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Death delays 2000 session

Key lawmaker Twiggs succumbs to heart attack

By Michael Journee
Times-News writer

BOISE - News of the death of the third-highest ranking state official shocked the Statehouse Monday morning, prompting legislative leaders to postpone the opening of the 2000 legislative session for at least one week. Senate President Pro Tem Jerry Twiggs was found face down on a frosty path in the Boise River greenbelt early Monday morning, a victim of an apparent heart attack. After Twiggs' wife became



This 1995 photograph shows Republican State Sen. Jerry Twiggs, president pro tem of the Senate, on his farm near Blackfoot.

worried about her husband's late return from his morning jog, the 66-year-old's body was located at St. Alphonsus Regional Medical Center, where he was taken after he was found.

One more week

The death Monday of Sen. Twiggs prompted the delay of Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's State of the State address, as well as the start of the 2000 Legislative session. The session begins Monday.

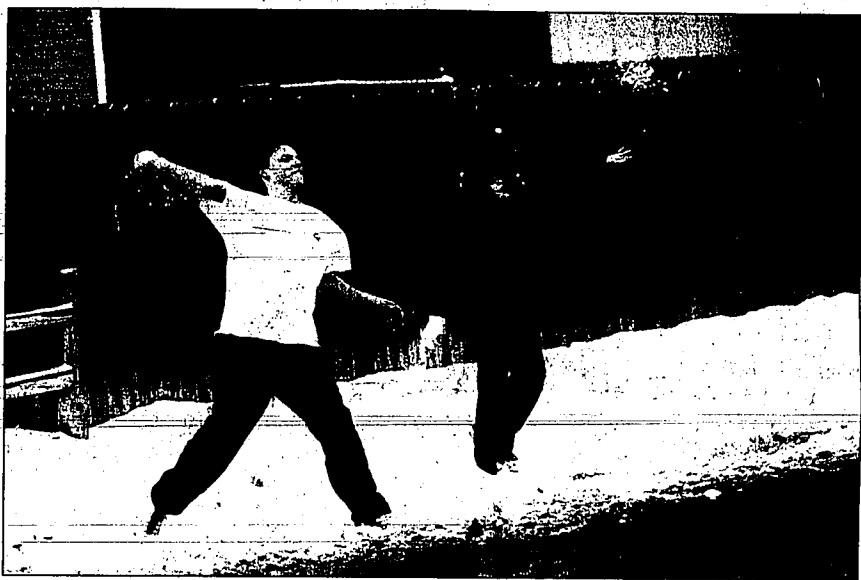
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The death has left the time frame for the 2000 session in question, as Twiggs' family

makes funeral plans and members of both houses recover. The session's delay was not only a matter of respect for Twiggs, but also a matter of practicality. "It just didn't make sense to go on," said House Speaker Bruce Newcomb, R-Burley. "He'll be missed. He'll be missed in a lot of ways," Newcomb said.

Gov. Dirk Kempthorne was scheduled Monday to give his State of the State speech, the traditional opening of the legislative session. But after hearing of Twiggs' death, conferring with the legislative leadership about options and clarifying the constitutional obligations to start the session, Kempthorne announced that the State of the State as well as the opening of the session will be postponed. Please see SESSION, Page A2

TAKE THAT!



Derek Nielson didn't let a little thing like the lack of a coat stop him from having fun with the coat of snow that fell on Twin Falls on Monday. Nielson and a group of friends had a snowball shoot-out with another group after getting out of school. The snowy weather caused at least one non-injury rollover on Interstate 84. The Idaho State Police also reported numerous slideoffs, including three semi-truck slideoffs along the stretch between Burley and Utah. None of the incidents were serious.

Activists push fight against domestic harm

The Associated Press

NEW YORK - A mother doused with gasoline and set afire. The pregnant girlfriend of a pro football player. A woman desperate to get her ex-husband arrested. Police say each was a recent. Please see VIOLENCE, Page A2

Jerome man agrees to plead guilty

By Brian Haynes
Times-News writer

JEROME - A Jerome man charged with shooting two sheriff's deputies and another man avoided trial Monday by reaching a plea agreement with the prosecution. "I don't want a jury trial, sir, because the three counts are what I did, and I want to take responsibility for what I did," Erik J. Buchanan, 24, told the judge during a Monday hearing.

Under the agreement, Buchanan pleaded guilty to aggravated battery and two counts of aggravated battery on a peace officer. Jerome County Prosecutor John Lothspeich dropped three counts of aggravated assault on a peace officer and any enhanced penalties related to the use of a deadly weapon. The agreement "is satisfactory to me because that's what I did, sir," Buchanan told 5th District Judge Nathan Higer. Buchanan did the shooting during a Sept. 19 standoff at his home at 515 N. Lincoln St. Jerome police first went to the home that night for a call of a possible domestic dispute, and when they arrived they saw Buchanan on his porch holding a pistol, according to testimony. The officers watched as Buchanan fired several shots at a white car pulling into the driveway. Ken Barrett, the driver and a friend of Buchanan, was shot in the upper chest but not seriously hurt, according to testimony. Three Jerome County sheriff's deputies arrived a few minutes later and were met with a hail of bullets. One bullet hit a deputy in the chest but was stopped by his vest. Please see PLEAD, Page A2

Justice seeks review of fees

By N.S. Nokkvented
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The Department of Justice can't afford to be a collection agency for the U.S. Forest Service's recreation fee program, the U.S. attorney for Idaho said.

