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Award: The work of Miniro High School students in a traffic safety project is being rewarded.

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Season's greetings: The College of Southern Idaho Theater Department collects some memories for Christmas.

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Winter sports: The Times-News continues its preview of area high school athletic events. Today - the Canyon and South Central Idaho competitors boys basketball programs.

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Whipped: The Miami Dolphins put the ball in Dan Marino's hands on Thanksgiving Day, but the recuperated quarterback came up short.

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OPINION

Who knows? Do Idaho's residents deserve an Agribus, or a D-mimus? No one knows, today's editorial says.

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Sam Oberste, 12, left, and Severn Barnett, 6, were just two of the dozens of volunteers rushing around the kitchen area at Chili's restaurant in Twin Falls on Thanksgiving. Volunteers served Thanksgiving dinner to needy families seated in the restaurant.

BRUCE OWEN/STAFF PHOTO

Chili's, volunteers give warm welcome

Free meals served with a smile

By Janet L. Hasky
Times-News staff writer

TWIN FALLS — Leslie Wardslie couldn't have been happier Thursday.

"Thank you so much," she said, a smile stretching across her face as she hugged Paul Gibson. "I love you."

"I love you, too," said Gibson, the social services director for the Salvation Army in Twin Falls.

"You're welcome."

Wardslie wasn't the only person smiling and offering thanks at

Chili's Restaurant in Twin Falls on Thursday either.

In fact, there were probably more thank-yous spoken than there were turkeys.

Thanksgiving dinner was on the house, the fifth-year Chili's has joined together with the Salvation Army to serve dinner to the needy.

"Most of the people in the community are excited about this. They are wanting to get in and

help," Gibson said. "As for the clientele that come in to eat, they are pretty receptive."

More than 200 people came in for a sit-down dinner of turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy, vegetables and of course, pumpkin pie.

Local grocery stores helped donate the food, while more than 40 volunteers helped serve it, Melissa Parton, general manager of Chili's, said.

And while a food ticket was given out by the Salvation Army to those wishing a meal, Parton said everyone was welcomed.

"We would let anyone eat that needed to," she said.

Gibson said about 90 percent of those who come to eat at Chili's for Thanksgiving are needy. Some are homeless and others are just down on their luck, he said.

While most people are happy to get a free dinner, taking a rare

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Families, homeless share warmth of holiday

The Associated Press

Millions of Americans traveled hundreds of miles to share Thanksgiving with friends and family. For those far from home and those without homes, charities and restaurants opened their doors and tables.

"What we envision is a banquet table from coast to coast where the most vulnerable in the country are invited to sit down with those people that care about them," said Phil Rydman, a spokesman for the International Union of Gospel Missions, based in North Kansas City, Mo.

Ten thousand volunteers served 62 tons of turkey, 29 tons of potatoes and 41 tons of stuffing for the homeless and poor at some 200 rescue missions across the country, according to the group's estimates. The missions served Thanksgiving dinner to an estimated 175,000 people.

In Los Angeles, soup kitchen diners got a chance to see where their money went as the Union Rescue Mission ran video snippets of its Thanksgiving feast



Benjamin Leaman, 9 months old, is fed by his father, John, on his first Thanksgiving Thursday at the St. Philip the Apostle Catholic Church in Lancaster, Pa. His mother, Wei Leaman, is seated beside him.

over the Internet. "We wanted our donors to kind of see the real difference their giving to us makes," said Michael Teague, president and chief executive officer of the mission.

In Rocky Mount, N.C., people who lost their homes to flooding-

including many residents of near-Princeville, founded by freed slaves after the Civil War - sat down to dinner in large tents with Martin Luther King III, president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, and the Rev. Al Sharpton of New York City.

Shannon Ricles in Yorktown, Va., and Gene and Phyllis Greene in Columbus, Ohio, shared their homes and holiday meals with strangers. Ricles invited some of her son's Navy shipmates and others based at the Norfolk Naval Station.

In Plymouth, Mass., the holiday had a more somber tone as more than 100 American Indians and their supporters marched near Plymouth Rock in commemoration of the 30th National Day of Mourning, an event that casts Thanksgiving as a symbol of America's poor treatment of Indians. "People tend to forget that millions of people died so they could sit down and enjoy a turkey dinner and watch some football," said Wampanoag tribe member Moanunnam James.

Study ties natural light to learning

The Washington Post

School districts across the nation have scrambled to find a solution to dismal student performance on standardized tests, trying alternative curricula, different teaching methods, new textbooks, better trained teachers, smaller classes, after-school tutors, Saturday sessions, even longer school years.

But for the most part, school officials have yet to take a close look at the physical space where learning takes place - the classroom. Could a partial solution to the achievement problem be to improve the lighting there?

A California architecture consulting firm thinks so, based on its study on the effect of classroom lighting on achievement levels. The study by the Hechinger Mahone Group based near Sacramento found that students who took their lessons in classrooms with more natural light scored as much as 25 percent higher on standardized tests than other students in the same school district.

The study, billed as the first rigorous one of its kind, appears to confirm what some school designers have asserted based on anecdotal evidence - children learn better under illumination from skylights or windows, rather than artificial bulbs. The main theories for why this might be the case are that "daylighting" enhances learning by boosting the eyesight, mood and/or health of students and their teachers.

Joseph Villani, associate director of the National School Boards Association, whose membership controls school construction, said the study focused on the kind of "human engineering" issues that school boards should consider in awarding design contracts.

"It's almost common sense if you look at what people prefer," Villani said. "Most people prefer to have some daylighting."

Slumping sales trim tobacco funds for states

The Associated Press

HARTFORD, Conn. — States are slated to get less money from the tobacco settlement than initially thought, because of an expected nationwide decrease in cigarette shipments.

Under a little-noticed "volume adjustment" provision of the settlement, Connecticut stands to see up to 10 percent less than the \$166 million it expected to collect between now and April, said Marc Ryan, the director of the governor's budget office.

Other states also stand to come out with less money as tobacco shipments and sales decline because of high price increases and anti-tobacco campaigns that started after cigarette makers settled lawsuits with the states last year.

The exact reduction has not yet been calculated. It will affect settlement payments due to states in April.

Prior to the reductions, Idaho was scheduled to receive about \$711 million over 25 years, with the April payment of \$23.2 million.

Rescuers seek survivors after ferry burns

The Washington Post

BEIJING — Rescue workers trawling the frigid waters of eastern China's Bohai Bay found 150 bodies but only 36 survivors Thursday from among the 312 passengers and crew aboard a ferry that caught fire and sank.

The 5,000-ton Dashun, which was named after the Chinese characters for "big" and "wealth," went down late Wednesday night off the coastal city of Yantai in violent seas and nearly freezing weather,

according to official Chinese reports. Nearby naval vessels and fishing boats sent to help were forced to keep their distance from the sinking ship because of the fierce conditions, according to the New China News Agency.

"The low temperature, around zero degrees Celsius, and the continued gale made rescue efforts difficult," the agency said.

At least one passenger swam to safety on his own and rescuers eventually plucked others from the water. Some 5,000 local

farmers gathered along the shore looking for signs of life. Television footage showed beaches strewn with apples and other debris from the ship.

The 100-mile trip from Yantai to the major port of Dalian is an important shipping route. More than 200,000 boats, and 3.5 million people, make the journey every year.

But 16-foot waves and violent winds that broke out Wednesday night forced the Dashun to turn back and head home to Yantai, the closest port.



AP

NATION

Three saved from Cuban refugee boat

MIAMI (AP) — Survivors from a small boat that sank off the Florida coast with 14 Cuban refugees on board began washing ashore early Thursday. Two adults and 5-year-old boy were found clinging to debris, at least one woman was found and seven others are presumed drowned.

A fisherman found the boy clinging to an inner tube two miles off Fort Lauderdale at about 10 a.m. EST Thursday, hours after a 33-year-old man and 22-year-old woman on another inner tube washed ashore on Key Biscayne, Coast Guard Petty Officer Scott Carr said.



Donato Dabrumple lays out the clothing of a 5-year-old Cuban boy he and fellow fishermen pulled from the water near Fort Lauderdale, Fla., Thursday.

The two adults' early morning landing and their story prompted a search and rescue operation that recovered the body of an elderly woman from the Atlantic. An airplane and a helicopter continued to search for the others, Carr said. Miami-Dade Police Marine Patrol units were helping in the search.

The two adult survivors told Coast Guard officials they had been among 14 people on a 17-foot boat that left Cuba before dawn Sunday. Two inflated inner tubes were tied to the boat plus one that was not inflated.

The boat sank Tuesday and the survivors, whose names were not released, said they saw seven people drown.

"They did say that several people on the boat were seen going under," said Miami-Dade police spokesman Ed Munn. "We are very fearful for their well-being."

The man and woman said they grabbed one inflated inner tube, while five others, including the boy, grabbed the other.

Carr said Coast Guard officials haven't interviewed the boy yet. The child was taken to Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital in Hollywood, where he was listed in stable condition after being treated for minor dehydration and cuts on his hand.

"He is very alert and talkative," said hospital spokeswoman Lauri Brunelli. "He knows his name and that he's

from Cuba."

The one recovered body was found about 20 miles north of Key Biscayne. She was among the people last seen clinging to the boy's raft.

The Border Patrol says that since 1993 at least 140 Cubans and Haitians have drowned while trying to reach the United States.

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NATION

Researchers find brain cells linked to learning

WASHINGTON (AP) — Neurons flashing signals about the brain undergo a dramatic change as the mind learns new habits of behavior, researchers report.

Brain scientists using rats taught to run a maze found that as the rats learned, there was a change in the firing pattern of certain neurons in the brain. This new pattern may mark the way habits are acquired.

"We have made one small step toward figuring out what the brain does when we develop a habit," said Ann M. Graybiel, a brain researcher at Massachusetts Institute of Technology and senior author of a study appearing today in the journal Science.

Graybiel said just how the brain reacts as it acquires a habit of behavior is a complex process. Discovering how that process

works, she said, may help researchers find new treatments for Parkinson's disease and for bad habits that affect behavior.

Parkinson's disease is a degenerative neurological disorder that destroys brain cells that produce a chemical important for movement. Symptoms include muscle stiffening, tremors and difficulty moving.

"Habits are hard to make and they are hard to break," Graybiel said. "The brain mechanisms that do this are special. They are different from the brain mechanisms that let us learn a phone number. We want to find out what that special mechanism is."

In the study, Graybiel and her colleagues implanted sensors into rats' brains. The sensors were placed in the striatum, a part of the brain involved in Parkinson's disease and in the formation of habits in people.

Female medical examiner workers object to tie rules

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Two workers in the medical examiner's office have filed formal complaints about a policy requiring employees to wear neckties.

That's ALL employees. Even women.

Patricia Martin and Daphne Moutry-Allen told the state's Equal Rights Division they want to have the rule abolished and are seeking compensation for humiliation and discrimination. Both women have rejected settlement offers.

"Obviously I am concerned about retaliation, but you get to the point where enough is enough," said Martin, a forensic

investigator. "I don't need to look like a man to do my job."

Their complaints are scheduled for a hearing Dec. 3 at the state office building in Milwaukee.

The 1.5-year-old rule came about after the men in the office filed a union grievance complaining it was unfair they had to wear ties on the job. They said ties can drape on a corpse while they work or could provide a way for distraught family members of the deceased to choke them.

After an arbitrator sided with the men, Medical Examiner Jeffrey M. Jentzen ruled that both genders would wear ties in the office.

Shot glances off phone, hits cop

NEW YORK (AP) — A plainclothes police officer caught in a firefight escaped serious injury when a bullet ricocheted off his cellular phone and grazed his stomach.

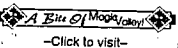
The 29-year-old officer, whose name was withheld because of the nature of his duty, was wounded Tuesday night when three men tried to rob him and his partner during an undercover cocaine sale in a Bronx apartment, police said today.

As the suspects tried to flee, they encountered Sgt. Robert Delamey and Officer William Morales, who fired a total of 10 shots at them, striking one in the leg.

The suspects were arrested on attempted murder and attempted robbery charges.



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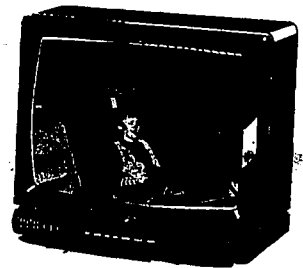
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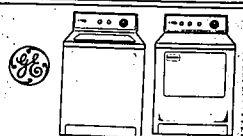
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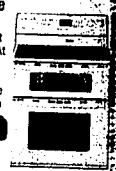
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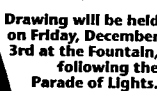


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EDITORIAL

Teachers shouldn't revile the Fordham report - yet

Idaho's teachers may be feeling stung after a private foundation recently gave the state a D-minus for its lack of efforts to improve teacher quality. But the report, from the Thomas B. Fordham Foundation, really isn't about the quality of Idaho's teachers.

It's about an administrative system that doesn't hold teachers accountable for the quality of their work. That lack of accountability means teacher performance is shrouded in mystery.

Elsewhere on this page, the president of the state's teachers union contends her members are doing a super-duper job of educating students. But the product that Idaho teachers are putting out - the academic skills of graduates - often is of disturbingly low quality.

Just look at test scores or ask employers who hire recent high school graduates. They say many of today's graduates are abysmally prepared to perform simple mathematics, let alone any reading or writing.

So where does the truth lie? As the Fordham report put it, "With ... no sys-

temic accountability program in place, pressure for schools to improve is slight. Yes, Idaho has some outstanding teachers who push their students to great academic heights. But Idaho citizens also know there are some underperforming teachers as well.

In identifying these ineffective ones is a challenge that Idaho has to face.

In fairness, the Fordham report gives Idaho an A for requiring secondary school teachers to major in their subject areas. But it gives Idaho a D for its system of teacher accountability, and an F for the autonomy that school-level administrators need to discipline or fire ineffective teachers.

Identifying ineffective teachers and removing them is a challenge that Idaho has to face.

Teachers unions love to protect their weaker members behind the twin barricades of tenure and standardized pay. Those walls must be lowered if real reform is to occur.

The Fordham report focuses on teacher accountability, and in that regard, it is right to conclude that Idaho lacks the needed tools. Idaho's taxpayers, parents and, yes, students, deserve better.



Idaho's teachers deserve an A-plus rating

Recently, your newspaper ran a story reporting that some guy in Washington, D.C., who works for an ultra-conservative think tank and has never stepped foot in an Idaho classroom, decided the would send out a "report card" on the quality of Idaho's teachers. It seems he thinks we're a pretty sorry lot, giving us a D-minus. His criticism included the fact we don't have vouchers, can't fire a teacher at the drop of a hat and don't have a merit pay scheme in place.

As the president of the Idaho Education Association, you may not be surprised that I disagree with this fellow's conclusions. Why? Because I work with Idaho's teachers each and every day. As a result, I believe I have a lot more information on which to base a grade than does this East Coast interloper. And I give Idaho's teachers an A-plus.

Here's why.

First, Idaho's teachers have worked hard for our "grade." We have earned at least a teacher's degree, and 25 percent of us have a master's or doctorate. To get those degrees, we had to prove to we know what we were doing. We do, and we're as proud as can be when a student calls us "teacher."

Secondly, have you ever driven by a school at night or on the weekend? If so,

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Robin Nettinga

you've probably noticed the parking lot is virtually full of teachers' cars. And many of those who aren't there are at home grading papers, preparing lessons, calling parents, coaching a team or taking additional college courses to improve our skills.

Thirdly, our hard work and training are paying off. For the last three years in a row, the job we've been doing has inspired more and more kids to stay in school, resulting in a sharply declining dropout rate among Idaho's students. Fourthly, at the same time fewer kids are dropping out, our students' scores on standardized tests have increased each and every year. And that begs the question: If Idaho's teachers are virtually failing, why is it that our students' scores always exceed the national average? Could it be we're doing a great job?

Finally, the job of an Idaho teacher doesn't stop at the classroom door. We work with parents, meet with business leaders, talk with politicians - all to urge an even more effective partnership on behalf of our kids. While we'd like to believe we can do it alone, we know

good and well we can't. It takes all of us to help a kid succeed, and we're fortunate to have parents and business leaders who are our partners.

So, what do Idaho teachers really need? Well, we'll be the first to say we can always improve. We work at it all the time, and we are excited about every new opportunity that comes along.

But sometimes we'd like to see a man report that tells the truth about what it is we're doing. We'd like to see a story written by someone who's actually spent time with us in our classrooms. And we'd certainly like to read in an Idaho newspaper something like what J.A. Adande wrote in the Nov. 16 issue of the Los Angeles Times:

"You know where teachers really miss out? They don't get the cheers. They'll never know what it's like to run through a tunnel and hear a stadium filled with 80,000 people go nuts at the sound of their name. There's no way to flip our entire economic system around, to lavish millions on the teachers and make the athletes by their own shoes, but it doesn't cost anything to cheer, in what ever way, which is the least we can do for the caretakers of our future."

Now that's an A-plus idea!

Robin Nettinga of Nampa is the president of the Idaho Education Association.

What the Fordham report says

Here's what the Fordham report says about Idaho:

"The only bright lights in Idaho's dim teacher-quality system are a 'dual public school choice program and the requirement that secondary school teachers major in their subject area. With student standards still incomplete, however, and no systemic accountability

program in place, pressure for schools to improve is slight. School leaders have virtually no power to hire or dismiss staff members. Idaho's alternative certification program is available only for secondary teachers and requires a significant amount of education coursework, as do the state's approved programs."

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LETTERS

Developers' tactics are shocking

I was shocked to see representatives of Craig A. Neilson and Co. at the Magic Valley Mall, begging for signatures from citizens of who knows where. Signatures that would be presented to the Twin Falls City Council as those of informed Twin Falls voters in hopes of passing a measure that would allow them to violate a city code, which prohibits the construction of buildings higher than 35 feet along the canyon rim.

This was classic irony. Does the mall support a plan that would have such a huge negative impact on its merchants? Are they aware of the plan to implement 110,000 feet of retail space not 300 yards away? For a brief moment, the Magic Valley Mall took on the appearance of a large fish market and had the accompanying scent.

Am I the only individual who has stopped to consider what this would do to the economy of Twin Falls?

Supposedly, the planned canyon rim convention center will provide us with more jobs and money. This is a nice dream. I won't get a pay raise over it, that's for sure. Also, unemployment is low here, therefore, jobs would merely be displaced. Individuals who are currently employed would have to leave their jobs to fill new ones. Do they actually think that many people would suddenly move into Twin Falls? There is not nearly enough existing housing to accommodate that type of influx, and with housing costs so high and wages so low,

who would want to move here anyway? What would happen to those local merchants who have struggled for several years to cut out their part of the American dream if their employees walk off? Will they make it worth it for their help to stay? Or, will they call it quits and close their doors? Worse yet, will they be forced to seek jobs offered by those who seek to steal their dreams? The services offered there will give hotel patrons no reason to place outside dollars into the hands of Twin Falls residents. Rather, those dollars will go into a cash register, to a bank account, to the Rolls Royce dealer of Las Vegas. Nev. That, folks, is reality.

So the question is, who really wins? Not the people of Twin Falls, and certainly not the Magic Valley Mall.

GREGORY DOWNEY
Twin Falls

Don't rush Christmas

I am writing in concern for the holidays. There is such a holiday as Thanksgiving. You do get the day off to spend time with your family. You do not put Christmas stuff up until after Thanksgiving. I know Christmas is a small holiday, but Thanksgiving is much, much better. My point is, do not put Christmas stuff up until after Thanksgiving. It may be too mad to mad.

KATELYN BROWN
Age 11
Twin Falls

Now, that took some guts

Great white hunters:

It really takes great hunting skills to kill the deer on the Blue Lakes side of the Snake River. Two gentlemen most really be proud of your accomplishment and hunting skills ("Bucks on a Hunt," Outdoor section, Nov. 4).

Mr. Sedley and Mr. Klundt, you must be really proud of yourselves for being such brave men to kill deer that are almost as smart as you are and you hunt. Beal proud if you are out of your mind. Beal proud if you congratulate your own great white hunters.

BOWEN TENNANT
Twin Falls

Stop and read the cement

To the people who enter the Legwand Shipping Center:

You don't see the word "Stop" on the cement do you? You don't look down. It's so white and very plain to see. You go right through. They are all over the lots. I think if they put up stop signs, you would see them either or bit them. I can't almost see the you as they could not fit it in this house. I don't know how many times I've stopped and started out and saw a car coming, and I know they are not going to stop so I wait and they go right by me.

Please, please, next time you go into the Legwand Mall, look down to see if there is a vmp in the pavement - usually where four cars could come together.

It could save a big accident and maybe your life. This does not mean just on Filer Avenue but on Blue Lakes Boulevard and all around the mall.

Look and stop. Thank you.

JANE SCHRADERMEIER
Twin Falls

No more hate literature, please

To the person who has twice sent me statistics and information on and against homosexuality. As a parent of a late son who was, I do not appreciate what I consider hate literature.

You have the courage to send this stuff through the U.S. mail, but you do not have one ounce of courage to sign your name to it or to even put a return address on the envelope.

Being a parent, I have been down the road, which is more than you who has not even stepped off the curb. I consider you a person with a problem; if I help, call me. Whatever, I will pray for you.

JAMES R. CARMICHAEL SR.
Hollister

Why the big rush to the north?

This past year has been a very confusing year. I personally have tried to use local tradesmen for a few jobs around my home, in some cases to no avail.

Like my neighbor who had a job done but when it was almost done, "We will

be back Friday as we have to go to Sun Valley? In her case, it was more than a week and several calls to get the job done. I also had a local trade person who had a Ketchum-Sun Valley job that was more important than mine.

As I and my neighbor the only ones in Twin Falls. I've heard those famous words "We have to go to Ketchum-Sun Valley (I am sorry I am not a moneyed person, but I have always paid. I even asked for a bid on a job and did not even get a call back (that's a sin?). Those lucrative jobs up north will come to an end, then maybe they will find out new customers will be hard to replace.

I wonder.

LARRY SABIN
Twin Falls

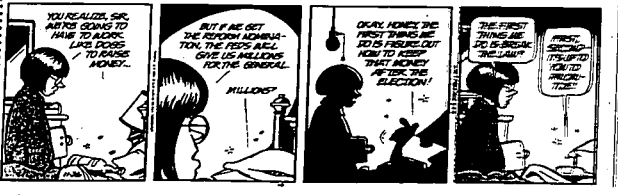
Don't take it out on pets

When you first get a new pet, you get excited and love it. You then expect to have this pet throughout your lifetime or close to it.

But then some person comes along who decides that they don't like your pet, and they do something to hurt you. This is a mean thing to do; the pet did not do anything to you, especially to deserve to die the way they did. Animals are put on this earth to love, not to be killed by someone just because they did not like them.

KAREN CLIMBER
Hansen

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OPINION

LETTERS

Do your own grammar first

In your Nov. 5 editorial, "Do the arithmetic before protesting college costs," you bemoaned the inability of college students to write a proper English sentence.

A photo on the front page of a recent Idaho Statesman told the story loud and clear. A 19-year-old student, bellowing at the top of his lungs, held a sign that read: "We are students that care."

"His family grammar (it should be students who care) dovetails neatly with the protesters' equally poor analysis of state funding for higher education."

Perhaps if The Times-News were to model proper English grammar, your newspaper would have more veracity. On Nov. 19, just two weeks later, one of your reporters wrote: "Known to many as Policeman Jim or Uncle Milt, Miltion dedicated his life to the city he was born and raised in."

When I took English, I do those ratty years ago, I was taught that one did not end a sentence with a preposition. "In" is a preposition. I was also taught that, when referring to human

beings, "near" is preferred to "trailed." Thus, the sentence should read: "Known to many as Policeman Jim or Uncle Milt, Miltion dedicated his life to the city in which he was born and raised."

This is only one of numerous such errors I could cite. Might I be so bold as to suggest that, before bemoaning the state of English grammar in Idaho, The Times-News hire Bill Gates' grammar checker and hire a human proofreader who not only knows English grammar but is not afraid to wield a red pencil?

REV. DANN HOUGHTON
Wendell

Follow the money trail...

While reading your article on the front page of the Nov. 16 paper, I was finally able to put two and two together. After putting a stop back from the canyon rim controversy, I began to look at the situation with new eyes.

Ken Stutzman, who seems to be pushing for the new development of the canyon rim hotel, is

a local contractor and businessman who has an interest in developing and does develop the canyon rim -- as well as being on the planning and zoning commission for the country. Mr. Stutzman stands to make a lot of money if he is contracted to help with the construction of Mr. Nelson's hotel and convention center complex. I find this peculiar since Stutzman, the owner of a large portion of canyon rim property, served on the committee for the city planning and zoning commission that drew up the canyon rim overlay ordinance in the first place.

As the chairman for the country planning and zoning commission, Stutzman, who until recently also served on the city planning and zoning commission, should not have any say in whether or not there should be an issuance of a special-use permit to Nelson, nor should he try to be an influential

part of that decision. I seriously hope that the city planning and zoning does not consult with the country planning and zoning commission for help in their decision over this debate. For Stutzman to be allowed to make that decision is a conflict of interest to the county and to residents of Twin Falls and the surrounding area.

TERRY LEWIS
Twin Falls

Respect, not harassment

I think that sexual harassment in the public schools and workplaces should stop. It is unjust that men are treating women like they're less important. Women are just as much a part of the United States as men. We need to respect them as human beings.

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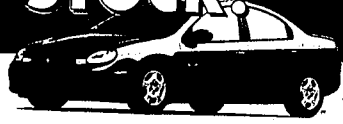
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AROUND THE VALLEY

Banks, some offices will reopen today

TWIN FALLS - Here is a list of banks that will be closed, or open today.

