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# Taking a seat



Elaine Steele assumes her new role as mayor of Twin Falls City Council, including new member Glenda Thompson, at right.

## Twin Falls swears in new council members

### Reorganized council selects first woman to serve as mayor

By John T. Huddy  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - History was made in Twin Falls Monday, as Councilwoman Elaine Steele was elected mayor - the first woman to hold that position. After Glenda Thompson, Gloria Galan and Trip Craig, the city's

### Profile

Here's a look at Elaine Steele, Twin Falls' new mayor. Steele moved to the Magic Valley with her husband in 1995 and has lived in Twin Falls since 1994. Before coming to Idaho, she owned and operated a cosmetics studio and salon in Santa Barbara, Calif., for 13 years. She was the director of the city's

three newly elected City Council members, were sworn into office Monday, the reorganized council voted on a new mayor.

downtown Business Improvement District for two years. She has served on the City Council since 1998. A Colorado native, Steele graduated from high school in Vero Beach, Fla. She earned a bachelor's degree in corporate training from Idaho State University. She is completing an education master's degree program offered by the University of Idaho.

Thompson moved to elect Steele, Galan second. In a 6 to 1 vote, Steele won Gale Kleinkopf's open seat. Kleinkopf

did not seek reelection during the city elections in November.

Councilman Lance Clow, who was also vying for the mayor's job, did not vote. "I had aspirations that I wanted to serve the city, and it didn't work out," Clow said.

Steele, a smile on her face, thanked Kleinkopf for setting a good example as mayor.

"I just hope I can be as humble and gracious in this position as you have been," Steele said to Kleinkopf after he stepped down. Kleinkopf, choked up with

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## Weather leaves slim snowpack so far

By N.S. Nokkentved  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Weather watchers still are watching for the wet winter they predicted last fall.

Typically, about 40 percent of the winter's accumulation of snow is on the ground by New Year's Day, and about half the year's snowpack has accumulated by mid-January.

So far this winter, the snowpack is considerably less than it

### Snowpack measurements

Basin	Percent of average
Upper Snake River	61 percent
Salmon Falls Creek	70 percent
Goose Creek	63 percent
Big Wood and Little Wood rivers	50 percent
Big and Little Lost rivers	57 percent

should be by this time of year, said Ron Abramovich, Boise-based hydrologist with the

Natural Resources Conservation Service's snow survey. In the mountains of western

Wyoming that are the headwaters of the Snake River, the snowpack is less than two-thirds of the long-term average, he said. The snow depth is good, but it's light, powdery snow with little water content.

Though weather experts have been predicting a wetter than average winter, they have been wrong so far. But the storms now heading into the area may be the beginning of some wetter weather, Abramovich said.

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## New round of Israeli-Syrian talks opens

The Associated Press

SHEPHERDSTOWN, W. Va. - President Clinton brought Israel and Syria back to the peace table Monday for the second time in less than a month, but there were no face-to-face negotiations between the two antagonists.

Protests in Syria served as a stark reminder of the difficulties the two sides face. And even before an expected three-way session with Clinton, Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak and Syrian Foreign Minister Farouk al-Sharaa was canceled, officials played down the possibility that knotty issues would be resolved during this round of talks.

"The feeling is that these are very hard issues, that you cannot have a fully scripted procedure in a discussion that is complex," State Department spokesman James Rubin said late Monday. "Today has been serious and substantive."

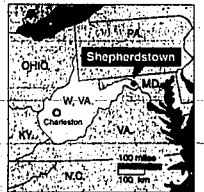
Clinton met separately Monday with Barak and al-Sharaa, as did his secretary of state, Madeleine Albright. The only face-to-face meeting between the Israel and the Syrian was at a picture-taking session with the president. Asked if it was troubling that



President Clinton speaks with Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak, left, as Syrian Foreign Minister Farouk al-Sharaa listens, prior to the start of Mideast peace talks at the National Conservation Training Center Monday, in Shepherdstown, W. Va.

the three-way meeting didn't occur, White House spokesman Joe Lockhart said, "I wouldn't interpret it one way or another. The schedule is very fluid."

Offering an explanation, he said Albright's meetings Monday night with Barak and al-Sharaa "went longer than anticipated." Said Rubin: "There is not a reluctance on either part to have joint meetings, and the job of the



facilitator here is to try to decide what the right rhythm and the pace of the discussions is."

Clinton planned a separate meeting with al-Sharaa on Monday night before returning to Washington.

Administration officials had billed the talks as a "historic opportunity" to end a half-century of hostility between the two old foes.

Among issues on the table are security - a major worry for Israel - sharing of water resources, the extent of Israel's withdrawal from the strategic Golan Heights, a timetable for that pullout and the character of peace between the two Middle East neighbors.

## ALL SYSTEMS GO

### Computer networks roll through first post-Y2K workday.

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - Back to work and working like a charm.

The first business day after the much-ballyhooed Y2K rollover resulted in few problems for schools and government agencies.

Here's a rundown on system checks up and down the valley:

**U. S. Forest Service**  
Y2K spending - A3  
The crisis that wasn't - D3

A sampling of schools throughout the region reported no signs of the Y2K bug Monday. Gooding, Glenns Ferry and Twin Falls school districts said their systems were running normally.

Administrative offices were open at the College of Southern Idaho Monday, and reported no

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## Obesity rate rises despite popularity of food labels

The Washington Post

Catherine Arnold picked up a can of beans from the supermarket shelf and pointed to the "Nutrition Facts" label on the back. "Fat, 0 percent," it said. "Cholesterol, 0 percent." She dropped the can into her cart.

"We read the labels all the time," Arnold said, nodding to husband Dave.

"We try not to be obsessed," he added, "but we are."

The Arnolds, a spry retired couple from Falls Church, Va., are worried about heart disease, and closely perusing the nutrition labels has become an essential part of their food shopping.

They are not alone. Study after study shows that a majority of Americans - in some cases huge majorities - routinely use Nutrition Facts to help them decide what to eat.

Food companies have developed thousands of new, reduced-fat products since the labels were mandated by law in 1994, and public enthusiasm for lower-fat diets has held firm.

But in one significant area, the labels have proved a bust. Six years after the Food and Drug Administration predicted the labels would mitigate a variety of health risks, including obesity, Americans are fatter than ever. A recent Centers for Disease Control and Prevention study classified 17.9 percent of all Americans as obese in 1998 - a 6 percentage point increase since 1991. A separate CDC study in 1997 said slightly more than half of all Americans needed to lose weight.

# THE REGION

# MAGIC VALLEY FIVE-DAY FORECAST

# YESTERDAY'S WEATHER

## Camas Prairie

High: 26 Low: 8  
Snow accumulating up to 3 inches. Partly cloudy tonight. Wednesday with scattered snow showers.

## Treasure Valley

High: 37 Low: 24  
Snow mixed with a little rain. 30 percent chance of snow tonight.

## Sawtooth Mountains/Wood River Valley

High: 26 Low: 11  
Snow likely by late morning. Mostly cloudy tonight and Wednesday with chance of snow.

## Eastern Idaho

High: 28 Low: 15  
Snow likely up to one inch. Snow probable tonight and Wednesday.

## Northern Idaho

High: 38 Low: 24  
Rain or wet snow likely in the morning. Mostly cloudy tonight and Wednesday.

## Northern Utah

High: 37 Low: 24  
Mostly cloudy with snow likely by afternoon. 70 percent chance of snow tonight.

## Northern Nevada

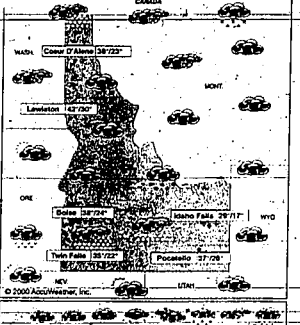
High: 36 Low: 23  
Snow likely, accumulating up to 2 inches. Mostly cloudy tonight and Wednesday.

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
High: 35 Low: 22 Snow, up to 2 inches.	High: 31 Low: 21 Partly cloudy.	High: 30s Low: 20s Partly cloudy.	High: 30s Low: 20s Mostly cloudy.	High: 30s Low: 20s Mostly cloudy.

Twin Falls	Precipitation
Yesterday: 32-17	Yesterday in Twin Falls: .00
Last year: 41-21	Month to date: .12
Normal: 36-19	Normal mo. to date: .86
	Water year to date: 3.17
	Normal year to date: 3.17

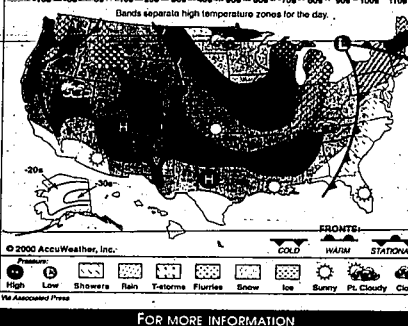
## Idaho weather

Tuesday, Jan. 4  
AccuWeather® forecast for daytime conditions, high/low temperatures



## National weather

The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Tuesday, Jan. 4.



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Burn time: 60 minutes

## ROAD INFORMATION

Call the following number for road conditions in Idaho: 1-888-ID-ROAD (1-888-432-7623).

## ACROSS THE NATION

**Idaho:** An approaching low pressure system provided increasing clouds across Idaho with precipitation at various locations. Precipitation totals Monday afternoon were 0.07 at Jerome, 0.02 at Lewiston, 0.01 at McCall and Mullan Pass. Temperatures ranged from 6 degrees at Stanley to 34 degrees at Caldwell and Mountain Home.

The approaching low pressure system was already encroaching in western Idaho on Monday night. Ample snow fall was expected in the higher elevations with lesser amounts in the valleys.

Elsewhere: Strong storms raked the Midwest on Monday in U.S. District Court in Manhattan.

The suspected plot has triggered a far-reaching investigation and an aggressive effort - including a sweep last week in which authorities questioned and detained dozens of people in Missouri. A band of stormy weather also produced possible tornado sightings in extreme western Kentucky, and thunderstorms knocked out power and flooded streets in Arkansas.

Showers were also seen from New York, Connecticut and Massachusetts, west across Ohio.

- The Associated Press

## SKYWATCH

Sunset today: 5:18 p.m.  
Sunrise tomorrow: 8:08 a.m.  
Lunar phase: New, Jan. 6; first quarter, Jan. 14; full, Jan. 20; last quarter, Jan. 28.

## Idaho Highs/Lows

City	Max	Min	Pcp	Idaho: High	Low
Boise	30	20	.....	36	20
Burley	33	17	0.3	36	17
Coeur d'Alene	30	19	0.1	36	19
Grangeville	m	m	m	36	19
Hagerman	36	23	m	36	19
Idaho Falls	22	5	tr.	36	19
Lewiston	33	25	0.1	36	19
Malad	29	m	.....	36	19
Marion	32	22	0.2	36	19
McCall	15	-9	0.3	36	19
Pocatello	25	16	0.6	36	19
Salmon	25	12	.....	36	19
Stanley	16	-3	.....	36	19
Sun Valley	26	4	m	36	19

## The Nation

City	Max	Min	Pcp
Albuquerque	36	26	.....
Anchorage	14	57	.....
Atlanta	48	30	.....
Boston	64	50	0.02
Chicago	38	35	0.1
Dallas	66	28	0.2
Denver	29	23	0.06
Des Moines	33	32	0.3
Detroit	45	38	0.3
Honolulu	81	68	.....
Houston	79	71	0.1
Indianapolis	41	30	.....
Kansas City	34	28	0.14
Las Vegas	68	42	.....
Los Angeles	67	42	.....
Memphis	73	66	0.10
Miami	81	74	.....
Milwaukee	35	34	0.09
Minneapolis	27	24	.....
Mobile	80	69	.....
New York	63	53	.....
Oklahoma City	55	39	0.11
Philadelphia	53	31	.....
Phoenix	59	36	.....
Pittsburgh	66	53	0.15
Portland, Ore.	43	40	0.28
Portland, Me.	59	41	.....
St. Louis	45	34	0.27
Salt Lake City	30	22	0.11
San Francisco	19	11	.....
Seattle	40	36	0.11
Spokane	29	24	0.05
Washington	68	52	.....
Yuma	63	39	.....

City	High	Low	Winds
Calgary	02	-12	city
Edmonton	10	-10	city
Toronto	54	30	city
Vancouver	41	33	city

# Agents arrest two more Algerian men

**LOS ANGELES** - Two more Algerian men have been arrested in the continuing investigation into alleged smuggling of explosives over the border from Canada in an apparent bomb plot, officials said Monday.

The first, seized Dec. 24 in Seattle, made a court appearance Monday to face immigration charges.

No mention of a bombing plot was made in the four-page complaint against Abdel Hakim Tizgha or in court, but citing confidential sources, the Seattle Times reported that authorities suspect that Tizgha was involved in a plan by terrorists to strike targets in the United States.

The second, Abdelwahib

Hamdouche, was taken into custody Saturday night at New York's Kennedy International Airport as he was preparing to leave for Paris, officials said.

Hamdouche, 34, a naturalized French citizen who was living in Brooklyn, was held as a material witness in the bomb plot investigation, and it is believed that he was ordered to remain in custody after a closed hearing

Monday in U.S. District Court in Manhattan.

The suspected plot has triggered a far-reaching investigation and an aggressive effort - including a sweep last week in which authorities questioned and detained dozens of people in Missouri. A band of stormy weather also produced possible tornado sightings in extreme western Kentucky, and thunderstorms knocked out power and flooded streets in Arkansas.

Showers were also seen from New York, Connecticut and Massachusetts, west across Ohio.

commission, it recommended approval last month of a requested rezoning change by Las Vegas hotel developer Craig H. Neilsen.

Kleinopf said the commission was to hear a recommendation from a newly formed advisory committee before sending the request to the council.

And after the swearing in ceremony and Steele's election as Mayor, the new council got down to business.

The council approved Bob Latham's \$3 request for a zoning change on 9.6 acres southwest of Pole Line Road and Fillmore Street.

Only Councilman Chris Tangleton opposed the request, wanting another hearing.

Latham and his son, Bob Latham Jr., want to operate a Hertz car rental franchise at the location and sell nearly new automobiles there. The Lathams own and operate Latham Motors Inc.

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# Supreme Court to hear case of grandparents' visitation rights

**NEW YORK (AP)** - Julie Mehring, mother of a 7-year-old girl, is in jail for her beliefs. Not over politics or religion; she refuses to accept that an Illinois court could order visits between grandparents and grandchildren.

Her jail term is unusual, but not her passion. Wrangling disputes over grandparent visitation rights have become commonplace in courthouses nationwide, often leaving scars on three generations of a family.

This week, the U.S. Supreme

Court tackles the issue for the first time, hearing an appeal of a ruling that struck down Washington state's visitation law. The high court's eventual decision could have broad impact, since every state has enacted laws detailing how grandparents can visit grandchildren over parental objections.

It is an issue that has bedeviled legislatures and forced state courts to make Solomon-like judgments. On one hand, parents have a fundamental right to raise

their children without state intrusion; on the other hand, legislators empathize with grandparents yearning to preserve ties with their children's children.

"I want to be able to take my grandchildren to the zoo or the park. I want them to be able to get to know me," says Patricia Mitello of Southgate, Mich.

She and her husband are fighting in court to retain the right to once-a-week visits with the two children of their daughter, Tamera, who died two years ago.

Tamera's husband has since remarried and no longer wants his 2-year-old son and 4-year-old daughter to see their maternal grandparents.

"It's such a difficult issue, but we love those kids so much," says Mrs. Mitello. "It just breaks my heart to have any kind of problem with this."

In southern Illinois, grandmother Ella Mehring won a court order to see Jenna, the 7-year-old daughter of her late son, on the first Sunday of each month.

emotion, thanked the city's staff and council members he served with during his more than five years as a councilman.

"It is really different from this point of view," he said, standing in front of the council rather than being on it.

How Allen retained his position as the city's Vice Mayor.

The new council made history in other ways as well. Galan is the first Hispanic to serve on the City Council. And never have three women served on the council in its more than 94 year history.

Thompson won in a landslide against former councilman and mayor Jeff Gooding. Galan beat former state representative Ron Black.

Craig beat incumbent Art Frantz, who also stepped down Monday.

"It was a very enjoyable 12 years," Frantz said.

But before the farewells, the old council took up one more business item before breaking up.

On a motion from Kleinopf, the council unanimously sent back to the planning and zoning

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problems, but classes don't begin to work with little trouble.

Ken Campbell, director of information technology, said the real test will be next week when the bulk of employees and students return. But thanks to a lot of preparation, he thinks the college is in good shape.

The Bureau of Land Management reported no problems.

"None at all," said Kim Buxton, BLM spokeswoman in Boise.

"Everything went as planned."

Officials at the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory were not aware of any problems.

"We sailed right through the changeover with no glitches at all reported to our emergency cen-

ter," spokesman Nick Nichols said.

Local governments got back to work with little trouble.

"Everything went very well," Twin Falls County Commissioner Carla Reed said. "I believe that all of our preparation time went well."

County officials spent more than a year and several thousand dollars upgrading the county's computer systems. The county invested in a 1,000-gallon generator to supply power to the courthouse in case of an emergency or outage.

The City of Twin Falls' preparation paid off as well.

City Manager Tom Courtney said there were no problems reported in the city's computer systems.

City officials also spent more than a year making upgrades to computer systems.

In Cassia County, no glitches of any kind occurred Monday, said Darrell Roskelley, the county's clerk.

Computers in the criminal justice system seemed to pass Y2K with no problems.

The Twin Falls Police Department and the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office reported no computer problems after the new year ring in.

The same goes for the Twin Falls County court system, where upgrades by the county and Idaho Supreme Court kept any Y2K bugs from affecting the system.

The Cassia County Sheriff's Department reported no problems.

lems.

"Y2K, if anything, has prepared people," Cassia County Sheriff's Capt. Jim Higgins said.

And there is a silver lining to the Y2K preparedness process.

Until recently, no Mini-Cassia public buildings had been equipped with generators, so people could go there and keep warm and cook hot meals during a major power outage. The Paul Congregational Church now has a generator, Higgins said.

"You can probably pick one up cheap at a garage sale this spring," he said.

Times-News writers Lorraine Cavenor, Brian Haynes, John T. Huddy, N.S. Norkentved and Jennifer Sandmann contributed to this report.

# Snow

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The National Weather Service predicts above average precipitation in Idaho in the coming six to 10 days.

But it's still too early in the winter to start worrying, said Mike Beus with the Bureau of Reclamation in Burley.

The high pressure that has been parked over Idaho has moved out and snowstorms appear to be moving in, he said.

Bureau reservoirs, however, are in good shape, with as much water as officials can allow this early in the season. The bureau manages the system of reservoirs on the Upper Snake River, which holds a little more than 4 million acre-

feet of water. As of Monday, they held a total of just under 3 million acre-feet.

An acre-foot is enough water to cover one acre, one foot deep - 325,850 gallons or 43,560 cubic feet.

The bureau is required balance the reservoir levels to leave enough room for the spring runoff and still leave enough water to fill storage contracts come the irrigation season.

And if there is water to spare, officials want to release it evenly through the winter, Beus said.

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WILD CARD: QUEEN OF CLUBS  
MONDAY, JANUARY 3 NUMBERS  
FAST: 4 14 23 30 31

# U.S. spent billions to fix its Y2K bugs

WASHINGTON (AP) — Moved by fear that Y2K technology problems could disrupt everything from telephone calls to electricity, Americans stomped out the once-dreaded computer bug the old-fashioned way — they spent it to death.

The United States, easily the most technology-dependent nation, spent roughly half the world's total repair costs. America's bill for buying new computers and repairing billions of lines of software code came to an estimated \$100 billion — or about \$365 for each resident.

But three days into the new century, a well-orchestrated victory of man over machine is raising questions about whether the government and corporate America threw too much at the problem, especially considering apparent victories overseas where far less was spent.

President Clinton's Y2K chief, John Koskinen, suggested Monday that as much as \$10 billion may have been wasted in the

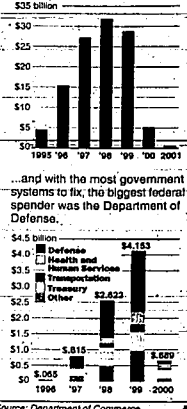
United States since 1995 as "somebody may have bought something they didn't need or figured it was a great way to get a replacement system."

But Koskinen defended the overall expense as "a marvelous accomplishment," and crucial to keeping the nation's most important computers healthy. To those who suggest money was frittered away, he said: "Corporations don't naively spend hundreds of millions of dollars."

So where did that money go? The government, which began its Y2K compliance efforts in earnest in 1995, spent \$8.5 billion to update and repair its computers while setting up an elaborate monitoring system for each major industry at risk, from nuclear power plants to hospitals. It also aided other countries that were behind in repairs to help stabilize the U.S. economy from global problems — and to ensure that foreign nuclear weapons and nuclear power plants were safe.

## Y2K spending

U.S. businesses and government agencies spent a total of \$100 billion to make their systems Y2K compliant...



# Congress to look at farm policy

WASHINGTON (AP) — Chairman of key congressional committees disagree on whether farm policy should be overhauled, but some lawmakers predict at least some tinkering with the market-oriented policies that became law in 1996.

"I think there's enough desire on the part of my farm-state colleagues to make changes," said Rep. Jo Ann Emerson, R-Mo., a member of the House Appropriations agriculture subcommittee.

She applauded Agriculture Committee Chairman Larry Combest, R-Texas, for scheduling hearings on farm policy from February through March in Washington and seven to 12 regions nationwide.

Shrinking export markets have sent prices for wheat, corn, soybeans and other crops plummeting, and the Agriculture Department forecast for 2000 is bleak, too. Farm income is predicted to drop \$7.6 billion next year to \$40.4 billion, unless Congress takes the unlikely step — because it is an election year — of another multibillion-dollar bailout.



Dan Glickman

"We're looking at the third year in a row of a disastrous agricultural situation," Combest said in a recent interview. "We've got to look at this. Something is not working."

Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman agreed, saying Congress has lurched from one patchwork emergency bill to the next.

His comments came in October on the heels of an \$8.7 billion emergency aid package. "And we shouldn't wait until the expiration of the farm bill in 2002," Glickman said. "The fact is, with two years of emergency payments to farmers, Congress has already seriously amended the farm bill."

"What is needed now is a thoughtful, well-balanced farm bill that we can work on if we address it early in the year — before we are looking again at emergency farm legislation."

Sen. Pat Roberts, R-Kan., said change in farm policy, even before the current law expires in 2002, is inevitable. Citing statements by Glickman and by President Clinton and Vice President Al Gore, Roberts said the question is not whether Freedom to Farm will be rewritten, but when and how.

Roberts, who as House Agriculture Committee chairman was chief author of the 1996 reforms, argues it is disingenuous to blame the farm bill for a failing safety net when its components — a crop insurance overhaul, aggressive trade policies and regulatory and tax reforms — were never put in place.