Betty Richardson is asking the Forest Service to review its recreation fee demonstration program in the Sawtooth National Recreation Area and other areas.

"As it's set up now, the program relies on the federal criminal justice system to enforce what are essentially parking tickets," Richardson said. "In most instances, the use of taxpayer money, which is badly needed to fight more serious problems like fraud, drug smuggling and violent crime."

The Forest Service and its recreation fee demonstration program gained some notoriety recently, when the federal government declined to press a case against an Oregon woman who has repeatedly refused to pay the \$5 fee to park her car while she hiked in the SNRA.

Majorie Hoye of Bend, Ore., stopped in the SNRA on her way to Jackson, Wyo. When she returned home she found a notice saying she failed to pay the parking fee. Hoye wrote letters explaining why she refused to pay; in response, she received a \$50 citation, then a notice to appear in court. She then wrote to the judge who suggested she write the U.S. attorney. She wrote explaining her reasons: her outing had been spiritual, not recreational; there was precedent on Los Angeles when a judge refused to prosecute under a demonstration program; and she argued that Congress should

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Big deal! AOL, Time Warner plan world's biggest merger

The Associated Press

NEW YORK - You've got mail. And movies. And music. And magazines.

In the most dramatic instance yet of new media supplanting old media, America Online is buying Time Warner, the largest media and entertainment conglomerate in the world, for \$162 billion.

The deal would be the biggest corporate merger of all time as well as an aggressive bet that online delivery of media is the wave of the future.

"This merger will launch the next Internet revolution," said Steve Case, America Online's chairman and chief executive,

Good for the consumer? Q & A on the deal - C3, C4

told a news conference Monday. "We're still just scratching the surface."

Case will be chairman of the new company, which will be called AOL Time Warner Inc. and headquartered in New York. Time Warner chairman Gerald Levin will be its chief executive. Ted Turner, who owns 9 percent of Time Warner, will retain his title of vice chairman.

America Online shareholders will own 55 percent of the company, and Time Warner shareholders

the rest. AOL Time Warner's brands would include AOL, CompuServe, CNN, Time, Newscape, TBS, TNT, Cartoon Network, HBO, Warner Music Group, Fortune, Sports Illustrated, Entertainment Weekly and Looney Tunes.

The deal values Time Warner at about \$168 a share, a rich premium over its price of \$64.75 a share before Monday. Time Warner shares soared 39 percent on news of the deal, climbing \$25.3125 to \$90.0625 a share on the New York Stock Exchange. AOL shares fell \$1.75 to \$72.

Analysts expect competing Internet and entertainment companies to seek similar deals.



America Online Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Steve Case embraces Time Warner Chairman and CEO Gerald Levin, obscured, Monday in New York.

THE REGION

Carnas Prairie

High 37 Low 20
Cloudy today and tonight with rain/snow likely. Mostly cloudy Wednesday, breezy, chance of rain/snow, high 33.

Treasure Valley

High 45 Low 29
Cloudy today and tonight with rain/snow likely. Mostly cloudy Wednesday, chance of rain/snow, high 39.

Sawtooth Mountains/Wood River Valley

High 38 Low 16
Cloudy today and tonight with rain/snow likely. Mostly cloudy Wednesday, chance of rain/snow, high 33.

Eastern Idaho

High 36 Low 20
Cloudy today and tonight with rain/snow likely. Mostly cloudy Wednesday, breezy, chance of rain/snow, high 31.

Northern Idaho

High 32 Low 23
Mostly cloudy today and tonight with chance of rain. Same Wednesday, snow likely, high 32.

Northern Utah

High 43 Low 27
Cloudy today and tonight with rain/snow likely. Mostly cloudy Wednesday, breezy, chance of rain/snow, high 37.

Northern Nevada

High 45 Low 25
Cloudy today and tonight with rain/snow likely. Mostly cloudy Wednesday, chance of rain/snow, high 37.

MAGIC VALLEY FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
High 45 Low 29 Rain or snow likely, breezy, chance of snow tonight.	High 39 Low 25 Cloudy with chance of snow.	High 40s Low 20s Cloudy with good chance of rain/snow.	High 40s Low 20s Cloudy with good chance of rain/snow.	High 40s Low 20s Cloudy with good chance of rain/snow.

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER

Twin Falls	Precipitation
Yesterday 40 29	Yesterday in Twin Falls .14
Last year 57 30	Month-to-date .28
Normal 35 18	Normal mo. to date .39
	Water year to date: 1.14
	Normal year to date: 3.44

Idaho

Max	Min	Pcp
Boise	37	.08
Burley	39	.18
Coeur d'Alene	32	.18
Grangeville	m	m
Hagerman	33	.18
Idaho Falls	29	.18
Lewiston	37	.01
Malad	36	.27
Malla	34	.20
McCall	25	.04
Pocatello	32	.29
Salmon	27	.01
Stanley	24	.18
Sun Valley	26	.14

Idaho: High: 40 degrees at Twin Falls. Low: 18 degrees at Stanley.
Nation: High: 87 at Kingsville, Texas. Low: 3 at Alamosa and Durango, Colo.

Idaho weather

Tuesday, Jan. 11
AccuWeather forecast for daytime conditions. High/Low temperatures.

AccuWeather forecast for daytime conditions. High/Low temperatures.

National weather

The AccuWeather forecast for noon, Tuesday, Jan. 11.