- Twin Falls City Hall will be closed.
- Joslin Field Magic Valley Regional Airport will have flights delayed.
- State offices will be open regular hours.
- The Twin Falls Public Library will be open regular hours, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- A sampling of local banks indicated they would be open regular hours.
- The post office will be open, and mail will be delivered as usual.
- The Magic Valley Mall will be open from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m., which differs from usual hours.
- Most downtown merchants will be open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., which differs from usual hours.
- Trash will be picked up today.

Editor's note: This brief mistakenly ran in the Thursday edition.

Marijuana activist goes to jail on technicality

TWIN FALLS - A medical marijuana activist was arrested Wednesday because of a technicality regarding her bail bond.

Kathy Tadlock, who was convicted of possession of marijuana with intent to deliver, had been in jail for months on a \$5,000 appearance bond while her case went to trial.

On Tuesday District Judge Nathan Higer sentenced Tadlock to five years in prison but allowed her to remain free pending her appeal of the conviction. Higer said the original \$5,000 bond could be used during the appeal.

When Freda Aslett of Action Bail Bonds read about the decision, she called the court and demanded that Idaho law does not allow an appearance bond to be used as an appeal bond, Aslett said.

On Wednesday afternoon Higer ordered Tadlock into custody pending posting of a new bond, and Tadlock was arrested and taken to the Twin Falls County Jail.

Later that day Tadlock's lawyer, public defender John Hansen, worked out a new order with Higer that set a \$5,000 appeal bond and conditions of her release, which includes drug tests every three days.

Police arrest women on prostitution charges

JEROME - Jerome County deputies have arrested several women in what appeared to be a prostitution ring fronting as an escort service.

The investigation, which included a search at 122 E. Ave. E, resulted in Escort Plus, an escort service in Jerome, a news release from the Jerome County Sheriff's Office said.

Colleen M. Hergesell, 38, was charged with two counts of procurement of prostitution, the release said.

Several other women were arrested and charged with prostitution, Sheriff Jim Weaver said.

The investigation is continuing, and anyone with information can call Detective Jim Dunsbergen at 324-8845.

Toys for Tots to distribute presents from settlement

BOISE (AP) - More than 2,000 toys are available to needy Idaho children as the result of an antitrust settlement, state Attorney General Lance said.

The toys, worth \$43,000, are available through the U.S. Marine Corps Toys for Tots program.

Lance's office acquired the toys from R. U. Matel as part of the settlement in an antitrust action. The companies admitted no wrongdoing.

Lance said Wednesday Idaho children will receive about the same amount of toys in 2000 and 2001. He noted Toys for Tots provided 19,645 toys needed by children last year and the need for presents has increased.

Compiled from staff reports

Officials: Joint service must be cost-effective

By John T. Huddy
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - A joint ambulance service between Twin Falls County and Jerome County might be a good idea, a Jerome County official agrees, but many questions still must be answered before the deal is done.

Jerome County Commissioner John Tooksan said a joint service, combining the forces of Jerome County's Unistar Enterprises

LLC's paramedic service and Twin Falls County's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Paramedic Service, sounds like a good plan.

The Magic Valley Regional hospital board last week approved the hospital's proposed purchase of Unistar's paramedic service.

Unistar Enterprises is also a mortgage company. The merger aims to take over only Unistar's paramedic service, Unistar Chief

Executive Officer Larry Wood said.

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

"We're a long way from coming to a decision on (a regional partnership)," Tooksan said. "There are many questions yet to be asked and answered."

The primary thing for the Jerome commissioners to determine is whether prompt service

would continue, at a reasonable rate, Tooksan said.

Wood said the joint venture will be cost-effective and provide better service.

"Ultimately, what we've talked about would mean better service for the patient," Wood said. "It would mean more ambulances, better training capabilities and being able to adjust coverage of the ambulance to where the ambulance is needed."

Unistar uses four ambulances,

six paramedics and 10 emergency medical technicians.

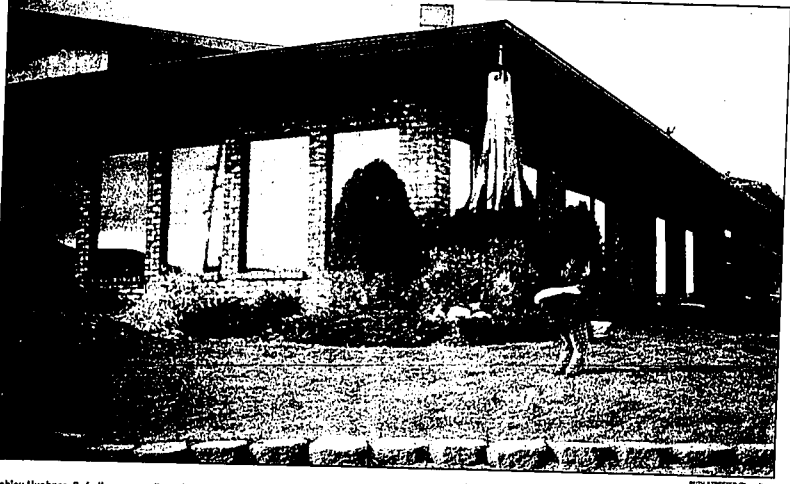
Wood said Jerome County would likely get more ambulances out of the deal. He said he did not know how many, though.

Unistar transports patients to Magic Valley Regional, Twin Falls Clinic & Hospital and St. Benedict's Family Medical Center in Jerome.

That will not change, Wood said. And that's good news to

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ORDINANCE ON AESTHETICS



Ahley Huebner, 3, frolics on a well-manicured lawn outside Overland Auto in Burley. A landscaping ordinance could require all businesses to put money into primarily aesthetic parts of any remodeling, construction or conversion plans.

Burley considers landscaping ordinance

By Ruth Streeter
Times-News writer

BURLEY - Planting trees, laying sod and building fountains are a few of the things that may be required of business owners and homeowners if the City Council decides to approve a new landscaping ordinance.

If passed, the ordinance would require builders to install at least 10 percent of the total project costs toward landscaping. With new constructions and remodeling of commercial property, no less than 10 percent of the surface area of the property to be developed or 10 percent of the total project costs could go toward landscaping, according to the ordinance.

City Council meeting

The Burley City Council will discuss a landscaping ordinance at its meeting at 7 p.m. Dec. 13 in council chambers.

Burley's proposed ordinance is less stringent than one in Twin Falls, which requires a focus on "in ground" landscaping, according to Twin Falls Planning and Zoning Director Lamar Orton. Such landscaping means ensuring that a certain portion of the ground is not concrete.

A broader definition of landscaping in Burley means that improvements to the building itself can be included in the sum of landscaping costs.

"That's where the 10 percent would be a little ludicrous," said City Councilman Curtis Mendenhall, "but it doesn't have to be shrubs and trees."

Under the ordinance, property owners would be able to waive the 10 percent minimum if they could show landscaping already existed that met aesthetic standards "substantially equivalent to that required by this ordinance," or proof that the requirements of the ordinance could be met without spending the mandated minimum.

Twin Falls has had little difficulty enforcing compliance with aesthetic standards, due to both the city's flexibility and the cooperation of businesses, according to Orton.

Burley City Councilman Bill Schiefer hopes the same would be true in Burley.

"We would hope folks would cooperate with it. It shouldn't be a big deal," he said.

One concern is that car lots, with their exteriors consisting mainly of concrete, don't have the space to sacrifice for landscaping. When Gary Asson of Highborn co-owned a car lot in Twin Falls years ago, he adamantly opposed the landscaping ordinance, he said.

For residential conversions, no less than 10 percent of the property value could go toward landscaping and no less than 15 percent could go toward exterior renovations.

Randy Crowley, owner of Misty's discount stores in Rupert and Burley, does not object to the concept of the ordinance. His gripe is with the required cost.

"I don't think you can compute a percentage formula. I think you have to do it case-by-case," Crowley said.

But after he compiled, he noticed amazing results when customers continued to comment. And as a result of that success, he similarly landscaped the commercial property he later purchased in Burley, even though it wasn't required.

"It does take valuable space and it does take a good deal of money," Asson said.

But he said it's an investment - an investment that would do more harm than good if not properly maintained.

"You can't put \$20,000 into

landscaping and then have a 12-year-old kid take care of it," he said.

The Twin Falls ordinance does include a provision for maintenance, which Orton said is essential.

At one time Burley had a part-time sanitation officer to monitor the city's tidiness, Mendenhall said, but the position has been open for a while. That city may look at reinstating that position, he said.

As Burley's proposed landscaping ordinance currently stands, the terms are only enforced upon the issuance of a certificate of occupancy. And the city would reserve the right to either revoke or withhold such a certificate.

The ordinance is not yet finalized, and it has yet to come before the City Council for further review. And city officials won't know rules and regulations the people want unless they tell them.

"I think the best thing for the public to do is to come to the meeting and voice their opinion," Mendenhall said.

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Accidents can happen here, too, report says

By N.S. Nakkientved
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - A recent nuclear accident that released dangerous levels of radiation in Japan has raised concerns that a similar accident could happen here.

They have happened here in the past.

And a new report from a watchdog group asserts that they could happen again.

But an INEEL spokesman says the site has already addressed one of the potential problems identified in the group's report.

Nine such accidents - uncontrolled nuclear reactions known as "criticality" accidents - have occurred in the United States since 1945. Three of those accidents occurred in Idaho. No one was killed in the Idaho accident but four people were killed and at least 17 people were overexposed to radiation in other U.S. accidents.

The Sept.-30 accident at a fuel fabrication facility in Tokaimura, Japan, about 75 miles northeast of Tokyo, was a criticality. That is not the same as a nuclear explosion, but it releases energy, a characteristic blue glow and potentially lethal levels of radiation.

Three workers were injured, two critically, when a nuclear chain reaction started inside the Tokaimura plant. The reaction continued about 20 hours before it was stopped. At least 63 people were exposed to radiation, including 14 workers who tried to stop the nuclear reaction, three firefighters and seven workers at a nearby golf course. And residents of the city of 300,000 were asked to stay indoors for 24 hours.

According to a recently released report by Safe Energy Communication Council, the potential exists for similar accidents at similar facilities in the United States. The potential also exists for criticality accidents at other facilities, including the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory, says the report's author Robert Alvarez.

Alvarez is a former senior policy advisor to Energy Secretary Bill Richardson and former deputy assistant secretary for environmental and safety security under energy secretaries.

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Minico High students win traffic safety award

By Lorraine Cavener
Times-News writer

RUPERT - Minico High School students' involvement in a traffic safety project led to an award, recently presented by the Idaho Transportation Department.

"Kids are being a little more cautious," Wardle said. "By word of mouth it is educating everybody."

It has helped to teach student drivers about moving violations, ranging from failure to stop at a stop sign to crossing the yellow line, Wardle said.

The class teaches students what they did wrong, why the mistake was made and how they can correct them, he said. It also educates students about the use of seat belts and other safety issues.

Students involved in the class

are required to make a 10-minute presentation to another district class, to teach others what they learned.

"Hopefully, we will see a difference," he said.

Measurable statistics will be available at the end of the year, said Blossom Mathews, director of Magic Valley Safe Kids, who worked on designing components of the safety program and taught the first two classes.

"It is one of the most comprehensive traffic safety initiatives ever developed," Mathews said.

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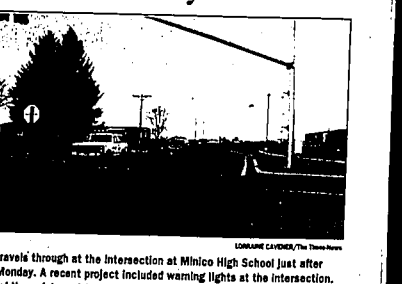
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Traffic travels through at the intersection at Minico High School just after school Monday. A recent project included warning lights at the intersection. As part of the safety project students who get a moving violation anywhere in the county are required to take a safety class.

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A MOMENT OF THANKS



Jesus Sena joins in a prayer of thanks Thursday during 'The Great Thanksgiving Banquet,' a community meal for the less fortunate in Pueblo, Colo.

Investigators might never know 'why' in family deaths

OLYMPIA (AP) - Investigators are putting the pieces together and figuring out how a Thurston County couple killed themselves and their two young children. They may never know why. The family - Thomas Briggs, 33, his wife Dawn, 27, and their children Jesse, 10, and Deonna, 7 - were found Monday at their rural home in south Thurston County. Briggs was in the dining room, dying of a gunshot wound to the head. The others were dead in the master bedroom, the bodies bearing no outward signs of violence. Toxicology tests, which will take a few weeks, are being performed to determine whether the

woman and children were poisoned. But investigators Wednesday were also considering the possibility that they were suffocated. Detectives found a plastic bag filled with condensation, as if it had been used to suppress someone's breathing, in the living room of the family's small rambler, Thurston County Sheriff's Capt. Dan Kimball said. And a family friend who visited the house Monday afternoon said a distraught Thomas Briggs asked for help in putting a bag over his head, Kimball said. The friend went to authorities, who forced their way into the Grand Mount-area home.

Enviros say summit will correct errors

WASHINGTON (AP) - More than a dozen environmental groups have asked President Clinton to convene a "salmon science summit" to correct that they called serious errors by the National Marine Fisheries Service in trying to restore Pacific Northwest salmon populations.

Scientists from other federal agencies should meet by Feb. 1 to fix the problems caused by NMFS, according to American Rivers, the Sierra Club and other groups. The 17 groups' letter to Clinton on Wednesday is their strongest disapproval yet of a salmon recovery working paper the fisheries agency presented last week. But a spokesman for the White House Council on Environmental Quality expressed confidence in the Fisheries Service. The "Four H Working Paper" NMFS released a week ago outlined the agency's view on the most effective way to restore salmon in the Snake River. NMFS said the most effective scenario would be to breach the four dams in the lower river, increase federal regulation to protect habitat, reduce overall production of fish in hatcheries, increase efforts to artificially produce wild fish and allow minimal amounts of fishing.

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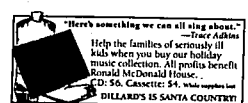
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Protests prompt change in regulations

BOISE (AP) — Ada County commissioners have decided to relax proposed livestock-keeping regulations that have ruffled suspicious animal owners.

The change comes in response to a heated public hearing last week in which more than 300 people protested the proposed regulations, which are part of a major revision to the county's zoning ordinance.

"Our desire for doing this was hopefully to take some of the

heat out of the discussion," Commissioner Frank Walker said. "We had no intention of making this contentious."

The county's Planning and Zoning Commission on Dec. 9 for a special meeting on the proposal. Livestock interests have scheduled their own meetings on Tuesday and Dec. 2 to discuss the proposal.

The commissioners want to relax the county's existing requirement for a minimum

one-acre lot to keep farm animals. Instead, owners with less than an acre would be able to keep animals if they get an administrative permit from the county.

Commissioners also will remove a proposed requirement that uncovered manure storage be at least 100 feet from a neighbor's dwelling, Walker said. The County Commission is expected to review the zoning changes in January.

Employees hang on to Lockheed shares

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — After hearing complaints from employees forced to sell Lockheed Martin stock at a low price, the new Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory contractor has reversed a decision to close that retirement fund.

More than 1,100 employees were originally told they would have to sell the stock, which has been performing badly for the last year, by the end of March.

Some employees, who stood to lose thousands of retirement dollars, questioned the decision. They bought into the fund as a long-term investment and did not understand why they could not keep the stock, hoping it would rebound in the future.

They were told that because Lockheed Martin was no longer their employer, maintaining a retirement fund made up of that single company's stock violated employee investment laws.

After getting a second legal opinion, a new Bechtel B&W Idaho investment committee decided this week to let employees leave their retirement money in the Lockheed Martin stock fund indefinitely.

Doc Detonacour, president of the local Paper, Allied-Industrial, Chemical and Energy Workers

Union, said the decision to allow employees to keep the stock was curious.

The union backed several members who asked to hire a lawyer to investigate the committee's investment decisions. He could not say whether that prompted the new Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory contractor to take a second look.

"It kind of sets you back, because they said legally they couldn't let the people hold it," he said. "They pretty much one-sided it there. That always kind of makes you scratch your head."

Employees were first told in August that, given the change in contractors at the lab, the Lockheed Martin stock fund would be closed out at the end of March.

That decision would have forced 1,100 employees to sell the stock, which has been on a downward slide for the last year. Monday it closed at \$203/16 per share, less than half of its value a year ago.

The decision to terminate the fund was originally made by a Lockheed Martin investment committee. New Bechtel managers looked into the issue and came to the same conclusion last month.

They argued that laws governing investment plans require employers to offer "diversified fund" with multiple stock. There is an exception for single stock funds made up of employer stock, but that no longer applied when Lockheed Martin's contract ended on Oct. 1, employees were told.



Office of Hawaiian Affairs trustee Milliani Trask said Wednesday that she would not apologize for her recent depiction of U.S. Sen. Daniel Inouye, D-Hawaii, as a 'one-armed bandit.'

Hawaiian trustee repeats remark many think insults disabled senator

HONOLULU (AP) — A trustee of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs who regularly calls disabled Sen. Daniel Inouye a "one-armed bandit" has denied a new allegation that she threatened to "kick Inouye's yellow a-".

The latest furor involving Milliani Trask — and her refusal Wednesday to apologize — has widened the ethnic chasm in the islands, where Native Hawaiians are struggling for some form of sovereignty while claiming to be victims of racial discrimination. The controversy could alienate Hawaiians and non-Hawaiians alike from that effort because Inouye, a senator for 37 years, is considered a political icon here.

He lost his right arm in a grenade blast while serving in the Army during World War II. The allegation that Trask threatened to "kick Inouye's yellow a-" surfaced in a confidential memo by OHA trustee Colette Machado.

Machado also claimed Trask called her "Inouye's whore" for allegedly being under Inouye's political control.

"That's a lie," Trask said. "It's interesting that the two most



Sen. Daniel Inouye, D-Hawaii, wore a sling after surgery this summer.

incendiary comments that she alleges I made are comments that have no witnesses to them."

Trask then accused Machado of orchestrating a "smear cam-

paign" against her because of board infighting. Machado denied that.

Inouye had no comment Wednesday on the latest allegations. He previously said he was "saddened" by Trask's initial remarks.

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Judge sends doctor to jail for fondling

LEWISTON (AP) — A doctor found guilty last month of fondling the breasts of a female patient has been sentenced to the maximum penalty.

Alvin Cormack, a general practitioner, was sentenced to a year in jail by Magistrate Gregory Kalfitich and ordered to pay a \$1,000 fine. But 333 days of the jail time and \$250 of the fine was suspended.

Cormack will spend 30 days in jail, beginning Jan. 3, and pay \$750 as long as he completes probation, which ends Nov. 24, 2001. He also was ordered to pay for any counseling his victim requires.

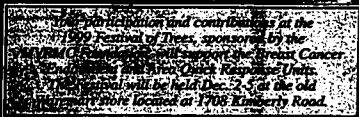
The guilty verdict and sentence came after a trial revealed Cormack felt a woman's breasts during an exam of her back. The touching was outside the scope of the exam, the jury decided.



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Police identify homeless victims, say they were beaten to death

DENVER (AP) — Police have identified the homeless men whose bodies were found behind Union Station last week, and investigators say both victims, like the five others found recently, were apparently beaten to death.

Meanwhile, Christopher Ball, 16, was in court Monday where he was charged as an adult with first-degree murder in the death of Melvin Washington. Ball is the youngest of three arrested in connection with Washington's death.

The latest victims were identified as Harry Redden, 46, and Joe Mendoza, 50, released Mendoza's name Tuesday.

Mendoza was a former boxer who told a homeless advocate he was not afraid to sleep in the field where his body was found because he could take care of himself, the Denver Rocky Mountain News reported Tuesday.

Redden and Mendoza's headless bodies were found about 300 yards apart last Wednesday in a field behind Union Station on the edge of downtown Denver. Redden was identified through fingerprints and tattoos, police said.

The autopsy reports were still being finalized, but police said the apparent cause of death in both cases was blunt force trauma, or beating.

Seven men have been found dead in a one-mile radius around Coors Field since September.

The other victims are George "Billy" Worth, 62, and Donald Dyer, 51, drinking buddies whose bodies were found Sept. 7; Mike Harris Jr., 51, whose body was discovered Sept. 26; and Kenneth Rapp, 42, whose decomposed body was found Oct. 22. Washington was beaten Sept. 7 and died in a hospital Sept. 15.

Autopsy results are not available for Rapp, whose body was found in October, but authorities have said all the victims were apparently beaten to death.

Besides Ball, Nathan Harrison, 20, and Thomas Holden, 18, have also been arrested in connection with Washington's death. Police do not know if the slayings are connected or whether a copycat is at work.

At Ball's arraignment Monday, Judge Stephen Phillips ordered



In this file photo taken earlier this month, police search a field near downtown Denver where two decapitated bodies of homeless men were found. Police have identified the men whose bodies were found behind Union Station last week.

Ball moved from the Platte Valley Youth Detention Center in Greeley to the Denver County Jail over the objections of Ball's attorney.

Ball will be placed in a segregated unit of the jail to keep him separated from the adult inmates. Ball's attorney, Andre Adeli, argued that the segregated unit amounts to solitary confinement, a form of punishment at a time his client is still presumed innocent.

In dismissing Adeli's objection, Phillips said segregation is a

"two-way street" because it also serves to protect Ball.

The FBI is assisting Denver police in the search for the killer or killers.

Denver Archbishop Charles Chaput remembered the victims in a Mass celebrated Sunday evening at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception near the state Capitol.

"The homeless are our sisters and brothers," Chaput said after leading the congregation in a prayer for justice.

Texas town starts healing process after unwanted spotlight of bigotry

The Dallas Morning News

JASPER, Texas — With three capital murder convictions in hand, the talk in this small East Texas town has centered on mending racial divides, healing Jasper's bruised reputation and returning to a life free of television cameras and microphones.

By Nov. 19, most of the television trucks had pulled out and the metal detectors inside Jasper's peach stucco courthouse were shoved away from the entrances.

Shawn Allen Berry on Nov. 18 became the last of the three white men convicted for the June 7, 1998, dragging death of James Byrd Jr., a black man. Berry was sentenced to life imprisonment, becoming the only one of the three who escaped the death penalty.

"I think Jasper is wiser and smarter than it was a year and a half ago," said Charlie Nicholson, owner of Texas Charlie's restaurant.

"I'm pleased with the outcome," he said, pointing to the convictions.

International attention was focused on Jasper during the investigation and the three trials — that of Berry and those of John William King in Jasper in February and Lawrence Russell Brewer in Bryan, Texas, in September. King and Brewer, who prosecutors say were

avowed white supremacists who wanted to found a hate group in Jasper, were sentenced to death.

The three had given a ride to Byrd one night in Jasper, then drove to a logging road east of town where he was beaten, chained to Berry's pickup and dragged to death. Berry contended during his trial that he had tried to intervene, but was threatened and too frightened to stop the other two from killing Byrd. The prosecution contended that he was more directly involved.

"We lived through this," said Nicholson, who is white. "You can't imagine anything worse than seeing a town you love go through something so awful."

After the sentencing, members of Byrd's family placed a black, white and red wreath over his grave. Berry was buried in a cemetery where the plots of blacks and whites had been divided by a fence until it was removed earlier this year.

"We place this wreath as a symbol of the healing process, not just for our family but for the Jasper community and the world," said Mylinda Washington, Byrd's sister. "Hopefully it will bring closure to this phase of justice for James."

Clara Taylor, another sister, said, "James Byrd Jr. was and is somebody, and the legal system felt the same way."

Residents say the capital mur-

der convictions mean that racial intolerance is not acceptable here or anywhere.

"There was a day and time in this country when lynchings and caps ignored racial cases. Facts are facts, though, and this jury stayed with the facts," Guy James Gray, Jasper County's district attorney, said Thursday.

For 17 months, Jasper residents have tolerated the media spotlight, but many say they now want to return to a "normal" life free of pundits and their criticisms.

"We're all relieved," said Walter Digges, executive director of the Deep East Texas Council of Governments, following the guilty verdict. "There's a sense of relief or closure to this episode in our community."

Many acknowledge that Jasper will always be known as the town where one of the worst hate crimes in U.S. history occurred, but there's hope that whatever judgment there is, will be tempered by reason.

"I'm afraid Jasper will be remembered as the site of the Byrd slaying," said Brit Featherstone, the Lufkin-based federal prosecutor who assisted the Jasper County district attorney's office. "But my hope and prayers are that it's a step forward ... we all have to get along together and we can't judge a community by one incident."

Christmas In Church

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The closest approach was scheduled for 8:05 p.m. A signal of the event, traveling 386 million miles, was expected to take 35 minutes to reach mission officials at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

Galileo's closest looks at Io were scheduled near the end of its extended mission because of the high risk of harm to spacecraft systems. Planners weighed the risk against the opportunity to gather high-resolution images and other data about Io's volcanoes and plumes.

Several onboard systems were damaged during an October flyby of Io, which circles Jupiter in an orbit bathed in the radiation of the solar system's biggest planet.

On that approach, radiation triggered a fault in the onboard computer's memory and Galileo went into "safe mode," shutting down all non-essential operations. JPL engineers created new commands to allow the spacecraft computer to work around the problem and Galileo's functions were restored in just two hours before the flyby.

Galileo passed 380 miles above Io's surface on Oct. 10 and returned data showing the moon is even more active than previously known, with more than 100 erupting volcanoes and vast lava flows.

Scientists say it has been 15 million years since the last comparable lava eruption occurred on Earth.

ARTHUR! ARTHUR!



