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GOOD MORNING

WEATHER

Today: Cloudy with a 30 percent chance of rain or snow.
High, 39. Low, 30.

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MAGIC VALLEY

On hold: Twin Falls County will decide next week on a proposed live-stock moratorium.

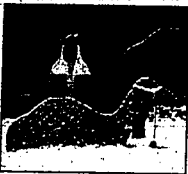


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Democrats' agenda: They're badly outnumbered in the Statehouse, but Idaho Democrats are taking a long agenda into the 2000 session.

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MONEY



Shopping season: Local retailers expect recent snowfall to boost holiday spirits — and sales.

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SPORTS

Glechnath or Diest Ken Griffey Jr. now says he'd rather play in the Blue Chip city than any where else.

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New Vandal: The University of Idaho will introduce its new football coach today, someone familiar with football in the West.

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OPINION

Feel your pain? Bill Clinton took dignity away from the memorial service for Massachusetts firefighters, today's editorial says.

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Residents pan Forest Service proposal

By N.S. Nakkantved, Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS—Some people fear a federal initiative to leave roadless public lands undeveloped would affect public access.

More than 150 people gathered Monday at the College of Southern Idaho to tell the U.S. Forest Service how they thought roadless lands outside of wilderness areas ought to be managed.

Buzz Chapman said he was concerned that his grandchildren would never see the beauty he has seen, because of the road closures and access restrictions pro-

posed by the federal government.

President Clinton in October directed the Forest Service to prepare a set of rules and an environmental impact statement by next spring on how to manage the last unprotected roadless areas in the 191 million-acre national forest system.

The Forest Service is not proposing closing any roads, said Sawtooth National Forest Supervisor Bill LeVere. The lands in question already are identified as roadless.

He defined roadless areas officially as areas greater than 5,000 acres without maintained Forest Service roads — that a highway vehicle can travel.

To speak out

Public comment on the prospector's roadless initiative will be taken until Dec. 20 and should be sent to: USA Forest Service, Attn. Roadless, P.O. Box 221090, Salt Lake City, Utah, 84122.

These lands were inventoried in the late 1970s as part of the national effort to identify lands eligible for consideration as wilderness. Since then, Forest Service officials have decided to look also at areas less than 5,000 acres. The fate of the small-

er areas would be decided locally, LeVere said.

Public comments taken Monday and at other hearings around the country will be used to define alternatives that will be presented in a draft environmental impact statement. That document then will be subject to additional public review.

The Forest Service expects to issue final rules in the fall of 2000, he said. Sen. Larry Craig is dumbfounded by Clinton's decision, which leaves citizens without a voice, said spokesman Mike Mathews, reading a prepared statement.

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SLICK CITY



Ed McDowen picks up debris from the front of his pickup truck on Washington Street North just south of Pole Line Road Monday morning. McDowen was on his way from Emmett to Yulea, Ariz., when he hit an icy patch on the road. Low temperatures and icy conditions will continue today, with a 30 percent chance of snow.

On the road again

Residents, officials discuss alternative route for TF traffic

By John T. Huddy, Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Hunched over a aerial map of a proposed alternative route for Twin Falls, Gerald Tewes shook his head and questioned a \$40 million plan to reduce traffic in Twin Falls.

"I recommend that we take a look at what we're doing here," said Tewes, wearing a white winter hat and perplexed look on his face. "The cost has completely gone out of control. There is too much money being spent on that short a distance."

Tewes was among several dozen residents who gathered Monday at the Twin Falls Reformulated route for the Idaho Transportation Department's plan for an alternative route in Twin Falls County.

Tewes would also be one of several residents along the eight-mile stretch of road whose land would be adversely impacted by the route.

The alternative route could force the relocation of 10 homes and one business. The route would also take away more than 150 acres from residents, including Tewes.

Monday's meeting was the final chance for residents to give IDOT officials their thoughts about the proposed project.

And some of those residents who attended Monday's meeting, like Tewes, were concerned with the plan.

"We'll have to relocate my sister-in-law's home," John Regus of Twin Falls said.

"But some contend the route is needed now, not later. The city's population is increasing and traffic along Blue Lakes"

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Expect more snow during the week

By Brian Haynes, Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Get used to seeing snow.

Monday morning's storm was the beginning of several more days of probable snowfall, although the storm in its wake won't be as intense, a meteorologist said.

The brunt of the snowy weather making its way through Idaho during the next several days should pass north of the Magic Valley, meaning southern Idaho should see some snow, said meteorologist John Jannuzzi of the

National Weather Service in Boise.

A 20 to 30 percent chance of snow will continue through the week, with winds and snowfall less severe than Monday's burst, he said.

Monday's storm blew into Twin Falls at around 5 a.m., bringing a blanket of snow and high winds that gusted up to 47 mph. The winds tapered off once the snow stopped at around 8 a.m., but they jumped up again in the afternoon, blowing around 30 mph and gusting up to 43 mph.

The early-morning storm



caused headaches on area roads and highways, and it left some residents without power.

About a dozen vehicles slid off roads in Twin Falls, Jerome, Blaine and Lincoln counties during and after the storm. A five-mile stretch of Interstate 84 just west of Burley was particularly nasty, causing several slide-offs and minor accidents. No serious injuries were reported.

The high winds knocked down trees and power poles, leading to

scattered power outages across the Magic Valley, Idaho Power's Dennis Lopez said.

Most power was restored within three hours, and at the height of the early-morning outages about 1,500 were without power, he said.

The winds were so strong in Blaine that they flipped Bonnie Steinholtz's large outdoor trampoline over a tree and onto a nearby power pole, she said.

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Senate committee hears nightmarish medical tales

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Dr. Karl Shipman merely broke his wrist, but it killed him. Bacteria set in during surgery

to set his wrist, and a staph infection ultimately raged through his body. The Denver physician's fellow doctors did not pick it up. It's neck strain, an orthopedic

specialist said as the pain spread to Shipman's spinal column. Try physical therapy, another suggested. When Shipman went to his own hospital a week later, antibiotics still weren't adminis-

tered for 12 hours. An intern just months out of medical school was in charge of the intensive care unit, said by the time experienced physicians

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Inter-species frozen embryo transfer produces rare wildcat

Researchers develop new technology to help endangered species

The Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — A typical house cat gave birth to a rare African wildcat after scientists pulled off what they called the unprecedented feat of transferring a frozen embryo between species.

Researchers at the Audubon Institute Center for Research of Endangered Species said the advancement could bolster endangered species or even be used to resurrect entire species.

"If extinction happens in the wild, the technology will be there to bring the species back," said Ron Foreman, chief executive officer of Audubon Institute.

The house cat, Cayenne, acts towards her kitten like any typical feline mother: protecting her, nursing her and objecting loudly when her offspring is picked up. And the baby wildcat, named

Jazz, nurses off her surrogate mother. "She thinks she has the ugliest baby in the world, but she takes care of it," said Betty Dresser, the center's director for research.

Jazz was born Nov. 24, about 70 days after scientists had taken sperm from a male African wildcat named Sid and the egg of a female named Sheena and implanted the embryo in the domestic cat.

Because of its size — ranging in weight from three pounds to eight pounds — the African wildcat was considered to be a good match for a domestic cat. Cayenne was chosen because she had proven herself able to carry kittens to term, having had nine litters.

Ms. Dresser and C. Earle Pope, another researcher at the center, produced a kitten from in vitro fertilization and a frozen embryo in 1994. In Jazz's case, scientists

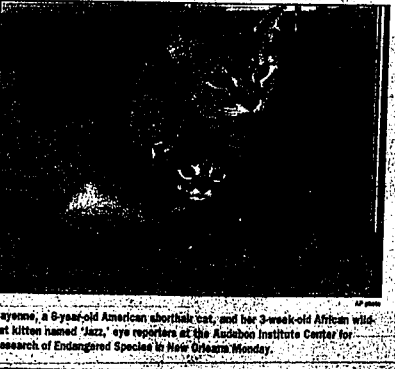
grew the embryo in an incubator for five days, then froze it for a week at minus 373 degrees.

Researchers implanted eight embryos into Cayenne in hopes that at least one would survive.

"If this technology had been available during the use of the dinosaurs, we might have dinosaurs today," she said.

Before the implant, the frozen embryo was kept with a "Research Zoo" of reproductive material from exotic cats, bongo antelopes and other endangered species in canisters of liquid nitrogen. These canisters are also the subjects of embryo transfer studies.

Rebecca Spindler, a researcher at the National Zoo's Conservation and Research Center in Front Royal, Va., called the birth "an exciting breakthrough," but warned that it would not be a total substitute for conservation of rare species.



Cayenne, a 9-year-old American shorthair cat, and her 3-week-old African wildcat kitten named Jazz, eye reporters at the Audubon Institute Center for Research of Endangered Species in New Orleans Monday.






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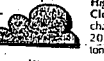
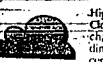
MAGIC VALLEY FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 High 39 Low 30 Cloudy with a 30 percent chance of snow or rain	 High 42 Low 29 Cloudy with a 20 percent chance of snow	 High 30s Low 20s Mostly cloudy with a chance of rain or snow	 High 30s Low 20s Mostly cloudy with a chance of rain or snow	 High 30s Low 20s Mostly cloudy with a chance of rain or snow


YESTERDAY'S WEATHER

Twin Falls	Precipitation
Yesterday: 41-29	Yesterday in Twin Falls: .11
Last year: 42-27	Month to date: 1.14
Normal: 41-22	Normal year to date: .56
	Normal year to date: 1.29
	Normal year to date: 2.57

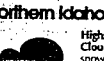
THE REGION

Camas Prairie  High 28 Low 18 Cloudy with 30 percent chance of snow showers. 20 percent of snow tonight and Wednesday.
Treasure Valley  High 40 Low 32 Cloudy with a 70 percent chance of rain or snow, diminishing to a 20 percent chance tonight.


Sawtooth Mountains/Wood River Valley

 High 27 Low 11 Partly cloudy with increasing clouds and chance of snow showers tonight.

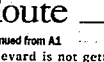
Eastern Idaho

 High 33 Low 22 Mostly cloudy with a chance of snow showers. Same for Wednesday.

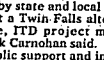
Northern Idaho

 High 31 Low 28 Cloudy with a chance of snow or rain in the afternoon. Snow likely tonight.
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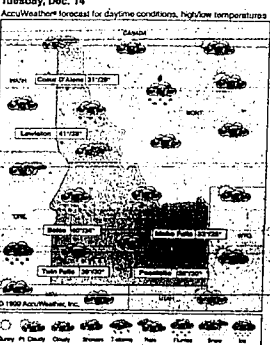
Northern Utah

 High 31 Low 25 Mostly cloudy with a chance of snow showers. Same for Wednesday.

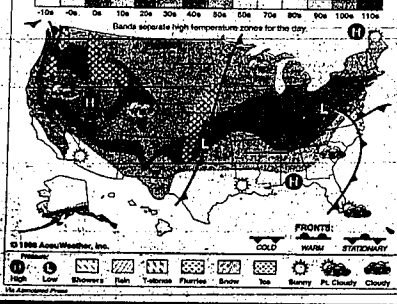
Northern Nevada

 High 30 Low 24 Mostly cloudy, with a chance of snow showers. Same for Wednesday.
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Idaho weather



National weather



UV INDEX FIRE DANGER

UV INDEX
Index: 1 (minimal)
Burn time: 60 minutes

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

ACROSS THE NATION

Idaho: A strong cold front brought snow, rain and gusty winds to the gem state last night and into this morning. Heavy snow on the order of 6 to 12 inches fell above 7,000 feet. Rain fell in the valleys. Some snow total amounts include deadwood 9 inches. Caspian 5 inches, St. Anthony 2 inches. Some rainfall amounts include Boise with 0.18 inches and Coeur d'Alene with 0.24 inches. Sides were mostly cloudy over the east, as the cold front was still in the area at 11 a.m. Light snow was coming over southeast Idaho.

Elsewhere: Showers drenched the East Coast Monday while clouds hung over the Plains and snow fell in the Rockies. Showers were scattered from Maine to Florida, with mostly light rainfall but a moderate pocket of rain over the mid-Atlantic states. Temperatures were cold enough over parts of New York state for snow.

Fair to partly cloudy skies were seen over most of the middle part of the United States. A cold front pushing across the Rockies brought clouds to parts of the Dakotas and western Nebraska.

Route

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Slovard is not getting any better.

"We feel this is a good plan," said Dave Burgess of the Twin Falls Highway District. "This concept is what the public has shown more involvement on."

Monday's meeting was the culmination of years of discussion by state and local officials about a Twin Falls alternative route, ITD project manager Chuck Carnohan said.

Public support and input has not been high during the past few years, he agreed. And it makes sense for some people to criticize the plan.

Road rules

"A quick look at the proposed alternative route for Twin Falls... What is the plan? To reduce traffic... What are the drawbacks? The route would cut through residential areas... What would the plan do? The plan would transform 9,400 feet of Pole Line Road into a four-lane highway to avoid traffic around the town of Twin Falls, alleviating traffic congestion on Blue Lakes... Who would use the route? According to the state's estimates, somewhere between 4,800 and 9,400 vehicles would use the route every day... Source: ITD

Medical

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arrived the next morning. Shipman was in shock and respiratory failure. He soon died.

Shipman's daughter, Debra Malone, described that string of medical mistakes Monday as a senator opened hearings on a scathing problem report that medical errors kill between 44,000 and 98,000 hospitalized Americans every year.

"Those numbers if anything are on the low side," said Dr. John Eisenberg, director of the Federal Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, which is studying what hospitals and doctors can do to prevent mistakes.

The Institute of Medicine revealed the problem last month and recommended an aid to medicine's "culture of secrecy" about it. It set as a minimum goal a 50 percent reduction in medical errors within five years.

Lottery Update

There was one winner in Washington, D.C. of the \$47,400,000 for Saturday night's Powerball Drawing. Wednesday's jackpot is \$10 million.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 13 NUMBERS
POWERBALL
6-10-31-47-48
POWERBALL NUMBER: 29

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11 NUMBERS
WILD CARD
3-15-16-19-26
WILD CARD: 060 OF CLUBS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 13 NUMBERS
FAST
3-19-22-24-25

Roadless

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The roadless initiative leaves out the people who use the land and how it will affect them.

Sen. Mike Crapo in a prepared statement said the Forest Service was creating a "race to the bottom" in the way it is allocating public lands to Congress, spokeswoman Linda Norris said.

The proposal shows the administration's disdain for natural resource based economies and locks up public lands from public access and use, she said. Crapo joined Gov. Dirk Kempthorne and others in asking for a 120-day extension in the public comment period.

People should not allow the administration to exclude the public from the process, Norris said.

Environmentalists have called the extension request a political stalling tactic against a plan that won't close off any lands.

"I don't think there's going to be a fence around it," Carolyn Baird said.

David Kipping of Bailey said roadless areas have other values than those that can be extracted by logging, mining and grazing. Such areas are part of what make Idaho a great place to live and attract new business and people to the state.

Adrian Arp said the initiative is part of a bigger plan; losing

Corrections

Beverly Margan of Sedona, Ariz., is the mother of Deanna Tanner Okun, a Mini-Cassia native appointed to the International Trade Commission. Yanda Tanner is Okun's stepmother. A story in The Times-News Sunday contained inaccurate information about Okun's family. The Times-News regrets the error.

The U.S. Forest Service bought the development rights to 160 acres within the Sawtooth National Recreation Area. The headline on a story Saturday about a recent Forest Service scenic easement purchase was incorrect. The Times-News regrets the error.

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Ex-cop gets 30 years for torture of immigrant

NEW YORK (AP) — A white former patrolman sentenced to 30 years in prison Monday for torturing a Haitian immigrant with a broken broomstick in one of the most shocking acts of police brutality New York has ever seen.

Justin Volpe, 27, who pleaded guilty to violating the victim's civil rights, could have gotten life without parole for the 1997 attack.

"I hurt many people. I was and still am ashamed. I am extremely sorry," Volpe told U.S. District Judge Eugene M. Kennedy. "I must and I will pay for my crime."

multimillion-dollar lawsuit alleging police were shielded by a "blue wall of silence."

Volpe rammed a broomstick into Abner Louima's rectum in a police station bathroom after arresting Louima. Police said Volpe mistakenly thought Louima had punched him from behind during a melee outside a Brooklyn nightclub.

Louima, who addressed the court during the sentencing, did not ask the judge for any specific punishment.

"I suffered three operations to repair my bladder, colon and intestines. I spent over 2.5 months in the hospital," Louima said. "Sometimes I ask God, 'Why me?' and why he let me live. But when I look at my friends, my kids, my wife and all my friends and supporters, that gives me courage."

The case strained relations between the Police Department and minorities and sparked demonstrations against police brutality. Louima has also filed a

IRS scores low, Head Start high on service survey

WASHINGTON (AP) — Head Start pupils' parents gave high marks for service rendered by the federal government — a rating of 87 out of a possible 100 — but taxpayers rated the IRS a relatively low 51 in a five-year survey of "customer satisfaction" with federal services.

Overall, the government received a rating of 68.6 out of 100, about four points lower than the typical corporate score of 73 in the quarterly survey published by the University of Michigan.

The 23 agencies tested chose their own customers for the survey. Their definitions ranged from narrowly limited groups, such as librarians and educators, to taxpayers and shoppers who buy safety-inspected meat at the supermarket.

Not surprisingly, programs that primarily give out benefits tended to get higher scores than agencies that mostly hand out fines.

Two enforcement agencies — the IRS and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, which enforces workplace safety rules — tied for last place with a rating of 51.

The Head Start program for poor children received the highest rating, 86.

Vice President Al Gore said the survey shows the six-year program he founded to "reinvigorate government" has led to improved services.

"I'm pleased that we could deliver this kind of results-oriented government, and we are," Gore said in a statement. He said it was a matter of government service "multiplies even with the private sector."

The ratings contrast with earlier, more negative public opinion surveys about government. For example, a Pew Research Center study last year showed an overwhelming majority of the public mistrusted the government and thought it did a fair to poor job managing programs and providing services.

Yet because Americans don't trust the government overall doesn't mean they are unsatisfied with specific services they have received, researchers said. Indeed, low expectations may lead to higher scores when people get good service.