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UV INDEX

Index: 0 (minimal)
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SKYWATCH

Sunset today 5:25 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow 8:07 a.m.
Lunar phase: First quarter, Jan. 14; full, Jan. 20; last quarter, Jan. 28; new, Feb. 5.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Tune to the National Weather Service radio band at VHF-FM 162.475 (162.55 MHz). The Internet address for Idaho Transportation Department road reports is: <http://www.state.idaho.gov/road/index.html>

ACROSS THE NATION

Idaho: Many areas of Idaho received precipitation Sunday mostly cloudy to cloudy skies. Pacific moisture will affect the area into midweek. Idaho will receive significant snow fall in higher elevations and generous amounts in the valleys.
Elsewhere: Rain pelted much of the nation Monday, and snow lightly powdered several states. Low pressure moving across the Great Lakes produced rain and snow in parts of Wisconsin, Michigan and Minnesota — although most of the snow was light, with the heaviest (4 inches) occurring in West Ironwood, Mich.
Fair to partly cloudy skies stretched from southern sections of the Ohio Valley, south and west across most of the Mississippi Valley and Gulf Coast. Fair skies also extended west into the southern Plains, with some high clouds over Oklahoma and western Arkansas.
Winds — some gusting to 50 mph-plus — blew through the northern Plains, while snow showers were scattered across the Dakotas. Scattered areas of rain and mountain snow fell from Colorado, west across Idaho and northern Nevada.
— The Associated Press

The Nation

Max	Min	Pcp
Albuquerque	59	21
Anchorage	9	8
Atlanta	66	56
Boston	47	39
Chicago	46	40
Dallas	40	.11
Denver	46	.28
Des Moines	49	30
Detroit	37	35
Honolulu	80	.70
Houston	75	.48
Indianapolis	42	.43
Kansas City	55	.32
Las Vegas	57	.35
Los Angeles	65	.40
Memphis	36	.45
Miami Beach	81	.70
Minneapolis	42	.37
Minneapolis	36	.33
New Orleans	75	.26
New York	43	.69
Oklahoma City	66	.30
Omaha	48	.28
Phoenix	68	.39
Pittsburgh	56	.40
Raleigh, N.C.	48	.24
Portland, Ore.	40	.40
Reno	54	.43
St. Louis	48	.36
Salt Lake City	38	.30
San Francisco	59	.50
San Jose	59	.35
Spokane	31	.22
Washington	52	.43
Wichita	65	.43

Canadian Cities

Calgary	35	10
Montreal	48	.35
Toronto	40	.35
Vancouver	44	.33

AIDS' deadly impact on Africa

Nowhere else has the impact of HIV/AIDS been as severe as in sub-Saharan Africa, where estimated deaths due to the epidemic account for more than three-quarters of all the HIV/AIDS deaths in the world. In Botswana and Zimbabwe, one in four adults is infected.

Estimated deaths due to HIV/AIDS through 1999

Region	Estimated Deaths
Sub-Saharan Africa	13.7 million
South & Southeast Asia	2.1 million
Latin America, South America & Caribbean	450,000
North America	450,000
Western Europe	210,000
North Africa & Middle East	70,000
East Asia & Pacific	40,000
Eastern Europe & Central Asia	17,000
Australia & New Zealand	8,000

Prevalence of HIV/AIDS: Botswana 25.1%, Zimbabwe 25.8%

Percent of adult population age 15-49 living with HIV/AIDS at the end of 1997:

- 15-26%
- 10-14.9%
- 5-9.9%
- 2-4.9%
- 0-1.9%
- Data not available

Source: World Bank; United Nations Program on HIV/AIDS; World Health Organization

Gore pushes AIDS fight

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — With AIDS the No. 1 killer in sub-Saharan Africa, killing 10 times more Africans than war, Vice President Al Gore pledged Monday to put the continent's AIDS crisis on the world's security agenda and outlined a new U.S. effort to fight the epidemic. Presiding over the first Security Council meeting to address a health issue, Gore announced that the White House has asked Congress for \$150 million for vaccine research and prevention programs in Africa and will convene a meeting of business leaders in Africa to start developing prevention programs in the workplace. "We tend to think of a threat to security in terms of war and peace," Gore said in the first speech by a U.S. president to the 15-member body. "Yet no one can doubt that the havoc wreaked and the toll exacted by HIV/AIDS do threaten our security."

Fees

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appropriate enough money to run the public forests. She then got a notice that the charge had been dropped, but it did not say why, she said in a telephone interview Monday. The Department of Justice has been criticized for not pursuing out-of-state violators. Charges were dismissed for 15 out-of-state residents cited on the Sawtooth forest. But Richardson said those charges were dismissed for a number of reasons, not solely because the violators were from out of state. And charges have been dismissed for considerably more Idahoans than nonresidents, she said. Sawtooth officials note that most people cited for not buying a trailhead parking pass paid when notified. Congress authorized the Forest Service to establish a recreation fee demonstration project. The program has been in effect in the SNRA and the Ketchum Ranger District since 1997. The Sawtooth project is one of about 200 across the country. The forest program has collected more than \$260,000 since 1997, spokesman Ed Waldapfel said. The money goes to improve recreation facilities on the Sawtooth, he said. The fee demo program includes the Bureau of Land Management and the National Park Service. Locally, the BLM charges users of the Miller Recreation Area. But the Forest Service established its program without con-

Violence

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victim of the grimmest oxymoron in the criminal justice lexicon: intimate murder. On average, nearly four American women are killed each day by a husband, ex-husband or boyfriend. The nation has made impressive strides in confronting domestic violence, but high-profile cases of the past month have hammered home the fact that difficult, costly challenges remain. "When you see these headlines, it's very frustrating," said Bonnie Campbell, director of the Justice Department's Violence Against Women Office. "We have a ways to go in terms of changing attitudes." It's expected that in the next few years, we're making progress." According to the latest figures from the Bureau of Justice Statistics, the number of women killed by intimate partners dropped from 1,600 in 1976 to 1,326 in 1996. People have complained that dropping charges for out of state residents is unfair. But spot checks that catch only some of the non-paying users is not fair either, Derden said. The only way to ensure that all users pay, is to have some kind of pay station on site. Forest Service officials plan to meet with Richardson's office Wednesday to discuss how to resolve the issue. Meanwhile, officials also are looking at other enforcement options, Waldapfel said.