Onlookers perched above a New York street got a good look at a balloon "Arthur," star of a popular children's book and television series, during the Macy's Parade Thursday.

Experts: Just say it in plain English

WASHINGTON (AP) — When President Clinton's impeachment trial ended early this year, the Senate's final order used lots of legal lingo to say something very simple: The president was acquitted.

In a long and meandering sentence, the Senate "ordered and adjudged" that Clinton "be, and he is hereby, acquitted of the charges in this said article." It was the sort of writing used in legal documents for centuries.

But it does not have to be that way, say legal experts who advocate writing in plain English.

"Too many lawyers use 'words on steroids' — artificially puffed-up ways of expressing ideas," says Bryan A. Garner, editor-in-chief of Black's Law Dictionary.

Using clear language, he says, "will give you power as a writer... Good legal writing makes readers feel smart. Bad legal writing makes readers feel stupid."

Plain-English advocates say many documents — wills, contracts, even airplane emergency exit row cards — can be written so that ordinary people can understand them.

"Legal issues well presented are inevitably interesting, not boring," Garner told new lawyers for the Jones, Day, Reavis & Pogue law firm during a seminar this month in Washington.

Through his Dallas-based LawProse company, Garner travels the country teaching lawyers and judges how to eliminate the mumbo-jumbo from their writing.

He and others are campaigning against writing they consider overdone, such as the long-standing use of "give, devise and bequeath" in wills.

"I defy any lawyer to find a case where a judge says it's not good enough to say 'I give my car to my sister,'" said Joseph Kimble, a professor at the Thomas Cooley Law School in Lansing, Mich.

President Clinton last year ordered use of common, everyday words in federal documents that explain how to get a benefit or service — or how to comply with an agency requirement.

"By using plain language, we send a clear message about what the government is doing, what it requires and what services it offers," Clinton wrote in announcing the initiative. "Plain language saves the government and the private sector time, effort and money."

Web site lists top lobby groups

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Fortune magazine with the ranking of the "Power 25" lobbying groups isn't out until the issue dated Dec. 6, but thank goodness for the Internet. The report is out on the Net (www.pathfinder.com/fortune) and actually includes the top 114.

The top 10 of the Power 25 include AARP, No. 1 for the third year; the National Rifle Association and the National Federation of Independent Business, tied for second; the

American Israel Public Affairs Committee, the AFL-CIO, the Association of Trial Lawyers of America; the U.S. Chamber of Commerce; the National Right to Life Committee; the National Education Association; and the National Restaurant Association.

The rankings were based on a survey this fall by the Mellman Group and Public Opinion Strategies. The questionnaire was mailed to 2,773 people: every member of Congress, Hill aides, senior White House aides, lobbyists and the top-ranking officials

of the largest lobbying groups in Washington. Fortune says 427 surveys, or 15 percent, were returned. The participants were asked to assess the political clout of 114 trade associations, labor unions and other special-interest groups.

Fortune reporter Jeffrey H. Birnbaum wrote that the "most surprising ascent" in the rankings was the NRA, which went from No. 4 to a tie for second. "If ever there was a time when the gun lobby should be vanquished, it is now," he wrote.

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Holiday sales might be slow

NEW YORK (AP) — There's no doubt that shoppers will jam into stores and surf the Internet over the next month looking for their holiday buys.

But what the big crowds translate into big sales for the nation's retailers? That's the question on lots of merchants' minds this Thanksgiving weekend, the official start of the Christmas shopping season.

"We had a great start to this year, but we've seen spending slow down a little bit and no one is sure what that will mean for this holiday season," said Michael Niemira, a retail analyst at Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi in New York.

It's been a blockbuster year for retailers — both traditional and online stores — but a lot is riding on the next five weeks, when most storeowners tally a significant portion of their annual sales. Last year, merchants rang up more than \$170 billion in sales during the holiday period.

With consumer confidence remaining strong, unemployment levels at 30-year lows and stock prices continuing to climb, expectations are high for this year. Estimates are that Americans will spend at least an average of \$300 per family.

Analysts project sales at traditional stores will rise 5 percent to 6 percent from last year, while online sales are expected to at least double from December 1998.

But retailers have learned from the past that their bold forecasts aren't always on target.

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WORLD

Gas explosion burns tents in Turkey's earthquake zone

ISTANBUL, Turkey — Turkish quake victims ran in terror as a gas cooking canister exploded Thursday and sent flames shooting through a tent city, destroying 10 shelters and killing an 8-month-old baby. A 6-year-old boy and one other person were injured.

The fire began in Duzce, one of areas worst hit by the Nov. 12 quake, when a gas canister that Guner Demirkaynak was cooking on exploded in her tent.

The fire burned the tent and fatally injured her baby, Arife, said Gonul Gunaydin, a relief official in Duzce.

Arife was taken from the burning tent by a fellow quake survivor, who suffered burns on his hands, private ATV television reported. The critically injured baby was flown to Istanbul by military helicopter where she died.

World in brief

Turkish court upholds Ocalan death sentence

ANKARA, Turkey — Joyous, flag-waving Turks marched through the streets Thursday after the national appeals court upheld the death sentence against Abdullah Ocalan, Turkey's allies cautioned that hanging the Kurdish guerrilla leader will jeopardize ties with Europe.

Turkish leaders quickly pointed out that the legal and political appeals have not been exhausted and the rebel's execution is still not certain.

Ocalan's lawyers already have said that they will appeal to the European Court of Human Rights, where a decision could take up to two years.

Many Turks want Ocalan to

pay for leading a guerrilla war that has led to 37,000 deaths and the ruling coalition government depends on the votes of a far-right party that is demanding that the Kurdish rebel hang.

Yeltsin ill again, out of action until early December

MOSCOW — Russian President Boris Yeltsin will need at least a week to recuperate from a viral infection and acute bronchitis, the Kremlin said Thursday after announcing the leader's 10th illness since his 1995 election.



Boris Yeltsin

The president went to the Central Clinical Hospital after a morning meeting with Prime Minister Vladimir Putin. He

received brief treatment, after which he left for Gorky-9, his residence in the woods west of Moscow, spokesman Dmitry Yakubshin said.

Jewish mystics pray for rain from high above Israel

JERUSALEM — Reciting an ancient blessing, 50 Jewish mystics circled Israel seven times Wednesday in an airplane in the hope of bringing an end to the worst drought in the country's history.

Just hours after the airplane landed, rain began to fall throughout most of the country in one of the first downpours of the winter.

The six-hour ritual by the sages of Kabbalah, or Jewish mysticism, was based on the Old Testament account in which Joshua marched his troops around Jericho seven times to bring about the defeat of the city.

Croatian government says president incapacitated

ZAGREB, Croatia — The government began proceedings Thursday to declare critically ill President Franjo Tudjman temporarily incapacitated and transfer his powers to the speaker of parliament.

Franjo Tudjman

Zlatko Mateša said the Cabinet "recommended to the Constitutional Court to establish that the president is temporarily unfit to carry out his duties." The court, the country's top judicial authority, has 24 hours to decide and it likely will declare Tudjman unfit.

—Compiled from wire reports

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Air Supply
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Nov. 26/Tuesday

Air Supply will perform two shows, at 8 p.m. and 11 p.m., at Cactus Pines Resort Casino, Jackpot. Tickets for the cocktails only shows are \$25, \$30 and \$35. For reservations and information, call (800) 821-1103.

"Streamrolling Through the Holidays," a new show at the Faulkner Planetarium at the Herrert Center for Arts and Science on the campus of the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls, opens today. The soundtrack comes from the Christmas music of Mannheim Steamroller with seasonal images choreographed to the music. Show times today are 2, 3, 4 and 7 p.m. Tickets: \$4 for adults, \$2 for students and seniors. Families get in for \$9. Children under 4 are not admitted.

Magic Mud, a pottery sale that serves as the main fundraiser for the College of Southern Idaho Art Department, will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. in the Jean B. King Gallery of the Herrert Center for Arts and Science, Twin Falls. Free. Functional and decorative giftware from at least a dozen artisans will be on sale.

Ketchum and Sun Valley art galleries will present a gallery walk from 6-9 p.m., with hors d'oeuvres and drinks. Free.

Nov. 27/Saturday

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Montreal Dance, an acclaimed Canadian contemporary dance company, will perform at 8 p.m. at the Community School in Sun Valley. Tickets, which are \$20, are available at the Sun Valley Center for Arts and Humanities at 25th and Washington streets in Ketchum, or by phoning 726-9491.

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Nov. 28/Sunday

Christmas in City Park, the Scorpions' annual Sunday night Advent festival of music, kicks off at 5 p.m. in Twin Falls City Park. Admission is free, and refreshment are available.

Next week

The 15th annual Twin Falls Festival of Trees is scheduled for Wednesday through Dec. 56 in the old Waremart building on Kimberly Road. The five days of holiday trimmery, music and food starts Wednesday with the traditional opening-night gala at which trees and decorations that have been donated by merchants and organizations will be auctioned off. The gala, which includes a buffet, is scheduled from 7-9 p.m. Cost is \$25 per person.



Heather Welch, Jessica Davis, and in back, Claretta Gold, rehearse for "A Collection for Christmas," which will be performed Dec. 1-4 and 8-11, at 8 p.m., in the Fine Arts Building, Room 119 at the College of Southern Idaho. The stories, remembrances and traditions are in reader's theater and directed by Dr. Fran Tanner.

It's beginning to look like Christmas

CSI Theater Department assembles 'A Collection for Christmas,' rich with tradition

By Cathy Walworth
 Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - Christmas is about tradition. So the College of Southern Idaho theater professor Fran Tanner decided to give a little tradition as a holiday gift.

"We are presenting a collection of stories and poetry, remembrances and folklore in the first part of 'A Collection for Christmas,'" Tanner said.

Audiences will be treated to glimpses of Yule stories and snippets of celebrations from all over the world and passed through

It goes on
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CSI Theater Room 119, Twin Falls

time. Some are familiar; others will be new to most people.

Though this is reader's theater, it is a lively, well-timed production presented by eight cast members who are almost constantly on the move.

They carry scripts, as one

Streamrolling Through the Holidays, Twin Falls.
CSI Theater Department through Dec. 4 and again Dec. 8-11, 8 p.m.
Directed by Dr. Fran Tanner at CSI.
CSI Theater Room 119, Twin Falls.
CSI Theater Room 119, Twin Falls.

"We try to stimulate the audience's imagination so we can share all types of literature with them," Tanner said. "We suggest, pantomime, and try to do it in such a way that they can see it in their own minds."

"In (the) first part, we call it a holiday greeting," she said. "It is a collection of pieces I had read and adapted in a script. We focus on old time Christmases and what they were like: the birth of Christ and the giving of gifts." In Act 2, the format is the same, as the readers take turns, alternating O. Henry's lines in "The Gift

of the Magi."

They take on the personas of Della and Jim, the now universally famous 19th century paupers who give up their prized possessions in the name of generosity and love.

Jim makes only \$8 a week, but he and Della manage to live on love, until Christmas. There isn't much left over on \$8 a week. So they look hard for ways to give one another something really special.

Times-News correspondent Cathy Walworth can be reached at 733-5015.

A simple recipe for fun: Christmas in the Nighttime Sky

By Cathy Walworth
 Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - The recipe for Christmas in the Nighttime Sky is pretty simple: some fireworks, a bowl of chili, a bonfire, good friends and toys for needy children.

"Christmas in the Nighttime Sky is the single largest toy raiser in the valley," said Cheryl Wright of Kimberly Nurseries. In its ninth year, the annual fireworks display has become a Magic Valley tradition.

Admission is an unwrapped

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toy. Park in the Kmart and Grocery Center parking lot, take the free shuttle to the nursery and relax and enjoy the rest of the evening. Be sure to bundle

up, though.

"It's a must-see event, especially if you're coming from the north," says Heather Welch, who is performing in the play.

CSI Theater Room 119, Twin Falls. Tickets: \$25 per person. For reservations, call (800) 821-1103.

works display takes about 10 minutes, and by 6:30 p.m. or so, the Kimberly Nurseries property is typically packed.

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"The doors open at 5:30, most people try to get here around 6:30, and the fireworks start at 7:30. But it's like the fair - you run into lots of people you know. It's a social event and by 6:30 there's a line to the chili, which is served until 7," Wright said.

When you get off the shuttle, you will walk through the gift store, which is closed at that hour, join the line that goes to Santa or go through the green-house. If you choose to visit Santa, you may give your unwrapped gift to him, and help

Buzz, Woody and crew chum out the fun in 'Toy Story 2'

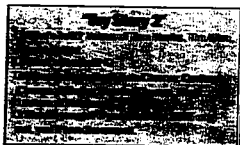
By Malcolm Ritter
 The Associated Press

They've done it again. The folks who brought you "Toy Story" now present "Toy Story 2," another clever, riotous tale of life in the toy lane.

There's no mistaking the sharp, detailed and stunning computer animation. Buzz the pet dog has nearly 4 million hairs. And with the voices of Woody (done by Tom Hanks), Buzz Lightyear (by Tim Allen) and others returning from the 1995 original, it's easy to get back into the fun.

And there's lots of fun here. Kids and adults will love the parodies of "Star Wars" scenes, and chuckle at the special ways these toys meet the challenge of adventure. As Mr. Potato Head prepares to leave on a rescue mission, for example, his wife thoughtfully packs him his "angry eyes" in case he goes into battle.

"Toy Story 2" introduces us to a toy's



greatest fear: being discarded. The phrase "yard sale" strikes terror. Woody manages to rescue a broken toy penguin from the 25-cent box on the front lawn. But Woody is then crushed by the evil toy collector, Al McWhiggen (voiced by Wallace Shawn), who recognizes him as a valuable collectible.

Of course, the toy gang sets out to rescue Woody. But when they finally reach him,



Woody (Tom Hanks) and Buzz (Tim Allen) prove again to be a winning team in 'Toy Story 2.'

WEEKEND

Big-time shows hit Salt Lake, Boise soon

Today
 • The Forgotten Carols with Michael McLean will play the Morrison Center on the campus of Boise State University at 2:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$8.50 and \$9.50, can be reserved by phoning Select A Seat at (208) 426-1766.
 • Sandi Patty will sing in Kingsbury Hall on the campus of the University of Utah in Salt Lake City at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$27, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX.

Out of the valley
 ARTS. Abrahavand Hall is located at 123 West South Temple.
Saturday
 • The Utah Symphony and the Utah Symphony Chorus will present the "3,000-Voice Messiah," 7 p.m. Abrahavand Hall, Salt Lake City. For ticket information, call (801) 355-ARTS. Abrahavand Hall is located at 123 West South Temple.
Sunday
 • ZZ Top and Lynard Skynyrd will play the Idaho Center in

Nampa at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$29 and \$39, can be reserved by phoning Select A Seat at (208) 426-1766. The Idaho Center is located at 5000 Garrity Blvd.

Monday
 • Melissa Etheridge will sing at the Morrison Center on the campus of Boise State University at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$55 and \$75, can be reserved by phoning Select A Seat at (208) 426-1766.
 • Primos will play at Saltair Resort at Salt Lake City at 7 p.m. Tickets, which are \$23, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX. Saltair is located on West 500 South

between South 200 West and South West Temple.

Tuesday
 • Dancig will perform at Saltair Resort in Salt Lake City at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$22, are available by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX. Saltair is located on West 500 South between South 200 West and South West Temple.

Thursday
 • Sandi Patty will sing in Morrison Center on the campus of Boise State University at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$30 and \$35, can be reserved by phoning Select A Seat at (208) 426-1766.

Local talent has fun on tap throughout the weekend

The Times-News
 • Dances, bands and comedy in south-central Idaho this weekend:

Today
 • Hartnotes will play from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at Weston 1550 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., Twin Falls.
 • Renegade will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Honker's Place, 121 Fourth Ave. S., Twin Falls. Cover charge is \$3.
 • Nicole Gilbert will play at 7 p.m. at the Metropolis, 125 Main Ave. E., Twin Falls. She will perform contemporary folk music by Bob Dylan, Dar Williams and Iris Dement. No cover charge. For more information, call 734-4457.
 • Cobalt Blue will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Hot Rocks, 170 S. Park Ave., Twin Falls. Cover charge is \$1.
 • Pippin' Billies will play classic rock and roll from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Silver Dollar Bar, 101

Steppin' out
 S. Main, Bellevue.
 • Bob Nora Band will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. for the first anniversary celebration at Mr. Bill's, 101 N. Alder, Jerome. Cover charge is \$2.
 • Dance to the big band sounds of the 40s and popular tunes of the 90s from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m. at the old Southwest School building, 121 W. 21st St., Burley. Admission is \$2. Participants must be at least 16 years old. For more information, call 678-8033.
 • Karaoke will be featured from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Old Towne Tavern, 127 S. Park Ave., Twin Falls.
 • Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Cavanaugh's Canyon Spruce, 170 S. Park Ave., Twin Falls. Hotel, 1357 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., Twin Falls.
 • Karaoke will be featured from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Klover Klub, 402 Main N.,

Twin Falls.
 • Full Moon Music Madness Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the 610 Club, 1054 Overland Ave., Burley. Karaoke entertainer-of-the-year contest will be held at the club. Participants can act out their favorite music video or make up their own.
 • Kneakers Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Blue Room, 613 Fremont, Rupert.

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 • Hartnotes will play from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at Weston Plaza, 1550 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., Twin Falls.
 • Renegade will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Honker's Place, 121 Fourth Ave. S., Twin Falls. Cover charge is \$3.
 • Cobalt Blue will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Hot Rocks, 170 S. Park Ave., Twin Falls. Cover charge is \$1.
 • Bob Nora Band will play

from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. for the first anniversary celebration at Mr. Bill's, 101 N. Alder, Jerome. Cover charge is \$2.
 • Dusty and the Nomads will play from 8 p.m. to midnight at Spanbauer's Barn on U.S. Highway 93, east of Jerome. Cover charge is \$5. Call 324-7366.
 • Karaoke will be featured from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Old Towne Tavern, 127 S. Park Ave., Twin Falls.
 • Karaoke will be featured from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Klover Klub, 402 Main Ave. N., Twin Falls.
 • Full Moon Music Madness Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the 610 Club, 1054 Overland Ave., Burley.

Sunday
 • The Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center will hold a public dance with live music from 2 to 5 p.m. at the center, 615 Eastland Drive, Twin Falls. Cost is \$3 per person.

A variety of arts, entertainment is available to enjoy next month

1: "A Geologist's Collection" is on display at the Herrert Center for Arts & Science on the CSI campus. Hours are 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesdays and Fridays, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays and 1 to 9 p.m. Saturdays. For more information, call 736-3059.
 1: Bruce Park is the featured artist at the Gall Sevens Gallery in Ketchum. Call 726-9491 for more information.
 1-4 and 8-11: The CSI Drama Department will present "A Collection for Christmas" at 8 p.m. in Fine Arts Theatre at 8 p.m. Tickets, priced at \$5 general admission and \$3 for students and senior citizens, may be reserved by calling 733-9554, Ext. 2625.
 2-5: The Festival of Trees is set for 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Dec. 2-4 and noon to 6 p.m. Dec. 5, at the old Warehouse building.
 3: "Steamrolling through the Holidays," with the music of Mannheim Steamroller, is the holiday show at the Fanner Planetarium in the Herrert Center for Arts & Science. Shows are at 7 p.m. Dec. 3, 7, 10, 14 and 17; 2, 4 and 7 p.m. Dec. 11; and 18; at 7 and 8 p.m. Dec. 21 and 28; and at 1, 2 and 3 p.m. Dec. 24, and 29-31. Tickets are \$4 for adults, \$2 for students, \$3 for senior citizens or \$9 for a family. Call 736-3059 for more information.

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 4-5: The Magic Valley Chorus will present Handel's "Messiah" at 8 p.m. Dec. 4 and 3 p.m. Dec. 5 in the CSI Fine Arts Auditorium. Tickets, priced at \$5 general admission and \$3 for students or senior citizens, are available at Welch's Music, at the CSI Bookstore, from any chorale member or at the door.
 5-6: The Oakley Valley Arts Council annual Christmas concert is set for 8 p.m. at Howells Opera House in Oakley. Admission is free. Please be in your seats by 7:45 p.m.
 7: "Last Glow," unique perspectives from the mythical American West will be on display at the Herrert Center's Jean B. King Gallery on the CSI campus through Jan. 22, 2000. Hours are

9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesdays and Fridays, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays and 1 to 9 p.m. Saturdays. For more information, call 736-3059.
 11: A music student honors recital is set for 2 p.m. in the CSI Fine Arts Auditorium. A \$3 donation at the door is requested.
 11: A star party will begin at dusk in front of the Herrert Center for Arts & Science on the CSI campus.
 12: The CSI Music Department will present a wind ensemble concert at 8 p.m. in the CSI Fine Arts Auditorium. A \$3 donation at the door is requested.
 17-18: "The Forgotten Carols" with Michael McLean is set for 7:30 p.m. in the CSI Fine Arts Auditorium. Tickets are \$12 at the door.
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Mannheim Steamroller is the featured Christmastime act at planetarium

TWIN FALLS - "Steamrolling Through the Holidays," a new Christmas-themed show at the Faulkner Planetarium at the Herrett Center for Arts and Science on the College of Southern Idaho campus, debuts today.

The name of the show reflects the fact that the entire soundtrack of the presentation comes from Christmas music by Mannheim Steamroller. Faulkner Planetarium director Rick Greenwald and production specialist Chris Anderson have isolated 10 selections from various Mannheim Steamroller Christmas collections for this program.

The show will contain many seasonal images to go with the music. It'll also feature a number of effects from the Digistar projector, a device that creates 3-D and moving effects unique to the planetarium environment.

Show times for the opening weekend are 2, 3, 4 and 7 p.m. today and Saturday. Then through Dec. 18, the show times will be 7 p.m. Tuesdays and Fridays and 2, 3, 4 and 7 p.m. on Saturdays.

Adult admission is \$4, students \$2, seniors \$3 and families get in for \$9. Children under 4 are not admitted.

Special show times are scheduled from Dec. 23-31. For information, call the Herrett Center at 736-3059.

Local pottery for sale

TWIN FALLS The year's biggest weekend of Christmas shopping will include an opportunity to buy locally made pottery at the Herrett Center's annual Magic Mud fundraiser.

Local artisans will have their works on display in the Herrett Center's Jean B. King art gallery Friday and Saturday.

Magic Mud has been a College of Southern Idaho tradition for more than 20 years, first being a part of the college's Renaissance Fair. It became the Art Department's main fundraiser at the Herrett Center in 1980. Twenty-five percent of the proceeds from the sale go to the art department.

Event organizer and assistant CSI art professor Bill West says visitors will find functional and

Arts in brief

decorative giftware from at least a dozen local craftsmen. The gallery will be filled with items for all occasions.

The event will run from 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday and from 1 to 9 p.m. Saturday.

New talk show hits the air

TWIN FALLS - Longtime Magic Valley rodeo announcer and radio personality Zeb Bell will debut with a new local television talk show Sunday night.

"Magic Valley Tonight" will premiere at 9 p.m. on KDID-TV, Channel 55. The topic will be the proposed Canyon Park Hotel and Convention Center and guests will include Ken Edmunds, Dave Showwell, David Mead and Les Hazen.

The hour-long program will air weekly, featuring agricultural and business growth subjects, along with politics, religion, education, the arts and entertainment. The show will be formatted into segments.

Burley Festival of Trees is on
BURLEY - The 22nd annual

Burley Festival of Trees will be held Wednesday through Dec. 4 at the Best Western Burley Inn.

The opening night gala, featuring a buffet, entertainment and a silent auction, is scheduled Wednesday from 5 to 9 p.m. Tickets are \$25, and reservations can be made by phoning 678-4444.

Hours for the rest of the week are Thursday from noon to 9 p.m., Dec. 3 from 10 to 9 p.m. and Dec. 4 from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

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Petersen graduated with an elementary education degree from Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah. She taught at North Ridge Elementary in Orem, Utah.

Petersen attended Brigham Young University in Provo and Boise State University in Boise. He manages the Fred Astaire Dance Studio in Boise.

The couple was married Nov. 6 in Provo.

A reception to honor the newlyweds will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. today at the Ambulatory Surgical Center of Burley, 1344 Hiland Ave.

The couple will reside in Boise, where they will teach dance together and she will continue to teach school.



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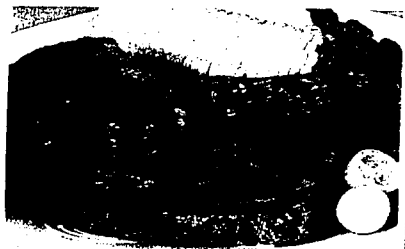


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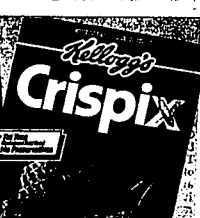


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'The Haunting,' 'South Park,' 'Autumn Tale' are now out on video

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- **"South Park: Bigger, Louder & Uncut!"** - Voices by Trey Parker, Matt Stone, Mary Kay Bergman, Isaac Hayes, George Clooney, Brent Spiner, Minnie Driver, Eric Idle, Toddy Walters. The foul-mouthed third graders of Parker and Stone's crudely animated TV series make the jump to feature film with a raunchy, entertaining tale of censorship, the media and family values gone amok. R (strong profanity, violence, sex and toilet humor). DVD available. (CC)
- **"Entrapment"** - Sean Connery, Catherine Zeta-Jones, Ving Rhames, Will Patton, Maury Chaykin, Kevin McNally, Terry O'Neill. Yawningly slow

Hitchcock homage starring Connery as a master art thief and Welsh strunner Zeta-Jones as an insurance investigator out to get him, in every meaning of the expression. PG-13 (discreet nudity, language, violence). DVD available.

