah and Gonzaga.

The last five teams in the rankings were Oklahoma State, Purdue, Iowa, Maryland and Georgia.

SPORTS

Murtaugh comeback stymies TFCA

The Times-News
TWIN FALLS - Third-quarter turnovers by the host Twin Falls Christian Academy allowed Murtaugh to inch back into the game...

TFCA (1-2) plays at Hansen next Monday. The Red Devils play at home tonight against Dietrich.

led all scorers with 24 points and eight rebounds, and classmate Travis Hill added 18 points. The 2-2 Trojans travel to Sbo-Ban tonight.

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Local sports
Weaver said. "They stole the ball and we just kind of lost it."

Raft River 82, MVCA 8
MALTA - What does a coach do when his team is ahead 26 points at the end of the first quarter?

Dietrich 56, Castleford 43
DIETRICH - The host Blue Devils held a two-point halftime lead over Castleford and outscored the Wolves 36-25 in the second half to earn the A-4 non-conference girls' basketball win over Shoshone Monday night.

Kimberly 45, Shoshone 41
SHOSHONE - Kimberly's Brianna Harshman scored 16 points to lead the Bulldogs to a non-conference girls' basketball win over Shoshone Monday night.

Trailing 20-14 to start the second half, Murtaugh outscored the Warriors 7-4 in the third quarter and 13-8 in the fourth.

The third-year coach had pulled his starters with three minutes to play in the first quarter and watched his reserves play the rest of the game, ending up with an 82-8 A-4 non-conference girls' basketball win over Magic Valley Christian Academy.

Dietrich coach Gene Strow said "it was kind of an ugly game" as 42 fouls were committed and the Blue Devils grabbed 14 rebounds for the game.

Indians coach Tim Chapman said Harshman's inside play, coupled with Shoshone's poor field-goal percentage (25 percent), contributed to the Indians' loss.

Murtaugh's Jessica Tolman led all scorers with 12 points, while teammate Lacy Perkins added nine. TFCA's top scorer was Haley Jordan, who had 10 points and nine rebounds.

Speth said when the teams play each other later this season, the Trojans will send their JV squad.

Strow said five of the Blue Devils' steals came in the opening minutes of the third quarter. And two of McCowan's treys pro-

vided a cushion the Wolves could never overcome. The 3-1 Blue Devils play at Murtaugh tonight.

Stockton to Malone equals Jazz victory

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - Karl Malone had 34 points and 11 rebounds, and John Stockton added 12 points and 15 assists without a turnover as the Utah Jazz beat the Minnesota Timberwolves.

the court. Five-foot-10 Avery Johnson scored on a layup off a pass from Duncan to give the Spurs a 90-89 lead with 29 seconds left.

Allen Iverson led the 76ers with 35 points.

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Malone, who scored 19 points on 6-of-16 shooting in an 89-84 loss to the Timberwolves, scored 23 points and had seven rebounds by halftime this time out.

Robinson then blocked a shot by Larry Hughes, and Duncan grabbed the rebound and hit two free throws to make it 92-89 with 14 seconds left.

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Utah held Kevin Garnett, fourth in the NBA with a 26.1 scoring average, to 20 points. Terrell Brandon led the Timberwolves with 21 points.

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On a night when the Spurs overwhelmed the Sixers with their size, getting a season-high 15 blocks, the decisive basket came from the shortest player on

Paul Pierce scored 17 points and grabbed a career-high 12 rebounds for the Celtics.

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Cardinal returns to women's Top 25 Respect

Given a choice between a national ranking and a healthy team, Stanford coach Tara VanDerveer will take health over respect.

Women's AP Top 25
team a year ago, Stanford was left out of the preseason poll for the first time since 1986-87.

was unchanged and received 36 of 44 first-place votes from a national media panel after opening the season with a 73-43 victory at Iowa.

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When it comes to seeding, shouldn't the team that has dominated play six years running be afforded the No. 1 seed without question? The committee says no.

Stanford returned to the Top 25 for the first time since early last season when it showed up at No. 23 Monday in The Associated Press women's basketball poll, which again had Connecticut on top.

They opened the season with a victory over San Francisco and beat then-No. 6 Iowa State 95-82 on Sunday.

Louisiana Tech, which upset Tennessee in its opening week ago, received four first-place votes. Georgia and UCLA each received two.

Some of the blame for that evaluation falls upon Region 18 director Norma Carr, who is also SLC's athletic director.

"That's nice, VanDerveer said, but what makes her even happier is seeing everyone on her team able to play and contribute.

"The thing for us is we do well when we're healthy," VanDerveer said. "In 1998, that was just a disaster with the injuries we had at the end of the year. Last year, we had three kids hurt at this time. We're just trying to keep everybody healthy."

Georgia beat Boston College 78-70 Sunday in the preseason NIT and met No. 12 UC Santa Barbara in the championship game Monday night. UCLA opened with a 69-45 victory over North Carolina and Tennessee (1-1) rebounded from its loss to Louisiana Tech by setting a school scoring record in a 133-60 win of Tennessee-Martin.