# Work force logs on without a glitch

WASHINGTON (AP) — From Main Street to Wall Street, Americans returned to work Monday, logged onto their computers, checked their e-mail and found that whatever Y2K bugs there may have been had largely crept back from whence it came.

The government's chief Y2K

adviser, John Koskinen, declared victory over the once-dreaded glitch, saying "business as usual" had resumed around the world — with a few minor exceptions.

"I think we can safely say that what has been referred to as the Y2K bug has been squashed," he said.

A few problems became evi-

dent Monday, however. A computer that tracks nuclear material at the Oak Ridge nuclear weapons plant in Tennessee malfunctioned. The actual accounting of material was not affected, officials said.

In New Mexico, Motor Vehicle Division offices could not issue driver's licenses for a time.

# Organization claims Dole is ready to endorse Bush

WASHINGTON (AP) — Three months after losing the race for campaign cash to George W. Bush, Elizabeth Dole plans to endorse the Texas governor this week to bolster his bid for the GOP presidential nomination in the New Hampshire and Iowa caucuses, the Bush campaign said Monday.

Mrs. Dole will endorse Bush on Tuesday during appearances in both states, said Bush spokesman Art Fleischer. Mrs. Dole's associates have urged her for weeks to endorse Bush and said this is the perfect time to help him. They hope an endorsement elevates her chances to be Bush's running mate, though officials in both

camp say no guarantees have been made.

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# GOP, Clinton head to tax cut battle

WASHINGTON (AP) — Setting the stage for an election-year fight, Republicans said Monday that President Clinton's tax relief proposals are far too modest given the size of projected budget surpluses.

"The government today takes more from working Americans than it needs, and that's not fair," said House Majority Leader Dick Armey, R-Texas.

But GOP leaders supported the administration's proposed tax credits aimed at helping an estimated 44 million Americans gain health insurance coverage. That issue also is at the forefront of the presidential campaign.

"Tax credits for the uninsured have broad bipartisan support," Armey said in a statement. "Now that the president is on board, there's no reason we can't get this done this year."

Although details remained in flux, White House officials said Clinton would outline a tax relief package as part of the fiscal 2001 budget plan that closely tracks the targeted, middle-class

proposals he advocated last year.

It will include, the aides said, a revised version of 1999's tax credits for people to invest for retirement savings accounts, which would supplement Social Security and perhaps stave off insolvency in that program.

The White House last year advocated using budget surpluses to provide \$300 tax credits for its Universal Savings Accounts, a proposal estimated to cost some \$250 billion over 10 years.

The new administration plan also is expected to include unspecified tax credits for people who purchase health insurance policies and would likely resur-

rect some combination of proposals to help middle class people with such needs as elderly care and childcare in the home.

Clinton economic adviser Gene Sperling said this year's plan "will go even further in ensuring we have a tax code that rewards work and family for the hardest-working parents."

But he would not say if the package would be offset with projected budget surpluses or paid for with increases in other taxes, as was the case with last year's failed administration proposals.

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A Lebanese soldier tears from the civil defense vehicle while moving the dead body of an assailant after a clash ended close to the Russian Embassy at Corniche Mazraa in Beirut Monday. Reportedly ignored by Russia's military offensive in Chechnya, assailants fired rocket-propelled grenades at the Russian Embassy, killing a police officer and wounding six others before an attacker was killed by security forces.

## Rebels attack Russian Embassy

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) - Assailants protesting Russia's crackdown on Chechnya fired rocket-propelled grenades Monday at the Russian Embassy in Beirut, killing a policeman. Troops killed one attacker during a manhunt.

No Russian casualties were reported at the embassy, located along the busy Corniche Mazraa thoroughfare, but political attaché Andrej Avdeev said the building's consular area was damaged.

There was no claim of responsibility for the attack, but the Mazraa area is in the Muslim sector of Beirut, where extremists are sympathetic to fellow Muslims in Chechnya. Lebanese Muslim militants opposed to Russia's military campaign in the "breakaway republic have staged protests and have been raising money for the Chechens."

Police sources confirmed, on condition of anonymity, reports that the dead assailant was carrying a statement indicating the attack was motivated by anger with Russian military actions in Chechnya.



State-run television reported the paper said: "In sacrifice for Chechnya." A private radio station, Voice of Free Lebanon, said the paper found on Kharoub was addressed "The Call of Grozny."

Lebanese army troops and police in armored personnel carriers and trucks fanned out in the area shortly after the midday attack, which shattered windows and left the compound pocked with shrapnel and bullet marks. The windshield of an embassy car was shattered.

The assailants launched four

grenades and fired assault rifles at the embassy from a nearby building. Security forces stormed the building and killed one of the attackers, police said. Several passers-by were injured in the chaos.

Troops sealed off neighboring buildings and streets and searched for at least two assailants who fled under heavy rain.

It was the most serious attack on a foreign diplomatic mission in Lebanon since the end of the 1975-1990 civil war, during which foreign nationals and embassies as well as ordinary Lebanese were targets of armed factions.

Officials at the Russian Foreign Ministry gave no immediate comment on the attack. The Interfax news agency quoted the ministry as saying only that "details of the occurrence are being clarified."

In Shepherdstown, W.Va., where Israel and Syria were resuming peace talks, State Department spokesman James P. Rubin condemned the attack on the embassy, calling it a "cowardly act of terrorism."

## Researchers use cells for regeneration

TOKYO (AP) - Japanese researchers have grown frog eyes and ears in a lab using the animal's own embryo cells, technology a scientist said Monday could eventually help doctors replace lost or damaged human sensory organs using cells from the patients' bodies.

Makoto Asushima, a biologist at prestigious Tokyo University, said the process is an alternative to donor transplants.

The team cultivated thousands of embryo cells in a retinoic acid solution for five days to produce the organs, he said.

Varying the concentration of the retinoic acid somehow brings forth different genetic instructions in the cells, Asushima said. A lower concentration activates a set of genes producing eyes, while a higher concentration activates genes producing ears.

The researchers used embryonic stem cells, the ancestral cells that develop into the tissues and organs in the body.

The procedure is different from "cloning, in which a single cell from an organism grows into a copy of the original, he said.

## Three days of religious unrest leave 20 dead

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) - An area of southern Egypt was under curfew Monday after a dispute between a Christian sheepkeeper and a Muslim customer exploded into three days of religious violence that left 20 people dead.

Fires had been extinguished and security forces reportedly had quelled fighting and rioting, but tensions remained high Monday in a corner of the country that has been torn before by religious clashes.

Twenty people were killed in the village of el-Kusheh, the Interior Ministry said in a statement distributed by Egypt's Middle East News Agency. Coptic Bishop Wissa, whose parish includes villages hit by the unrest, said Monday that the victims include Christians, died during rampages by Muslim protesters.

## Indian official: Declare Pakistan a terrorist state

NEW DELHI, India (AP) - India and Pakistan exchanged angry accusations Monday over India's claim that its nuclear rival had a hand in the eight-day hijacking of an Indian Airlines jetliner in which one person was killed.

Reflecting the tensions between the two neighbors, a land mine explosion killed 17 people and wounded 31 in the disputed region of Kashmir. No one claimed responsibility for the blast in a vegetable market outside Indian-controlled Srinagar, but Muslim separatists often carry out attacks in the region. In Pakistani-held Kashmir, five civilians were killed from repeated Indian shelling, Pakistani officials said.

The Asian rivals regularly trade fire across Kashmir. Shelling goes on almost every day and militants frequently carry out bomb attacks.

India's Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee urged the United States and other world powers on Monday to declare Pakistan a terrorist state, saying India had evidence proving Pakistan was involved in the hijacking.

Vajpayee said Washington, which historically has had a close relationship with Pakistan, should take the initiative in isolating Pakistan, a predominantly Muslim country

under military rule.

"Pakistan's active and sustained role in fomenting terrorism in India is now too obvious to be overlooked by the international community," said Vajpayee. "India, therefore, strongly urges major nations of the world to declare Pakistan a terrorist state."

The State Department said Monday, though, that Secretary of State Madeleine Albright would have to determine Pakistan's government "had repeatedly supported acts of international terrorism in order for the country to be designated a terrorist state."

Albright "has not made such a determination with respect to Pakistan," the department said.

Vajpayee's comments were the latest in a series of strong statements by Indian leaders alleging Pakistani involvement in the hijacking of Indian Airlines Flight 814 on a Dec. 24 flight from Nepal to New Delhi. However, neither Vajpayee nor the other officials have provided evidence to back up their allegations.

Nations that declare Pakistan a terrorist state could impose a range of sanctions against Islamabad, including a ban on travel, restrictions on military sales and withdrawal of foreign aid.

## Putin dismisses Yeltsin's daughter Monday

MOSCOW (AP) - Moving to establish himself as master of the Russian government, acting President Vladimir Putin dismissed Boris Yeltsin's daughter Monday in one of his first official acts.

The speedy removal of Tatyana Dyachenko from her Kremlin post as "image adviser" sent a clear message to the Russian public that Putin wants to sever ties with the scandal-tinged Yeltsin administration.

The terse announcement of Dyachenko's dismissal is a marked Putin's first personnel change since taking office Friday. It suggested that he has begun a focus on severing bureaucratic ties with corruption-tainted members of Yeltsin's inner circle, whom many Russians have come to despise, and prove that he is his own man.

Dyachenko had been accused of exercising undue influence over government policy, and has recently been a focus of an investigation into allegations of Kremlin bribery.

Putin, who is seen as the strong front-runner in presidential elections expected March 26, has indicated that one of his main goals is to clean up the widespread corruption that may be the single biggest obstacle to Russia's development. He has sternly warned government bureaucrats that he won't tolerate criminality or favoritism.

But many analysts have questioned whether he will go beyond window-dressing.

"The problem of anti-corruption campaigns is that unless you start at the top, there's no point," Margo Light, a Russia expert at the London School of Economics, said Monday.

Putin granted Yeltsin immunity from prosecution on Friday, almost immediately after the aged president resigned unexpectedly and named him acting president. However, while the

### The life and times of Vladimir Putin

Acting President Vladimir Putin seems to have stormed onto the political scene in Russia from relative obscurity. He was not well known either in Russia or abroad until August, 1999, when both in and out of Russia appointed him prime minister. Today, this one-time KGB agent, with a black belt in judo is establishing himself as the leader of the government.

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decree protected Yeltsin and made it impossible to subpoena his papers, the immunity did not extend to his family.

Neither the substance of Dyachenko's job nor the extent of her influence were ever clear. Regardless, it was a position that gave the former computer engineer, a Kremlin official, access to her father in an official capacity and a great deal of behind-the-scenes influence.

She shied away from public attention, but Russian media persistently linked her to several powerful businessmen who have allegedly used their wealth and media holdings to try to manipulate government policy and acquire privatized

state assets through sweetheart deals.

Yeltsin's erratic moves - especially his abrupt firing of four successive prime ministers - often provoked speculation that his daughter and her allies

were pulling strings.

Most recently, Dyachenko has been at the center of a probe into allegations of massive kickbacks that plagued the Kremlin during Yeltsin's last year in office.

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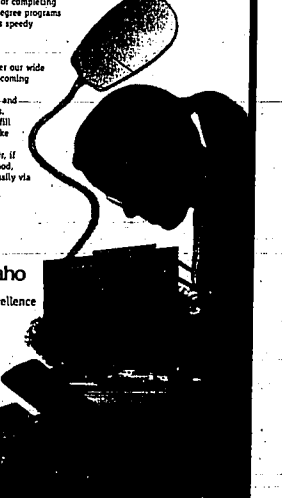
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## Computer insurance?

### Policies to cover against damage, theft pop up

Special to The Baltimore Sun

Patty Bach doesn't really care about her computer. Nothing personal, she says, but it's just another appliance in a home already filled with kids and other appliances demanding attention.

But some insurers think Bach, an administrative assistant in the English department at the University of Maryland at Baltimore, should be giving her beige Gateway a little more personal pocketbook time. With so many computer ads promoting Y2K fears, offers of specialized "computer insurance" have popped up on the Net, in newspaper ads and in homeowner

insurance policies.

Agents say the policies, which range from \$70 to \$250 per year — depending on coverage and deductible — let owners off the hook financially when it comes to power surges, laptop theft and accidental damage. There may be no hope for the term paper that disappeared during a lightning storm, agents say, but they can reimburse you for the fried hard drive.

But some computer owners believe common sense, basic hardware and a good homeowner's policy are all you need to fight off would-be computer killers.

"I think it's a crock," says Tommy Ligon, vice president of

computer chain Computer Harbor. "I personally see no reason for it."

For the most part, he says, computers are covered by homeowner's insurance, as long as the homeowner remembers to list it on the policy. Some insurance companies charge a little extra to cover laptops, but those policies then cover theft, damage and hardware problems.

Laptop problems were the impetus for creating computer insurance, says David Reeve, vice president and general manager of Consolidated Insurance Center Inc., in the Baltimore area.

"About five years ago, if you used your home computer for

even the slightest bit of business — even if it was spreadsheets for convenience — it was an exclusion," he says. "We started taking notice when one of our clients had a trike game clock and his laptop was stolen out of his trunk. We knew that more and more people were using portable computers."

Even though a computer can be added to a regular homeowner's policy, buyers should scan the fine print for exclusions, Reeve said.

For example, an insurer may pay up to \$2,500 toward computer equipment stolen or destroyed at home, but only \$250 if something happens to the PC on a trip.

## Photography gains power from Internet

By Dan Gilmor  
Knight Ridder News Service

Near-instant gratification, a hallmark of the emerging Digital Age, can change one's perspective. Case in point: the combination of the Internet and digital photography.

I've been getting a firsthand education over the past few weeks, using a digital camera to feed my online column, from points near and far. In the process I've rediscovered photography as a hobby

and gained a clearer understanding why so many companies are rushing to pour so much money into the genre, particularly as it moves so powerfully onto the World Wide Web.

Here's the rediscovery part: Yes, ago, when I was working at a newspaper so small that we had no staff photographers, part of my job was taking pictures to go with my stories. I discovered I enjoyed it. I assembled a solid array of Nikon camera bodies and lenses, and learned how to develop and print pictures. For a while, I was your basic shutterbug.

But photography disappeared as a professional activity when I arrived at bigger papers that employed staff photographers. And it ultimately faded as a hobby when my life got much busier.

This fall I bought my first digital camera, a Kodak DC-240. I was heading off on a five-week trip to Asia to teach part-time and visit technology people. With the simultaneous launch of an online column, and the ability to easily post photos as part of the column, the timing was ideal.

The camera doesn't take pictures that match the quality of what I could do with the Nikons. The density of the image in the cheapest film camera is much higher. But the Kodak is more than good enough for its purpose,

with its 3X optical zoom and ability to shoot pictures plenty dense enough for any Web page or even a reasonable print in some cases. Image-manipulation software, meanwhile, is leagues better than any darkroom. I've barely skimmed the surface of the software that came with the camera, but I've been astonished at how thoroughly I can adjust elements of any picture.

The Internet is the other half of my digital photography equation — and maybe the most important part. It's becoming the medium where I and countless other amateur picture-takers transport and display what

we're doing. The Net is an online album. It's a family photo album. It's a storage locker for photographs taking up space on people's PCs. It's where we send digital pictures to get them printed on glossy paper.

The Web as a display medium strikes me as the most important piece. (You don't need a digital camera to do this; you can scan regular photos into a computer and post them.) If you want people to see your pictures, it's by far the quickest method, not to mention the most convenient in many instances. This velocity is especially intriguing.

There's nothing new about making visual information available instantly to a wide audience. After all, TV has been doing live broadcasts via satellite for several decades. And Web-cams — small digital video cameras — are out there capturing scenes for hours or days or weeks on end, albeit with low image quality.

A photograph is more deliberate. It is the result of a human being's framing of a situation and, quite deliberately, capturing images one at a time. The process is somehow more thoughtful. The Neteenable ability of the individual to turn this kind of visual information almost instantly is fairly new.

## It's not easy being green if you're a computer

Knight Ridder News Service

Even in the computer world, it's not easy being green.

Or orange for that matter. Lime and tangerine, along with strawberry, are the least popular shades in Apple Computer's colorful iMac and iBook lines, and one Bay Area retailer was giving away as much as 64MB of memory last week to customers willing to buy those less-loved colors off store shelves.

The problem is not that lime and tangerine computers don't sell; consumers have snatched a total of more than 2 million iMacs in all five colors since they arrived in 1998. They just sell more slowly. As a result there are occasional shortages of the coveted blueberry, and retailers get saddled with an overstock when lime computers don't move as well simply because they are lim.

The color and design issue comes to the fore again as the Mac faithful look ahead to this week's annual Macworld Expo in San Francisco, a gathering Apple interim CEO Steve Jobs often uses as a launch pad for new products. The buzz is that this time the star of the show might be a souped-up G3 laptop (code-named "Pismo," after the beach in central California), and it could come in conservative blue, purple or graphite hues as well as the standard black.

Design isn't just eye candy anymore.

In fact, computer manufacturers may find a pot of gold at the end of the hardware rainbow that Apple has created. Competition for market share to lower consumer PC prices, but some retail experts say Apple might be leading the way into an era when people are willing to pay extra for design.

Of course, Apple has never played by the rules of the broader PC market. Although Apple might be leading the way into an era when people are willing to pay a little more for a Mac, they represent around 10 percent of the retail PC consumer population.

It's unclear whether Windows users would pay more for a cuter computer.

## Y2K KITS FOR SALE — CHEAP



Sales manager Scott Burkett, left, front, assists a customer at a Cambridge, Mass., computer store Monday where several remaining Y2K computer kits sit on the shelf. The store sold the majority of its kits, Burkett said.

## Machine speed doesn't enter Internet connections picture

By Jim Coates  
Chicago Tribune

Q. My apartment building is wired for cable modems. I have been resisting the temptation to connect because of the \$39 per month cost, but I am ready to give in. So called, and was told my computer didn't have enough RAM. My question is, if I add memory, will my 1996 Compaq Presario with the Pentium inside be adequate, or is adding memory only the first thing I'll have to do to fulfill the promises of the cable modem? My computer has only a 60-megahertz chip.

A. I hate it when people give me an answer that starts, "In theory..." But that's just what you need to hear, Ms. P. In theory, your aging Pentium I with its anemic 60-megahertz chip speed should be just fine for accessing the Internet via high-speed cable modem once you spend the \$100 or so needed to jack up its RAM to handle the networking card and software it needs.

The fact is that even your antique PC handles data that's thousands of times faster than information can arrive even through the fastest of Internet connections. So machine speed doesn't even enter the picture.

However, you will be viewing whatever Internet content arrives using an Internet browser program and that software will run pretty slowly on your Pentium I compared with today's much more robust Celerons, AMD K6s and Pentium IIs and IIs.

### Computer Q&A

On the other hand, once you have a browser up and running on your slowpoke, the cable modem will allow very rapid displays of incoming data and I am sure you will be delighted at the experience.

Since you already are used to how long it takes your machine to get the browser running, I would suggest that you just get that RAM upgrade and give the cable service a test drive before deciding if the experience makes it worth the added investment of a new machine.

Q. I am looking to find an Internet provider for service to our residence. Would you know how one could search for providers in the Chicago area and compare cost? Thanks for any help you can provide.

A. All politics may be local, as the late and great Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives Thomas "Tip" O'Neill always said, but the best way to find Internet hookups available locally is by way of a humongous national listing of Internet providers at <http://www.thelist.com>.

Run by entrepreneurs at a company named Internet.com Corp., the advertising-supported site lets you type in an area code and then provides you with a listing of every ISP that serves in that area code. The listings include information about what speeds and services each ISP offers along with a hot link to each provider's

own site for more details. These lists are so comprehensive that they move beyond mere modem-dialup providers to cover a wealth of higher-speed offerings, such as ADSL, SDSL, ISDN and cable modems.

Q. Several years ago, I learned from a newspaper article how to print out samples of all of my fonts. I was able to print out A-Z, a-z, and 1-10 for each font. I recently upgraded to a new computer and the fonts are quite different (maybe just the names are different, who knows?) and I can't find the instructions on how to do this. I am sure you have answered this question before and the original instructions may even have come from your Tribune article. Can you help me?

A. I have, indeed, answered this before, but getting to know one's fonts adds so much to the empowerment that comes from owning a PC that it is well worth repeating.

Mr. B. — Fonts get stored in a folder by that name in the Windows directory and when you click on each font a window opens displaying that font in the upper and lower-case alphabets and numerals. A Print button allows making a quick hard copy.

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## Use Internet for travel planning

The Seattle Times

The latest Travel Industry Association survey shows that about two-thirds of travelers who are "switching" use the Internet for travel planning — and 11 percent of them do all their travel planning online.

So where does one begin? Here's a sampler of places to start shopping.

For general travel background information, try the subsections at [yahoo.com](http://yahoo.com) and [excite.com](http://excite.com), in addition to your Internet service provider (ISP) such as AOL or CompuServe. The travelists.com site offers photos and stories in

addition to bargains. Or just do a search with your favorite search engine — this works especially well if your destination is an obscure one.

A quick way to open up a world of information is to do a search for "travel ezine" — you'll get a long list of interesting reading.

A few of the sites that focus on travel bargains are budgettrav.com, [travel.com](http://travel.com), and [cheaptrav.com](http://cheaptrav.com). Of special note for European travelers is budget-travel.com, which offers detailed information and booking on train, bus, ferry and other local public transport throughout Europe.

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## EDITORIAL

### Local farmers prove they are stewards of the land

To hear rabid environmentalists tell it, southern Idaho is chock full of pollutants who would rather foul God's green earth than keep it clean. Over the years, they've pointed accusatory fingers at loggers, miners, ranchers and farmers - claiming that many who earn their living in these traditional industries are sloppy operators.

Well, times are changing. The timber industry has cleaned up its act significantly. Ranchers are managing their livestock better. Miners are working under the most rigorous regulations ever. All of these industries are doing a better job, but local farmers are arguably doing it best.

Led by the Twin Falls and North Side canal companies, local irrigators have quietly been waging war on soil erosion. That's important, because dirt is the most common water pollutant in southern Idaho.

Between them, the two canal companies have built scores of settling ponds to capture sediments carried by irrigation runoff. Both companies have long encouraged their shareholders to build settling ponds, cut down on unnecessary plowing, convert to sprinkler irrigation and use chemicals such as polyacrylamide to reduce erosion.

Several years ago, the North Side Canal Co. went one better by transforming the friendly suggestion into formal company policy. All but 3 percent of the company's shareholders approved a new bylaw prohibiting

water users from shunting nasty irrigation returns back into the canal system.

Next week, Twin Falls Canal Co. shareholders will vote on a similar proposal.

Many farmers on the Twin Falls tract are already doing what they can to reduce erosion, so we suspect they'll approve the proposed new bylaw. They don't have to, but they will because it's the right thing to do.