• **"Autumn Tale"** - Beatrice Roman. Director Eric Rohmer's quietly captivating film, the final installment in his "Tales of the Four Seasons," examines the lives of a small circle of friends and a stranger lured into their world, revealing pangs of loss and longing, but also a well-spring of resiliency and wise humor. In French with English subtitles. PG (adult themes).

• **"Limbo"** - Mary Elizabeth Mastrantonio, David Strathairn, Vanessa Martinez, Kris Kristoferson, Casey Siemaszko, Kathryn Grady, Rita Taggart, Leo Bumester, Michael Laddin. Writer-director-editor John Sayles' quiet, gripping tale of a mother, a daughter, and the man who comes into their lives is set in the changing landscape of modern-day Alaska, where old industry is giving way to new and people are learning to reinvent themselves. R (adult themes, violence). DVD available. (CC)

• **"The Love Letter"** - Kate Capshaw, Blythe Danner, Ellen DeGeneres, Geraldine McEwan,

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- **"The World Is Not Enough"** - James Bond is back for the 19th time, with Pierce Brosnan effortlessly repackaging his splendid take on Agent 007. Not so effortless for the viewer is trying to keep track of a murky plot involving an arch

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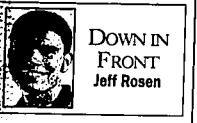
The Times-News

Friday, November 26, 1999

It's all down the toilet from here

My son is smart for a two-year-old. It's not a dad's fault, it's a fact. Turning 30 today, I can smile knowing that he'll have no trouble supporting me in my old age.

Take Wednesday, for instance. The plumber was joking, but upon hearing, "There goes your Christmas money, little buddy," Hunter's face lit up with despair. He knew what money was, knew what Christmas was, and knew that in today's mixed-up world the two go hand in hand.



DOWN IN FRONT
Jeff Rosen

Some explanation: Monday afternoon, before heading to work, I made my daily check around the house to make sure that nothing was on fire and sharp objects were tucked safely out of reach. Making my way to the bathroom, I pulled up the toilet lid for a quick peek inside.

Inside bobbed a little red baseball bat.

"Now I gotta throw away your bat, Bub," I hollered.

Hunter came running. "See all that toilet water leaking out from there?" Watching the water drip back into the porcelain bowl, he nodded slowly. "That means it's dirty. No throwing toys in the toilet, OK?"

Slowly it dawned on me. Where you have bat, you should also have ball - in this case, a little Pinnacle golf ball, one that, to Mom's dismay, I'd tossed to my bat-wielding boy during living room B.P. that morning.

And one that was ndw MIA.

"Hunter..." I starred, his face lighting up with giggles. "Hunter, where the hell did you get that?"

"More giggles." I flushed it, Daddy.

Leaving at the clock, I shook my head. "Bub, if you flush all your toys, you won't have any left." Surmising that the poked little white orb had been moved on to pasture, greener than getting whacked in vain by one of the state's sorriest golfers, I ran to tattle to Mom. She looked up from musing the little one long enough to roll her eyes, and I was off.

The trouble surfaced, for lack of a better term, later in the day. Apparently the ball had wound a fight on its way down the drain, and now the toilet was clogged.

So on Wednesday, two days before turning the big three-oh, I got to know our commode a little more intimately.

Hands and knees, arm down the bowl, the whole bit - just like college, only without the six-beer fog. Aggravated, I tried coat hangers, I tried a pen, I tried to keep from vomiting. But I couldn't free that ball.

As a last resort, I scrubbed up and called a plumber. Within half an hour, my toilet was upended in my bathroom, my son was fiddling around with this gentleman's wrenches and I was busy myself guessing how much a bathroom wrench call could cost. One hundred? Two hundred? A thousand?

This other little guy dropped his hips's underwear in there," the plumber chortled, interrupting my calculations, "and down it went."

With that, he hoisted my toilet high in his arms and out popped my Pinnacle. Hunter shrieked with delight, the plumber wiped the ball off, and I promptly tossed it into the garbage.

The good news? Along with having my toilet back, the bill was less than \$85. And I learned a few valuable lessons. One, as much as I love to golf, my son had given me a birthday message: Hang it up, Bub. So for the long as I can hold out - at least until the weather warms again - I will watch others play the gentleman's game.

This, of course, is sweet news to my fellow Magic Valley duffers and kindly sponsors directors. The bottle-neck trailing off from a hole Pen playing is a thing of the past. At least till, say, March.

My first-hand brush with a two-year-old's curiosity also reminded me that I still have plenty to learn about being a father. And toilet clogs (they really make such things) are a whole lot cheaper than a plumber's house call. Branching off from there, keep your underwear out of children's eyes.

Finally, toilet water is cold. At 30, it's hard to be thankful for, I'm far too old to be playing around in there anyway.

Times-News sports editor Jeff Rosen and son Hunter took the day off today to eat turkey and smash a few family heirlooms playing catch with a full-size football in the living room.

The Times-News

The last District IV boys' basketball teams to win the Class A-2 state title have both flown the coop.

Two of the three South Central Idaho Conference squads to win titles since 1964 did so as Class A-3 programs - before making the jump up to Idaho's third-largest high school division.

Time for a change?
Perhaps.
With 1992 champ Burley and 1986 titleist Jerome long since bumped up to the Class A-1 realm, Buhl - which played to a championship title in 1979 under then-head coach Terry Adelson - is the only current A-2 school to have claimed a state title in the A-2 ranks in the past 35 years.

At first glance, the Indians could be considered long shots to replicate that success this season until one considers the strides made by the Tribe's football team, which sends a number of players onto the hardwood this winter.

After starting the 1999 grid campaign with an 0-3 record, the Indians blanked conference rival Filer 26-0 in Week 4 and wrapped up the season with wins over rivals Wendell and Gooding in the final two weeks of the year. With no starters back from 1998-99's 17-1 squad, basketball coach Ed Pinger is hoping for similar growth as the winter progresses.

Elsewhere in the SCIC, Gooding enters its first season under coach Joe Messick, son of

A real Turkey: Cowboys smother hapless Dolphins 20-0

Marino throws five interceptions

The Associated Press

More NFL - D5

IRVING, Texas - In a battle of superstar quarterbacks, Dan Marino had more rust than Troy Aikman.

Marino, playing for the first time in six weeks, tied a career-worst with five interceptions, one of them securing a victory for a touchdown by Dexter Coakley as Dallas beat Miami 20-0 Thursday.

The game was scoreless until Coakley's big play midway through the third quarter. The Cowboys (6-5) then added two field goals from Richie Cunningham and a 65-yard touchdown pass from Aikman to Raghib Ismail in the fourth quarter.

It was the first time the Dolphins (8-3) had been shut out in nearly two years and it came on Jimmy Johnson's return to Texas Stadium. Miami has lost two of three to three to fall a half-game behind Indianapolis in the AFC East.

Johnson also was the loser in the last Thanksgiving game in Texas Stadium between these teams. On a snowy afternoon exactly six years ago, Miami won 16-14 on a last-second field goal after Dallas' Leon Lett dove on a blocked field-goal attempt and fumbled it, giving the Dolphins another chance.

Marino was playing for the first time since Oct. 10 because of a pinched nerve in his neck and the injury obviously made him rusty. His arm was off, he had little touch and his arm strength was way down.

Deion Sanders picked him off in the Dallas end zone to snuff one drive and he had another in the fourth quarter. Two plays after that one, Aikman - who had missed the last two games recovering from concussions - hit Ismail to put the

Cowboys up 17-0. Marino was 14-of-35 for 176 yards. Three of his interceptions came in the fourth quarter on consecutive drives as the Dolphins tried rallying. Coakley matched Sanders' two interceptions and rookie Duane Hawthorne had the other.

The only other five-interception game in Marino's career was Oct. 23, 1988, against the New York Jets. He had only five this year coming into the game, and the Dolphins had thrown just eight.

Aikman struggled, too, especially in the first half while Ismail was in the locker room recovering from a mild concussion. He had just 69 passing yards at halftime.

Aikman finished 16-of-23 for 233 yards. He also became the 22nd passer to surpass 30,000 career passing yards.

Emmitt Smith, playing his second straight game with a broken right hand, had 103 yards on 31 carries.

Although Dallas hurt itself with penalties and struggled on third downs, an unusual special teams breakdown by Miami prevented it from taking control.

Olindo Mare, who had made field goals in a team record-tying 20 straight games and entered the game 29-of-32 this season, missed from 52 and 47 yards and had a 47-yarder blocked.

Cunningham made kicks from 36 and 23 yards, after coming into the game 8-for-17.

His unreliability prompted Dallas coach Chan Gailey to go for it on fourth-and-15 from the 35 and fourth-and-16 from the 36, both during the scoreless first half. The Cowboys failed miserably on both attempts.

Before the game, Johnson shook hands and spoke for about 30 seconds with Cowboys owner Jerry Jones, further burying the feud that tore them apart after their second straight Super Bowl victory in 1993.



Detroit Pistons guard Lindsay Hunter, front, drives on Indiana Pacers guard Mark Jackson in the first quarter Thursday in Indianapolis.

points, hit 11 of 13 attempts and Stackhouse made 10-of-12. Hill got into foul trouble in the third quarter, picking up his third personal with 10:29 remaining in the period. He sat for the rest of the quarter after being withheld for his fourth foul 34 sec-

Winter Sports Preview



The Times-News previews the region's high school winter sports teams:

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Saturday: Class A-1 boys' basketball
Sunday: Class A-4 boys' basketball
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longtime Shoshone coach Larry Messick.

Led by returning guard Cory Rodriguez, the younger Messick and his Senators open at home against Messick senior one week

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A-3: Three teams, three flavors of ball

Canyon Conference offers unique talents

The Times-News

What may turn out to be the most evenly balanced Canyon Conference the state's Class A-3 high school boys' basketball ranks have seen in years is just days from tip-off.

After several seasons of Declo dominance, all three Canyon Conference schools - Declo, Glenns Ferry and especially Valley - appear poised for a shot at the title.

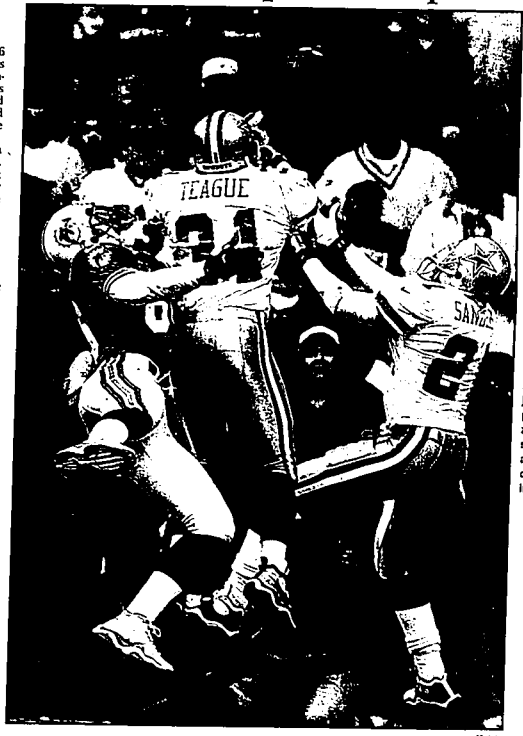
"Both Valley and Declo will obviously be pretty good," said Glenns Ferry coach John Tucker. "But with those two banging and fighting each other, we're hoping we can get in the back door."

Coming off a frustrating 4-4 campaign, the Pilots still sit at 1999-00 with several notable improvements - none more promising than the development of seniors Alex Crave and Bernabe Ortiz, overclassmen who led their high school football team to the state football semifinals earlier this month before losing to Homedale.

Beyond Crave and Ortiz, however, the Pilots are thin on experience, meaning both will be looked to for leadership; Crave on the point, Ortiz underneath with sophomore post Korey Hall.

"Our two seniors are going to be on the floor a lot for us," Tucker said. "Crane is a legitimate college prospect. He was MVP of the BYU Basketball Camp this year."

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Miami Dolphins wide receiver Yatil Green, left, gets crowded out by Dallas Cowboys safeties George Teague, center, and Deion Sanders, right, Thursday in Dallas. The trio jumped for a pass in the end zone during the second quarter and Sanders came up with an interception.

Pistons win fourth straight, beat Pacers

The Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS - Jerry Stackhouse scored 26 points and Grant Hill had 22 in Detroit's 107-99 comeback triumph over Indiana Thursday night.

The Pistons rallied from a 12-point deficit in the second half to earn their fourth consecutive victory.

Rik Smits had a season-high 23 points for Indiana and Dale Davis scored 21. Reggie Miller scored seven points as he struggled from the field hitting just 2-of-11 shots.

Detroit put together a 12-2 run to start the fourth quarter, taking the lead for good. Stackhouse ignited the spurt with two free throws and a jumper, while Terry Mills and Lindsay Hunter contributed consecutive 3-pointers.

Free throws were crucial to the outcome as Detroit outscored Indiana 29-10 from the line. Christian Laettner, who had 19

points later. Indiana opened its biggest lead of the night with Hill on the bench as the Pacers took a 79-68 with 7:01 left in the quarter on a 3-pointer by Mark Jackson.

Detroit battled back to trail 77-74 when Mills hit a 3-pointer before a 17-footer by Jackson gave the Pacers a 79-74 lead to take into the final period.

But, Indiana faded in the fourth period when it made just 7-of-21 attempts from the field. The Pistons took their only lead of the first half 86-85 on a three-point play by Laettner. The score was tied four times after that before Indiana moved ahead to lead 99-92 at halftime.

Travis Best's 3-pointer gave Indiana a 47-44 lead and his 20-footer made it 50-44 after an Al Harrington free throw. Indiana shot 59 percent (13-of-22) in the second quarter.

Hill, who missed his first five shots from the field, kept Detroit in the game as he hit his next four attempts while scoring 11 in the second quarter.

Jackson became the fifth player in NBA history with 8,000 assists, joining John Stockton, Magic Johnson, Oscar Robertson and Isiah Thomas.

Bulldogs nip nemesis on late FG

The Associated Press

STARKEVILLE, Miss. - Scott Westerfield hit a 44-yard field goal with 40 seconds left as No. 18 Mississippi State rallied for a 23-20 victory over No. 23 Mississippi on Thursday night.

Mississippi State, which trailed throughout the game, scored 17 fourth-quarter points. After the game, thousands of State fans poured onto the field and tore down the goalpost that Westerfield sent his second game-winner of the season through.

Minutes later, they toppled the goalpost at the other end of the field.

Mississippi State quarterback Wayne Chan took the Bulldogs 88 yards, hitting Adams with a 38-yard touchdown to tie it at 20 with 27 seconds left. Then, Eugene Clinton intercepted

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SPORTS

Precision, power send Agassi to semis

Americans Sampras, Martin stay alive at ATP championships

HANOVER, Germany (AP) — Top-ranked Andre Agassi became the first player to advance to the semifinals of the ATP Tour World Championship by beating Gustavo Kuerten 6-4, 7-5 on Thursday.

Agassi advanced to the last four without dropping a set in his three Red Group matches. Kuerten, a Brazilian ranked No. 3 in the world, was the first player to break Agassi's serve in the tournament and fired 13 aces.

But in the end, the American had too much precision and power for the former French Open champion.

The Red Group will be decided today, when Pete Sampras plays Nicolas Pietrangeli, Kuerten, 1-2, could theoretically still advance.

Sampras is 1-1 and Pietrangeli is 0-2. Sampras needs to win a set to advance.

In the White Group, Nicolas Kiefer beat Todd Martin 6-3, 6-2 to stay alive and Yevgeny Kafelnikov picked up his second victory by outlasting Thomas Enqvist.

Kafelnikov, No. 2 in the world, raised his record to 2-0 by defeating Enqvist, 5-7, 6-6, 6-4, while the fourth-ranked Enqvist dropped to 1-1.

Because of the round-robin



The world's No. 1 men's tennis player Andre Agassi returns a volley Thursday during his match with Brazilian Gustavo Kuerten at the ATP tennis world championships in Hanover, Northern Germany.

format, all four were still in the running for the two semifinal places. Kiefer is now 1-1 and

the top eight players in the world, who are split into two groups.

The top two from each pool advance to the last four.

After his victory, Agassi received the ATP Tour trophy for finishing the year as No. 1. Agassi is assured of staying No. 1 for the year even if he fails to win the event.

"I symbolized a lot for me professionally and personally," Agassi said after receiving the glass trophy. "It's a big accomplishment for me."

Agassi seeded the No. 1 ranking after winning the French Open and the U.S. Open this summer.

Kafelnikov broke the Swede's serve for a 2-0 lead in the final set, only to drop his own serve in the seventh game.

But Enqvist was unable to use his opportunity and saved two match points on his serve in the 10th game.

Kafelnikov, who overcame 18 aces by Enqvist, set up his third match point with a passing shot and then saw Enqvist's backhand sail into the net.

The outcome was a repeat of the Australian Open final, when Kafelnikov won.

Enqvist has risen to a career-high No. 4 in the world after winning the Eurocard Open in Stuttgart, Germany, and the Stockholm Open in his homeland in the run-up to Hanover.

"You can't play good every day," Enqvist said.

"I was not having the timing today I had the last couple of months."

Martin fell to 0-2.

The \$3.6 million season-ending tournament brings together

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Miami-Dade wins third volleyball crown

SEAWNEE, Kan. — Perennial bridesmaid Miami-Dade Community College completed a perfect season and snapped a four-year run of finishing second late Wednesday night with a come-from-behind victory over Salt Lake Community College at the 1999 NJCAA national volleyball tournament.

The title — earned 15-15, 15-9, 14-16, 15-9, 18-16 — is the third for the school, and its first since 1992. Ending 1999 with a perfect 3-0 streak, the Shocks overcame three championship points in Game 5 to the Bruins (45-6), who settled for second place in their first national appearance.

In other championship-day matches, six-time NJCAA champion CSI (48-3) placed third with a 15-8, 15-9, 15-7 win over Lee College (47-0) of Baytown, Texas; the Seaward County Community College Saints (52-3) from Liberal, Kan., spotted Arizona's Glendale Community College (43-6) a 2-0 lead in sets before rallying to a 9-15, 7-15, 25-23, 16-15, 15-8 fifth-place win; and Sheridan (Wyo.) College (32-9) captured seventh place beating Southwest Missouri State (20-10) 15-9, 15-11, 15-9, 15-3.

CSI's Fabiana de Alencar being accepted to Perupeko were named to the all-tourney team, while co-MVP recognition went to MDDC's Patricia Berneth and SLC's Kali Surplus.

Tuskegee nips Alabama State on lead

MONROECREEK, Ala. — Michael Scott rushed for 248 yards and two touchdowns Thursday and Andrew White caught a touch-down pass with 15 seconds remaining to lead Tuskegee to a 37-34 win over Alabama State in the Saturday Day Classic.

White caught a 6-yard pass from Aaron James to put the Golden Lions (9-2, 5-1 Southwestern Athletic Conference) on top. James gained 105 passing yards for Tuskegee.

After the game, two people, including a member of the ASU coaching staff, were arrested in a bench-clearing brawl after the game. A police officer sustained minor injuries, but no serious injuries were reported.

CSI winter baseball camp starts soon

TWIN FALLS — An all-star cast of coaches and former players are preparing to host the College of Southern Idaho's winter baseball camp Dec. 27 through Dec. 29.

Complete instruction in hitting fundamentals, pitching mechanics, fielding techniques, catching and base-running procedures will be given.

Instructors include CSI coach Jim Walker, Joe Rudi with the White Sox, Scott Baunmyer of the Phillies, Scott Anderson of the Indians and Todd Coburn of the Giants.

Cost for the two-and-a-half day camp is \$175. To receive an application and more information, call Walker at (208) 734-6285.

Sign up for Christmas for Kids volleyball

GOODING — Entries are being accepted for the second annual Christmas For Kids Volleyball Tournament at Gooding Middle School, sponsored by the Avonmore and Side Out Volleyball Team.

Entries for four teams looking to participate in the Dec. 4 event is \$75 plus new uniforms. All teams are capped by each squad member. Gooding Middle School is accepting entries until Dec. 29.

Completed registration in hiring fundamentals, pitching mechanics, fielding techniques, catching and base-running procedures will be given.

All proceeds will benefit needy Magic Valley children through the Community Resources for Families program. Contact Pam Pereira at 326-0364 or Kenny Anderson at 536-6273 for more information.

Coaches: Last call for b-ball questionnaires

TWIN FALLS — Boys' basketball coaches and athletic directors at 155 high schools and 16 high schools are reminded to send completed questionnaires, return and update schedules to the sports desk today to ensure inclusion in The Times-News' 1999-00 winter sports preview.

Teams that do not return questionnaires may not be included in Sunday's Class A boys' basketball preview.

Also, all area wrestling coaches are encouraged to fax their questionnaires back to the sports desk early next week to ensure inclusion in The Times-News' upcoming wrestling preview. Wrestling teams should be faxed to (208) 734-5538 no later than Wednesday, Dec. 1.

Boxer Trinidad will move up in class

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — Felix Trinidad says he is willing to abandon the WBC welterweight title he won from Oscar De La Hoya to move up to 154 pounds for a bout in March against David Reid.

The World Boxing Council (WBC) is threatening to strip Trinidad of the 147-pound title unless he fights in a mandatory defense against U.S. boxer Derrell Quince.

Cup of Russia lives up to the hype

ST. PETERSBURG, Russia — Russian stars Irina Slutskaya and Evgeny Plushenko lived up to their countrymen's expectations Thursday night in the Cup of Russia Grand Prix.

Plushenko secured the women's sport program was another Russian, Julia Soldatova, who edged American Anissa Nikodimov.

Hermannator sets Colorado ablaze

BEAVER CREEK, Colo. — Austria's Hermann Maier maintained his mastery of the demanding Birds of Prey course, pacing a World Cup downhill training run Thursday with a 1 minute, 45.88 second run.

Another training run was scheduled today in advance of Saturday's race. During his Birds of Prey run, Maier was the top American, finishing 20th in 1:49.05. Chad Fleischer of Vail, who finished second in the final downhill of the season in March, was 46th in 1:49.76.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

Kentucky rookie a surprise starter for Jazz

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Utah Jazz rookie Scott Padgett has already found a place for himself in the NBA.

Where? In Utah's starting lineup, alongside veterans Karl Malone, John Stockton and Jeff Hornacek.

After leaving Kentucky as Utah's third draft pick of the first round, Padgett didn't expect to start after his first three NBA games. But that's exactly what has happened.

"It's great. I'm getting more comfortable every game. It's a big change from my role in college," said Padgett, a 6-foot-9 forward who helped Kentucky reach the NCAA championship game in 1997 and win it in 1998.

Padgett looked awkward during the preseason as he learned the offense and tried to establish himself in the faster professional game. He didn't play in two of Utah's first three regular-season games.

So it was a big surprise when coach Jerry Sloan shook up the starting lineup on Nov. 17, using Padgett instead of eighth-year veteran Adam Keefe. That night, the Jazz beat the Los Angeles Clippers 97-79.

Since then, Keefe has rarely led the bench and Padgett hasn't missed a start.

"I've certainly didn't plan on red-shirting him," Sloan said, borrowing a phrase from the college game.

The Jazz drafted Padgett with the 28th overall pick after forwards Quincy Lewis of Minnesota (No. 19) and Andrei Kirilenko (No. 24) of Russia.

Yet while Lewis usually has played in one- or two-minute spurts and Kirilenko remains overcast developing his skills, Padgett has seen about 12 to 15 minutes a game.

"We felt he was a better shooter than he had been showing in the preseason," Sloan said. "We thought he needed to keep shooting, and the best way for him to do that was to be on the floor."

Padgett played 29 minutes in a 98-90 victory over New York on Nov. 17, scoring eight points and collecting eight rebounds.

"Scott is in a very unique situation," Malone said. "Not a lot of guys can come into the league and be a starter right away. He's put himself in a position to show he can score."

It's no secret that Utah's scorers are Malone, Stockton and Hornacek. And that's fine with Padgett, who led Kentucky in scoring last season at 12.6 points a game and had 29 points in an NCAA tournament victory over Kansas.

"In college, I was a scoring player," Padgett said. "Here, they want me to be a guy who makes the hustle plays, to create energy with offensive rebounds, to get the steal or go after the loose ball."

That's not the only thing that's different from Kentucky.

"I've become a video game nut because I've got so much free time," Padgett said. "My wife's teaching, so she's at work during the day. I play video games all day until she gets home."

A steady stream of friends from Padgett's hometown of Louisville



New York Knicks forward Kurt Thomas guards Jazz rookie Scott Padgett during their game Nov. 17 in Salt Lake City.

have helped fill empty days.

"I'll have new things to do when my friends come in," Padgett said. "It's not awkward to me, it's their new thing."

The Jazz have usually signed players willing to buy into a long-term team concept. Sloan said Padgett will fit nicely if he

doesn't test the free-agent market after his three-year rookie contract expires in 2002.

"We hope he comes in and stays in one spot," Sloan said.

"We've been fortunate that a lot of our guys have come in and stayed, and they've gotten better every year."

Red-hot Woods plans a breather

POIPLU, Hawaii (AP) — Good news for PGA Tour players: Tiger Woods is going to take the next five weeks off.

Woods capped an incredible late-year run Wednesday by beating the same hole-in-one he used in the PGA Grand Slam of Golf's championship match.

That made it 10 victories in 14 tournaments for the PGA player of the year and Vardon Trophy winner.

"I'm done until one tournament at the end of the year," the PGA champion said. "I'm off for five weeks. It's going to be nice, so nice."

