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GOOD MORNING

WEATHER

Today: Partly sunny, with west winds 10-15 mph. High, 40. Mostly cloudy with a chance of snow tonight. Low, 29.

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MAGIC VALLEY



A+ teacher: Cassia Regional Technical Education Center teacher Dean Baker has been named December's A+ Teacher.

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Gems: Wood River Middle School students brightened up the hallways with their Sixth Annual Rock and Gem Show.

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SPORTS

Wild one at Mile High: Seattle looked to end a three-game losing streak while Denver played the role of the spoiler in an important AFC West match-up Sunday.

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No. 1 no more? A day after losing to unranked, cross-town basketball rival Xavier, No. 1 Cincinnati wonders why it lost to the Musketeers - again.

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Living with it: Managing pain can be tricky.

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Inner demons: Mental disorders must be brought out of the shadows and treated, a guest editorial says.

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Council may decide on hotel tonight

By John T. Huddy
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The city's lawyers will present an alternative rewrite of the city's canyon rim ordinance at tonight's council meeting.
The alternative ordinance, which would affect a proposed 10-story hotel west of the Perrine

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Quick glance at the Canyon Park hotel and retail project

What's the plan? To build a 178-room hotel complex (10 stories at 100 feet) and a 15,000-square-foot convention center on roughly 3.7 acres west of the Perrine Springs. Another 12 acres to the east of the bridge would be used for a commercial and retail outlet. The remainder of the 44-acre site would be used for trails, a parking lot and landscaping.

Who's backing the plan? Craig Neilson, 42, former Twin Falls resident who lives in Las Vegas. Neilson is president and chief executive officer of Ameristar Casinos, which owns the Cactus Pete and Horseshoe Club casinos in Jackpot, Nev., among other casino holdings.

What is Neilson's request? Neilson requested that the city's Canyon Rim Overlay Zone ordinance be amended to allow, by a special use permit or through the planned unit development process, the construction of buildings with heights greater than 35 feet within the Canyon Rim Overlay Zone within 1,000 feet of state highways serving as primary arteries.

What does the ordinance say? The ordinance bans construction of buildings more than 35 feet tall in the canyon zone, which covers land east and west of Blue Lakes Boulevard North along the canyon rim. Buildings must be at least 200 feet from the canyon rim.

What will the project cost? The proposed hotel complex, including retail

space, could cost more than \$80 million.

The city's planning and zoning commission recommended that the City Council deny Neilson and Co.'s special-use permit request.

What about better? Neilson and Co. hired Fair & Peers to do a traffic study. Fair & Peers recommended that a traffic signal be installed at the Filmore Street and Blue Lakes intersection. Neilson and Co. said it will fund the traffic signal's installation.

What next? The City Council has scheduled a third public hearing at 8 tonight. The council may decide afterward.

ON THE RISE



Twin Falls firefighters like Tony Jardine train at least once a month on the department's 100-foot-tall ladder truck. Fire department officials are confident they could battle a blaze in a 10-story hotel.

City says it can fight fire in big hotel

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TWIN FALLS - The city's fire department has the ability to battle a blaze in a 10-story hotel, a top firefighter says.
"We'd be fine," said Jack Barnes, Twin Falls City Fire Department battalion chief. "Keep in mind, any building that size is pretty well regulated on fire safety devices they have built in."
In addition, the city has a ladder truck reaching more than 100 feet off the ground. The City Council has heard

pros and cons from residents about developer Craig H. Neilson's proposed 10-story hotel and 15,000-square-foot convention center project on the Snake River Canyon rim.
One question raised was whether the fire department could contain a major blaze in a large hotel.
Barnes said modern safety devices, including sprinkler systems and ventilation systems, substantially cut the risk of a large-scale fire.
"With a modern structure like that, the likelihood of it being fully involved would be zero," he said.

According to the city's building code, a building having floor used for "human occupancy located more than 75 feet above the lowest level of fire department vehicle access" has to have an automatic sprinkler system built in.
The building must also have an "emergency voice alarm signaling system" that sounds an alarm and directs people on where to go during a fire.
However, if the safety systems fail and a serious fire erupts, the city's fire department can fight it, Barnes said.

"We have three crews on duty and two others on standby," he said. "That includes a ladder truck with a 102-foot ladder."
The prospective hotel has been estimated at roughly 100 feet.
The techniques and thought process in fighting a fire of that size would be the same as at the hospital," Barnes said.
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Death toll estimates rise to 5,000 after mudslides



Victor Costa of Caracas, Venezuela, watches as rescue workers dig out the bodies of relatives who died during Wednesday's flooding. Venezuela's Foreign Minister Jose Vicente Rangel said the death toll has surpassed 5,000.

The Associated Press

LA GUAIARA, Venezuela - Survivors wandered through streets covered with rocks and mud in search of food and water Sunday as the death toll from massive mudslides and flooding in Venezuela surpassed an estimated 5,000, making it the worst natural disaster to strike the nation this century.
Disaster relief workers scurried across the tarmac with the wounded at Caracas' international airport. Nearby Caribbean beaches devastated by landslides and floods from last week's torrential rains, were turned into cemeteries, and widespread looting broke out across the northern coastline.
Foreign Minister Jose Vicente Rangel told The Associated Press on Sunday the estimated death toll had risen to 5,000. The second most

deadly disaster this century was an earthquake that killed about 300 people in 1967.
With 150,000 homeless and at least 6,000 people reported missing and many of them presumed dead, Rangel said the number of dead was "considerable." When asked if it reached 5,000, he said: "more than 5,000."
The minister said earlier that death toll estimates were based on the large number of people reported missing and the fact that entire towns and coastal regions were flattened by the mudslides.
Some casualty estimates were even higher. The El Universal newspaper, the country's main daily, ran a front-page article on Sunday citing Le Guaira's mayor, Lenin Marciano, as saying he estimated 25,000 dead in the port city.
Early Sunday, Gen. Isaias Baduel,

the head of an elite paratrooper's unit among the rescue effort, said between 500 and 600 bodies had been found in the northern state of Vargas alone.
He said the bodies recovered "allow us to make projections that surpass 1,000 dead" in Vargas, and that the toll was likely much higher.
"It's not clear how many bodies had been recovered overall, but most of the dead remained buried under rubble and mud."
The magnitude of the calamity overwhelmed Venezuela's capacity to respond.
Dozens of nations from around the world rushed aid to the South American nation, including two planes and nine helicopters from the United States, which receives much of its petroleum from Venezuela.

Gore, Bradley, square off

Candidate laughs off challenge to halt commercials

Knight Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON - Vice President Al Gore and former Sen. Bill Bradley picked up where they left off in their New Hampshire meeting less than 48 hours earlier and continued to quarrel in a Sunday morning debate over who would better serve more people.
The televised face-off on NBC's "Meet the Press" also drew some of the most pointed exchanges yet between the two Democratic presidential rivals, particularly when Gore offered to halt all radio and television campaign commercials and meet for twice-weekly debates if Bradley would do the same.



Al Gore

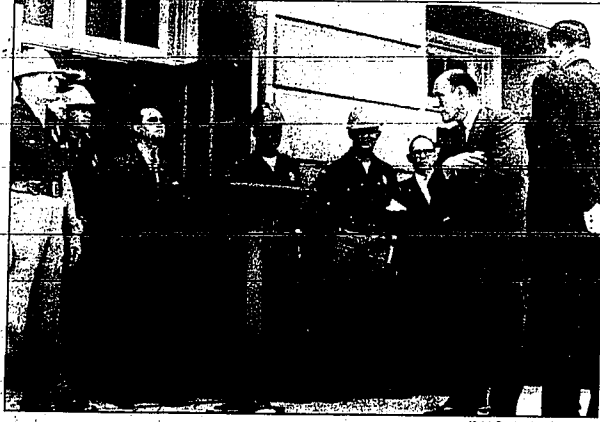


Bill Bradley

"Sounds like you're having trouble raising money," Bradley replied with a smile.
Gore said he wasn't. But Bradley, who has become a greater political threat than the Gore campaign ever envisioned, spurned his entreaties. He dismissed both proposals as "ridiculous" and as political ploys.
"For 10 months that I was running for president, you ignored me," Bradley said. "You pretended I didn't exist. Suddenly I started to do better, and you want to debate every day."
With a heavy dose of sarcasm, he added, "The point is, Al, and I don't know if you get this, a political campaign is not just a performance for people, which is what this is, but it is a dialogue with people."
Undeterred, the vice president extended his hand for a symbolic handshake. "We could have two debates every single week and get rid of all the television and radio commercials," he said. "I'm willing to do it right now if you'll shake on it."

But that's not all, Bradley replied. "Al, that's good, I like that hand, but the answer is no. Why should I agree now? I'm not someone who's interested in tactics. Al, it's nothing but a ploy."
It was the third time the two Democratic contenders have met in debate, and each time, the level of tension has increased. They poked at each other's proposals. Friday night when they met in Nashua and created a few tense moments. But under Sunday's far more raucous questions just Bradley, Gore and moderator Tim Russert - the exchanges were fast-paced and testier.

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The inmates were in federal custody Sunday while details for their return were being worked out. It was unclear if the

Bahamian would be going to Cuba.

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The Cubans were being held indefinitely in a state of legal limbo. Before the surrender, the U.S. government wouldn't release them because it considers them subject to deportation and the Cuban government would not take them back.

There also was no word on the agreement from Cuba. Government offices in Havana were closed Sunday and calls to the office of Foreign Ministry spokesman Alejandro Gonzalez rang unanswered.

Earlier Sunday, the warden said he wasn't seriously hurt during the ordeal but never doubted his captors' threats of violence.

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The uprising began Monday when the inmates armed themselves with homemade knives and took the warden and three guards hostage while being escorted to an exercise area. One guard was released after about six hours. A second was released Thursday night.

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Report: Front seats can be deadly to kids

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Children riding in the back seat of a car risk severe injury and death from front seats that may snap backward in rear-end collisions, the Los Angeles Times reported Sunday.

The danger is documented in government files, industry crash tests and lawsuits, but federal authorities have not alerted consumers about the potential hazard, the newspaper said.

According to the Times, most vehicles

driven in the United States are designed with front seats that may be too weak to support the weight of adults in rear-end crashes. Auto safety tests have discovered that seat backs have snapped when a car was rear-ended by a vehicle traveling at just 16 mph.

Car manufacturers have known of the danger for three decades, but have not reached a decision on what to do, the report said. American car companies

have been sued hundreds of times by families of victims who were killed or injured in accidents involving collapsing seat backs.

Major U.S. and foreign car companies that the newspaper contacted maintained the safety of their seats.

The death of a 7-week-old infant was reported to the government in 1990 and at least six children have died since in accidents involving collapsing seats, the newspaper found.

Statistics show that 82 children in back seats died in rear-end crashes during 1997, and approximately 30,000 were injured.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration conceded last December that its 32-year-old requirement for seat strength, called Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard 207, is not adequate to prevent seat back collapse.

Indicted scientist to sue FBI

WASHINGTON (AP) - Hoping to turn the tables on his accusers, former Los Alamos laboratory scientist Wu Lee has decided to sue the FBI, Justice Department and Energy Department alleging they violated his privacy and wrongly portrayed him as a Chinese spy.

Lee, who was indicted Dec. 10 on charges he improperly removed nuclear secrets from Los Alamos, plans to file the lawsuit Monday in U.S. District Court in

Washington, according to people familiar with Lee's plans.

The suit will allege the three agencies violated the Privacy Act by making unauthorized disclosures of private information about Lee, much of which was false or unsubstantiated. The suit will suggest the motive for the leaks was to deflect attention away from poor security at U.S. nuclear weapons labs, the sources said.

The indictment eventually brought against Lee accused him of downloading a

wide array of nuclear secrets from Los Alamos computers and illegally removing them from the lab of computer tapes but it offered no evidence that Lee gave the information to a foreign government.

Brian Sun, a California attorney representing Lee, his wife Sylvia and their two adult children, declined to discuss the lawsuit but said Sunday his clients tried months ago to get the federal agencies to stop news media leaks.

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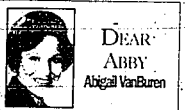
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DEAR ABBY
Abigail VanBuren

DEAR VOLUNTEER: Your letter is an important one. I'm often asked to recommend worthy causes to which people can donate time or money. I can think of no more meaningful way to fill one's extra time than by literally saving the lives of others. It takes some time and training to become a hotline volunteer; however, the emotional payoff is beyond description.

-A VOLUNTEER IN SAN FRANCISCO

you how to stop elderly relatives from sending useless gifts without hurting their feelings.

I would suggest that the reader tell them how much a record of their own history and personal recollections would mean to younger members of the family. These stories could be written or taped, but should always be identified as to who the person is and all the proper dates. They could also be recorded in installments and given on various gift-giving occasions. Many families would deeply appreciate such gifts. Historical societies could no doubt help the elderly with suggestions, if needed.

My mother was born in the late 1800s to pioneer parents. I am grateful that she allowed me to tape her recollections of her parents as well as her own experi-

ences. Many children and other relatives would appreciate similar gifts.

-HARRIET FROM TAMPA

DEAR HARRIET: That's a terrific suggestion. A collection of written recollections would make a unique bound volume after a few years - and the collection of tapes becomes a one-of-a-kind library or oral history.

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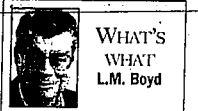
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Saturday's Puzzle Solver

Kim sounds like nothing more than the nickname for Kimberly, however spelled, but in fact, Kim comes from the Old English for "ruler."

Fossil teeth of human beings suggest to scholars that people started out as vegetarians. But made a change, mothered by necessity no doubt. Today's vegetarians cite fossil teeth as proof of what nature intended.

Q. Where's the biggest swamp?
A. Brazil. The Grand Pantanal in Mato Grosso State. More than half the size of Minnesota, that one.

Any liquor that didn't make the frontier Indians sick was too weak, they thought. Or so reports one historian. That's why they didn't



WHAT'S WHAT
L.M. Boyd

complain when traders put soap in their brew to give it a bigger head. Slick is what they expected.

In Africa, the Mandingo name for medicine man is "mamy dyaambo." It worked its way into the American language as "mumbo jumbo."

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ijiana do. Not only is compacted marijuana easier to load and easier to hide, but it sinks more quickly, if tossed overboard.

Q. Says here Egypt's pyramids are three miles south of where they were built. Who moved them? And how?

A. Landmass movement. It's continual. Nothing on earth is where it was when the pyramids were built.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Financial activities could directly concern you - be sure you have all of the facts prior to investing.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Cycle continues to be favorable. You will have more responsibility; success is on - you will be up to it. Cancer, Capricorn persons will play meaningful roles.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Look beyond the immediate - a long-range view is necessary. Reports received apt to be superficial; dig deep for the veridical. Aries, Libra persons in picture.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Start fresh; toss aside preconceived notions. Imprint style; do not follow others. Stand tall and alone if necessary.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You will be tempted by many offers - choose the best. Insist on quality. Marital status figures prominently. Cancer native says, "I know what is best for you!"

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Popularity on the rise - what you predicted in recent past comes true. More people pay attention to you, especially serious investigators. Sagittarian plays role.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Separate false-wheat from the real those who stand by you no matter what. Check details; insist on getting promises in writing. Scorpio plays controversial role.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Association with Libra individual proves constructive. Be ready for change; travel; variety of experiences. Get ideas on paper and legally protected.

SAGITTARIAN (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Emphasis on what happens at home. Be mature enough to make

HOROSCOPE Sydney Omarr

intelligent concessions. You will have proof that you are loved. Gemini plays quibbling role.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Wait for the best - circumstances will turn in your favor. See people in relationships in realistic light. If offer seems too good to be true, it probably is.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You'll be asked to undertake obligations not really your own. Say, "Thanks for the compliment, but no thanks."

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OTHER VIEWS

Society must resolve to treat the mentally ill

From the Chicago Tribune
It's a serious health problem that afflicts more Americans than all forms of cancer or all infectious and parasitic diseases. Costs more, too, if one were to total up all the days of disability, lost productivity and absence from work. At home, this affliction's impact on family life is well nigh incalculable.

So says the surgeon general of the United States about mental disorders, which in one form or another afflict more than one in five Americans.

But despite their pervasiveness, and despite the substantial progress medical science has made in diagnosis and treatment, more than half of those afflicted with serious, abnormal mental conditions do not seek help. This may seem ironic in an age when millions vent their most intimate problems to Oprah and Sally on TV. The more common reality, however, is that mental illness makes many of its victims either ashamed, confused or scared. The subject also seems to make private insurance plans both skeptical and penurious.

Fortunately, the new report does not suggest - as so many politicians have - that the latter problem can be cured overnight with a federal mandate that all health insurance cover mental illness to the same extent as physical illness. Insurance should, it's true. But with the

number of uninsured approaching 44 million, yet another costly mandate would only make matters worse.