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Prosecutors' testimony assists Tripp

ELICOTT CITY, Md. (AP) — Assisting Linda Tripp's defense, three of Ken Starr's prosecutors testified Monday that the federal immunity they arranged for her should negate Maryland's wiretapping case against her. One deputy suggested politics influenced the state prosecution.

Former Deputy Independent Counsel Jackie Bennett, who helped oversee the Clinton-Lewinsky investigation, told the court that a local Maryland prosecutor confided in feeling "unbearable" political pressure to investigate the woman who taped her phone calls with one-time friend, Monica Lewinsky — a contention the prosecutor later denied.

At a pretrial hearing that may determine whether Mrs. Tripp may stand trial, Bennett testified that Marina McLendon, the Howard County, Md., prosecutor, called him on Jan. 26, 1998, just as the Clinton investigation was heating up, and told him "there was a political campaign to put pressure on" the local prosecutor's office to go after Mrs. Tripp.

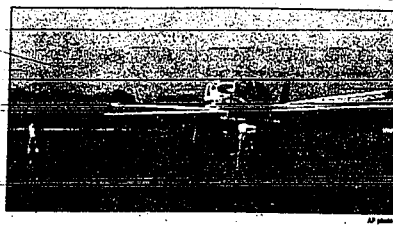
She indicated that she was receiving pressure that was becoming unbearable to her, Bennett said.

The call occurred just 10 days after Mrs. Tripp gave Starr's office tapes of the former White House intern confiding an affair with the president. The tapes sparked an investigation that led to the president's impeachment. The Senate acquitted him.

Bennett also said he informed Ms. McLendon that Starr's office had given Mrs. Tripp immunity in exchange for her testimony and more than 20 hours of tapes. "We had the tapes and we weren't going to give them to Maryland," Bennett said.

Ms. McLendon responded that if Maryland had to get its own evidence independent of what Mrs. Tripp provided at Starr's office, she didn't believe Mrs. Tripp would be prosecuted, according to Bennett.

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Judge dismisses lawsuit against gun makers

MIAMI (AP) — A judge dismissed Miami-Dade County's lawsuit against gun makers Monday, agreeing with the industry that the county has no standing because it has not suffered any direct injuries from guns.

Mayor Alex Penolas said he will appeal.

"This is not unlike what happened in the early stages of tobacco legislation," he said. "And we know where that stands now."

Miami-Dade was one of about 30 cities and counties suing more than two dozen gun makers. The other lawsuits have had mixed success. A judge rejected a suit in Bridgeport, Conn., last week, and Cincinnati's suit was dismissed in October. But judges in Chicago and Atlanta have allowed suits to proceed and ordered the industry to open its files.

Scientist pleads innocent; friends crowd courtroom

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — Taiwan-born Los Alamos scientist Wen Ho Lee was ordered held without bail Monday after pleading innocent to charges that he improperly handled national nuclear weapons secrets.

Prosecutors accuse Lee of downloading key nuclear weapons files from a secure computer to 10 portable tapes and say seven of the tapes are missing. Federal prosecutor Robert Gorenc said Lee is a danger to the community and "poses a substantial risk of flight."

Lee's freedom would be a "clear and present danger to the United States," U.S. Magistrate Don Svet said. "The weight of the evidence indicates to me that I'm required to order his detention, which I'm going to do."

Defense lawyers said the seven tapes were destroyed but did not elaborate. "There's no evidence he has the tapes, disclosed the tapes, attempted to disclose the tapes. Is there any evidence in this huge investigation (of attempted disclosure)? The answer is no," John Cline said.

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Heller died Sunday night of a heart attack at his home on Long Island, his wife, Valerie, said Monday.

"Oh, God, how terrible," said author and friend Kurt Vonnegut, who last spoke to Heller a week ago. "This is a calamity for American letters."

Heller wrote six novels, but none of them resonated as widely or as powerfully as "Catch-22," a pitch-black tale that read like a devious collaboration of Twain and Kafka. It was published in 1961.

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There has been, however, one element in the merger process that leaves us with a very real sense of personal loss. To ensure that consumers in every community continue to have the ability to choose from a variety of financial institutions, we have agreed with the Department of Justice to sell certain Zions and First Security branches in Utah and Idaho. This means that we will be obligated to sell the accounts of some of our long-standing, colleagues and customers. Our customers are our friends and neighbors, and we feel a tremendous sense of remorse as circumstances outside our control require the transfer of these accounts. In addition, our employees are among the best bankers in the business. As a result, we have ensured they will be offered employment by the acquiring organization of each of the branches to be sold.

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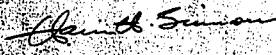
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Babbitt asks for new monuments

PHOENIX (AP) — Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt wants President Clinton to create two new national monuments in Arizona and two more in California to keep the areas away from developers.

The Arizona Republic, in a copyright story today, said one of the Arizona sites involve 1 million acres northwest of the Grand Canyon that is being eyed by mine companies and subdivision developers. It would tentatively be called The Grand Canyon-Parashant National Monument, the newspaper said.

The other site would be called the Agua Fria National Monument involving 40,000 acres north of Phoenix where hundreds of archeological sites are being threatened by urban sprawl and scavengers, according to the Republic.

He had proposed both sides previously for preservation. It said the two California sites proposed by Babbitt would add 10,000 acres to the existing Pinnacles National Monument south of San Jose and create the California Coastal National Monument made up of thousands



Bruce Babbitt

of small, uninhabited islands and rock outcroppings. The San Jose site is threatened by urban sprawl and the coastal location threatened by mining.

"The empty spaces are filling up in the former Arizona governor, told the Republic in an interview Sunday. "We have to imagine what the Western landscape is going to look like in 50 years and try to anticipate (protections) rather than wait for the conflicts to happen."

Babbitt was expected to formally propose the four new monuments to Clinton Tuesday and wanted the president to act on the recommendations within the next several weeks.

However, a spokesman for U.S. Rep. Bob Stump, R-Ariz., said the congressman planned to send a letter to Clinton asking that he reject Babbitt's plan.

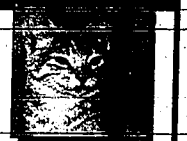
Arizona Gov. Jane Hull supports

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Yellowstone asks bird watchers to join in count

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tional holiday hunt in which teams competed to see who could shoot the most birds and mammals in one day. Yellowstone's 26th annual Christmas Bird Count will be held Dec. 19, beginning from the Gardiner, Mont., Bear Western.

Police look into Parma High School 'hit list'

BOISE (AP) — City police are investigating a reported "hit list" which threatened 60 students at Parma High School near Genesee in light of its statement the violence could occur this coming Friday.

Students found the note Thursday and took it immediately to the principal.

School officials are taking the handwritten list seriously. They are calling the parents of every student on the list and mailing a letter to all families explaining the district's response.

Two columns of student names with numbers by them, listed one to 30 for boys, one to 30 for girls" were written on the note, Parma Superintendent Val Butts said. "I think that the efforts that we're making are designed really to preclude anything really that could happen."

The list indicates some action could occur on Friday. School will remain open, but with extra security in the form of uniformed officers.

"The school has done their part to make the parents aware of the problem here and we've worked together to ensure the safety of the students to the best of our ability," Acting Police Chief Cliff Lauritzen said. "If it doesn't happen Friday it could happen some other time so closing school down would not make the problem go away."

The list has been turned over to a handwriting expert for analysis, but no suspect has been identified, Lauritzen said.

School officials admit such a situation a few years ago might not have touched off such a vigorous response.

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Facing a dinosaur: How to bump off .bmp error

By Jim Coates
Chicago Tribune

Q: I have a dinosaur-era computer. It is a Vendor Head-Start unit advertised by the now-professional professional writer "King Kong Bundy" of the mid-'80s. It is not Y2K-ready.

A: My problem is that my new Gateway computer has no 5-inch drive to load my old floppies.

Q: What should I do? I don't want to use my employer's computer because many of these files are confidential and I would not want my backup system to save them.

A: John A. Virmontes

Q: If King Kong Bundy put me in a headlock and demanded I solve your quandary, here's what I would do, Mr. V. I would fire up that Gateway and use the Web browser to log on to <http://www.laplinc.com> where you will find for \$110 a package called Laplink V for DOS.

This superb product includes cables and software for connecting PC to the Gateway using either the parallel or serial ports. The included software then lets you use the mouse to call up files on your old machine and move them to the new machine.

You can either move the files from floppies inserted in the 5-inch drive on the Bundy box or, if they are on the hard drive, there. They will appear on your Windows desktop on the Gateway Pentium in a matter of seconds.

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product is among a large line of offerings that work various linking computers together for file transfers, file synchronization, Internet file sharing and remote control of one computer by another.

Q: For the past few months, I have had a computer problem. When I start my computer, a small dialog box pops up. Title: PAINT. The message is: C:\bmp was not found.

A: I click the button: OK, and I am working with no problems. How can I simply eliminate this?

A: Richard Zimnoch

A. We don't know what mystery process is running in the background of your machine that wants to look at a picture called m.bmp, but it's almost a mortal lock that you can fool the machine by simply creating a picture in the Windows Paintbox and then saving it under the name m.bmp in the C: directory.

So click on the Start button and then Accessories and, finally, Paint. When the software comes up, draw a couple of lines or something and then click on File/Save as and select the C: directory and type in the m.bmp filename.

Next time you boot up, your rogue software will find the m.bmp picture and leave you alone. Although this is not a fix for whatever glitch is at work, it will save you from that annoying dialog box popping up every time you start a computing session.

Web privacy service could frustrate law enforcement

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Like a peddler of cyberspace disguises, a small Canadian firm is selling a service that promises to let people remain completely anonymous while sending e-mail, chatting and visiting Web sites.

While the service is intended to give Internet users greater privacy to communicate ideas or shop online, critics worry it would also allow the unscrupulous to fearlessly send abusive e-mails and exchange illegal goods such as child pornography and pirated software.

The technology launched Monday by Montreal-based Zero-Knowledge Systems Inc. is more complete than existing Web privacy tools because it allows individuals to hide not only identities but their trail across the Internet. Such thoroughness could frustrate law-enforcement officials trying to track down shady Web users who go out of their way to mask themselves.

"It's going to make it a little more difficult to trace wrongdoing," said Bob Wallace, a spokesman for the National Association of Chiefs of Police.

To use the service, Web surfers go to Zero-Knowledge's site, at www.freedom.net, and download



Austin Hill is president and co-founder of Zero-Knowledge Systems, Inc.

special software that scrambles information and also lets them use up-to-five pseudonyms instead of their real e-mail addresses.

The Zero-Knowledge service assures the sender's Web trail by identifying just the final portion of the computer network used to transmit the information.

The service, which works only with Windows 95 and 98 systems, costs \$50, though a free 30-day trial is available. The company is

limiting the service to 10,000 users a week through February to make sure it's reliable.

"The system has been purposefully designed to make sure we have nothing of substance" to identify a user, said Austin Hill, the company's president and co-founder. Zero-Knowledge says it developed the software to address an increasing concern among users that Internet companies are using technology to track people's personal information — everything from buying habits to home addresses to ages.

Using Zero-Knowledge, a surfer can check out a Web site's ads without marketers recording their Web-browsing habits and possibly selling that information to third parties that can then target the consumer with junk e-mail.

Some government officials and business leaders say the product could hurt their efforts to restrain questionable activities, from money laundering to software piracy.

Of particular concern is the service's use of sophisticated encryption technology to obscure the contents of Web transmissions. Some individuals could use the software to hide the identity of illegally obtained information from the prying eyes of law enforcers.

Report targets number of computer hackers

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — In his 1997 book "Corporate Espionage," Ira Winkler, a former analyst and computer expert at the National Security Agency, wrote that there were probably fewer than 200 "computer geniuses" in the world who could actually find software vulnerabilities and another 1,000 hackers talented enough to take the geniuses' findings and use them to attack computer networks.

Another 10,000 to 50,000 "classless" hackers just take attacks that have already been published on the Internet and fire away.

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By Jim Coates
Chicago Tribune

Once in a great while a really superb idea pops up on the personal technology scene. Xircrom's Cruise Jack gang of engineers certainly came up with one in PortStation, a way to eliminate the clunky docking stations that use many laptop computer users.

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Voice technology discomfort slows sales

Newsway

NEW YORK — As voice-control companies work to hijack control of the computer away from the keyboard, one sizable barrier threatens to foil the plot: People still are not comfortable talking to technology.

Speech-recognition and voice-control technology have come a long way in just the past year, but even the industry's most ardent proponents admit to the psychological hurdles.

At the recent SpeechTEK 99 conference, much of the talk centered on why talking to computers remains uncomfortable for average Americans. The issue is critical in light of recently released sales figures.

Unit sales for voice-control software packages, which allow consumers to dictate documents and control some PC functions, actually dropped 0.3 percent

year to date to around a half-million units, according to PC Data, a Reston, Va., research company.

"The numbers suggest that it's not really a consumer mass market item right now," said Roger Lancot, the company's research director. "We're still in the novelty phase. We're probably a year or two away from it becoming something that's included with almost everything."

Who's behind the user hesitancy?

"There is a real reluctance to speak to a computer," said Bill Scholz, director of engineering at Unisys Corp.'s Natural Language Understanding division in Malvern, Pa. "It will dwindle over time but only as speech applications get better."

A slowdown in new technology purchasing caused by Y2K and the notion that new cellular and Internet technologies obviated some applications offered by

voice control will ease pressure on the market in coming months, he said.

Unisys announced a partnership with Motorola Inc. to work on Internet voice applications, which Scholz described as the market's great new hope.

Similarly, IBM announced a partnership at SpeechTEK with Motorola's rival Nokia to work on mobile speech-control research and development.

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EDITORIAL

Clinton robs the dignity from firefighters' memorial service

It's tragic when a firefighter dies in the line of duty, and it was a six-fold tragedy... when six died in a Massachusetts warehouse fire last week.

The tears shed by families and friends of those men were pure and they were heartfelt. But those honest tears were tainted when America's weeper in chief, Bill Clinton, showed up at their memorial service.

"As we look around this vast hall and know there are thousands standing outside, and other places, we hope by our collective presence we will speak louder than words and say our tragedy is yours," Clinton said to the assembled.

When Bill Clinton goes to a memorial service for people he doesn't know, he isn't grieving—he's performing.

His remarks were appropriate and his tone was perfect, but the fact that he was even there robbed the service of a little dignity. It was as if P.T. Barnum and his elephants had shown up.

Of course it sounds mean-spirited to criticize Clinton for attending a public funeral, but this guy has made a career of it.

Make no mistake: When Bill Clinton goes to a memorial service for people he doesn't know, he isn't grieving—he's performing. When it comes to feeling the pain of others, Uncle Bill is an old pro.

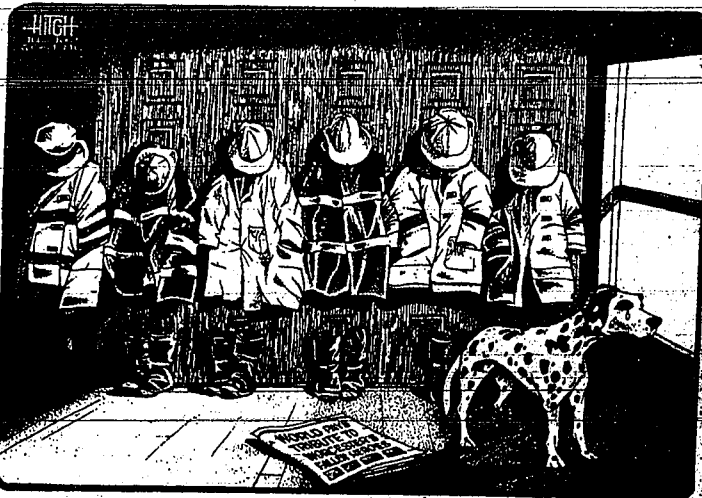
Blinking back his tears and quivering his jaw were nice touches, but the heart of Clinton's performance was pure politics. The right word here is "bathos," which the dictionary defines as a false sense of sympathy, sincerity or compassion.

It's no coincidence that firefighters tend to be labor-union Democrats. And it's no coincidence that Massachusetts is one of the most liberal states in the union. So for the Clintons, and Al Gore, there's a reward for going there and mourning the deaths of working-class heroes. If this sounds too calculating, consider these remarks from

New York Post columnist Steve Dunleavy.

"I have absolutely run out of adjectives to describe the basic moral denunciation of the Clinton gang," Dunleavy says.

Would Clinton attend a memorial service for Idaho ranch kids who attend home school? Probably not, because he picks his spots—and sends his tears—carefully. His cynicism would make a true statesman blush. Can anyone imagine Ronald Reagan, or George Bush stopping to this? Clinton outlived an impeachment scandal, but America will outlive his unctuous brand of politics.



Economic freedom expands around globe

Why do some countries prosper while others do not? It's a question as old as Adam Smith's "The Wealth of Nations," one that the Heritage Foundation and The Wall Street Journal editorial page try to answer every year in the "Index of Economic Freedom," a country-by-country survey of economic freedom around the globe.

The central finding of the latest index is clear. Countries with the most economic freedom have higher rates of long-term economic growth and prosperity than those with less economic freedom.

While countries that restrict economic liberty still outnumber those that allow it, governments in almost every region of the world have enacted policies that give their citizens a higher level of economic freedom over the long term, higher economic growth.

Perhaps surprisingly, the United States does not have the world's freest economy. We come in fourth place, behind Hong Kong, Singapore and New Zealand.

Although Hong Kong is back under the control of China, the region, with its movement trade barriers, strong protection of property rights and 17 percent top marginal income tax rate, is a model of economic freedom.

Other countries one would expect to do well because of their track record of prosperity, like Germany, France and Sweden, are further down the list.

These countries are paying a price for imposing restrictions on economic freedom. Unemployment rates in much of Western Europe hover above 20 percent. The exceptions are Great Britain and Ireland, two of only 10 countries with

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economies rated "free."

This underscores another finding of the index. Countries operating under a strong tradition of Anglo-American capitalism, with its emphasis on a well-functioning legal system and secure property rights, tend to outperform countries with electoral freedom but no rule of law.

Writing in the 2000 edition of the index, Harvard economics professor Robert Barro notes people "tend to undertake hard work and investments only if they have a reasonable probability of enjoying the fruits of their efforts. If property rights are not secure, Barro notes, 'People tend to work less and invest little.'"