"This year has been so incredible, especially at the end of it. I thought, going into the year, I could probably win about seven times. And I even superseded my own goal and I don't do that very often."

In his latest victory, worth \$400,000, Woods said he knew he had to get off to a fast start because he ran away from Masters champion Jose Maria Olazabal, 6 and 5, a day earlier.

That's exactly what Woods did. "I felt it was going to be a tough match because Davis played so well yesterday," Woods said. "After birdieing the first hole, I knew if I could somehow answer, I could stop his momen-

turn."

He egged the 324-yard second hole to cut Woods' lead to 3 up, but it wasn't enough.

"From there, I played some really good golf," Woods said.

By the time the players reached the third, Woods was at 5 up — thanks to two more birdies and a pair of bogeys by Love.

He completed the front 9 at the 6,557-yard Poipu Bay Resort on Kauai in Sunday-par 31.

Love, who made it into the tournament as an alternate following the death of U.S. Open winner Payne Stewart, was at 1-over 37.

Love birdied the 12th and 13th holes to cut Woods' lead to 3 up, but it wasn't enough.

"I didn't get off to a great start," Love said. "He got 1 up on an eagle and when he gets off like that, he's hard to beat. You can feel the door closing."

were angry Thursday after squandering their opportunities to tear apart the Royal Sydney Golf Club in the first round of the Australian Open.

On a day when the 6,832-yard course was not much of a challenge and unheralded Australian Paul Goh shot an under-par 64, neither Norman nor Montgomerie was able to come close to the lead.

"The conditions are very easy, and 70 is actually a very poor score today under the circumstances," Norman said. "This morning, it was really there to be had."

"I hit a lot of good shots, but I just couldn't capitalize on them. The pin positions were very, very easy."

The Australian did better than his Scottish counterpart, who labeled as "criminal" a 72 for his first 18 holes in the \$640,000 tournament.

Gow, who had the best round of his career with nine birdies and a bogey, upstaged the bookmakers and revealed that he had bet more money on himself to win.

Sprewell slapped with hefty fine

NEW YORK (AP) — Latrell Sprewell is in trouble again.

Sprewell was fined \$10,000 by the NBA this week for profane remarks to fans in the New York Knicks' 86-79 victory over the Golden State Warriors last week-end.

The game at Oakland, Calif., on Saturday night was the first time Sprewell faced former coach P.J. Carlesimo, whom he choked as a member of the Warriors in December 1997.

Sprewell shouted profanities and vulgar remarks at some fans during the game, won by the Knicks 86-79.

In Wisconsin, where Sprewell once starred at Milwaukee Washington High School, the Wauskeha Freeman reported in Thursday's editions that authorities have been unable to serve a summons to Sprewell and LaTocha Fields, his father, in a civil suit stemming from a collision between a personal water craft owned by Sprewell and a boat on Pewaukee Lake on Aug. 22, 1998.

Last Thursday, Wauskeha County Court Commissioner David Pike gave the two 40 days to answer a court summons or risk a ruling against them.

Shark, Mongerle find the going tough down Under

SYDNEY, Australia — Tournament favorites Greg Norman and Colin Montgomerie

are

struggling in the final round of the Australian Open.

Norman, who led the

tournament at 1-under 37, was

trailing at 4-over 44.

Montgomerie, who was

at 5-over 49, was

trailing at 11-over 55.

Senators pass Thrashers; Coyotes bite Devils

ATLANTA (AP) — For a center with only 16 goals in his previous two NHL seasons, Vladimir Prospal was thrilled to get two in one period Thursday night.

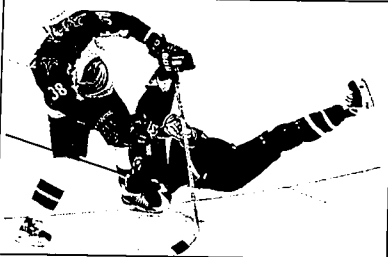
The 22-year-old Czech forward aided an assist as the Ottawa Senators scored five goals in the second period to tie a team record and beat the Atlanta Thrashers 6-3.

“That doesn’t happen in this league,” Prospal said. “There’s not that much scoring.”

Ottawa, which had lost three straight and four of five games, overcame a 3-0 first-period deficit with five-goal second period victory over Atlanta goalie Scott Langkou.

Wade Redden, Andre Roy and Magnus Arvedson also scored in the period for Ottawa, which also had five-goal periods in its victory over Tampa Bay on March 8 and a 7-1 victory over St. Louis on Feb. 20, 1996. Radek took a third-period shot.

“We feel like we have a system that can be effective if our players execute when they’re supposed to,” said Ottawa coach Jacques Lemaire, whose club moved into a first-place tie with



Atlanta Thrashers defenseman Yanick Tremblay (38) opens Ottawa Senators center Andre Roy in a battle for the puck during the second period at Phillips Arena Thursday.

Toronto in the Northeast Division. “Unfortunately, that doesn’t always happen.”

Kelly Buchberger, Ray Ferraro and Andreas Karlsson scored for Atlanta.

Coyotes 4, Devils 2

PHOENIX — Jeremy Roenick scored three goals to help make goalie Sean Burke's Phoenix

Devils, who played without Bobby Holk, their top goal scorer. Holk was suspended for three games Thursday for cutting Anaheim's Steve Rucchin in the face with his stick Wednesday night in Anaheim.

Roenick's hat trick was his first since joining the Coyotes three seasons ago.

New Jersey failed to score on any of its four power plays against the Coyotes, the league's top penalty killers.

Phoenix entered the game covering just 13.6 percent of its power-play opportunities, but Roenick got the game's first goal 14:28 into the first period on the power play.

Roenick picked up a loose puck on top of the left circle and rifled a shot into the left corner of the net for the unassisted score.

Nunminen also scored on a Coyotes' power play. Roenick flipped a pass from the left corner to Nunminen at the point. Nunminen got a hard wrist shot past goaltender goalie Chris Terreri 8:24 into the second period.

New Jersey answered 1:38 later as Burke tried to cover up for Randy McKay but the puck squirted off his stick and into the net. Niedermyer poked it in for his first goal of the season.

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FOOTBALL

NFL Standings

Table showing NFL Standings for AFC East, AFC North, AFC South, AFC West, NFC East, NFC North, NFC South, and NFC West.

NFL Injury Report

MINI TOP PICK: The Houston Football League...

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IN THE BLEACHERS

By Steve Moore

College Football Schedule

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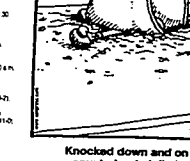
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NHL suspends Holik for three games

NEW YORK (AP) — New Jersey Devils wing Bobby Holik was suspended for three games Thursday for cutting Anaheim's Steve Rucchin in the face with his stick Wednesday night in Anaheim.

Roenick's hat trick was his first since joining the Coyotes three seasons ago.

New Jersey failed to score on any of its four power plays against the Coyotes, the league's top penalty killers.

Phoenix entered the game covering just 13.6 percent of its power-play opportunities, but Roenick got the game's first goal 14:28 into the first period on the power play.

Roenick picked up a loose puck on top of the left circle and rifled a shot into the left corner of the net for the unassisted score.

Nunminen also scored on a Coyotes' power play. Roenick flipped a pass from the left corner to Nunminen at the point. Nunminen got a hard wrist shot past goaltender goalie Chris Terreri 8:24 into the second period.

New Jersey answered 1:38 later as Burke tried to cover up for Randy McKay but the puck squirted off his stick and into the net. Niedermyer poked it in for his first goal of the season.

came over the top with no intention to hurt him," he said. "If the hand was at the end of my stick and I hit him with my glove, the referee probably would have called it roughing and we would have moved on.

"But my hand was a little lower on the stick and, if you look at the tape, I move both my hands lower on the draws. So the end of the stick is exposed."

The league announced that, based on Holik's annual average that says his "repeat offender" status, Holik will lose \$92,000.

BULLDOGS

Continued from D1. Romero Miller's pass and returned the ball 27 yards to set up Westfield's kick.

BY the third time in school history that the Mississippi State (9-2, 6-2 Southeastern Conference) has won a game in six consecutive straight year they've won six conference games.

MISSISSIPPI (7-4, 4-4) used a strong rushing game by Deuce McAllister, who gained 134 yards on 36 carries, to set up the clock-holding the ball 36:37 to

MISSISSIPPI STATE 23-23

But could not hold off the Bulldogs in the closing minutes.

MISSISSIPPI STATE, which entered the game ranked first in the nation in total defense and first in run defense, allowing 108.6 yards per game allowed. Ole Miss rush for 63 in the first half.

MISSISSIPPI dominated the first quarter, holding the ball for 12:26, running 23 plays for 116 yards while the Mississippi State offense managed just five plays for 13 yards.

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ATP Championship Results

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SPORTS

COLLEGE FOOTBALL COUNTDOWN

Hokies, Huskers work to remain in title hunt

The Associated Press

Hokies or Huskers? That's the question No. 1 Florida State is waiting to have answered as it prepares to play for the national championship in the Sugar Bowl on Jan. 4.

Entering the Thanksgiving weekend, No. 2 Virginia Tech (10-0) and No. 3 Nebraska (9-1) are the top contenders, with the Bowl Championship Series standings having the final say on Dec. 5. Florida State (11-0) completed its season last week.

If the Hokies beat No. 22 Boston College (8-2) and the Huskers beat Colorado (6-4) today, the Seminoles still won't know who their opponent in the Nebraska plays No. 7 Texas in the Big 12 title game on Dec. 4.

What if Virginia Tech and Nebraska both lose? Then Tennessee, Florida and Kansas State are among the teams which could move into title contention.

"We've got to come out like we've done all season long, prepared to play the game of our life," Tech defensive end Corey Moore said. "We win that game and we're playing for the national championship. I firmly believe that."

"I think it would be just an

absolute tragedy if we don't get a chance to play for the national championship."

The Huskers are trying to focus on Colorado instead of figuring out how they can move ahead of the Hokies in the BCS standings.

"There has not been any talk amongst our team about anything other than Colorado," Nebraska coach Frank Solich said. "I have not heard one word uttered."

In other Top 25 games today, it's No. 7 Texas at No. 24 Texas A&M, Ohio at No. 12 Marshall; No. 17 Arkansas at UT; and No. 25 Louisiana Tech at Southern California.

On Saturday, it's Vanderbilt at No. 6 Tennessee and No. 16 Georgia at No. 20 Georgia Tech. No. 23 Mississippi played No. 18 Mississippi State on Thursday.

The Hokies are shooting for the second perfect season in school history, the first since 1918 when they were 7-0.

So far Virginia Tech has dispatched the previously ranked teams it has played this season—31-7 over Virginia, 62-0 over Syracuse, and 43-10 over Miami. Tech, which leads the nation in scoring at 47.7 points per game, is directed by redshirt freshman quarterback Michael Vick, who

has 1,550 yards and nine TDs passing, 504 yards and seven TDs rushing.

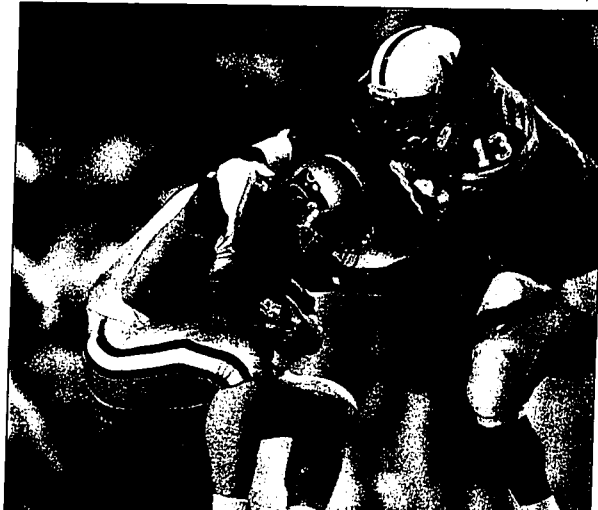
The Eagles, behind quarterback Tim Hasselbeck and running back Cedric Washington, are having quite a season themselves. Right now BC is headed to the insight.com bowl, but could move up to the Gator Bowl with an upset.

"I said after the Syracuse game that our kids have hearts as big as oceans," O'Brien said, referring to BC's 24-23 win over the Orangemen on Oct. 30. "They're going to play hard, and that's all we can ask of them. Then you go out there and either you're good enough or you're not. Fortunately, we've found ways to win."

Virginia Tech has won the last three meetings, with BC managing a total of 14 points.

Nebraska has a seven-game winning streak over Colorado, but the past three games have been close. The Huskers won by two points last year, three points in '97 and five points in '96.

Bowl berths are on the line in several other games Saturday: Pittsburgh (5-5) at West Virginia (3-7), Syracuse (6-4) at Miami (6-4), Oklahoma State (9-5) at Oklahoma (6-4), and Arizona (6-5)



Nebraska linebacker Carlos Polk sacks Kansas State quarterback Adam Heim during the fourth quarter in Lincoln, Neb., earlier this month. Both Nebraska and Virginia Tech are hoping to meet Florida State in the Sugar Bowl in January.

at Arizona State (5-5). On the West Coast, meanwhile,

Notre Dame (5-6) tries to avoid its first losing season since 1986

when it visits Pac-10 champion Stanford (7-3).

Bufs' Barnett revisits rivalry

BOULDER, Colo. (AP) During his seven seasons as the head coach at Northwestern, Gary Barnett never lost touch with the rivalry that guaranteed to get his adrenaline pumping.

"Every year I would always watch the Colorado-Nebraska game," said Barnett, a Colorado assistant for eight years before going to Northwestern. "It was a big game for Colorado. It wasn't always a big game for Nebraska. We made it into a big game for Nebraska."

Instead of watching the game from his living room couch, Barnett will be on the sideline today as he faces No. 3 Nebraska for the first time as Colorado's head coach.

He and the Buffaloes (6-4, 5-2 Big 12) will be trying to end a seven-game losing streak against Nebraska (9-1, 6-1)—a streak that coincidentally began the first season after Barnett left for Northwestern.

The last three losses have been particularly excruciating for Colorado. Nebraska has escaped with victories of two, three and five points.

"The last couple of years have been just devastating games," said Bufs' defensive tackle Justin Barnett. "You're so close and they usually come down to one play. It's a hard pill to swallow."

Another victory over Colorado would send the Cornhuskers to the Big 12 championship game against Texas and sustain Nebraska's bid for a fourth national title in six years.

The Huskers have a chance to overturn No. 2 Virginia Tech in the Bowl Championship Series standings and secure a spot in the Sugar Bowl against top-ranked Florida State.

"If you can't get ready to play right now, then you might as well stay home," said Nebraska wide receiver Matt Davison. "This is why you come to Nebraska. We know we have a shot. We know we're playing two good teams in a row. The first one is Colorado."

If today's game is anything like the last three meetings, turnovers will play a role in the outcome. A fumble by Bufs' quarterback Mike Moschetti led to the game-winning field goal in Nebraska's 16-14 victory last

year, and the Huskers combined for four interceptions in 1997 and 1996.

Colorado is hoping to reverse the trend, especially after watching Nebraska fumble a school-record 10 times two weeks ago against Kansas State. The Huskers lost only two of the fumbles and won 41-15.

"They have shown a tendency to not pass put it on the ground," Barnett said. "Now, we've got to get some of those. That can make a difference in the game. It does with us. When we turn the ball over, we generally lose."

The Buffs will have their hands full with a Nebraska defense ranked second nationally in total yards allowed (235 per game) and third in points allowed (11.4).

Colorado counters with an offense averaging 417 yards and driven by motivation to beat Nebraska for the first time since 1990 and earn a lucrative bowl berth.

"We have our own passion," Barnett said. "They have some things that they are fighting for. We have some things that we're fighting for. We'll see who's got the best team."

Aggies, Longhorns rekindle rivalry after Bonfire tragedy

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP)—After a week of mourning, the biggest football game in Texas almost seems like an afterthought.

But today is the 106th meeting between No. 7 Texas (9-2) and No. 24 Texas A&M (7-3) and the game will go on. A&M's campus was ripped by tragedy Nov. 18 when the bulldozer for the state's biggest rivalry was just getting started.

Twelve people—11 Aggie students and a recent graduate—were killed when the 40-foot stack of logs for the traditional pregame bonfire collapsed.

The tragedy born from a 90-year-old tradition sent shock waves across the campus of 43,000 for a week.

Although school administrators will be forced to consider whether the bonfire tradition should continue, the players said there was first by quarter today's game would be played.

"They gave so much effort and

they gave their lives to support us," said A&M quarterback Randy McCown.

Aggie players didn't practice for two days after the accident. Many of them went to the site to help rescue workers clear the logs.

"We talk quite frequently here about the bond that Aggies have for one another, and sometimes it becomes kind of a company line that you don't put a lot of stock in," A&M coach R.C. Sluocum said. "It's always there, but in times like this you can really see it."

The grief spread beyond the A&M campus. The Longhorns canceled their traditional "hex rally" that is supposed to bring the Aggies bad luck. Texas instead held a unity rally on campus and 40 busloads of Aggies made the 105-mile trip to attend.

Anyone who grew up in Texas understands how the rivalry exists within families, said Texas student Aaron Schmidt. Many families have graduates of both schools.

"They come together at the Thanksgiving table every year and argue and debate and bring the rivalry home. It's very Texas ... I think this year there's going to be a kind of a cloud on that rivalry," Schmidt said.

"It is a tragedy that we all share," said Longhorns sophomore quarterback Major Applewhite, who considered signing with A&M out of high school.

"It was a terrible loss for them and us. We all have friends at A&M and are affected by this tragedy. We can play this game for those who were lost just like the Aggies will."

Emotions will run high when the Aggies will wear an expected crowd of 86,000, the largest ever to see a football game in Texas, jams into normally boisterous Kyle Field.

Aggies players will wear a memorial patch on their uniforms and flags will fly at half-staff. Two maroon-and-white ribbons will be painted over the Texas A&M logos on the field.

Nofoaiga earns honors

MOSCOW—University of Idaho linebacker Clinton Nofoaiga has been named a third-team All-American this week. Nofoaiga finished the season with 118 tackles—18 of those for a loss—and 10 quarterback sacks. He is one of just three Big West Conference football players, and the only Vandant, to make the national publication's three select teams for 1999.

Hailing from Tacoma, Wash., the bruising junior was born in American Samoa, but later moved to Southern California. The Nofoaigas (pronounced Nof-NG-ing) relocated to western Washington when he was 8. Other Big West players honored this week were Trevor Insler, Nevada receiver, and North Texas punter John Baker. Both were second-team selections.

Big Ten sends seven of eleven off to bowls

The Associated Press

Michigan lost the game but won the bowl with Michigan State.

The 10th-ranked Wolverines (9-2), despite a 34-31 loss to the Spartans earlier this season, are headed to a \$12 million Bowl Championship Series game, either the Orange or Fiesta bowls.

No. 11 Michigan State (9-2) setled for the \$3.9 million Citrus Bowl on Jan. 1, where the Spartans will likely play the loser of the SEC title game between Alabama and Florida. Tennessee also is a possibility.

This week, five other Big Ten teams were invited to the postseason, giving the 11-team league seven bowl teams.

The rest of the Big Ten lineup: No. 4 Wisconsin (9-2), the Big Ten champion, already is set to play Stanford in the Rose Bowl on Jan. 1. Purdue is \$12 million per team.

No. 19 Purdue (7-4) is headed to the Outback Bowl on Jan. 1 against the SEC team. Payout is \$1.9 million.

No. 15 Penn State (9-3) is off to the Alamogordo Bowl on Jan. 12. Payout is \$1.2 million.

No. 13 Minnesota (8-3) will play Oregon in the Sun Bowl for a \$1 million payout. Illinois (7-4) is in the Micronpc.com Bowl, \$750,000 per team, against an ACC team. Also, TCU (6-4) accepted a berth in the Mobile Alabama Bowl to play No. 21 East Carolina

(8-3). The payout is \$750,000. In the Outback Bowl, Purdue will play on New Year's day in Tampa with its third straight postseason appearance. The Bolshers, led by quarterback Drew Brees, go against an SEC team to be determined after the league's title game Dec. 4. In three weeks, Alamogordo will be the first by quarter. Invited Penn State fell from national title contender to San Antonio on Dec. 28—the same game Kansas State fell to after a loss to Texas A&M in the Big 12 title game. It marks the first time in nine years that coach Joe Paterno and his Nittany Lions won't be playing on Jan. 1.

Oklahoma, Texas A&M and Texas are possible opponents. In accepting a berth in the Sun Bowl, the Golden Gophers, with their first eight-win season in 32 years, are headed to their first bowl game in 13 years.

"I've got to be quite frank with you, I don't know anything about them," Gophers coach Glen Mason said of Oregon. "I've got a lot of catching up to do."

Oregon (8-3) is playing in its fifth bowl in six years, while Minnesota's big win was a 24-23 upset of then-No. 2 Penn State on Nov. 6.

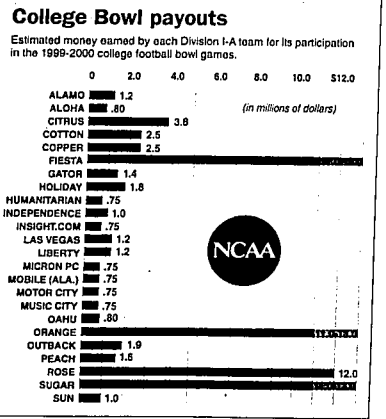
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The Sporting News Power Rankings

- All games on Saturday, unless otherwise noted.
Rank Team/Record/Next Game/Comment
1. Florida State/11-0/Sugar Bowl Jan. 4/OK, the Seminoles are in Sugar Bowl. Now, whom will they play?
2. Virginia Tech/10-0/ vs. Boston College today/Shouldn't be any more doubtful, but it is.
3. Nebraska/9-1/ at Colorado today/Cornhuskers might jump in BCS standing, but for better or worse.
4. Florida/9-2/SEC title game Dec. 4/Gainesville or not, Gators were simply out-matched.
5. Wisconsin/7-4/Regular season over/Badgers have plenty of time to salivate over Stanford defense.
6. Tennessee/8-2/ vs. Vanderbilt/Volunteers still appear to have slot in a BCS bowl.
7. Michigan/9-2/Regular season over/Beat Penn St., Wis., Ohio St.; lost to Michigan St., Illinois, Wake.
8. Kansas State/10-1/Regular season over/You don't think Wildcats had some frustration to release, do you?
9. Alabama/9-2/SEC title game Dec. 4/Alexander decided to ignore the injuries, and just dominate.
10. Purdue/7-4/Regular season over/Tough couple of weeks: Rivalry matchup on New Year's Day bowl.
11. Marshall/10-0/ vs. Ohio today/Could be one slip-up against W. Michigan, but being bowl-bound.
12. Georgia/7-3/Regular season over/Spartans appear to be in line for New Year's Day bowl.
13. Georgia/7-3/ at Georgia Tech/Carter's heroes ended last week's debacle.
14. Mississippi/8-2/ vs. Mississippi Thursday/Bulldogs are doing little if any good this season.
15. Penn State/9-3/Regular season over/Collapse wastes incredibly talented team.
16. Southern Miss/8-3/Regular season over/Another trip to the Liberty Bowl.
17. Georgia Tech/7-3/ vs. Georgia/Hamilton certainly doesn't have much of a Heisman case now.
18. Minnesota/8-3/Regular season over/Split of surprising season figure to include trip to Alamogordo.
19. Purdue/7-4/Regular season over/Brees hoping to play in primo bowl to start 2000 Heisman year.
20. Mississippi/7-3/ at Mississippi St. Thursday/If Rebels could support Deane more, they would be scary.
21. Texas A&M/7-3/ vs. Texas today/Covers Colorado Longhorns: Aggies still unbeaten at home this season.
22. Miami (Fla.)/6-4/ vs. Syracuse/Bears close to all the way back, but will Davis stay with them?
23. Boston College/8-2/ at Virginia Tech today/Gunning for best bowl season since going 9-3 in 1993.
24. Arkansas/7-3/ at LSU today/Since Ole Miss fiasco, Hogs are closing the season with a rush.
25. East Carolina/9-2/Regular season over/Inaugural Mobile Alabama Bowl week comes Thursday.



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Detroit wins ugly, beats Bears on Turkey Day

PONTIAC, Mich. (AP) — Football in the black and blue division is seldom pretty, especially when Detroit and Chicago hook up. That's especially true this season, when few NFL teams stand out.

Gus Frerotte threw two touchdown passes as Detroit jumped to a 21-0 lead, then held on for a 21-17 Thanksgiving Day win over the Chicago Bears. Michigan's Lions are 1-6 in the slug-it-out NFC Central — at least temporarily.

"There haven't been any blowouts in the NFC this season, except maybe Washington's big (48-22) win over Chicago," Frerotte said. "This is a year when every team is in it and the games are going to be close."

Detroit (7-7) broke a two-game losing streak that had dropped it into a tie with Tampa Bay and Minnesota, both of which play Sunday in a bunched division. The last-place Bears (5-7) started the day only a game-and-a-half behind.

Frerotte, making his third straight while Charlie Batch's strained right thumb heals, completed 29 of 42 passes for 309 yards without an interception. He hooked up with Gerome Crowell for a 45-yard touchdown and hit Johnnie Morton with a 2-yarder. Greg Hill rushed for 68 yards, including a 29-yard TD romp for Detroit.

"I play my best game today, but we never gave up and we were able to fight through it," Frerotte said. "That's how we win games — we grit them out."