It's also the prudent thing because federal water quality laws - which currently exempt irrigation companies from discharge regulations - are likely to change.

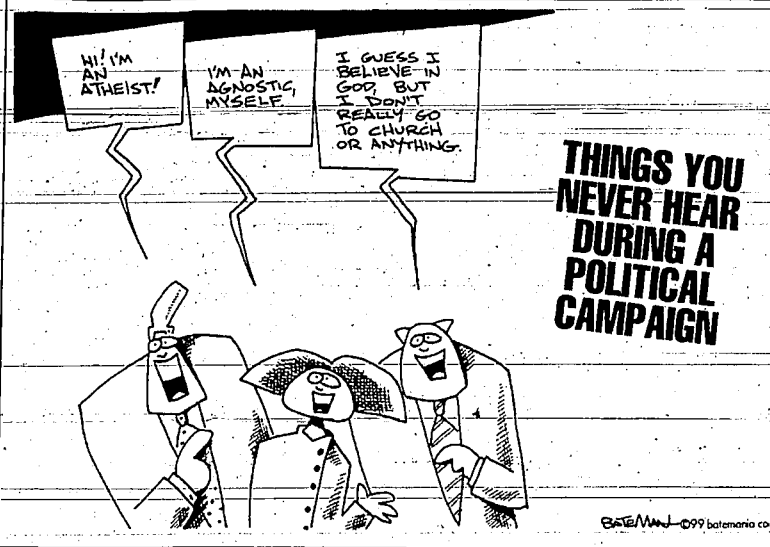
The most fundamental way in which people and institutions change is when they change their way of thinking. Years ago, asking shareholders in the Magic Valley's largest canal companies to impose clean-water standards on themselves would have been a doubtful proposition.

Now it's the right thing for shareholders to do.

Their responsible stewardship probably won't get much recognition from radical environmentalists. That's because many of them are too busy chaining themselves to trees to notice when the real environmental players - the ones who can make a difference - do the right thing.

Here's to next week's vote by Twin Falls Canal Co. shareholders. We hope the proposed new bylaw wins by a landslide.

*Led by the Twin Falls and North Side canal companies, local irrigators have quietly been waging war on soil erosion.*



### THINGS YOU NEVER HEAR DURING A POLITICAL CAMPAIGN

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## These are not ordinary economic times

DAVID IGNATIUS

It's been great to read all the millennium essays about Einstein and William the Conqueror and FDR. But if you're a crass person like me, the question in the back of your mind Friday night as you were trying to think bigger thoughts was: Where's this goofy stock market heading?

Will the tech boom continue, or is the helium balloon about to burst? Will the Nasdaq composite average have doubled again to 8,000 a year from now? Or will it have collapsed back to 2,000? And the horrible answer, which even the priciest champagne can't obscure, is: Nobody knows.

Some of the smartest people I know have been consistently wrong about this market. They measured it against traditional metrics of value - dividend payouts and price-earnings ratios - and concluded that by those measures, and they stayed away from what looked to them - even in 1995, with the Dow at 5,000 and the Nasdaq at 1,000 - like an overheated market, and they missed the party.

The Wall Street Journal ran a box Friday morning that summarized the gains during the '90s for the market's highest-fliers - It made for a joyful or painful reading, depending on how much of these stocks you were bold enough to buy: Dell Computer, up 90,722 percent for the decade; Cisco Systems, up 68,624 percent; America Online, up 66,395 percent; Qualcomm, up 14,600 percent. On that list, Microsoft looks like a piker. It was up just 9,634 percent.

These numbers are crazy, yes. And the doomayers will eventually be right - maybe next week, or next year, or 10 years from now. But no one can say when, because markets don't have any internal balance wheel. They're the sum of choices of individual investors and, in

that respect, they're irrational.

One of my New Year's resolutions is to stop arguing with the market - stop scolding it for not performing the way smart people say it should. Tut-tut-tut - the public's ravenous appetite for tech stocks is as silly as complaining about that the popularity of a mass-market movie like "Titanic" or a bestseller like "Tuesdays With Morrie." Highbrow critics can complain that these works are sentimental tripe, but the point is, people like them. And in my experience, when masses of Americans agree about something, they're generally right.

What's obvious, looking at the fantastic run-up in technology stocks, is that ordinary Americans realize we're living in a time of revolutionary economic change. They see the Internet transforming our economy, brick by brick, and they want a piece of the action. Many of the investments people are making in this embrace of new technology will probably turn out to be bad ones, but the underlying impulse is absolutely correct.

Investors who want the stock market to move in steady, predictable ways are like the 19th-century philosophers who wanted to see human history as a steady evolutionary process. But things don't work that way.

If there's one lesson that's clear from all the weighty essays published these past few weeks, it's that history is driven by sudden, unpredictable eruptions of chance and creativity. Why did the Renaissance - a new way of seeing and painting and thinking - begin to emerge in 14th century Florence? Or,

closer to home, why did new technologies for processing information begin to emerge in Silicon Valley labs during the 1980s and '90s? You can't predict these dramatic changes by extrapolating from the past. They're cataclysmic events, as unforeseeable as earthquakes.

Economics, too, like history, isn't an evolutionary story that can be described with the smooth upward curves of continuous algebraic functions. It's a story of radical discontinuities - the sudden sparks of innovation, optimism and panic that drive people and markets. The philosopher T. S. Kuhn liked to distinguish between "normal science," the steady, problem-solving kind that chugs along in ordinary times, and the "revolutionary science" of people like Copernicus, Galileo, Newton, Lavoisier and Einstein, who made radical breaks with the existing paradigms of knowledge.

My gut tells me we're in such a period - one that doesn't fit the smooth formulas and functions of ordinary times. A new economy is being born, and the stock market - even with its crazy valuations, even with our certainty that the bubble will burst - is an accurate reflection of that fact.

"Don't fight the problem, decide it." Gen. George C. Marshall observed more than a half-century ago, and it's a useful admonition today. Don't argue with the facts; learn from them. Something new and different is happening in the American economy. We'll return to ordinary times and the slow buildout of knowledge soon enough. But right now, we're in the eye of a hurricane. That's what this goofy stock market is telling us today, but don't ask me where it will be tomorrow.

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## LETTERS

### Whatever it is, it's a new start

On Wednesday, I read a letter that stated "too many supposedly intelligent people... do not know the measurement of time and that we were not going to be embarking the first year of the new millennium last Saturday.

In my early schooling, I also learned that a decade is 10 years, a century is 100 and a millennium would be 1,000 years. However, I also learned that when you measure something that you start at zero. Therefore, when I turned 10 years old, I had lived a complete 10 years and was starting my 11th year the moment my 10th birthday party was over. Hence, Jan. 1, 2000, at 12 a.m., we embarked on the first year of the next decade, century and yes, the third millennium!

Someone might say, "What difference does it make?" This year marks a place in time that, although 6-plus billion

of us in the world will be here to witness, in 50 to 100 years, darn few of us will be here.

So it's the turn of a new decade, century and millennium but, most importantly, new! A time for a fresh start. I want to start by saying to my family that I love them. I love you like no man has ever loved. I beam with pride when I look at my pictures and see my family on vacation or hiking or celebrating together. Thank you, my family.

So this new year, decade, century, millennium and beyond, let's remember with wisdom that which is most important and celebrate all that life has to offer.

P.S. As of just moments ago, I learned that the first millennium began in C.E. 1. There is no zero in our calendar, thus making 2001 the official beginning of our millennium. This new insight only

changes the fact that we will be able to enjoy all of this excitement again next year. Happy New Year to all!

LEBRON BURTON  
Filer

### Government wages a dirty war

I just finished a book about a war the government is fighting and does not appear to be winning. The subject is "The War on Drugs," and I feel it is a good idea for the public to look into this subject rather than believing everything the government is telling us. The book is called "The Consumers Union Report on Narcotics, Stimulants, and Marijuana Including Caffeine, Nicotine and Alcohol, Lie and Illicit Drugs" by Edward M. Brecher and the editors of Consumer Reports. The book was written to inform the

public on the effects of the drugs, what research was being done to control the problem and the effects of prohibition and the government's handling of this problem. They turned all of the reports into the government in hopes that their findings would put an end to a serious problem the country was facing.

I found out about the report when I was reading "Ain't Nobody's Business If You Do" by Peter McWilliams. I found a copy at the College of Southern Idaho, and they also have one at the Twin Falls Public Library. The book was taken out of print many years ago, but I was able to find a copy from a lady who finds out-of-print books.

After reading what they thought were the government's mistakes, I find that no one read the report or maybe it was lost. Anyone who passes and enforces the laws on the prohibition and control of

these drugs should read this report to get a better picture of what they are dealing with, because what they are doing is not even coming close to ending this war. It may even be causing more problems.

The public should be aware of this report because a great deal can be learned from it. There are billions of dollars being spent and lives being ruined due to this war. This war is not only ruining the lives of people who use the illicit drugs but is also hurting people who need some of these drugs because they are sick and many doctors are so afraid of the federal government that they let their patients suffer rather than having to risk an investigation.

Please read this book; it may answer a lot of questions you have about the drugs that are considered a problem. CAROL MCDRADE  
Twin Falls

### Doonesbury



By Garry Trudeau

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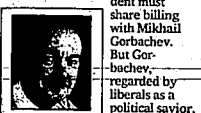
By Bruce Tinsley

OPINION

Real heroes of the 20th century

In chronicling his version of "who mattered and why" in the century just past, Time magazine editor Walter Isaacson gives short shrift to Ronald Reagan, Pope John Paul II and Margaret Thatcher.

Reagan gets no credit for joining forces with Thatcher and the Pope to push Soviet communism over the edge. He was merely a "choreographer," writes Isaacson, who says the former president must share billing with Mikhail Gorbachev.



CAL THOMAS

But Gorbachev, regarded by liberals as a political savior, vowed to mend communism, not end it. In a further attempt to dilute the influence of these three, Isaacson says they had help from Winston Churchill, Harry Truman and Franklin Roosevelt. True enough. But these men successfully contained the spread of communism. It was Reagan, Thatcher and the Pope who set out to kill it—and did so in Russia.

The New York Times goes further than Time magazine. It questions whether Reagan's 1981 "evil empire" speech, in which he declared an economic war on the Soviet Union, "was the act of a simpleton or a visionary strategist." It was far more visionary than the Times editorial page, which regularly denounced Reagan for refusing to buy the liberal dogma of a nuclear freeze; unilateral disarmament and accommodation with the Soviets.

Why do liberals refuse to give credit where it's due? Communism is the backwater of the past, not the wave of the future. Most students—at American universities and in much of the rest of the world—no longer study socialism. Rather, they want to learn how to ride the crest of the prosperity wave made possible by communism's reduced threat.

Chinese communism hangs on, not because it excites the masses but because a but dictatorship threatens the masses.

The reason Isaacson, the New York Times and their fellow ideological travelers cannot bring themselves to credit Reagan, Thatcher and the Pope for what they did is that they would have, in the words of Dezi Arnaz, "a lot of 'splainin' to do." Many liberal journalists, writers, economists, politicians, academics and clergy believe in the promise of socialism and communism. They became evangelists for the cause, pumping ideological bilge into the public mind. While "journalists" such as Walter Duntzky of the New York Times and Anna Louise Strong were extreme in their lavish praise of Joseph Stalin and Mao Zedong, many others in the media helped pass along uncritical stories and propaganda that promoted the "humanitarian nature of communism over 'inhuman' capitalism. Such people were never held accountable by their peers or their followers, because to do so would highlight their own political sins.

Reagan's words, especially, gave hope to millions trapped behind the Iron Curtain that the United States was serious in its objective to help others breathe free.

Reagan hit liberals in the most vulnerable parts: "The history of our time will undoubtedly include a footnote about how, during this decade and the last, the voices of retreat and hopelessness resound a crescendo in the West—insisting the only way to peace was unilateral disarmament, proposing nuclear freezes (and) opposing deployment of counterbalancing weapons.... These same voices ridiculed the notion of giving better arms control—the hope of doing something more than merely establishing artificial limits within which arms build-ups could continue all but unabated."

The Reagan-Thatcher-Pope strategy deserves more than a footnote. It deserves a headline for sending Soviet communism to what Reagan called "the ash heap of history." But these folks won't get it from the likes of the New York Times and Walter Isaacson—who proudly refuse to admit their errors.

Cal Thomas is a Los Angeles Times columnist.

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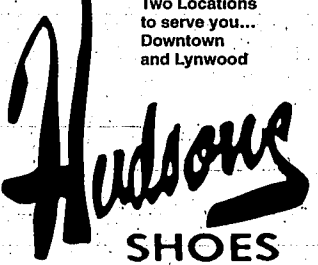
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# Cargo crew members find illegal immigrant suspects

LONG BEACH, Calif. (AP)—Eighteen suspected illegal immigrants were detained after being found inside a cargo container aboard a ship that reportedly departed Hong Kong nearly three weeks ago.

Twelve others were detained in Seattle after being found inside a filthy container aboard another ship that came from Hong Kong, INS officials said.

In the California case, the Chinese immigrants, who were not injured, were found Sunday by crew members of the Zim Shekou as it was coming into the Port of Long Beach, said U.S. Coast Guard Petty Officer Billy Davidson. The group's trip began in Hong Kong and included a stopover in British Columbia, Davidson said. He was not sure how long they had been confined

in the containers, but KCAL-TV reported that the group was on the ship for 20 days. An Immigration and Naturalization Service spokesman did not immediately return a phone call placed after business hours Sunday.

In Seattle, the 12 men were being detained at an INS center after being found Sunday aboard the container ship OOCL Faith—

owned by Orient Overseas Container Line of Hong Kong. INS spokesman Irene Mortensen said they were found inside a dirty container, where they had been since Dec. 18.

"I was standing up on the ship looking down," longshoreman Bill Sample told KIRO-TV. "You could tell that was just nasty in there. There are some desperate people, that's for sure."

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### AROUND THE VALLEY

#### Police continue to investigate stabbing

**TWIN FALLS** - A stabbing victim remained hospitalized Monday while police continued to investigate the attack.  
Michael A. Capolupo, 53, was listed in fair condition at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Monday morning.  
He was stabbed in the stomach New Year's Eve and was found at the Hideout bar, 157 Washington St., police Sgt. Don Hall said.

#### Former Declo resident dies in crash Saturday

**BOISE** - A former resident of Declo died in a New Year's Eve crash on Interstate 84 east of Mountain Home.  
Janine Marie Bortz Reynolds, 31, died at Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center from injuries she suffered when the pickup truck she was a passenger in crashed over an embankment.  
Her husband, 33-year-old Brett W. Reynolds, was listed in fair condition at Saint Alphonsus, where he was taken with a broken pelvis and facial injuries.  
The crash occurred at 1:20 p.m. when driver Brett Reynolds abruptly changed lanes as he approached a semi truck ahead, the Idaho State Police said.  
The westbound truck clipped the semi, lost control and crashed over an embankment, the ISP said.  
Neither Janine or Brett Reynolds, who live in Moses Lake, Wash., were wearing a seat belt, the ISP said.  
A 7-month-old child in the truck, Dana Reynolds, was not hurt in the crash, the ISP said.

#### Twin Falls girl remains critical after accident

**HAZELTON** - A Twin Falls girl was in critical condition Monday evening after being ejected in a rollover crash on Interstate 84.  
Amber Cheney, 18, was at Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center, where she was taken Sunday night after the crash three miles west of the Hazelton exit.  
Cheney was driving westbound in a 1977 Jimmy when it slid into the median and rolled, the Idaho State Police said.  
Cheney and her two passengers were not wearing seat belts, and they were all ejected, the ISP said.

#### New Year's baby gets street named in her honor

**TWIN FALLS** - The first baby to arrive this year at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center one day will be able to tell her children that a city street was named in her honor.  
Holly Ann McDevitt, born at 3:35 p.m. Saturday, will have a Twin Falls city street named after her. The name could be Holly Ann Court, said developer Jeff Blick.  
Holly also will receive up to a \$31,000 college scholarship for tuition at Idaho universities or colleges. Several other gifts also were presented to Holly and her parents, Bud and Sandra McDevitt of Hollister.

#### Dead owls hit by traffic litter the interstate

**TWIN FALLS** - State wildlife officials report that owls are being killed by vehicles along Interstate 84 between here and Burley.  
On the day after Christmas an employee of the Idaho Department of Fish and Game says he counted 61 dead barn owls along the 33 miles of interstate.

Compiled from staff reports

## Police identify body, search for a suspect

By Lorraine Cavener  
Times-News writer

**BURLEY** - Cassia County sheriff's officials have identified the body of a woman whose body was found southeast of Burley. They have confirmed that the woman was Kacy Kay Ray, 30, of Burley, missing since Dec. 26.  
"We know it's her," said Capt. Jim Hignens of the Cassia County Sheriff's Department.  
But officers are still waiting on

#### How to help

Anyone with information about who Ray may have been with since her disappearance can call Cassia County investigators at 878-1208, Cassia Crime Stoppers at 878-2900 or ISP investigators at 736-3055.

the results of an autopsy of Ray's body. The sheriff's department does not have any clues about how or why Ray was killed, Hignens said.

The department also does not have any suspects in the ongoing investigation of the possible homicide, Hignens said.

Cassia County detectives and Idaho State Police are still seeking information about who Ray might have been with since she disappeared from her Burley home.

Ray's body was found Saturday 13 miles southeast of Burley. Ray had suffered multiple stab wounds and police are investigating the death as a homicide.

The Cassia County Sheriff's Office is filling up the investigation with assistance from ISP's Investigations and Forensic Division. Officers from Rupert and Twin Falls are also following leads in their areas.

Ray was a first-grade teacher at Memorial Elementary School in Rupert.

A substitute teacher has been sent to the school to take over Ray's class, said John Fennell, curriculum director for Minidoka County School

District. District superintendent Nick Hallett has spent time visiting with the staff, Fennell said.

Counselors and school psychologists were available at the school, he said.

But they haven't loved her. She will be missed," Fennell said.

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Blaine Harkness, who works for Premiere Resorts in Sun Valley, tosses one of many Christmas trees into a recycling pile in Ketchum. The city's Park and Ride is one of several sites in the Wood River Valley where trees may be dropped off until Jan. 31.

### SEASON'S END

## Officials await info on dogs' deaths

By N.S. Nokkented  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** - State officials still aren't sure what killed six dogs along the Snake River between Burley and Minidoka Dam last fall.  
But they have found "no evidence of blue-green algae, which apparently killed at least one dog near Lake Lowell, south of Boise."

Officials with the state's Division of Environmental Quality still are waiting for test results on the dogs killed near Burley, said Bill Allred with the agency's regional office in Twin Falls.

In November 1999, a Burley-area couple was riding a four-wheeler along the Snake River, when they saw their dog put its snout in a hole left by the four-wheeler. Soon after that, the dog showed signs of respiratory distress and died at a local veterinary clinic.

In the week that followed, reports of four more dogs dying with similar symptoms sent up red flags about local and state emergency and environmental officials.

The incidents were on the Cassia County side of the river. The first incident happened about 3 1/2 miles east of Burley, and the others happened well upriver, but below Minidoka Dam.

Despite soil tests, no environmental causes were identified. Fennell says he suspected, and DEQ notified the Cassia County sheriff's department. So far results of investigations have been inconclusive.

Allred said officials found no evidence of simple blue-green algae that may have killed as many as six dogs along Lake Lowell, part of the Deer Flat National Wildlife Refuge. One dog showed evidence of having ingested some of the deadly algae.

Blue-green algae is more common in still waters of lakes, ponds and reservoirs, rather than moving water, Allred said. The algae is sometimes found in Marsh Fork Creek and other Magic Valley reservoirs.  
The algae produces cyanide and a tell-tale turquoise stain around the pond or lake, he said.

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## Farmers meet with Simpson

### Tell him corporate agriculture is destroying the smaller farms

By Michael Journee  
Times-News writer

**BUHL** - Corporate agriculture's near monolithic status is to blame for current plight of southern Idaho's independent farmers and the agricultural economy in general, a group of about 20 Buhl-area farmers told U.S. Rep. Mike Simpson Monday.  
The group met with Simpson, who is in the middle of a four-day stay in the Magic Valley, to discuss what they say is his congressional priorities should be in 2000.  
"If you want to do well in agriculture today you need to go to auctioneer school," one frustrated farmer said, alluding to poor farm commodity prices that are causing many of the farmers at the meeting to seriously question their future in the business.  
Low prices for agricultural

products are the result of very little competition among the frequently merging large commodity buyers, they said.

With only a handful of huge companies for farmers to contract with, there is no incentive in the market to raise commodity prices. And with the profits the companies make, they make it impossible for cash-strapped farmers to form cooperatives so they can compete. Their only option other than signing small contracts with the big companies is to go out of business, the group told Simpson.

"Sounds like you're about this close to unionizing," said Simpson holding his thumb and forefinger about an inch apart.

The consensus among the group was that situations like this are the reason some unions exist. Simpson sympathized with the farmers, saying that he and other congressional delegates from Idaho have considered re-examining the nation's anti-trust laws.

"Big is not necessarily bad - until it works to defeat free markets," Simpson said. And it's not just in the agricultural industries

that Simpson sees a problem.

"In an awful lot of industries, consumer choice is not there," he said. "This whole system breaks down if there is not competition."

But the trick in making anything happen is to somehow convey the farmers' plight to the 98 percent of the country that has nothing to do with agriculture, and to sell it to the legislators and congressmen who represent that 98 percent.  
"And as we continue to urbanize in this country and we will - there will be less and less representation of agriculture in Congress," Simpson said. "Just wait until the redistricting is done this time."

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## Cassia commissioners review proposed hog bill

By Lorraine Cavener  
Times-News writer

**BURLEY** - County officials want local control included in a proposed bill that would set up a committee to review sites for large hog production facilities.  
The bill, which covers confined animal feeding operations larger than 10,000 animals, was unveiled last week by House Speaker Bruce Newcomb, R-Burley, Sen. Denton Darrington, R-Declo, and Rep. Jim Kempson, R-Elgin. Commissioners reviewed the bill Monday.  
"There needs to be an explicit disclaimer. It needs to say that this does not pre-empt county jurisdiction," Cassia County attorney Stephen Bywater said Monday.  
If the state approves a livestock operation but the county does not, there could be a problem, he said.  
The bill adds another layer of approval

on siting large operations, Bywater said. But mitigation or compensation to residents is still a county issue.

The bill is patterned after state Division of Environmental Quality hazardous waste regulations, he said.

"The final say needs to be a local issue, not DEQ," he said.

The bill suggests a panel of Cassia County and Burley residents be established to regulate confined animal feeding operations. But county Administrator Tim Hurst said having Burley residents on the panel would not be in the best interests of county residents near a livestock operation.  
"People in Burley who favor livestock operations have economic development in mind and would not be as concerned with the odor issue as people who live near a facility," Hurst said.  
"The county commissioners need to determine this," he said.  
The bill also is not clear on whether the

county or the state would collect and administer the \$10,000 fee for the state inspection of a livestock operation, Bywater said.