Session

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as the opening of the session would be delayed until Monday. "You can imagine the atmosphere in this capital," said Kempthorne at a late morning press conference. "I don't think people's attention and focus would be where they need to be." Kempthorne's budget address, originally scheduled for Wednesday, has been delayed until Jan. 19. Considerable consideration was given to the legality of postponing the session and the governor's address, Kempthorne said. Attorney General Al Lance was asked to review the situation. It was agreed that a letter from Gov. C.L. "Bud" Heister to the Legislature's leadership stating that the condition of the state is sound would fulfill all constitutional requirements. Such letters to Newcomb and Lt. Gov. C.L. "Bud" Heister were sent Monday afternoon. Both houses held brief sessions just after noon to officially postpone proceedings and to inform members about leadership's decision. Twigg was the second long-time legislator to die within the past month. Longtime House Minority Leader Jim Stoicheff, D-Sandpoint, died in late December. A memorial service for Stoicheff was planned for Thursday, but that was postponed as well Monday. Until funeral plans can be finalized, no plans for the session can be made, said Sen. Denton Darrington, R-Deer. "The Senate needs to be reor-

Clarification

Still, improvements are needed in many areas, activists say: more space in battered women's shelters, more domestic-violence-awareness programs for judges, more money to hire more staff for casework, more communication among different agencies. "If we want them to do all those additional things, we need to give them the money to hire the personnel," said Michele Cohen, executive director of the Maryland Network Against Domestic Violence. "They have real concerns about being able to do the job right." Maryland was the scene of one of the most wrenching recent killings, involving a woman who knew she was in danger and took repeated legal steps to protect herself. Janice Lancaster's ex-husband killed her with a shotgun last week, then killed himself as a judge's order for his arrest

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Plead

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bullet-proof vest. Fragments from another bullet hit another deputy in the face. Neither deputy was seriously injured. A three-hour standoff followed, and Buchanan eventually surrendered to a SWAT team.

LOTTERY UPDATE

MONDAY, JANUARY 10 NUMBERS
POWERBALL
7 28 35 40 48
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WILD CARD
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Clarification

The address of a new AIDS and HIV Internet site, designed to connect individuals with the disease to each other and to educate the community, was omitted from an article about the site, which ran in The Times-News Saturday. The address is www.sciaat.org. The Times-News regrets the error.

NATION

More monuments

President Clinton is expected to add three new national monuments and extend a fourth in the West Tuesday. But state officials are concerned the action would cause financial hardship.



- Pinnacles National Monument (extension)
- Coastal National Monument, thousands of small, fossiliferous islands, reefs and rocks along the California Coast
- Grand Canyon-Parashant National Monument
- Agua Fria National Monument

Officials ask for delay in park action

The Washington Post

President Clinton's expected announcement today that he will create two new national monuments in Arizona has created a firestorm of controversy among officials concerned about its effect on economic development.

In a letter sent last week, Arizona's congressional delegation and governor, Republican Jane Hull, requested that Clinton refrain from establishing any new protected areas in the state without first consulting local communities. "The people of our state have a long and distinguished record of working to preserve and protect some of the most beautiful natural wonders in the United States," the letter says. "We are writing to ask you to refrain from this unilateral action and instead work with us to develop a solution reflecting the wishes of the people of Arizona."

During a visit to Arizona today, Clinton is expected to announce that he will use the 1906 "Antiquities Act" to declare as much as 1 million acres near the Grand Canyon in the northern part of the state to be the Grand Canyon-Parashant National Monument and thus off-limits to mining and other commercial development.

Peace talks end without resolution

SHEPHERDSTOWN, W.Va. (AP) — Peace talks between Israel and Syria recessed Monday without agreement on new borders or any other major elements of a land-for-peace treaty despite rigorous American mediation.

As the two delegations packed to go home, State Department spokesman James P. Rubin said they would resume negotiations on Jan. 13, probably in the Washington area. "We are on the right track," he said. He gave no indication how the gaps might be closed quickly. The basic shape

of a treaty has been clear since Prime Minister Ehud Barak took office last July. Israel would surrender virtually all the Golan Heights, a strategic plateau on the Syrian frontier, for peace, provided security measures are found to take the place of the highland Israel has held since the 1967 Six-Day War.

Syria insists on a pullback to the Sea of Galilee, thereby letting it recover a stretch of land it captured in the 1950s. Another scenario would push Israel back to borders set in 1923. Or patches of

land might be swapped. But Barak has not specified what line he wants drawn between Israel and an Arab country with which Israel has fought three major wars.

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Cuban boy gets reprieve: Judge will hear arguments

MIAMI (AP) — A judge said Monday that her court has jurisdiction over the case of a 6-year-old Cuban boy whose parents have a temporary protective order that keeps him in the United States until at least March, defying an Immigration and Naturalization Service order that he be sent back by Friday.