Jim Miller, a career third-stringer who had passed for 279 yards and four TDs in the Bears' previous two games, rallied back with his third touchdown from some Detroit mistakes. He was 25 of 37 for 204 yards with one interception in this game and had a 3-yard touchdown pass to Alonzo Mayes and a 23-yarder to Marty Booker.

"I really felt we'd win in the second half," Bears coach Dick Jauron said. "We just made

too many errors."

The Lions scored on their fourth snap of the game as Frerotte hit Crowell on a slant. Crowell, who had two steps on cornerback Terry Cousin, easily won the foot race to the end zone for a 7-0 lead.

Minutes later, with Hill nicking up 61 yards on five carries, the Lions drove 73 yards in six plays, taking a 14-0 lead on Hill's touchdown sweep around left end. Hill faked out safety Chris Hudson with a cutback at the 14 and scored untouched.

On the first snap of Chicago's next possession, Robert Porcher hit Miller's arm during his throwing motion and the ball fluttered into the arms of linebacker Scott Kovalkowski who returned it 29 yards. Three plays later, Frerotte tossed a TD pass to Morton and the Lions led 21-0 with 1:37 left in the half.

Suddenly, the Bears' offense caught fire. Miller completed five straight passes in a 53-yard, five-play scoring drive, narrowing the gap to 21-7 with the TD toss Mayes. Marcus Robinson had a 37-yard catch in the drive, which took just 1:15 to complete.

Chris Boniol's 26-yard field goal made it 21-10 with 7:29 left in the third quarter.

Detroit had the Bears backed up to their own 3 in the third quarter, but when Deany Uwaezuoke fumbled a punt at midfield, Keith Burns recovered at the Detroit 49 and the Bears had new life.

"You just don't see that," Detroit coach Bobby Ross said. "We had the lead, and we had good field position, and you have to be careful in that situation. We didn't play that one very smart."

Five plays later, on the first snap of the fourth quarter, Miller hooked up with Booker and it was 21-17.

But the Lions' patchwork defense — playing without injured cornerback Bryant Westbrook and suspended safety Mark Carrier — shut the Bears down the rest of the way.



Chicago Bears running back Glyn Milburn (24) is stopped by the Detroit Lions' J.B. Brown (31) and Cory Schlesinger (30) during the second quarter at the Silverdome in Pontiac, Mich., Thursday. The Lions won 21-17. AP Photo

Ricky Watters still going strong as running back for the Seahawks

KIRKLAND, Wash. (AP) — This was the season when it was feared the Seattle Seahawks were going to start easing Ricky Watters toward the door.

That never happened. Instead, the "in-year-face" running back — now in his ninth NFL season — is playing up a storm, particularly in the last months.

With three 100-yard rushing games in the past four weeks, Watters is hot and so are the Seahawks. They're running away from the AFC West, taking a three-game lead, a five-game winning streak and an 8-2 record in one game Sunday against the Tampa Bay Buccaneers in the kingdom.

"I think it starts with Ricky," Tampa Bay coach Tony Dungy said Wednesday. "I wish they'd get the ball to him an awful lot."

"Nine years is a great run for a running back," Seahawks coach Mike Holmgren said. "He's an amazing guy."

Watters broke Kansas City's spirit with a 45-yard run late in last Sunday's game. He scored three plays later with 7:43 left to finish off the Seahawks' 31-19 victory.

At training camp and during the exhibition season, Holmgren talked about giving second-year running back Adrian Peterson, from the high-powered Nebraska program, more carries this season. Holmgren talked about trying to get Green's speed into his lineup to give him more of an outside threat than the 30-year-old Watters.

But Green fumbled in the pre-season and continues to have ball-handling problems. In Seattle City, Green had the opening kickoff and bobbed a handoff.

With 15 carries in 10 games, Green probably won't get as many carries as he had as a rookie last season, 35.

Still, Watters' durability and efficiency has had more to do with Green's inactivity than his. Green's fumbling, particularly in the last four weeks when the Seahawks have developed into one of the league's elite teams.

"I feel really good about myself as far as being in great shape," Watters said. "I feel like I'm in my third year in the league and I feel like I've got it over."

Twice in the last four games, Watters has had 45-yard runs, his longest since 1996, when he was with the Philadelphia Eagles. Against Green Bay and Cincinnati, he had 125- and 133-yard efforts, respectively. In Kansas City, he accounted for 174 total yards, running 24 times for 107 yards and two touchdowns and catching four passes for 67 yards and a TD.

"Every time I run it can't run that," Watters said. "It's not like



Ricky Watters feels right at home playing in Seattle. Watters has had three 100-yard rushing games in the last four weeks. AP Photo

"I'm doing anything different than the beginning of the season. I just think the whole team's coming together much better and the running game is coming together because of that."

"He's not a surprise to me at all," Dungy said. "Mike obviously knows how to get a lot out of his running backs."

Said Holmgren: "When he has games like he had Sunday, he feels good. It's healthy for everybody concerned. He and I don't argue so much."

Holmgren, Seattle's first-year coach and general manager, inherited Watters when he arrived in January.

For better or worse, Holmgren was stuck with Watters because the Seahawks gave him a \$13 million contract, including a \$5 million signing bonus, for four years as a free agent in March 1998. If Holmgren cut Watters before this season, it would have been a \$2 million hit against the Seahawks' salary cap.

With 812 yards on 231 carries, Watters is tied with his fifth consecutive 1,000-yard rushing season and his sixth overall 1,000-yard rushing year. He's the only player

who has done that. In his past season. He (said he) was very disappointed. Apology accepted.

Raiders players, coaches and support staff were the targets of snowball thrown from the stands before, during and after the game, won by the Broncos 27-21 in overtime. The ugly behavior intensified after the game as the

in NFL history to get 1,000 yards for three teams: San Francisco, Philadelphia and Seattle.

Never a blazer, Watters probably has lost a step from his San Francisco days and is averaging a career-low 3.5 yards. But the five-time Pro Bowler is still running hard and still running over defenders.

This season he's moved into 14th place on the NFL's all-time rushing list with 8,685 rushing yards.

Watters goes into the Tampa Bay game third among active rushers behind Emmitt Smith of Dallas (13,441) and Thurman Thomas of Buffalo (11,786).

He's really, really aware to be here nine years later and to feel as good as I feel right now," he said. "I just think I'm a lot smarter now."

He's still as emotional as ever, thumping his chest after successful runs and doing a lot of talking on the field. He got himself in trouble with league officials in Kansas City when he made a throat-slashing gesture after his 45-yard run.

It's nothing malicious, he's just getting his adrenaline flowing.

Landry goes home for Thanksgiving

DALLAS (AP) — Former Dallas Cowboys coach Tom Landry was at home for Thanksgiving dinner after his release four days earlier, from a Dallas hospital where he was undergoing treatment for his leukemia.

Landry left Baylor University Medical Center on Sunday after receiving chemotherapy, said his wife, Alicia. Landry was set to remain under outpatient care. She said his husband is awaiting a follow-up examination to determine the results of the chemotherapy.

"He doesn't hurt or anything. He walks in the evening," Mrs. Landry said. "When the weather's nice, we walk outside."

Although the family was gathering for Thanksgiving dinner, the guest list was short because the chemotherapy has suppressed Landry's immune system, leaving him more vulnerable to infection.

Landry, 75, has been under treatment since May for acute myelogenous leukemia, also known as AML, a cancer that impairs the production of blood cells.

Tests showed in August that the disease had at least been brought to the stage of temporary remission but that more treatments were necessary.

Earlier this month, Mrs. Landry said her husband had not

yet entered a state of remission. Since the summer, one point, she was undergoing dialysis treatment at the Mayo Clinic in Scottsdale, Ariz. She had been on a ventilator after collapsing in the hospital.

Landry ran the Cowboys for 29 years, beginning with the initial season of the franchise in 1960. His final season was 1988, and he was fired after Jerry Jones bought the team in 1989.

He is the third among NFL coaches with 270 career victories. Tom Landry Jr. has said he remains "cautiously optimistic" his father will enter into remission.

Keyshawn blasts reaction to gesture

HEMPSTEAD, N.Y. (AP) — Keyshawn Johnson understands that the wrong message might be sent by a player's throat-slashing gesture.

He also thinks it's a serious overreaction.

"You dig deep into it, you probably could send the wrong message to kids," he said Wednesday, one day after the NFL warned the 31 teams it would fine and penalize players for making the gesture.

"But does screaming at players and owners send the wrong message to kids? If you get into these rickles and dime things it can become an issue, I guess. It becomes more of an issue than it should be. Everybody in the media wants to run with it."

One media outlet that ran over with it in Johnson's opinion, was the Boston radio station that made a connection with the move and O.J. Simpson. A station DJ suggested Johnson's cutting motion had something to do with Simpson, who was acquitted in the murder trial of his estranged wife and her friend.

"I didn't have a knife in my hands. Slashing a throat?" Johnson said Wednesday. "To say it's like O.J. and slashing a throat is reaching for somebody's throat."

Justice has to do with anything else was one of the best running backs in NFL history? Maybe there is a connection in their mind, but not in my mind."

The NFL, in the wake of players such as Johnson, Ricky Watters and Brett Favre making the gesture, sent a letter to the teams stressing that the throat-cutting move would draw hefty fines and penalties. Favre was fined \$2,500 last week for receiving a 15-yard penalty when he did it against Denver on Sunday.

Johnson made the gesture in celebration of a score at New England on Nov. 15.

The two Bruces are buddies FOXBORO, Mass. — When they see each other at the Pro Bowl in Hawaii virtually every winter, Bruce Smith and Bruce Armstrong can play golf, share family time and talk about the

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The two Bruces have become friends, even though they play on opposite sides of the line of scrimmage and an AFC East rivalry that is renewed on Sunday when Armstrong's New England Patriots play Smith's Buffalo Bills. The loser might be out of contention for the playoffs, so for one day the friendship will stay on the sidelines.

"This guy can wreck your

ing a number of medical problems. Since the summer, one point, she was undergoing dialysis treatment at the Mayo Clinic in Scottsdale, Ariz. She had been on a ventilator after collapsing in the hospital.

Carruth charged in shooting CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Nine days after his pregnant girlfriend was critically wounded in a drive-by shooting, Carolina Panthers wide receiver Ray Carruth was arrested Thursday and charged with taking part in the crime.

Carroll, 25, the Panthers' first-round draft choice in 1997, was being held at the Charlotte-Mecklenburg jail on charges of conspiracy to commit first-degree murder, attempted murder and shooting in an occupied vehicle.

Police said they believe Carruth had help planning and shooting the killing of Charria Adams, who was hit by four bullets fired from a passing vehicle as she drove through a Charlotte neighborhood on Nov. 16.

"There's at least one other," Capt. Sean Mulhall said when asked about additional suspects.

"But we're not willing to say much more than that at this point."

Three authorities spoke to The Associated Press on the condition they not be identified said police believe as many as four people were involved in the crime.

Carruth was taken before a magistrate, who ordered him held without bond pending an arraignment Friday. Carruth was fitted for a standard-issue orange jumpsuit and held overnight in a cellblock on the second floor of the local jail.

While Carruth was being processed into the penal system, his teammates were finishing a two-hour practice in preparation for Sunday night's home game against Atlanta. Team security director Gene Brown walked onto the field with training camp and coach George Seifert of the arrest, and the coach informed the players at the end of the workout.

— Compiled from wire reports

Broncos apologize for snowball debacle

ALAMEDA, Calif. — As promised, the Denver Broncos extended a formal apology to the Raiders for their fans' behavior during the teams' game Monday night at Mile High Stadium.

Coach (Mike) Shanahan called "Raiders coach Jon Gruden said. "He apologized for what hap-

Raiders players, coaches and support staff were the targets of snowball thrown from the stands before, during and after the game, won by the Broncos 27-21 in overtime. The ugly behavior intensified after the game as the

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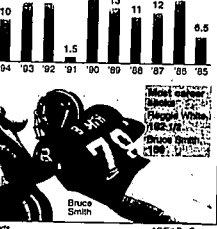
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A phenomenal force

The Buffalo Bills' defensive end Bruce Smith may not have a high sack total this season, but he still is one of the most dominant defensive players in the game. Here's a look at his sack total.



Source: Compiled from AP wire reports

Illness claims Fassel's mom PHOENIX — Dorothy Fassel, the mother of New York Giants coach Jim Fassel, has died after a lengthy illness. She was 76.

She died in Phoenix on Wednesday night, Fassel said. "My mom was a real fighter," Fassel said in a statement released by the Giants Thursday morning. "When she passed away, it was peaceful."

Dorothy Fassel had been suffer-

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from today hoping to bring a state title to town for the first time since 1986.

At Wendell, meanwhile, the Trojans should have little trouble improving upon their 4-18 mark of last season under 12th-year head coach Allen Kelsey.

Four of five starters are back, Nelson King (a 6-1 post), Shey Pope (6-3 postwing), Zack Hill (5-10 guard) and the only junior of the senior-dominated group, Brett Lancaster (5-10 guard). The other three of Gooding's returning starters are seniors.

Kimberly embarks upon its sixth season under coach Roger Keller, but the Bulldogs will have their work cut out for them if they hope to return to the state tournament. After going 22-3 last year and falling only to American Falls in the state semifinals, Kimberly's 1998-99 campaign begins with no returning starters.

What the Bulldogs lack in experience, though, they should compensate for with tenacity. Billy Humphries and Robbie King will trade their football pads for sneakers this winter to form what could be one of the Magic Valley's better backcourt tandems.

Filer's Bruce Lenington, in his third year as boys' head coach, will lead a group of Wildcats bent on bettering their 15-9 finish from last year. Having three returning senior starters on board, in guard Brad Walker, forward Josh Primigero and post Ben Allen, should put the Wildcats on opposing radar early.

Ending out the group is Wood River, which finished 8-16 last year but is another bet to improve in 1999-00. A trio of Wolverines are back from last squad, in guards James Cordes and Sky Wolfe and forward Charlie Askew.

Both Cordes and Askew played on Wood River's state champion soccer team that defeated Twin Falls in the overtime final last month, while Wolfe was a key component of the Wood River football team's first winning season since 1989, earning second-team All-Time News honors as a Class A-2 wide receiver.

Here is a look at each South Central Idaho Conference team:

Buhl Indians

Coach: Ed Finger, 3rd season

Assistants: Kevin Cato, Roger Shield

1998-99 record: 17-11

Returning starters: None

Others to watch:

F Sean VanElderden (jr., 6-2), G Chris Flynn (sr., 6-1), F Ty Popplewell (jr., 6-2), G Jeff Walker (jr., 6-4), F Josh Miller (jr., 6-2), F T.J. Cline (jr., 6-0), F Seth Mathews (jr., 6-2).

Outlook:

As was the case on the football field this fall, the Indians will start the season green. But VanElderden, Flynn, Cline and the other gridiron faces dotting the

SCIC Favorites

- South Central Idaho Conference boys' basketball coaches were asked to predict the final order of finish for high school teams in their conference. The results follow:
- 1. Fier (2)
 - 2. Kimberly (2)
 - 3. Wendell (1)
 - 4. Buhl
 - 5. Wood River
 - 6. Gooding

*First place votes in parentheses.

Buhl roster should replicate for Finger on the hardwood the season-long improvement they showed football coach Gary Krumm on the field.

Though not especially tall, the Indians weren't hurrying for physical players who can mix it up underneath the basket.

Opener:

Wednesday, at Aberdeen.

Filer Wildcats

Coach: Bruce Lenington, 3rd season

Assistants: Ed Richards, Gary Moon, Jim McLaughlin

1998-99 record: 15-9

Returning starters: G Brad Walker (sr., 5-11), F Josh Primigero (sr., 5-11), P Ben Allen (sr., 6-4).

Others to watch:

G Zach Chadwick (sr., 5-8), F Brandon Kobayashi (sr., 5-11), F Chase McLaughlin (jr., 6-4), P Craig Gause (jr., 6-3), G Tim Chandler (sr., 5-11), G Jesus Juarez (sr.), G Travis Hoffman (jr.), P Dustin Ross (jr.).

Outlook:

Despite losing two of their top three leading scorers to graduation, the Wildcats return five players with extensive varsity experience, including two all-conference selections in Primigero (58 pp) and Allen (10.8 pp, 8.1 pp). That, coupled with an athletic supporting cast, should make Filer one of the top teams in the SCIC this season.

Coach Lenington says:

"We return five guys who saw a lot of minutes in the district tournament. I believe that experience is something you cannot teach."

Opener:

Tuesday, vs. Valley.

Gooding Senators

Coach: Joe Messick, 1st season

Assistants: Chris Comstock, Jeff LaCroix

1998-99 record: 7-15

Returning starters: G Cory Rodriguez (sr., 6-0)

Others to watch:

P Chris Watson (sr., 6-3), P

John Wanamaker (sr., 6-3), G Kirk Calzavara (sr., 6-0), G Brian Byrne (jr., 5-11), P Jared Wilkins (jr., 6-1), G Josh Goddard (jr., 5-10).

Outlook:

With only one returning starter, Gooding will need productive minutes from some less experienced players if the Senators are to compete this season. While the Senators lack veteran varsity players, though, they aren't completely without experience. No fewer than seven upperclassmen highlight the Gooding roster.

So far, rookie head coach Joe Messick — son of longtime and successful Shoshone coach Larry Messick — has liked his team's work ethic and positive attitude to the game.

Coach Messick says:

"I think the strength of this year's team is the positive attitude that these kids bring to the gym. I also think their chemistry and senior leadership will be assets."

Opener:

Dec. 3, vs. Shoshone.

Kimberly Bulldogs

Coach: Roger Keller, 6th season

Assistants: Brian Willford, Kirby Bright

1998-99 record: 22-3

Returning starters: None

Others to watch:

G Billy Humphries (sr., 6-0), G Travis Lammers (sr., 6-0), G Robbie Cain (jr., 5-11), P J.J. Plew (jr., 6-1), P Cody Askew (jr., 6-3), P Matt Kopylowksi (sr., 6-2), G Matt Bulcher (so., 6-3), P Kacy Krieger (jr., 6-1), P Matt Lee (sr., 6-8).

Outlook:

Graduation robbed Kimberly of seven of last year's top players, but the Bulldogs have plenty of talent waiting in the wings. Led by the backcourt play of Humphries and Cain, Kimberly should couple a solid outside game with a decent inside attack. Although not terribly tall, the Bulldogs' post players have shown good athleticism thus far, Keller said. The coach added that since so many players will be stepping into new roles this season, it might take some time before the team finds its rhythm.

Coach Keller says:

"I feel our guard play will be pretty good this year. We have decent depth both inside and out. Our lack of experience is a concern, but I think these kids will compete hard and get better each game."

Opener:

Dec. 3, vs. American Falls

Wendell Trojans

Coach: Allen Kelsey, 12th season

Assistants: Luke Kelsey.

Bruce Clark, Paul Morgan

1998-99 record: 4-18

Returning starters:

P Nelson King (sr., 6-1), P/W Shey Pope (sr., 6-3), G Zack Hill (sr., 5-10), G Brett Lancaster (jr., 5-10).

Others to watch:

P Scott DeJong (sr., 6-6), P Derek Roseborough (jr., 6-3), G Dustin Sears (jr., 5-8), P/W Marty Solomon (so., 5-10), P/W Thomas Walsh (sr., 6-2), P Steven Pomrenke (sr., 6-1), P Marc Irace (sr., 6-0), P Adam Vanderham (jr., 6-0).

Outlook:

Injury-plagued for most of last season, the Trojans embark on their 1999 campaign hoping to stay healthy — and, in the process, realize their full potential. Coach Allen Kelsey feels that potential could include postseason play.

Returning two excellent big men in King and Pope, Wendell looks to be strong inside on both ends of the floor. The biggest focus in the early going, noted Kelsey, has been getting the team to work together and function as a unit.

Coach Kelsey says:

"We have good size and we should be a strong rebounding team. After a season of injuries, we're all back and healthy."

Opener:

Friday, Dec. 3, vs. Decia.

Wood River Wolverines

Coach: Jeff Larson, 1st season

Assistants: Roger Quaries, Lane Kirkland, Steve Frickey

1998-99 record: 8-16

Returning starters: G James Cordes (sr., 5-9), G Sky Wolfe (jr., 5-9), F Charlie Askew (sr., 6-1).

Others to watch:

P Ryan Skinner (sr., 6-3), F Zack Hays (sr., 6-1).

Outlook:

Rookie head coach Jeff Larson takes the helm at Wood River after the Wolverines finished with an 8-16 record last season. With three returning starters in Cordes, Wolfe and Askew, Wood River should have an experienced backcourt. Just how long it will take for the Wolverines to adapt to Larson's new schemes, however, remains to be seen.

Coach Larson says:

"We have a group of guys who are willing to work hard. Our success on the court will depend, in part, on how we are able to identify roles and play as a unit."

Opener:

Thursday, vs. Glenns Ferry

Small-college coach brings success to WSU

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) — Jenny Prosser has led Saint Francis College — a Lorain, Pa., school with enrollment of 1,250 — to the past four NCAA women's basketball tournaments and four consecutive Northwest Conference school with 21,153 students.

Prosser (pronounced pur-ZEEK-aw) is taking over a Washington State program that produced only four winning seasons and made just one NCAA tournament appearance in 17 years under Harold Rhodes, who was fired after last season's 11-16 performance.

Prosser, 35, is one half of the newly revitalized basketball program at Washington State. Paul Graham, a former Oklahoma State assistant, was hired to take over the struggling men's squad a week before Athletics Director

Rick Dickson selected Prosser. Lifting up a struggling program is nothing new to Prosser. When she took over at Saint Francis in 1992, the Red Flash had not had a winning season since 1980. The first NCAA tournament appearance came in Prosser's fifth season at Saint Francis, where she compiled a 133-99 record.

She believes she can work the same magic in Pullman. "I said when I took the job in April there was a tremendous amount of potential at Washington State," said Prosser, whose Cougars are 0-1 after a season-opening loss at Utah last Saturday. "During the spring I felt that potential while working with the players."

Washington State will be in Boulder, Colo. — not far from her hometown of Littleton — for the weekly Coors Classic tournament today and Saturday. The Cougars open play against Western Michigan.

Philly's Big Five makes a comeback

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — They all say there was no excess, no hype, no experience in all of sports like the Philadelphia Big Five.

"They remember the crowded, sweaty bleachers, the thick fog that giant drum while the cold wind whistled outside. Cheers and taunts for the second game of a doubleheader would begin about halfway through the first."

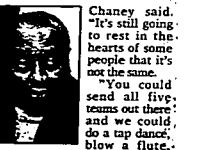
"It was a wonderful thing that Philadelphia had," said John Nash, the New Jersey Nets' general manager and former Big Five executive director. "I think the problem is people expecting it to be duplicated. It'll never be duplicated."

"It's worth a try, though. After several years of straying from tradition, Philadelphia's five college basketball rivals are returning to the format that helped them build one of the sport's storied traditions."

La Salle, Penn. St., St. Joseph's, Temple and Villanova renew their round-robin city series this year. Unlike the 1950s and 1960s, when the Big Five played some of the most competitive, exciting hoops in America, all the games won't be played in the Palestra, a historic basketball arena on the Penn campus.

The thrilling, doubleheader bleachers that were the hallmark of the series are a thing of the past. "No one is sure if the Big Five will ever approach those times, but days again, but everyone involved seems to agree that it's a nice start."

"I think it's going to be fine if people have made the adjustment from what we once were to what we are today," Temple coach John



Chaney said. "It's still going to be fun to test the hearts of some people that it's not the same."

"You could send all five teams out there and we'd be good to go, a tap dance, blow flutes, play the bugle, blow tips, whate- ever, and you're going to have some people say, 'This ain't the same Big Five,'" he said.

In 1991, after 36 years of tradition, the school presidents voted to scale down the round-robin format to two games a year for each school. Games were moved out of the Palestra to home courts. It wasn't the same.

"The pressures of modern college basketball — conference play, television money and finances — were blamed for the breakup. Many also still blame Villanova and their former coach, Rollie Massimino, who was under pressure to play an increased Big East schedule and give the Wildcats national exposure and the best chance to make the NCAA tournament."

"I really think that in some people's minds, it made more sense to play teams they thought they could get a win against than to play a tough opponent. La Salle, St. Joe's or even a Penn — who very possibly could beat them," said Nash, who went to St. Joe's. What has basketball been missing since the breakup of the Big Five? Only those who experienced it at its peak know for sure.

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Quarterbacking the Pilots, Tucker noted, was a good way for his six-foot senior guard — who has also played roundball in Europe — to stay in shape for basketball.

"There are football players who play basketball, but Crane's a basketball player who played football," Tucker said. "He and Ortiz are our foundation. They'll be huge for us."

Hornets coach Lloyd Gary is learning a thing or two about huge this season. A year after fielding a squad with no returning starters from the school's 1998 state-champion fivesome, Gary enters 1999-00 having lost three seniors and 40 percent of its offense to graduation.

"But he counters that inexperience with a pair of 6-8 giants in senior post John Smith and junior center Dillon Christensen. No one on the Hornets' starting five is shorter than six feet tall.

"Dillon has the softest hands for an inside guy I've ever seen," Gary said. "And John should be a big asset for us. He came off the bench last season, and has grown an inch and a half since last year."

"Gary calls 6-2 senior Jeff Stoker "a pretty good shooter from the outside," while junior Kyle Howard, moving over this season from the two to the one-spot, can handle the ball.

"Of the three schools, however, Valley could wind up providing the most flash and dash. The Vikings will run a four-guard set to capitalize on their quickness, and opposing coaches know the blend of speed and court leadership — all five starters from last year's 19-5 season are back — will be tough to beat.

"All of them are quicker than quick," Tucker said.