The one mile set back required from residences also is not satisfactory, commissioners said.

"It's probably not far enough if you're talking about odors," Hurst said.

Commissioner Paul Christensen agreed. "As those operations consume more area one mile is not adequate," he said.  
Bywater and Christensen will present their suggestions to a panel of legislators at an East Cassia and West Cassia Soil and Water Conservation District legislator luncheon today at Marsh Creek Event Center in Elgin.

In other business, commissioners approved hiring Trent Bodily for the newly created position of adult misdemeanor probation officer for the Mini-Cassia-probation department. Bodily

works for the juvenile probation department.

"He has done a good job," Christensen said. "This is an opportunity for him to advance. He is self-motivated, and somebody we want to keep around."

Commissioners also reviewed Cassia County's Emergency Management plan, presented by Capt. Jim Hignens, who recently took over as the emergency management officer. The plan covers emergencies, such as floods, earthquakes or other disasters, Hignens said.

The plan includes preparedness procedures for a severe winter storm, it also focuses on self-reliance, he said. It also includes procedures for requesting a disaster to receive federal financial assistance.

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SWEARING-IN OKUN

Burley council bids old members goodbye, welcomes newcomers

By Lorraine Cavener  
Times-News writer

**BURLEY** - City Council member Curtis Mendenhall's traditional bright green jacket went in the trash bin Monday before the swearing-in ceremony of new council members, Adria Masoner, John Anderson and re-elected member Al Thaxton.

"This has been a traditional symbol," Mendenhall said. "As a tribute to Brent (Kerbs) and Bill Schaefer it's time to hang this up - out with the old and in with the new."

Mendenhall said he considered outgoing Councilman Kerbs a friend, even though there had been times when they were not.

"It was an unfortunate turn of events, which needn't of happened," he said. "We were at each other's throats the first four years."

Kerbs talked about where Burley is headed. During the eight years he was a council member a lot of things he said.

"This council is unique. We argued, we debated, we agreed and we disagreed," he said. "That's what the public wanted, and that makes me proud."

The city will be facing the urban renewal issue, Kerbs said.

"I'd like to see the city and county and everybody pull together," he said. "It can be a tool to bring us back economically."

Recreation also was a tough issue.

"I don't know what the right solution is," he said.

The landscape ordinance didn't really get a fair chance, Kerbs said.

"I for one can tell you (landscaping) has certainly helped my business," he said.

William Schaefer, the other

outgoing council member, said his four years on the council went by fast.

"It isn't an easy job," he said. "There is a lot of time and pressure involved."

There is more to the job than the six people who make up the council, Schaefer said.

"There are a lot of good people. You make it work."

As Mayor Doug Manning presented Kerbs and Schaefer with plaques for their service, he said he was proud to call them friends.

"People dedicate time, ability and their souls at times," Manning said. "I can't say enough about Brent and Bill."

There are very few men and women of integrity in high places, Council member David Ringle said.

"I've learned you live up to what you say - that's Brent Kerbs," Ringle said.

Jerome council to take new shape

By Dicie Thomas Reale  
Times-News correspondent

**JEROME** - One new councilman will be installed at tonight's city council meeting, and council committee assignments will be squared away tonight.

Newly elected councilman Jerry Crozier replaces outgoing councilman Ralph Peters.

Mayor Dennis Moore is expected to make council committee assignments as follows:

Moore: library liaison.

Joe Skaug: fire department and area of impact board of appeals.

Marjorie Schmidt: wastewater

**Meeting tonight**  
The Jerome City Council meets tonight at 7 p.m. at council chambers, 200 E. Ave. A.

and finance committee.

Charles Correll: police department and area of impact board of appeals.

Crozier: streets, water, irrigation, parks and finance.

City Attorney - Robert E. Williams III, City Clerk Kathy Miller, Police Chief Bill Reid, Fire Chief Jim AuClaire, Public Works Superintendent, Bob Culver and Librarian Susan

Jacobsen are up for reappointment to two-year terms.

City Administrator Jon Cecil is up for reappointment to a one-year term.

Also on tonight's agenda:

- The council will consider awarding a \$23,500 bid to Glendale Construction Inc. for gravel.
- Discussion and possible approval of the preliminary plat for Pleasant Lane Subdivision, located in the city impact area west of town.

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Deanna Tanner Okun, left, is sworn in Monday as a U.S. International Trade Commission member. Okun is a Minico High School graduate. Next to Okun is her mother, Beverly Morgan. Donna R. Koonhke, the ITC's secretary, swore in Okun.

SERVICES

**John Raymond Brown**, of Hazelton, 10 a.m. today at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

**L. Irene Adams**, of Jerome, memorial service at 11 a.m. today at Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel.

**Kenneth D. Crosby**, of Twin Falls, 11 a.m. today at Parke's Magic-Valley Funeral Home; friends may call before the funeral today at the funeral home.

**Margaret Allen Caldwell**, of Burley, 11 a.m. today at the Payne Memorial Chapel, 221 W. Main; friends may call one hour before the funeral today at Payne Mortuary.

**Louis C. Allen**, of Rupert, 1 p.m. today at the Rupert First and Seventh Ward building, 806 G St.; friends may call one hour before the funeral today at the church. (Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel).

**Wednesday at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Twin Falls**; friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. today at White Mortuary.

**Henry P. Posthuma**, of Twin Falls, 2 p.m. today at the Twin Falls Reformed Church. (Reynolds Funeral Chapel)

**Mary Ann Gassner**, of Declo, 10 a.m. Wednesday at Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel; friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today and one hour before the funeral Wednesday at the mortuary.

**A. Viola Brown**, of Wendell, memorial service at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the Twin Falls First Presbyterian Church. (White Mortuary in Twin Falls)

**Robert Dodge "Bob" Wilson**, of Boring, Ore., and formerly of Twin Falls, graveside service at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Sandy Ridge Cemetery in Sandy, Ore. (Bateman Carroll Funeral Chapel).

**Charles Donald Wood**, of Burley, memorial service at 1 p.m. Thursday at the Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel, 321 E. Main; friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the mortuary.

**Amelia (Millie) Susanna Meyer**, of Burley, 11 a.m. Friday at the First Presbyterian Church, 2100 Burton Ave.; friends may call from 10:15 to 10:45 a.m. Friday at the church. (Farnsworth Mortuary in Jerome)

DEATH NOTICES

**Celia Russell**  
TWIN FALLS - Celia Russell, 90, of Twin Falls, died Sunday, Jan. 2, 2000, at Twin Falls Clinic & Hospital.

At Celia's request, no services will take place. Cremation arrangements are under the direction of White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

**Viola Koch**  
WENDELL - Viola Belle Lehmann Koch, 93, of Tucson, Ariz., and formerly of Wendell, died Thursday, Dec. 30, 1999, in Tucson.

The funeral will be held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Christ Lutheran Church in Wendell. Burial will be at the Wendell Cemetery. Family and friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. today at Demaray's Wendell Chapel.

**Jessica Taylor**  
WEISER - Jessica Elizabeth Ferguson Anderson Taylor, 94, of Cambridge and formerly of Boise and Hill City, died Sunday, Jan. 2, 2000, at a Boise hospital.

A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Rosevale Section at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls. Arrangements are under the direction of Thomason Funeral Home Inc. in Weiser.

**Bernice Thompson**  
TWIN FALLS - Bernice Thompson of Twin Falls died Monday, Jan. 3, 2000, surrounded by her family, at her home.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home.

**Joan Bond**  
TWIN FALLS - Joan Bond, 77, of Twin Falls, died Monday, Jan. 3, 2000, at the Sunbridge Care and Rehabilitation Center.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Reynolds Funeral Chapel.

**Austin Wilde**  
TWIN FALLS - Austin Wilde, 75, of Twin Falls, died Sunday, Jan. 2, 2000, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home.

HOSPITALS

**MINIDOKA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL** Dana Hicks, all of Rupert.

Some names have been omitted at patients' request.

**Admitted**  
Daniel Marion, Jacob O'Connell, Kail J. Lee and

**Released**  
Wayne Tolman, Dani Hicks and Mary Sabala, all of Rupert.

OBITUARIES

BURLEY



**Cloteal Bingham Gierisch**

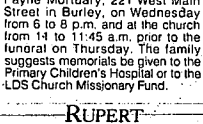
Cloteal Bingham Gierisch, 83-year-old Burley resident, died Sunday, January 2, 2000, at the Cassia-Regional-Medical-Center-in-Burley.

She was born February 17, 1916, in Ogden, Utah, the daughter of Charles James and Myrtle Maria Silcock Bingham. She moved with her family to Burley in 1919, where her father farmed in the Pella area. She attended Burley schools and graduated from Burley High School in 1934. Cloteal married Ralph Kramer Gierisch in the Logan LDS Temple in September of 1936. After her husband graduated from Utah State University in 1937, they were transferred to Colorado to work for the United States Forest Service. Their family of five children were all raised in Colorado. Cloteal was active in the LDS Church, where she served in many capacities, including Relief Society president. She loved her flower gardens and raised and shared beautiful African violets also. She enjoyed ceramics and had a shop to do them for a short time. She was widely known for her talent of oil painting lovely scenes and still life. Her greatest joy in life was her family.

Survivors include three daughters, Joan Maxwell of Burley, Marie (Roger) Larson of Twin Falls and Elaine (Kathleen) Henderson of West Valley City, Utah; two daughters-in-law, Joyce Gierisch of Colorado and Frances (Kerry) Gierisch Williams of Utah; two sisters, Marie (Marvin) Saunders of Ogden, Utah, and Dorothy (Lynn) Montgomery of Wendell; a brother, Deloy (Barbara) Bingham of Twin Falls; two sisters-in-law, Virginia Bingham of Twin Falls and Fern Bingham of Buhl; 26 grandchildren; 38 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Ralph on March 4, 1993; two sons, Darwin Ralph Gierisch and Ronald Allan Gierisch; two brothers, Charles Bingham and Woodrow Bingham; and two baby sisters, Elma Bingham and Maurine Bingham.

Funeral services will be held at 12 noon Thursday, January 6, 2000, at the Pella LDS Ward Chapel, 150 W. 400 S. of Burley, with Bishop Bruce Bowen officiating. Burial will

RUPERT



**Joseph Bott**

Joseph Bott, 86-year-old Rupert resident, died Friday, December 31, 1999, at Minidoka Memorial Hospital in Rupert.

He was born July 24, 1913, in Rupert, the son of Luigi and Serafina Rossi Bott. He attended schools in Rupert, including Pioneer School. He has resided in Rupert most of his life. He farmed with his brothers, Ray, Lou and Frank, plus raised and raised horses. Because of an accident when he was a young man, his vision became impaired. He recognized people by their voices and laughter and often surprised those he was talking to by calling them by their correct names. He was a faithful member of St. Nicholas Church and attended daily Mass until his health prevented him from continuing. He prayed many rosaries a day for his family, parish family and friends. Joe was a member of the Knights of Columbus and the Minidoka County Sheriff's posse. He was preceded in death by his parents; his brothers, Ray and Lou; and his sisters, Esther Bott and Mary Henschel. He married Betty Werth and was later divorced.

He is survived by two sons, Joe Jr. of Blackston Springs, North Carolina; and Dean of San Diego, California; six grandchildren; and two brothers, Herman and Ray, both of Rupert. Ray visited his brother daily, making Joe happy with the chocolate candy he brought. Joe is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews who enriched his life and visited him often.

A memorial Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 9 a.m. Wednesday, January 5, 2000, at St. Nicholas Catholic Church in Rupert. The memorial service is under the direction of Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel. There will be no service at the Rupert Cemetery; Inurnment will take place at a later date. After the church service on

Wednesday, there will be a gathering for family and friends in the St. Nicholas Hall.



**Mollie Carotta**

Mom rang out the old millennium by going home to her Lord and Savior on December 31, 1999.

Mollie was born to Christ and Julianna Rusch who were German immigrants from Russia. Mollie Rusch was the sixth of eight children. The only redhead, she was always known for her feisty spirit and her wonderful sense of humor. Mollie was born in Eaton, Colorado, on April 5, 1922. As a child, she and her family moved from Eaton to Chicago, then to the Mini-Cassia area, where she resided for the rest of her life. On November 31, 1958, she married Archie Carotta and moved to the Roston/Jacobsen District which was also known as Little Italy. Two children were born to this marriage, Dallas and Sharon. Mollie and Archie moved into Rupert in 1962. Archie died in 1979. Mollie worked at the Simplot Plant for many years. After Dad's death, mom had a very special friend, Kohl Genert, who enriched her life, especially after she became ill.

Besides her husband, Mollie was preceded in death by her brother, Christ Rusch, and her sisters, Mary Margaret, Bert Martin and Erma Schaefer. She is survived by her son, Dallas Carotta and his wife LaWana of Pacific City, Oregon; their daughters, Stephanie Carotta and Susan Martdeck; her daughter, Sharon (Sam) Feltman and her husband Dale of Jackpool, Nevada; their children, Julia Durbin and her husband Tony, and Shawn Feltman and his wife Tonya, and one great-grandson Lee Durbin. Also surviving are her sisters, Kate Joseph of Rupert, Hannah Eddington of Idaho Falls and Esther Ketterling of Twin Falls. Mollie was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church and the Minidoka Historical Society.

Viewing will be Wednesday from 6 to 8 at the Hansen Funeral Home. The celebration of her life will be conducted by the Reverend L.G. Mletzner on Thursday at 11 a.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church in Rupert. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests making a donation to Mom's favorite causes, the Trinity Lutheran Memorial Fund or the Minidoka Historical Society.

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# Hearings begin this month on fish rules

KENNEWICK, Wash. (AP) — The public will get its first look at proposed new federal rules for protecting threatened salmon and steelhead at hearings around the region this month.

When the proposed new federal salmon rules were disclosed Dec. 14, the National Marine Fisheries Service offered state and local governments exemptions from federal regulations, as long as industries were abiding by certain clean water rules.

"Local officials and local property owners... are in the best position to develop recovery plans that have the best chance of success," said Mike Poulson, chairman of the Washington Farm Bureau's natural resources committee. "This could be a positive step."

But others already object to proposed criminal prosecutions that would come with the new rules, which would cover natural-resource industries in Washington, Oregon, Idaho and California.

In a separate action, NMFS and other federal agencies will decide this year whether four lower Snake River hydroelectric dams should be partially breached to save salmon.



Fisherman Bob Scott, shown in this April, 1999, file photo, hauls in a catch below the Lower Granite Dam on the Snake River near Pomeroy, Wash. The public will get its first look this month at proposed new federal rules for protecting threatened salmon and steelhead.

The new NMFS rules — which could become effective in June — say people who kill, harm or harass 14 threatened salmon populations or their habitat could face one year in jail and a

\$50,000 fine. At issue is anything that harms a protected species. The list includes wrecking habitat, dumping toxic chemicals, violating the state Clean Water Act, applying

pesticides in a way that harms species and catching protected fish — all defined as "taking" fish.

When species are listed as endangered, these prohibitions start automatically. But for those listed as threatened — a less serious classification — fish managers set rules deemed necessary to prevent more declines under a provision in the Endangered Species Act called "Four D's."

The biggest impact of proposed new Four D rules would be felt in Portland, Ore., and Puget Sound. But mid-Columbia steelhead are listed as threatened, which means Eastern Washington towns and farmers must pay close attention.

Bruce Lovelin, executive director of the Columbia River Alliance group of river users, criticized the federal fisheries service for allegedly trying to trick the region into swallowing its new "collaboration" plan while extending full-scale protections to threatened fish.

"Given the broad definition of 'take' and the massive geographic scope of the 14 threatened salmon species, almost every resident of California, Washington, Idaho and Oregon will be subject to NMFS prosecution," Lovelin said.

# Speaker names new leaders

BOISE (AP) — House Speaker Bruce Newcomb has appointed fifth-term Republican Rep. W.W. "Bill" Deal of Nampa to replace John Tippets of Bennington as chairman of the powerful House State Affairs Committee.

Tippets resigned from the Legislature in his sixth term, effective Monday, to devote more time to his career after being promoted to human resources manager at Agrium, a fertilizer company.

Newcomb elevated Deal from vice chairman of State Affairs, and moved up Rep. Julie Ellsworth, a second-term Republican from Boise, to succeed Deal as vice chairman.

Meanwhile, the speaker said Republican Rep. Jim Clark of



Bruce Newcomb

Hyden would fill a vacancy on the House Appropriations Committee, part of the budget-setting Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee.

The opening was created by the resignation of former committee member Tom Limbaugh, a first-term Fruitland Republican who resigned from the House in October to become chief of the state Bureau of Occupational Licenses.

Limbaugh's House seat was filled by New Plymouth rancher Monty Pearce.

# Man gets prison after 10 DUI charges

FARMINGTON, Utah (AP) — A man with a long list of drunk driving offenses was sentenced to up to 10 years in prison for driving drunk and hitting three bicyclists.

Steven Ray Hudgens, who had nine other arrests for driving under the influence since 1986, faced up to 15 years in prison.

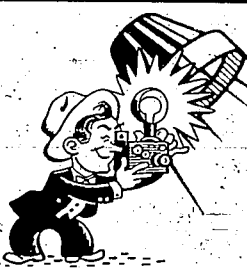
"I can't ask your forgiveness because I really can't forgive

myself," Hudgens said at his sentencing Monday.

He was ordered to pay the out-of-pocket expenses and insurance costs for the victims. One victim, Brian Carlson, said that could be as much as \$500,000.

Hudgens initially pleaded innocent to seven felony counts of driving under the influence and aggravated assault.

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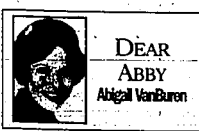
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# Lawyer brother needs credit counseling

**Dear Abby:** Recently my brother-in-law called my husband at work to ask for \$1,500 because he had fallen behind on his rent for three consecutive months. My husband, growing wiser each year, told him that he would have to speak with me because we make financial decisions together.

"David," will call him, is nearing 40 and is an attorney. He has led an interesting life, moving from place to place and trying his hand at a number of vocations, from bartending to medic work to tennis instructor - all the while exploring any and all professional opportunities. We receive regular e-mails from him regarding all sorts of fun weekends, rafting



**DEAR ABBY**  
Abigail VanBuren

trips and tennis tournaments. However, his law practice is slumping along. He has never been married and has no dependents, nor is he disabled in any way.

For as long as my husband can remember, David has always got himself into financial trouble and someone in the family has had to bail him out. Even in his

30s, David has received thousands from one sibling or another or his parents. This is the first time David has approached us for money, as my husband is the youngest in the family.

Though it was a difficult decision to make, we determined that we were not doing David any favors by sending him money. With David's history of poor financial management, we feel we would just be perpetuating the problem.

Without lecturing, my husband explained our position to his brother. He became obviously upset and ended the phone conversation quickly. We no longer receive e-mails from him, and he hasn't spoken to us since. Furthermore, the rest of the family is furious with us.

Abby, were we wrong to not send money?  
-ANNABELLE

**DEAR ANNABELLE:** No, you were not wrong. Given the amount of money David has borrowed from family members, I wouldn't have chipped in any more than I could afford to lose.

Although your brother-in-law is no longer sending you e-mails, perhaps you should e-mail him the telephone number for the nearest Consumer Credit Counseling office. You'd be doing him a favor.

# Kissing comes from passionless beginnings

People didn't do hardly any kissing until about 500 A.D. Exactly what got them started and why is not clear, though the homages of religion had much to do with it. Early kissing was no preliminary to passion. But it got around that. Most things get around to that.

Mushroom pickers - they work in the dark - wear miners' lamps.

Ancestors of Brazil's giant armadillos once were as big as Volkswagens. Early people bedded down in their empty shells.

Said Mel Brooks of music critics: "They can't even make music by rubbing their hind legs together."

The British murder one another



**WHAT'S WHAT**  
L.M. Boyd

lysts interpret jobseekers' character traits from their penmanship, it's said, is taken seriously by many in management.

Q. Why is a "pipe dream" called that?

A. The allusion is to a pipe filled with opium.

Some students of political history contend everything we know of representative government began more than 1,000 years ago in Iceland when the original settlers organized the Althing, the world's first parliament.

In Senegal, tradition long required a man to declare before his first wedding whether he intended to marry only one wife or eventually more than one.

That was his choice. But he was stuck with it. If he opted for one at that moment, he couldn't later change his mind, and say, "Make that two." Or whatever.

Q. I know to sing "a capella" means to sing without musical accompaniment, but why?

A. A capella is Latin for "chapel." That's how the old church choirs sang.

Every grownup in the Western World has had mononucleosis. At least, that's what the medicals believe. They just can't prove it.

Denver International Airport is twice the size of Manhattan Island.

Dried bananas are four times as nutritious as fresh bananas.

# Sagittarius: Wait for all the facts, do nothing

**IF JANUARY 4 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY:** You are independent, controversial, let your parents' influence at relatively early age. Taurus, Leo, Scorpio persons play major roles in your life, could have these letters, initials in names - D, M, V. Current cycle demands that you protect self in emotional clutches, that someone wants, for whatever reason, to deceive you. January and October will be your most memorable months this year.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Look for potential offer to travel is accepted. It might be best to stay put. Avoid becoming involved in inter-family dispute or wild goose chase.

**Taurus (April 20-May 20):** Cool down, there are facts yet to be revealed. You are going to receive them due to efforts of a Sagittarian associate. Aries also plays role.

**Gemini (May 21-June 20):** Lie down, play waiting game. This may not be as easy as it seems. Numerical cycle of number 1 means initiative-action, style. Don't play out in anger.

**Cancer (June 21-July 21):** Your kind of day. You help family member, try new recipes, you also express love to one who, of late, has lacked confidence. Capricorn represented.

**Leo (July 23-Aug. 22):** It is perfectly all right for you to diversify, change things around, to plan social get-together. Popularity rating on the rise, people confide question problems.

**Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):**

Relative who makes sudden appearance is confused concerning motive. Be pleasant, don't force issues, make intelligent concessions without abandoning principles.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Be ready for variety of sensations, experiences. Your attraction to Aquarian is physical as well as mental. Know it, protect self in emotional clutches.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Go slow, be diplomatic, attention revolves around where you live, family land investment. Music in your life be attentive to one who seeks counsel on career, music.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** All facts are not in - avoid becoming victim of self-deception. If you don't know what to do, do nothing. Pisces, Virgo persons will play leading roles.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** You make remarkable comeback - you are given responsibility of putting across big financial transaction. Get facts, analyze them, arrive at conclusions.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** What was started months ago could now be completed if you are persistent. Don't be talked out of it by one who knows little or nothing about what is going on.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Push aside preconceived notions. You will encounter bright people who investigate psychic phenomena. Be open-minded, not naive. Leo, Aquarius persons help make life exciting.