This explains why countries with British roots—the United Kingdom, Canada and Australia—tend to rank high, while Russia and most of the former Soviet states rank low.

Although several formerly communist countries have improved their ratings, led by Estonia in 22nd place, nearly all are rated "moderately free."

Many have instituted capitalist reforms since the Cold War but lacking economic freedom and the rule of law, still struggle with high levels of corruption. Free elections alone will do little to erase the effects of seven decades of central planning.

For years, U.S. foreign policy has promoted democracy around the globe as the best way to ensure economic prosperity.

But according to Barro, a country's form of government is not the overriding factor for economic freedom many U.S. officials

assume it to be. Otherwise, a democracy like Russia would rank higher than 122nd, and a monarchy like Bahrain would rank lower than fourth, tied with the United States and Luxembourg.

The index also demonstrates the way that low inflation can play a critical role in creating economic growth.

This is certainly the case in Latin America, where more than a dozen countries, from Mexico to Chile, expanded economic freedom for the third year in a row. Lower inflation helps El Salvador, the "Hong Kong of Latin America," tie with Chile for 11th place globally.

Argentina, where inflation has dropped from 3,000 percent in 1989 to less than 1 percent in 1998, is in 17th place. Lower in the rankings are Venezuela (94) and Brazil (110), crippled by inflation rates topping 45 percent.

Although Mexico saw its index score rise in 1999, it remains "moderately free." Trade with its partners in the North American Free Trade Agreement has increased, but Mexico raised tariff rates last year and suffers from high levels of official corruption. As trade between the United States and Latin America continues to climb, Mexico might find itself more of an obstacle than a conduit to the free flow of trade.

The "Index of Economic Freedom" proves economic growth is no accident, but the result of economic freedom. Without it, no country can bridge the gap from poverty to prosperity.

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Scott Brown
With its majestic mountains, spectacular rivers, incredible high desert plateaus and canyons and rugged wilderness areas, Idaho is a land well suited to superlatives. Without the natural endowments that make Idaho the tenor and scope of our conservation debate would, no doubt, be much different than it is. Instead of arguing about wolves, grizzly bears, wilderness and rindless areas, for example, we could just be talking about how to reclaim our rivers from industrial wastes. But Idaho is not New Jersey. I, for one, am grateful for that.

Everyone seems to want to keep Idaho the way it is. It is not to go back to some earlier time. It is, of course, the one thing we cannot do. As sure as the earth spins, Idaho will move with it. Forward. People will keep coming, wanting jobs, a place to live, electricity, heat and food. A little open space for sanity's sake, too. How we provide for people is something we can change. Will we do it with mindfulness that earth's resources are

Idaho Reflections

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limited? With attention to pollution? With compassion for the other, non-human inhabitants of this place? These are the important questions. And at some point, we'll have to act on the knowledge that we're all in this together. Start working together.

There is no such thing as "the Idaho way of life." Different people do it differently. We have ranchers and we have people employed in high technology, and everything in between. What we have in common is the land we live on and travel through. We need hearts and minds big enough to be worthy of Idaho. Big enough for wolves and lynx, grizzly bears and salmon. Wild hearts and open minds.

LETTER

Stop the CAFO damage

I just can't believe your bias and totally blind attitude on the confined animal feeding operation issue. Look around and open your eyes to see the permanent damage they have caused everywhere they have been. It is not, no way farming any more than a steel mill producing steel for tractors is farming. Good farming does not pollute. CAFOs do pollute. Like any bad item, let's stop the dam-

aging item until something, anything can be done to bring it under control before we allow more unreparable damage.

Please support a moratorium, at least until the CAFOs can be expected to operate without damaging results (water, air, and crop land permanently taken out of production).

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Magio Valley gives from heart

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Recently, an organization called Knights of Columbus was very generous and giving with their time and money.

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The Pregnancy Crisis Center has been trying to get a "testing room" installed for some time now. We are a non-profit organization and we serve the valley on donations. We do not receive any state or federal funding. Any "extras" in our organization are business donations from people of this valley. Several individuals have helped start this project, but the job was either out of their expertise or the timing was wrong. The Knights of Columbus heard of our need, called us and volunteered to complete the project for us. We are so excited and blessed by their work. Several members came in and measured and planned and drew. One member in particular, Mr. Jim Schmidt, is

a craftsman and set to work. Mr. Schmidt contacted two local businesses who graciously donated a sink, a cabinet and a faucet. Anderson Lumber and Franklin Building Supply provided these generous donations! Mr. Schmidt went to work (along with a few other unsung heroes whom we do not even know by their names) fabricating, installing, painting and preparing our testing room. In no time at all, they had completed the task.

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MARILYN M. SCOTT
Pregnancy Crisis Center
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who take an active part in the process. Getting involved is a lot easier than you might think. Contact your elected officials, federal, state and county commissioners or local activist groups. Let them know how you feel about the issues that are important to you. Become involved and know that you are making a difference. Each time you make contact you have an impact. And encourage others to become involved. The more times a message is delivered, the more likely that it gets heard.

There are a variety of issues that may concern you. The family farm, sustaining agriculture, clean water, clean air and quality of life to name a few. There is a never-ending list of important issues. If your elected officials are not covering an important issue the way you like, call them and let them know how you feel or they will vote with special interest groups that lobby them on a daily basis. Then we all lose and the system falls. Call someone today and tell them how you feel about the job you elected them.

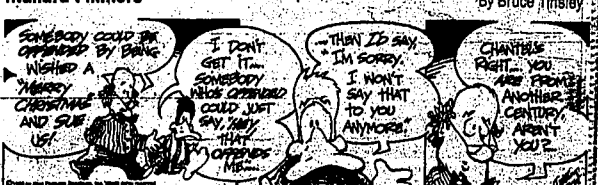
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OPINION

Humpty Dumpty health insurance

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The announcement that Xerox Corp. wants to abandon the administration of health insurance

DANIEL J.B. MITCHELL

wants to give each of its employees a fixed sum of \$5,000 or \$6,000 per year and leave it to them to select an insurance carrier. Apparently, employees would have a choice of plans administered by private carriers, not Xerox. Those workers who selected plans costing less than the allowance could pocket the difference. It is unclear what would happen to workers with medical problems that private insurers would shun. Still, by offering earmarked dollars for health care and assistance in plan selection, Xerox is more generous than those employers who offer no health insurance at all.

There has been gradual erosion of employer-provided health insurance coverage in the United States. But for those people under the general Medicare's age of 65, about 90 percent who do have private insurance obtain it through their employer or the employer of a family member. That is a major company such as Xerox—a company generally known for progressive employment practices—wants out of the traditional system should be a wake-up call for average Americans who count on employers for coverage.

Yet the Xerox move is easy to understand. Xerox is good at making copying machines. Ford is good at making cars. Microsoft is good at making software. But why should any of these companies be especially good at administering health programs? Health insurance is especially attractive to employees with costly medical conditions. Why should an employer particularly want to attract and retain those workers? More generally, why should the American system of the traditional system depend on employers?

At one time, individuals were responsible for their own medical bills. Private insurance companies would pollyanna to provide individual policies because of "adverse selection." That is, people who

knew they had medical problems would join up disproportionately, leaving the carriers saddled with high risks. On the other hand, if health insurance were offered through employers who covered all workers on their payrolls, insurance carriers would end up with a mix of good and bad risks that mirrored the general population. Administrative costs would be low, at least for larger employers, because paperwork and marketing expenses could be minimized.

Thus, large companies such as Xerox were encouraged by insurance companies to view offering health coverage as a recruitment and retention tool. In the 1930s and 1940s, the medical profession strongly opposed proposals for European-style government-run systems, either federal or state. So the tax code was amended to provide incentives for employers to provide health coverage voluntarily. But that approach omitted people without employment, those working for small companies or those who were self-employed or in temporary positions. As a result, the American health insurance system has never been universal and more than 40 million people lack coverage. An attempt by the Clinton administration to offer a complex but comprehensive federally administered system was killed by a coalition of insurance companies fearful of losing markets.

If employers such as Xerox had supported the Clinton plan or had come up with a comprehensive alternative, their administrative problems might have been resolved. But in the early 1990s, the corporate world was split. Human resources executives, whose internal status depended on health plan administration, were not keen to see their tasks "outsourced." CEOs feared being handed the bill for some unknown plan without the ability to control it.

What the Xerox proposal shows is that the issue has not gone away. Moreover, it cannot be solved by any one company. An innovative health plan at Xerox could undermine employee morale.

In a time of tight labor markets, employees may be reluctant to join or stay with companies that depart from what has been traditionally seen as good personal practice. Adverse selection could send the costs of the better plans on Xerox's proposed menu skyrocketing. Some employees might not be able to obtain coverage. Baby boomers, now aging into years in which health problems become more frequent, may well be fearful.

Politicians have been scrambling to deal with popular unrest over health care rationing by HMOs and managed care plans. But after Clinton's health care debacle, few wanted to tackle the fundamental problems inherent in the current employer-based approach in which the provision of health care is always at risk. Unfortunately, there is no alternative to the hard work of developing a national consensus on reexamining the American health care system. If that occurs soon, we can thank Xerox for copying us in on its proposal.

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Judge enters plea for murder suspect

TWIN FALLS - A judge entered an innocent plea Monday for a bail woman charged with killing her husband.

District Judge Daniel Meehl entered the plea for Alisha Ann Murphy, the 31-year-old woman charged with shooting her husband four years ago.

A grand jury indicted Murphy Dec. 3 on a first-degree murder charge in the death of James Murphy Sr., who was found shot to death in December 1995 in his Buhl home.

Murphy's lawyer, public defender John Hanson, told Meehl his client was not ready to enter a plea because they were waiting for transcripts from the grand jury proceedings, but Meehl made the plea for her so a trial date could be set.

Council flushes bid on sewer plant project

TWIN FALLS - For fear of a lawsuit that could delay a sewer plant project for months, the City Council rejected bids for the project Monday.

State law requires bidders to list any subcontractors that may be used on a city project, and two of the three low bids left out those subcontractors, City Manager Tom Courtney said.

The bids were for a roughly \$7 million sewage treatment expansion project.

Rejecting the bids will add another month to the process. But it could save the city time in the long run, Courtney said.

"The reason (to re-bid) is to remove legal problems," he said. "We would rather have a 30-day delay and know we can start a project than accept the bid, end up in court and delay a few months."

After the meeting, Councilman Lance Cook explained that the city's bid package failed to detail the right to sue for the contractors. The three contractors whose bids were rejected can bid again.

Hospital gives money for technical education

TWIN FALLS - The Magic Valley Regional Medical Center will give nearly \$15,000 to Business Plus II.

The hospital's board of directors voted Monday to give \$14,700 to the economic development program.

The total is less than the \$20,000 the hospital gave last year, but that was because Business Plus II missed the application process for the hospital's community projects money, Board Member Mark McKain said.

The \$14,700 was money left over from a budget holdback, he said.

School Board considers bus route request

TWIN FALLS - Parents are asking the Twin Falls School Board to reinstate a bus route along a private road west of town where the Snake River Canyon meets Rock Creek Canyon at Meander Point.

A resident living on the road questioned why the Twin Falls School District was providing service to a private, gravel road that property owners request to maintain, said Dale Thornberry, district operations director. The district does not have a record of how long it has been driving down Meander Point, Thornberry said.

In other business, the board will review a request from Lighthouse Christian Fellowship to waive the district's Roper Auditorium rental fee to help bring in Doug Scott, a parent of Columbine High School shooting victim Rachel Scott. Darrel Scott's son, Craig Scott, also was in the high school library during the shooting but survived.

Superintendent Terrell Donich also will bring the board on a \$50,000 school reform grant received by the district.

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

Compiled from staff reports



Pat Elkin was one of the few speakers to oppose a moratorium on livestock operations at the Twin Falls County commissioners' meeting Monday. Backers of the proposal are asking for a four-month freeze on new operations to allow time to gather needed data.

Decision time comes again

Twin Falls County will decide on CAFO moratorium next week

By John T. Huddy
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Twin Falls County commissioners say they'll meet in a week to decide the latest request for a moratorium on dairies and similar livestock operations.

"We're going to take into consideration the written and oral evidence presented," commission Chairwoman Carla Reed said after a hearing on the proposal Monday.

Long-time environmental activist Bill Chisholm of Buhl told the commissioners that his proposed moratorium would give them time to assemble their management tools. He said county officials lack adequate scientific knowledge and help to manage confined animal feeding operations that may try to set up shop.

"We need to take a step back," Chisholm said, in a conference room full of local citizens at the Twin Falls County Courthouse.

Chisholm asked Reed and her fellow commissioners, Bill Brockman and Maxin Hempleman, to declare a four-month moratorium on approving livestock operations. The commissioners said they will meet at 10 a.m. on Dec. 20 to decide on the request.

Chisholm has proposed moratoriums repeatedly since at least 1994. State and county officials have not granted his previous requests.

He and two other activists, Lee Halper of Jerome and Max Hatfield, a former Twin Falls resident living in Texas, requested a similar four-month moratorium in September. The commissioners, then led by former Chairman Dennis Maughan, denied

that request, saying there was no direct threat to county residents' health and welfare.

Monday, holding up a petition with the names of several hundred Magic Valley residents, Chisholm said a moratorium is needed now more than ever.

"High nitrate levels in the county's groundwater and further concern among residents make the moratorium necessary, he said.

"I recognize that not all nitrates come from CAFOs," he said. "But it's just one more straw on the camel's back, and I'm wondering when that straw is going to break the camel's back."

Several dozen people showed up at Monday's meeting to support Chisholm and his request.

"It's not going to hurt anything to call this time-out," said Chuck Geska of Buhl. "We have some kids and grandkids that we need to protect."

Earl Olson of Twin Falls agreed. "For it's just mind-boggling that we get into these 1,000-head operations. It's just outrageous," he said.

"Why are these things coming to Idaho? What will they do for us?"

Several other residents also questioned the operations' potential environmental and social impacts.

"The meeting did not take any hostile turns," Commissioner Carla Reed said she is concerned with the county's welfare.

But depressed agriculture prices in Twin Falls County and throughout the state create a need for business, she said.

"If we want to maintain the lifestyle that we have, we have to keep agriculture alive," she said.

Other residents at Monday's meeting, including local attorney Tim Stover, said a moratorium is needless. To declare a moratorium, there must be an "imminent peril" to the community's health and welfare, Stover said.

Nothing said at the meeting would indicate an imminent peril, he contended.

"Let's not enact a moratorium that will do away with the one-and-a-half years' worth of work that put the county's Livestock Confinement Ordinance in place," he said.

Chisholm defended his request. "How bad does the situation have to be to declare imminent peril?" he said.

"There is an imminent peril in that we are overwhelmed with these operations and we don't have the tools to manage them correctly."

Chisholm asked the commissioners to follow the lead of Cassia and Lincoln counties, which have declared moratoriums of their own.

He said the county needs to "find out how many cows are out there," and do additional groundwater studies, while waiting for the state Legislature to put the final touches on swine and poultry operation regulations.

"Let's take time out this winter to get this issue resolved," Chisholm said.

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Breaching supporters say it works

By Barney McManigal
States News Service

WASHINGTON - Citing the successful removal of three Idaho dams, environmental groups Monday released a report that says dam breaching will restore fish habitats and improve the quality of life in local communities.

The report, released by American Rivers, Friends of the Earth and Trout Unlimited, says more than 465 dams have been successfully breached throughout the nation. Thirty-six such dam removals have occurred in the Pacific Northwest alone, the study states.

"Surprisingly little attention has been paid to the hundreds of dams that have been successfully removed in the U.S.," said Shawn Cantrell, a spokesman for Friends of the Earth. "This report provides valuable information on the ecological, safety, and economic benefits that accompanied past dam removal efforts."

The report said two dam removals on northern Idaho's Clearwater River have successfully restored fish populations that had been declining for decades. The Lewiston Dam, removed in 1973, opened access to hundreds of miles of the Clearwater and its tributaries and increased the number of salmon and steelhead returning to spawn. The Grangeville Dam, removed in 1963, boosted salmon and steelhead return rates in the south fork of the river.

The Colburn Mill Pond Dam, removed in 1968, restored salmon and steelhead return rates in the south fork of the river.

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Police arrest two suspected in Heyburn robbery

By Ruth Stretcher
Times-News writer

HEYBURN - Two men were taken into custody Monday in connection with a Sunday night robbery at the Hub Plaza at Exit 208 in Heyburn.

David J. Cox of Twin Falls said Eddie Nava II of Rupert were charged with robbery Monday.

Minidoka County prosecutors are seeking to add a firearm enhancement to the charges against both men. Prosecutors are also asking for increased penalties for Cox based on his past criminal record, Prosecutor Rick Bollar said.

As a result of witness reports, police believe Cox entered the store with the gun, Heyburn police chief George Warrell said. Nava, who police say drove the getaway car, was charged as an accomplice.

A man robbed the Hub Plaza clerk at gunpoint at around 8:30 p.m. Sunday, Warrell said. The man left the building with about \$350, ran south, got into a vehicle driven by another person, and the two drove away.

Several officers from Minidoka and Cassia county sheriff's departments and the Heyburn police department were dispatched to the scene, Warrell said. No one was hurt in the robbery.

A vehicle similar to the one used in the robbery was reported Monday morning south of Rupert, leading officers to take a closer look, Warrell said. Of the four occupants in the vehicle, one fit the description of the man who held up the store clerk, Warrell said. All four occupants were taken to the Minidoka County Sheriff's Department, where they were interviewed by Rupert, Heyburn and Minidoka County detectives.

Cox and Nava are each being held in the Minidoka County Sheriff's Department on \$50,000 bonds.

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Democrats push legislative agenda against heavy odds

By Gregory Hahn
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - They make up just a small fraction of the Idaho Legislature - 16 of 105 senators and representatives - but the state's Democrats have big plans for this year's lawmaking session.

They announced their goals in a series of meetings around the state Monday, touching on early-childhood initiatives, education, health and safety ideas.

"It sure impressed me how much the small number of us are doing," said Sen. Betsy Dunklin, D-Boise.

The small contingent's outlining ways to help school districts build new facilities, ideas to promote long-term care insurance and a host of plans to better Idaho's early childhood development record.

The party is embracing Republican Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's "Generation of

the Child"

Dunklin, Boise Rep. Margaret Henbest and Moscow school teacher Rep. Shirley Ringo are working on a state-level forum to assess the state's early-childhood programs and to find the best way to disseminate and promote the good programs around the state.