Tucker's Pilots launch the Canyon Conference season Monday night with a road trip to Rimrock. Valley plays Tuesday at Filer, and Declo travels to Wendell next Friday.

Here's a look at each of the region's three Class A-3 teams:

Declo Hornets

Coach: Lloyd Gary, 6th season

Assistants: Denny Smyers, Val Christensen

1998 record: 20-7

Returning starters:

G Kyle Howard (jr., 6-0), F Jeff Stoker (sr., 6-2).

Others to watch:

P John Smith (sr., 6-8), F Jesse Meyer (sr., 6-

Sizing up the Canyon

Canyon Conference coaches were asked to predict their final order of finish for the area's three Class A-3 boys' high school basketball teams. The results follow:

1. Valley (2)
2. Declo (1)
3. Glenns Ferry

*First-place votes in parenthesis.

3), G Tyler Howard (sr., 6-0), F Jacoby Fox (jr., 6-2), P Dillon Christensen (jr., 6-8), F Caleb Meyer (jr., 6-2).

Outlook:

Sporting one of the area's biggest teams, Declo will look to improve on last year's 20-7 finish. Coupling a pair of 6-8 post players in Smith and Christensen with a quick backcourt led by Howard, the Hornets have the ability to score inside and out this season. Team leadership and overall team quickness, however, remain early-season concerns for Gary.

Coach Gary says:

"We have good size and our inside game should be stronger than in the past. We also have good quickness in our backcourt players, so we should be able to run and keep the pressure on."

Opener:

Dec. 3, at Wendell.

Glenns Ferry Pilots

Coach: John Tucker, 3rd season

Assistants: Jeff McInnes, Rick Hance

1998 record: 4-16

Returning starters:

G Alex Crane (sr., 6-0), F Bernabe Ortiz (sr., 6-0).

Others to watch:

G Cole Darrington (so., 5-10), P Corey Hall (so., 6-0), F Mark Black (so., 6-2), G Andy Hansen (sr., 5-11), G Ryan Simons (jr., 5-10), P/Troy Douglas (so., 6-2), G Sheridan Swenson (sr., 5-10), P Chance Gennette (jr., 5-10), G Dusty Titus (jr., 5-6), F Jared Black (jr., 6-2), P Willie Riggs (jr., 6-1), P Rusty Shaw (jr., 6-3).

Outlook:

The youthful Pilots enter the 1999 campaign with a trio of sophomores in their starting lineup (Darrington, Cole and Black). But while Tucker's team lacks both experience and height, the coach said improved team chemistry may help it through what could be a rough beginning.

In post players Ortiz and Hall, Glenns Ferry sports a bruising one-two punch. The duo formed perhaps the best Maqui Valley line-backing corps this season on the gridiron.

Coach Tucker says:

"We're rebuilding a bit. But by the end of the year, we'll be a pretty solid club."

Opener:

Monday, at Rimrock.

Valley Vikings

Coach: Roger Carecia, 7th season

Assistants: Bill Mitchell, Nick Peninger

1998 record: 19-5

Returning starters:

F Rob Black (jr., 6-2), G David Thibault (sr., 5-10), G Dallin Moon (sr., 5-9), G Cody Herremann (sr., 5-10), P Jeremy Holland (sr., 6-2).

Others to watch:

F Derick Malone (jr., 6-11), P/F Mike Griffin (jr., 6-3), F Craig Czaveck (sr., 5-11), G Roger Wyatt (sr., 5-10), P Robby Wood (jr., 6-2), F Jesse Nelson (jr., 5-11).

Outlook: Valley returns all five of its starters, four of them seniors, from a team that finished 19-5 last season. That alone should make the Vikings one of the top teams in the A-3 ranks this season.

Although the Vikings lack the size to match up well with the giants in Declo, they should hold their own by being quick and making smart decisions on offense.

Coach Carecia says:

"Our strengths are quickness, experience and depth. But lack of size is an area of concern."

Opener:

Tuesday, at Filer.



Jesse Rivera from American University of Puerto Rico, left, goes for the basket while DePaul University guard Quentin Richardson blocks his path Thursday during their round action of the 1999 Puerto Rico Basketball Tournament.

High-flying McPherson keys DePaul rout

BY SAMUEL PUERTO RICO (AP) — Think of the worst possible college basketball mismatch, then double it. Now, you might understand DePaul's 118-44 victory over American University at Puerto Rico on Thursday night.

Paul McPherson, who claims he can score higher than NBA star Tim Duncan, stole the Blue Demons' show for the second straight game with an array of dunks.

He ended with 21 points, 17 in the first half, as DePaul (2-0) quickly put away the only home team in the Puerto Rico Shootout, Quentin Richardson, who could have been in the NBA, right now if he could find a quiet 23-point.

The Blue Demons will face No. 21 Texas (2-0) in today's second round. The Longhorns beat Arizona State 88-71 Thursday afternoon on 23 points from Cobe Smumaker.

American University (0-1), an NCAA Division II team and yearly host of the tri-city tournament, had little chance. But every sweet pass or pretty basket surprised DePaul, who came off a 35-23, 71-64 upset over the locals with popcorn and Puerto Rican flaps.

When Joe Rodriguez ended DePaul's 40 run with a 3-pointer.

College basketball

it was hometown pop king Ricky Martin walked on the court.

But those moments were few as DePaul pushed its lead to larger and larger margins.

McPherson, a junior college transfer who hit for 23 points in his big-time college debut last week, scored eight points in DePaul's 18-2 run.

After Rodriguez feathered in a 3-pointer, Richardson drained a long, one-seven seconds later. The Pirates will face Arizona State. McPherson rumbled in for two more dunks, each higher and more ferocious than his last, and the Blue Demons were ahead 58-27.

The second half was more of the same. DePaul held the Pirates scoreless for more than five minutes and led 81-39 on Joe Tulley's free throw with 1:35 left.

In the other early game, No. 3 Michigan State and Morris Peterson finally played up to their Final Four reputation, defeating Providence 82-58.

Peterson had a power dunk and a 3-pointer during a 16-0 run early in the second half that turned a tight game into a blowout.

Former Cav Price takes job at Georgia Tech

ATLANTA (AP) — Mark Price stands at the top of the lane, passing the ball again and again to kids barely more than half his age.

"The stands at Alexander Memorial Coliseum are empty. It's just a practice drill, carried out every day on college basketball courts nationwide."

"No cheering. No keeping track of how many baskets are made. Just a tedious, repetitive process that might help turn one of these kids into another Mark Price."

"Mark didn't need to do this," said Georgia Tech coach Bobby Cremins, who lured Price back to school as an assistant after he retired from the NBA in February.

"He did it for Georgia Tech



Mark Price

and he did it for me," Cremins continued, the appreciation in his voice rising with every word. "When Mark retired, he wanted to spend time with his family.

But he saw we were in trouble and he wanted to help."

Hmm, seems familiar. Flashback to 1982, when Price was a hotshot prep prospect from Enid, Okla., being courted by schools from around the country.

He kept getting calls from this obscure young coach at Georgia Tech, a guy by the name of

Cremins, making all these big promises about building the Yellow Jackets into a championship team.

Of course, Tech had just gone 10-16 in Cremins' first season, finishing last in the Atlantic Coast Conference. When Price visited the Atlanta campus, mainly as a courtesy, he found a dingy, 7,000-seat arena and prisonlike dormitories.

But something clicked. He liked the idea of starting as a freshman. He liked the idea of building a program from scratch. Most of all, he liked Cremins.

"All my friends thought I was crazy," Price recalled. "But I believed in Bobby. I believed if he could pull me out of Oklahoma, he could get other

players to come to Tech. The rest is history."

By Price's third season, the Yellow Jackets were champions of the ACC, reaching the finals of the East Regional before losing to Patrick Ewing and Georgetown.

That was the beginning of a nine-year stretch where Tech won three conference titles, went to the NCAA tournament every season and reached the Final Four in 1990.

"Obviously, I have fond memories of this place," Price said, sitting high above the court where he played, virtually eye-to-eye with the banner marking the retirement of his uniform number, 25. "Those were four of the best years of my life."

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As logging dies, a town searches for a future in forests

HAYFORK, Calif. (AP) - The last mill's death knell stung this remote logging town to its core.

More than 150 jobs - half of Hayfork's salary base - disappeared with the Sierra Pacific mill. Scores of children left the elementary school. Of those who remained, four of every five qualified for free or low-cost lunches. Men drove hundreds of miles to find work. Crime rose, morale dropped, fear loomed.

"Those people who lost their jobs were our volunteer firefighters, our little league coaches. They took care of the elderly and the kids. So when they left, it hurt," resident Lynn Jungwirth says.

Jungwirth, part of a third-generation logging family, is one of several local activists who began looking for a new way to make a living from the forest. Three years after the last mill closed, their effort is catching on in rural communities across the West and drawing national attention.

Hayfork, at once quaint and stunningly beautiful, is an unlikely target for the spotlight. The isolated, unincorporated community of 2,500 is about 300 miles north-east of San Francisco, ringed by forests and nestled in a valley miles from Highway 36, a winding 120-mile link between Fortuna and Red Bluff. A motorist can drive two hours without encountering another car.

"You don't get here by mistake," is a common local saying. Hayfork's isolation has been a mixed blessing. While far from urban tumult, the town grew around one industry: timber. As logging steadily declined, the outlook darkened.

So in 1993, Jungwirth organized a group to search for a solution. Its members included loggers and environmentalists who, until then, had been at each other's throats. "Nobody else was going to help us, we knew that," she said.

Jungwirth's premise was simple. The forests had once sustained Hayfork. Could they do it again, even with stringent environmental rules that have drastically curtailed logging?

This was born the Watershed Research and Training Center, a lofty title for a folksy office with a hand-painted sign sandwiched between a general store and a tavern. Its mission: a new approach known as community-based forestry.

"The idea was a 'healthy forest, a healthy community,'" Jungwirth said. "We said we would try a 20-year stewardship of the forests. Of course, the environmentalists were suspicious. They said, 'Oh, she's a member of a logging family.' And the loggers were suspicious. They said, 'Oh, she's working with environmentalists.' But we think it's working."



Lynn Jungwirth of Hayfork, Calif., is part of a third-generation logging family. But she and other local activists are looking for new ways to make a living from the forests.

Community-based forestry lets local people - those who "have the forests as their backyard," as Jungwirth says - help decide how forests are managed. That includes deriving value from the trees, consistent with environmental rules.

The idea raises environmentalists' suspicions.

"Anytime you have a community forestry project and it has to do with public lands, you still have to reach out to the public beyond your community. We all own those lands, and we all have a say in how they are managed," said Scott Hoffman Black, head of the Sierra Nevada Forest Protection Campaign, an environmental coalition that includes the Sierra Club and Friends of the River.

Some environmentalists left the program, disenchanted with what they perceived as its pro-logging bent. Others, though, hung on.

The Watershed Center is now a \$1 million-a-year operation that employs two-dozen workers and is a combination of grassroots think-tank, job development agency, environmental watchdog, wood-products marketer and community booster.

The nonprofit is subsidized by federal and private foundation



Dan Naef works recently in one of the last timber processing yards left in Hayfork, Calif.

grants, including the Irvine and Ford foundations, and its staff of

two dozen is headed by Jungwirth, a shrewd, genial pilot-pilot

woman in jeans who drives a four-wheeled-drive pickup with her dog

Pepper in the back. By one logger's estimate, it has created about 40 jobs, perhaps a fourth of those lost when the mill closed, although many are seasonal.

The center's first major accomplishment was the computerized mapping of the forests surrounding Hayfork. The maps, produced with help from a University of California researcher, identified and tracked water sources throughout the hills. Rural firefighters were pleased.

Then the center mapped regional pesticide use, which helped protect American Indians from illness. Tribal members weave baskets with roots and vines plucked from the earth, putting the material in their mouths and shaping and tweaking the roots with their teeth.

Subsequent work including helping county and federal authorities examine drainage problems at a nearby housing development, assisting with an array of conservation and reforestation projects, setting up community college classes and even harvesting a fuzzy-looking plant in the forest called mullain, used in calves and to soothe coughs.

About 12,000 pounds of mullain - once cursed as an invasive weed - have been clipped and shipped to an Iowa herbal company.

The center also is harvesting trees, but not in the traditional way. Historically, loggers have cut down the largest trees, which have the highest value for boards. The smallest - called slash - were shunned, too narrow for boards and too small for sawmills.

Since 1990, crew decisions have dramatically limited timber harvesting to protect wildlife, and loggers have cut far fewer trees. It is this reduction that hit timber-based communities such as Hayfork hard.

Jungwirth's group decided to cut only the small-diameter trees considered unmarketable by the timber companies, those less than 9 inches across.

Three years ago, they laughed at us," she said. But Jungwirth may get the last laugh.

The center's eight-person crew, working on land approved by the Forest Service, thins about an acre a day, taking out scrawny Douglas fir, pine and madron. A local handyman built a "yarder" - a complex device of hydraulic cables that pulls fallen timber up steep slopes - and the center's "beeler" strips the bark.

The center then makes poles, studs, slats and other wood products - and sells them, too. A carpentry shop puts out chairs, tables and shelving with wood that earlier was discarded as useless.

"Everyone has heard about what they're doing in Hayfork," said Ken Palmrose, a spokesman for the U.S. Forest Service.

Colorado's ski industry continues to pull in billions, but housing is tight

SILVERTHORNE, Colo. (AP) - Michelle Juneau, Fin Doyle and Kathy Marshall are not unlike the pioneers of the late 1800s, struggling to make a living in the Colorado mountains in their pursuit of riches.

But the riches aren't the glittering gold or shiny silver of the mining boom. They're the intangible treasures of easy access to skiing and hiking trails and towering, snow-covered peaks right outside the door.

The three, though, like pioneers before them, face a hard-

scrabble existence in Colorado's boom towns, which these days are driven by a billion-dollar-a-year ski industry.

All three work in Summit County, home to the Breckenridge, Copper Mountain, Keystone and Arapahoe Basin ski areas. As in neighboring Eagle County, site of the Vail and Beaver Creek ski resorts, much of Summit County's workforce lives elsewhere because the so-called "trophy homes," which are vacant most of the year, and other expensive real estate have

driven the cost of living beyond many people's means.

"We choose to live here, and I'm not saying I want to live in the Taj Mahal or one of these big ritzy houses. But at the same time I'd like to afford to live somewhere," Ms. Juneau said. "For me to be able to afford the rent on a one-bedroom would be nice."

Ms. Juneau, 34, a college-educated New Orleans native, is a ski instructor in the winter and does landscaping, painting and other odd jobs in the off-season. She

lives with four other people in a three-bedroom house, but joined the other "gear campers" staying on public land last summer to save money.

Doyle, 31, a San Francisco native, shared houses for years, but has his own place now, thanks to a commercial loan for his snowboard-binding business. He built an apartment on the building's second floor.

Mrs. Marshall, revenue administrator for the town of Silverthorne, commutes about 40 miles a day from Leadville. On good days, the drive takes 40 minutes. On bad days, when "the snow is blowing and you can barely see," it takes 90 minutes, she said.

"I would love to live in Summit County," Mrs. Marshall said. But with the average house

priced around \$269,000, Mrs. Marshall said she and her husband could not afford the same kind of home they have in Leadville.

Local and state officials and business owners have tried to ease the housing crunch by providing employee housing, requiring developers to offer moderately priced housing and subsidizing rents and mortgages.

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Slice of Old West could soon be in public hands

Only question left is how government will manage it

BACA RANCH, N.M. (AP) — A golden eagle preens in the dazzling autumn light. Elk graze damp meadows. Fiery aspens fleck slopes carpeted with spruce, fir and ponderosa pine in remote canyons, bears and mountain lions stalk their prey.

Around it all, a strand of barbed wire marked by imposing signs: "POSTED: No Trespassing."

This is the Baca Ranch. To the public it is a paradise lost — 95,000 acres of National Park-quality scenery that has been privately owned for more than a century. In scenic peninsulas along Highway 4, carloads of people gaze and point and peer through binoculars at this off-limits natural wonderland.

"It's a kind of high altitude Rocky Mountain Eden," says New Mexico author and conservationist William deBuys.

The ranch has been well cared for by its current owners, the Dunigan family of Abilene, Texas. But as New Mexico's urban population explodes and the canyons of the Jemez mountains fill with weekend homes and ranchettes, the temptation to subdivide or sell the ranch has grown. Both Santa Fe and Albuquerque, two of the nation's fastest-growing urban areas, are within a two-hour drive.

"We've seen it in New Mexico all over the northern part of the state," says Bill Huey, who used to run the state Fish and Game Department. "You take 95,000 acres and put a road to every 100 acres, and that's just for starters. And then you fence it and do what you please with it, and pretty soon it's going to look pretty different from what you started with."

Congress just took a major step toward saving the Baca from such a fate. This year's budget bill allocated \$101 million to purchase the ranch. The only issue remaining to be settled before the ranch becomes public is how the government will manage the property.

"This may be the last chance to get the ranch into public ownership in a largely undisturbed state," says Dave Simon, Southwest Regional Director for the National Parks and Conservation Association. "It's really an opportunity that we had better not blow."

This is the fourth time the U.S. government has talked about buying the Baca, and the third time it has tried. In every previous case, misfortune or political strife has torpedoed the purchase.

"You would think these guys would learn," says Simon. "But they just don't."

The most recent time the government came close to buying the property, negotiations ended when its owner, James P. 'Pat'

Dunigan, died suddenly.

The first time, back in the '60s, conflicts arose over which federal land management agency would get to run the place. The U.S. Forest Service had a natural claim because it already owned all the land surrounding the ranch. But two barbed wire made the Baca a natural for the National Park Service — incredible scenery and textbook geology.

"It's as splendid a high mountain backdrop as you can find," deBuys says.

To see what makes the Baca special, book a flight from Albuquerque to Denver. On the left side of the plane just before it reaches its cruising altitude, the coniferous green of the Jemez Mountains opens up into a sea of golden meadows.

The ranch sits in a perfect ring of mountains called the Valles Caldera. A million years ago there was a volcano taller than Mount Everest here. But a pair of colossal Mount St. Helens-style eruptions emptied its magma chamber, hollowing out the volcano. It collapsed into its hollow center, creating a hole more than a half-mile deep and 15 miles across. The whole ranch, all 95,000 acres, nestles in that giant bowl.

Over the millennia, more hot lava has risen from below and punched through the caldera floor, creating little peaks inside the bowl. The result is a network of grassy valleys, or Valles, separated by forested peaks and ringed by the mountain wall.

"It's beautifully self-contained," deBuys says. "You can be in it on the property and see nothing but the property."

The ring of mountains makes the place feel like a land of the lost, a paradise tucked away from the outside world for eons. Simon calls it "New Mexico's Yellowstone," and the Baca has all the elements of America's most famous national park, albeit on a smaller scale. There are even hot springs, signs that there is still molten magma deep beneath the caldera.

The government granted the land to its first owner, Luis Maria Cabeza de Vaca, in 1860. For most of the early years it was a sheep ranch. But by 1962, when James P. Dunigan bought the land from Frank Bond and Son, Inc., the Baca raised cattle.

There were elk, too, reintroduced to the area in 1947 after decades of absence. In the 1970s the elk population boomed, and today the Dunigan family runs a lucrative hunt on the property. Hunters pay up to \$10,000 for a shot at a trophy bull.

On a chilly evening in October, hunt manager Dave Collis is doing a little business development — cruising around the ranch roads in a red-and-white pickup,

checking on the herd.

A few days ago, the biggest bulls would have been hanging out in the trees, running off at the first sign of a human. But now it's the day after the trophy hunt season has ended, and the big bulls seem to know it. Ten- and 12-point giants are blithely grazing out in the meadows, secure in the knowledge that they've made it through another season. They'll graze here for a few more weeks, then head to lower elevations for the winter.

When the elk return to the Baca in the spring they won't have hunters to worry about, but they won't have the place to themselves either. Five thousand steers graze the property each summer.

If the public gets its hands on the Baca, there are some people who would like to see the elk hunting end and the cattle go. But in New Mexico, where ranching is as much religion as business, not many people expect or even want to end hunting and grazing on the Baca.

"People persist here in ranching not because of the economics but in spite of them," deBuys says. "There's really something important about having a working relationship with land."

New Mexico Republican Sen. Pete Domenici called a press conference in exchange for his support of the Baca purchase. Domenici has insisted that under public ownership the place should continue to be operated as a working ranch.

The current legislation calls for a board of trustees that would be required to run the ranch as a self-sufficient moneymaking enterprise, much the same way it is today. But both deBuys and Simon warn that such an arrangement could open the door to overgrazing, destructive timber harvesting and generally poor land management.

While politicians, environmentalists and federal land managers debate the best way to manage the Baca, and the people of New Mexico eagerly await the day that the gates swing open, most of the people who work and play on the ranch today have mixed feelings about the impending sale.

Albert Vigil has worked on the Baca since 1992. He has devoted two summers of his life to repairing the property's perimeter fence, and lived here alone all winter as the ranch's caretaker.

As he drives his pickup along the ranch's narrow dirt roads, Vigil's expression softens at the suggestion that the sale of the ranch could cost him his job. "I don't want to leave," he says. "Because I love this place."



Trail horses nuzzle each other on the Baca Ranch in northern New Mexico earlier this month. The 95,000-acre park has been privately owned for more than a century. The U.S. government is planning to buy the land from its current owners, the Dunigan family of Abilene, Texas, for \$101 million.

A microcosm of the world's volcanic past

Author and conservationist William deBuys calls the Baca Ranch a "high altitude Rocky Mountain Eden" for its dramatic peaks, well-watered valleys and remote canyons. Virtually all of the property sits inside the Valles Caldera, a ring of mountains created more than one million years ago by a massive volcanic eruption. Geologists consider it one of the most perfect volcanic calderas anywhere in the world.

The ranch has been in private hands since 1860, when the U.S. government awarded it to Luis Maria Cabeza de Vaca. It has never been subdivided but population growth in the region increases the pressure to develop it.

Evolution of the Valles Caldera

Finally, small amounts of magma leaked to the surface, at 100,000-year intervals, to create the smaller domes.

Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture, "Roadside Geology of New Mexico" AP/Tonia Cowan

Amtrak, government watchdogs differ on financial prognosis

WASHINGTON (AP) — Tommy Thompson, chairman of the Wisconsin and chairman of Amtrak, reported enthusiastically last month that the national passenger railway has brought financial viability "well within our sights."

That same day, Phyllis Scheinberg, associate director for transportation at the General Accounting Office, reported to Congress, "It will be difficult for Amtrak to successfully carry out its plan."

The following week, the busiest of the year for rail travel in America, finds Amtrak and its government monitors on different tracks regarding whether the national railway is chugging along to a remarkable recovery or fast approaching extinction.

Amtrak supporters say the railway is becoming a financially viable, fast and reliable alternative to air travel. Government watchdogs say Amtrak faces numerous obstacles to reaching self-sufficiency in time to avoid possible liquidation and a restructuring of rail service.

Amtrak, for instance, predicts its cash losses will total \$1.6 billion from 1999 through 2002. The Transportation Department's inspector general, citing Amtrak projections that are at risk of not being achieved, predicted in July that the losses will reach \$2.3 billion.



Passengers board an Amtrak train at Union Station in Alexandria, Va., Monday. Thanksgiving week, the busiest of the year for rail travel in America, finds Amtrak and its government monitors on different tracks regarding whether the national railway is on its way to a remarkable recovery or extinction.

government help by 2003, as federal law requires. But an Amtrak failure could lead to tough questions about the continued prospects of a national railway system that includes many money-losing routes.

Amtrak lost \$907 million in 1999, according to the GAO, the investigative arm of Congress. To reach that number, the GAO applied a stan-

dard corporate measurement: overall revenue minus overall expenses.

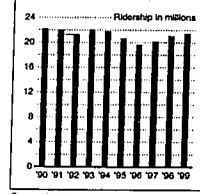
Amtrak officials do not dispute that assessment. But they say self-sufficiency is not the same as breaking even. Using a different standard — the "cash position" of operations, which excludes the cost of equipment depreciation — Amtrak concludes that it was \$484 million

short of self-sufficiency in 1999.

The GAO also says Amtrak makes its budget gap appear smaller by counting "progressive overhauls," or gradual improvements to equipment, as capital rather than operating expenses. Amtrak says it does so because progressive overhauls are financed through capital funds. Amtrak has to wean itself from

Riding the rails

Amtrak's supporters say the railway is becoming financially viable. Here is a look at Amtrak's annual ridership this decade.



federal subsidies for daily operations but can continue relying on help from Washington for capital improvements such as better tracks and new train cars.

"Obviously we're not a typical private corporation," explained Arlene Friner, Amtrak's chief financial officer.

Ultimately, Amtrak's fate may rest with politicians rather than accountants.

The 1997 Amtrak Reform and Accountability Act provided billions of dollars to support a financially ailing Amtrak over five years. It authorized Amtrak to act more like a business, responding to consumer demand and competition rather than to congressional directives.

But Amtrak, which has relied on more than \$22 billion in government subsidies since its creation in 1971, had five years to prove it could operate without federal support.

An 11-member Amtrak Reform Council is monitoring the railway's performance. If it determines Amtrak will need government money to operate after 2003, the council must notify the White House and Congress.

Within 90 days, the council would submit a plan "for a restructured and rationalized national intercity rail passenger system," while Amtrak would offer a plan for its own "complete liquidation."

The council's chairman, Gilbert Carmichael, said he has noticed the discrepancy between Amtrak's self-reporting and the judgments of government watchdogs but is more interested in Amtrak's current and future performance.

"We're not too concerned about those old numbers," said Carmichael, who was federal railroad administrator under President Bush and now is chairman of the University of Denver's Intermodal Transportation Institute.