# Tim Allen makes home improvements of his own

**LOS ANGELES** - Actor Tim Allen is looking to make some home improvements of his own.

Allen, who stars in the comedy-adventure movie "Galaxy Quest" from next week, is the Los Angeles Times reported Sunday. Allen, the 46-year-old former star of ABC-TV's sitcom "Home Improvement," separated from his wife of 15 years in fall. The 5,500-square-foot home built in 1990 has three bedrooms, a pool and views of the city. Slater, 30, had owned the Mediterranean-style home since 1993.



Tim Allen makes home improvements of his own

out fight with Pam and I get flattened," Witt said in Sunday's New York Daily News. "So when we finish shooting, the whole cast comes out holding these little signs saying 'I'm a pipe dream.' It was sweet - but I kept thinking, 'Who gave a 9.9?'"

Witt, 33, won Olympic gold in 1984 and 1988. She's gone on to appear in movies like "Romantic" to pose for Playboy and promote her own line of jewelry. She's also appearing in the upcoming NBC special, "Divas on Ice," a figure skating program she also is producing.

ing trend. Scientists at five German zoological institutes are proposing to increase research funds by selling sponsors the right to name newly discovered plant and animal life.

Becker already has his species - a slippery sea snail named *Bufofaria borisbeckeri* - thanks to a free recommendation by a German researcher and tennis fan, Manfred Parth. A colleague at an snail expert in a state zoological institute, Michael Schroedel, said Monday that Parth simply wanted to immortalize the recently retired tennis idol.

Wasn't known whether Becker was aware of the honor.

# People in the news

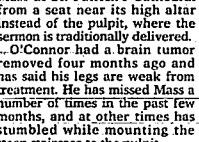
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**Sigourney Weaver** wishes to put new film on map.

**LOS ANGELES** - Sigourney Weaver hopes her Golden Globe nomination will put her latest film on the map.

Weaver was nominated for best dramatic actress last month for "A Map of the World," which had a one-week run in Los Angeles and New York in early December. And is to open in wider release nationwide on Jan. 21. "It was such a small picture going in," said Weaver, star of the "Alien" movies and the current comedy "Galaxy Quest." "I only hope the nomination will give us more recognition factor." Based on Jane Hamilton's novel, "A Map of the World" tells the story of a school nurse whose life is shattered when a friend's daughter drowns under her care and a boy accuses her of abuse. "It was one of the most challenging roles I've ever had," Weaver said. "The arc of this character is so unusual. She's not a Hollywood heroine. She's very flawed, and you don't necessarily like her." The movie stars Julianne Moore and David Strathairn.



Sigourney Weaver promotes her latest film

# Spice girl, Melanie Gulzar, breaks up with husband

**LONDON** - Scary Spice and her husband of little more than a year have split up.

Melanie Gulzar told the couple's 10-month-old daughter with her to her father's home after a New Year's Day breakup with Jimmy Gulzar, the singer's spokesman said Monday.

The couple issued a statement saying: "Mel and Jimmy have confirmed that they are to separate. The couple have arrived at this conclusion after a considerable amount of discussion and attempts to make the relationship work. They intend to remain good friends."

The pair met on the Spice Girls' 1998 tour when Gulzar, a dancer, performed in a stage show. They married in September 1998.

# Jim Lovell explores South Pole as part of expedition

**CHICAGO** - Former astronaut James Lovell isn't done exploring.

The man who flew aboard Apollo 8 and Apollo 13 is heading to the South Pole as a member of a privately funded expedition.

"This is one of the last frontiers," said Lovell, who lives in suburban Lake Forest. "I've been to the moon; I've been to the North Pole, but I've never been to the South Pole. It's a continent I've always wanted to see."

The 10-member Antarctica 2000 expedition team left on Sunday for Chile, where weather permitting - they will charter a plane Wednesday to Patriot Hills in Antarctica. They plan to stay until Jan. 20.

The team hopes to discover meteorites and study organisms similar to those that might exist on Mars. The team also includes NASA scientists, business entrepreneurs, college professors and a junior high school science teacher.

-compiled from wire reports

# Schulz will miss his pals from 'Peanuts' comic strip

**SANTA ROSA, Calif. (AP)** - With his last daily "Peanuts" comic strip appearing in newspapers Monday, cartoonist Charles Schulz had to stifle the tears.

"There are so many things I'm going to miss," Schulz told The Press Democrat of Santa Rosa on Sunday, his voice crackling with emotion. "I've been thinking about this, and I think what I'm going to miss the most is Lucy holding the football and looking up and then the big bonk when Charlie comes down."

Schulz, 77, was diagnosed with colon cancer in November. Some of his physical problems have left him at a loss, "but the big thing I lost is my job," he said with a laugh.

Today's final farewell strip is primarily a text message signed by Schulz. In it, he thanks editors and "the wonderful support and love expressed to me by fans" through the nearly 50-year run of "Peanuts." He calls the strip "the fulfillment of my childhood ambition."

In the corner sits a thoughtful Snoopy atop his doghouse, with the typewriter that so often tapped out: "It was a dark and stormy night."

"Charlie Brown, Snoopy, Linus, Lucy... how can I ever for-

get them," the strip reads.

Some fellow cartoonists joined in today. Cathy Guisewite, creator of "Cathy," has the cartoon Cathy responding to the prospect of life without "Peanuts" with an emphatic, "AAACK! I can't stand it!" Gary Trudeau, one of the "Doonerburys" characters lying on a doghouse.

The Daily Oklahoman in Oklahoma City, the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel and other newspapers played the final strip on page one.

# Alling Cardinal may not deliver mass much longer

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Tel: 734-2400  
Straight Story (G) 2:00  
Any Given Sunday (R) 12:15-04:00-07:45  
Green Mile (R) 1:00-3:05-06:45-9:30  
End of Days (R) 4:30-7:05-9:30  
The World Is Not Enough (PG-13)  
Galaxy Quest (PG)  
10:15-12:30-2:30-4:30-6:30  
Stuart Little (PG) 12:30-2:30-4:30-6:30-8:30  
Toy Story 2 (G) 12:30-2:30-4:30-6:30-8:30  
Anna & the King (MI) 12:30-3:00-4:59-6:43  
Dogma (R) 7:00-9:30  
Bicentennial Man (PG) 2:00-4:30-7:00-9:30

**Orpheum Theatre**  
1011 Shoshone Street, Twin Falls, ID 83420  
Tel: 734-2400  
Talented Mr. Ripley (R) - 8:45 & 9:45

**Jerome Cinema 4**  
1011 West Main - Jerome 324-8875  
Tom Hanks - Green Mile (R) 7:45  
Galaxy Quest (PG) 7:00-9:30  
Stuart Little (PG) 7:00-9:30  
Toy Story 2 (G) 7:10-9:20

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—Mark Kriegsler  
*the New York Daily News*

#### TODAY'S SCHEDULE

- Men's college basketball**
- Men's college basketball
- Conzaga at Idaho
- Wrestling**
- Mountain Home at Twin Falls
- Girls' basketball**
- Ketchum at Bliss
- Buhl at Duxie
- Carey at Shoshone
- Cascade at Raff River
- Dierich at Richfield
- Gooding at Piler
- Valley at Lagaman
- Oakley at Hansen
- Camas County JV at ISDB
- Wendell at Wood River
- Jackpot at Twin Falls
- Boys' basketball**
- Ketchum at Bliss
- Bonneville at Burley
- Carey at Shoshone
- Dierich at Richfield
- Camas County JV at ISDB
- A Minut at Skyline
- Armagarth at Valley
- Elkston at Jerome

#### IN BRIEF

##### Minico's Price

##### tabbed All-American

**RUBERT** - Minico High School catcher Jared Price has been named to Collegiate Baseball's preseason All-American team. Price was one of eight catchers nationally to receive the honor. "It's pretty exciting," said Price, adding that the recognition does not change his main goal of helping the Spartans reach the state playoffs. The award was based on Price's performance during both the high school and American Legion seasons. During the summer he hit .492, smacked a Legion-record 20 home runs and tallied 68 RBIs in 51 games. "This doesn't change our expectations for him," said Minico coach Russ Wright. "He's still going to come to play every day. We have no more expectations for him than he has for himself. He's that kind of kid."

##### Fourth district seeks soccer commissioner

**GLENN'S FERRY** - The Fourth District Activities Association's Board of Control is accepting applications for the position of soccer commissioner. A letter of application and resume detailing experience may be sent to: district secretary Len Penner, Glenn's Ferry High School, P.O. Box 850, Glenn's Ferry, Idaho, 83623. Application deadline is Feb. 4. For more information about the opening, contact Penner at 366-7434.

##### Coats for Kids volleyball tournament is Jan. 8

**GOODING** - A volleyball tournament to benefit kids without coats will be held Jan. 8 at the Gooding Middle School. A \$75 team entry fee is required for inclusion into the tournament, and teams will be divided into three divisions by skill and age levels. For more information, call Pam Pereira at 324-0354 or Kenny Anderson at 536-6273.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

Virginia Tech quarterback Michael Vick runs for a 36 yard touchdown during the first quarter in Pittsburgh, Oct. 30, 1999.



Florida State quarterback Vick runs with the ball during the first quarter of a game against Miami in Tallahassee, Fla., Oct. 9, 1999.

# A sweet match for Sugar Bowl

### Old guy, whiz kid to decide the title

The Associated Press

**NEW ORLEANS** - Tonight's Sugar Bowl will probably come down to this: Florida State's "senior citizen" against Virginia Tech's freshman phenom. Chris Weinke, the balding 27-year-old quarterback, leads the top-ranked Seminoles against the upstart Hokies, who had a breakthrough season thanks to 19-year-old quarterback Michael Vick. A brilliant improviser, the 6-foot-1, 212-pound Vick used a combination of poise and pinpoint passing on the run to guide second-ranked Virginia Tech into tonight's national championship game at the Superdome. "He's a reaction guy, an instinctive player," Florida State coach Bobby Bowden said. "If

you were talking about a boxer, he'd be a counter fighter. You take a swing at him and miss, he'll nail you."

Weinke, who spent six years chasing his dream of becoming a major league baseball player before he returned to Tallahassee, Fla., is almost Vick's polar opposite: a 6-5, 240-pound drop-back passer with steadiness, size and smarts. Hokies coach Frank Beamer calls him simply "that big old guy." While the quarterbacks are different in many ways, they're the same in two important areas: They led their teams to 11-0 records and they're playing in their first national title game. "I don't know if I've ever said this about another quarterback - whatever happens out there, he's not going to panic," Bowden said of Weinke, whom he sometimes calls "Sir." "It's his emotions and his seniority and his composure and his patience."

### Who's No. 1?

**No. 1 Florida State Seminoles (13-0)**  
**vs. No. 2 Virginia Tech Hokies (11-0)**  
When: Today, 6 p.m. (ABC)  
Where: New Orleans  
Payout: \$11 million-plus  
The line: Seminoles by 6

Bowden said he usually gives the Seminoles all the responsibility but made an exception for Weinke, who's a junior. "Chris is not a senior yet. He's simply a senior citizen," the coach said. Weinke, who threw for 3,303 yards and 25 touchdowns, was at his absolute best in a 30-23 win at Florida. After the Gators went ahead 16-13 late in the third quarter, and with college football's most hostile crowd screaming at The Swamp, Weinke led the 'Noles to a tying field goal and two more



TDs. That sealed the victory and gave his team a third chance in the last four years to win the national title. "Because of my age, guys look to me for leadership and I accept that role," Weinke said. "It's no secret what this team has gone through this year off the field. I've been a leader in terms of keeping everyone focused. I can't pinpoint anything, but I just go about my business."

In more ways than one. When he wasn't keeping the team together during Peter Warrick's two-game suspension, he chatted with offensive coordinator Mark Richt about our matters. "He's a normal 27-year-old," Richt said. "We talk financial stuff, and he's given me some pretty good leads, too." Vick also knows his business. He was smart enough to insist on being redshirted last season because he knew he wasn't smart enough to run a college offense. "I wanted to sit down and learn, get used to being in a college atmosphere, get my studies down right," Vick says in an age when high school stars expect to start the minute they show up on campus. "Being out there, traveling with the team and watching how (former quarterback) Al Clark responded to certain situations... I think I benefited a lot."

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# Rhodes, Carroll get the boot; Parcels steps down

The Associated Press

Coaches Ray Rhodes of Green Bay and Pete Carroll of New England were fired Monday and Bill Parcels stepped down - or so - with the New York Jets, quitting as coach but staying as the team's chief operating officer. "You can't fool yourself," said the 58-year-old Parcels, who won two Super Bowls with the New York Giants and took the Patriots to a third. "This job has turned into a 365-day-a-year job." The day after the regular season ends traditionally is called "Black Monday" in the coaching profession, although the carnage this year was nothing like last



Ray Rhodes

Pete Carroll

Bill Parcels

season, when five coaches were fired within a few hours. "We all know that's the nature of the business," Chicago's Dick Jauron, who replaced one of last season's dismissed coaches, Dave Wannstedt, said Monday. "We

know that's the way it goes and that's the way it ends for most coaches. Bill Parcels retired, but that's not usually the way it happens. You usually don't go out on your terms." There were indications of the continuing animosity between the Jets and Patriots, which peaked when Parcels left New England after leading the team to the 1997 Super Bowl.

Parcels, who coached three seasons with the Jets, was replaced by his long-time defensive coordinator, Bill Belichick, who had a record of 37-45 as coach of the Cleveland Browns from 1991-95. Belichick reportedly had been ready to move to New England, replacing Carroll, whose firing was expected after a season that began 4-0 and 6-2 and ended 9-8. Belichick was not present at the Jets' news conference, giving rise to speculation that he wasn't happy about not being given a chance to talk to the Patriots. When Parcels was hired, Belichick came with him from New England and signed a con-

tract that designated him as Parcels' successor. The deal was reinforced when Belichick signed a new agreement in January 1999. "I'm sorry I was unavailable to comment on today's events," Belichick said in a statement issued by the Jets. "My intention was to allow this to be coach Parcels' day exclusively and I look forward to meeting with the media in the near future." Rhodes, hired by the Packers a year ago when Mike Holmgren quit to become coach and general manager at Seattle, went 8-8 and was fired by disappointed general manager Ron Wolf, who said Rhodes didn't live up to expectations.

# Falcons win: Rice vague on plans

The Associated Press

**ATLANTA** - Tim Dwight provided a glimmer of hope for the Atlanta Falcons as they completed their dismal run as NFC champions. Dwight caught seven passes for 162 yards, including two touchdowns, and returned a punt 70 yards for another score as the Falcons closed the NFL's regular season with a 34-29 victory over the San Francisco 49ers on Monday night. The 49ers (4-12) fell behind 31-7 but showed a bit of pride in their worst season since 1979, scoring three second-half touchdowns to make it close. But the Falcons recovered an onside kick with 2:45 remaining but had to bat down a desperation pass in the end zone to preserve the victory. Chris Chandler took advantage of the league's worst-rated pass defense to throw for 306 yards and three touchdowns, helping Atlanta (5-11) snap a 10-game losing streak on Monday night.



Atlanta Falcons' Tim Dwight (83) scores a first quarter touchdown against the San Francisco 49ers at the Georgia Dome in Atlanta Monday.

# Injury puts Boselli down

The Associated Press

**JACKSONVILLE, Fla.** - The Jacksonville Jaguars will head into the playoffs without their cornerstone, Tony Boselli. The All-Pro left tackle and first draft pick in team history was diagnosed with a torn anterior cruciate ligament in his right knee Monday. It's a season-ending injury that soured what should have been a celebration at Jaguars headquarters, where on Sunday, the team clinched the AFC Central home-field advantage throughout the playoffs and best record in the NFL at 14-2. Boselli is expected to spend about seven months rehabilitating the knee. "This is the thing about this business I find most difficult of all," coach Tom Coughlin said. "We've had our share of injuries and this is another huge blow to our team." The loss of an offensive lineman wouldn't normally raise so many red flags, but Boselli is not

just another lineman. The 6-foot-7, 320-pound star from Southern Cal was selected to his fourth straight Pro Bowl this season. He's recognized by many as the "best lineman" in the league. In every way, he has lived up to the expectations that surfaced when Coughlin opted against a more intriguing pick and decided to build his franchise around Boselli in 1995. Boselli and the entire team blossomed in 1996. He allowed only three sacks all season, and when he stonewalled Bruce Smith in a playoff upset over the Bills - holding him to three tackles and no sacks - the legend began to form. Before the season, Hall of Fame lineman Anthony Muñoz said, "He could end up being one of the best of all time." Boselli's season ended on a simple running play in which he moved up field, took a small pop from one of the Bengals, then felt his knee buckle as he prepared to plant and make a hit.

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SPORTS

Curfews, underdogs and Hokie defined

Knight Ridder News Service

NEW ORLEANS - The Florida State Seminoles obviously benefited from having been to the Sugar Bowl before. They knew all the cool places to go after curfew.

Florida State defensive lineman Roland Seymour was caught breaking curfew, and he won't start tonight's Sugar Bowl. Cornerback Reggie Durden also broke curfew and won't start, either - but he probably would not have started, anyway.

Why does Janikowski get to start? It smacks of a double standard, as even Florida State coach Bobby Bowden acknowledged.

Bowden said on ABC - in an interview by his son Jerry that was every bit as hard-hitting as you would expect - that he has "one standard for my boys from America and another standard for my boys from Poland."

UNDERSTANDABLE UNDERDOG

Florida State is playing its fourth national title game in a decade, and Virginia Tech is fairly new on the national scene. That explains why the Seminoles are favored, and Virginia Tech coach Frank Beamer said he understands that.

Sugar Bowl notes

The '99s, a team that's been to the championship game several times, we'll find out.

INTERESTING FACTS

The best media guides tell not only a player's statistics, but also something interesting about him. Florida State gave that a shot this year and was remarkably candid. Seminole Laverntes Cotes and Peter Warrick were charged in midseason with illegally receiving a huge discount on clothing purchased at Dillard's department store from a clerk/benefactor.

WHAT'S A HOKIE?

The Virginia Tech nickname is a made-up word. It dates to 1896, when Virginia Agricultural and Mechanical College changed its name to the current official name, Virginia Polytechnic Institute, and held a contest for a new school cheer.

Senior O.M. Stull won for his "Old Hokie" yell, which still is used. He said Hokie didn't have any special or symbolic meaning, and that he'd thought up the word to draw attention to his entry.

Hokies soon became the nickname for all of Virginia Tech's sports teams.

Stull's "Old Hokie" yell: Hokie, Hoki, Hoki Hoi! Tech! Tech! P.H. Sola-Rev, Sola-Rah! Polytech-Vir-gin-i-ah! Rae, Ri, V.P.I.



Above, Virginia Tech coach Frank Beamer, left, and Florida State coach Bobby Bowden pose with the Sugar Bowl trophy during a news conference Monday in New Orleans. At left, a Virginia Tech fan wearing a Hokie costume grabs the head of Florida State fan Chylsay Hura as fans jammed Bourbon Street Monday.

The wait is over, now teams say 'bring it on'

NEW ORLEANS (AP) - Wait no longer. It's time for the national championship.

Florida State hasn't played in 45 days; Virginia Tech 39 days. Players from both teams are sick of waiting around Bourbon Street, watching fans whoop it up while trying to keep themselves out of trouble.

"I'm tired of eating at Popeye's and grumbly," Seminole's wide receiver Ron Dugans said. "I'm ready to take care of business," Hokies' kicker Shayne Graham said.

And that business is the Sugar Bowl tonight at the Louisiana Superdome, where the team that was able to stay sharper after all the time off will most likely win the title.

"The layoff could affect us and it could affect them," Florida State coach Bobby Bowden said. "We'll see."

All-Americans Sebastian Janikowski and Corey Moore didn't wait for the game to be affected.

Janikowski, Florida State's kicker/party animal, missed crucial New Year's-Eve-and-had-to-run extra laps and stay in his room the next night. Moore, Virginia Tech's defensive end, had a media meltdown Friday, cursing reporters then returning for a few interviews before clamping up for the rest of the weekend.

Both, of course, will be ready to play.

"I don't have a Warsaw rule," Bowden said of his Polish-born kicker. "If he's breathing and alive, he'll kick off that game."

Virginia Tech coach Frank Beamer said Moore was "apologetic."

"Corey's a good person. He's just intense," the coach said.

Last year's title game, the first under the Bowl Championship Series format that tacked on a two-day wait, was remembered for more than just Tennessee's 23-16 win over Florida State in the Fiesta Bowl.

Both teams looked out of sync and there were 21 penalties for 165 yards, many of them in the first half. The Seminoles were lagged 12 times for 110 yards.

At Monday's final pre-game news conference, Bowden responded by saying, "We have prepared them correctly as good as we know how."

Beamer added: "The layoff is not an excuse for penalties. We've had enough practice time to focus."

Style points, though, don't count in national title games. Just score one more point than the other guy, a fact not lost on the top-ranked Seminoles. Since giving Bowden his first national championship in 1993, Florida State has failed to win a second one-two times in the past three seasons.

Lose again, and this label awaits: Florida State, college football's version of the Atlanta Braves and Buffalo Bills. Win, and the Seminoles are the Team of the Decade.

"We've been so close," said Peter Warrick, the All-American wide receiver who's been ground for the title losses to Tennessee and Florida in the '97 Sugar Bowl. "This is the last one, and I don't want to let this one go by like the other two."

Pippin returns to Chicago; Blazers rip Bulls

CHICAGO (AP) - Scottie Pippin, in his first appearance against the team he once helped win six NBA titles, had 11 points and six assists as the Portland Trail Blazers routed the over-matched Bulls 88-63, holding Chicago to the fewest points in the NBA this season.

Pippin was received warmly by the fans and honored with a video tribute showing highlights of 11 years with the Bulls, standing play that is now so noticeably missing.

Damon Stoudamire led Portland with 16 points and Bonzi Wells added 15. Elton Brand paced the Bulls with 23 points and 10 rebounds.

Jazz 109, Nuggets 89

SALT LAKE CITY - Karl Malone scored 33 points and Bryon Russell added 17 as Utah won its fifth straight with a victory over Denver. Jazz rookie Quincy Lewis added a career-high 14 points, and John Stockton handed out 18 assists as Utah won its 11th game in its last 14.

Antonio McDyess led the Nuggets with 24 points, while Nick Van Exel and George McClellan each added 16 as Denver dropped to 3-10 on the road.

Wizards 99, Warriors 87

WASHINGTON - Mitch Richmond scored 19

points as the Washington Wizards beat Golden State Monday night, extending the Warriors' losing streak to six and keeping them winless under new coach Gary St. Jean.

Rod Strickland had 15 points and 10 assists as Houston Howard added 13 points for the Wizards, who snapped a two-game losing streak and won for the first time in six games against a Pacific Division opponent.