"We could map out a plan that could be more effective," Dunklin said. "It doesn't necessarily cost more money."

The Democrats, as they have for the past several years, hope to make it easier for local districts to build schools. A plan recommended by a Kempthorne-appointed group, which would let districts levy more money for a longer time with a smaller majority, might not be enough, said House Minority Leader Wendy Jaquet, D-Ketchum.

"We weren't real happy about the way that governor's commitment turned out," she said. Rep. Roger Chase, D-

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MAGIC VALLEY WEST

Water agreement irks users

BOISE (AP) - The Idaho Water Users Association has not decided yet whether it backs renewing the agreement for sale of 427,000 acres of water to the federal government to aid salmon migration...

future salmon recovery strategy. Chapman said: "We need to take a look at them before the Water Users can make a decision."

Bill Chapman said the association has significant concerns about continuing the transfers on a willing-lessee basis. He said there is no evidence that releasing the 427,000 acre fee during the past four years had any positive impact on salmon migration...

Eviros trace benefits of dam removal

WASHINGTON (AP) - From the Kennebec River in Maine to Whitestone Creek in Washington state, the removal of 465 dams has boosted local economies and fish-habitat while reducing public safety risks...

Since dam removals often face local resistance - largely over economic concerns - the groups hope their study will dispel the notion that removals are rare and do more harm than good.

Both of the dam's two original purposes were eliminated, the report found. Removal of the dam last summer has created new opportunities for tourism, boating and fishing, the report said.

SERVICES

Timothy "Tim" J. Drown, Jr., of Twin Falls, services at 10 a.m. today at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls.

today at Demaray's Gooding Chapel, and one hour prior to services at the church.

Demaray's Shoshone Chapel. Friends may call from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. today at the chapel.

Ruth D. Rana, of Paul, services at 11 a.m. today at Hansen Mortuary Ruppert Chapel. Private family burial services will be held in the Paul Cemetery prior to services at the chapel.

Orville C. Lange, of Twin Falls, services at 11 a.m. Thursday at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Raymond A. Herboldt, of Rupert, services at 1 p.m. Wednesday, at Praise Chapel in Rupert. Family and friends may call one hour prior to services at Praise Chapel.

Leon J. Fitzpatrick, of Twin Falls, graveside services at 1 p.m. today at the Hazelton Cemetery (White Mortuary in Twin Falls).

Edith L. Sabala, of Shoshone, services at 1 p.m. today at Praise Chapel.

Stefan Robert Stuite Buhl - Stefan Robert Stuite, infant son of Robert and Jamie Stuite of Buhl, died Sunday Dec. 12, 1999, in Boise. Services are pending and will be announced by the Farmer Funeral Chapel.

June Shaw Bailey, of Albion, services at 1 p.m. today at the Albion LDS Chapel. Friends may call one hour prior to services at the church (Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel).

Sara M. Fowler BOISE - Sara M. Fowler, 88, of Boise, died Friday, Dec. 10, 1999, at a nursing home in Boise. Local services are pending and will be announced by Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

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Pauline Vietz of Medford, Ore., formerly of Twin Falls, services at 2 p.m. today at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls. Visitation will be held from noon to 2 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Doretta Hoskin FILER - Doretta Hoskin, 93, of Filer, died Monday, Dec. 13, 1999, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Edith Nugent JEROME - Edith Nugent, 103, of Jerome, died Monday, Dec. 13, 1999, at St. Benedict's Family Medical Center Long Term Care Unit. Services are pending under the direction of the Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

K. Dwan Butler, of Gooding, services at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Gooding. Friends may call from 5:7 p.m.

Rose M. Evans MOUNTAIN HOME - Rose M. Evans, 71, of Mountain Home and Twin Falls, died Sunday, Dec. 12, 1999, at the Twin Falls

Disseminated Skyilar Anderson, of Burley; Kayden G. Bohn, of Heyburn; and Jerry Hamon, of Bellevue.

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Jerry Hamon, of Bellevue; Dayden C. Bohn, Jose Chavez, and Luke Baker, all of Heyburn; Melvin D. Madsen, Michael L. Royce, Jr., and Magdalena Leon, all of Rupert; and Skylar Anderson, and Louis R. Frazee, Jr., both of Burley.

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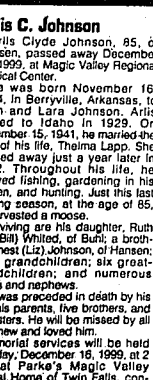
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FILER In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Kimberly Agency Senior Citizens, Inc., 310 Main St. P.O. Box 403, Kimberly, Idaho 83341. Bill was proud of his straight bean rows, fat cattle and good irrigation sets. He was an avid fisherman, and spent many hours with his son and friends fooling the way trout. He was a member and past president of the Southern Idaho Historical Society, and was also a member of the Magic Valley Gem Club. He loved woodworking, silversmithing and jewelry-making in his spare time. He and Etta served an LDS mission during the early 1950's. During his eighth decade, he loved playing with his great-grandbabies. Most important, he was a gentleman in everything he did, and in life he tried to see everything in a positive light. He helped many people and made many lives better as a result of his wonderful attitude.

Arils Clyde Johnson, 85, of Arlis, passed away peacefully on November 16, 1999, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. He was born November 16, 1914, in Berryville, Arkansas, to John and Lara Johnson. Arlis moved to Idaho in 1929. On November 15, 1941, he married the love of his life, Thelma Lapp. She passed away just a year later in 1942. Throughout his life, he enjoyed fishing, gardening in his garden, and hunting. Just this last hunting season, at the age of 85, he harvested a moose. Surviving are his daughter, Ruth Ann (Bill) Whitel, of Buhl; a brother, Ernest (Liz) Johnson, of Hansen; three grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife, his parents, five brothers, and five sisters. He will be missed by all who knew and loved him. Memorial services will be held Thursday, December 16, 1999, at 2 p.m. at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls, conducted by Pastor Pat Branch.

William Jay 'Bill' Patton, 82, of Filer, died Saturday morning, December 11, 1999, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls. He was born on March 17, 1917, in Manhattan, Montana, the son of Arthur Frazier and Minnie Jones Patton. He grew up and attended school in southwestern Montana. He graduated from Gallatin County High School in 1936, and attended Carroll College for a while in Helena, Montana. Following this, he worked as a cowboy and ranch-hand in the Gallatin Valley. He met his future wife, Etta Watts in Astoria, Idaho, while working there during 1938. They were married on January 9, 1941, following a courtship mainly by mail. The newlyweds worked on several Montana ranches until the fall of 1942, when they moved to Buhl, Idaho, where Bill worked for the Sandmyer ranches. He worked for Sandmyer until his retirement from ranching in 1980. He and Etta have lived in Filer since 1981. Bill was proud of his straight bean rows, fat cattle and good irrigation sets. He was an avid fisherman, and spent many hours with his son and friends fooling the way trout. He was a member and past president of the Southern Idaho Historical Society, and was also a member of the Magic Valley Gem Club. He loved woodworking, silversmithing and jewelry-making in his spare time. He and Etta served an LDS mission during the early 1950's. During his eighth decade, he loved playing with his great-grandbabies. Most important, he was a gentleman in everything he did, and in life he tried to see everything in a positive light. He helped many people and made many lives better as a result of his wonderful attitude. He is survived by his wife, Etta Patton of Filer, and his son, Wayne (Cheryl) Patton of Boise, two grandsons, Kevlin Patton (Renee) Patton, and one granddaughter, Allison (Dave) Fielding, all of Boise, and surviving two great-grandchildren; a half-brother, James (Jeanette) Wavrey, and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, two sisters, and one brother. Funeral services will be held Friday, December 17, 1999, at 11 a.m. at the LDS Filer Stake Center with Bishop AHS Sutherland presiding. Graveside services will be held Saturday, December 18, 1999, at 1:30 p.m., at the Ashton Pine View Cemetery. Bishop Tom Chandler presiding. For those who desire, contributions may be made in lieu of flowers to the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Intensive Care Unit.

Prosecutor will not file charges in hunter's death

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) - A man Kootenai County sheriff's investigators believe accidentally shot and killed a hunting partner likely will not be charged. Prosecutor Bill Douglas said Monday.

Mark Wayne Baxter was arrested for investigation of involuntary manslaughter on Friday after detectives concluded he fired the shot that killed Mark R. Halfhide on Dec 1 but did not acknowledge it to authorities.

Douglas said Halfhide's widow helped convince him not to pursue the case against Baxter, a close friend of the Halfhide family. Douglas said he still considered the case open, and would consider prosecuting Baxter if new evidence surfaces that warrants a charge.

Baxter, 36, of Coeur d'Alene, was released from jail Sunday. Officers called to the shooting scene in a wooded area outside Worley found Halfhide dead. The 46-year-old Coeur d'Alene man had been wearing hunter camouflage clothing. Baxter and another man who had been hunting with Halfhide had reported hearing a shot, and said they got no response when they called out to Halfhide, sheriff's Capt. Ben Wolfinger said. The two men then went to a house and called 911.

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SERVICE WITH A SMILE

Address mix-ups scare dispatchers

By Ruth Stroker
Times-News writer

BURLEY—Duplicated addresses cause a dangerous situation for emergency units responding to 911 calls, and Cassia County officials are wondering how to remedy the problem.

The problem is concentrated mainly in the Jackson area of Cassia County, near the Snake River where it begins to run southward.

The Jackson area has two sets of coordinates for each address. Duplicated coordinates could lead emergency personnel to respond to the wrong address.

Residents reluctant to change their addresses because of the inconvenience have prevented the county from establishing new addresses, county attorney Stephen Bywater told emergency medical service officials at Monday's county commission meeting.

But EMS officials say the

greater good needs to be considered.

"Duplicating a number system is dangerous," said Michael Lewis, chairman of the county EMS board. "So if you live in Cassia County, that's just tough."

When emergency calls come in from a person living at a residence with a duplicated address, staff is not to know which address the call came from.

Phone companies will not give out customer information, such as addresses, to the emergency dispatch coordinator Ken Searle said. Dispatch would only be able to match a phone number to an address if how the address pops up automatically on the computer, Searle said.

County Commission chairman Paul Christensen suggested arranging for a local emergency call center to call 911 at designated times, when they wouldn't disrupt the system. When they call, and the coordinates are identified, their precise address would

be entered into the computer for any future emergency calls.

"Establishing a number system that 99 percent of all coordinators are causing no problems, and only these few pose any danger."

In other EMS business:

• Searle said the county's dispatch center is still understaffed, with only one dispatch coordinator and another hired only recently. One position still needs to be filled, but training for the job is difficult as it requires knowledge of three computer systems, Searle said.

• Because 80 to 90 percent of all emergency calls originate on Interstate 84, next year the EMS board will seek state money for ambulance, extrication and communications equipment, Searle said.

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License to build: Cassia School Board nods construction on technical center

By Lorraine Covenor
Times-News writer

BURLEY—The Cassia County School Board Monday awarded the bid for the addition to Cassia County Regional Technical Center to Harris Construction of Pocatello.

The company's \$1.4 million bid was accepted because it was the lowest.

All other bids were fairly close, said Glen Semyer, director of the technical center.

Board members discussed awarding the bid to a local company, which bid just above Harris Construction's bid. But federal requirements mandate accepting the lowest bid.

The Economic Development Administration, a federal agency, is providing a \$900,000 grant for the building.

By deleting items from the bid, which the district is allowed to do, the district can bring the cost of the building down to \$900,000, Semyer said.

The board could have rejected all bids, but Board Chairman Bruce Bowen urged accepting a bid so the center can get started with construction.

Board member Tim Preston gave the only opposing vote to awarding the bid.

In other business:

• Cassia County schools are ready for Y2K, superintendent Jerry Doggett said. The district will have a junior on duty at the schools on Jan. 1 from 1 a.m. to 4 a.m. in case the power goes off.

• The board discussed watching Cassia County and Burley urban renewal programs and being able to fund the programs.

• The board extended the Russian exchange program for one more year.

• Declo High School Principal Mike Minton said that because of a high interest rate at Declo Junior High School and Declo Junior High School, the schools are planning to start a soccer program. There are 32 girls and 30

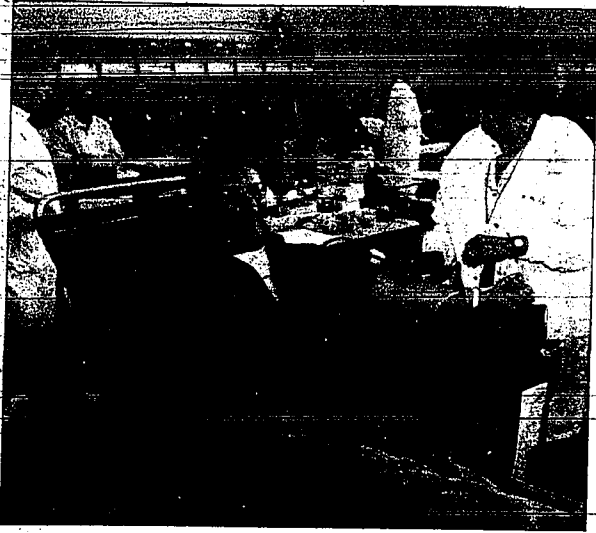
boys interested in soccer at the junior high and high school, Matthews said.

• Mountain View Elementary School has hired six teachers interns working at the school next semester. The junior year intern program will allow new teachers to become involved in teaching sooner, Doggett said.

• The old Deco ag shop will be offered for sale. If there are no takers, the building will be torn down. The building is being used as storage, but could pose liability problems for the district, said Jim Peterson, the district's director of finance and operations. The district offered the building to the city of Declo, but city officials do not want the building.

• The board extended the Russian exchange program for one more year.

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Kenny Staker of Burley gives an uneasy smile as Angela Doyle takes a pint of blood as part of a Red Cross blood drive Monday. The drive was an Eagle Scout project for Steven Ricbie of Burley who gathered more than 100 pledges from

Redrawing the line in Burley

By Ruth Stroker
Times-News writer

BURLEY—Burley's urban renewal district is being redrawn after a public hearing Monday, splitting six acres in Minidoka County and halving the revenue allocation area, the area in which incremental financing can go back into district infrastructure.

The city had approved the boundaries for a district 18 months ago, but the State Tax Commission had a problem with how the city had drawn them. The city had excluded certain operating properties, which the state said it could not do, city administrator Mark Milton said.

But rather than determine the boundaries of certain properties—such as railroads and utilities—through extensive surveying, the city opted to eliminate Minidoka County from the district, decreasing the size of the revenue allocation area.

In a revenue allocation area, taxes on any improvements go back into the infrastructure of the urban renewal district and into the school district. Taxes on the base value of the property continue to go to various local taxing entities.

City officials hope an urban renewal district will encourage more business and industry to come to the area, with the promise of money funneled back into infrastructure, such as a new wastewater treatment plant. A treatment plant is at the top of the city's priority list, as city officials say the current plant is inefficient and outdated.

The city held a public hearing Monday afternoon before approving amendments to the boundaries. Neither opponent nor supporters came out to discuss the changes, but an opponent addressed what he called a misrepresentation on the urban renewal-district's governing

body, the Burley Development Authority.

With only one member of the Burley Development Authority living outside city limits, the county's interests lack representation, Brent Stoker of Declo said.

About two-thirds of the acreage inside the district is within the city limits, Milton said. And about seventy percent of the revenue allocation area is inside city limits.

"An urban renewal district would benefit city residents and rural residents, but Stoker said he was worried about "taxation without representation."

Mayor Doug Manning said the city is working on a joint agreement between county elected officials and those involved in urban renewal.

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Utah gets wetlands tips from Idaho

PLEASANT GROVE, Utah (AP)—Pleasant Grove officials are looking to Idaho for a lesson on preserving wetlands.

Mayor Ed Sanderson said notes on how Boise-based Baker & Associates has preserved wetlands along 26 miles of the Boise River.

Pleasant Grove will have to come up with its own strategy to protect wetlands when a proposed interchange is built.

Designs for the interchange will be done in December and bids will be taken in August 2000.

Sanderson said he was impressed after visiting the Idaho site. Baker protected wetlands that became the site of a housing developments by bringing bubbling water out of rocks, enticing ducks to flock to local ponds and adding the sound of bubbling brooks to the buffer zone.

The Baker firm also piped water into standing marshes so the water would recycle and stay fresh. And the company used natural vegetation to provide a wild buffer to nearby residential areas.

"We're looking at new ideas, and we were impressed with what they've done, combining their commercial, residential development and wetlands," Sanderson said.

Unexpected grant helps with treatment plant

BLACKFOOT (AP)—An unlooked-for \$1.8 million grant will help the city expand its wastewater treatment plant even further.

The plant, a key to Blackfoot's plan to accommodate rapid industrial and housing growth, was already scheduled for an expansion using two federal grants of \$1.7 million and \$341,000, and a city bond of \$3.4 million.

Now the wastewater treatment upgrade has gone from a \$5.5 million project to a \$6.7 million project, because city officials decided to use the money to increase the plant's capacity

and lessen the bond debt by \$300,000.

Blackfoot applied for the new grant from money provided in a U.S. House appropriations bill. Officials did not bank on the money when they planned the original wastewater plant expansion, so it came as a pleasant surprise.

"Instead of managing by crisis, we can now project for growth," Mayor Scott Reese said.

Reese said he hopes that by having more capacity, industries will be attracted to the area. And with the higher sewer bills that would be paid by industrial

users, the city could eventually reduce residential bills, he said.

Residents' bills were increased to \$13.50 a month to help pay for the bond. If the city had used the new money to lower the cost of residential bills, instead of expanding the upgrade, the savings would have been 50 cents each month, he said.

Engineers are pre-designing the upgrades to the plant now. By June or July, bids should be made public and construction can start. It should take about 18 months, or by early 2001, to complete the upgrade, said plant supervisor Mike Merlette.

Dems

Pocatello, plans to reintroduce his proposal to spend on school construction the money generated in the state's endowment fund by new investment strategies.

Jaquet and her Senate counterpart, Clint Stennett, D-Ketchikan, have several diverse proposals in the mix.

Jaquet wants to provide a 50-percent tax credit on the purchase of long-term care insurance, which she says will save the

state money in the long run. She's also hoping to require groups who pay for campaign phone calls to identify themselves during the calls.