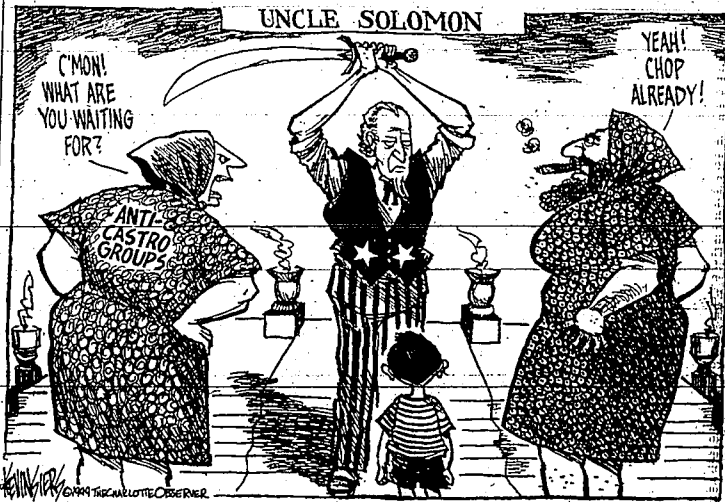
What Surgeon General David Satcher does do, by pulling together and interpreting the best available data, is make a compelling case why mental disorders ought to be brought out of the shadows and treated like any other debilitating health problem. Indeed, the report attacks the very notion, dating back to 17th Century philosopher Rene Descartes, that mind

and body are separate entities. Recent science tells us, for instance, that many mental disorders are caused by neural misfirings and/or chemical imbalances that can be controlled with drugs and other therapies.

Dr. Satcher calls for "social resolve ... to educate ourselves and others about mental health and mental illness, and thus to confront the attitudes, fear and misunderstanding that remain as barriers before us." Everyone should take heed, though Satcher might wish to send autographed copies to corporate benefits managers. Too many seem more worried about the so-called Woody Allen Syndrome (over-valuation of psychiatric services) than about what should be their main concern: healthy and productive workers.

Appraised of the true cost of untreated mental disorders, they surely would join the push for health insurance parity.

Mental disorders ought to be brought out of the shadows and treated like any other debilitating health problem.



Why keep plutonium over Idaho's aquifer?

The nuclear scientists, like George Freund, are desperate to continue using Idaho for their nuclear experiments, plutonium incineration, and dumping ground. Freund's letter to The Times-News on Wednesday was his second attack on me.

Representing Coalition 21, Freund had claimed plutonium does not cause cancer (Nov. 13, Times-News). After I checked his National Toxicology Program's website reference, I quoted their main doctor refuting Freund's ludicrous claim. I asked Freund to apologize and correct his lie. George does not like to admit he was lying, so he attacked again.

At least the Coalition 21 website he cites this time does not directly lie about plutonium not causing cancer. They do try to give the impression that everything nuclear is safe. They even claim to have an anonymous letter from an Idahoan with thyroid cancer who does not blame the bomb-testing debris that was aimed at Idaho. The website claims you can even contact this anonymous "logical" cancer survivor by writing to Coalition 21. I imagine that's much the same way your kids can write to Santa by giving the letter to you for delivery.

Their website even has an icon you



READER COMMENT
Peter Rickards

can click to see their attack on me from the last election. The author claims I refuse to share my documents with any scientist's Gez, another lie from the biggest supporters of our present politicians. I have had an open challenge to debate their scientists anytime, anywhere, since 1988! That was the year these same scientists claimed "nobody had any proof of even a potential health threat from the ENR/EJL." I went to their meeting in Idaho Falls and pointed out their speakers never talked about the buried, leaking plutonium. They told me I had to leave or they would call the police. That's why I issued my open challenge to debate, which was reported in the media. Now, they still claim I refuse to share my documents. I have mailed out countless copies to people who have asked, including the Department of Energy, at every hearing. We have now gone full circle but

remain in the same mess. Instead of claiming there is nothing to clean up, they are pretending to "get the waste out" while opening new plutonium dumps over the aquifer.

We just had the December meeting of our citizen advisory panel for the Centers for Disease Control. We had a presentation from the state oversteer's Kathleen Trever. I asked her why the state was cooperating with the opening of a new 54-acre plutonium-particle dump over the aquifer. With a straight face, she said it was "to protect the aquifer."

I have mentioned before it would be a nice gift for the creator if we would ban the reburial of plutonium over the water supply be blessed us with. Trever said, "We can't ban the reburial of plutonium because that would make it illegal for people to dig in their garden." This is our nuclear watching dog what? Kemphorne and Coalition 21 ask.

While the past 12 years have been like the Mad Hatter's tea party, I remain hopeful for the new millennium. Freedom ain't free, but is anybody ready for a thousand years of peace? I hope our water supply is ready. My best wishes to you all.

Dr. Peter Rickards is a long-time nuclear waste activist who lives in Twin Falls.

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Mining will be part of Idaho's future

Dennis E. Wheeler

As we end one millennium and begin another, reflecting on our past guides us toward our future. An important part of Idaho's past is its hardrock mining tradition. The image of a pioneer miner is on the Idaho state flag, and we refer to ourselves as the Gem State. Mining has shaped Idaho's heritage and has been a major economic contributor to the state.

In the new millennium, responsible mining will continue to be a meaningful part of Idaho's economy and heritage, and Idaho's silver will continue to contribute toward new technologies for the world.

Silver is fundamental and essential to the world's needs in photography, applications, computers, medicines, clean water bacteria and many other products. It is estimated that the world uses a minimum of 800 million ounces of silver annually, and new uses for silver are continually being developed.

North Idaho's Silver Valley is known as the greatest silver-producing district in the world. The men and women in this valley, many of whom are third generation Idahoans, produce silver. From there, ore that yields silver to the miners that extract the metal, the product produced

Idaho reflections
This is another in a series of essays by authors reflecting on the state's past and their hopes for the future. Today's writer, Dennis E. Wheeler, is chairman, president and chief executive officer of Coeur d'Alene Mines Corp.

is 100 percent Idaho, and it is used by the world.

In the new millennium, Idaho's silver will remain a factor in North Idaho's economy, and responsible mining methods will continue to protect Idaho's high quality of life. During the last 15 years, mining has improved its mineral extraction techniques and has developed new environmental technologies. In the future, the mining industry will find new technologies that will continue expanding material and land management methods and land restoration techniques. Currently, there is a movement to minimize economically feasible mining in the United States. Hardrock mining is a major link to Idaho's historic economy and heritage. It needs to be retained and nurtured if we want to keep Idaho Idaho throughout the next millennium.

LETTER

Lot Idaho hunters draw first

To Idaho Fish and Game commissioners. I have lived in Idaho for my 53 years, and have applied for a moose permit off and on during my hunting years without success. I have heard through the grapevine that you are going to let people who have previously harvested a moose put in again after 10 years. It also really upsets me, after receiving my "North American Hunter" magazine, North American Hunter magazine, issued November 1999, to see an article about out-of-state hunters possibly being able to draw for moose. This is just another way of raising money and selling our Idaho hunters who have never been able

to draw down the tub. As far as for the 10-year re-entry, they are still enough hunters in Idaho that haven't drawn for moose, therefore, re-entry after 10 years should not be allowed. This is just another example that money seems to be the driving force for changes with disregard for Idaho hunters and our game herds.

I only hope that more Idaho hunters will start to speak against these changes and that you, the Idaho Fish and Game commissioners, will listen to the hunters of Idaho.

TERRY PRESCOTT
Kimberly

Twin Falls loses another giant

Twin Falls has lost another memorable person with the recent death of Dick Baun. I doubt there are many students who attended Twin Falls High School in the past two decades who have not been impacted in some way by his influence in their life, along with their parents.

I have seen young people quake with fear as they were invited to enter the inner sanctum of the office of Mr. Baun. They would leave realizing that if they had been honest and truthful with him, he would always bend over backward for them.

Many people will probably smile if they recall ever trying to pull the wool over the eyes of the big man. He would peer at you over his glasses, then suddenly yank them off, then onto his desk and rear up as you until it rattled the walls. Little did you know that he was really a marshmallow on the inside and he seemed to know what you were going to do before they knew it themselves. I am sure that everyone who knew him has a favorite story or memory.

As one of his secretaries, I must say that there was no one more wonderful to work with as I am sure that many school district employees will attest. You knew exactly where you stood with Dick. He was always behind you and would always support you no matter what. He was honest to a fault, loved all

LETTERS

Add your voice to history

What's your prediction for the next century?

What's your hope for the new millennium?

What's your resolution for Idaho's future?

We're preparing our 2000 Keepsake Edition for Jan. 1, 2000, and we'd like to include messages from readers. So we're inviting you to write in with your forecast, your aspirations or your New Year's resolution. Here are the rules:

- Because of the large number of contributions we expect, please limit your message to 100 words.
- Please include your name, address and telephone number (for verification purposes).
- Contributions must be received by 5 p.m. Monday, Dec. 27.
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them come up with a workable solution. I hope that looking back, many of you can say that it was Mr. Baun's influence in your life that made an impact on your citizenship.

He will be missed, but I am sure that he is happy in the "big casino" in the sky.

JANET MINK
Twin Falls

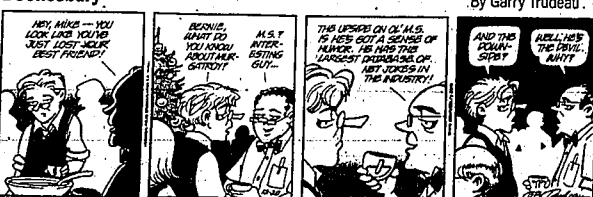
Science need not replace faith

In response to Wes Hooley's Dec. 8 submission:

I do not understand why Wes and so many other religious people are so threatened by the theory of evolution. Many people of faith are finding a happy medium between their faith and science and realizing that, with a little research and understanding (and a little tolerance), science is not attacking their beliefs but simply putting creation in a scientific context - (i.e., God made science, maybe God had to explain creation in terms that people in that time could understand, given they had no knowledge of scientific principles).

I do not believe that a person has to give up their faith to embrace science. Our world will never be either strictly religious or evolution based. I have faith that the people of this planet will find a place to meet in the middle.
VONIA JACKSON
Buhl

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Mallard Fillmore



By Bruce Tinsley

LETTERS

Get a grip on grade inflation

I am concerned about public education, grade-inflation, ACT scores and home school.

I am drawing on personal experience, having sent five children through the public school system, and years of working with teachers at the office. It won't sound like it, but let me say that I am in full support of public schools. And no, I am not singling out our local schools, as there may be a nationwide trend.

Our initial questionnaire at the office includes year of school and place of school. In the past 10 years, there has been an increase in the number of families listing home school for their children. My main concern is that, in most cases, these are the kind of students that you would like to see in the public schools. They would fall in the category of good citizens and good influence. Meaning, the public schools could be adversely affected by this exodus. I believed this shift to home school was for safety or moral concerns. But, in at least one case, a family I know has removed a child from one of the junior high schools for an alarming reason. This child was getting high grades (mostly A's) but could not read well. I was impressed that it put this family in a lot of trouble to set up their home school system. I don't think they wanted to do it.

In our family, we will graduate our last senior from Twin Falls High School this year. We have maintained good grades from top to bottom. Trouble is, the last half of the family has had more trouble with ACT scores than the first half. It could be just personality differences between our children. There is a "knack" to making these tests. The trouble is our children's "smart" friends are also making the ACT test. Statistics indicate that our local school system does OK when compared to average ACT scores from Idaho and the nation.

I think there will be a continuing shift to home schools. This shift will harm the public school system. I think that the local schools better get a grip on grade inflation. This inflation has set up a false sense of security. I predict that the Twin Falls School District will show a drop in ACT scores against its own 10-year average.

Once again, I hope I am wrong.
DANIEL E. HAYMORE
Twin Falls

Great subverts Christmas

It's here again, that favorite of all seasons, Christmas. And it's being rung in with deafening cries of "Pokémon." The true reason for Christmas is pushed aside in the rush to acquire the perfect gift for the kids. You know, the one to impress their friends and, most importantly, to shut them up for a day. The celebration of the greatest gift mankind has ever received - the birth of Christ - is secondary to greed.

What's really aggravating is that even when Christ's birth is spoken of by national figures, they misrepresent it to fit their agendas. An example is the attacks by Hillary Clinton and Al Sharpton on New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani's homeless policy. Hillary said, "At this time of year, we celebrate the birth of a homeless child," and Al said, "Giuliani would have arrested Mary and Joseph for being an unmarried, homeless couple." Well, since Joseph was a carpenter, they had a home, and only suffered poor lodgings on a trip to pay oppressive taxes; they were in no way homeless. Hillary and Sharpton have perverted the story of Christ's birth, making it secondary to their social-political agendas and need to be on camera.

Speaking of perversions, the worst is seen in the Christmas catalog from a major high-end store. Unlike others, its glossy product shots are accompanied by photos of nude models. Formerly catering to presidents and kings, this store admittedly now targets college youth. The birth of God on Earth is secondary to their need to mix selling with immorality.

Things like this used to anger me, but realizing these people, though vocal, are in the minority, I now pray and pray for them. What I will feel this Christmas is peaceful gratitude for the birth of my Lord and Savior, joy as I sing his praises in the choir at my church's Christmas Eve services and happiness in my heart knowing my children have gladly given so much of their own to other children through other churches and the Shriners. Most importantly I'll feel the hope of God's promise given through Christ's birth. So, despite that vocal minority, we'll have a very merry Christmas.
WILLIAM LOCKER
Filer

Evolution explains changes

In his vindicating article of the Science Exting Standards (Dec. 8), Wes Hooley refers to evolution as "a gradual evolving from nothing."

In the broadest sense, evolution explains that what we see today is different from what existed in the past. Galaxies, stars, the solar system and earth have changed through time. Life on earth has also changed.


Biological evolution concerns changes in living things during the history of life on earth. It explains that living things share common ancestors. Over time, biological processes such as natural selection give rise to new species. Darwin called this "descent with modification."

Mr. Hooley is very critical of the fossil record, saying, "If evolution were true, there would be innumerable examples" and "challenges anyone to state one fact about it." Fossil record evidence has grown dramatically since Darwin's time. Today, many gaps in the paleontological record have been filled. Hundreds of thousands of fossil organisms, found in well-dated rock sequences, represent successions of forms through time and manifest many evolutionary transitions. These are "facts" would be glad to supply him with a partial listing of transitional fossils.

Mr. Hooley quotes Stephen Gould as saying, "It has long been a trade secret in paleontology that transitional forms do not exist." Could he be cited before by creationists as saying that transitional sequences don't exist. Here's what he has had to say in response: "Since we propose punctuated equilibria to explain trends, it is infuriating to be

quoted again and again by creationists - whether through design or stupidity, I do not know - as admitting that the fossil record includes no transitional forms. Transitional forms are generally lacking at the species level, but they are abundant between larger groups." Elsewhere Gould correctly states that "paleontologists have discovered several superb examples of intermediary forms and sequences, more than enough to convince any fair-minded skeptic."

Mr. Hooley might wish to balance his study of the subject by reading something other than creationist literature - might I suggest Futuyma's fine book, "Evolutionary Biology."
J.R. STANDER
Twin Falls



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Polls show shift in Russian politics

Centrist groups make big gains

MOSCOW (AP) — Centrist parties made major gains Sunday in parliamentary elections in an apparent breakthrough, according to an exit poll, that could change the face of Russian politics and boost hopes for economic reform.

The election for the State Duma, the lower chamber of parliament, also appeared to be a major step forward for Prime Minister Vladimir Putin's hopes of succeeding President Boris Yeltsin. A pro-Putin party soared in the election, benefiting from his handling of the war in Chechnya and his promise to give the country strong leadership and restore national pride.

The results suggested that Russians were willing to continue



Russian President Boris Yeltsin poses after casting his ballot at a polling station in Moscow Sunday, with some type of democratic and market reforms, even though the

economy is in shambles! That would be a surprise since many Russians see market reforms as a failure that have made their lives worse since the Soviet collapse.

"For the first time in 10 years the Duma will not be controlled by the Communists. This victory is hard to overestimate," said former premier Sergei Kiriyenko, leader of the Union of Right Forces, one of the four centrist groups.

The Communists appeared likely to remain the largest party in the new Duma with 28 percent of the vote, but four centrist parties looked set to take 54 percent of the vote, according to an exit poll for the NTV television network. The actual distribution of seats could be different because half are decided on party lists and half on constituency races.

The nationwide poll conducted in 115 precincts showed the newly formed Unity Party, which is allied with Putin and the Kremlin, in second place with 24

percent of the vote. If confirmed, the three-month-old party's performance would be an astonishing feat.