Miami-Dade Circuit Judge Rosa Rodriguez said she will listen to arguments filed by the attorneys on behalf of Elian Gonzalez, an apparent positive first step for the relatives to have their appeal for custody heard in a U.S. court. A hearing was set for March 6.

Elian was found on Thanksgiving clinging to a raft off the coast of Fort Lauderdale. His mother and stepfather drowned in the failed trip from Cuba.

The judge said that the custody petition "contains sufficient verified allegations that if emergency relief is not granted and Elian is returned to Cuba he would be subjected to imminent and irreparable harm, including loss of due process rights and harm to his physical and mental health and emotional well-being."

The Immigration and Naturalization Service ruled last week that Elian should be returned to

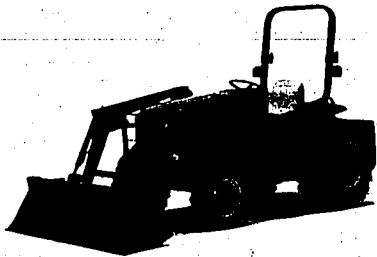
his father in Cuba by Friday. President Clinton and Attorney General Janet Reno have endorsed that ruling.

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NATION

Supreme Court will hear rape case

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON - Throughout the 1990s, the Supreme Court handed down a series of controversial decisions that curtailed federal power and bolstered the authority of the states. But the practical consequences were modest, and the decisions left Congress with many other ways to fulfill its legislative agenda. This week could be different. Today, the justices will hear oral arguments in a dispute concerning federal penalties for rapists and other perpetrators of violence against women. The case presents a direct challenge to the Rehnquist Court's signature effort to rein in federal laws that

encroach on the states. At issue is a key provision of the 1994 Violence Against Women Act that allows women to sue their attackers in federal court for money damages. In passing the law, Congress said it was responding to "a national tragedy played out every day in the lives of millions of American women at home, in the workplace, and on the street." Congress said it could authorize the lawsuits for what traditionally have been state crimes based on its power to regulate interstate commerce - for example, to ensure that women weren't intimidated from looking for jobs in other states - and to enforce civil rights - in this case, to take care of

victims of "gender-motivated violence" and ensure equal protection of the laws. Even as Congress was considering whether to pass the law, Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist had singled it out in his complaints that Congress was increasingly federalizing crimes for symbolic reasons. The case in hand was brought by a Virginia Polytechnic Institute student who claimed she was raped by two football players. The U.S. Court of Appeals for the 4th Circuit rejected the congressional reasoning behind the law in a ruling last year, saying, "Such a statute . . . simply cannot be reconciled with the principles of limited federal government upon which this nation is founded."

Union funds can't sue cigarette makers

WASHINGTON (AP) - The tobacco industry won a significant legal victory Monday when the Supreme Court refused to let union health funds sue cigarette makers to recover the cost of treating smoking-related illnesses. The justices rejected appeals in which union health funds from Pennsylvania, Oregon and New York argued they should be

allowed to sue tobacco companies under federal racketeering and antitrust laws. "We're gratified," said Herbert Wachtel, a lawyer for Phillip Morris Inc. "Four courts of appeals have held unanimously that these third-party cases are without merit. Hopefully, this will put an end to them." Although Monday's action set

no national precedent, the three unsuccessful appeals had been viewed as health funds' best chance to reverse rulings that have thwarted their lawsuits against cigarette makers. John Banzhaf of Action on Smoking and Health lamented the court's action. "The tobacco industry gets to keep its ill-gotten gain, and the public health loses."

Clinton plans farm program changes

WASHINGTON - The Clinton administration will propose "significant changes" in federal farm programs this year to provide growers with more assistance when crop prices are low, Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman said Monday.

"We have an obligation to bring some specific proposals to the table and we will," Glickman said. Glickman's announcement comes as Vice President Al Gore and Bill Bradley are arguing over farm issues in Iowa, which holds presidential nominating caucuses later this month. Gore has criticized Bradley's Senate record on farm issues, while Bradley aides accuse Gore of presiding "over the biggest farm recession in a generation."

Nation in brief

Korean hamlet where the shootings allegedly took place in 1950 as part of a U.S. government investigation into whether retreating U.S. soldiers machine-gunned civilians under a railroad tunnel. American soldier, survivor Chung Ku-ho said, herded hundreds of refugees into the tunnel in late July 1950 and shot them with machine guns. He said up to 400 people were killed.

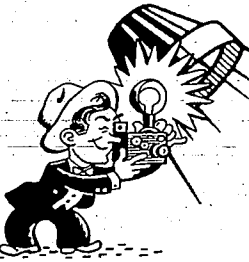
Army Inspector General to investigate gay harassment
WASHINGTON - The Army on Monday said it will investigate alleged anti-homosexual actions at Fort Campbell, Ky., during a period leading up to the killing of a gay private by a fellow soldier there last summer. The probe will be conducted by the Army's inspector general, Lt. Gen. Michael Ackerman, "in light of allegations that surfaced" during the criminal investigation of the murder and the recently concluded courts martial, Army Secretary Louis Caldera said. Among the allegations that

arose during the criminal proceedings was that relentless harassment of Pfc. Barry Winchell prior to his murder was reported to Fort Campbell's inspector general but that no action was taken.