Stennett wants to provide tax incentives for livestock owners to compost waste and deliver it to farms more than 50 miles away. Several organic farmers in Cassia County could use nutrients from Magic Valley dairies, but it costs too much to transport it. He's also hoping to pass a resolution opposing a proposed

nuclear waste incinerator at the Idaho National Environmental and Engineering Laboratory.

The two are working together on exempting planning and zoning commissioners from term limits and a proposal to give businesses up to \$100 in tax credits for every day they pay an employee serving jury duty.

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Breach

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September from Colburn Creek, allowed fish to travel upstream for the first time in more than 50 years, the study states.

The creek now provides more than three miles of trout spawning habitat.

In addition to fish recovery, the report says removing the aging dams will improve public safety and protect water supplies.

The study comes at a time when the fates of four lower Snake River dams hang in the balance.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is scheduled to release Friday a draft environmental impact statement that will evaluate several plans to aid fish in the lower Snake. Removing the earthen portion of the four dams is one option that will be considered.

American Rivers, which has called the Snake River the nation's most endangered waterway, hopes the report will encourage dam removal as a viable option to restore endangered salmon and steelhead.

"When they hear how successful these dam removals were, we hope more communities, dam owners, and natural resource managers will consider removing dams on their local rivers as one reasonable way to restore them to health and revitalize the communities along their banks," said American Rivers spokesman Margaret Bowman.

But Phillip Nisbet, a geochimist and president of Hydrologics Inc. in Salmon, said the dam removals could be more dangerous to fish habitats because it would unleash a flood of built-up sediment.

Over the million tons of soft silt sitting behind those dams," said Nisbet, who added that a plan to retain the sediment would raise dam-removal costs to \$1 billion.

Nisbet also said that even if the Army Corps of Engineers decides to breach the dams, the openings would not be completed for 14 years, when it is already too late to save the fish.

Nisbet said he supported a series of dam-breaching alternatives put forward by the Idaho Council on Industry and the Environment. The alternatives

include creating migration routes that bypass dams, hatcheries placed in-stream, and strobe lighting systems that guide fish down the river.

Bill Sedivy, executive director of Idahoans United in Boise, said the Army Corps report proves opening the dams will help the environment. He said the Army Corps of Engineers has a "good" sediment buildup is not a problem.

"These are hearty little fish," Sedivy said. "They can stand a little silt."

Sedivy also said the engineers could probably complete a majori-

ty of the removal work in about one year, contrary to Nisbet's claim that it will take 14 years.

"For the life of me I can't imagine that it would take 14 years for those dams to come down," Sedivy said.

The Idaho congressional delegation has encouraged alternatives to breaching the four dams, saying their removal would be detrimental to the state's economy.

But other groups have said any economic losses from dam-breaching would be offset by new jobs created in other industries.

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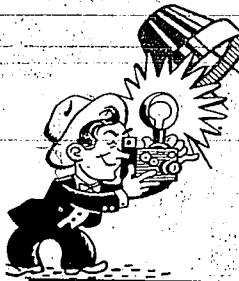
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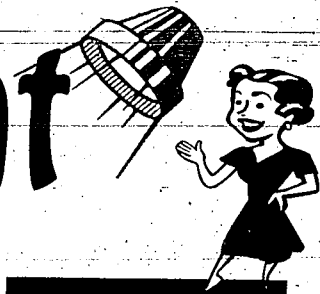
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Nickel toy sale priceless to families

By Gina Mulder
Times-News Correspondent

GOODING - Early Saturday morning, Catherine Beard and Jerry Squires were second in line at the Nickel Toys for Girls and Boys Christmas Sale.

They sat patiently on hard plastic chairs lining the hallway of the Idaho School for the Deaf and Blind Round Building, sneaking quick glances at the room filled with toys as they waited for the sale to begin.

"We would barely have a Christmas if it wasn't for this," says Beard, a single mother of six. "What these people do really helps to make our Christmas better. This is the true spirit of Christmas."

It all started six years ago when a member of the Gooding United Methodist Church Youth Group, hoping to brighten a teen's Christmas, decided to round up a few used stuffed animals and donate to some of Gooding's children in need.

Today, the Nickel Toys sale has grown into a community-wide event that raises enough money from Gooding businesses, churches and individuals to buy new toys and sell them to Gooding's low-income families for just a nickel a piece.

"Gooding's the small town with a big heart," sale chairwoman Donna Morton

'This is the true spirit of Christmas.'
-Catherine Beard about the Nickel Toys sale

says as she put some last minute touches on a doll display. "The response each year is overwhelming. I just walk in and say 'It's Nickel Toy time' and they gladly open up their checkbooks."

The Gooding Ministerial Association, businesses and individuals now sponsor the sale, which this year raised enough money to purchase 1,200 new toys - a jump from last year's inventory of 918.

"This is a wonderful community event - a real community builder. I've never seen anything like it before," says new volunteer Mike Gregor, Gooding United Methodist Church pastor. "This is a way for the people of this community to give freely of time or money, to help out neighbor, to give back to the community."

Morton, along with a committee of about 20 volunteer elves work most of the year raising money and scouring the



Victoria Saucedo, left and Ramona Twist admire the selection at the Nickel Toys sale.

stores for bargains, sales and discounts.

The stock included some of the year's hottest toys, like Star Wars and Pokemon, along with the time-honored favorites, such as Barbie and accessories, sports equipment, cars and baby dolls.

The sale is operated on an honor system - no proof of income is necessary, just verification on each child. Parents are allowed three gifts per child and sale



Cynthia Johnson browses for gifts at the Nickel Toys for Boys and Girls Sale Dec. 11 in Gooding. The gifts are donated or purchased and families may purchase them for their children a nickel a piece.

goes until the surplus is gone. The nickels collected during the sale goes into next year's coffers.

During Saturday's sale, Morton floats around the room like a Christmas angel, straightening toys, answering questions,

making coffee, stopping to listen to a grateful parent and offer an occasional hug.

"The people who come here are so appreciative," Morton says. "Sometimes, it's tough to hold the tears back."



Jan Zollinger and Lisa Camohant take a closer look at one of the several trees on display at the Gooding Festival of Trees. The tree was decorated by Gooding County Memorial Hospital employees and covered with little stuffed animals.

Trees shine at festival

By Betty Taylor
Times-News correspondent

GOODING - "A Child's Christmas" was the theme of the Gooding County Memorial Hospital Foundation Festival of Trees Dec. 2-5, in Gooding.

And the theme was reflected in a variety of local artwork and creative ideas based on a "Nutteracker" theme.

Karyn Bloxham, Foundation chairman, supervised the event, where several community residents helped.

Dale and Barbara Thomas donated all 27 trees decorated by area residents, businesses and groups for the festival, coordinators say. Local school children decorated 13 trees, Gudena Kuhlhanek and her daughters decorated the facility housing the Festival of Trees. Individuals donated 50 items for the festival, including a fabric-stuffed train, complete with stuffed legs, a hand-carved horse and handmade fishing tackle and gear.

Susan Faulkner and family cooked for a luncheon attended by 75 people.

Local school-choirs, dance studios, churches and individual vocalists provided entertainment at the festival on Saturday and Sunday.

A silent auction featured donate items and a wine-tasting helped kick off festivities.

"Even though the weather and the roads were bad, attendance was very good," Bloxham says.

The Best of Theme award went to the tree decorated by Family & Children Services of Jerome with ornaments that were almost completely edible.

Judges Choice award went to the tree decorated by the Gooding LDS Second ward.

Judges Honorable Mention was won by Bascom Association, for a tree with sheep trailer wagons, and Idaho School for the Deaf and Blind, which decorated with a train filled with candy and toys.

The People's Choice award was by Carolyn Basterchen and L. J. Sprinklers of Gooding and was decorated with handmade tops.

CHRISTMAS GIVING



Employees at Bonanza Motors load food and toys for a needy Burley family's Thanksgiving. The business and its employees are celebrating the season with several programs to benefit the needy in the Mini-Cassia area. During December, vehicles in the inside display area will be tagged with names, sizes and request of needy families that local agencies have submitted for Christmas presents. Employees who participated include Deborah Ogden, Ken Hulthnga, Roger Ogden, Donald Friedrich and Bret Campbell.



Lions Club gives gift of eye testing to children

By Mary Lou Potts
Times-News correspondent

BUHL - Poppellwell Elementary students had a different kind of a test recently.

The Buhl Lions Club has completed eye testing of students kindergarten, first, third- and fifth grades at the school.

About 400 students were screened free of charge by Kay and Jack Fields, Dollie Williamson and Betty Jeppson.

Eye testing machines were furnished by the Lions Club Sight and Hearing Foundation.

"The testing is one way to determine if students need glasses, organizers say. Teachers may request students to be tested if they think a child has a problem."

The Lions Club says it conducts testing at other schools and provides glasses for anyone who can not afford to buy them. Hearing tests may also be done on request.

The club also recycles old glasses. The glasses may be deposited at Fields 66 Service Station at 326 Broadway in Buhl.

For more information about the Lions Club activities, call Jack Fields at 543-5288 or 543-5301.

Kay Fields tests the eyes of Miguel Garza at a recent eye testing sponsored by the Buhl Lions Club at Poppellwell Elementary School.

HOLIDAY CLASSIC

Julia's Danceworks students will dance with the Eugene Ballet in tonight's 7:30 p.m. performance of the "Nutteracker" at the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Auditorium. The students include, from left to right: Ashley Barkas, and Wesley Watton, and back row: Mykal Watton, Keshel Goodwin, Misty Polchick and Amy Walker and Dustie Goodwin.



Photo courtesy of Julia Goodwin.



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TWIN FALLS COMMUNITY

SENIOR CALENDAR



Janelle Phillips, left, and David Wiseman portray aliens who learn about Christmas from Santa in the production of 'Close Encounters of a Christmas Kind,' sponsored by Castleford Elementary School Wednesday.

Christmas 'Close Encounters' hits stage

By Loretta Burkhardt
Times-News correspondent

CASTLEFORD - Santa Claus is in for a big surprise when students at Castleford Elementary School present, "Close Encounters of a Christmas Kind," during a Christmas musical at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the Cothern Memorial Gymnasium.

Under the direction of Carolyn Kohntopp, kindergarten through fifth-grade students will entertain the audience with a medley of songs before almost 30 students take part in Santa's Christmas Eve abduction into alien territory.

In the play choreographed by the students, the concept of kindness is studied by aliens, who void of emotion, and controlled only by science, fail to understand the act of giving. To help

Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center
616 Eastlund Drive
Dinner served from noon to 12:30 p.m.
Suggested donation is \$3 for seniors. The cost is \$4 for non-seniors under 60 and \$2.50 for children under 12.
Tuesday: Baked potato bar.
Wednesday: Sweet and sour chicken with rice, oriental vegetables, Jell-O with fruit, cinnamon roll.
Thursday: Spaghetti, green beans, tossed salad, french bread, fruit with cookie.
Friday: Chicken and noodles, corn, casserole, biscuits, pudding.
Monday: Chicken pot pie, carrots, salad, biscuits, fruit with cookie.
Activities
Library, Pool Room, and Bargain Center with cards, games, color television, puzzles and movies. Open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Tuesday
Blood pressure check 10 a.m. to noon.
Wednesday
Quilting 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Pinocle club.
Board meeting.
Thursday
Pinocle at 1 p.m.
Friday
Blood pressure, 10 a.m. to noon.
Lunch 11:30 a.m.
Quilting.
Prepare candy bags.
Monday
Quilting, 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Thursday: Suggested donations for meals is weekdays \$2.50, Sundays \$3.50, non-seniors \$4.25 and children under 12-years-old \$2.50. Meals can be delivered Monday through Friday. Call 543-4577 for more information. Free bus service to and from meals is available Monday evening, Tuesday noon and Thursday noon and evening. Please call 543-4577 by 10 a.m. to arrange a ride.
Tuesday: Chicken casserole, corn, salad, biscuits, fruit, cake.
Wednesday: Cook's choice.
Thursday: Meat loaf, scalloped potatoes, green beans, pudding, cookies, smorgasbord at \$30 per person.
Friday: Spaghetti, green salad, vegetables, french bread, fruit.
Monday: Hot turkey sandwich, potatoes and gravy smorgasbord at \$30 per person.
Activities
Thrift shop open every day.
Tuesday
Exercises, 7 to 8 a.m.
Board meeting at 3 p.m.
Wednesday
Exercises 7 to 8 a.m., and at 10 a.m.
Thursday
Exercises 7-8 a.m.
\$5 Alive class, 8 a.m. to noon.
Blood pressure at 11:30 a.m.
Birthday meal sign-up.
Bingo 1-3 p.m.
Evening meal, 5:30 p.m.
Cards at 6 p.m.
Friday
Exercises 7-8 a.m., and at 10 a.m.
\$5 Alive class, 8 a.m. to noon.
Saturday
Community breakfast, 8-10 a.m., \$2.50
Sunday
All-you-can-eat buffet at 1 p.m., Christmas dinner and fixings, music by Leonard and Billy Monday.
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Evening meal at 5:30 p.m.
Cards at 6 p.m.

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Tuesday
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Thursday
Exercise at 1 p.m.

Ageless Senior Citizens Inc.
310 Main N., Kimberly
Wednesday: Pizza, tossed salad, Jell-O, brownie, coffee, milk.
Thursday
Friday: Turkey, dressing, potatoes, gravy, peas and carrots, wild rice, cranberry sauce, rolls, cake and ice cream, coffee, milk.
Monday: Eggs, hash browns, biscuits, gravy, orange juice, applesauce, coffee, milk.
Wednesday
Lunch 11:45 a.m.
Larry Jones featuring a showing of the new Video, "Elk Whisperer," with more of Elvis. The elk, after lunch at about 12:45 p.m.
Thursday
Cards, 1 p.m.
Friday
Birthday dinner and Christmas dinner, at noon. K.J. and Friends will entertain.

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Youth are fair winners

TWIN FALLS - Youngsters in 4-H and Future Farmers of America took home ribbons from the Twin Falls County Fair.

The winners are:
FFA Home Showmanship
Julie Davidson, Stephanie Taylor, Blue Ribbon; Senior Division - Hannah Blomberg, Blue Ribbon; Heven Canoy, Blue Ribbon; Dixie Dudley, Blue Ribbon; Kathy Dudley, Blue Ribbon; Krystle Wengreen, Blue Ribbon.
Market Class Steer
Class 2 - Tom Callen, blue ribbon; Jan Davidson, blue ribbon; Kari Eisenhauer, blue ribbon; Cassie Kunkel, blue ribbon; Tarrh Lappin, blue ribbon; Mark Sceman, blue ribbon; Jared Welch, blue ribbon; Michelle Williams, blue ribbon; Cody Murphy, red ribbon.
Class 3 - Alysie Anderson, blue ribbon; Whitney Collins, blue ribbon; Payden Cabeus, blue ribbon; Elaine Gendely, blue ribbon; Chase Lanting, blue ribbon; Libby Loughmiller, blue ribbon; Cody Murphy, blue ribbon; Brodie Parrish, blue ribbon; Jared Williams, blue ribbon.
Class 4 - Jessica Berley, blue ribbon; Brandi Durham, blue ribbon; Payden Cabeus, blue ribbon; Troy McDonald, blue ribbon; Wesley Rodgers, blue ribbon; Krystle Wengreen, blue ribbon; Ashley Williams, blue ribbon; Teasara Willis, blue ribbon; Cassie Kunkel, blue ribbon; Zack Blas, blue ribbon; Skyler Collins, blue ribbon; Tyler Gebler, blue ribbon; Casey Kunkel, blue ribbon; Melinda Ridley, blue ribbon; Tiffany Ridley, blue ribbon; Drew Twenty, blue ribbon; Skyler Collins, red

Filer school holds 'Winter Wonderland' concert

FILER - The Filer Middle School Christmas concert entitled, "Winter Wonderland" will go on stage at 7 p.m. today in the Filer Middle School Auditorium.

The Filer Elementary fifth-grade band, the Filer Middle School sixth, seventh and eighth-grade bands, the FMS Jazz Band, the eighth-grade choir and the combine sixth and seventh-grade choir will perform, says Penni Auyjehede, music director.

Admission is a canned food or boxes item to be donated to the local ministerial association for the food bank.

Filer Music Boosters invite the families of Filer music students to bring a dessert or craft item for a silent auction that will be held that same evening of the concert. All the funds raised are used for music scholarships for the music graduates and summer music camps.

Aufderheide says... the Christmas compact disc, "Magical Holidays," will be available for purchase to support the Filer Middle School music program. The cost is \$12.

La Posada Ministry seeks donations for baskets

TWIN FALLS - La Posada Ministry is seeking donations for Christmas baskets for the needy.

The ministry is in need of clothing for children ages 6 to 14, warm work clothes for men and blankets. Organizers also need donations of furniture, a baby stroller and car seat.

For more information, call La Posada Ministry at 734-8700.

Community Events

Jim McMahon
The symphony band will feature "Greensleeves," and "Great Songs of Christmas." The concert will end with an audience sing-along.
Directors are Kevin Howard, orchestra and Ted Hadley, band. Admission is \$2 for adults and \$1 for students.
For more information, call Ted Hadley, between 9:15-10:15 a.m. at 733-6551; 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 733-4875.

Blue Lakes Blvd. N., in Twin Falls
Members are asked to bring any decor they choose to share and help decorate tables for the soup supper. Participants in the annual all-girl quilt orchestra performance are asked to bring a soup mug and spoon, as an instrument to play.
For more information, call Charlotte Maffin at 543-6169.

County celebrates 40th anniversary Sunday
TWIN FALLS - Gene and Deanna Baxter, of Twin Falls, are holding an open house from 2-4 p.m. Sunday at 145 Larkspur Dr., in Twin Falls, to celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary.
They were married on Dec. 20, 1953, in Twin Falls. Gene Baxter has owned Baxter and Co. for more than 38 years. Deanna Baxter has worked for Twin Falls Bank and Trust, FCA and Baxter and Co.
They have resided in Filer and Twin Falls. The couple has been active in the Builders Association, Sweet Adelines, the Twin Falls Presbyterian Church, 4-H Clubs, and FFA with their daughters.
The event is being hosted by their four daughters, Debbie Besterday and Tamie Keuth, both of Twin Falls, Brenda (Ed) Kimball, of Filer, and Cindy (Kenneth) Spencer, of Kimberly. Friends and relatives are invited to attend.
The Baxters have nine grand-children.