Golden State, which has dropped three straight since St. Jean replaced the fired P.J. Carlesimo on Dec. 27, got 21 points from Antawn Jamison. Golden State has lost four consecutive road games.

Celtics 105, Cavaliers 98

BOSTON - Antoine Walker had 32 points and 13 rebounds, both game-highs, as Boston won on its new parquet floor.

Paul Pierce had 17 points and Kenny Anderson 16 for the Celtics. Adrian Griffin and Vitaly Potemkin added 12 points as Boston's starters scored all but 16 of the team's points.

Shawn Kemp led the Cavaliers with 23 points and nine rebounds.

Boston retired its fabled parquet floor, which was in place for all of the organization's 16 NBA titles, after its final game of 1999, Dec. 22, against Atlanta. The new floor is a replica of the one the Celtics played on for 50 seasons.

76ers 124, Bucks 120, OT

PHILADELPHIA - Allen Iverson scored 45 points in a career-high 38 shots as Philadelphia survived a frantic overtime to beat Milwaukee.

Iverson was only 1-for-5 in OT, but Ray Allen's running jumper and Scott Williams' tip-in attempt both rimmed out as the Bucks failed to make another stunning comeback.

Former Sixer Tim Thomas sent it to overtime with a 3-pointer that tied it at 115 with 34 seconds left in regulation. After Iverson hit a running hook shot for the first basket of OT, Thomas hit another 3-pointer to make it 118-117.

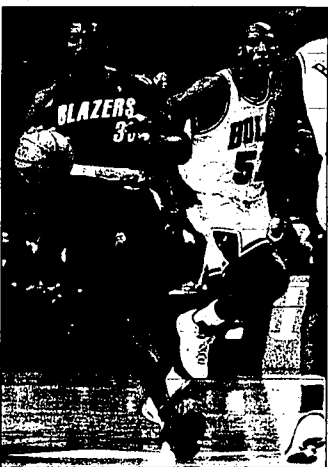
Pistons 118, Magic 106

ORLANDO, Fla. - Grant Hill scored a season-high 42 points as Detroit snapped a 13-game losing streak at Orlando.

Hill, whose previous high was 41 against Miami in the season opener, made 17 of 30 field goal attempts as the Pistons won their fourth straight.

Hill was 3-for-5 from 3-point range and added eight assists and seven rebounds. Lindsey Hunter scored 25 points and Jerry Stackhouse added 19 for Detroit.

Reserve Chris Gatling had 26 points and 11 rebounds for Orlando, which has lost five games in a row.



Portland's Scottie Pippin dribbles the ball downcourt as Chicago defender Michael Ruffin pursues during NBA action Monday.

Sugar

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It was tough, but I knew my place was to be on the sideline."

Vick started slowly in '99, missing the second-half of the season-opener against James Madison and the next game against Alabama-Birmingham because of a sprained ankle caused by his flip into the end zone for a touchdown. It's the only play he regrets. The next week, he threw three interceptions against Clemson, but the Hokies defense took charge in a 31-11 win.

He's been nearly perfect since, completing 90 of 152 passes for 1,846 yards and 12 touchdowns and running 108 times for 585 yards and eight TDs. He finished third in the Heisman Trophy balloting, matching the best finish for a freshman; was voted Big East Conference player of the year; and led the nation in pass efficiency.

"I was telling all the Hokie booster clubs I spoke to in the off-season that Michael Vick was going to make a lot of big plays this year. Tech's offensive coordinator Rickey Bustle said, "I just hoped that most of them were for us."

"Fortunately that's the way it worked."

"Vick still can't believe what has happened."

"There's no way I thought I would have the success I've had, Vick said. "Going to New York for the Heisman Trophy award, having a chance to come to the national championship and play ... these are things I envisioned playing for three or four years down the road, when I gained experience."

So far, he has proved he's already got a lot of experience. In one key play, he helped keep the

Hokies' title hopes alive in the 22-0 victory against West Virginia.

With 75 seconds and no timeouts remaining, Vick completed two passes, then, when it looked like he was going out of bounds on a scramble, he cut back in and ran 26 yards to set up Shayne Graham's 44-yard winning-field goal on the last play of the game.

"It's the play that saved our season, the play everyone will remember," Beamer said. "He's a very special talent."

Cory Simon, Florida State's All-American noseguard, says Vick is so good it's "scary if you're outside looking in."

"He's elusive, quick, has a strong arm - he's got the whole package in one body," Simon said. "We need to put pressure on him and hope he makes mistakes. I hope we can help him make some rookie mistakes."

Falcons

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Jerry Rice, in what may have been his final game with the 49ers, added another highlight to his brilliant career with a 62-yard reception, setting up a San Francisco touchdown and drawing applause from Falcons defensive back Ray Buchanan. Rice finished with six receptions for 143 yards. He said shortly after the game that he "hasn't really had time to think" about retirement plans and that he "wanted to give my team a chance to win" Monday night.

Atlanta won its final two games - the team's only winning streak of the season - but still equaled the 1990 Denver Broncos for the worst record in a post-Super Bowl year. Both teams were coached by Dan Reeves.

San Francisco a perennial powerhouse gone shockingly bad since the loss of quarterback Steve Young, dropped 11 of its last 12 for

the team's worst finish since a 2-14 mark in 1979.

One consolation for San Francisco is the No. 3 pick in the draft. The Falcons didn't have to worry about draft ramifications, having traded their top pick in 2000 to Baltimore for a second-rounder in 1999.

Atlanta wound up with a reserve tight end, Reggie Kelly, who had only eight catches for 146 yards this season. The Ravens, meanwhile, will gladly take a prime No. 5 choice in the upcoming draft.

Dwight, in a speedy, 5-foot-8 receiver, broke the game open in the final minute of the first half with his dazzling skills as a returner. Atlanta was leading just 10-7

when Dwight took a punt at his own 30, broke free in front of the San Francisco bench, cut back toward the middle of the field and outraced Randy Kirk without being touched, reaching the end zone with just 12 seconds remaining.

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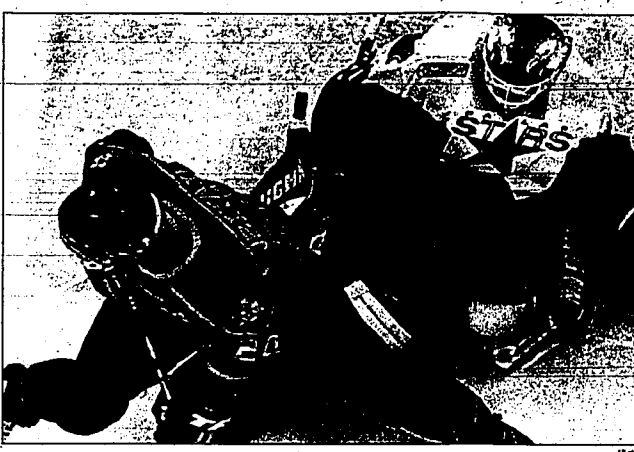
Devils need overtime to take Senators

KANATA, Ontario (AP) - Brendan Morrison's second goal of the season 2:52 into overtime lifted the New Jersey Devils to a 4-3 victory Monday over the Ottawa Senators.

Blues 5, Rangers 2
NEW YORK - Lubos Bartek scored twice and Todd Reirden had three assists to lead St. Louis to a victory over the New York Rangers.

Stars 4, Kings 1
DALLAS - Mike Keane had a short-handed goal and Mike Modano scored during a third-period power play as Dallas remained unbeaten in 20 games against Los Angeles.

Maple Leafs 6, Sabres 2
TORONTO - Sergei Berezin scored twice and added an assist as Toronto got revenge on Buffalo.



Los Angeles Kings' Luc Robitaille (20) closes in as the puck is deflected off Dallas Stars goalie Ed Belfour, right, during the first period in Dallas Monday.

game since moving from Minnesota in 1993. Sergei Zubov scored an empty net goal with 41.6 seconds left and had two assists for Dallas. Ed Belfour made 26 saves to help the Stars improve to 14-0-6 since losing to Los Angeles on April 6, 1995.

scored twice and added an assist as Toronto got revenge on Buffalo. Igor Korolev also had two goals for the Maple Leafs, but were humiliated by an 8-1 loss at Buffalo on Saturday.

Buffalo rookie Martin Biron allowed four goals on 28 shots before being pulled. James Patrick and Curtis Brown scored for Buffalo.

Maple Leafs 6, Sabres 2
TORONTO - Sergei Berezin scored twice and added an assist as Toronto got revenge on Buffalo.

Rookie Kevin Adams scored his first career goal and Dmitri Kirilchuk added another, Curtis Joseph made 27 saves for his 20th victory.

The win gave Toronto the best record in the Eastern Conference and coach Pat Quinn the coaching duties behind the North American bench at the NHL All-Star game.

SCORES AND STATS

IN THE BLEACHERS By Steve Moore



"I'm not sure. Hold the line a sec... Coach! Do you want fried rice with your order or plain old steamed rice?"

BASKETBALL

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SPORTS IN BRIEF

Muskers tame Huskies in A-4 non-conference game
FAIRFIELD - Musker forward Travis Tate and shooting guard Josh Ivie, who made his first start Monday night, combined for 39 points to contribute to the 63-47 Class A non-conference win.

Stanford remains No. 1 in men's college poll
Stanford, one of three unbeaten teams remaining in Division I, was No. 1 in the AP college basketball poll for the third straight week Monday.

Arkansas St. women make showing in poll
It took a loss to show Arkansas State coach Brian Boyer just what kind of team he has. Then came an attention-grabbing victory, which showed everyone else.

Denver quarterback Chris Miller retires
DENVER - Reluctantly but with no regrets, Denver Broncos quarterback Chris Miller surrendered to a career-long plague of complications and retired Monday.

Coaching records
The coaching record of Ray Roberts, who was named head coach of the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, is 1-1.

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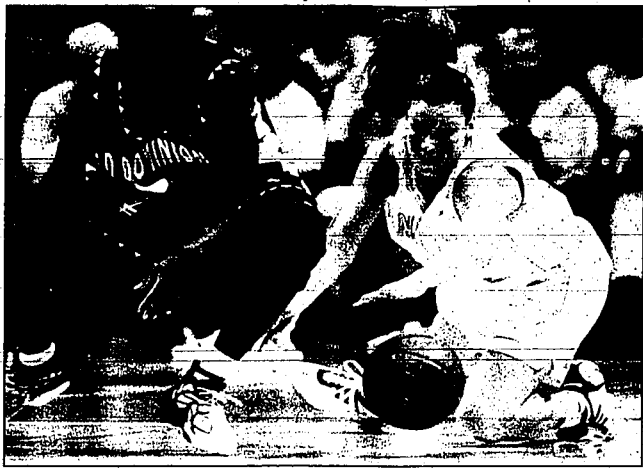
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SPORTS

# No. 2 Tennessee hammers ODU, 113-55

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Semeka Randall scored 21 points and Tamika Catchings added 19 to lead No. 2 Tennessee to a 113-55 victory over No. 21 Old Dominion on Monday night.



Tennessee's Kristen Clement, right, dives for the ball in front of Old Dominion's Sharron Francis during the first half Monday.

## Women's college basketball

Michelle Snow added 16 points, and Kara Lawson had 15 for the Lady Vols (10-1), who scored 63 first-half points en route to the easy victory. Lucienne Berthieu had 18 points for Old Dominion (7-3), which allowed the most points in school history, was led by Tennessee. She hit its first seven shots from the field. The Lady Vols, who shot 57 percent overall, made three 3-pointers in the first three minutes and took a 15-6 lead.

Melina Hamchetou and Berthieu tried to keep Old Dominion close with a strong inside attack, but the Monarchs couldn't keep pace with the Lady Vols. Tennessee used a 23-9 run, sparked by Randall and Gwen Jackson, to take a 40-17 lead midway through the first half.

**No. 3 North Carolina St. 79, No. 9 North Carolina 72**  
CHAPEL HILL, N.C. (AP) — Tynesha Lewis and Monica Bates combined for nine 3-pointers as No. 3 North Carolina State beat No. 9 North Carolina 79-72 on Monday night.

Lewis had 20 points, and Bates added 19. Frontcourt mates Kayla Chones and Summer Erbech scored 13 points, and Chones had a career-high 20 rebounds as N.C. State (12-0, 3-0 Atlantic Coast Conference) beat North Carolina for the fourth straight time.

LaQuanda Barksdale and Nikkii Teasley each scored 17 points for North Carolina (9-3; 1-1; Leah Sharp added 12.

**No. 14 Duke 79, Maryland 61**  
COLLEGE PARK, Md. — Georgia Schweitzer scored 25 points for No. 14 Duke over Maryland 79-61 on Monday.

The junior forward was 8-of-12 from the field, including a 4-for-8 performance from 3-point range, and added nine rebounds. Duke (13-1, 2-0 Atlantic Coast Conference) led 60-49 with about 10 minutes remaining when Maryland scored seven straight points to cut the lead to 60-56.

The Blue Devils, however, scored the next 11 points, with Peppi Browne — who finished with 21 points and 10 rebounds — scoring five in that span. Krista Gingrich added 15 for Duke.

**No. 20 Mississippi St. 90, Pepperdine 80**  
MALIBU, Calif. — LaToya Thomas had 20 points and 10 rebounds, and Cynthia Hall also scored 20 points as No. 20 Mississippi State beat Pepperdine 90-80 Monday.

Jennifer Fambrough had 18 points and nine rebounds, Angela Harris scored 17 points, and Nitra Frey added 12 for the Lady Bulldogs (11-0).

Freshman Damaris Hinojosa had a career-high 24 points and six rebounds to lead Pepperdine (6-6). Nadja Morgan added 16 points and Rasheeda Clark had 15 points and five assists for the Waves.

**No. 25 Boston College 66, Holy Cross 42**  
BOSTON — Nicole Conway came off the bench to score a game-high 16 points to lead No. 25 Boston College to its eighth straight win, 66-42 over Holy Cross on Monday night.

Alissa Murphy added 12 points and Becky Gottstein had 12 rebounds for Boston College (12-3), which was ranked early in the season and returned to the Top 25 this week. Jeanette Faulker had 13 points and Monika Rothemich added 10 for Holy Cross (8-4).

Boston College took a 28-15 lead into halftime on 11-for-30 shooting (37 percent) from the floor, while holding Holy Cross to just six field goals on 26.1 percent shooting.

# Skins promise not to let past repeat itself this time

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ASHBURN, Va. — The Washington Redskins can read the papers. They're well aware that their first-round playoff opponent has lost its last four games, is 8-9 and will start a castoff quarterback.

They know the Lions have never won at Washington and that the Redskins probably should win easily Saturday and move on to Tampa and the more serious matter of the Buccaneers.

Unfortunately for the Lions, the Redskins have film of the last time these teams played each other. Every day this week they are being reminded of the 33-17asting laid on them Dec. 5 by the Lions and that backup quarterback. They know there won't be a repeat this weekend.

"They kicked our butts," wide receiver Irving Fryar said Monday. "We made a lot of mistakes offensively, and that was one of our worst games."

Losing that badly, Fryar said, "let us know we had to pick it up, turn it up. A loss did us more good probably than a win at that time because it let us know we hadn't arrived."

The Redskins have arrived, though, at least enough to finish the season as NFC East champions

at 10-6. That earned the once-prod franchise its first playoff berth since 1992. Joe Gibbs' last year as head coach.

To avoid a one-and-done postseason, the Redskins say they must play better, especially in the offensive line and defensive secondary, to avoid a repeat of their last game against the Lions. Detroit's defensive line dominated and, playing before a raucous Silverdome crowd, the Redskins committed 14 penalties, allowed five sacks and turned the ball over four times.

Washington's defense stymied the Lions' running game but gave up the big play, including a 66-yard touchdown strike from Redskins reject Gus Frerotte, who will start again Saturday for injured Charlie Batch.

The Redskins on Monday attributed many of their woes at the Silverdome to the loud Detroit crowd and said things will be different at FedEx Field.

"I think the experience really got to us," said Brian Mitchell, a running back and kick returner. "But we're at our place now, so we shouldn't have that to worry about."

# Setback smacks the Lions

Knight Ridder News Service

PONTIAC, Mich. — Detroit Lions quarterback Charlie Batch has more than a sore right thumb. And worse.

Doctors have told Batch that the knuckle in his thumb was crushed when he slammed it into the back of center Eric Beverly's helmet in Sunday's regular-season finale at Minnesota.

Batch expects to be examined today by Dr. James Andrews in Birmingham, Ala., and if Andrews agrees with the diagnosis of team doctors, Batch will have surgery and won't play until next season.

"It's something with the joint

and the cartilage in there, I guess there's a tear in there, so they'd have to go in there and replace the bone, and put a pin in it so the bone would heal right," Batch said Monday.

"I guess with the hit I took on it, it crushed the bone. That's why it's bending."

Batch demonstrated by extending his thumb, bent slightly and swollen at the middle knuckle.

"That's why if you look at it, it looks like it's going toward the left," he said. "I guess it's crushed somewhere down in there where they have to push it back, straighten it out, put a pin in it and keep it in for four weeks."

# Seattle backs into playoffs

KIRKLAND, Wash. (AP) — The Seattle Seahawks got hats and T-shirts proclaiming them AFC West champs after an emotional weekend that included a demoralizing loss — and a backdoor ticket to the playoffs for the first time since 1988.

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Mann's final 3-pointer, from deep in the left corner, came with Wyoming leading just 82-81.

The Cowboys (9-4) made an 11-2 run to take a 25-18 lead. Eight of the points were scored by Mann who had two 3s and a pair of free throws. SU (5-6) made a 22-10 run capped by Amner Johnson's dunk to tie the game at 35. It was tied at 41 at the half.

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second life and a trip to the playoffs when Kansas City lost "the other game" in overtime to Oakland.

Despite losing five of their last six after a promising 8-2 start, the Seahawks have their second division title in franchise history.

Having an AFC West championship banner on the side of their team headquarters is one step away from the frustration and disappointment of the last six weeks.

But not all of it. Against the Jets, Seattle's offense didn't score a touchdown and the defense gave up a career-high 158 rushing yards to Curtis Martin.

# Connecticut beats out Sacred Heart

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — Although Connecticut coach Jim Calhoun got his 100th win in the Hartford Civic Center on Monday, his team on the bench for only half of it.

A stomach-virus sidelined Calhoun in the second half of No. 2 UConn's 83-56 win over Sacred Heart. Assistant coach Dave Leitao took over after Calhoun's absence as the Huskies (10-1) won their 10th straight.

**No. 20 Oklahoma 67, Lamar 63**  
NORMAN, Okla. — Eduardo Najera scored 25 points and made two key free throws late to help No. 20 Oklahoma close out nonconference play with a 67-63 victory over Lamar on Monday night.

Tim Heskett and J.R. three-point field goal to put the Broncos ahead for good.

## Men's college basketball

Raymond scored 12 points each and Nolan Johnson added 10 to help the Sooners (12-1) fend off the Cardinals, who had won four in a row, pulled to within two points in the final 10 seconds.

**Boise St., 67, Portland 55**  
BOISE — Sophomore forward Joe Jackson scored 21 points, and junior guard Collin Hordeman added 15 to lead Boise State to a 67-55 non-conference victory over Portland Monday.

With Boise State leading 38-37 with 7:47 left in the game, Jackson hit two free throws off a technical foul on Portland's Ryan Jones and followed with a

three-point field goal to put the Broncos ahead for good.

Boise State (6-4) led 23-21 at half-time, but the Pilots took a brief 30-28 lead with 13:20 remaining on a field goal by Jones.

After Jackson put Boise State ahead, the Broncos widened their lead to 54-42 on a field goal and free throws by Justin Lyons who finished the game with 10 points.

Portland outscored Boise State from the field, hitting 21 of 46 field goal attempts compared with 19 of 45 for the Broncos. But Boise State compensated from the free throw line hitting 23 of 31 free throw attempts compared with nine of 17 for the visitors.

## Wyoming 89, Idaho St. 83

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## Saving memories Students help collect memories World War II

By Kelly Bryant  
Times-News correspondent

SHOSHONE - Adolf Hitler attacked Poland on Sept. 1, 1939. Great Britain and France declared war on Germany two days later and British dominions followed.

World War II began. The Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941 and the next day, Congress - with one dissenting vote - declared a state of war with Japan. Germany declared war against the United States on Dec. 11 and the U.S. officially entered World War II.

Why the history lesson? Shoshone sixth-grade teacher Diane Norman has won a \$500 Governor's Innovation Grant to help her students come to a better understanding of World War II. Idaho Gov. Dirk Kempthorne says he developed the grant so that classrooms could share innovative learning opportunities. He is also interested in publicizing the ideas.

Norman proposed a collaborative work among sixth-grade students, World War II veterans and their spouses and any other person from Lincoln County who would like to share their

### Have memories to share?

For more information concerning the project or anyone from Lincoln County would like to share a World War II story with Diane Norman can call her at 857-2281 after 3:30 p.m.

memories of World War II.

The students will read novels about the war, such as "Number the Stars" to gain diverse cultural knowledge concerning the war, Norman says. They are also viewing films of actual war footage and will learn about internment camps and the Holocaust.

However, the students will do more than just read about the war.

As part of Norman's grant, World War II veterans will meet with her students. The students will interview the veterans, take pictures and then will compile their findings into book form.

They also hope to design a web page on the Internet about the facts they uncover, the teachers says.

The students will incorporate many skills into the project, such as reading, research, pre-writing, writing, rewriting,



Students of Diane Norman at Shoshone Elementary School collect information about World War II as part of project funded by a Governor's Innovation Grant.

editing, publishing, communicating, photography and word processing.

Norman says the real lesson she hopes her students learn is one of tolerance because a world of many cultures is an integral part of their lives.

"Hopefully, the students will gain some insight into what veterans went

through... the population is dwindling and there aren't many left to tell of their experience," she says.

For example, she heard one story about a young woman who received a parachute from her fiancé from which she made her wedding dress.

Stories like this and much more are

what Norman wants her students to uncover.

She is interested in preserving all stories of those effected by World War II, the teacher says. The book will be published by the students before the end of the school year. Students and participants will each receive a copy.

## School opens library to community

By Kellee Gaston  
Times-News writer

DIETRICH - Residents of a small town without a library must often seek the classics and latest best-sellers elsewhere, sometimes facing a long drive just to get their hands on a book.

### Library night

The Dietrich School Library holds community library night the first and third Tuesdays of each month from 7:30-9 p.m. at the School at 406 N. Park in Dietrich. The public is invited to drop by and check out the selection and check out books. For more information, call Dietrich School at 544-2158.

Dietrich School addressed the issue this year by opening its library doors to the community the first and third Thursdays of each month.

Volunteer coordinator

Barbara Harshfield sparked the concept for community library night.

"She thought it would allow individuals to take advantage of the library's resources, including books, magazines and Internet access," Dietrich librarian Harold Chambers says.

The library houses materials for kindergarten to high school seniors.