Like many voters, retired economist Lydia Alekseyeva said she backed Unity because she believes it would revive the economy and ensure stability.

"These are healthy young people, who always strive for victory," she said of the party after casting her vote.

With 5 percent of the vote counted, Unity edged ahead with 30 percent of the vote, with the Communists trailing with 25 percent, election officials said.

Where Putin, a former KGB officer, has been the strongest public advocate for a merciless offensive against Chechen militants, Unity leader Sergei Shoigu, who heads the Emergency Situations Ministry, has been credited with helping handle the humanitarian crisis unleashed by the war.

Romania, others have reason for Y2K concern

BUCHAREST, Romania (AP) — The official line in much of eastern Europe goes like this: Computers aren't used as much as in the highly automated West, so the Y2K problem is less of a concern.

True, many computers in former East bloc nations are outdated, increasing the chances that they are buggy. And much government record-keeping is still manual, like Romania's Social Security records.

"I am not worried; things are under control," says Iuliu Bara, the Romanian government's Y2K coordinator.

But older computer systems that are most vulnerable to the millennium bug do exist, and often they control sectors like energy — which in Romania has the greatest potential for failure.

Y2K analysts and Western governments are worried about the power grids of Romania and other eastern European nations from the Baltic states to the Balkans. Because the region's power grids are interconnected, failures in one country could trigger a temporary collapse of a neighbor's network.

Aging Soviet-era nuclear power plants provide much energy to these countries. And while experts are reasonably certain Y2K-triggered failures at such plants would not lead to meltdowns or radiation releases, there is concern about widespread blackouts.

Adding to the uncertainty is Russia. Many of these countries get the bulk of their oil and gas from that vast eastern neighbor, whose ability to deliver fuel is in

question because of poor Y2K readiness.

Many Romanians are anxious. "What might happen is so terrible that not even during the World War II did Romania experience such a thing," offers 72-year-old retiree Elena Ionoiu, who lives alone in a 10th-floor apartment.

If power fails, Ionoiu's elevator wouldn't work and the electric pumps that lift water to her apartment would halt.

Officially, Romania's national electricity company Conel says it held readiness tests, but company sources who spoke on condition of anonymity told The Associated Press no such tests have occurred.

In many former Soviet nations, old government secretaries handle data. With less transparency on Y2K readiness, critics are hoping for the best is often the rule of the day.

"We don't actually know the extent of the possible damage anything can happen from nothing to a major disaster," said Dan Georgescu, an information technology official at Bucharest's water company.

Russia shells militants on edge of Grozny

GROZNY, Russia — Russian artillery guns unleashed salvo after salvo on the besieged Chechen capital Sunday, targeting the edge of the city where well-entrenched rebels have fended off repeated attacks by government troops.

The relentless artillery fire came a day after intensive bombing raids on Saturday, when Russian jets and helicopter gunships flew 60 sorties, striking rebel positions around Grozny and in the southern mountains. However, the Russian air force was mostly idle on Sunday, with only occasional reconnaissance planes buzzing high above the city.

Despite the bombardment, Grozny's Mayor Lecha Dudayev and Russian Air Marshal Vladimir Rusanov, the leader of the neighboring republic of Ingushetia, organized a successful effort Saturday to evacuate 89 elderly patients from a senior citizens home in Grozny.

Russian authorities met the group of elderly Chechens on the outskirts of Grozny and took them to a hospital in Ingushetia.

"Unfortunately, 12 old people recently died (at the Chechen home) of hunger and cold," the Russian Emergency Situations Minister Sergei Shoigu said Sunday, according to the ITAR-Tass news agency.

An estimated 8,000 to 35,000 civilians remain in Grozny, Shoigu said.



Russian soldiers atop armored personnel carriers head from a military base toward Chechnya in a convoy near Steptsovskaia Sunday. Russian artillery guns targeted the edge of the city Sunday, where well-entrenched rebels have fended off repeated attacks by government troops.

who equipped 007 with the latest spy tool — from toxic fountains pens to deadly umbrellas — in 17 Bond films dating back to "From Russia with Love" up to the recent "The World Is Not Enough."

Weather stalls spill cleanup amid discussion of blame

BREST, France — Special oil slick-cleaning boats continued to wait out bad weather Sunday amid a growing debate over who is to blame for a spill that sent thick oil from an aging Maltese tanker flowing into the Atlantic.

The 2½-year-old "Erika," which split in half in rough seas last Sunday, spilled about 3 million gallons of oil. An estimated 4.3 million gallons more is sitting in the holds of the vessel, which has sunk.

The slick, broken up into numerous small sections, was 40 miles off France's Ile de You and slowly moving southward, the French Authority said. High seas and strong winds prevented specially equipped vessels from Germany, Belgium and elsewhere from cleaning up the slick Sunday.

Compiled from wire reports

World in brief

President Jiang Zemin extended "our cordial greetings and good wishes to the Macau compatriots who are returning to the embrace of the motherland."

Portugal has long been finished as a world power and now plays a minor role even within Europe, but Jiang made it clear an ascendant China is not through regaining old territory.

Israeli police arrest suspect in Toronto beating death

JERUSALEM — Israeli police on Sunday arrested a teen-ager wanted by Toronto police for his alleged role in the beating death of another teen-ager, the Justice Ministry said.

Toronto police said they will travel to Israel as soon as an extradition order is issued by Canadian authorities for Daniel

Weiz, a 19-year-old Israeli army soldier.

If Weiz is extradited, he would be the first to be charged under an amendment to extradition law prompted by the case of a Maryland teen-ager who fled here after being charged with murder. The case strained Israel-U.S. ties.

Actor known for role as Q in Bond films dies in wreck

FIRLE, England — Desmond Llewelyn, who starred as the eccentric scientist Q in a string of James Bond films, was killed in a head-on car crash Sunday, police said. He was 85.

The collision, which happened near the town of Firle in East Sussex, came as Llewelyn was returning alone from a book signing. The three occupants of the second car were believed to be in stable condition.

The actor was best-known for his role of Q the gadget expert

Sri Lankan president calls on minority to fight terrorism

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka — Speaking from her hospital bed, President Chandrika Kumararunga appealed to Sri Lanka's minority Tamils on Sunday to join her in fighting terrorism, just hours after surgeons operated on her right eye to remove shrapnel from a suicide bombing attack.

Mrs. Kumararunga was wounded in the explosion Saturday night at her final campaign rally before Tuesday's presidential election. Twenty-two people were killed, and 11 others died in another suicide bombing at an opposition party gathering nine miles away, police said. A total of 137 people were injured.

While no one claimed responsibility for the bombings, police believe they were carried out by the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam, who have been fighting for an independent state in the northeastern part of the island for 16 years.

Portugal returns Macau to China, ending colonial era

MACAU — Jubilant Chinese lighted fireworks and parted in the streets as Portugal handed the tiny gambling enclave back to China at midnight Sunday, bringing Western colonialism in Asia to a close.

Many Portuguese were weeping early Monday as Chinese

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Section B

AROUND THE VALLEY

TF schools start their vacation on Thursday

TWIN FALLS - Students in Twin Falls public schools will begin Christmas vacation the day before Christmas Eve.

Full day of school is scheduled Wednesday, and the break begins Thursday. Classes will resume Jan. 3.

Ketchum City Council to discuss Broadway Bridge

KETCHUM - The City Council will meet at 6 p.m. today at City Hall.

Among the items on its agenda is what to do with the Broadway Bridge. The U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Highway Administration has suspended \$517,000 for Ketchum's Streetcar project because the city failed to close the bridge to traffic to make repairs at the FHA's recommendations. The meeting is open to the public.

County commissioners to hold public hearing today

HAILEY - The Blaine County Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing at 1:30 p.m. today on a proposal to turn 177 acres south of Bellevue into 18 five-acre lots. The proposed Southern Star Acres Subdivision was recommended for approval, with conditions, at a Sept. 23 meeting.

The meeting will be held at the courthouse at 206 First Ave. S. The meeting is open to the public.

Animals will benefit from gingerbread house raffle

KETCHUM - Can't afford the mortgage on a new home? Try putting your money on one of Big Wood Bread's holiday homes.

The Ketchum bakery is raffling three gingerbread houses to raise money for the animal shelter during the holiday season. The houses feature typical gingerbread homes, furniture and other pieces replete with reindeer and grizzly bears.

Raffle tickets are \$1 and are available at the bakery's location on Northwood Way and Leadville Avenue where the houses are on view. The drawing will be held on Christmas Eve.

Presbyterians to present 'The Promise' this week

KETCHUM - "The Promise," an annual holiday concert presented by the Presbyterian Church of the Big Wood, will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday through Dec. 22.

The free concert at the church on Warm Springs Road features a 55-voice choir and children's Christmas choir performing Christmas cantatas called "The Promise" by contemporary composers such as Michael W. Smith and Amy Grant. Footlight Dance Theater will perform prerecorded numbers in costume.

The tradition was started 14 years ago when music director Eddy Parsons directed "A Christmas Cantata" called "The Promise" that her friend Dan Burgess had written. The presentation proved so popular that the church did it again the next year, Parsons said.

"Since, the church has kept the title 'The Promise,' adding different numbers each year.

City council to discuss parking for courthouse

BURLEY - The Burley City Council will meet 5:30 p.m. today rather than its usually scheduled time, in city council chambers at City Hall.

Blaine County Commissioner Paul Christensen will meet with the council to address vacating 15th Street to provide more parking for the courthouse.

The city will also discuss ordinances regarding fireworks and firearms and the city's participation in "Project Share," which allows residents to make donations of their electronic items to families who can't afford heating.

The council will also review the price at which the city will accept gasoline bids for the city and bids on the boat dock.

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By Barb Nelwert
Times-News correspondent

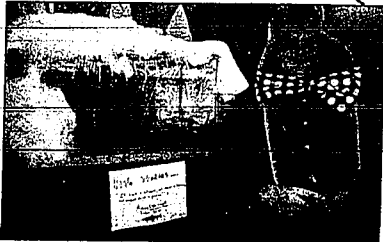
HAILEY - Before school opened its doors this fall, most of the eighth graders at Wood River Middle School had never heard of olivine, schist, hematite, travertine or gneiss.

Today, they are among the students' favorite rocks and minerals.

"I never really liked rocks until this. Now it's made me more interested," said eighth-grader Jessica Kessler.

Kessler was one of 220 students who prepared a wide variety of displays for the rocks and minerals they had collected over the past three months. On Wednesday, their displays were exhibited in the WRMS hallways for the student body, parents and visitors to view.

Many students said displaying their projects was half the fun. "Collecting was fun, but I liked the research more. I enjoyed doing it if it were sedimentary, metamorphic, igneous, or if they were minerals," said Josh Pejisa, who



Eighth-grader Josh Pejisa dressed as a fisherman to display his rock collection at the Sixth Annual Rock and Gem Show at Wood River Middle School.

dressed up in fishing attire - complete with fishing pole and a story about the one that got away - to sit alongside the water-filled aquarium that displayed his rock collection.

The Sixth Annual WRMS Rock and Mineral Show was the culmination of the study of earth

science with teachers Stephen Poklemba and Valerie Thor. Not only did Poklemba and Thor try to teach students the structure of the earth, mining, and the rocks and minerals the earth holds, but they threw in a good dose of creativity at the same time.

"I'm a firm believer of producing work, not just doing work on paper," Poklemba said. "There's where the learning is."

The hands-on method of teaching earth science and the creativity encouraged by the students' display of their collections created an excitement that would be lacking from pure book learning, he said.

To achieve their goals, students took several field trips to the Yankee Fork of the Salmon River and Camas Creek to pan for gold and search out interesting rocks. Additional rocks were added to their collections from personal searches in the Wood River Valley and wherever the children traveled, be it across the state or to other states and countries, Thor said.

Some students collected and identified more than 50 different varieties. And they presented their collections with thoughtful creativity and sometimes humor. In fact, creativity was an integral part of the project. One class period was devoted to brainstorming dis-

play ideas and thinking of other ways to show their collections.

Two students even incorporated technology into the creative mainstream by producing a video of their collection, and another student used a digital camera to record her collection.

Over the six years the rock and mineral show has been presented at WRMS, each new crop of students has tried to outdo displays of previous years.

This year's rock displays included football and baseball fields, hockey courts, rock gardens, moon orbiters, cutting arenas, meteor showers, rock in roll venues, ski mountains, Christmas trees and even a banana tree.

"It really teaches them more than earth science - it teaches them about life, about how to prepare a project, how to compare, all different forms of abstract learning," Poklemba said.

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Man preps pupils for electronic age

By Jennifer Sandmann,
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Since his 1973 interview in a Burley cornfield, electronics instructor Dean Baker has programmed many students for the electronics field.

Baker left industry for the classroom with a resume that included technical

work at NASA's Apollo project. He remembers driving into the country to interview with former Burley High School Principal Tom Gruwell, who had been inquiring about his cornfield. They sat on a ditch bank and tossed dirt clods while discussing how to start an electronics course at a rural high school.

The Cassia County School District wanted to strengthen its vocational programs and electronics was a fast-growing field, Baker said.

Baker, selected by the Times-News as December's "A" Teacher, for years has built what until recently was Idaho's only state-certified secondary electronics program. The two-year course for upperclassmen was named the state's outstanding technical program for 1999.

"The nice thing is that he is coming to the end of his career and he is really on the rise," said Director of the new Cassia Regional Technical Center that since last year has been home to the electronics program.

"At 63, he is near the end of his career, he will leave behind a program that allows students to earn college credit, involves industry in directing its path, accepts students from other



Above, Cassia Regional Technical Center electronics instructor Dean Baker in Burley guides high school junior Martin Castro, 16, through a computer simulation. Fellow student David Miranda, 17, left, maneuvers through another exercise.

schools, and incorporates the latest technology.

"We're not teaching Model A technology to Cadillac mechanics. We're using a lot of state-of-the-art equipment," Baker said. Electronics technology at Burley High School for years has modeled the type of program other Magic Valley school districts want to develop. A group of business and school districts called the Advanced Regional Technical Education Coalition, of which Cassia County School District is not a member, see involving industry in development

of their programs as key to their success.

Between three and five industry representatives help Baker keep his program up-to-date. It's based on curriculum designed by a committee that included Baker and industry representatives from the Pacific Northwest.

The program received a boost this year when the J.A. & Kathryn Albertson Foundation awarded the Cassia Regional Technical Center with a \$1.8 million grant. Baker attributes the grant, along with administra-

tive, School Board and community support, to the electronics program's success.

"It's an awesome class. We get a lot of hands-on training," senior Keith Perley said.

Perley complimented his teacher on treating his students as adults, expecting a lot and trusting them as well.

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Telecommunications firms strengthen M-C offerings

By Lorraine Cresson
Times-News writer

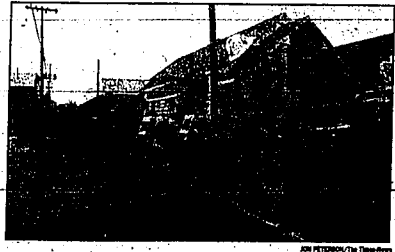
BURLEY - Project Mutual Telephone Co. is in the middle of a big push to get fiber-optic cable installed throughout Burley.

The company began offering telephone and cable services in Heyburn in 1997, expanded to North Burley shortly after, and now is working in Burley's downtown core.

When the company completes its \$6 million project in Burley in about 18 months, the entire city will be blanketed with PMT's telephone, cable and Internet service, said Charlie Cresson, PMT general manager.

In Burley the telephone company already provides in-street long distance, business communication systems and Internet access. Cable is its newest venture.

"The company is in the process of digging lots of holes and trenches, Cresson said. The construction going on in downtown may be an inconvenience but will give telephone, Internet and



Project Mutual Telephone Co.'s \$6 million cable-and-phone project moves ahead as Jason Drake operates the jackhammer and Alar Medina runs the concrete saw. The company is expanding throughout the entire city of Burley.

cable customers a lot more to choose from in the future.

Customers will be able to choose between AT&T Cable Services and PMT for cable and between U S West and PMT for telephone service, he said.

Customers will be able to choose among many channel packages with the cable options available from PMT and those AT&T offers.

Telephone services include all the typical ones along with

enhanced calling features, Cresson said.

"Burley is one of the few towns this small with choices," Cresson said.

All the cable, telephone and Internet services available give customers a wide range of technology, Cresson said.

"We have all the neat features that are available in big cities," Cresson said.

Those features include basic television with traditional broadcast networks, ESPN, sports and other basic channels, he said. Enhanced packages are also available.

"There are all sorts of interesting channels," he said. With the pay-per-view system, a customer can see a movie on demand by using the remote control.

The company offers 130 channels through its digital cable system, but the next upgrade will allow AT&T to add even more channels, Shelley said.

Microwave technology enables AT&T to offer local channels with improved picture quality, she said.