Fellowship seeks donations for children fund
HAILEY - Valley Christian Fellowship, of Hailey, seeks donations to benefit the Bless the Children Fund, an outreach to provide winter outerwear for needy children in the Wood River Valley.
Organisms say 150 children need jackets, boots, hats and

SERVICE NEWS

Mayor graduates from training at Fort Knox, Ky.
Army National Guard Pvt. Ryan G. Meyer, son of Eldon G. and Patricia L. Meyer of Twin Falls, has graduated from Ordnance Unit Training at Fort Knox, Ky., including basic military training and advanced individual training.
Meyer learned to operate, service and maintain armor tracked and wheeled vehicles, load and fire tank weapon systems, perform ammunition handling and supply duties, and assist in target detection and identification, coordinators say.

Elko resident spends holidays in Yokosuka, Japan
Navy Airman Jeffrey R. Pope, son of Kenneth R. and Jennifer G. Pope of Elko, Nev., will spend the holidays forward deployed to Yokosuka, Japan, aboard the aircraft carrier USS Kitty Hawk.

Pope is one of more than 63,000 Sailors, Marines and Coast Guardsmen separated from their families and loved ones this holiday period, the U.S. Navy says.

Pope, a 1997 graduate of Elko County High School, joined the Navy in October 1997.

Twin Falls High School band, orchestra perform

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls High School Band and Orchestra present their 1999 Christmas Concert at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the John W. Roper Auditorium on the Twin Falls High School campus.

The orchestra will perform "Christmas Concerto," by "Sleeping Beauty" and a medley of Christmas songs. The TFHS Jazz Band will make its first appearance of the year under the direction of College of Southern Idaho student director

Desert Sage Quilt Guild holds Christmas party

TWIN FALLS - The Desert Sage Quilt Guild will hold its annual Christmas party at 6:30 p.m. Thursday in the Community Room in the KMWV building on

Twin Falls Cheerleaders pitch in for tree festival

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls High School cheerleaders decorated a tree for the Festival of Trees celebration, using homemade Bruins sports theme ornaments.

The tree was donated by Latham Motors and the cheerleaders got together several times over a two-week period to make the ornaments.

The cheerleaders say they wanted to decorate a tree for the recent Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Foundation Festival of Trees because many of them have extended family members with breast cancer. Proceeds from the festival benefited the Breast Cancer Endowment Fund of Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

The cheerleaders say they spend between 12-15 hours a week on cheerleading duties and cheer at 40-50 games during the school year, organizers say.

The cheerleaders are Kristi Beckley, Kendra Colter, Britney



Above, the Twin Falls cheerleaders make Bruins ornaments for a tree at the recent Festival of Trees. Right, the cheerleaders decorate the tree.

Crandall, Erika Jasser, Ashley Higginson, Dana Jensen, Brandi Leo, Michelle Williams, Jamie Gonzales, Erin Grigg, Noelle Jensen, Alyssa Johnson, Rachelle Mueller, Kay Phillips, Andrea Thueson, and Stacie Wallin. Team mascot is Lindsey Wagner and Jason Lowry and Marcia Jensen are the advisors.

For more information, call Marcia Jensen at 734-7146.

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BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Jerome chamber sets Business After Hours

JEROME - The Jerome Chamber of Commerce today will hold a Business After Hours social event at the Con Paulos automobile dealership at 901 S. Lincoln St. in Jerome.

The 5:30 to 7 p.m. event tonight features hors d'oeuvres, door prizes and tours and is open to chamber members and their friends.

Also this week, the Jerome chamber has set a ribbon-cutting ceremony for C & H Repair at 11 a.m. Thursday at 200 East Ave. F in Jerome.

USOC asks Utah ski area to drop Olympic reference

SALT LAKE CITY - The U.S. Olympic Committee Monday asked Brighton Ski Area to end its tongue-in-cheek advertising campaign, which boasts "Proud host of ZERO Olympic events."

USOC deputy executive director and general counsel Scott Blackman said in a letter to Brighton general manager Randy Doyle the advertisements infringe on USOC's licensing rights to "Olympic marks."

"While the intent of your ad campaign may be humor, it is also very damaging to the hopes of U.S. athletes currently in training for the 2002 Olympic Games and the 2002 Olympic Winter Games," Blackman wrote.

Brighton also promoted its ski school by promising "You don't need an Olympic Committee to get into this school," a jab at the scholarships Salt Lake offered to relatives of IOC members during the bidding for the 2002 Winter Games.

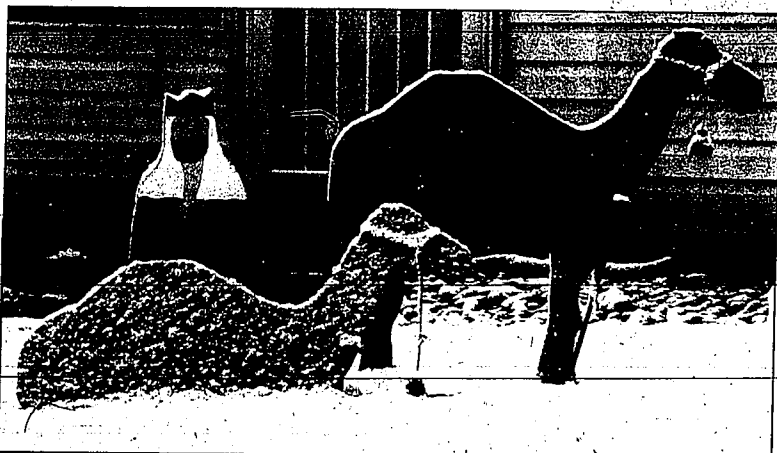
"Blackman said the Congressional charter that established the USOC provided an "exclusive right to control the commercial exploitation of Olympic marks in this country."

"Your current ad campaign dilutes the value of the Olympic mark and impairs our licensing and fundraising efforts, which are critical to our goal of bringing the best American Olympic Team in history to Salt Lake City," Blackman wrote.

Olympic downhill skiing events are scheduled at other Utah resorts like Snowbasin, Park City and Deer Valley.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

Snow lifts shopkeepers' hopes



Local retailers are hoping a blanket of new snow, like the one that covered this Hivivity scene on Hayburn Avenue in Twin Falls on Monday, will boost shoppers' Christmas spirit and translate into strong year-end sales figures.

Falling flakes have a way of triggering buying behavior

By Virginia S. Hutchins
 Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Monday morning's layer of white was a happy development for Twin Falls shopkeepers, and more snow forecast for this week could get folks humming holiday tunes - and in the mood to buy.

"Anytime to get people in the mood for Christmas, that's what we're looking for," said Mike James, manager of the King's store in the Lynwood Shopping Center. The store stocks a lot of seasonal merchandise such as snowsuits, sleds, gloves and snow

shovels, and James has been eager for snow to fall.

Snow before Christmas "sure puts people in the mood, and spending habits go up a little bit," he said.

The morning's shoppers at King's seemed to be looking more for seasonal items than before, he said, but it was too early to predict effect on sales.

Kaleen Goedhart, too, has been hoping for snow.

"It does set the spirit and the mood for everybody. It seems to bring people out for holiday shopping," said Goedhart, a booth owner at The Black Sheep

Gallery on Blue Lakes Boulevard North, taking her turn Monday at running the store.

Black Sheep offers handmade crafts, most popular with Christmas-time shoppers, she said. Earlier in the season, the weather was a conversation topic among her vendor colleagues who wanted snowy cold.

Main Avenue South's St. Vincent de Paul Center thrift store has busied this year but still is anticipating its big winter rush for boots, coats, hats, gloves, used ski boots, skis and the like - a rush which arrives with snow that sticks and stays

around.

"If we get a good six inches of snow, everybody will be in," manager Rick Mesaros said. People procrastinate about those purchases, he added.

So far across the nation, unseasonably warm weather or debt-weary consumers have retailers headed for disappointment, unless Americans pick up their pace of buying. Signs of buying fatigue are likely to show up in today's report of November retail sales, stirring fears that holiday mirth will be in less supply.

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Rising online sales heat up tax debate

States fear they miss out on revenues

The Washington Post

As online shopping explodes in popularity, creating a new retail marketplace with no geographical boundaries, an intense political fight has erupted over whether electronic purchases should be subject to the same sales taxes as goods bought on Main Street or in a shopping mall.

On one side are many state and local government officials, who fear that as more of the nation's economy shifts online they will lose tax revenue need-

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ed for schools, police officers and other basic municipal services. These officials have been joined by bricks-and-mortar merchants who argue that they can't compete if online rivals play by different rules.

"This is about a huge reshaping of the government being driven by the market," said Republican Utah Gov. Michael O. Leavitt, the chairman of the National Governors' Association. "It boils down to a question of whether sales taxes are viable in the 21st century."

Across the table are Republican congressional leaders, anti-tax activists and some business executives who say a lack of hassles over sales tax has

accelerated the growth of e-commerce. Forcing an Internet business in Boston, for example, to compute how much tax to charge a customer in San Diego would be onerous and, they contend, would stifle the \$30 billion Internet retail market and its contribution to the U.S. economic boom.

Depending how the issue is resolved, millions of consumers either could be slapped with new charges when making online purchases or they could continue to enjoy a virtually tax-free way to buy books, cameras, TV sets, furniture and other products available from electronic merchants.

Like so many other aspects of the Internet, the tax debate has mushroomed in recent months from relative obscurity to a front-burner issue in Congress, state capitals and the 2000 presi-

dential race.

"In what is expected to be the most-heated confrontation on this issue to date, the two camps will square off today in San Francisco at a two-day meeting of the Advisory Commission on Electronic Commerce, a 19-member panel created by Congress last year. Republican Virginia Gov. James S. Gilmore III, the group's chairman, will push a proposal to give online commerce a permanent tax exemption.

"E-commerce is a driving force of our economy and we shouldn't saddle it with new taxes," he said.

Leavitt and the governors' association will advance a rival proposal that would arrange for third-party clearinghouses to work with online merchants to compute the appropriate tax and

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TF product is 'magic,' says Chinese newspaper

By Virginia S. Hutchins
 Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - A Chinese press account of a Twin Falls manufacturer's grass-seeding technology reported: "This is just like magic."

One of Shanghai's daily newspapers carried a Nov. 30 article, translated later by an Idaho Department of Commerce staff member - about Hamilton Manufacturing Inc.'s hydroseeding machine and sprayer.

Tamara Hamilton-Harney, the Twin Falls company's chief executive officer, has been courting Shanghai-based construction giant Yongye Group as potential major customer for her plant's insulation and hydroseeding machine, both made from recycled newspaper.

Hamilton-Harney returned recently from her latest trade visit to China, where Yongye Group hosted an introductory demonstration of Hamilton's hydroseeding equipment at a Yongye construction site. Among about a hundred attendees were city officials and local journalists, to see the new import.

The newspaper article published the next day described the process: "Mechanics put much, fertilizer, grass seed and enough water into the big belly tank." After a few minutes of spraying, it said, "the yellow ground immediately wears a green coat."

The article praised the environmental benefit of using a recycled product and said the technology "will save a lot of labor and have cost down compared to traditional way of grass planting."

When Hamilton-Harney arrived for the Shanghai demonstration, she said, she panicked. The weather was snowy and freezing, "absolutely the worst conditions for hydroseeding," and Yongye had invited television and print media and important local decision-makers.

The grass seed dies when it freezes. But this particular seed's life was important to coaxing open a Chinese market for Hamilton products.

"Yongye workers hand-tilled dry dirt into the mud to get the grass beds ready for the demonstration and covered the ground with straw mats to keep it from freezing," Hamilton-Harney said. Now the Shanghai company is documenting daily weather conditions, watching the grass grow and taking pictures of its progress.

Last week, Hamilton-Harney received a note from a Yongye agricultural-division worker, saying: "The grass is growing very well, like a newborn baby with excellent conditions. Yes, definitely we take good care of it."

"I just love their analogies!" Hamilton-Harney said Monday, detailing the latest chapter of her China-trade efforts.

Now if the grass dies, at least Shanghai dignitaries will know

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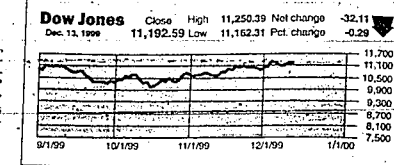
Traditional retailers gain online shoppers

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — What comes next to mind when you think of shopping online? Amazon.com? eToys? It's time to add a few more: Sears, Macy's and other retailers that started in the ancient days when computers were but a gleam in Charles Babbage's eye. But the old is new again. Some of the latest studies of Web use during this holiday shopping season show impressive gains for the Internet sites of traditional retailers.

It's no longer news that cheap computers, shrinking free time and the ease of existing have been driving new users onto the Internet and online shopping. But what's become recently apparent is that all these newbies are changing e-tail patterns. Among Internet users surveyed late last month by Jupiter Communications Inc., 51% felt that recognition and trust are key factors to online "merchant to patronize."

"All this plays well for traditional brands," said Jupiter analyst Ken Cassar. In fact, 46% of the new users Jupiter surveyed said they were more likely to shop at vendors they had bought from in the physical world, compared with 34% of "veteran" e-shoppers. So it was hardly surprising to find traditional merchants moving up in Media Metrix's latest rankings.

Three of the 10 most-visited e-commerce sites during the last week of November and first week of December belonged to brick-and-mortar vendors. And some old-timers scored high in year-over-year traffic increases during the week ended Dec. 5. KBKids.com was the No. 1 gainer, while Sears.com was No. 3 and Walmart.com was No. 4. Yet more evidence of the trend could be seen in the 134%



Nasdaq hits record, but blue-chips fall

NEW YORK (AP) — Stock prices ended mixed Monday as a profit warning from Xerox rattled the market but failed to discourage technology investors, who pulled the Nasdaq composite index further into record high territory. In a fitful session, the Dow Jones industrial average fell 32.41 to close at 11,192.59. Broader stock indicators were mixed. The Standard & Poor's 500 fell 1.82 to 4,143.32, and the Nasdaq composite index rose 37.93 to 3,658.17, its 23rd record close since Oct. 29.

The Nasdaq, dominated by technology stocks, is now up 66.8 percent for 1999. The Dow is up 21.9 percent. The technology stocks continue to pull in money, and they're pulling it away from the rest of the market, said Eugene G. Mintz, financial markets analyst at Brown Brothers Harriman in New York. "There doesn't seem to be any other sector that's grabbing attention."

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simmering decades ago, when mail-order catalogs grew popular. It was a good buy, but not a sale. Few people actually do so, making most out-of-state purchases effectively tax free. Now, states and local governments worry that they could lose as much as \$10 billion a year in tax revenue to online commerce by 2003, according to the governors' association. That's only a

little more than 2 percent of the total tax revenue collected by states, but the group believes it will grow substantially in subsequent years. "This is money that's being used to pay for schools, for parks, for firefighters and police officers," said Howard County, Md., Council Chairman C. Vernon Gray, D, the president of the National Association of Counties.

each of which has a World Wide Web site. Faced with complaining states and fearful businesses, Congress last year decided to punt the thorny tax issue to the advisory panel. When the group first met during the summer, most members indicated that they saw a solution in re-examining the patchwork of state tax rules so that businesses could collect the fees in a less burdensome way. But in recent months, Gilmore and a few other members of the group have pushed for a permanent tax exemption.

"The only justifiable position is to treat every business — online or not — equally," Leavitt said. "We need to create a level playing field."

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fairly volatile following a profit warning from Xerox late Friday. Citing a shortfall in sales for Year 2000 computer contracts, Xerox said it expects fourth-quarter earnings to come in 10 percent below analysts' expectations.

"Electronic commerce has bigger advantages than being tax-free," said advisory commission member John Sigmorum, vice chairman of MCI WorldCom Inc. "You can shop at home at midnight if you want."

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Interest rates rise in Treasury auction

WASHINGTON (AP) - Interest rates on short-term Treasury securities rose in Monday's auction. The Treasury Department sold \$9 billion in three-month bills at a discount rate of 5.210 percent, up from 5.180 percent last week. An additional \$8 billion was sold in six-month bills at a rate of 5.410 percent, up from 5.290 percent last week.

High prices prompt energy firms to find additional oil, gas sources

Booyed by higher prices, energy companies are planning to boost spending next year in their efforts to find oil and gas. On Monday, Phillips Petroleum Co. said it will spend \$1.75 billion for capital projects in 2000, including acquisitions. Excluding acquisitions, Phillips plans to increase capital spending 23 percent for 2000 over its 1999 level.

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little more than 2 percent of the total tax revenue collected by states, but the group believes the figure will grow substantially in subsequent years. "This is money that's being used to pay for schools, for parks, for firehouses and police officers," said Howard County, Md., Council Chairman C. Vernon Gray, D, the president of the National Association of Counties.

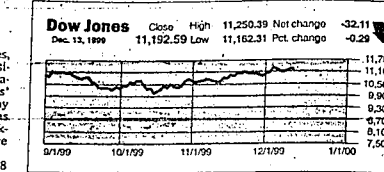
each of which has a World Wide Web site. Faced with complaining states and federal agencies, Congress last year decided to punt the 'phony tax issue to the advisory panel. When the group first met during the summer, most members indicated that they saw a solution in streamlining the patchwork of state tax rules so that businesses could collect the fees in a less burdensome way.

New York Stock Exchange

Table with columns: Name, Div, Last, Chg, %Chg. Lists various stocks like AIG, AIGP, AIGS, etc.

MARKET SUMMARY

Summary table with columns: NYSE, AMEX, NASDAQ. Includes sub-sections for Most Active, Gainers, Losers, and Indices.



Nasdaq hits record, but blue-chips fall

NEW YORK (AP) — Stock prices ended mixed Monday as a profit warning from Xerox rattled the market but fuelled a disconcerting technology investor who pulled the Nasdaq composite index further into record high ground.

fairly volatile following a profit warning from Xerox last Friday. Citing a shortfall in sales due to the 2000 computer concerns, Xerox said it expects fourth-quarter earnings to come in 40 percent below analysts' expectations.

STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST

Table listing local stocks with columns: Name, Div, PE, Last, Chg, %Chg, YTD. Includes companies like Albion, Amco, etc.