So far, citizens of Dietrich have not been coming in great numbers on com-



Derek Higginbotham checks out magazine and books through the Dietrich Library with Harold Chambers, librarian. Once a week the school library opens its doors to the rest of the community.

munity library nights. Chambers says the low turnout may be due to the later evening hours when the library is open to the community and families with small children may have trouble visiting during those times. Community library coordinators are considering opening the

library earlier in the evening, to make resources more accessible to more area residents.

"The community library is something we're trying out to see what works out best for the community and go from there," Chambers says.

## Buhl schools fill with Christmas music

By Dara Jensen  
Times-News correspondent

BUHL - Buhl High School was filled with the sounds of holiday music as students entertained family and friends at its annual Christmas concert.

The Buhl High School and Buhl Middle School Music Departments, under the direction of Melissa Lyons, performed to an overflow crowd on Dec. 13.

An all-girls choir from the seventh- and eighth-grade and a mixed chorus from the high school was also on the program.

New to this year's program was the Buhl Jazz Project. This group consisted of girl jazz singers backed by guitars and featuring Jared Assay as guitar soloist.

The girls Treble Choir sang four numbers including, "Christmas in the Tropics," featuring Levi Hill on the Conga drums. The students from the group also presented a bouquet of flowers to Lyons and corsages to Janessa Nye

and Lia Woods, who were the accompanists.

The mixed chorus performed traditional Christmas Carols, including, "Carol of the Bells," "White Christmas," "Carol of the Drum" and "Carols around the World." Andrea Cole accompanied them on the piano.

"Music is fun. More people should go into it," says Alex Johnson, a sixth-grader who plays the bells and drums in the sixth-grade band.

"Excellent program," comments Silvana Gallo, a school patron. "Miss Lyons is a very fine teacher and the students like her a lot."

Andrea Cole, a high school senior, gave the program good marks, especially the grand finale.

"This is the largest crowd in attendance since I've been in the music program," she says.

"Our program gets bigger and better each year," Lyons says.



Young guitarists were some of the entertainers at the Dec. 13 Buhl Christmas concert.

## Students visit Santa's shop

By Mary Lou Potts  
Times-News correspondent

CASTLEFORD - Santa's Secret Shop isn't at the North Pole. It's in Castleford.

The Castleford Parent, Teacher, Youth Organization held its annual Santa's Secret Shop at the school in early December.

At the event, kindergartners through fourth-grade students were able to purchase gifts for their families and friends at reasonable prices.

Coordinator Susan Hatch says the children gain experience in helping money and the opportunity to select and purchase gifts on their own.

Toys, games, jewelry, coffee mugs, candles, books and key rings were some of the items offered.

The organization sells the items on consignment and earns money which goes towards programs or special needs to benefit the students.

Parents may also donate gifts to the store and consideration is given to children who do not have the money to participate.

Members of the PTYO were available to assist when needed.

Older students in the child development class helped the younger shoppers by wrapping their presents in colorful Christmas paper.



Above, Clayton Ruhter shows a gift to second-grader Yoli Hernandez at Santa's Secret Shop in Castleford where younger students had the opportunity to purchase gifts for their families at reasonable prices. Right, Tyler Draper makes his selection known to helper Tonya Moore.



Scholarship recipient Patrick Jolley reports to the Rupert Kiwanis about his first year at Utah State University. He calls managing 18 units a challenge, but he says he couldn't give up marching band, especially since most of his other courses were in engineering.

## A community investment Scholarship recipient reports to club

By Coreen Hart  
Times-News correspondent

RUPERT - The Rupert Kiwanis had an opportunity to see a return on the club's investment in young people.

At one of its most recent meetings, Rupert Kiwanis heard from Patrick Jolley, one of two Kiwanis scholarship recipients at last spring's graduation.

Jolley was valedictorian of his graduating class and took a few college credits during his senior year to give him a head start at Utah State University at Logan.

"The college credits I earned last year enabled me to take some second-semester courses right away," Jolley told the club.

Choosing which engineering field took him some time. At first, he thought civil engineering would be his field, but later aerospace engineering became his choice.

"The most exciting course has us working with a silicon graphics computer program with which we can design things," the engineering major said. "I designed a glider with pop-out wings, one part at a time, then you fit them together. But you have to go one step beyond to get that 'A', so I made a movie out of it."

Jolley said he learned a great deal by working on his own, but if he hit a hard part, his instructor would step in and

### About the Rupert Kiwanis

The Rupert Kiwanis welcomes new members at any time. The club meets each Tuesday at the Rupert Elks Club.

The club holds two fundraisers each year. In September, there is a golf tournament and during Rupert's 4th of July celebration, the club operates a food booth. This enables members to offer two scholarships to graduating seniors each year. The club says its emphasis is on giving community youth a hand.

Applicants to join Kiwanis must be approved by the board and must be willing to offer support in the community.

To obtain further information or an application, call Dr. Todd Sliesser at 436-3455.

assist. It was hard work that filled an entire semester, but Jolley said he loved the challenge. He earned an 'A' in the course.

The student said he was inspired to enter the field after hearing a lecture by Homer Hickam, a member of NASA's space team.

"Homer Hickam said, 'You can't get anywhere without taking the first step,'" Jolley said.

Times-News correspondent Coreen Hart may be reached at our Burley bureau at 677-4042.





# TWIN FALLS COMMUNITY

## Local man bowls dollars for MDA

**TWIN FALLS**—Twin Falls area residents helped "strike out" muscle disease at the annual Muscular Dystrophy Association Santa Bowl Dec. 4 at the Magic Bowl in Twin Falls.

Among the standouts was Roy Horne, of Twin Falls, who has raised a total of \$80,000 for MDA's local services in eight years of participating in the Santa Bowl, the association says. "Horne is truly a local 'Santa'" for the patients and families living with muscular dystrophy, MDA organizers say.

Vern Latin, from KITFI Radio and Joe McClure from the Magic Bowl teamed up with the Muscular Dystrophy Association to help raise money for patient services and research for more than 450 adults and children living in Southern Idaho with muscular dystrophy, the association says.

A grand total of \$11,000 was pledged at this year's Santa Bowl, a \$100 increase over what was raised last year, coordinators say. Muscular Dystrophy is a disease that causes muscle wasting and in many cases shortens life of those affected, as in the case of Lou Gehrig's Disease.

MDA says it provides patient services including wheelchairs, leg braces and other medical equipment, free doctors visits



Roy Horne of Twin Falls has raised almost \$80,000 for the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

and support groups for family members. The association says it also provides a week-long summer camp

program for children ages 6 to 21 in northern Idaho and continues to fund research to find a cure for 40 neuromuscular diseases.

## Kimberly High announces honor roll

**KIMBERLY**—Kimberly High School recently announced the first trimester honor roll.

Freshmen who earned a 3.5 to 4.0 grade-point average are: Codi Barber, Jennifer Coleman, Erin Conley, Lydon Crane, Chad Dietrich, Ryan Flerke, Stephanie Fowers, Juan Gomez, Erin Kinard, Garrett LaMure, Breanna Lind, Kayla Jundy, Holly Owings, Jenny Reese, Kora Sederquist, Matthew Thomas, Kristina Vans, Cliff White, Mandi Wooten, Rachel Bulcher, Blake Higley, Jared Johns, Katie Lee, Sara Plew, Tiffany Rands, Larce Roper, Jarred Reese, Heidi Rebeck, Grace Beaman, Kyle Gardner, Charlene Love, Amanda Murphy, Kris Newberry, Lanessa Robbins, Ty Schmidt and Thomas Watson.

Sophomores earning a 3.5 to 4.0 grade-point average are: Greg Allen, Connie Bell, Chris Egbert, Luke Lindley, Clifton McKay, Brian Ken, Eli Price, Scott Schornhorst, Naomi Smith, Steven Moore, Chance Steer, Waver, Jacob Williams, Justin Eyring, Robert Krieger, Zak Lierman, Sunny Muirhead, Kelli O'Neil, Matt Boyd, Lyndee Poulton, McCallister and Michele Rihwalt. Juniors earning a 3.5 to 4.0 grade-point average are: Brett Baldwin, Kyle Burner, Damon Bradshaw, Sean Egbert, Jeremy Egusquina, Wesley Hopwood, Jeffrey Kiesig, Kayci Krieger, Heather Luff, Karissa Meyer, Miranda Melnyk, Aidan O'Donnell, Devin Poulton, Poulton, Jene Pruedner, Mitch Roberts, Carly Schneider, Flint Espil, Jon Henry, Brandon Hunt, Robert Jarvis, Tamar Kin, Angela Patrick, Cody Askew, Chad Butler,

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Seniors earning a 3.5 to 4.0 grade-point average are: Chad Allen, Aimee Clayton, Patrick Hubert, Matt Ginder, William Humphries, Travis Lammers, Rick Meade, Megan Mulberry, Jared Rands, All Remaley, Lorin Robbins, Matt Robison, Philip Sievers, Ben Smith, Kristen Stevens, Amy Vasner, Louise Zdroff, Jackie Black, Erin Burbank, Victoria Hurtgrave, Melissa Hill, Joshua Jones, Andi Knight, Shaun Moorhead, Ruth Newberry, Jeremy Gibbons, Malinda Barrett, Maude-Ser Castorona, Jeremy Etherington, Derya Culec, Brianna Horshman, Matthew Jacobson, Matthew Lee, Scott Meade, Jesse Olsen, Anthony Stevens, Josh Summers, Ben Watson, Michele Higley and Jason Reese.

Freshmen earning a 3.49 to 3.00 grade-point average are: Chance Askew, Andi Exon, Blaine Gibby, Justin Hansen, Lindsey Hubert, Adam Molyneux, Scott Patrick, Joshua Valt, Lyndee Poulton, Kyle Wittliff, Juane Calderon, Zachary Dangerfield, Andrea Ellis, Marthi Ginder, Tangelia Hall, Amy Hopkins, Mitchell Meade, Tracy Morton, Aaron Osborne, Brandon Platt, Heather Smith, Benjamin Talbot, Jessica Workman, Savannah Atkins, Corey Black, Liandra Borges, Christi Chouinard, Athena Miller, Peggy Guerrero, Michael Colclum, Nicole Nelson, Raymond Waite, Elizabeth Wells and Robert Wengert. Sophomores earning a 3.49 to

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Seniors earning a 3.49 to 3.00 grade-point average are: Jenny Dille, Casey Gambrel, Mark Gibley, Christine Lee, Sara Lockwood, Amie Orland, Jamie Porter, Jay Richman, Scott Schwabedissen, Desera Spencer, Henry Talbot, Terry Tillotson, Tyler Olson, Bryon Blunk, Travis Merkle, Athena Ochsner, Dustin Vonon, Garrett Eyring, Kall Keegan, Jamie McDonald, Severine Schmit, Scott Schneider, Julie Thompson, Robert Watson and Bobbie Workman.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### College of Southern Idaho hosts telescope seminar

**TWIN FALLS** — "Fritz" Frauenholz will host a question and answer session on telescopes at 7 p.m. Saturday in Room 117 of the Shields Building on the College of Southern Idaho campus in Twin Falls.

Experienced and novice telescope owners are invited to bring their telescopes and Frauenholz will assist them in use and operation methods, CSI says. The event is sponsored by Magic Valley Astronomical Society with telescope viewing to follow at the Herrett Center. The event is free to the public. For more information, call 736-8678.

### Gooding Senior Citizen Center hosts '55 Alive'

**GOODING** — The Gooding Senior Citizen Center will host a "55 Alive" motor vehicle driving course from 10 a.m. to noon Thursday and from 1-3 p.m. Friday at the senior citizen center at 308 Senior Ave. in Gooding.

The course is designed for drivers age 50 and older and helps refine existing motor skills and develop safe, defensive driving techniques, coordinators say. Participants may save on self-insurance premiums by completing this course. The class is produced and conducted by the AARP and is co-

sponsored by the Gooding Senior Citizen Center. Pre-registration is required and fees are \$10 per person, payable to AARP. Participants must attend both sessions on both days to receive a certificate of completion. For more information or to pre-register, call the Gooding Senior Center at 534-5504, or drop by at 308 Senior Ave. in Gooding.

### Indoor flea market collects coats for children

**FILER** — An indoor flea market that will help collect coats for needy children will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday in the Merchant Building at the Twin Falls County Fairgrounds in Filer. Market coordinators and the Twin Falls Optimists will be gathering "Coats for Kids" both days to benefit needy children in the Magic Valley. Coats may be new or used and especially needed are children's sizes, eight, 10, and 12, organizers say. Admission is free. For more information, or to inquire about vendor space, call 532-4439.

### Montana Tech Admissions counselor plans visit

**TWIN FALLS** — Montana Tech admissions counselor Nicki Miller will visit at 10:15 a.m. Friday at Twin Falls High School. Miller will answer questions

and provide information about programs and opportunities available at the Butte, Mont. school.

For more information, call the Montana Tech Admissions Office at 1-800-445-TECH, or call Twin Falls High School at 733-6551.

### Jaycees gather for general membership meeting

**TWIN FALLS** — The Magic Valley Jaycees plan a general membership meeting at 7:30 p.m. today at Elmer's Pancake and Steak House on Blue Lakes Boulevard near the Magic Valley Mall.

Items on the agenda include the 13th annual Freeze-On-Skis, events for Jaycee Week, Jan. 16-22 and the year-end state meeting Jan. 28-30 at Cavanaugh's Hotel in Twin Falls. People interested in joining Jaycees or learning more about the organization are encouraged to attend.

For more information call Magic Valley Jaycees president Leticia Coronado at 734-2543, or membership development vice president Kerri Higgins at 734-2917.

### Boy Scouts Falls District Committee holds meeting

**TWIN FALLS** — The Boy Scouts of America Falls District Committee will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Council Scout Center on Falls Avenue.

## SENIOR CALENDAR

### Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center

616 Eastland Drive  
Dinner served from noon to 12:30 p.m. Suggested donation is \$3 for seniors. The cost is \$4 for non-seniors under 60 and \$2.50 for children under 12.  
Tuesday: Fried chicken, potatoes and gravy, fruit salad, rolls, cake.  
Wednesday: Lasagna, green beans, tossed salad, french bread, fruit with cookie.  
Thursday: Salad bar.  
Friday: Fish or chicken, scalloped potatoes, mixed veggies, coleslaw, muffins, pie.  
Monday: Salisbury steak, potato, sweet carrots, pear salad, rolls, cobbler.  
**Activities**  
Library, Pool Room, and Bargain Center with cards, games, color television, puzzles and movies. Open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Tuesday  
Blood pressure check 10 a.m. to noon.  
Wednesday  
Quilting 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.  
Bingo club.  
Thursday  
Pinocle at 1 p.m.  
Friday  
Blood pressure check, 10 a.m. to noon.  
Lunch bingo.  
Saturday  
Super bingo.  
Sunday  
Dance.  
Monday  
Quilting 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.  
Foot clinic, please make appointment, 734-5084.

### Tuesday: Meat loaf, potatoes and gravy, hardvard beets, pudding, cobler, bread.

Wednesday: Cheeseburger pie, stewed tomatoes, Jell-O salad, custard, cherries.  
Thursday: Pork chops, potatoes with gravy, carrots, cauliflower, fresh spinach salad, applesauce, pecans; smorgasbord at 5:30 p.m.  
Friday: Fish fry.  
Monday: Ham and beans, V8 juice, carrots, green salad, corn bread, fruit; smorgasbord at 5:30 p.m.

### Activities

Thrift shop open every day.  
Tuesday  
Exercises, 7 to 8 a.m.  
Bingo, 7-9 p.m. The public is invited.  
Wednesday  
Exercises 7 to 8 a.m., and at 10 a.m.  
Bus to Jackpot, leaving at 3:30 p.m., \$1. Early sign-up required.  
Thursday  
Exercises 7-8 a.m.  
Foot clinic sign-up.  
Bingo 1-3 p.m.  
Evening meal, 5:30 p.m.  
Cards at 6 p.m.  
Friday  
Exercises 7 to 8 a.m., and at 10 a.m.  
Saturday  
Old Time Fiddlers Dance, 8-11 p.m. \$3 per person.  
Sunday  
All-you-can-eat buffet, 1 p.m. Baked ham.  
Monday  
Exercises from 7 to 8 a.m., and at 10 a.m.  
Evening meal at 5:30 p.m.  
Cards at 6 p.m.

### West End Senior Citizens Inc.

1010 Main St., Buhl  
-Noon meals served Monday through Friday. Buffet meal at 1 p.m. on Sunday. Evening meals served at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday. Suggested donations for meals is weekdays \$2.50, Sundays \$3.50, non-seniors \$4.25 and children under 12-years-old \$2.50. Meals can be delivered Monday through Friday. Call 543-4577 for more information. Free bus service to and from meals is available Monday evening, Tuesday noon and Thursday noon and evening. Please call 543-4577 by 10 a.m. to arrange a ride.

### Filer Senior Haven

222 Main St., Filer  
Dinners served at noon on Tuesday and Thursday and at 6 p.m. on Friday. Suggested donation is \$2 for seniors. Home delivered meals available on meal time.  
Tuesday: Turkey chow mein, noodles, rice.  
Thursday: Roast beef sandwich.  
Friday: Vegetable beef soup.  
**Activities**  
Tuesday  
Exercises at 10:30 a.m.  
Thursday  
Exercise at 1 p.m.

## Community ed lists January classes

**BUHL** — The Buhl Community Education and Recreation Association announced classes for January.

**A-Maintenance-Welding-and-Shop-Practice-class** will be held from 7:10 p.m. Tuesdays starting Tuesday, Jan. 11, at Poppewell Elementary. The seven-week class will be \$4 a person, plus \$5 for materials. Instructor Shane Stockham will teach students the principles and use of oxy-acetylene, arc and MIG wire-feed welding for farm or small shop use. Coveralls and welding gloves are required.

**Beginning physical course for children ages 6-8** will start Friday at Poppewell Elementary. The class for children ages 6-8 will be held from 3:15-4:15 p.m. Fridays. Class for children ages 9-12 will be held from 4:30-5:30 p.m. Fridays. The five-week class is taught by Sandra Robinson and cost \$10 per child, plus \$5 for an instruction book.

**Basic Dog Obedience, a three-week course** to help owners develop a stronger relationship with their pet, begins Jan. 11. Class will be held from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Buhl Armory, 1 and one-quarter mile west on Deep Creek Road. Instructor Donna Stalley will help owners train their dogs to become more socialized. Owners are asked to bring a collar for dogs 6 months or younger, a choke collar for dogs 6

months or older, and a 5-foot leash that will not hurt their hands. Fees for the course are \$19 per owner.

**Stamp Collecting for Children** will be held from 3:15-4:15 p.m. Jan. 13 and Jan. 20 at Poppewell Elementary. Instructor Bob Bailey Jr. will furnish supplies for the course. Class fees are \$4 per student.

A **taxidermy class** will be held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Jan. 15 in Room 113 at Buhl High School. Students will learn how to preserve and treat a duck specimen and pre-registration is essential so supplies may be ordered, organizers say. Students are asked to bring a small sharp knife, scissors and hair dryer. Fees for the class are \$20 plus \$20 for materials with an instructor to be announced.

All classes are free of supporting and require a minimum of 7-10 students, the association says. Students are asked to pre-register for each class by its beginning date, by paying by mail. Checks may be made out to Buhl Community Education and Recreation Association and mailed with the registration fee to Buhl Community Education and Recreation, Buhl Middle School, Buhl, Idaho 83316. Payments are due at the end of the first class attended. No refunds will be issued unless the class is canceled. For more information, call Connie Glander at 543-6553.

## Buhl Library adds variety of new books

**BUHL** — The Buhl Public Library recently announced the addition of new selections.

Adult fiction selections include, "The Vig" by John Lescroart, "Job Hunter's Bride" by Ana Seymour, "Hunter of My Heart" by Janet Kendall, "The Tender Heart" by Carolyn Davidson, "A Walk to Remember" by Nicholas Sparks, "The Looking Glass" by Richard Paul Evans, "Stealing Faces" by Michael Prescott, "Remember Summer" by Elizabeth Lowell, "Fleur de L'Esprit" by Dune Leslie, "Every Breath She Takes" by Suzanne Foster, "Harmful Intent" by Baine Kerst, "The Alibi" by Sandra Brown, "Red, White, and Blue" by Susan Isaacs, "One Last Dance" by Ellen Conroy, "The Ghost and Mrs. Muir" by R. A. Dick, "Eddie's Bastard" by William Kowalski, "Ashes of Remembrance" by Bodie Thoene, "Proposition Marriage" by Eileen Wilks, "Naughtier Than Five" by Kurt Vonnegut, "Brave New Worlds" by Aldous Huxley, "The Short Stories of F. Scott Fitzgerald" and "The Great Gatsby" both by F. Scott Fitzgerald.

Westerns include, "The Tombstone Conspiracy" by Tim Champlin, "The Messengers" by Lauran Paige, "The Gold Trail" by Max Brand, "The Rugged Trail" by Jack Ballas, and "The Valley Vultures" "Black Jack" and "Rippon Rides Double" all by Max Brand.

Mystery selections include, "Skull Session" by Daniel Hecht, "Zen and the Art of Murder" by Elizabeth M. Cosin, "Baby Doll Games" by Margaret Maron, "Jupiter's Bones" by Faye Kellerman, "Messiah" by Boris Starling, "Field of Thirst" by Dick Francis, "Angel Flight" by Michael Connelly, "Stormy Weather" by Carl Hiaassen, "Second Wind" by Dick Francis, and "Legal Tender" by Lisa See.  
Science-Fiction selections include "Owlknigh" by Mercedes Lackey, "Grimwood" by Ken Repley, "The Siege of Eternity" and "The Other End of Time" both by Frederick Pohl, and "Wizard's First Rule" by Terry Goodkind.  
Adult non-fiction selections include, "Dreams" by C. G. Jung, "The Lighthouse Book" by Samuel W. Cronpton, "Fighter Pilot: A History of Air Combat" by Philip Kaplan, "Trains of the Old West" by Brian Solomon, "All Color Book of Birds" and "Psychic Animals" by Dennis Bardens, "The Farmer's Guide to the Internet" by Henry James, "October Sky: A Memoir" by Homer H. Hickam, "Into Thin Air" by Jon Krakauer, "Swords and Hill Weapons" "The Old Bam Book" by Robin L. Sommer, "Frontier Family Life" by Marianne Bell, "Maps of the Civil War: The Roads They Took" by David L. Phillips, "The Land of the Free" by Dennis Bardens, "The Greenhaven Press" "The Inquisition" by Deborah Bachrach, "Ethics of World Religions" by A.D. Hunt, "The Right to Privacy" by Ellen Alizerman, "Savage Inequalities" by Jonathan Kozol, "Against the Tide" by Coriella Dean, "Titanic" by Donald Lynch, "In God's Country" by David Neiwert, "Living Well in Retirement" by Lisa Ellis, "Ageless Body, Timeless Mind,"

by Deepak Chopra, "Your Body Knows Best," by Ann Louise Gittleman, "Lick the Sugar Habit," by Nancy Appleton, "12 Secrets for Finding Love and Commitment," Jeffery Ullman, "The Youth Charter," by William Damon, "Some Horses, by Thomas McGuinn, "Reader's Digest Illustrated Guide to Gardening," "Specialty Stitched Quilts," "Four Plays by Eugene O'Neill," by Eugene O'Neill, "From Mother Goose to Dr. Seuss," by Harold Darling, "The Penguin Book of Women Poets," "Tis," by Frank McCourt, "Charles: Man of Destiny," by Helen Cathcart, "A Woman of Egypt," by Jehan Sadat, "The War of the Wives," "Wonders of Italy," "The Persian Gulf War," by Don Rardo, "World War I," by Gail Stewart, "The Vietnam War," by Roger Barr, and Time-Life Books titles, "The American Dream," "The Jazz Age," "The '20s," "Rock and Roll Generation," "Dawn of the Century: 1900-1910," "Pride and Prosperity, the '80s," "Decade of Triumph: the '40s," "Turbulent Years: the '60s," "The Jazz Age," "The '30s," and "The End of Innocence: 1910-1920," "The Unfinished Presidency," by Douglas Brinkley, and "The World's Greatest Railway Journeys" by Wade Matthews.