So far, CSI has let its actions on the court do the talking.

"I appreciate more when we have healthy players," VanDerveer said. "I'm excited about improvement, I'm excited about positive attitude and people playing hard more so than a ranking. A ranking is something that seems a little artificial."

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CSI continued its onslaught by holding out to a 11-3 advantage before stumbling on one of the mental lapses Stroud mentioned. Roberts ripped a shot long. Martin was called for a net violation and Popek hit into the net to make it 11-6.

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With Holly Foster serving, the Golden Eagles began to put the Rebels away with a 3-0 run for match point. Hill suffered through two sideburns as a Moodle bias sailed long for the match.

So far, CSI has let its actions on the court do the talking.

The sides exchanged possessions, each tallying a point before CSI won back the service with a booming de Abreu cross-court

But 1999 Filer High School graduate Kara Hymas, in her first national competition, blocked McDaniel to regain the lead at 8-7, and a Popenko cross-court hammer made it 9-7. It was 11-7 CSI before the teams traded sides out a final time.

Times-News sports writer Kevin Hill is in Kansas this week covering the College of Southern Idaho volleyball team's quest for a seventh-straight NJCAA title. Leave a message for him at 733-0931, Ext. 279.

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SPORTS IN BRIEF

Sun Valley slopes to open Thanksgiving Day
SUN VALLEY - The Sun Valley Co. announced Monday that it will have limited lifts operating on Thanksgiving Day to open the ski season.

All-Magic Valley Conference announced
The 1999 All-Magic Valley Conference football team, officially released this week, bears a number of key positions occupied by players from state Class A-4, 11-man champion Mackay and runner-up Raft River.

Buy citrus to help Twin Falls softball
TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls High School softball team is selling boxes of oranges and grapefruit to help cover expenses for the Bruins' upcoming season.

Coaches: Please return questionnaires
TWIN FALLS - Boys' basketball coaches in the Times-News' 29-high school coverage area are reminded to send completed questionnaires, rosters and up-to-date schedules to the sports desk today to ensure inclusion in The Times-News' 1999-00 winter sports previews.

Vandals to host volleyball tourney this week
MOSCOW - The University of Idaho volleyball team will host the Northwest Dodge/Braneagan's Volleyball Challenge Friday and Saturday at Memorial Gym.

CSI baseball camp on tap for next month
TWIN FALLS - An all-star cast of coaches and former players is preparing to host the College of Southern Idaho's winter baseball camp Dec. 27-29.

Buhl Volleyball Club plans registration, try-outs
BUHL - The Buhl Volleyball Club will hold registration and try-outs for players in grades 5-12 for the 2000 season on Wednesday, Dec. 1 in the elementary school music room.

The BCS race is on: Who's No. 2?
Florida State has clinched a spot in the Bowl Championship Series' national title showdown, but second-place Virginia Tech is locked in a numbers game with fast-climbing Nebraska in the latest BCS standings released Monday.

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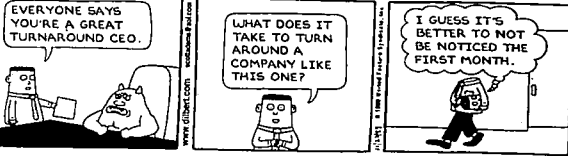
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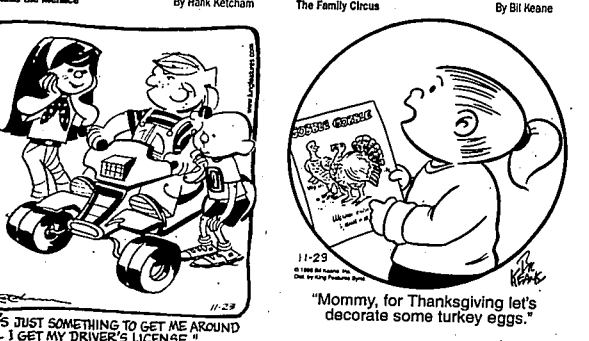


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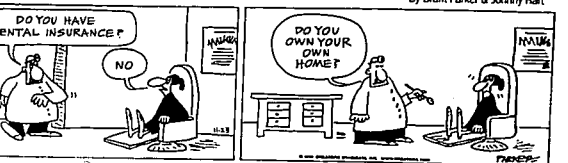
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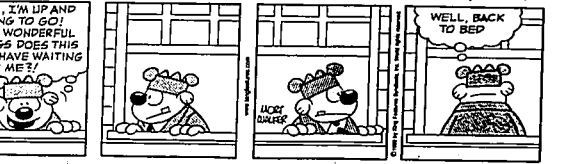
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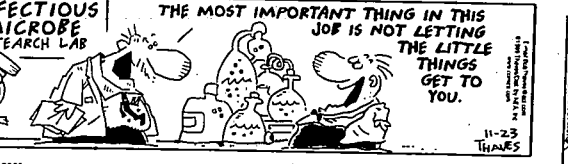
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