HOW TO READ THE MARKET REPORT

How to read the market report. Includes instructions on interpreting columns like Name, Div, PE, Last, Chg, %Chg, YTD.

NASDAQ NATIONAL MARKET

Large table listing NASDAQ national market stocks with columns: Name, Div, Last, Chg, %Chg, YTD.

AMERICAN STOCK EXCHANGE

Table listing American Stock Exchange stocks with columns: Name, Div, Last, Chg, %Chg, YTD.

CLOSING FUTURES

Table with columns for market type (e.g., COMMODITIES, EQUITIES), contract name, and price changes. Includes sections for Wheat, Soybeans, Corn, and various stock indices.

MARKETS

Table showing market activity for various commodities like Wheat, Soybeans, and Corn, including volume and price details.

LIVESTOCK

Table listing livestock prices for categories such as Cattle, Hogs, and Sheep, with prices per hundred pounds.

POCKETLIST

Table providing a list of stock tickers and their corresponding closing prices.

Interest rates rise in Treasury auction

WASHINGTON (AP) - Interest rates on short-term Treasury securities rose in a Treasury auction...

High prices prompt energy firms to find additional oil, gas sources

Knights Rider News Service - Buoyed by higher prices, energy companies are planning to boost spending...

BEANS

Table listing prices for various types of beans, including soybeans and lentils.

GRAINS

Table listing prices for various grains such as wheat, corn, and barley.

CHEESE

Table listing prices for various types of cheese.

POTATOES

Table listing prices for different grades of potatoes.

METALS/CURRENCY

Table listing prices for metals (gold, silver) and various currencies.

China

Continued from C3 - The seed sown on with Hamilton will germinate and grow, she added...

Shopping

Continued from C3 - Many retailers are looking for the sales report to show a gain of 3 percent...

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Table listing stock prices for various companies, including financial and technology firms.

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Table listing performance metrics and prices for various mutual funds.

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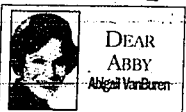
Friend's candor opens bride's eyes wide

DEAR ABBY: I disagree emphatically with your responses to Father Francesco of Newark and to "Worried About My Friend," who was concerned that her friend was entering into a bad marriage and did not want to be in the wedding.

Fifteen years ago last week, I was in that same predicament. Wedding invitations had been sent; the arrangements had been made. Two weeks before the wedding, a friend pulled me aside and told me to think hard about my decision and search my heart to be sure this was right for me. My friend reminded me that I had invited only people I cared about — and who cared about me — to the wedding, and should I realize the wedding would be a mistake, they would support me.

I canceled the wedding. Friends and family who had made non-refundable reservations came anyway and were there to support me on what would have been my wedding day.

The experience made me realize that I lacked the tools to make a good choice for a lifelong mate. I got some help, and have been



DEAR ABBY
Abby Cadabby

When confronted, I had already spent days smiling for the world and nights sobbing alone in a locked bathroom. Thankfully, my sister and father invited me to a pre-wedding lunch and showed me a clipping from your column. The article contained "15 Reasons to Leave Your Lover," signs of an abusive mate. My fiance exhibited 11 of those red flags. Two weeks before my wedding, and with the support of family, friends and your column, I called it off.

Please tell your readers not to underestimate the power of friendship and love. When we fail to speak out against something we know is wrong, we unwittingly condone it.

—HAWKEYE GAL IN S.F.

DEAR HAWKEYE GAL: I know you're right. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: A long time ago, one of my best friends was engaged. Her groom was hanging in the closet when I found out her fiance had been sleeping with someone else. I knew I could lose a very good friend by speaking

up, but I said I couldn't live with myself if I knew nothing. I told her. The wedding was canceled. Her wedding dress was sold and the invitations were thrown in the trash. However, all the bridesmaids were there to support her through her tears, and she later met a wonderful, faithful man to whom she's been married for more than 10 years.

—I'D DO IT AGAIN, CORVALLIS, ORE.

DEAR I'D DO IT AGAIN: You did the right thing. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I'm one of your male readers. A friend of mine once went through with the wedding because the hall had been paid for by his fiancee's father, and "I called it off, he would kill me."

Today he is homeless and his wife is raising three children on her own.

—NELL FROM NEW HAMPSHIRE

DEAR NELL: The lesson may be, "When in doubt, say 'I don't think so' instead of 'I do'."

Birthday kids would make good reporters

DECEMBER 14 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY. You are investigative, charming, at times a bit over-the-top. You would make a marvelous investigative reporter, a psychologist, attorney, Gemini, Virgo, Sagittarius and play fascinating roles in your life could have these letters, initials in names — E, N, W. Throughout this year, you have finished rather than begun projects. In the year 2000, your most memorable month is apt to be July.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You gain enlightenment in a year of your life previously dark. Make inquiries; act in independent manner. Leo, Aquarius persons play outstanding roles.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You'll be accused of ducking embarrassing questions. Key is to face music early, prepare

answers regarding partnership, marriage, Capricorn involved.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Avoid scattering forces — express interest in numerous subjects. Avoid superficiality. Sagittarius invites you to fly away. Think it over, but not seriously.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Get rid of debris that has been piling up. Modernize methods; be willing to tear down in order to rebuild. Taurus, Scorpio persons figure in scenario.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Plenty of excitement, change, travel, variety of sensations. Written material results in financial gain, prestige. Virgo plays sensitive role.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Music is in our life. Stay close to home; give and receive love in connection with family. Marital status is question that looms large. Taurus insists on attention.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You could get too much of a good thing — know when to say enough is enough. Money received from artistic creation. Pisces, Virgo persons express opinions.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Some of your backers demand more responsibility on your part. Relative pays visit — much to your surprise. Future prospects discussed, including money.

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Focus on travel, universal appeal, the foreign representation

of your product. Peer into future — your predictions of late have proven accurate. Libra plays role.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Be especially selfish — emphasize independence, originality, courage of convictions. Leo, Aquarius persons could dominate scenario. New love is on horizon — get ready.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Give time, effort to family members. Spotlight on domestic issues that could include change of residence, marital status. Uphold reputation as person of mystery.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Change of routine necessary; Cycle high; strive for originality. Announce where you will be and then be there. Arrange social affair. Be involved.

HOROSCOPE

Sydney Omar

Jackson once stood for Cosby

Not every celebrity follower knows Samuel L. Jackson was Bill Cosby's stand-in for three years on *The Cosby Show*.

Am asked if a bee has stung, it uses 22 of them.

Q: How do you explain the outlandish claim that the Old West cowboys never had fleas?

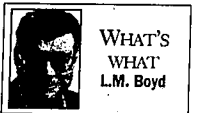
A: They worked with horses. Fleas avoid horses. And anybody who works with horses...

Your bathtub will empty faster, if you're in it.

Q: If you carry rocks in a boat to the middle of a pool, then throw the rocks overboard, does the pool's water level go up or does it go down?

A: Down.

Contrary to widespread belief, it's not friction that heats up the outer skin of that supersoapstone plane, the Concorde — it's the com-



WHAT'S WHAT
L.M. Boyd

pression of the air molecules which it collides. You know how a cylinder in a diesel engine compresses the gases therein? And how that makes them so hot they ignite? It's what happens to forward surfaces of fast fliers. Such as the Concorde, space shuttles and meteorites.

When Napoleon Bonaparte met with Czar Alexander of Russia, one of the things they talked about was how to prevent baldness. Just an ordinary fellow, he.

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SPORTS QUOTE

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Now we can take all these Dallas Cowboys billboards down in Houston. I'm so sick of the Cowboys it makes me want to throw up.

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Houston sports bar owner Mike Bazz, after Houston was awarded an NFL franchise over Los Angeles

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

- Wrestling**
Valley, Aberdeen at Kimberly, Berkeley and Dado
Girls' basketball
Richfield at Bliss
Decko at Gooding
Peach at Kerzhum
Carmel at Casa Caxemy
ISD at Shoshone
Hagerman at Oakley
Wood River at Filiz
Glenn Ferry at Wendell
Buhl at Middleton
Kimberly at Valley
Hansen at Raft River
MVCHS at TPCA
Jackpot at W. Wendover
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Magic Valley Christian at Sto-Ban
Cristoforo at Twin Falls JV
W. Wendover at Jackpot

IN BRIEF

Buhl grad contributes at Linfield College

MCINNIVILLE, Ore. — Linfield College freshman Leah Moore, a 1999 Buhl High School graduate, scored 12 points in a recent loss to Albion College of Idaho.

The 5-6 Moore, who plays point guard, was 3 of 4 from the field and 6 of 8 at the free throw line in the 84-71 defeat.

The 2-3 Wildcats play host to Western Baptist Friday night and Redlands Monday night.

Steelheads play host to San Diego on Wednesday

BOISE — San Diego, which leads the West Coast Hockey League's Southern Division, will visit the Bank of America Centre Wednesday to face the Idaho Steelheads.

Face-off will be at 7 p.m. against San Diego, and tickets are available at the Star or by calling (208) 331-TXKS.

Vinny Castilla headlines nine-player swap

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Third baseman Jeff Cirillo and pitchers Rolando Arrojo and Scott Karlo were traded to Colorado and infielder Juan Vazquez was traded to Tampa Bay on Monday. In what was believed to be baseball's first four-team swap since 1985.

Milwaukee and Oakland also were involved in the nine-player trade, the result of nearly a month of talks.

There almost was another team involved, if it could have gotten another type of player, Rockies general manager Dan O'Dowd said.

The Detroit Tigers were asked Sunday night to take part in the deal, but it became too difficult to put the whole thing together.

Vandals hire ex-lineman as coach

The Associated Press

BOISE — An offensive coordinator for the Colorado Buffaloes has been hired by his alma mater, the University of Idaho, as the school's new coach following the departure to the top job at Nevada, Idaho officials confirmed Monday.

Cable, 35, is offensive coordinator for the Boulder school. He attended the University of Idaho, playing center and guard before graduating in 1986.

"His strengths, obviously are from the offensive side of the



ball, as well as his affinity for college football and the University of Idaho and his role as a leader of young people." Idaho athletic director Mike Bohn said. "I think his style will be very aggressive defensively and offensively wide-open."

A news conference in Moscow is scheduled for 12:45 p.m. today to announce Cable's hiring.

Cable played under coach Dennis Erickson, who later won two national titles at Miami, but

was fired after four disappointing seasons with the Seattle Seahawks.

Cable played one year as a free agent for the Indianapolis Colts. He was a graduate assistant at Idaho, held the same job for San Diego State, was defensive line coach for the University of California at Fullerton, an offensive coach at Nevada-Las Vegas and offensive line coach for five years at the University of California at Berkeley, Bohn said.

Cable was hired in January 1998 by then-Colorado coach, Rick Neuheisel, who has moved to Washington. Idaho has taken

the Huskies next fall.

Cable replaces Torney, 44, who is departing to take the same job for the Wolf Pack. Torney compiled a 33-23 record in five seasons at Idaho.

The Vandals finished 7-4 overall and 4-2 in the Big West Conference this season. They have accepted the offer to play football in the Sun Belt Conference beginning in 2001.

Like Torney, Cable has connections up and down the West Coast that will help attract key players to Moscow, Bohn said.

"I'm very excited for Tom. He's certainly deserving of this oppor-

tunity," Neuheisel said. "He has a great affinity for the University of Idaho, and I think the Vandals are in great hands."

"I think he'll do a great job there; he certainly did here," Colorado head coach Gary Barnett said. "He's going to have a good, energetic young staff, and I think he's ready to take that next step."

"Obviously, being a Vandal runs very deep for him, and that makes this an extra special opportunity and a really good deal for him. Tom is a terrific coach, and I think Idaho is going to be very, very pleased."

Late field goal lifts Jacksonville

The Associated Press

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — After muddling through a rain-soaked and half, the Jacksonville Jaguars suddenly turned explosive Monday night.

The result, a 27-24 victory over the Denver Broncos that kept the Jaguars (12-1) in control of the race for home-field advantage throughout the playoffs.

Mike Hollis made the game-winning 23-yard field goal as time expired.

Fred Taylor, who entered when James Stewart sprained his foot in the third quarter, had runs of 14 and 7 to set up the field goal after Dale Carter was hit with a 25-yard pass-interference penalty in single coverage on Jimmy Smith.



Jacksonville Jaguars Tony Brackens (90) and Renaldo Wynno (97) bring down Denver Broncos running back Derek Loville Monday during the third quarter of their game in Jacksonville, Fla.

Just minutes earlier, Taylor burst through for a 38-yard touchdown run to give the Jaguars a 24-17 lead and the apparent victory.

But Denver (4-9), which had struggled just as mightily as Jacksonville in the driving rain, tied it when Brian Griese hit Byron Chamberlain for a 57-yard touchdown pass against the Jaguars' defense. The tight end caught the ball in front of safety Blain McElwain, then bounced off a Fernando Bryant and rumbled for the tying score.

Before that, the steady rain was the main story.

Jacksonville's first six drives of the second half resulted in three-and-outs, as Brummel had trouble handling the slippery ball.

Denver and Brian Griese had little more luck, producing just a 40-yard field goal by Jason Elam for a 17-17 tie in the third quarter.

From there, the game turned into a defensive struggle, one in which Jacksonville held the field position

Griffey: Reds or nothing

The Associated Press

SEATTLE — Ken Griffey Jr. has told the Seattle Mariners he will now accept a trade only to the Cincinnati Reds, the superstar center fielder's agent says.

The Reds withdrew from trade talks Saturday, well after the Mariners were informed of Griffey's latest decision, agent Brian A. Kohn said.

When Griffey first said he wanted to be traded to a club closer to his home in Orlando, Fla., he gave the Mariners a list of teams he would accept. As a player with at least 10 years in the majors and the last five with the same team, he has veto power over any trade involving himself.

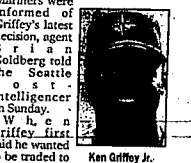
"The main reason [Junior's] list has narrowed really is because the Mariners are pursuing us constantly about teams and situations not on the original list," Kohn said. (Griffey) doesn't like the misleading and the game-playing, so he decided to shut it out himself."

"The last two weeks, the Mariners have known their only option was Cincinnati."

Griffey's father, Ken Griffey Sr., spent most of his major league career with the Reds and is currently their bench coach.

Mariners general manager Pat Gillick has talked with five teams about Griffey since he arrived Friday at the winter baseball meetings in Anaheim, Calif., most recently on Sunday night with the New York Mets, the P-I reported.

Griffey's contract with the Mariners runs through the next season. He has said that if an acceptable trade is not arranged, he will stay with Seattle next summer and then become a free agent.



Ken Griffey Jr.

Kentucky drops from Top 25 basketball poll

The Associated Press

Kentucky, the self-proclaimed "Team of the Century," suddenly finds itself missing from the national polls as the new century approaches.

The Wildcats (4-4) dropped out of the AP college basketball poll Monday for the first time in more than nine years after losing to Maryland 72-66 on Saturday.

Women's poll - D2

night, their fourth loss in five games.

"We just haven't played good enough to be in there," said Kentucky coach Tubby Smith, whose team has lost four of its last five games.

Cincinnati (7-0) retained firm control of the top spot, receiving

62 first-place votes and 1,740 points from the national media panel.

Stanford moved up one place to No. 2 after an overtime win over Georgia Tech in its only game last week. Stanford had eight first-place votes and 1,651 points.

Connecticut, which beat then-No. 2 Arizona in the Great Eight last week, jumped from sixth to

No. 3 and was followed by Arizona, Michigan State, Auburn, North Carolina, Kansas, Florida and Syracuse.

Duke, which has won six straight since opening the season with two losses, moved up three spots to lead the Second Ten and was followed by Ohio State, Tennessee, Oklahoma State, Texas, Maryland, Temple, UCLA, DePaul and Illinois.

No. 1 Florida State lands four players on AP All-America team

The Associated Press

Florida State is No. 1 in All-America football players as well as No. 1 in the nation.

Wide receiver Peter Warrick and kicker Sebastian Janikowski led a foursome of Seminoles selected Monday for The Associated Press All-American team, a squad which also features Heisman Trophy winner Ron Dayne.

Noseguard Corey Simon and offensive guard Jason Whitaker were the other Florida State players chosen, while Penn State had three defensive stars on the team — linebackers Lawrence Arrington and Brandon Short and end Courtney Brown.

Complete results - D3

345.2 yards per game.

Warrick, a Heisman front-runner before his arrest on other charges and two-game suspension, still caught 71 passes for 534 yards and had 12 TDs in nine games. The 6-foot, 190-pound senior also produced 13 TDs passing, rushing and returning punts for the Seminoles (11-0), who play for the national title in the Sugar Bowl on Jan. 4 against Vick's No. 2 Hokies (11-0).

Dayne, who broke Ricky Williams' major college career rushing record, ran for 1,834 yards and 19 touchdowns in leading Wisconsin (9-2) to the Big Ten Conference title and a Rose Bowl matchup against Stanford. Dayne, who has 6,397 career yards, also was the AP College Player of the Year, and won the Maxwell and Doak Walker awards.

The Big Ten was the top conference with seven players on the team, which consisted of 21 seniors and five Juniors. The Atlantic Coast Conference was next with

six players.

Dayne was joined in the backfield by Virginia's Thomas Jones, who ran for 1,798 yards and 16 touchdowns; Warrick's partner at wideout was Stanford's Troy Walters, who caught 74 passes for a Pacific-10 Conference record 1,456 yards and 10 TDs. Walters won the Biletnikoff award as the nation's top receiver.

James Whalen of Kentucky was the tight end after a season of 90 catches, 1,019 yards and 10 TDs. His 90 catches set and NCAA major-league mark for single-season receptions by a tight end.

Arizona's Detinis Northcutt, who led the nation in punt returns and ran the back for TDS, was the all-purpose player. Northcutt caught 88 passes for 1,422 yards and eight TDs, and was second in the nation in all-purpose yards at 187.42 per game.

Janikowski, the Groza award winner as the top kicker, was the nation's third leading scorer, hitting 23 of 30 field goals and all 47 extra-point attempts for 116 points. Also, 57 of his 83 kickoffs went for touchdowns.