PMT opened an office in Burley last spring while AT&T has increased its Mini-Cassia presence by hiring a local general manager and adding more customer-service staff, Shelley said.

The new fiber optics system also will give AT&T the capacity to offer high-speed Internet service. People will be able to connect to the Internet through cable instead of phone lines, AT&T's Vince Thompson said.

"We are happy to take the competition head-on," Shelley said. "We feel real pleased with our success in Burley."

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TWIN FALLS - Recent activity in 5th District court in Twin Falls County included:

Misdemeanor sentencing

Twin Falls County
Day 1, Oct. 16, 490 Clover Lane, Jerome, possession of controlled substance; pleaded guilty; \$63.50 court costs, 30 days jail time, suspended; 10 months' probation; Magistrate Judge Melvin Edwards.

Alan B. Fife, Jr., 19, 644 Oak St., Twin Falls, on battery upon certain persons; pleaded guilty; \$63.50 court costs, 90 days jail time, suspended; Magistrate Judge Charles Brumback.

Jeffrey Scott Fairchild, 41, 19998 S. Highway 20, Buhl, driving without license; pleaded guilty; \$78.50 court costs, 90 days jail time, suspended; Magistrate Judge Charles Brumback.

Timmy Roger Harner, 22, 400 Eighth Ave., Buhl, count of prohibited substance; pleaded guilty; \$63.50 court costs, 30 days jail time, suspended; 10 months' probation; Magistrate Judge Melvin Edwards.

Terry William Wilson, 25, 431 Third Ave., Twin Falls, driving without license; pleaded guilty; \$78.50 court costs, 30 days jail time, suspended; 10 months' probation; Magistrate Judge Melvin Edwards.

John Henry Hernandez, 22, 317 13th Ave. N., Buhl, driving without license; pleaded guilty; \$500 fine, 57.50 court costs, 180 days jail time, with 170 suspended; 180 days' probation; Magistrate Judge Charles Brumback.

Felony sentencing

City of Twin Falls
Twin Falls, possession of controlled substance; pleaded guilty; \$17.50 court costs, \$100 defender fee, five years' probation, suspended; three years' supervised probation; Magistrate Judge Melvin Edwards.

Juvenile sentencing

Matthew Chamberlain, 13, 228 Monroeville, Twin Falls, petty theft; pleaded guilty; 90 days' probation, 20 hours' community service, shall submit to search and seizure on suspicion of any substance on probation; shall not possess or use drug, alcohol or any other intoxicating substance; Magistrate Judge Thomas Berken.

Juvenile appearances

Kasey Tate, 15, 1206 Wendell St., Twin Falls, count of controlled substance, count of 2, incriminated; pleaded guilty, released to parent in lieu of detention under emergency supervision; Magistrate Judge Thomas Berken.

Paul

Freda Ann Craythorn, 53-year-old Jerome resident, died Thursday, December 16, 1999, at the University of Utah Hospital in Salt Lake City, Utah.

She was born May 3, 1946, in Watipon, North Dakota, the daughter of Fred and Anna Laura DeBosch Westrom. She moved with her family to Burley, where she graduated from Burley High School. She had attended ISU in Pocatello for one year. Freda married David S. Craythorn in October 8, 1965, in Burley. He preceded her in death on January 10, 1998. She worked hard most of her life to bring the simple joys of life to her family. She loved dancing, fast cars, loud music, having a good time, country life, and most of all her children and grandchildren.

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Melvin Edwards, 34, 158 W. 50 S., Rupert, petty theft; pleaded guilty; amended to willful concealment; pleaded guilty; \$50 court costs, 30 days jail time, with costs suspended; Magistrate Judge Melvin Edwards.

Charles B. Allen, 39, 2853 Coronado Ave., Twin Falls, resisting or obstructing a law enforcement officer; pleaded guilty; \$63.50 court costs, 30 days jail time, suspended; 10 months' probation; Magistrate Judge Charles Brumback.

Travis Ann Hill, 53, 734 Bolton, No. 2, Twin Falls, domestic battery; amended to battery; pleaded guilty; \$63.50 court costs, 30 days jail time, suspended; six months' probation; Magistrate Judge Melvin Edwards.

Sandy Lee Reynolds, 37, 354 Third Ave. N., Twin Falls, driving without license; pleaded guilty; \$63.50 court costs, 30 days jail time, suspended; 10 months' probation; Magistrate Judge Melvin Edwards.

Charles John Jackson, 23, Pleasant Road No. 6, Twin Falls, driving without license; amended to willful concealment; pleaded guilty; \$220 fine, 78.50 court costs, 90 days jail time, suspended; 10 months' probation; Magistrate Judge Melvin Edwards.

Beth A. Gidney, 35, 881 Fourth Ave. W., Twin Falls, on proof of due license or transportation; pleaded guilty; \$75 fine, \$63.50 court costs, 90 days jail time, suspended; 10 months' probation; Magistrate Judge Melvin Edwards.

Robert Jeffrey Hanchey, 22, 863 Sage Mesa Court, Twin Falls, disturbing the peace; pleaded guilty; \$63.50 court costs, 30 days jail time, suspended; 10 months' probation; Magistrate Judge Melvin Edwards.

John Henry Hernandez, 22, 317 13th Ave. N., Buhl, driving without license; pleaded guilty; \$500 fine, 57.50 court costs, 180 days jail time, with 170 suspended; 180 days' probation; Magistrate Judge Charles Brumback.

Felony sentencing

Martin Eugene Scott, 34, 828 Main Ave. N., Twin Falls, possession of controlled substance; pleaded guilty; \$17.50 court costs, \$100 defender fee, five years' probation, suspended; three years' supervised probation; Magistrate Judge Melvin Edwards.

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Benjamin Ray, 17, 322 Blue Lakes Blvd., Twin Falls, petty theft; pleaded guilty; public defender appointed; in custody of juvenile detention center.

Edna Estep, 15, 910 Miller Ave., Burley, petty theft; public defender appointed; in custody of juvenile detention center; released to parent in lieu of detention under strict house arrest.

Child support cases

State of Idaho, Child Support Services vs. Curtis Allen Kelly; Seeking \$784 prior period delinquent support; amended to 64 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; \$330 attorney's fees and costs.

State of Idaho, Child Support Services vs. Robert Joe Brown; Seeking \$230 monthly support; \$330 attorney's fees and costs.

State of Idaho, Child Support Services vs. Anne R. Martin; Seeking \$142 monthly support; \$330 attorney's fees and costs.

Divorces

Debra Smith vs. Jack Smith, Greg L. Williams vs. Billie Jo Williams, Lorrin A. Richardson vs. Tod Richardson, Jay Andrew Roach vs. Julie Ann Roach, Terri Packman vs. Aaron Charles Hagan.

Misdemeanor dismissals

Brenda Jenkins, 47, 724 14th Ave. N., Twin Falls, petty theft; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Michael Redman.

Tracy Lane Sprymer, 28, 2913 E. 3600 N., No. 10, Twin Falls, domestic battery; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Charles Brumback.

Thomas Glendon Condon, 55, 1196 Juniper St., No. Twin Falls, violation of protection order; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Michael Redman.

Kevin Ray Adams, 35, 589 Jackson St., Twin Falls, petty theft; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Michael Redman.

Jayce Lopez Saldivar, 39, 1621 Hebrun Ave. E., Twin Falls, resisting or obstructing a law enforcement officer; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Michael Redman.

Sylvia M. Curtis, 24, 54 Clinton Lane, Twin Falls, domestic battery; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Michael Redman.

Richard Paul Duven, 55, 210 Sidney, Twin Falls, battery; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Michael Redman.

Twin Falls County

Jason B. Frame, 49, P.O. Box 612, Hagerman, battery; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Michael Redman.

Max Lee (Jaylynn) Twiss and Michael David Twiss both of Paul, and James L. (JoJo) Twiss of Paul, 14 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren. In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents; a daughter, Anna Isaman; a brother, Henry Craythorn; in-law, Jerry-Paul Twiss; and a great-grandson, Lanco Knopp.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, December 22, 1999, at the Payne Memorial Chapel, 221 West Main Street in Burley, with Pastor Duane Steol officiating. Burial will be in the Paul Cemetery. Friends may call at the Payne Mortuary on Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and one hour prior to the funeral on Wednesday. The family suggests that those who desire memorial contributions in memory of Faye to the Paul United Methodist Church.

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Blaine County commissioners, 8:45 a.m., courthouse.

Today

Blaine County commissioners, 8:45 a.m., courthouse. Bliss School Board, 7:30 p.m., school library.

Jerome County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse. Ketchum City Council, 6 p.m., City Hall.

Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse. Buhl School Board, 7 p.m., Buhl School, 7 p.m.

Tuesday

CSI Booster Club luncheon, noon to 1 p.m., Taylor 277. Melanie's TaVaCi School of Performing Arts children's concert, 7 to 8:30 p.m., Fine Arts Auditorium.

Wednesday

GLAB - gays, lesbians and bisexuals, 4 to 6 p.m., Taylor 258. "Reggie Revere, Miracle In The Jungle," 6 p.m., Herret Center.

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Castleton School Board, 7 p.m., school library.

Today

Hagerman City Council, 7:30 p.m., City Hall. Halley Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., Halley Town Center.

Jerome City Council, 7 p.m., City Council chambers, 100 E. Ave. A. Jerome School Board, 7 p.m., telecommunications room.

Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse. Buhl School Board, 7 p.m., Buhl School, 7 p.m.

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Board, 7 p.m., school district office in Rupert.

Today

Halley Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., Halley Town Center. Jackpot Advisory Board, 6 p.m., Jackpot Fire Station training room.

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Finance department releases Y2K checklist

BOISE (AP) - The Department of Finance has released a Y2K Financial Checklist to help consumers with questions or concerns about the year 2000 and their money.

The department has offered a number of suggestions, even though it says banks, credit unions and other financial institutions maintain

Y2K compliance

Y2K compliance. Gavin Gee, Director of the Finance Department, said consumers' financial transactions, particularly those for December 1999 and statements received in the first few months of next year.

The department said people need to check transaction receipts and save them to compare with financial records. Also, unused checks featuring "19" printed on them will be honored after 1999, so consumers do not need to throw them away.

Get noted, too, that insured deposits will not be affected by Y2K and the safest place to keep money is in an insured financial institution.

DEATH NOTICES

Ruth Garrard BURLLEY - Ruth Garrard, 76, of Burley, died Sunday, Dec. 19, 1999. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Payne Mortuary in Burley.

Nellie Whiting BURLLEY - Nellie Whiting, 83, of Burley, died Sunday, Dec. 19, 1999, at the Cassia Regional Medical Center in Burley. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Payne Mortuary in Burley.

SERVICES

Friends may call from 1 to 7 p.m. today at the chapel. Lorraine Jones Garringer, of Oakley, service at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Oakley LDS Stake Center.

Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the Payne Mortuary in Burley from 10 to 10:45 a.m. before the funeral on Tuesday at the church.

Gene L. Morrison, of King Hill, memorial service at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Glenns Ferry LDS Church (Summers Funeral Homes, McMurtrey Chapel).

Roger Wilson Freeman, of Twin Falls, service at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl.

Pauline Bartlett, of Jerome, service at 2 p.m. today at Lighthouse Assembly of God Church in Jerome (Love-Robertson Funeral Chapel).

Robert R. Ross, of Perris, Calif., and family of Buhl, memorial service at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the Mission Baptist Church in Perris, Calif.

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OBITUARIES

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JEROME

Amy Shipoy of Rupert, a son, Scott Craythorn of Rupert, and four grandchildren, Whitney Jordan Radloska and Christy Ann. In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents; a daughter, Christina Kay Craythorn.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, December 22, 1999, at the First Presbyterian Church, 2100 Burton Ave. in Burley, with Chuck Meyer officiating. Burial will be in the Pleasant View Cemetery in Burley. Friends may call at the Hansen Mortuary in Burley Chapel, 321 East Main, from 8:00 until 8:00 the evening of Wednesday, December 21, 1999, and one hour prior to the services at the church on Wednesday.

PAUL

Survivors include two daughters, Heidi Craythorn of Jerome and

Saturday, Dec. 18, 1999, at Alterra Wywood in Twin Falls. She was born Aug. 11, 1916, in Paul, the daughter of Henry H. and Anna Winkler Hackman. She attended school in Paul, where she enjoyed playing golf and badminton, participating in operettas and music, until her graduation from Paul High School. Faye married Roy Twiss on May 31, 1937, in Rupert. He preceded her in death on Oct. 6, 1988. Faye and Roy made their home in Paul, where they lived side by side for many years. Faye was a member of the Paul United Methodist Church and was a 50-year member of the Order of the Eastern Star and the Paul Grange.

Survivors include three sons, Max Lee (Jaylynn) Twiss and Michael David Twiss both of Paul, and James L. (JoJo) Twiss of Paul; a daughter, Donna Marie (Dennis) Hunter of Logan, Utah; a son, Freda Ann Craythorn of Paul; 14 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren. In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents; a daughter, Anna Isaman; a brother, Henry Craythorn; in-law, Jerry-Paul Twiss; and a great-grandson, Lanco Knopp.

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Doctors' wives practice 'heeling' art

By Dixi Dutton
Times-News correspondent

BURLEY — Some Mini-Cassia physicians' wives are on a mission. They don't want to see any Mini-Cassia children go without shoes.

"I have been concerned about children and wanted to find a good way to help them," said Linda Petersen, spokeswoman for Quarters for Shoes for Children. "We also wanted a non-intrusive way to allow people to donate to a good cause."

Petersen said Quarters for Shoes for Children is a good way for people to participate regardless of who they are or how much money they have to donate.

"We want people to feel their money is going for things people really need, not for something that is unnecessary," Petersen said every penny of donated money goes to buy shoes. Each year after Christmas, greatly appreciated donation pairs are placed in about 200 Mini-Cassia businesses by volunteers who belong to the American Medical Association



Kathleen Miller drops a little money into the shoes for children jar at Albertson's Food and Drug in Burley, while Carlo Thompson checks groceries.

Auxiliary. Now in its seventh year, the money for shoes the organization hopes to raise \$2,000, which will mean nearly 100 pairs of shoes for children who otherwise would probably not have a means to get them. And it isn't just the loose pocket change that is buying the new shoes. Petersen said she is

seeing more instances recently of people donating money they otherwise would have spent on gift exchanges. Businesses also donate in cash or by granting additional discounts on shoes purchased through the program. "I think this program is great," said Mike Searle, who manages the Burley Hudson

Shoe Store. "We see people all of the time that could use a helping hand. We also find that many people want to donate but sometimes don't know how. Then they see the jars around town and are willing to pitch in their quarters to help out."

Requests for shoes are made through referrals from schools, doctors, and other organizations that have contact with children. People are given vouchers to use at participating retail businesses, which are in turn reimbursed by Quarters for Shoes for Children.

Those businesses are Stockdonors \$41 million to expand the availability of shoes. The store in Rupert, Hudson's shoe store in Burley, JC Penney, Knart and Wal-Mart.

"We're excited to see people help us this Christmas and reach in their pockets and donate their pocket change," Petersen said. "What we need is a child to go to school without warm shoes. Our goal is to not have to turn any child down."

Times-News correspondent Dixi Dutton can be reached in Burley at 678-8570.

Feds, landowners work together to protect elk

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — Department of Fish and Game officials are working with landowners to close portions of Teton and Fremont counties to snowmobilers and cross-country skiers to protect wintering elk and decrease the spread of brucellosis.

So far, roughly 20 to 25 landowners have posted their property off-limits, said Kim Ragozick, a Fish and Game habitat biologist. About 100,000 acres have been closed, including a 4,000-acre block of land in the France area and a 1,500-acre block around the department's Raptor Access Site west of Driggs.

"The landowners are the key on this," Ragozick said. "Without their willingness, we would be nowhere."

The closures aim ultimately to wean elk off feed grounds by creating areas where they can spend winter without human interference. Biologists say this also will help slow the

spread of brucellosis, a disease that causes ungulates to abort their fetuses.

Despite the fact that there is no documented case of cattle contracting brucellosis from elk, a agriculture official has pushed for quick action on the disease. If the state loses its brucellosis-free status, Idaho cattlemen will have a more difficult time selling beef.

Biologists say if elk continue to rely on feed grounds, their numbers will have to be trimmed.

Some animals dispersed on existing winter ranges is a big part of the key to preventing problems such as disease transmission that can come from big game winter feeding operations," said Fish and Game biologist Jeff Copeland, who heads the department's efforts to slow the disease.

Only a small number of snowmobilers will be affected by the closures, said Brent Robson, Teton Valley commissioner and avid snowmobiler.

U.S., Canada search for accomplice

SEATTLE (AP) — Police in the United States and Canada searched Sunday for a suspected accomplice to an Algerian man who is charged with trying to smuggle explosives into the United States.