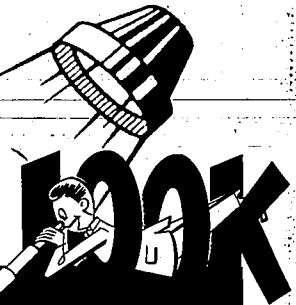
Nasal spray lowers anxiety in kids facing cancer treatment
CHICAGO - A nasal spray containing a drug similar to Valium reduced anxiety in children undergoing painful cancer treatments, researchers found. The study of 43 cancer-stricken Swedish children found that those given midazolam in a nasal spray prior to having a needle inserted into them for intravenous treatments were calmer and more comfortable than children given a placebo. "It's interesting for children who are very much afraid, where you otherwise would have to hold them down to carry through the procedure or immunization or whatever," said Dr. Gustaf Ljungman, lead author of the study. It was published in the January issue of the journal Pediatrics.

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Developers plan family oriented nudist resort

COEUR D'ALENE - A planned nudist resort in southern Kootenai County would be a top-notch facility on 20 miles of scenic, family-oriented nude recreation, property owner Tom Janson said.

"It's something that anybody wouldn't mind bringing their mother to," he said. Janson and his wife, Linda, have county approval to build the 75-acre resort near Worley.

Sun Meadow Resort would consist of 43 recreational vehicle hookups, 10 rental cabins and a 16,000-square-foot lodge with 10 rooms. The adjacent 85-acre Sun Meadow Estates would be a 16-home subdivision.

The Jansons are members of the American Association for Nude Recreation, plan to open the resort as early as the spring of 2001.

Coeur d'Alene attorney Scott Rice is representing 20 landowners who live near the proposed resort and have filed suit in protest of county commissioners' approval of a conditional use permit allowing the development.

"We will set forth the fact that it is a nudist colony and that this information was never disclosed, and in fact that it was intentionally withheld," Reed said.

Company receives \$975 fine for unauthorized work

BOISE - The Idaho Department of Water Resources issued a notice of violation to the Friends of the Weiser River Trail, Inc., for unauthorized stream channel work done in tributaries to the Weiser River south of Midvale.

The department imposed \$975 in penalties and will require restoration work to be done in the affected areas.

The notice involved work done last year that involved cleaning out and installing rock fords and culvert areas in several small tributaries. A stream channel alteration permit had not been issued by Water Resources.

The department will suspend \$475 of the \$975 if Friends of the Weiser River Trail repairs damage to the streambeds and completes restoration work. Repairs include removing material from stream channels and replanting equipment areas with perennial shrubs, grasses and herbs.

Report: Annoying noise may not come from plant

INKOM - Residents living near the Ash Grove Cement Co. say the plant emits a low hum that bothers them during the day and keeps them up at night.

But a study may have proved Ash Grove is not to blame. The report concluded the noise may be generated by traffic on Interstate 15 running through the Portneuf Valley.

Tom Simko, who has lived on the mountain above Inkom for 25 years, says the peace of country living was interrupted about three years ago when the cement company five miles below his home installed new operating equipment. There was no claim anymore. Even at night, it's not calm. You can't get away from it. It keeps me up at night," Simko said. "I've even tried sleeping in my shop. I hear it there, too."

Simko complained to Ash Grove management early last year, and the company agreed to investigate.

"We had an acoustical expert come in," plant manager Bruce Newell said. "We went up to Tom's house, and we did the noise noise," Newell said he directed the plant to shut down entirely, but with all the machinery turned off the noise persisted. "The noise isn't coming from us," Newell said. "We proved it."

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Biology students slice into virtual reality

'Virtual scalpel' makes dissecting easier?

WASHINGTON (AP) - For decades, the experience of dissecting a frog, fetal pig or earthworm was a rite of passage in high school biology class. Today, in more and more schools, technology is becoming an alternative to the smell of formaldehyde and the snap of surgical gloves.

Some computer-savvy teenagers apparently prefer to use a "virtual scalpel" - a cursor on a computer - to slice into an image of a frog rather than operate on a real amphibian.

Some teachers consider computers just another way to get youngsters excited about science and allow students to practice what they have learned, whereas a dismembered frog cannot be cut up again for a second dissection.

"I really don't have any blanket objections to animal research, but I am not comfortable with a waste of life at this level. And if

School shootings reshape gun debate

DENVER (AP) - Last April, Gov. Bill Owens was sitting in his office, ready to sign legislation to expand the right to carry concealed firearms. Then gunshots rang out at Columbine High School.

The Republican governor didn't sign the measure on his desk, and asked lawmakers to take all gun legislation off the table, which they did.

Now, nine months later, Owens has come out in support of gun control measures. And despite some opposition from Owens' party, which controls both houses of the state legislature, the measures have a pretty good chance of passing.

Columbine has clearly changed



This page from the CD-Rom entitled 'The Digital Frog 2,' which can be used as a 'virtual scalpel' by high school students. Biology students slice into an image of a frog rather than operate on a real amphibian.

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kind object, I am not going to force them," said Deborah Hill, who teaches biology to sopho-

mores and seniors at a high school in Norman, Okla. "In a regular biology class, you do a dissec-

tion very hurriedly, and a lot of times, it's to satisfy morbid curiosity," she said. "I don't know if they can fully appreciate the opportunity. It's a very tedious procedure to do it correctly."

Other teachers believe there is no substitute for the experience of an actual dissection, and the lesson, in addition to teaching biology, can foster respect for animals as complex organisms.