AP All-America team					First team
DEFENSE					
D - Mike Strain Nebraska, Sr.	B - Tyrone Carter Minnesota, Sr.	D - Dalton Carle California, Sr.	B - Brian Carter New Mexico, Sr.	Punter - Shane Bieber Texas A&M, Sr.	
LB - LaVar Arrington Penn State, Jr.	LB - Brandon Smith Penn State, Sr.	LB - Mark Smith Kansas State, Sr.	LB - Raynoch Thompson Tennessee, Sr.		
DL - Courtney Brown Penn State, Sr.	DL - Casey Hampton Texas, Jr.	DL - Corey Miller Virginia Tech, Sr.	DL - Corey Simon Florida State, Sr.		
OL - Corey Brown Tennessee, Jr.	OL - Chris McIntosh Wisconsin, Sr.	C - Ben Hamilton Minnesota, Jr.	OL - Chris Barnum Arkansas, Sr.	OL - Jason Whittaker Florida State, Sr.	
WR - Troy Williams Stanford, Sr.	QB - Joe Hamilton Georgia Tech, Sr.	RB - Thomas Jones Virginia, Sr.	RB - Ron Watters Wisconsin, Sr.	WR - Peter Warrick Florida State, Sr.	
All-Purpose - Dennis Northcutt Arizona, Sr.	TE - James Whalen Kentucky, Sr.	Kicker - Sebastian Janikowski Florida State, Sr.			
OFFENSE					

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SPORTS

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Ainge resigns; Skiles takes Suns' helm

PHOENIX — For Danny Ainge, the choice was as simple as it was difficult. Being a father and husband, he decided, was more important than being an NBA coach.

Just six weeks into the season, Ainge abruptly resigned as coach of the Phoenix Suns on Monday because he said he needed to devote more attention to his wife and six children.

"I love coaching, but anybody can coach," Ainge said. "My wife has just one husband and my children have just one father. Some of you may think I'm jumping ship. I don't believe I'm jumping ship. I'm diving overboard to save my family."

His top assistant, Scott Skiles, will replace him. At 35, Skiles is the youngest among current NBA coaches.

The announcement took the entire Suns organization by surprise. Skiles said Ainge told him of his plans on the plane ride home from Dallas, where the Suns lost Saturday night.

"I was shocked to say the least," Skiles said.

Ainge had a 136-90 record in just more than three seasons with the Suns. His current team was 13-7.

"I didn't see it coming," the Sun Tom Gugliotta said. "I knew our playing to our potential on the court was not perfect, but Danny had us working hard. It was a surprise."

ACL injury sidelines Kasay for rest of season

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Carolina Panthers kicker John Kasay, the NFC's leading scorer with 99 points, will probably miss the rest of the season because of a serious knee injury.

Coach George Seifert said Monday that Kasay tore the anterior cruciate ligament in his left knee in Sunday's 33-31 victory over Green Bay. Doctors have yet to make a final decision about scheduling surgery for the left-footed kicker, Seifert said.

"It's a pretty big loss," he said. "We're in the process of trying to get a timetable right now."

Kasay injured himself when he made a tackle while covering a kickoff return late in the game. He was unable to attempt an extra point after the Panthers' winning score, a 5-yard draw by quarterback Steve Berson on the final play of the game.

Vaughn agrees to contract with Devil Rays

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Tropicana Field might be home-run heaven next season.

Hours after trading for Vinny Castilla, the Tampa Bay Devil Rays gave out the biggest contract to any free agent this offseason, agreeing Monday to a \$34 million, four-year deal with Greg Vaughn.

"They want to win. They want to win now. They don't want to wait," Vaughn said. "You couldn't ask for a better situation."

A year after hitting 50 homers for the San Diego Padres, Vaughn hit 45 more for the Cincinnati Reds last season, batting .245 with 118 RBIs.

He tied for third in the NL in home runs and was ninth in RBIs.

Gordon's surgery will put him on sideline

BOSTON — Tom Gordon, the American League's top closer in 1998, apparently has pitched his last game for the Boston Red Sox after undergoing elbow surgery Monday that is expected to sideline him for the 2000 season.

Gordon had a tendon transplanted from his left wrist to replace a ligament in his right elbow in Inglewood, Calif. The usual recovery period is 12 to 16 months, said Red Sox spokesman Kevin Shea.

Gordon, 32, is under contract through the 2000 season, and the Red Sox have the option of extending it after that. But that option must be exercised by Nov. 1, probably two days to tell if Gordon's elbow will allow him to pitch effectively again.

Boston general manager Dan Duquette said it's unlikely that he'll be able to exercise that option. "Shea said it in a telephone interview from baseball's winter meetings in Anaheim, Calif."

Curt Schilling undergoes shoulder surgery

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Philadelphia Phillies ace Curt Schilling had surgery on his right shoulder Monday and is expected to be sidelined until mid-May.

The Phillies, who announced Friday that Schilling had a problem with the capsule in his pitching shoulder, said the arthroscopic surgery in Wilmington, Del., was successful.

"Curt's range of motion is where they wanted it to be post-op. Today was encouraging," Phillies general manager Ed Wade said.

Schilling, 33, missed most of the final two months last season because of shoulder trouble. He was 15-6 with a 3.54 ERA and started for the NL in the All-Star game.

The Phillies traded for San Francisco pitcher Chris Brock on Sunday at the winter meetings to help replace up some of Schilling's innings.

SI touts U.S. women's soccer as year's best

NEW YORK — The U.S. women's soccer team, which captured the World Cup in July in one of the year's biggest sports stories, was honored Monday as Sportsman of the Year by Sports Illustrated.

The only other team cited by the magazine was the 1990 U.S. men's Olympic hockey team.

The United States, with Brandi Chastain making the deciding shot, beat China 5-4 on penalty kicks before a Rose Bowl crowd of 90,000.

"We don't want to be really forceful, but it's about time," forward Tiffany Milbrett said. "We are incredible athletes. We are equals."

The soccer team joins Billie Jean King, Chris Evert, Mary Queen, Mary Lou Retton and Bonnie Blair among the female winners of the award, which has been presented by the magazine each year since 1954. The award is for those who symbolize in character and performance the ideals of sportsmanship.

"We are people who play the sport the best that we can play it," Milbrett said.

Last year's award was shared by Mark McGwire and Sammy Sosa.

IBF president takes break to defend himself

NEWARK, N.J. — IBF president Robert Lee Sr. has taken a leave of absence from the group he founded so he can defend himself against charges he took bribes to rig boxing rankings.

The IBF hopes the move will persuade federal prosecutors to drop attempts to install a court-appointed monitor for one of the sport's major governing bodies.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Joseph Braumreuther, lead prosecutor in the effort to get a monitor, had no comment.

"We'll respond in court," he said.

Lee offered to stay in leave until the charges are resolved. A trial is scheduled for Jan. 11 but will start later in the year.

The 65-year-old Lee noted he has a heart condition and complications from diabetes. He said he could not wage a defense and "continue to give the IBF the time and attention it deserves from its president and commissioner."

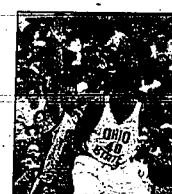
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Buckeyes hold off Coastal Carolina

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Brian Brown scored 15 of his career-high 18 points in the second half as Ohio State held off inside strength to beat Coastal Carolina 83-75 Monday night.

Because of an off shooting night from the perimeter, the Buckeyes continually pounded the ball inside to 6-foot-11 Ken Johnson and 6-7 George Reese forcing Coastal Carolina — whose tallest starter was 6-6 — to foul.

The Buckeyes hit 29-of-37 free throws to the Chanticleers' 9 of 10.



Ohio State's Brian Brown (15) shoots a shot during the game against Coastal Carolina.

No. 6 Auburn 63, Coppin State 35

AUBURN, Ala. — Scott Foltman scored 14 points and Auburn coach Cliff Ellis picked up the 450th Division I win of his career as the sixth-ranked Tigers routed Coppin State.

The 35 points allowed tied Auburn's (8-1) school record, set in 1997 against Tennessee. The Tigers held Coppin State (2-8) to 28 percent shooting and forced 15 turnovers.

No. 4 Arizona 70, Ind.-Purd. Indpls 41

TUCSON, Ariz. — Richard Jefferson had 14 points as the fourth-ranked Wildcats toyed with Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis.

Arizona (8-1) was never tested in winning their second straight after a loss to Connecticut.

Tim Anderson and Jason Gardner had 11 points apiece and Loren Woods scored 10. Anderson and Woods played less than half a game.

Women's No. 3 Louisiana Tech 84, Michigan 64

RUSTON, La. — Catrina

College basketball

Frison and Berry Lemox each scored 18 points as No. 3 Louisiana Tech beat Michigan 84-64 on Monday night.

Tamicha Jackson added 16 points and Brooke Lassiter had 13 for the Lady Techsters (5-1) who have won five in a row and 14 straight at home.

Stacey Thomas led Michigan (7-3) with 20, and Reina Goodwin added 16. The Wolverines committed 29 turnovers.

Frison and Lassiter keyed a 22-4 run midway through the second half as Louisiana Tech rallied from a 50-44 deficit. Frison hit six shots in a row during the run, and Lassiter had five points — including a 3-point-er.

Undeclared Connecticut women remain No. 1 in poll

The Associated Press

Connecticut remained No. 1 for the sixth straight week in The Associated Press women's basketball poll, and Texas joined the Top 25 after its longest stretch as an unranked team.

Connecticut (7-0) beat Seton Hall 88-45 in its only game during the past week and received 41 of 44 first-place votes cast by a media panel.

Tennessee (6-1) remained at No. 2 and the next three teams also stayed the same as last week: Louisiana Tech (5-1), North Carolina State (8-0), and Georgia (11-1).

Connecticut had 1,097 points, Tennessee received 1,050 points and two first-place votes and Louisiana Tech had 1,010 points with one first-place vote.

Texas broke in at No. 25 and Tulane joined the poll for the first time this season at No. 24. Stanford and Virginia Tech dropped out.

Last season was the first time since the AP poll started in November 1976 that Texas was not ranked for at least one week. The Longhorns last appeared in the poll followed by two places to sixth and was followed by Texas Tech, Auburn, Penn State and North Carolina.

Notre Dame, which lost to Purdue before beating Michigan State, fell four places to 11th and Purdue jumped six places to 12th. There it was LSU, Iowa State and Oregon, followed by Rutgers, Arizona, Duke, Illinois and Kansas.

Old Dominion, Mississippi

Murtaugh zone burns Blue Devils

The Times-News Local sports

RICHFIELD — Ashley Ward's 16 points paced the Lady Red Devils to the 38-28 win in A-4, non-conference girls' basketball.

The Lady Tigers stayed closed in the first quarter behind post Michelle Ward, who had nine of her 16 points. But Murtaugh went to a zone in the second quarter, forcing Richfield to shoot from the perimeter. The Lady Tigers shot 22 percent from the field for the game and were outscored 18-4 in the middle two quarters.

Richfield fell to 1-7 overall with the loss and will play Bliss' JV squad today at 4:30 p.m.

Dietrich 55, Minico JV 43

DIETRICH — The Blue Devils cycled their record at 2 Monday night as they defeated Minico's JV squad.

Chris Maughan's stellar defense was the key to the victory. Dietrich coach Shawn Thompson said.

"He had an excellent ball game from a defensive end," Thompson said.

"Maughan stopped one of their best players. He just played excellent defense."

The Blue Devils traveled to Ketchum Tuesday.

Shoshone 76, Ketchum 19

SHOSHONE — Anne Cox, a 5-10 Indian senior dominated the court as Shoshone overpowered the Ketchum team Monday night.

"Our guards did a great job of getting her the ball," Shoshone coach Tim Chapman said.

Cox led all scorers with 29 points. All of Ketchum's 19 points were scored by senior Lindsay Woodcock during Monday night.

Shoshone (8-1 overall, 3-0 conference) travels to Curlew Thursday.

Jackpot boys 64, Gabbs 26

JACKPOT, Nev. — The Jackpots boys' basketball team split a pair of games last week, beating Gabbs on Friday and Virginia City on Saturday.

Against an overmatched Gabbs squad, Juan Gonzalez led the Jaguars with 15 points, while Roy Carrero and Carlos Perez each added 12. Alberto Velasco chipped in eight steals and as many assists.

Wallock noted, "Our season will be full of frustration."

The team plays tonight against West Wendover, and opens the 1999 Jaguar Challenge Thursday against first-round opponent Spring Creek.

Magic Valley Christian at Sho-Ban

Boys' Basketball

Richfield 56, Murtaugh 53

RICHFIELD — Murtaugh battled back from an early deficit, but the Tigers held on despite being outscored in the second half to beat the Red Devils.

"We got out to a 10- or 12-point lead, but they came storming back," Richfield coach Garr Ward said. "They controlled the second-half, but we held on to it."

The Tigers (5-0) travel to Bliss today.

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advantage and both teams seemed happy to wait for the other to make a crucial mistake.

Instead, both teams came up with big plays for the exciting finish.

Jacksonville regained its onetime lead over Indianapolis in the race for home-field advantage through the playoffs. It also increased its lead over Tennessee to two games in the AFC Central.

The loss stripped away the final, miserable chance the Broncos (4-9) had of making the playoffs and assured the two-time Super Bowl champions of their first losing season since 1994.

Minus defensemen, Ottawa still wins

TORONTO (AP)—Radek Bank, Shawn McEachern and Marian Hossa scored to lead the Ottawa Senators...



Boston Bruin Raymond Bourque, left, is checked by Phoenix Coyote Keith Tkachuk during the first period in Boston Monday.

Boston Bruin Raymond Bourque, left, is checked by Phoenix Coyote Keith Tkachuk during the first period in Boston Monday.

Ottawa, which won for only the third time in 12 games, moved within five points of the Northeast Division leading Maple Leafs...

The Senators were without Sam Salo (broken wrist), Jason York (groin strain), Chris Phillips (ankle) and Igor Kravchuk (sprained knee).

Bruins 2, Coyotes 0

BOSTON — Byron Dabo, the NHL shutout leader last season with 10, stopped 32 shots for his first season...

Dabo, who missed nearly a month at the start of this campaign during a "concussion" bout, was back in action...

The Bruins were 0-3 in their last six games, while Phoenix lost just its second away from home in its last six.

NHL

Phoenix dropped its third straight game, the Coyotes' longest losing streak of the season. It was also the first time they have been shut out since April 11 at Anaheim.

Canadians 1, Capitals 0

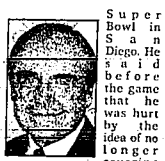
WASHINGTON — Jose Theodore made 19 saves and Martin Rucinsky's second-period goal held up as Montreal defeated Washington.

The Capitals, who have been shut out in two straight games, have been held scoreless for 120 minutes, 15 seconds. Richard Zednik got the last Washington goal when he scored into an empty net in a 4-2 victory over the New York Islanders last week.

Rucinsky scored a power-play goal with 2:55 left in the second period. The Capitals have scored two goals or less in seven of their nine games and generated few threats against the Canadians.

Enberg plans move to CBS

NEW YORK (AP)—Dick Enberg, the longtime NBC broadcaster and one of the signature voices in sports, is set to leave the network at the end of the year and join CBS.



Dick Enberg

An industry source, speaking on condition of anonymity, told The Associated Press on Monday an announcement is expected in January after Enberg's contract expires.

CBS apparently decided to pursue Enberg after choosing not to renew the contract of sportscaster Sean McDonough.

Enberg, winner of 11 Emmy Awards, is expected to work on the NFL at CBS. He might also handle U.S. Open tennis, golf, regular season college basketball and the NCAA tournament.

Enberg did NBC's last NFL telecast at the 1958 Super Bowl.

Super Bowl in San Diego, he became the game that he was hurt by the idea of a longer covering NFL games. Now, with CBS broadcasting AFC games, he most likely will be calling football again.

Enberg joined NBC in 1975, beginning as a play-by-play broadcaster for college basketball. He has covered the last three Summer Olympics at Atlanta, Barcelona and Seoul. As the network's lead NFL announcer, he called eight Super Bowls.

He also has anchored NBC's Wimbledon coverage since 1972 and the French Open since 1983. He has covered golf, football, the NCAA basketball tournament, the Breeders' Cup and world championships in track and field and figure skating.

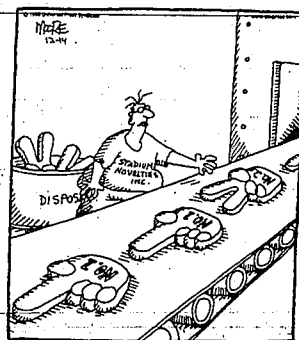
Enberg's most recent Emmy, for play-by-play work, was presented last March. Last summer, he was honored by the Pro Football Hall of Fame with the Pete Rozelle Award for contributions to football on radio and television.

A five-time winner of the American Sportscasters Association award as sports-caster of the year, Enberg began his career in 1965 as play-by-play voice of the Los Angeles Rams football, California Angels baseball and UCLA basketball.

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By Steve Moore



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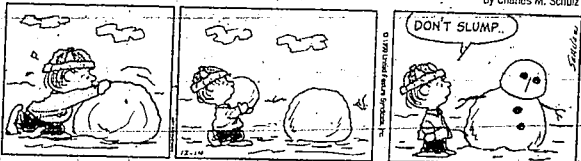
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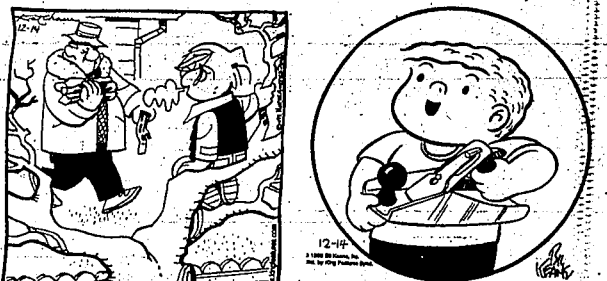


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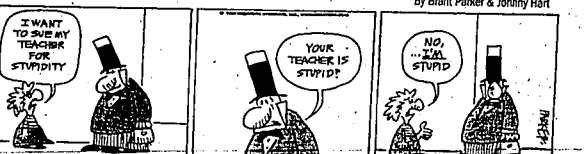
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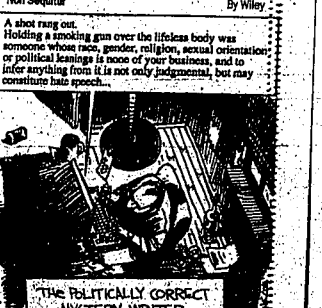
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