Abdel Ressaam, 32, was apprehended last week trying to smuggle nitroglycerin and other explosives through Port Angeles, in his car and a ferryboat in Victoria, British Columbia.

Police found a van belonging to Ressaam in Montreal on Sunday in the east end of the city, said Cpl. Leo Mombourquette, spokesman for the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. A security perimeter was set up and police evacuated people from around the area.

A police bomb squad from Ottawa was called in to inspect the orange GMC van which police suspected may contain more explosives. Ressaam's arrest sparked fears of terrorism in connection with the New Year's Eve celebrations. Security at U.S. borders has been tightened.

Newsweek magazine reports Ressaam is tied to the Montreal cell of an Algerian radical group. A Montreal Police spokesman said Sunday that the link was a rumor not yet confirmed. Spokesman Andre Poirier did

say a massive manhunt was underway in Canada and the United States for a suspected accomplice.

"He might be returning to Vancouver" Poirier said of the second man, believed to have traveled with Ressaam for a few weeks in a Vancouver motel before Ressaam's arrest Dec. 14.

"He might be in Seattle. We don't know," Poirier said. Ressaam reportedly had two ferry-ticket stubs in his possession — suggesting a companion may have walked off the boat — when he was arrested in Port Angeles, a port city of 20,000 about 60 miles northwest of Seattle.

The FBI will not confirm that another man is being sought or otherwise comment on the case, Seattle spokeswoman Roberta Burroughs said. Police spokesman Mombourquette confirmed the search but did not provide other details Sunday.

Newsweek, citing unnamed Canadian police sources, reported in this week's issue that Ressaam lived in Montreal for a time with Said Atmani, who was extradited from Canada to France in connection with the 1985 Paris subway bombing that killed four people and injured 86. The bombing was attributed to the Algerian radical Armed Islamic Group.

Poirier said there may be strong reason to believe Ressaam and Atmani are connected. Atmani was believed to be the head of a ring in Montreal that stole laptop computers and cellular phones from cars in order to raise funds for extremist actions.

Ressaam was jailed for a few weeks in Montreal for the exact same type of thefts from cars in 1998, though "when we arrested Mr. Ressaam last year, we weren't looking at that time to associate him with terrorism," he said.

Last week, police arrested 11 alleged members of the ring, eight of them Algerian nationals, Poirier said. Meanwhile, The Seattle Times reported in Sunday editions that Ressaam would be indicted by a secret grand jury before a scheduled appearance in U.S. District Court in Seattle on Wednesday.

Assistant U.S. attorney Jerry Diskin, reached at home Sunday, would not confirm or deny that a grand jury was meeting, and a U.S. attorney, Tom Hillier, was not immediately returned. Ressaam was charged in U.S. District Court Friday with bringing nitroglycerin into the United States. In addition to a charge of having false ID and making false statements to U.S. Customs officials.

ISU begins public money-raising phase of campaign to fund academic projects

POCATELLO (AP) — The Idaho State University Centennial Campaign to raise \$102 million for academic projects began its public phase after raising \$62 million in its earlier, silent phase.

Campaign revenues will provide, through private donations, \$41 million to expand the availability of academic scholarships, \$37 million for classroom enhancements and faculty and \$24 million for construction of the L.E. and Thelma E. Stephens Performing Arts Center.

"We have the rare opportunity to strengthen what educational programs ISU will offer over the

next decades, and we will take advantage of that opportunity," said university President Richard Bowen.

Bowen said that while state funding and student tuition pay for the academic basics, Idaho State has become more reliant on private gifts to provide necessary improvements to meet educational needs of students preparing for jobs.

Classroom enhancements include improving all computer facilities, modernizing laboratories and their scientific equipment, acquiring major library publications and upgrading a distance learning

center. The university hopes faculty enhancements will attract innovative and talented educators and provide them with added support such as professional training and distinguished professorship recognition.

The L.E. and Thelma E. Stephens Performing Arts Center, to be completed in 2002, will feature three performance venues, a concert hall seating 1,200, a 450-seat theater and a 200-seat experimental black box theater. It will accommodate the theater department, including offices and classrooms.

Farmer expresses pessimism about 2000

ROCKFORD, Wash. (AP) — Winter wheat is popping through the ground in Eastern Washington, but farmer Al Anderberg already knows it's going to be a rough year.

"Like most of Washington's 10,000 wheat farmers, his goal is to sell the crop for a decent profit."

But what at this month's price of \$2.30 a bushel won't help Anderberg's bottom line. The World Trade Organization set \$2.90 a bushel to break even.

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President Clinton did approve sending food and medicine to several markets long closed by sanctions, including Iran and Libya. But sales to those nations didn't amount to much.

The WTO talks in Seattle closed this month as the European countries refused to eliminate their \$130 billion farm support system.

Tensions between Pakistan and India continued, weakening

Pakistan's economy and political stability. The country had been the Northwest's largest wheat customer, but now is buying from cheaper suppliers.

For Anderberg's 2,000-acre farm, 1999 was "a little worse than last year," he said. He has more wheat in storage, "and I'm working off the profit the farm has made in the past."

Anderberg's winter days are

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spent servicing equipment, eating lunch with a resident ton cat in his workshop, reviewing his maps, and searching for a farmhand.

"That's what this time of year is for — all the little things," he said.

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Pakistan's largest buyer for the past decade, bought 400,000

metric tons in the past six months. "In 1997 they bought 1.4 million tons," said Glenn Squares of the Washington Wheat Commission. "It has been a pretty dramatic drop."

That's because Australia consistently undercut the U.S. price for wheat.

In 1998, Egypt was the biggest customer, taking enough wheat to boost income for Northwest farmers. But sales to Egypt this year fell by 80 percent.

Japan, the region's most constant customer, bought almost exactly what it did last year.

As for Northwest wheat left in storage, the latest estimates show a record 94 million bushels still held in elevators and farm bins. That's up from 89 million bushels this time last year and much higher than the 55 million to 67 million from 1991 to 1996.

The nearby town of Fairfield shows signs of the shrinking farm economy. The business district is quiet and kids have to go to Spangle, 17 miles away, to attend school.

The farmers around Fairfield have had to either get bigger or get out.

"It used to be that a 1,000-acre farm was a large farm," said Jay Wertz, president of the bank of Fairfield. "It isn't any more."

In the city's area of impact. Also on the agenda is a discussion about organizing a "Complete Count Committee" to assist in encouraging participating in the U.S. Census.

Commissioners will also discuss drafting a notification about property taxes being due which property is being reassessed.

Compiled from staff reports

Prospectors: There's gas in that there sage

MATTAWA, Wash. (AP) — Prospectors are buying up natural gas rights throughout central Washington.

They are focusing on three areas: the Mt. Rainier area, Mattawa, Whiskey Dick Mountain west of Ellensburg and the Rattlesnake Hills north of Pocatello.

They believe the Columbia River Basin could yield multimillion-dollar gas fields. Companies are bidding for mineral rights on federal, state and private lands throughout the region.

"The fur's flying," said Beverly Heavocito of Moses, who owns an oil and gas consulting business, Brewer Energy.

Gas's surging price and anticipated demand is fueling the interest.

Natural gas prices have escalated from their low in 1988, when it traded for as low as 88 cents per 1,000 cubic feet. Lately prices are trading between \$2.26 and \$3 per 1,000 cubic feet, said Clay Ridges of Puget-Sound Energy in Bellevue.

Companies believe Central Washington may be one of the largest oil and gas frontiers in the Lower 48.

Geologists have long suspected the Columbia Basin's thick mantle of basalt trapped huge natural gas fields. But the rock is so

hard and so deep that few drills have been able to punch through.

In the 1950s, Standard Oil Co. drilled 10,655 feet to the bottom of the basin before giving up.

In 1984, Shell Oil Co. found large volumes of gas after shattering a drilling record of 15,118 feet into Saddle Mountain. But the energy giant said the gas wasn't commercially exploitable.

Exploration halted by 1989, a victim of low prices and tight budgets. Companies that had paid millions of dollars for mineral rights left the area. Now they're coming back.

"It's time to make hole," Heavocito said.

Earlier this year, a pair of out-of-state companies leased mineral rights to 200 acres of federal land in Yakima, Grant and Benton counties for \$117,000.

"Usually, we don't sell anything," said Donna Koufman, a landowner in the Bureau of Land Management, which leases federal land.

In October, Burlington Resources of Houston acquired an estimated 254,000 acres in Kittitas, Grant, Yakima and Benton counties.

And the state Department of Natural Resources has received 20 applications for mineral rights to about 10,000 acres in

Eastern Washington.

"A lot of people are watching what is going on here in Washington state," said Ellis Vonheider, a DNR program specialist. "We're a frontier state."

Don Lindgren, a geologist, has been studying the area for more than 30 years. "All the geological ingredients in the Columbia Basin are in place," he said from his Olympia office. "Eventually, significant gas discoveries will be made in the Columbia River Basin."

Geographic basins filled with sandstone, claystone and coal always have some potential for natural gas, Lingley said.

"It's a lot of familiar structures in the landscape, folds and domes in the earth's shallow crust."

Whenever I get an oil and gas company in," Lingley said, "I show them these folds. You watch their eyes just pop out."

Fewer than two dozen significant basins have been drilled in the Columbia River Basin over 20 years.

Each hole costs between \$3 million and \$14 million to drill. The top hole cost \$10 million, a commercially viable well in the Columbia Basin would probably exceed \$50 million, Lingley said.

"There are 15 dry holes for every discovery," he said.

AROUND THE VALLEY

Mountain climber to read from his autobiography

KETCHUM — Mountain climber Jim Whitaker, the first American to reach the summit of Everest, will read from his new autobiography, "A Life on the Edge: Memoirs of Everest and Beyond," at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at The Community Library.

Ex Libris Bookstore will host a

book signing immediately following the reading.

Cassia commissioners to meet this morning

BURLEY — Cassia County commissioners will meet at 9 a.m. today in the basement of the courthouse.

Commissioners will review the city of Burley's proposed zoning

in the city's area of impact. Also on the agenda is a discussion about organizing a "Complete Count Committee" to assist in encouraging participating in the U.S. Census.

Commissioners will also discuss drafting a notification about property taxes being due which property is being reassessed.

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U of I gets federal grant for transportation research

BOISE (AP) — U.S. Transportation Secretary Rodney Slater announced a \$655,000 Research and Special Programs Administration grant to the University of Idaho for transportation research center on the Moscow campus.

The grant supports the National Institute of Transportation Technology, one of

the amount paid per \$100,000 market value in Cascade was \$1,477.30 to \$1,398.52 over the same period. Donnelly property owners would see their rates go down approximately 10 percent during the three years and Mill property owners would see their rates reduced by about \$110 per \$100,000.

Elshaw cautioned, however, that the rate increase does not necessarily mean lower tax bills as WestRock may increase property values and more than offset any reductions in rates.

University Transportation Center, funded by the U.S. Department of Transportation. It specializes in developing, evaluating and marketing transportation technology products and improving the design and operation of vehicles and systems.

"Working with University of Idaho will help secure some of the best and brightest minds for

transportation in the 21st century and encourage innovation in transportation research and development," said administrator Kelley Coyner.

The program already has produced more than 2,000 research reports and involved more than 3,500 university students and faculty in the study of transportation.

IDAHO/WEST

Officials discuss proposed incinerator

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — The governors of Idaho and Wyoming have requested Clinton administration officials to take a more public stance on building a controversial nuclear waste incinerator at the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory.

Dealing with Cold War weapons waste is a national problem, and the governors told U.S. Department of Energy officials recently that the federal administration needs to declare publicly

that all of America would benefit from the facility. The proposed \$1.2 billion plant would burn and repackage nuclear weapons waste that has been shipped to Idaho from other sites across the country. It must be treated before it can leave the state for a permanent waste dump.

Residents in Jackson, Wyo., who learned of the proposal to build the incinerator late in the public process, said environmental groups have filed a lawsuit to

stop it. They voiced fears that the nuclear waste incinerator, which would operate for at least 13 years, could endanger residents' health and a pristine part of the country.

The Department of Energy's General Counsel Mary Anne Sullivan and Ellen Livingston, senior program advisor to Secretary Bill Richardson, flew to Boise and Jackson to listen to those concerns and offer solutions.

Idaho Gov. Dirk Kempthorne

and Gov. Jim Geringer of Wyoming told them that dealing with the waste was a national responsibility that should not force neighboring states to be pitted against each other.

"We made it clear to the officials that the issue of this waste treatment facility is neither an Idaho problem nor a Wyoming problem," Kempthorne said. "It is a federal responsibility that is directly related to national security."

Recovery, controversy come to coast

Plant cleans beach's water, but some find discharge intolerable

IMPERIAL BEACH, Calif. (AP) — Ken Palmatier, surfboard under his arm, pauses on his way into the ocean on the end days of California's southern-most coastal city.

"People would get sinus infections, ear infections, headaches," Palmatier, 38, who has surfed off Imperial Beach since 1955. "You would see sludge all up and down the shore."

Today, surfers enjoy cleaner water because the United States is treating sewage that once flowed from Tijuana, Mexico into a river valley at the southern edge of San Diego County and on to the Pacific Ocean.

The \$246 million U.S. plant, just a few yards from the Mexico border, processes 25 million gallons a day of raw Tijuana sewage and discharges the residue through a pipeline 3 1/2 miles out into the ocean.

But those discharges don't meet U.S. Clean Water Act standards and the solution proposed by the two federal agencies that run the plant has generated a bitter battle between politicians, environmentalists and federal agencies.

Environmentalists have sued the two agencies to force them to act quicker on making the discharges meet Clean Water Act standards.

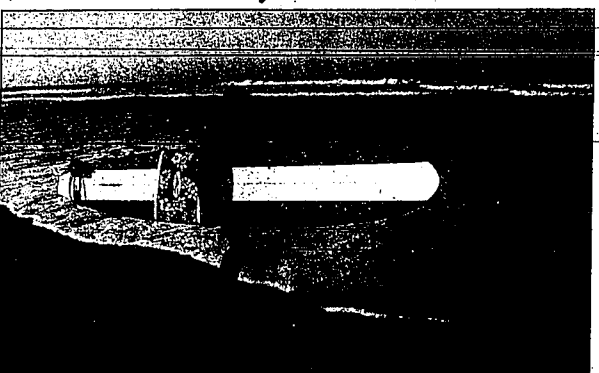
The state of California has threatened to fine the two agencies \$1,000 a day over the discharge.

And Rep. Bob Filner, a San Diego Democrat, has vowed to block funding that upgrades the plant so that it provides a higher level of treatment.

Filner supports the upgrade but opposes the method proposed by the Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. section of the International Boundary and Water Commission, the agencies that operate the plant.

"We want to do the most cost-effective, comprehensive plan," Filner said.

All this has disappointed those



Ken Palmatier carries his surfboard on his way to an early morning surf session near the Imperial Beach Pier in Imperial Beach, Calif., Tuesday. Once one of the most polluted beaches in California, it is now enjoying much cleaner water since the building of the South Bay International Waste Water Treatment Plant, which treats raw sewage from nearby Tijuana, Mexico.

who see the plant as a rare example of successful cross-border cooperation and who fear the facility will further delay a badly needed expansion.

For the first time in at least a decade, Imperial Beach kept its coast open all summer to swimmers and surfers. The river valley, once fetid and choked with trash from runoff, is now a haven for bird watchers and horseback riders.

"It's better than we've seen in my lifetime," said Rep. Brian Bilbray, 48, a Republican surfer who represents Imperial Beach and who led protests against the sewage flow 20 years ago.

Those protests prompted authorities to build a plant that would collect sewage running from the Tijuana hills to the river valley. The plant was funded with \$230 million from the United States and \$16 million from Mexico.

But from its first day of operation, Jan. 13, 1999, the plant had two problems: it did not provide

the secondary treatment needed to meet U.S. standards, and it was too small.

A decade ago, when planning began, Tijuana had about 750,000 residents. Now, it's about 1.2 million and growing. The city generates 50 million to 60 million gallons of sewage per day and has capacity to treat 18 million at its own plant and 25 million at the U.S. plant.

The rest is disinfected with chlorine in Mexico and flows directly into the ocean off the Baja California coast, about five miles south of the U.S. border. During a heavy rain, the amount of sewage surges and the two plants don't come close to meeting demand, authorities said.

Roberto Espinosa, Mexico's representative on the International Boundary and Water Commission, did not return phone calls from The Associated Press seeking comment on the sewage problem.

The agencies that run the U.S. plant propose building filtration

ponds on 30 adjacent acres to provide secondary treatment so discharges meet federal standards.

But the city of San Diego, Reps. Filner and Bilbray, and others favor building filtration ponds in Mexico rather than the United States and recycling the water for industrial use. They argue this plan is the only way to preserve space near the plant for its badly needed expansion.