But council member Joseph Vranich, a former Amtrak spokesman who wrote a book urging Amtrak's gradual liquidation, said the company's "numbers are so vague and confusing at this point, it's impossible to make sound business recommendations."

New genetic techniques answer age-old questions

Gene-altered frogs help solve mysteries

Knight Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON - Few can argue with the importance of the frog as a tool to study development: the miraculous unfolding of a ball of cells into a creature with eyes, a head and, sometimes, a tail. The complex symphony of changes is easy to study in frogs because the animals produce thousands of see-through eggs that are large, easy to work with and not trapped inside a mother's body.

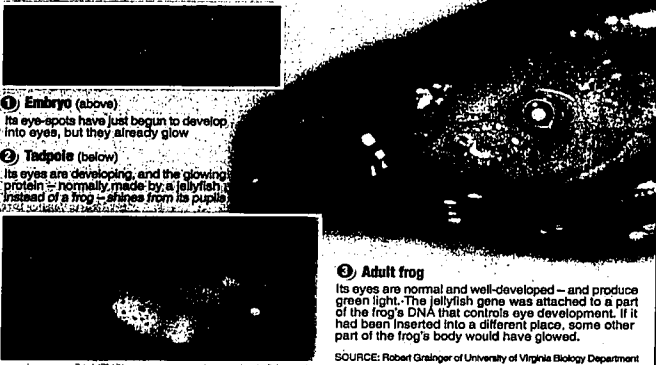
But the South African clawed frog - the standard lab model - has not been so useful to geneticists. Because of an evolutionary quirk, the species has four copies of each gene. That makes its genetic workings nearly impossible to unravel or manipulate cleanly.

Those murky frog genetics have long frustrated Robert Grainger, a biologist at the University of Virginia at Charlottesville, who's worked for years to understand how a frog emerges from a tadpole. "The Holy Grail is to understand the specific genes, one by one, which control the decision-making process in the embryo," he says. "Without the genetic tools, we've only got half the story."

But a new frog - a close relative of the standard lab frog - is leading the forefront of genetic research. The creature, a tropical African frog known as *Xenopus tropicalis*, is a better model because it has half as many genes, is half the size of

Gene-altered frog glows in dark

Researchers inserted into this African frog's DNA a gene from a jellyfish for making a fluorescent protein. Now the frog's eyes glow. The experiment helps biologists understand which part of the frog's development is controlled by which of its genes.



① Embryo (above)
Its eye-spots have just begun to develop into eyes, but they already glow

② Tadpole (below)
Its eyes are developing, and the glowing protein - normally made by a jellyfish - instead of a frog - shines from its pupils

③ Adult frog
Its eyes are normal and well-developed - and produce green light. The jellyfish gene was attached to a part of the frog's DNA that controls eye development. If it had been inserted into a different place, some other part of the frog's body would have glowed.

SOURCE: Robert Grainger of University of Virginia Biology Department

the clawed frog and grows to adulthood more quickly. "Half the genome, twice as fast," quips Grainger.

The simpler genetics allowed two of Grainger's colleagues - Enrique Amaya and Kristin Kröll - to develop powerful

genetic tools in the frog, such as exchanging genes between frogs to study development.

Grainger, along with lab workers Martin Offield and Nick Hirsch, has been giving frogs a gene from jellyfish that expresses a glowing green protein: it allows them to observe organs like eyes and hearts as they grow within an embryo - and to detect which genes are responsible for that growth.

"We can see things we couldn't ever see before," says Grainger, who is thrilled to be using new genetic techniques to answer age-old questions about developing embryos.

As for other developmental biologists who aren't yet using genetics but see his astounding images of tadpoles and frog embryos with eyes or spinal cords suddenly glowing brightly? Says Grainger: "They're green with envy."

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Genetic scientists find more room on the ark

Knight Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON - In the beginning was the human.

But there was also the mouse, the fly, the yeast and the worm. Those simple creatures, it turns out, are critical to the Human Genome Project, the government's massive effort to decipher the blueprint of our species.

Scientists have long predicted that if we are to ever understand why we age, and the thousand other human mysteries tucked within our tangled genetic code, the answers will come first from decoding and experimenting with the genes of our simpler cousins.

What they didn't foresee was how quickly they'd finish decoding the chosen few. Yeast and worm are finished. Mouse is under way. Fly is expected any week. And human will be largely complete in March, years ahead of schedule.

So, like modern-day Noahs scanning a bizarre array of beasts, federal scientists who sequence genomes suddenly find themselves with more room on the ark. The question is whom to invite.

Some hope for a more diverse menagerie. Others favor comparing genes that are closely related to the common lab critters that have already had their genes decoded.

This group of practically minded molecular biologists hopes to compare a graceful, transparent roundworm aptly named *C. elegans* with its near relative, the slightly less dainty *C. briggsiae*. Determining the core genes that both animals share could reveal genes critical to life functions such as breathing and battling infection.

"It's amazing how much more the second genome gives you," said H. Robert Horvitz, a professor of biology at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology who studies how genes control life, and death, in the roundworm. In addition to a second worm, the more practical biologists would add another fly and perhaps, some more yeast.

Others, bored by those choices, want to branch out. Their nominees include poisonous pufferfish, African tropical frogs, chimpanzees, sea urchin - even the humble roach. "The candidates' fates are being discussed - as might be expected in Washington - in rounds of committee meetings rife with good-natured lobbying and sometimes, unexpected cross-species coalitions.

"The fish community was cheering us on," said Robert Grainger, a biologist at the University of Virginia at Charlottesville, who, as a frog man, is unused to sitting at the same table as those who study

such vaunted creatures as the fly, mouse and human. "We have genetics envy," he admitted.

Another enthusiastic group has been pushing the barnyard chicken, the kind Frank Purdue has been experimenting with for decades.

First, it "comes in a handy little container, the egg," says Paul Goetnick, a developmental biologist at Harvard Medical School who represented the interests of the bird in the recent debates. Goetnick conducts many of his experiments by cutting a hole in an eggshell to manipulate the embryo, sealing the egg with tape and waiting for the chick to peck its way out. "That's a pretty unique property," he says.

The chick has at least one crucial fan. National Institutes of Health chief Harold Varmus owes his 1989 Nobel Prize to the bird. His work on chicken viruses showed that normal genes in chickens (and humans) can mutate and cause cancer.

Additionally, since no other birds have been genetically sequenced, Dodgson says, a chicken project would add understanding to our own evolutionary tree.

Such evolutionary questions, never a central part of the human genome project, are becoming more common, said Rudy Raff, who directs the Indiana Molecular Biology Institute at Indiana University and has often been the "token evolutionary biologist" at genome meetings. This time, he said, "I wasn't so token."

Raff fears that model organisms might give scientists a skewed view of nature. Many models - mouse and fly among them - were chosen because they live fast and die young. Small and short-lived, they can be bred in large numbers for genetic experiments. But this ultra-fast development means the animals may not be representative of many of the planet's diverse residents.

"There are several million species out there," said Raff. "To understand the evolution of those things, you have to go beyond the model organisms."

A realist when it comes to scientific funding, Raff says he's "not advocating sequencing 3 million species." But he does have a "wish list" of species that make theoretical sense. There's the jellyfish, to represent an evolutionarily ancient creature, a sea squirt, because it's a spineless creature closely related to the planet's first vertebrates, and the chimp, because it shares 99 percent of our genes.

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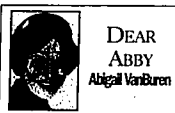
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Thursday's Puzzle Solver

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Remember practicality when shopping for seniors

DEAR ABBY: This is the time of year people begin thinking, "What should I get Mom, Dad and Aunt Tillie for Christmas?" Well, I AM a mom and an Aunt Tillie, and I filled Dad's shoes for more years than I care to count. So, for all of you who haven't a clue what "we" would like, keep reading: Don't try to buy me happiness with a foken gift. Most of all, I'd love just a little of your time.



DEAR ABBY Abigail VanBuren

If you want to buy something for me, I'd appreciate a box of all-occasion greeting cards. A roll of stamps to go with them would also be helpful, so that when my old friends have a reason to celebrate, I'll not have to venture to the store or post office. (An assortment of gift wrap and Scotch tape is another novel idea.)

from a florist, but real plants from a nursery, delivered at the right time for planting in the spring. Something like that can be enjoyed all year, and I'll remember your thoughtfulness every time I look at them.

My little doggie needs grooming every month. How about a gift certificate? They make terrific gifts. Also, I would never spend household budget money for a manicure, pedicure or massage, but a gift certificate for one would certainly be welcome. Or one for a car wash, or the next trip to the dryer cleaner

or shoe repair shop. What about a gift certificate for a dinner for two, so I can treat a good friend to a meal and company because HER family is also busy? Have you forgotten how much I enjoy Reader's Digest, Family Circle and TV Guide? I can't afford subscriptions anymore, but they would be a lot more welcome than bubble bath that I'm now allergic to.

Also, if you want to give me something, how about a prepaid phone card, or a few bucks prepaid on my telephone bill? And if you're feeling generous, how about contacting the company that services my lawn, the chimney sweep or, for that matter, the mechanic who reedies my car for winter?

You see, we're not as difficult to buy for as you thought. You have simply forgotten who we

really are. We're not "those old people down the street." We're the parents who always knew what you wanted or needed — because we loved you. Thanks for the space, Dear Abby. I hope my kids are listening.

-ANY PARENT OR GRANDPARENT, ANYTOWN, U.S.A.

DEAR ANY: Thanks for a letter that's sure to start a list of people thinking creatively about the Christmas holidays. Another idea is to create customized gift baskets filled with small cans of tuna, salmon, chicken and turkey, hearty soups, and "goodies" that someone on a fixed income might forgo. Put on your thinking caps, folks. The season is at hand!

Find out the facts for yourself, Libra

IF NOVEMBER 26 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You have instinctive understanding of power plays, inside information concerning stock market, you know how bullies work and you are against them. Capricorn, Cancer natives play major roles in your life. You have these letters, initials in names: H, Q, Z. Throughout year emphasis has been on partnership and marriage proposals. May will be your most memorable, profitable month of the year 2000.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): This might seem like a push-and-pull day. One month, you'll be pushed to one side, the next you're being pulled to where you were. Sagittarius involved.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You will be solid, determined, stubborn. Find out to convictions, be willing to make intelligent concessions. Opponents ask for wiggle room.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Keep plans flexible, out-of-town visits may be necessary. You will solve puzzles, obtain needed legal document. Relationship, once broken, again thrives.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Attention revolves around home, insurance, diplomatic approach to one who owes you money. If kind, considerate, you get what is coming to you. Ask in nice way.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): See people, relationships as they are and not merely as you wish they could be. Take time to perfect methods, to streamline procedures. Pisces tells hard luck story.

VERGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Focus on responsibility, produc-

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tion, promotion, intensified relationship. Deal gingerly with Capricorn, Cancer individuals. Pressure on, you'll be up to it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Don't be satisfied with second-hand reports. Find out for yourself in connection with political, charitable campaigns. People look to you for fair, honest reporting.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Let go of preconceived notions. Be open-minded toward alternative methods of dealing. Make fresh start, stress independence, creativity. Leo plays role.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Discover direction, motivation — find out where you are going and why. Questions concerning marriage loom large. Check deposit slips, bank totals. Gemini involved.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): People talk and write about you. Be sure you are familiar with program, research proves valuable. Diversify, plan entertainment program. Sagittarius in featured role.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You might think people are asking the impossible — analyze, you might find you are being paid huge compliments. Don't skip details, discover missing link.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Finally you are relieved of burden not yours in first place. Accent freedom of thought, action. Flirtation delicious but know when to say, "Enough is enough."

Columbus guessed wrong

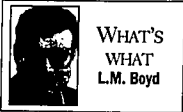
On the luncheon in 1861 when Abraham Lincoln was inaugurated President, he and those in attendance ate mock turtle soup, corned beef and cabbage, parsley potatoes and blackberry pie. The best of bats can radar-avoid obstacles at 20 feet.

Some Malaysians think they protect their babies from disease by bathing them in beer. No, sir, and it's not what you ought to do with babies, either. Young men tend to have more friends than young women do. Old women tend to have more friends than old men do. That is the claim of the social scientists.

Commoners in old Rome cut their hair and wore hats to distinguish themselves from the slaves required to wear their hair long.

More married than single women break the law, but more single than married men do likewise.

Q. How close September hurricanes last twice as long as November hurricanes? A. Long-lasters start earlier where it's hotter, closer to the



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equator, farther across the Atlantic. Briefer storms develop later where it's not so hot so early. Welcome to the U.S., Caribbean, or North America mainland. How long they last depends mostly on how far they travel over water. All break up when they hit land they can't skirt. The season dictates where they're most likely to form, far or near. A quarel isn't necessarily bad — that little diamond-shaped pane of glass in lattice windows is called a quarel. Oceans cover more than 70 percent of the earth's surface. Christopher Columbus figured they covered about 14 percent. He knew more about it than most in his day. In our day, too, for that matter.

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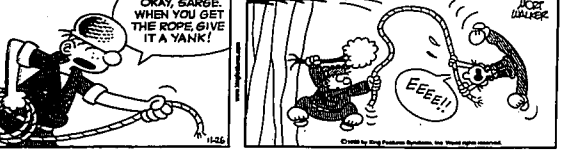
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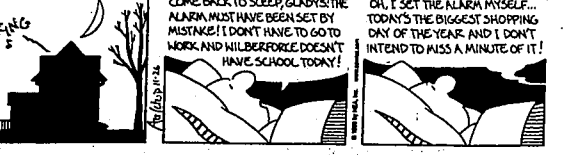
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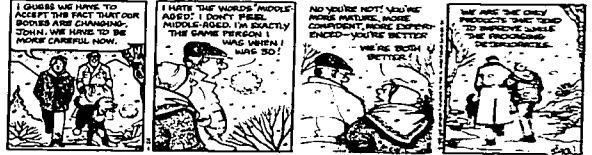
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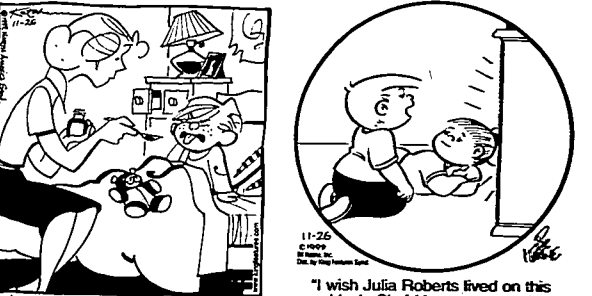


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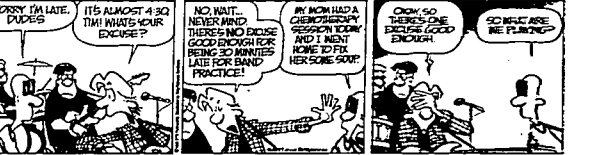
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informal or formal meeting in accordance with Section 67-2343, Idaho Code. Thrift Supervision Rules and Regulations.
PUBLIC NOTICE Risk Management Plan
Program at the Lamb-Wool Plant

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NOTICE OF ESTABLISHMENT OF A BRANCH OFFICE
This is to inform the public that under 12 C.F.R. Section 545.52 (Establishment of a Branch Office), First Federal Savings Bank of Twin Falls has notified the Office of Thrift Supervision that it proposes to establish a branch office to be located at or in the immediate vicinity of 143 East Hill Drive, Twin Falls, Idaho.

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103 DIETARY AIDS
Weight Down Workshop
12 week Biblically based weight loss program
FREE ORIENTATION MEETING
Nov. 29, 7 pm
Calvary Pentecostal Church
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101 LOST & FOUND
Personals
E-MAIL your classified ad to us at
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FOUND - Female grey cat, long hair, white under chin. Call 736-1781.
FOUND, 2 black puppies, 2 or 3 months old one looks like a black lab, other one a show. found by AC Drive in, please call 438-2728 leave message
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LOANS
We Want To Make You A Loan \$100-\$750
CALL US TODAY! 734-4333

JEROME - Exc. view 4 bdrm, 2 bath, dbl garage, fenced, split into 100% remodeled like new, inside and out. \$90,500/lot. Call 644-1222

JEROME, 730 E. 19th, Nice 3 bdrm, 1 bath, finished back yd. Single car garage. \$74,000/lot. Please call 208-324-8909.

JEROME, Home for sale, 3 bdrm, 1 bath, asking \$71,500. Appt. 324-1917

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TWIN FALLS - Triplex, CSI location. For more info call 734-4803 over a weekend days.

502 HOMES FOR SALE

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Buy the Guaranteed package and The Times News guarantees to sell merchandise or automotive items in 7 days and real estate in 15 days or we will return the ad an additional 7 days. There is a \$3 extra charge for the guaranteed package. Ads may be cancelled early for customer convenience but the charge will remain the same.

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REYBURN, 357 Ft. River frontage with ELEGANT Ranch style home, 2 bdrm, 2 bath, office, cathedral beam living rm, w/ fireplace. New oak kitchen & dining rm. Lg. family rm. Glassed in porch. 2000 insulated & heated garage-shop. Approx. 3100 sq. ft. 2.21 c. on the beautiful Snake River. Reduced to \$275,000. 208-678-1737

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TWIN FALLS
 Calde-Sac Means Privacy. Beautifully decorated home built in 1995, has 6 oversized bdrms, 3 baths, fully landscaped yard and sub-terranean. Master bdrm suite has it's own gas log fireplace. Home includes 21x42 ft. deck and lots of extras. 3478 sq ft of luxurious living. \$179,000. Call Jan or Bob Hutchinson today.

ALPINE REALTY
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MULTIPLE: House, shop, barn or 3 ac. \$120,000 or offer. Call 208-324-0900

TWIN FALLS: 2 bdrm, 1 bath, lg. yd. 438 Wakefield. \$40,000. Call 736-2427 after 6:00 p.m.

TWIN FALLS: 2 bdrm, cottage, 248 Am St. Community renovated. Lg. lot, basement. New features, very private. Covered patio. MUST SEE! \$22,000/offer. 733-6369

TWIN FALLS: Exc starter home/investment property. 1055 sq. ft., 3 bdrm., 1.5 bath. \$41,000/assum. no loan. Call 735-1470, for details.

TWIN FALLS: NE Location, new kitchen, 4 bdrm., 2 bath, daylight basement, RV parking, deck, fireplaces & much more. 735-6268

MIRNABAGO - 1988 35' Chiffon, just like new. 17' x 30' 100 lbs. paid over \$108,500. will accept low for \$65,000. 733-7200 days or 624-1813 eves.

512 FARM/RANCHES/DAIRIES

DANVILLE, AK: 3 bdrm, 2 bath, ac. w/bs on 10 level, 1/2 mi. NW of Danville, AK. For Sale or Trade for Idaho Property. Call 208-627-6236 evening or 517-425-2886

FARM/RANCHES/DAIRIES: 7.78 & 4 ACRES - Row w crop pasture, 800 new chickens for hatching. Good dairy site, 2 homes, east of Jerome.

1100 ACRES - Nice farm in Emmet townships. Hoffer farm for 800 head, 2 homes.

300 ACRES - Row crop site, 300+ & water permits in place for 3000 head. READY TO BUILD NOW!

300 ACRES - Row crops, chickens, well, Great site for dairy farm. Tulle.

1350 ACRES - DBL 6 DAIRY for 250 head, pivot, water.

DAIRY - DOUBLE 6 herringbone barn for 300 cows, locous, treatable, ac/home, NW of Paul.

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ROBERT JONES REALTY 733-0404

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TWIN FALLS: 50 acres, 10000 sq. ft. water, exc ground. 208-423-4077

513 ACRES & LOTS

BEHLM: 2 adjoining bldg, 5 & 8.73 ac. Hill top view of valley. Zoned for conventional home construction, manufactured home or mobile home. Cheap desert soil underlain by gravel. Uninterrupted water dependent & burn. Secluded location. Price reduced to \$20,000 which lot. Call Gary or Dick Noh at Twin Realty. 736-0500 or home phone, 955-4058

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TWIN FALLS: 1972 16x30 Academy, partially finished, in good park, excellent. Call 733-3961

TWIN FALLS: 90, 14x70 Broadmore, 2 bdrm, 2 bath, WD, refrig, good cond. Located 4 miles SW of TF in Country Trlr. Court. \$12,000. 208-673-4644, for appointment

ELMORE COUNTY DAIRY SITE: 640 acres, good water, good slope, preps, paved road frontage. Pleased to sell! \$260,000.00. CALL LARRY @ CENTURY 21: 208-887-0021 or 208-887-8271 (evening)

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518 MOBILE HOMES

BEHLM: 1978 Concord mobile home 24'x44', great shape. \$10,000. \$0, 545-1212

BURLEY: 1981 Gordon VanDyke, 24'x40, 3 bdrm, 2 bath, heat pump w/AC, water softener, located E of city in Ravin Ranch. Must be moved. \$21,000. 208-349-5942, 208-431-1210

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601 MANUFACTURED HOMES: HANSEN '95 manufactured home, 2 bdrm., 2 bath, 106 sq. ft., 326-1773. HANSEN 1997, Oakwood, single wide, excellent cond. Reduced to sell! Please call 208-732-5407.

JEROME: 1994 Noshua, 1248 sq. ft., 3 bdrm., 2 bath, oak cabinets, insulation pkg. Nice home! Must be moved. \$37,500 OAC. Call 208-324-6270

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JEROME: NEW 3 bdrm. 2 bath, family rm., new acreage E of city with nice view. \$700. 324-8406

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KIMBERLY - 1 bdrm home, \$350 + cleaning dep. Call 423-6371

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Any 1999 or 2000 model Ford bought from anyone other than authorized Ford dealer loses the right to Idaho state lemon law protection.

If a vehicle was wholesale because of a problem, regardless of miles (even less than 100) YOU LOOSE.

1. You are paying too much...
 - a. A non-Ford dealer is paying invoice or more for USED Ford V-10 & Turbo Diesel Pickups. Obviously you are not saving thousands.
 - b. These vehicles are from surrounding states and Canada which means you will incur additional high transportation costs.
 - c. For these reasons dealers are not stating prices in their advertising.
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 - e. Even if sold to you who miles, under Idaho law this is still considered a used vehicle.
2. Warranty problems...
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 • 3 bdrm, 2 bath home with fireplace
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TWIN FALLS 2 bdrm, WD hook up, fenced, garage, 489 S. Washington, \$450. Call 526-2468.

TWIN FALLS 1 bdrm, in South Park, \$280/mo., dep. No pets. 734-8371/734-4334

TWIN FALLS
 2 bdrm, 1 bath with single garage, nicely done. No pets. \$500/mo plus \$250 deposit, 6 mo lease with approved credit. Call 733-7653 ext 3005, leave msg.

TWIN FALLS 3 bdrm, 1 bath, fenced, dbl garage, \$700 mo. No smoking/pets. 736-8644 after 5pm.

TWIN FALLS 3 bdrm, 2 bath, family rm, wood stove, fenced yard, horses ok. \$325 dep. 335-5471

TWIN FALLS - Country Farm House w/3bdrm., \$600 mo + d.p. No pets. No Smoking. 733-5410

TWIN FALLS Brand new 3 bdrm, 2 bath home in NE Twin Falls w/2 car garage. Pole OK. \$900/mo. Call 208-277-1105. ■

TWIN FALLS 3 bdrm., 2 bath, new paint, CSI area. \$650 dep. 736-6008.

TWIN FALLS Nice area, 2 bdrm. Appl. Now avail. \$525 dep. No pets/smoking. Sylvia 734-3811, home or office 733-5338

WENDELL 3-4 bdrm., gas heat, no smoking/pets. \$800/\$300 dep. 324-8752.

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TWIN FALLS - 1 bdrm, utility room, refrig, stove, pantry, water polo, \$195. Call 837-4538 or 866-7037

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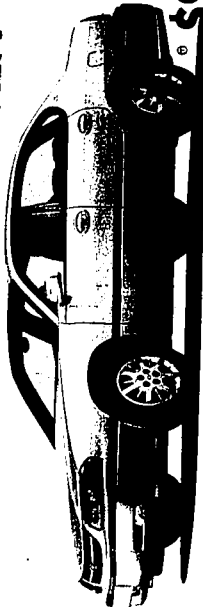
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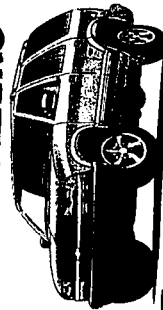
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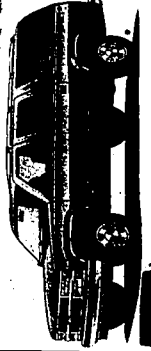
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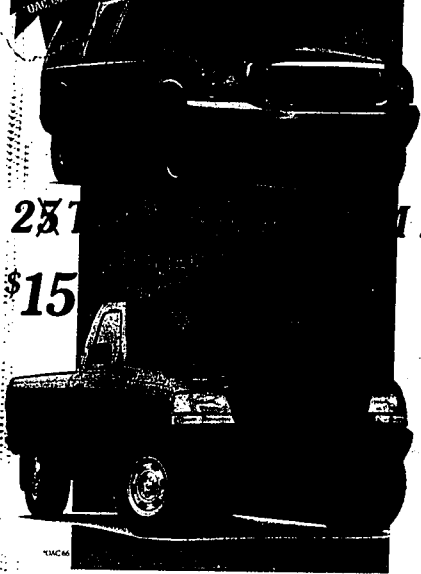
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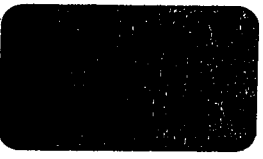
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