"Virtual and plastic models are idealized and real rats are not. For one thing, they have no texture, and there are no anomalies in models," said Bob Brown, who teaches freshman biology at St. Francis High School in Louisville, Ky. "It's also important to see comparisons between various sizes and ages and genders all being examined by various students in the same classroom at the same time." He sees one substantial advantage to the virtual, however - no mess. The National Association of Biology Teachers in Reston, Va., agrees with teachers like Brown that dissection is a valuable classroom lesson.

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the politics of gun control in Colorado; a Western state that has long cherished the Second Amendment. "If you look at before Columbine," the Legislature was looking at laws to make at least concealed weapons and some other aspects of guns easier," political pollster Paul Talmei said Monday. "Whereas, today they are looking at a whole series of bills that would regulate gun purchases." Owens said Columbine forced officials to "look at what we have on the books and ask ourselves, 'Are there areas where in fact, given this new examination, where we do have some loopholes? And in fact, I think there are.'"

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Hong Kong tops economic freedom lists

WASHINGTON (AP) - Two societies under authoritarian regimes were topped by international economists Monday as the most economically free in the world - Hong Kong and Singapore.

An index compiled with the help of think tanks in 53 countries ranks countries on a variety of economic issues. It reflects the same conclusion about the top of the list as a similar report by the Conservative Heritage Foundation last month. Both also scored New Zealand third and the United States fourth.

Hong Kong topped economic freedom lists before it was returned to China in 1997 and was not slipped, said the report's principal author, James Gwartney.

Criteria for the ranking include the size of government, structure of the economy, monetary policies, price stability, freedom to use alternative currencies, recognition of property rights, freedom of trade, and openness to international markets.

Gwartney said that although political and civil freedoms are not part of the index, high economic freedom tends to increase

pressure for democratic reforms. "I don't think the fact we have elections is what counts for the high level of achievement of the United States," he said.

The annual Economic Freedom of the World report was published by the Cato Institute and Canada's Fraser Institute and released at news conferences in Washington and Hong Kong. Sponsors said it was constructed under the leadership of Milton Friedman, Nobel prize winner.

"It shows the critical role that economic freedom plays in achieving and maintaining prosperity," said Ian Vasquez of Cato, which advocates limited government, free markets, individual liberty and peace.

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COMPUTERS AND TECHNOLOGY

Keeping up with the Jetsons

Vegas show hosts slew of new products

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LAS VEGAS - In the not too distant future, your home may be filled with electronic devices, all connected to one another and to the outside world.

Your digital TV may also browse the Web or exchange e-mail. A Web-connected phone may sit on your kitchen counter.

Heating and air conditioning, the refrigerator and other appliances, lights, security and audio-video systems all may be connected in a local area network, accessible at the touch of a button from anywhere else in the house.

Meanwhile, your car, briefcase and jacket pocket all may contain devices that connect you in one way or another with information, or the people in your life. Maybe, these are the grand scenarios described by a parade of technology executives and experts in Las Vegas last week for the 2000 International Consumer Electronics Show - the year's largest gathering of home electronics manufacturers, technology companies and retailers, an \$86 billion a year industry. An estimated 90,000 people and 1,500 exhibitors were expected at the show, which ends Sunday.

As they converged on Las Vegas, all the executives, analysts and experts were talking about "convergence" - an emerging vision of a world where information, audio, video, entertainment are digital. Once in the common language of zeros and ones, that information can be available



Klitch Martin, right, engineer at Sun Microsystems, demonstrates the Whirlpool Kitchen Companion and OnLine Refrigerator to Allison Kelley in the Sun 'com Home' at the Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas last week.

over local networks or the Internet and accessed on souped-up TVs, mobile communicators and a variety of other new devices in homes and offices.

From 3Com Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Eric Benhamou to executives from IBM, Sun and other major technology companies, all came to give their vision of a future networked world that may or may not come to pass. And giant booth complexes from electronics makers such as Panasonic, Zenith and Sony helped show-goers get a taste of what life might be like a few years from now.

Benhamou, whose company makes networking equipment, the popular Palm Pilot and other commercial and consumer devices, talked Thursday morning of "the more-connected lifestyle" - a world filled with wireless handheld devices and home PCs linked in home networks and to the Internet via high-speed, or "broadband" connections.

Technology giant IBM Corp. thinks so highly of the trend that it announced here Thursday it will spin off its home networking division as a new company called Home Director. New York venture capital firm Spencer Trask Intellectual Capital is financing the new company, and IBM will continue to own a stake. Home Director will be based in Morrisville, N.C., and have 55 employees. A spokesman said the company would add staff quickly and could have 100 people by April. IBM's bet may be a good one. Phoenix-based analyst Cahners In-Stat Group predicts the market for home networking services and devices could reach \$1.4 billion by 2003.

"The network will emerge as the entertainment and information platform in the home," predicted Van Baker, an analyst with research firm Gartner Group/Dataquest. Baker, in one of hundreds of seminars at the trade show, said homes will be connect-

ed internally via radio waves, telephone wiring or perhaps even power lines, and linked to the outside world via high-speed Net connections over cable or phone wires or satellite.

But Baker noted there are a hurdles to overcome, including consumer concerns over privacy and security and the need to make all these new home systems reliable and simple to use.

Nonetheless, he believes home networking will grow to tens of millions of households over the next few years, beginning with consumers who want to link multiple PCs to the Net and growing from there.

In a conference opening address Wednesday, Gates called this the "post-TV era," a time when homes will be completely networked. Your washer will send messages to your PC or TV screen. "So the home itself will be almost like a complete system," he said.