The federal agencies, after a six-month delay caused by the controversy, decided to build the ponds on the U.S. side, which they felt was the more reliable option. No date was set, but officials say construction will take two years.

Meanwhile, Filner, frustrated by the dispute and the likelihood that further lawsuits will delay any upgrade and expansion, decided to reluctantly support the decision.

"I don't want excuses for why the job isn't getting done," he says. "I just want the job done."

Poll finds most residents of Utah want more money for education

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Nearly three out of four Utah residents believe more funding would improve public education, according to a new poll.

But the copyright Deseret News/KSL poll also showed that, over the last decade, 51 percent of those surveyed say their confidence in public education is either definitely or probably worsening.

The education budget battle will likely be the most hotly debated issue for the 2000 Legislature.

Alpine District Superintendent Steve Baugh was surprised by the public's lack of confidence in public education.

"It's a time when public educa-

tors are better trained, as concerned or more concerned for the welfare of the individual child," said Baugh. "I just think there's never been a time when the confidence ought to be any higher than it is, now."

It beats the lack of it me," he said. Some lawmakers, including Sen. Howard Stephenson, R-Draper, who chairs the committee that sets the education budget, said public frustration with schools prompted lawmakers to create a task force to increase school accountability.

State, local and education officials say large class sizes, school violence, school dissidents and media coverage have eroded confidence in schools.

Payson police officers accept pay cut

PAYSON, Utah (AP) — Police officers have agreed to take a voluntary pay cut to help their beleaguered chief balance the department's budget.

Police Chief Mike Openshaw is expected to return to work Monday after being suspended by the City Council for two weeks over budget and animal control issues.

City Administrator Andy Hill said Openshaw has been trimming his budget. "He's been cutting a lot of things," Hill said. "He's done a good job."

The budget shortfall was due to the COPS FAST federal grant that came in about \$70,000 short, Hill said.

Some of the cuts have come in materials and supplies the grant

would have funded.

But the most dramatic cut came from the police officers themselves, who voluntarily agreed to take a one-hour pay cut every two weeks for the rest of the fiscal year, which ends June 30, 2000, Hill said.

The department will also not replace a lieutenant who is retiring next month, until next fiscal year.

The animal control issues stem from concern that an officer splitting time between animal control and the DARE drug-education program was not devoting enough time to the animal control responsibilities.

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Fugitive had death wish, letters show

FILLMORE, Utah (AP) — As a Utah Highway Patrol trooper ran a check on Matthew Taylor's license, Taylor hurriedly scrawled "The end is finally here."

Magnets later, Taylor was killed in a hail of gunfire after wounding two troopers.

"There's no question. He has his foot back in the accelerator, writing, 'Dear Mom and Dad, the end is here. It's finally going to be over,'" said Millard County Sheriff Ed Phillips on Saturday.

The blood-spattered series of letters to his parents were found in Taylor's sports utility vehicle. The 31-year-old Littleton, Colo., gymnastics coach had been charged with 17 counts of child sexual assault for allegedly molesting a 12-year-old member of his gymnastics club.

Taylor had been living in San Diego, but Phillips said in one letter, Taylor wrote that he was going back to Deseret, including the score, leading Phillips to believe Taylor planned to exact revenge on his young accuser.

Phillips said the letters — all bearing the time, date and location they were written — were "obviously not letters he intended to mail. He wanted them to be found with his body."

"It's very apparent in every single letter that he's at the end of the line, that he's going to commit suicide for the message," Phillips said. "The message is the same reference to it on every single page."

Trooper Kevin Mortensen and Sgt. Steve Espin stopped Taylor on Interstate 15 near Fillmore

Friday morning because his windshield was tinted too dark.

After a routine license check found that Taylor was wanted for skipping a court hearing on the molestation charges, the troopers approached the vehicle with guns drawn.

Before they could react, Taylor opened fire with a .45-caliber Glock semi-automatic handgun. Mortensen, struck in the shoulder of the arm used to fire his gun, could not return fire. Espin, shot in the stomach, shot Taylor several times, killing him.

A videotape of the shooting taken from a camera mounted on the dashboard of the patrol car showed the troopers on either side of the car. It also showed Mortensen trying to break the driver's window with a window breaker weapon seconds before the shooting began.

A third trooper, Paul Mitchell, stepped back to the vehicle, but did not fire his weapon.

Espin, 35, underwent surgery to have the bullet removed and was released Saturday from Utah Valley Regional Medical Center. Mortensen, 35, was discharged from LDS Hospital Saturday afternoon.

"I don't have any feelings right now," said Espin before being released. "Knowing (Taylor's) past, it could have been for the best. I feel better for the man's death."

The accusations of sexual misconduct and shootout with police shocked a parent of one of Taylor's students, who asked to be identified only as Mary.

Churches keep sharp eye on apocalyptic organizations

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — For years, James D. Harmon tried to spread the message behind his fledgling polygamist sect, both at its headquarters in Manti, and on the church's Web site.

But now the preaching has stopped, replaced by a warning of impending judgment that has some formal disciples worried. Harmon and his followers may be facing the sect's apocalyptic visions, which include sacking The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints temple in Salt Lake City and establishing a new Zion in central Utah.

"The day has now arrived," says The True and Living Church of Jesus Christ of Saints of the Last Days Web site. "God has shut the mouths of his servants and will begin to do His own work of rendering judgment and calamity upon the wicked and ungodly."

The message replaced TLC's earlier posting, which, until a few months ago, explained the faith's beliefs.

Harmon, a 58-year-old former real-estate agent, is just one in a crowded field of doomsayers who foresee the biblical end with the mass computer failures, power

outages and rd worldwide chaos with the impending new year.

But Harmon's followers say the group is not stockpiling weapons or digging bunkers.

"It's certainly a date of great significance," says TLC member Dan Simmons. "But we don't think it's the end of the world."

Still, Harmon's is one of dozens of fringe groups Utah law enforcement is watching as the millennium draws to a close. Still, Utah investigators don't foresee any uprisings.

"It's not going to be Armageddon," says Department of Public Safety spokesman Christopher Kramer. "We're not going to have looting and pillaging in the streets, we're not going to have chaos. It's just not going to happen."

Since its foundation five years ago in a brick building across from the Manti City Hall, Harmon's church has had apocalyptic undertones.

"He teaches the first thing that will happen is he will get the power," says Rodney Clowds, a former TLC apostle. "Then he and his apostles will call their warriors — will go out and destroy people."

Search team rescues snowmobilers

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — The Fremont County Search and Rescue team saved five eastern Idaho men who had gotten stuck at the bottom of a canyon while snowmobiling.

A Fremont County dispatcher called the men, who were rescued Saturday, were reported missing Friday afternoon.

Search and Rescue members found them shortly after 8:30 Saturday morning at the bottom of Hell Roaring Canyon near Mr. Jefferson in Beaverhead County, Mont.

"They got down in the canyon and then realized they couldn't get out," Search and Rescue Commander Brett Mackeret said.

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“Anytime I get that little daylight, I’m going to attack the basket and try to dunk. I hope it sends a message. They know if they make a little mistake, they are going to have to pay with a Spalding on their head.”

—Former UCLA basketball player Jermi McCoy, now with the Seattle SuperSonics

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

- Wrestling
 - Valley vs. Raft River
- Girls' basketball
 - Dietrich at Castleford
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 - Wendell at Kimberly
 - Shoshone at Valley
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IN BRIEF

Stallions move to new Boise venue

BOISE — The Idaho Stallions of the Indoor Professional Football League will play their home games at the new downtown arena, the Sun Bank of America Center.

The team played its inaugural season in the Idaho Center in Boise, but because of a roadside of Treasure Valley fans, the team decided to make the move, said Stallions owner Jim Carlson.

“We had a fantastic experience at the Idaho Center and they treated us great,” Carlson said. “We’re impressed by the commitment of the Bank of America Centre and Idaho fans to make our stadium their own capable” staff to take the Stallions to the next level.

The IFFL season runs from April through August, and the Stallions will play eight games in their new home.

Portland St. defeats U of I for consolation title

SEATTLE — Sarah Green scored 20 points to lead the Portland Pilots to a 71-69 victory over Idaho State in the consolation game of the State Times Classic on Sunday.

Idaho All-American candidate Ali Nieman had a chance to tie the game at the free throw line with 1:55 remaining in the game. After being fouled by Trisha Felix on an attempted 3-point shot, Nieman made two to cut Portland's lead to 70-69, but missed the final free throw.

Sharon Rissmiller scored 14 points in the first 20 minutes of the game, helping the Pilots (56) to a 51-39 lead they would not give up. Idaho's Susan Woolf led all scorers with 26 points. Nieman had 20, while Elizabeth Tomberlin came off the bench to score 10.

Iverson to Sixers: Trade me if I don't fit in

PHILADELPHIA — Philadelphia 76ers star Allen Iverson did not attend an optional practice Sunday, the morning after saying he should be traded if coach Larry Brown's unhappy with his play.

Iverson lashed out at his coach Saturday night after being benched for the final 20 minutes of Philadelphia's 104-91 loss at Detroit. Though he has disagreed with Brown many times, it was the first time Iverson mentioned a trade.

“For some reason, my style doesn't fit this team anymore,” Iverson said. “If that's the way it's going to be, I'll accept it. Something's got to give.”

Seahawks succumb to spoilers

Broncos win in overtime as Seattle's slide continues

The Associated Press

DENVER — Reduced to the role of spoiler, the Denver Broncos played the part perfectly, with plenty of drama at the end.

Withstanding a Seattle Seahawks rally that produced a tie in regulation, the Broncos prevailed 36-30 on linebacker Glenn Cadrez's 37-yard fumble return 2:43 into overtime on Sunday.

Centered on a 4-4 from the Denver 47-yard line, cornerback Ray Crockett blitzed Seattle quarterback Ray Kina, sackng him and forcing a fumble that Cadrez scooped up for the winning score.

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It was only the second overtime game in NFL history to be decided by a fumble return for a touchdown. The other occurred in 1983 when Baltimore edged New England.

With the win, the Broncos (5-9) damaged the playoff hopes of the Seahawks (6-9), who sustained their fourth straight loss. Seattle fell one game behind Kansas City in the AFC West with two games remaining. The Seahawks and Chiefs play next Sunday in Seattle.

“It's a very, very tough pill to swallow,” Seattle coach Mike Holmgren said. “I don't know where (Crockett) came from or what happened. I know they hit it just right and Jan was not looking in that direction.”

“The season is not over, but bouncing back from a loss like this is a challenge. It is sudden death now in our game next week with Kansas City, but it would have been regardless of whether this one ended. Next week's game, I would say, is for the division.”

Kina called it “the hardest way to lose.” He was just getting ready to throw to Mike Prichard when I got hit. Obviously, I didn't see him (Crockett).

Rookie Orlando Gray ran for a career-high 183 yards, including a momentum-curling 71-yard run that helped the Broncos take a seemingly secure 30-20 lead with 1:47 left in regulation. Gray's long run set up Brian Griese's 3-yard scoring pass to tight end Dennis Green.

The Seahawks responded with a desperation rally. Kina threw a 36-yard scoring pass to Derrick Mayes with 54 seconds left. Seattle's Kerry Joseph recovered the ensuing onside kick, setting a Todd Peterson's 45-yard field goal with 9 seconds to go.

Denver won the coin toss in overtime, but was unable to gain a first down, and Seattle began its comeback with a 12-yard pass to Sean Dawkins on third down. Three plays later, however, Crockett jarred the ball loose from Kina.

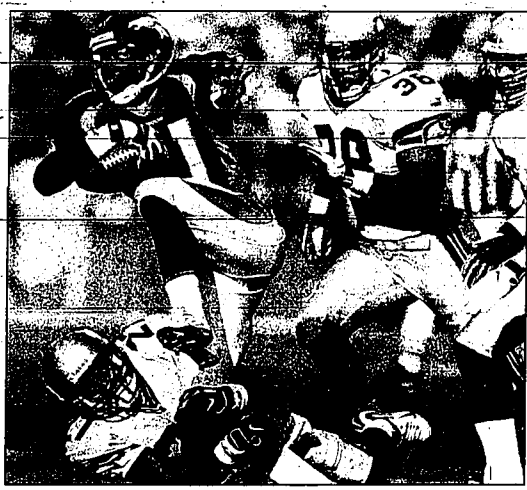
“When you get a chance to blitz,” Crockett said, “that's the first thing you want to do — go for the ball. We had to make a play there.”

“I told our players they were trying to kill me,” said Denver coach Mike Shanahan, referring to his team's tendency to play close games this season. “It's tough when you think you have the game put away. Give Seattle credit for fighting their way back. Fortunately, we were able to hold them off.”

Elam kicked two field goals in the third period, capping one by Peterson, to give Denver a 23-17 lead entering the fourth period.

Elam missed a 45-yarder early in the final period, however, and Seattle cornerback Willie Williams intercepted a pass with 8:40 left, setting up Peterson's 32-yard field goal with 3:41 left, curtailing Denver's lead to 23-20.

On the next play, Gary burst off the left side and was finally hauled down by Shawn Springs as the Seattle 14.



Seattle defender Willie Williams, bottom, tackles Denver punter returner Chris Watson as Seahawks Mack Strong (38) and Kerry Joseph close in on the play during the Broncos' 36-30 overtime win Sunday.

Chris Watson's 81-yard punt return barely two minutes into the game helped give Denver a 17-14 halftime lead.

Watson caught Jeff Feagles' punt at the Denver 19, sprinted to his left and then cut upfield behind blocks by Anthony Lynn and

Crockett for a touchdown with 12:51 left in the opening quarter.

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Vikings, Packers scramble for playoff spot

The Associated Press

EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn. — This is how unsettling things have become for the Minnesota Vikings: Packers quarterback Brett Favre said “A lot of people thought this would be for the (division) championship. But it's not. It's for survival.”

After losing the Carolina last week, Packers strong safety LeRoy Butler lobbied to blame more and questioned his team's strategy and effort.

“I'm tired of the game plan,” Butler said. “Now, the problem is, supposedly, we have a miscommunication problem. But, to me, that's idiotic.”

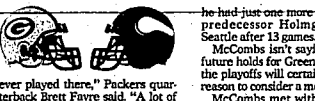
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And it's a good bet they will. The Vikings have played 11 games, decided by a touchdown or less, losing six of them, including last-season defeats at Green Bay, Detroit and Kansas City.

Their inability to stop last-minute drives is what's turned them from preseason Super Bowl favorites into another ordinary team coach.

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No. 1 UC beams loss to XU

The Associated Press

CINCINNATI — Kevin Frey stood in front of the hallway next to the interview room, a fan's blue body paint still smeared across his neck and forearms.

The forward had been hoisted onto a crowd of fans celebrating by hundreds of fans who couldn't believe what they had just seen: The Musketeers did it to their cross-town rival again.

College returns — C5

Frey's two free throws and his driving bank shot sent Xavier to a 66-64 victory Saturday night over top-ranked and previously unbeaten Cincinnati, a team the Musketeers love to beat more than any other.

This was a replay of 1996, when Xavier led Cincinnati that made such as Lloyd Price rebounded his missed free throw and put up a shot that burned off the final 3.3 seconds.

“It was one of the best feelings I've ever had,” said Frey, who scored 12 points. “It's indescribable. I don't know where to begin.”

As Frey spoke, Cincinnati center Keyon Martin — the player he scored on most often — walked past. He glanced at Frey, their eyes met momentarily, then Martin moved on.

Martin was around for the upset in '96, though he wasn't eligible to play in Xavier's 71-69 win. He knows how deeply a loss to Xavier can hurt — being No. 1 in the country is less satisfying when someone else owns the city's bragging rights.

And for three of the last four years, Xavier has done the bragging.

“We had a ball game on our hands,” Martin said. “We were that close. That's the first time we've been down all year. We got back into it, but I don't know ... I guess our final push was just a little bit too strong.”

It was troubling that the Bears were in that position to begin with. Cincinnati (8-1) had its way in the first half against Gonzaga and North Carolina earlier this season, setting up convincing wins that solidified the Bears' top ranking.

When Xavier (6-2) announced before the game that leading rebounder Aaron Turner was suspended indefinitely for academic deficiencies, the Musketeers declined to have a chance. The Bears were bigger, deeper and much more experienced.

With one minute left in the first half, Xavier led by 11 and no one could figure out what was going on.

Xavier had dusted off a 1-31 zone used maybe for five possessions all season, and Cincinnati froze up. Xavier stayed with the zone and Cincinnati stayed in neutral — Martin had only two points and two rebounds in the first half.

“We didn't really work on the zone that much (in practice),” said forward Darnell Williams, who scored all of his 16 points in the first half. “But when we used it, it became effective so we kept using it.”

“We tried to use our quickness and make the game ratty all over the court.”