Large print titles include, "The Invisible Miss Marple, Vol. 1 & 2," "The Doomsday Marshal and the Mountain Man," by Ray Hogan, "Lockwood," by Lauran Paige, "The Black Shot," by Jack Cummings, "Free Range Lanning," by Max Brand, "King of the Highlanders," by Tim Champlin, and "Powersmoke Range," by William Colt MacDonald.

### BizFACTS

#### 007 at the box office

Box office receipts for James Bond's newest film, "The World Is Not Enough," topped \$144 million by mid-December. Revenues for selected countries:



## BRIEFLY IN MONEY

### Ag credit firm gets new name for 2000

**TWIN FALLS** - It has a new name for 2000 - the Eastern Idaho Agricultural Credit Association. This week changed its name to Idaho Agricultural Credit Association.

The association serves more than the eastern part of the state, and "the turn of the century is the right time to make the name change," said Arnold Seeley, president and chief executive.

The Blackfoot-based association, with branches offices in Burley and Twin Falls, is part of the nationwide Farm Credit System and is a farmer- and rancher-owned cooperative doing production lending and real estate mortgage lending. Its board of directors includes Kenneth Black of Burley and James Grant of Twin Falls. All personnel, including directors, will remain the same.

During 1999, the association said it loaned in excess of \$130 million to farmers and ranchers in 24 counties in eastern and southern Idaho and in two Wyoming counties.

### Nearly a century of family ownership ends in Elko

**ELKO, Nev.** - Four generations and 90 years of ownership of the Elko Daily Free Press ended Monday when the paper was taken over by Midwest-based Liberty Group Publication.

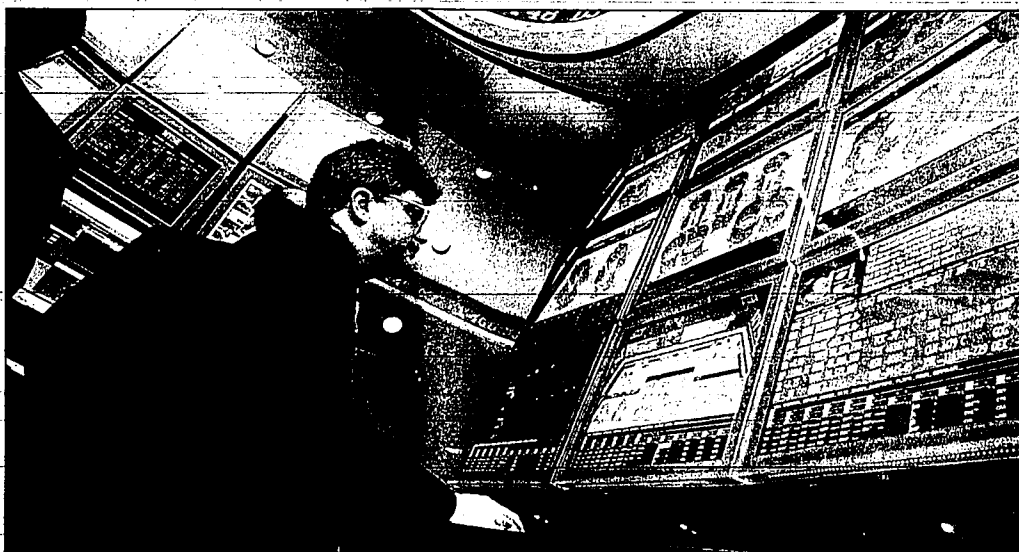
"Our family has been associated with the Free Press for nearly a century, and the decision to sell was not easy. One of the toughest obstacles for us was to find a company that we felt would treat our employees fairly and also carry on the well-established traditions of the Elko Daily Free Press," brothers Rex, Kim and Dan Steninger said in a statement.

The Free Press employs more than 60 full-time employees and scores of part-time employees, including paperboys and mailroom help. Kim Steninger was business manager, Dan Steninger was editorial page editor and Rex Steninger was managing editor. All three brothers began working at the paper as printer's devils while in grade school.

Stan Woody of Tucson, Ariz., took over the newspaper this week. Kim Steninger will remain at the business for an undetermined length of time to help with the transition.

Liberty is headquartered in Northbrook, Ill., and owns more than 300 community newspapers in 16 states.

Compiled from staff and wire reports



Dave Gurney, a director of floor operations for the New York Stock Exchange, monitors activity on Monday, the first day of trading since Y2K. U.S. markets might have faced difficulties if Y2K-related computer problems had affected financial markets around the world. But after a weekend of testing, many of the markets that opened for trading Monday were running smoothly.

# Y2K becomes the crisis that wasn't

## Many Magic Valley business people feel relieved by the millennium bug's lack of bite

By Virginia S. Hutchins  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** - For many business people, Monday meant either secret relief or vindication of their confidence that they could weather Y2K just fine.

Almost no date-related computer problems struck businesses as the holiday season ended and employees returned to work.

A couple of months ago, Shirley Nelson, owner and associate broker at Nelson Realty in Twin Falls, told The Times-News

she was prepared to type her listings and fax them to other agents if New Year's Day brought a glitch in the real estate industry's Multiple Listing Service.

But after Y2K, she's not compiling property information in a book nor writing price changes in pencil.

"I'm not doing anything by hand - except the normal," Nelson said Monday. "There has nothing changed in our lives, nothing at all."

And she didn't think anything would, she added.

With Y2K safely behind, other business people are saying similar things.

"I was very confident," said Joe Taylor, associate broker at Carey and Adams, a Burley real estate company.

Taylor reported Monday he had successfully accessed the Internet's multiple listings and an online listing of repossessed homes around the United States.

Carey and Adams' taxes to other real estate offices were being received promptly.

"And I have not talked to any body that has experienced any problem," he said.

Aspen Data Systems, a computer consulting firm in Twin Falls, started in midsummer to contact its clients, review their possible problems and suggest tests and software-vendor contacts.

"Basically, all of our clients but one did what we suggested," president David Spooner said.

That one, an accounting business, had an infrequently used computer dedicated for clients using pre-Windows95 software.

Aspen Data warned the businessman the computer could malfunction, but he decided not to spend the time and money for a fix.

"As it turned out they did need it today," Spooner said Monday. The computer's date didn't automatically roll over, so Aspen Data told the business how to set the date correctly "and they're up and going."

"Essentially, our problems were almost nil," Spooner said. So far, he added, nationwide

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## Small moves cut away tax bills

Knight Ridder News Service

Everyone wants tax breaks, but finding them isn't always easy. Sometimes, no matter how hard you search and crunch the numbers, nothing works, because you just don't have enough deductions. And this year, there's not a lot taxpayers can do because no new major tax legislation made it past President Clinton.

Sure, it's nice to find little gems that will lower your tax bill immediately, but it's best to think of tax planning as a long-term process that changes over your financial life.

Below are tax tips for five different types of taxpayer - from the single guy to retired couples and from married homeowners to single parents. As you prepare for your 1999 taxes, don't be surprised if you learn that you're already doing the best you can.



But make sure to check out the suggestions for cutting costs on your 2000 return - steps you can take during the new year or later in life.

### Living the single life

Single person earning about \$40,000. Does not own a home. No dependents. No retirement plan in place. Paying off student loans.

\$ Now it's a tough tax world when you're single. With no kids and no other major deductions, you're going to pay the govern-

ment a big chunk of your salary. Even with your personal exemption and standard deduction, you're smack-dab in the 28 percent federal tax bracket. Ouch - yes, that hurts. But you're not totally out in the cold.

Contribute \$2,000 to a traditional IRA, suggests Michael Trank, a personal-financial specialist with the CPA firm of Corbin & Wertz in Irvine, Calif.

"Assuming you are not participating in an employer retirement plan, you are eligible to make a deductible contribution. You'd save about \$700 in taxes," Trank says. Also, the interest on your student loan might be deductible. Up to \$1,500 of student-loan interest is deductible - provided the interest was paid during the first 60 months that payments were due on the loan, Trank says. Maximum tax savings: \$325.

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The Times-News

**BOISE** - Recent activity in U.S. Bankruptcy Court included these Magic Valley filings:

### Chapter 7, nonbusiness, under \$50,000

Dennis Richard Marshall, 307 14th Ave. N., Buhl, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 99-42100.

Diane Hazel Aguilar, 1010 N. Lincoln, space F, Jerome, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 99-42103.

### Chapter 7, business status not listed, under \$50,000

Luanne Epeldi, Woodstone Retirement Center, 491 Casswell

Ave. W., Twin Falls, individual, business status not listed, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 99-42111.

### Chapter 7, business status not listed, \$50,000 to \$100,000

Jim Duggan and Terry Duggan, 57 Bell Rapids Road, Hagerman, individual, business status not listed, Chapter 7, 15-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities \$50,000 to \$100,000. Case no. 99-42099.

### Chapter 7, business status not listed, \$100,000 to \$500,000

Jesse Ronquillo and Deborah Ronquillo, 20280 U.S. Highway

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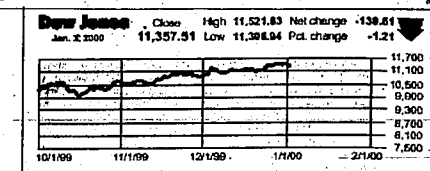
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# Dow drops steeply, but Nasdaq rebounds as Y2K fears fade

**NEW YORK (AP)**—As fears of Y2K computer crashes waned, concern about rising interest rates returned to Wall Street Monday, holding most stocks lower on the first day of trading in the year 2000.

Trading of the Y2K cloud helped boost technology shares as some analysts predicted a round of corporate spending on high-tech initiatives. That helped lift the Nasdaq composite index to its another closing high.

Still, investors had to weather some wide price swings Monday. The Dow Jones industrial average fell 139.61 to close at



11,357.51, while the Nasdaq composite index rose 61.84 to 1,431.15. The Nasdaq opened the day by rising more than 120

All three market indicators set new closing records on Friday, rounding out a fifth straight year of double-digit returns. The strong performance, which escalated in the closing weeks of 1999, set up some prospects for scattered profit-taking Monday.

Many investors held onto stocks in December to avoid paying capital gains taxes for 1999. The start of the new year means investors who sell stocks now won't pay tax on their gains until 2001.

Stocks initially rallied Monday as trading began without any Y2K problems. But the good

news for stocks proved devastating to the bond market, which tumbled as investors bet the Fed will return to a policy of higher interest rates.

The Fed, which raised rates three times last year in an effort to stave off inflation, opted not to raise rates for a fourth time at the close of 1999, saying it wanted to ensure monetary stability while Y2K bugs were still perceived as a threat to the economy.

With Y2K out of the way, analysts believe the Fed will raise rates as soon as Feb. 1, when its Open Market

Committee next meets. Central banks received evidence of the economy's strength Monday, when the National Association of Purchasing Management said the industrial sector of the economy grew in December for the 11th consecutive month.

The purchasing managers' report also said its price index, which measures the cost of raw materials, rose for the eighth month in a row. Many economists had expected the indexes to rise more sharply, but the moderate increases rattled investors nonetheless.

## Taxes

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**\$ Next year:** Unless you've got some secret stash of cash, we'll assume you're not in the market for a home — a great investment that lets you itemize for some good tax breaks. So you'll beef up your retirement and shave your tax bill by saving 15 percent on your employer's 401(k) plan. With a \$40,000 salary, you could sock away \$6,000 and you'd save \$2,100 in taxes. Think says.

### Married with children

One spouse works full time and earns about \$60,000. The other spouse works part time and earns \$30,000. They are homeowners with a mortgage of about \$250,000 and two children. One spouse participates in 401(k) plan.

**\$ Now:** The best thing you can do is make sure you've got all your deductions in order. First, off the maximum you can deduct, \$2,000, in a deductible IRA for the spouse not in a 401(k) plan, says Maureen Tsu, a certified financial planner with Professional Financial

Advisor in San Juan Capistrano, Calif.

And if you refinanced your home, you might have a break coming. When you refinance, you don't get to deduct the points right away — as you do with a first mortgage. Instead, the points are spread out over the life of the loan, so you get a very small deduction each year. But when you refinance a second time, you usually can deduct the remaining points from the first loan, Tsu said.

**\$ Next year:** Check your withholding again, says Dale Quello, an enrolled agent in Buena Park, Calif. If you readjusted it so you had a bit more money at the end of the year, make sure you're back on track for 2000 so you aren't underwithholding. Or you still might be having too much withheld. That's money that you could be putting to work for you instead of letting Uncle Sam hang out for you.

### Married — no children

One spouse earns \$70,000 and the other \$50,000. They are homeowners, have about \$15,000 in debt (credit cards and car loan)

and a \$3,000 unrealized loss in a mutual fund. Both participate in employer-sponsored pension plan, but not fully.

**\$ Now:** Once you've used your itemized deductions (mortgage interest, property tax, state tax, etc.), you'll remain firmly in the 28 percent bracket, says Brian Scott, a fee-only financial planner at Glenside & Freeman for Prescriptions Advisors LLC in Costa Mesa, Calif. So, there's not a lot you can do this year.

**\$ Next year:** Here's where some planning will help you next year. You need to bump up your contributions to both your 401(k) plans.

"At least get every dollar you can of matching contributions from each employer, but max this out," Scott says. Make sure you're using your employers' flexible spending accounts for prescriptions, out-of-pocket payments and other expenses not covered by your insurance. Using these pretax dollars gives you more bang for your buck, Scott says. Finally, use some of your savings to pay off those debts.

"You are paying tax on the 2 percent interest in savings and

paying 12 percent nonrefundable interest" on the debt, Scott says. "Faying down your credit card debt is like a 12 percent tax-free guaranteed return."

### Single with child

Earns about \$40,000. A renter, not in a 401(k) plan, with a graduate school child.

**\$ Now:** By filing as head of household you're already in the lowest tax bracket at 15 percent, says Albert William Bender, a certified public accountant with Ballinger, Horowitz, Frank & Wakeing in Santa Ana, Calif. One of the best tax credits you might be able to claim: expenses for dependent care, such as day care for your child. Generally, you can submit up to \$2,400 in expenses for your child. The tax credit is based on a sliding scale and can be as high as \$720. A tax credit reduces your tax liability directly, while a deduction merely reduces the income that is taxed.

**\$ Next year:** Contribute to your employer's retirement plan or an IRA, Bender says. "While you are saving for the future, you

can also enjoy some tax savings," he advises. (To get a ballpark idea of how much you'd save, multiply the amount you're contributing by your tax-bracket percentage.)

### Retired

Couple who are both 70. Their home is paid off, as is their vacation condo. They have taxable income of about \$40,000 and a total estate worth about \$1.5 million.

**\$ Now:** The biggest tax concern you both face is the required minimum distributions from your IRAs that begin at age 70.5. You'll be receiving income you haven't had before and there will be a tax to pay, says Quello. "Be prepared for it." Other than that, there's not a lot of tax planning for you. You're already in the lowest tax bracket (15 percent) and probably cannot itemize deductions — home mortgage interest is the largest chunk of itemized deductions — so planning to generate deductions won't create any tax benefit unless the total exceeded the standard deduction.

Says Dan Thomas, a certified financial planner with Thomas & Thomas in Newport Beach, Calif.

"Planning on the estate and investment fronts will probably be of more benefit," Thomas suggests. "If you assume your two homes are \$500,000 of your net worth, your investment portfolio is probably \$1 million, which is yielding about 5.5 percent."

That yield is even less if you assume that some of your taxable investment income is from a Security benefits. It's not unreasonable to assume that one or both of you will live to 20 years more. If all your investments are in cash-type investments, you run the risk of incurring reduced purchasing power in the years to come, Thomas says.

## NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

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ADG	0.00	22.00	+0.00
ADP	0.00	22.00	+0.00
ADT	0.00	22.00	+0.00
ADW	0.00	22.00	+0.00
ADZ	0.00	22.00	+0.00
ADY	0.00	22.00	+0.00
ADX	0.00	22.00	+0.00
ADV	0.00	22.00	+0.00
ADU	0.00	22.00	+0.00
ADT	0.00	22.00	+0.00
ADW	0.00	22.00	+0.00
ADZ	0.00	22.00	+0.00
ADY	0.00	22.00	+0.00
ADX	0.00	22.00	+0.00
ADV	0.00	22.00	+0.00
ADU	0.00	22.00	+0.00
ADT	0.00	22.00	+0.00
ADW	0.00	22.00	+0.00
ADZ	0.00	22.00	+0.00
ADY	0.00	22.00	+0.00
ADX	0.00	22.00	+0.00
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ADT	0.00	22.00	+0.00
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ADZ	0.00	22.00	+0.00
ADY	0.00	22.00	+0.00
ADX	0.00	22.00	+0.00
ADV	0.00	22.00	+0.00
ADU	0.00	22.00	+0.00
ADT	0.00	22.00	+0.00
ADW	0.00	22.00	+0.00
ADZ	0.00	22.00	+0.00
ADY	0.00	22.00	+0.00
ADX	0.00	22.00	+0.00
ADV	0.00	22.00	+0.00
ADU	0.00	22.00	+0.00
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ADW	0.00	22.00	+0.00
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ADX	0.00	22.00	+0.00
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MARKETS

COMMODITIES

Table of commodity prices including Wheat, Soybeans, Corn, and various oil products. Columns include item name, price, and change.

BEANS

Table of bean prices for various types like Pinto, Navy, and Lima beans.

GRAINS

Table of grain prices including Soybean Meal, Soybean Oil, and other derivatives.

CHEESE

Cheddar cheese prices on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange.

POTATOES

Potato prices for various grades and origins.

SUGAR

Sugar prices for different grades and origins.

METALS/CURRENCY

Table of metal and currency prices including Gold, Silver, and various international currencies.

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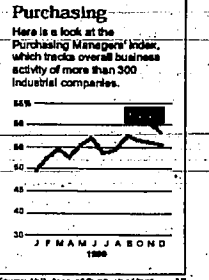
Table of livestock prices for cattle, hogs, and sheep.

FOSSIL FUELS

Table of fossil fuel prices including Crude Oil and Gasoline.

Industrial sector slows but continues to grow

NEW YORK (AP) - The industrial sector of the U.S. economy grew in December for the 11th consecutive month, but at a slower pace than in November.



The longest economic expansion by the National Association of Purchasing Management confirms that the economy is on track toward equalling the long expansion in U.S. history this month.

The purchasing managers' report is watched closely because it is the first national reading for December on U.S. industrial performance, a key sector in the economy.

Court

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Chapter 11, corporation, \$500,000 to \$1 million

Little Wood River Ranch LLC, 105 River View Drive N., Shoshone, corporation (real estate), Chapter 11, 16-49 creditors, assets \$1 million to \$10 million, liabilities \$1 million to \$10 million. Case no. 99-42088.

Chapter 11, business, \$1 million to \$10 million

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Something missing?

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Strong earnings give Sony an overdue recharge

Los Angeles Times - After languishing for years, consumer electronics giant Sony Corp. and its stock are again showing the heady growth that made the Japanese company a household name around the globe.

The gains are being powered by several factors, including strong holiday sales of its electronics gear, especially its industry-leading PlayStation video game player.

Bankers, the electric company and financial firms throughout the state checked out fine, too.

Janet L. Neel, a certified public accountant with Twin Falls accounting firm, said she expected to hear Monday from any clients who had troubles with accounting software.

Other than pockets of weather-related outages during the weekend, Idaho Power Co. officials said systems continued to work.

"Our Y2K people are going to be watching our system through a number of steps like closing out books and month-end type of stuff, but everything is running fine," spokesman Dennis Lopez said Monday in the AP report.

MUTUAL FUNDS

Large table listing various mutual funds, their performance, and other details. Columns include fund name, price, and change.



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Classic Peanuts

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For Better or For Worse

By Lynn Johnston



Dilbert

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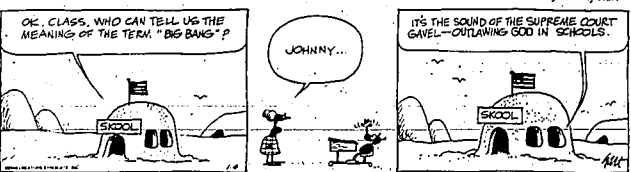
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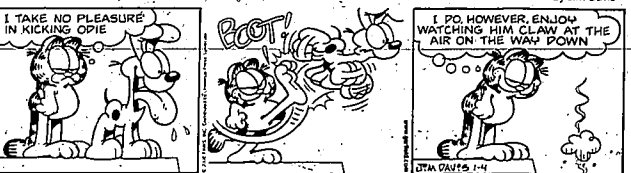
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Garfield

By Jim Davis



Dennis the Menace

By Hank Ketchum

The Family Circus

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Hi and Lois

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Rose Is Rose

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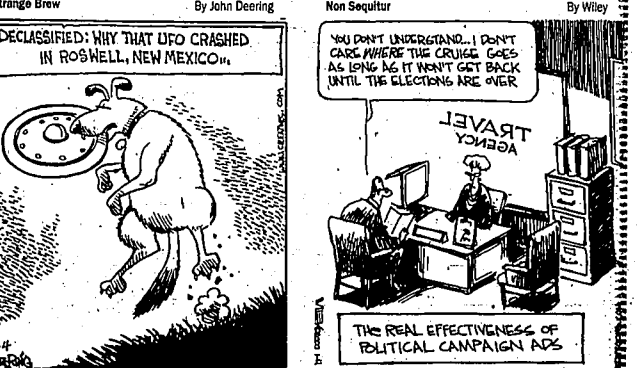


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The Born Loser

By Art Sansom & Chip