Big names OK MBL arbitration

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — David Segal and Rudy Seanez secured salary arbitration for their former teams on Sunday night, and outfielder Gerald Williams agreed to a \$5.75 million, two-year contract with Tampa Bay.

Segal was among 12 players rejecting salary arbitration offers in the hours before Sunday's midnight EST deadline, a group that included pitchers Aaron Sele, Juan Guzman and Arthur Rodriguez.

Other players who rejected can include Nam Charlon, Chris Haney, Graeme Lloyd, Omar Olivares, Darren Oliver and Steve Trachsel, along with outfielders Shawn Dunston, Thomas Howard and Williams.

Free agents who accepted arbitration have considered signing with other clubs who reflected can still negotiate with their former teams through Jan. 8.

First baseman hit .298 last season with 15 homers, 27 doubles and 52 RBIs. Seanez, a 31-year-old right-hander, returns to the Atlanta Braves. He was 6-1 with 13 wins and three no-hit outings.

Williams joins a revamped Devil Rays, who last week acquired Vinny Castilla from Colorado and agreed to a \$34 million, four-year contract with Greg Vaughn.

The 33-year-old outfielder was a big surprise last season for the Atlanta Braves and became their leadoff hitter during the final two months of the season. Atlanta went 39-14 with him in the lineup, and he joins a lineup that includes Castilla, Vaughn, Jose Canseco and Fred McGriff.

Williams hit .275 and had career highs in home runs (17) and RBIs (69). After making \$1.4 million last season, he gets \$2.5 million next year and \$3 million in 2002. The Devil Rays have a \$4 million option for 2002 with a \$250,000 buyout.

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HEADING FOR GOLD



Karin Putzer of Italy creates a snow spritz as she heads for victory in the Women's World Cup Super G race Sunday at the ski resort of Garmisch-Partenkirchen. Putzer's teammate Alexandra Meinel-Mircher also won, and France's Ragone Carrazgoud was third. Further women's and men's World Cup results are on both C-2 and C-3.

SPORTS

Rams clinch home field in NFC

Colts win AFC East

The Associated Press

This upside-down NFL season is looking just fine for the St. Louis Rams and the Indianapolis Colts.

The Rams, 4-12 a year ago, clinched home field throughout the NFC playoffs by routing the Colts 31-10.

The Colts beat Washington 24-21 to clinch the AFC East title and at least the second seed in the postseason.

Both did it the way they've been doing it all season.

The Rams (12-2) got interception returns for touchdowns by Devin Bush and Mike Jones, Kurt Warner threw for 319 yards and two touchdowns passes to Azhahir Hakim as they ended the Giants' nine-game December winning streak in three seasons under coach Jim Fassel.

New York (7-7) remains alive for a playoff berth.

In Indianapolis, Peyton Manning passed for 298 yards and two touchdowns, and Edgerlin James scored twice as the Colts (12-2) clinched their first AFC East championship since 1987 and their first home playoff game since moving from Baltimore in 1984.

The Colts, 3-13 a year ago, also tied the 1929 New York Giants and 1963 Oakland Raiders for the biggest one-season improvement - nine games.

They can set a new mark with one win in their last two games, at Cleveland or at Buffalo.

Tennessee clinched its first playoff spot since 1993 - when the Titans were the Houston Oilers - by losing Atlanta 30-17. Jacksonville beat Cleveland 24-14 in a game marked by the ejection of 350-pound tackle Orlando Brown of Cleveland for pushing referee Jeff Triplette after Brown was accidentally hit in the face by Triplette's flag.

Browns quarterback Tim Couch and running back Jamal Lewis and Hardy were injured in the game.

Jaguars 24, Browns 14

Jacksonville (13-1) won its 11th straight game and remained in position to have home-field advantage throughout the AFC playoffs. Fred Taylor rushed for 136 yards and had a 41-yard TD run early in the fourth quarter to finally put away the expansion Browns (2-13).



St. Louis Rams' Marshall Faulk is brought down by the New York Giants' Ryan Phillips (91) and Percy Ellsworth (43) after a long run in the first quarter Sunday. Faulk went over 2,000 all-purpose yards for the season early in the second quarter.

The Jaguars, can clinch the AFC Central title next week with a win at Tennessee, the only team to beat them. However, the Jaguars' win was overshadowed by the ejection of Brown, who became enraged when Triplette threw his lead-weighted penalty flag toward the line of scrimmage and accidentally struck the offensive linemen in the right eye.

Titans 30, Falcons 17

Steve McNair threw for one touchdown and ran for another, and AJ Del Greco kicked three field goals for the Titans (11-3). They still have a shot at their first AFC Central Division title since 1991. They are two games behind Jacksonville with two games left.

Tennessee rookie Jevon Kearse had two sacks against the Falcons (3-11), setting a rookie record with 13.5.

Raiders 45, Bucs 0

Hoping to clinch their second playoff berth since 1982, the Bucs (9-5) instead suffered the worse loss in their history in Oakland.

two interceptions, Gus Frerotte threw three, interceptions for the Lions. He was relieved by Charlie Batch, making his first appearance since injuring his thumb Nov. 7.

Eagles 24, Patriots 9

Koy Demer threw three touchdown passes as the Eagles (4-11) bettered last season's win total and put New England on the brink of elimination.

Demer, who had never finished starting quarterback, also celebrated with an emphatic flogging motion - some players call "writy pin it," after his TD tosses. New England (7-7) lost for the fifth time in six games.

Drew Bledsoe was sacked six times, three for interceptions and lost one of the Patriots' three fumbles.

Dolphins 12, Chargers 9

The Chargers' John Carney hit the left upright with a 36-yard field goal attempt with five seconds remaining as the Dolphins (9-5) crushed a three-game losing streak.

The Chargers (6-8) won last week in Seattle when the Seahawks' Peterson hit the left upright from 38-yards with 1:10 left. Olindo Mare made all four field goal attempts, increasing his season total to 37 to match the NFL record set by John Kasay of Carolina in 1996.

Ravens 31, Saints 8

Tony Banks threw three touchdown passes, and the Ravens (7-7) won their third straight game and tied a team record with four interceptions. They also won seven games for the first time in four years in Baltimore.

Let's 22, Cowboys 21

John Hally's 37-yard field goal with 1:39 left won it for the Jets (6-8) and kept the Cowboys (7-7) from catching the Redskins in the NFC East. It was the first loss in seven home games this season for Dallas, which is 1-6 on the road. Dallas' Troy Aikman was just 12-of-28 for 158 yards with a touchdown and two interceptions.

Bears 28, Lions 10

Marcus Robinson caught three of Cade McNown's four touchdown passes as the Bears (6-8) stayed barely alive for the playoffs and hurt the chances of the Lions (8-6).

Robinson finished with 11 catches for 170 yards. McNown was 27-of-36 for 301 yards with

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Frenchman's victory leads to tears of joy

ALTA BADIA, Italy (AP) - Joel Chénal of France burst into tears of joy Sunday after his first World Cup victory.

Chénal beat favorite Hermann Maier of Austria in a giant slalom - a discipline Maier has dominated. "It is so emotional to win a race," Chénal said. "After all the tension, something just cracked and I cried."

Chénal, who had never finished better than fifth prior to Sunday, was timed in 2 minutes, 30.68 seconds, for two runs.

"I never dreamed of beating Maier - who is such a champion - on this extra-tough course," Chénal said.

Chénal's previous best this season was 10th in the season-opening giant slalom at Tignes, France. Last season, he was fifth in a giant slalom at Kranjska Gora, Slovenia.

Maier, who has won five times this season, finished second at 2:39.76. He won the first two giant slaloms this season and was the heavy favorite Sunday.

"I was very tired today after racing in two downhill," Maier said. The long, steep and icy Alta Badia giant slalom course is considered the toughest on the circuit.

Maier, a double Olympic and world champion, earned 80

Sliding

World Cup points Sunday and increased his lead in the overall standings to 320 points over teammate Stephan Eberharter.

Austria's Reiner Selzberger finished third at 2:39.95.

Putzer surprises field for women's title

ST. MORITZ, Switzerland

Italy's Karen Putzer was the surprise winner of a women's super-G race Sunday, upsetting the field's elite for her first career World Cup triumph.

Putzer charged down the snowy, blustery Cervaglia II course in 1 minute, 27.37 seconds, beating teammate Alessandra Merlin, second at 1:27.53.

Putzer, who does not race in the downhill and had shown particular skill in the giant slalom this season, stared disbelievingly at the scoreboard upon crossing the finish line, shaking her head.

"I thought I had a bad run," said Putzer, who had reached the podium only twice previously, finishing second in a giant slalom at Copper Mountain this year and third in a super-G at Cortina in 1998.

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Bryant, O'Neal lead LA

TORONTO (AP) - Kobe Bryant scored 26 points and Shaquille O'Neal had 24 points and 15 rebounds as the Los Angeles Lakers won their sixth straight game Sunday.

NBA Victor Carter won a 348 victory over the struggling Toronto Raptors.

Glen Rice added 22 points for the Lakers, who have won 13 of 14 and own the NBA's best record (21-5).

Vince Carter had 29 points to lead the Raptors, who have lost three straight and five of six.

Nets 96, Hawks 88

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. - Jamie Feick scored a season-high 16 points and grabbed 13 rebounds, outplaying opposing center Dikembe Mutombo, as New Jersey beat Atlanta for its fifth straight home victory.

Feick found his offense in the form of jump shots, making seven of them as he repeatedly took advantage of Mutombo's inability to defend him on the perimeter. Feick finished 6-of-13



Toronto Raptors forward Antonio Davis, front, and Los Angeles Lakers center Shaquille O'Neal battle for a rebound in first-half action Sunday.

from the field.

Keith - Van Horn - led New Jersey with 20 points.

Isiah Rider had 20 points for Atlanta, which lost its third straight.

Carruth returns to Charlotte

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) - Police brought Rae Carruth back to North Carolina on Sunday to face a murder charge and possible death sentence.

The suspended - Carolina Panthers player had been jailed in Jackson, Tenn., since Wednesday. Investigators who had traveled to Tennessee returned by car with Carruth in custody at about 4 p.m.

said police Capt. John O'Malley. Carruth was arrested on a federal unlawful flight warrant after fleeing North Carolina when his former girlfriend, Cherica Adams, died Tuesday of gunshot wounds

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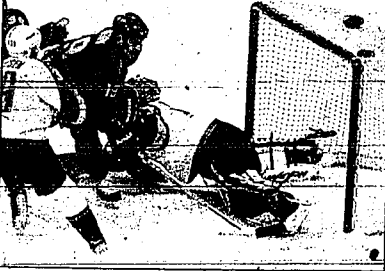
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Coyotes end losing streak with 4-3 win over San Jose Sharks



San Jose goalie Steve Shields blocks a shot by Phoenix's Shane Doan during NHL action Sunday afternoon.

PHOENIX (AP) — Keith Tkachuk scored the go-ahead goal in the third period and assisted on Teppo Numminen's eventual game-winner Sunday as the Phoenix Coyotes snapped a four-game losing streak with a 4-3 victory over the San Jose Sharks. Tkachuk broke a 2-2 tie he tugged into the third when he hinged on a loose puck in the neutral zone, skated in and beat Sharks goalie Steve Shields on the far side with a wrist shot from high in the slot.

Jeff Friesen, Owen Nolan and Mike Ricci scored for the Sharks.

rolled between the legs of goalie Mike Dunham.

Fatric Kjellberg scored midway through the third period for the Predators, who are winless in seven games (0-4-3).

Rangers 5, Lightning 4, OT

NEW YORK — Theoren Fleury scored 45 seconds into overtime and assisted on the Rangers first three goals to lead New York to victory over Tampa Bay.

Fleury knocked his own rebound past goaltender Dan Cloutier as he recorded his first four-point game of the season. The overtime goal saved the Rangers, who had blown a 4-2 lead with eight minutes left in the third period.

Mighty Ducks 3, Red Wings 1

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Matt Cullen ended a 16-game goal-scoring drought and Marty McInnis had three assists for the first time in his career as Anaheim beat Detroit.

Islanders 5, Devils 3

UNIONDALE, N.Y. — Niklas Andersson had a goal and two assists and Roberto Luongo stopped 46 shots to lead the New York Islanders to their first home victory in over six weeks, a win over New Jersey.

Oilers 3, Senators 3

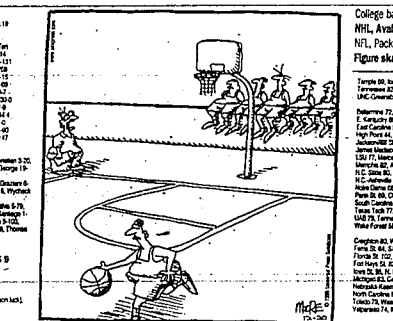
EDMONTON, Alberta — Brent Devereaux scored midway through the third period as Edmonton tied Ottawa.

Devereaux scored at 13:24 of the third period from just inside the crease after winning a faceoff in the Ottawa zone. He slipped the puck back to Roman Hamrik on the draw, and flipped in the rebound Hamrik's shot.

SCORES AND STATS

IN THE BLEACHERS

By Steve Moore



"Football that's not what I said I said to get back on defense!"

FOOTBALL

NFL STANDINGS

Team	W	L	T	PF	PA
American Football Conference					
Akron	1	10	0	142	271
Cincinnati	1	10	0	142	271
Cleveland	1	10	0	142	271
Pittsburgh	1	10	0	142	271
Indianapolis Colts	1	10	0	142	271
Baltimore Ravens	1	10	0	142	271
San Diego Chargers	1	10	0	142	271
Denver Broncos	1	10	0	142	271
San Francisco 49ers	1	10	0	142	271
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Minnesota Vikings	1	10	0	142	271
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Washington Redskins	1	10	0	142	271
Philadelphia Eagles	1	10	0	142	271
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EAGLES 24, PATRIOTS 9

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The Philadelphia Eagles defeated the New England Patriots 24-9 on Sunday.

TELEVISION

Channel	Time	Program
ESPN2	5 p.m.	Baseball
FSP1	5:30 p.m.	Baseball
ABC	7 p.m.	Baseball
ESPN	7 p.m.	Baseball

Women's World Cup results

Team	Score	Opponent
USA	2-0	China
USA	2-0	France
USA	2-0	Germany
USA	2-0	Sweden
USA	2-0	Denmark
USA	2-0	Norway
USA	2-0	South Korea
USA	2-0	Japan
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USA	2-0	Italy
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Cincinnati	1	10	0	142	271
Cleveland	1	10	0	142	271
Pittsburgh	1	10	0	142	271
Indianapolis Colts	1	10	0	142	271
Baltimore Ravens	1	10	0	142	271
San Diego Chargers	1	10	0	142	271
Denver Broncos	1	10	0	142	271
San Francisco 49ers	1	10	0	142	271
Seattle Seahawks	1	10	0	142	271
Minnesota Vikings	1	10	0	142	271
Green Bay Packers	1	10	0	142	271
Chicago Bears	1	10	0	142	271
Washington Redskins	1	10	0	142	271
Philadelphia Eagles	1	10	0	142	271
Atlanta Falcons	1	10	0	142	271
Carolina Panthers	1	10	0	142	271
New York Jets	1	10	0	142	271
New England Patriots	1	10	0	142	271
Buffalo Bills	1	10	0	142	271
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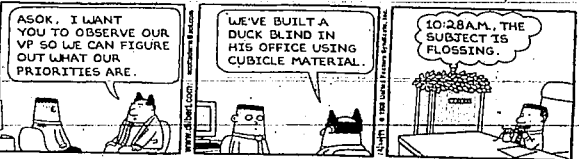
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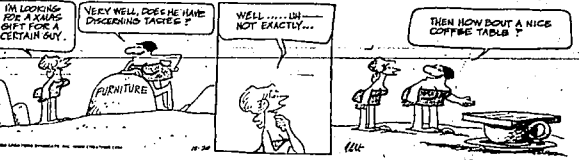
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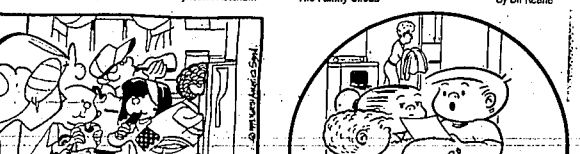
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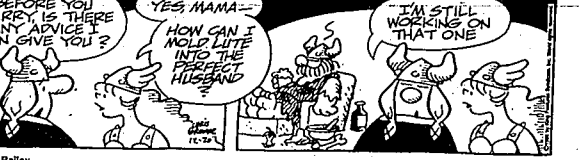
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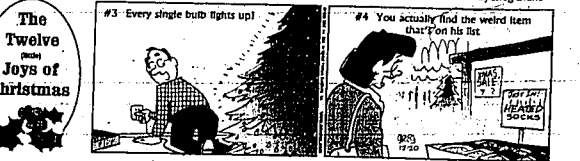
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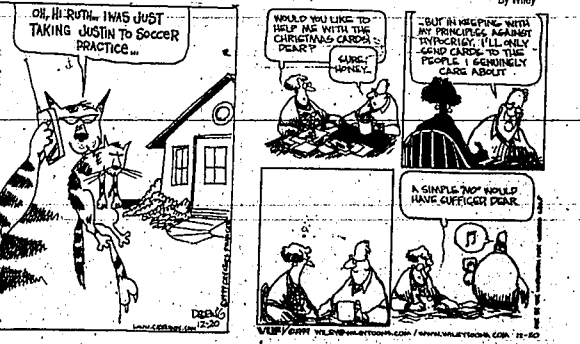
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If you've been worrying about this "Y2K" computer problem, you can relax. I am pleased to report that, according to computer experts, everything is totally under control. There is absolutely nothing to worry about. In fact, you might as well stop reading this article right now!

I said THERE IS NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT and you should STOP READING THIS COLUMN RIGHT NOW.

OK, good. We have gotten rid of the liars who still actually believe the news media. We are down to the savvy individuals like you - people who know, from personal experience, that nothing involving computers is EVER "under control," people who have attempted to perform some seemingly simple computer-related task, such as connecting a computer to a printer, and eventually decided - after weeks of puzzling over manuals written in the Ewok language and trying to communicate with "Technical Support" that the only workable printing solution is to hold a piece of blank paper in front of the computer screen and trace the words manually.

OK, yes, this Y2K thing is going to be very, very bad. At exactly midnight on

Dec. 31, all the computers in the world, and an estimated 80 percent of the people who use them, will malfunction. In one way, this is good: Personal computers will never be used again. Record from school will be erased forever, which means future generations will never find out that you once mooned a

Thanksgiving assembly. But everything about Y2K will be catastrophic: Lights will go out; phones will stop working; the banking system will collapse; juke boxes will refuse to play anything except "Copacabana"; VCR machines will suddenly start displaying the correct time; and - this is the ultimate nightmare - online computers will charge people who are not safe. **FLIGHT THE EXACT SAME FARE.** Within hours, civilization will collapse, and believe me, the "computer experts" know this is true. Why do you think Bill Gates built himself a house the size of the Houston AstroDome? To hold parties for his friends? **WHAT FRIEND?** He's eating canned food in there! Unfortunately for him, the Y2K problem is also going to cause all the can openers in the world to both stop working and become inoperable. But don't worry about Bill Gates: He employs many skilled, highly intelligent engineers. So

he can eat them.

You are not so fortunate. You must find a way, right now, to feed your family when Y2K strikes. You will NOT be able to grow crops, because photosynthesis will no longer work in many areas will also be without gravity.

You need to get a large supply of food and you need to store it in a safe manner. What do I mean by "in a safe manner"? I mean not in a safe that was described in a news article on the front page of the April 4, 1999, issue of the Northwest Arkansas

"This article, which was written by Sarah Fisher and sent to me by alert reader Missy Leflar, is headlined 'BEANS, RICE EXPLODE AT FAYETTEVILLE HOME.' It concerns a man, apparently preparing for Y2K, who filled some six-foot pipes with a mixture of beans and rice with dry ice. He planned to use the dry ice before he could, pressure from the dry ice caused one pipe to explode in a blast that blew a hole in his roof, spreading beans and rice all over the house. I had to evacuate the area and bring in a bomb technician to detonate the other pipes.

I don't want to alarm you, but there is no way of knowing how many other people have unwittingly created Y2K food bombs. You could be living next door to such a bomb. And it might not be as benign as rice and beans. What if your neighbor happens to like seafood? How would you like to be awakened one night by a violent explosion that blows a hole in your roof, spreading fish and shellfish all over the house? How much would it cost to have a bomb made for a rock band?

You had better come up with some answers to these questions, because time is running out. Y2K is right around the corner, and you must be prepared, no matter what it takes, or how much it costs. I'll sell you my copy.

Dave Barry is a humor columnist for the Miami Herald. Write to him c/o The Miami Herald, One Herald Plaza, Miami, Fla. 33132.



Peggy Gabriel has used techniques to get around being back pain for the last 10 years. With the help of a new treatment, she is pain free and can walk around the house without the crutches.

Haven't got time for the pain?

New pain-management techniques can help you live with it



By Joan Bean
Times-News correspondent

GOODING - Peggy Gabriel is no stranger to pain.

For three decades she suffered back pain because of scar tissue that formed after spinal surgery.

"I had two (operations) about a year apart," she said. "The second one was to correct the first one, which just made it worse."

Gabriel, now 65, described the pain as constant and severe, originating in her lower back and radiating to the sciatic nerves down both legs.

In January 1998 she sought relief from Dr. Clinton Dille, who is a Twin Falls anesthesiologist specializing in pain management. Following diagnostic testing, he injected a local anesthetic and a small amount of morphine into the spinal canal.

"When it went to work, I just got instant relief," she said.

A week later she underwent surgery to implant a morphine pump. To do this, Dille said, a catheter is placed in the spinal canal and tunneled around to the abdominal wall where a pump stores the medicine to be delivered to the spinal cord.

Gabriel is now pain free.

"It tickles me to death," she

Keeping a pain diary

Keep a small notebook or tape recorder with you all day and, during the course of the day, write down what you are feeling. The following questions might help. Write the date and time every time you write in the diary.

1. When does it hurt? List every place that it hurts. Does the pain-mover-boost the pain in different places?
2. How does the pain feel? The following words might be helpful: burning, stinging, sharp, aching, throbbing, tingling, dull, pounding or pressing.
3. Did you have pain when you woke up, or did it start later?
4. Does the pain change during the day?

"After all those years of pain pills and shots and it wasn't doing any good."

She must periodically have a refill of medication. "A needle is used to painlessly inject it into the pump."

"Now I can sleep all night, which is one thing I couldn't do because I couldn't lay on my back and couldn't lay on either side for very long at a time," she said. "I'd have to keep turning."

Dille said in his practice he sees lower back pain more than anything else. And most of the time it goes away with conserva-

Battling cancer pain

The Times-News

For cancer pain, morphine pumps are no longer used exclusively for patients who are dying.

Now an increasing number of people with long-term cancer are using them, according to Dr. Clinton Dille, a Twin Falls anesthesiologist who specializes in pain management.

He said the advantage of these pumps is a very small amount of morphine is delivered to the spine to give a tremendous amount of pain relief.

"As an example, we'd have to give 300 milligrams of morphine orally to give the same amount of pain relief as one milligram given in the spinal canal," Dille said. "So you don't have all the 'drowsiness and other effects' that come along."

He cautioned that it is not always possible to get rid of all pain. Sometimes a patient's expectations are too high.

"I think most people if they had a chance would rather be out of pain, and sometimes it's just not going to be possible," he said. "And so my job is to try to reduce the amount of pain as much as possible."

HEALTH NOTES

Strenuous snow

Dreaming of a white Christmas? Remember that shoveling snow provides a strenuous workout that can take its toll on your back. Here are some tips if that snow really falls.

- Warm up before going outside. Stretch or do light exercise to loosen your muscles.
- Use your legs, not your back, when lifting a load of snow.
- Lift small loads and rest frequently. Stop if it hurts.
- Stay hydrated.
- Dress warm. Wear gloves and a hat that covers your ears to avoid frostbite.

Clean living

What's a healthful lifestyle worth? Maybe six to 10 extra years of life, new research suggests. Dramatic benefits are shown for people who don't smoke and who maintain low cholesterol and blood pressure levels. The research, reported in the *Journal of the American Medical Association*, found life-extending benefits for adults of all ages who have low heart-disease risk factors, including not smoking cigarettes.

Unbalanced diet

You can bet this isn't the kind of lifestyle the long-life researchers had in mind. A 44-year-old Romano Beach, Fla., woman says she's eaten more than 50,000 Hostess Cup Cakes. "Every morning I eat two Hostess Cup Cakes for breakfast with a multivitamin," says Suzanne Rutland. "I'll have a light lunch and another Cup Cake for an afternoon snack. I eat dinner, but always save room for dessert. I like to end each day with a

Cup Cake.

And at 5 feet, 8 inches tall and under 120 pounds, Rutland says she's never been overweight.

Boys' jacket recall

Parents, J.C. Penney Co. is recalling about 20,000 boys' jackets because the drawstrings are too long and could get caught in car or bus doors.

The "USA Olympic" brand jackets have 7-inch drawstrings, which, if caught in a door, could cause children to be dragged, injuring or killing them, the Consumer Product Safety Commission says. Stop using the jackets immediately, and either remove the drawstrings or return the jacket to the store.

Vision quest

We have seen the future, and, for the blind, it's hopeful. Wireless video goggles and a tiny, laser-powered microchip strapped to the retina could someday give blind patients a small measure of sight, doctors at the Johns Hopkins Hospital's Wilmer Eye Institute report.

Vision quest II

More good news: The Food and Drug Administration has given ColorMax Technologies Inc. approval to sell glasses that help correct color blindness, a genetic vision malady that affects nearly 12 million people nationwide. The announcement is believed to make the glasses, equipped with Color Vision Enhancing Lenses, the first products ever approved by the FDA designed exclusively for treatment of deficient color vision. The lenses sell to adults for \$699 and children for \$499.

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New books arrive in time for holiday gifts

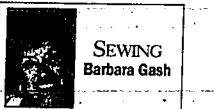
New sewing books by two metro Detroit authors are receiving national attention. It's not too late to add these titles to your holiday wish list.

"Sewing Tiny Toys" (Krause Publications, \$21.95) is the 11th book by Bloomfield Hills author and artist Carolyn Vorseburg Hall. Home sewers of all skill levels can create their own plush and beanbag creatures by hand or machine in a few hours with the help of full-size patterns, easy instructions and clear illustrations.

Fifty-two toys - a menagerie of animals - are included in this book. Hall starts with beginning-level toy-making techniques.

You'll learn to do jointed toys, to stiffen long limbs with armatures and to embellish with embroidery, appliques and paint. All of the projects use readily available materials such as felt, faux fur, beads, ribbons, pipe cleaners and more. The toys also can be used as party favors, package decorations and ornaments.

Jeanine Twigg of Troy is the founder of The Snap Source Inc., an international company that specializes in snap attaching tools and a large assortment of snaps.



SEWING

Barbara Gash

She has written a book that teaches you how to incorporate snaps into dozens of sewing and craft projects. "It's a Snap" (Krause, \$19.95).

Snaps are a perfect professional-looking alternative to button closures. Twigg shows how to use them creatively for children's wear, garment embellishment, Polar fleece jackets and vests, home decorating projects, clothing for people with handicaps and games. Included is a chapter on clothing repair and replacing worn snaps.

If you can't find the books, order from Krause at 800-258-0929, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. weekdays, 9-3 Saturdays.

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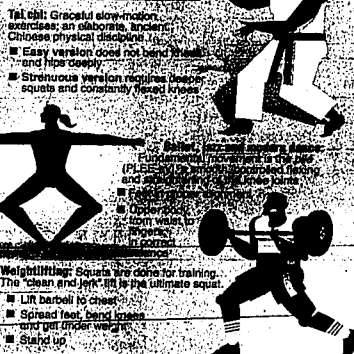
Squats: Excellent for strength, but potentially risky

The body's "anti-gravity" muscles are the big ones that straighten the knee and hip joints, support the spine and hold the head up. Squat exercises are so effective — and can cause serious back and muscle injuries — because they concentrate stress on many of those big muscles.

Doing a safe squat



Squats with a purpose



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Dentists meet demand for cosmetic work

The Baltimore Sun

Fluoride, flossing and better brushing techniques emptied dentists' chairs. But Americans' quest for whiter, more perfect smiles is filling them up again.

People are spending large amounts of money on better-looking, but not necessarily healthier, teeth. The most sought-after procedure is bleaching; dentists also are bonding ultra-thin veneers to teeth to hide stains and chips, replacing silver amalgam fillings with white porcelain ones, and installing porcelain crowns that look more real — and more perfect — than the teeth they cover.

"We've been doing cosmetic dentistry for years, but the public is just discovering it," says Larry Rosenthal, a New York dentist whose high-profile patients include Kathie Lee Gifford, Michael Bolton and Donald Trump.

"People have become tooth-obsessed."

Cosmetic dentistry is just one facet of the current interest in personal appearance, fitness and looking young, particularly among aging baby boomers. Whiter, more perfect teeth aren't just beautiful teeth. They are

In pursuit of the perfect smile

- If you are considering cosmetic dental work, here are some tips:
 - Start with your own dentist, even if you only ask for a referral.
 - Do some research. If you want to know more about tooth whitening, The American Dental Association has information on its Web site (www.ada.org).
 - Call the American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry at (800) 543-9220 or visit the organization's Web site (www.aacd.com) for information about procedures or to find members in your area.
 - Keep in mind that a dentist

- doesn't have to be a member of the AACD to do good cosmetic work.
- When you find a dentist, pay for a consultation. Get a second opinion if necessary.
- Ask for before-and-after photographs of procedures similar to those you're considering.
- Many cosmetic dentists have access to computer imaging equipment to simulate what you are likely to look like if you have aesthetic treatments.
- Find out the cost up front. You may have to pay in advance.

Source: Baltimore Sun

younger-looking teeth. "It's a youth-driven society," says Steven Haywood, a cosmetic dentist in the Baltimore area. "Forty to 55 are prime earning years, but teeth can look old then, particularly with outdated dentistry."

When the American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry was founded 15 years ago, it had 50 members. That number has exploded to more than 4,000. And an increasing number of dentists, even if they aren't members of

the AACD, are doing less drilling and more cosmetic work on their patients' teeth. It makes good business sense for dentists to turn to aesthetic work as tooth decay and gum disease become less prevalent, but there are other reasons for the shift.

"Cosmetic dentistry is very rewarding psychologically," says Charles Eina of Queens, N.Y., who describes himself as "a true general dentist who started doing cosmetic dentistry very early on." About 60 percent of his practice

is now cosmetic, he estimates. If you count patients who ask for the more costly white porcelain fillings even on back teeth. "In the past, people hated going to the dentist," Eina says. "Now they leave with something they're happy with, and it's almost painless."

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Cutting the risk of multiple births

The Providence Journal

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — Researchers at Women & Infants Hospital and Brown University have devised a way to peer inside a human egg and gauge its viability without doing damage.

The discovery has profound implications for infertility treatment, because if doctors know ahead of time which eggs are likely to result in embryos, they can increase pregnancy rates to while lowering the risk of multiple births.

This advance owes to an imaging device derived from military technology — a microscope with a polarized lens. For the past six months, the microscope has been used routinely at Women & Infants' infertility clinic for about a third of the in vitro fertilization procedures. Dr. David L. Keefe, the clinic's director and the lead researcher, said there has been a substantial increase in pregnancies in that group.

reproductive medicine is going to be," said Dr. Richard J. Paulson, director of the fertility program at the University of Southern California and the meeting's program chairman. "It's taking us in the right direction — into the cell proper. Keefe has given us a new tool for navigating this new fertility frontier."

Keefe's goal, to put it bluntly, is to make in vitro fertilization less of a crapshoot. Today, doctors and technicians harvest about 12 eggs from a woman's ovaries, combine them with sperm in a laboratory dish, and wait three to five days for cells to divide. Typically this results in seven or eight embryos. Infertility specialists select the ones with the most cells and the healthiest-looking cells and put those in the woman's uterus. The rest are frozen.

Keefe presented his work recently at the Conjoint Annual Meeting of the American Society for Reproductive Medicine and the Canadian Fertility and Andrology Society. His paper was one of six selected from among 1,000 submissions for the convention's General Program Prize.

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Clogged leg arteries can be improved by exercise

WASHINGTON (AP) — For some exercisers, pain can lead to gain — including, paradoxically, less pain. Many people with intermittent claudication, a form of arterial disease characterized by leg pain and weakness triggered by walking, can improve their ability to walk pain-free if they take part in a walking program, experts say. The catch is that the program, doctors think, they walk until they hurt.

and stroke, he said. Intermittent claudication becomes more common as people grow old. And most patients with intermittent claudication don't seek treatment, believing the pain and weakness to be just signs of aging, Dawson said. Doctors tend to pay little attention to the claudication itself, focusing on the more-severe problems underlying the leg pains, he said.

"What I tell my patients is to try for four or five times a week to the point of pain — and a little farther — but stop before it gets excruciating," said Dr. David L. Dawson, an Air Force lieutenant colonel who is an associate professor of surgery at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences in Bethesda, Md. Intermittent claudication is more than simply a debilitating condition, however. Clogs in the leg arteries are considered warning signs that the patient may have coronary artery disease as well, Dawson said. Up to 40 percent of patients with intermittent claudication are dead within five years, mostly from heart attacks

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