RCA jumps on MP3 bandwagon with pocket-sized audio player

The Dallas Morning News

MP3 devices have been one of the year's hottest consumer electronics, and RCA has recently offered up its own pocket-size digital audio player.

The 3.3-ounce, \$199 Lyra ships with a 32-megabyte CompactFlash card that holds about an hour of music and a card reader that connects to your PC's printer port.

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Works 2000 offers many new tools

Chicago Tribune

There's barely enough room in one of these brief reviews to even list all the powerful software titles incorporated in this superb, three-volume package of programs that Microsoft aims at the vast home-computer marketplace. But here goes:

Microsoft Works 2000 (spread-

Software Spotlight

sheet, database, calendar, address book); Microsoft Word 2000. Microsoft Encarta Encyclopedia 2000, Microsoft Money 2000 Standard (personal finance); Microsoft Home Publishing 2000 (desktop publishing); Microsoft Expedia Street & Trip 2000 (maps) and from any address in the country) and Microsoft Picture It Express 2000 (photo manipulation).

Keep in mind that this upgrade requires buyers to already own either a prior version of Works, Microsoft Word or Corel WordPerfect. Since virtually every computer sold in the home market comes with one or another of these, just about everybody qualifies and thus the \$109 upgrade price is well worth this particular cornucopia.

Any family where members turn out homework or paperwork for the job will benefit from the information included in the 36,000-article Encarta and the superb street mapping and road atlas module. And when it comes time to write it all up, Word 2000 gives home users the kind of high power used by Fortune 100 giants and you get it in this box for less than it costs alone when sold to businesses.

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Kid scams grandpa to get new computer for gaming

By Jim Coates
Chicago Tribune

Q. I have a Hewlett Packard Pavillion 166-megahertz Pentium that has been upgraded to 64 megabytes of RAM and a 10-gigabyte hard drive. The computer is highly adequate for what I do, but my grandson is pressuring me to purchase a new computer. He is 17 and says this computer stinks and he could do a lot with a new computer. Is this just a ploy to get a computer to play online games, or is there merit to his vague argument?

A. We grandfathers are easy targets for this kind of scam by our grandkids, which is one of the really great things about being graced by having our children's children under foot.

Of course it's a ploy, Mr. A., but it also is true that a 166-megahertz Pentium that is just great for us grandfaterly types can be terribly lame in the world

of a 17-year-old where game-playing looms far larger than word processing or Web surfing as the reason for having a PC in one's life.

Q. Two or three years ago you had an article on a site to get a "PopUp Monitor" that would keep America Online from timing out after its time limit of no activity. Could I get the site address again from you?

A. Nothing irks computer users more than the America Online automatic hang-up if the customer doesn't touch mouse or keyboard for 15 minutes or so.

The best solution this writer has seen is called Download Wonder. It not only outfoxes AOL's hang-up feature but also makes the rest of downloading far easier by creating a database of all downloads and handling the decompressing of ZIP files.

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EDITORIAL

Idaho will miss Jerry Twigg's and his thoughtful leadership

The Idaho Legislature lost a true statesman Monday when Senate Pro Tem Jerry Twigg, R-Blackfoot, died hours before the 2000 session was to convene. Twigg, 66, collapsed while jogging at about 6:30 a.m.

Most Magic Valley residents wouldn't have recognized Twigg if they saw him on the street, but that doesn't mean his presence wasn't felt here. To the contrary, his pragmatic and non-ideological brand of politics kept divisive issues from slowing the wheels of state government all across Idaho.

Jerry Twigg had many qualities that made him an ideal Idaho lawmaker, but there was one that stood clear: He was always a gentleman.

In that respect, he was the right man to lead the Idaho Senate when Phil Batt was governor. He was still the right choice when Dirk Kempthorne took over.

Though he was a low-key guy with centrist views, Twigg could play hardball when necessary. Just ask Stan Hawkins and Rex Furness. When the Idaho Falls-area senators began taking potshots at other Republicans in the 1992 primaries, Twigg-yanked-away many of their Senate perks—until they ended the party infighting.

As a small businessman, Twigg had a visceral grasp of the economic realities faced by many of his constituents.

Twigg had many qualities that made him an ideal Idaho lawmaker, but there was one that stood clear: He was always a gentleman. He was deferential, even with people with whom he didn't agree.

It's that willingness to treat everyone—friends and foes alike—with respect that defines civility. It's something that you either have, or you don't. And it is refined over the course of years, not contrived by signing a silly little pledge to be nice.

Twigg possessed it in full measure. And now he's gone.

Farewell, Jerry Twigg.

A prime example was his refusal to kowtow to the extreme right over issues such as abortion and homosexuality. As a conservative from a conservative area, Twigg had little to gain—and much to lose—by keeping Kelly Walton and Dennis Mansfield at arm's length. But he did, and in doing so, he put the interests of common Idaho residents ahead of those pushing special-interest agendas.

That's what made Twigg, a Bingham County spud farmer, such an effective leader for the Idaho Senate. He listened more than he spoke. He was unflinchingly civil. He sought consensus in the center.

Twigg didn't rule the Senate with an iron fist, because that wasn't his

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LETTER

Think before you judge

I'm writing in concern to the numerous letters regarding the recent trial of Twin Falls Sheriff's deputy Jesse Thrush.

Many people in the Magic Valley have written lengthy letters of complaint about his sentence, and I, for one, am fed up with the hate and anger that these people have for the local law enforcement, and for this man that many of you probably never even met.

For reasons unknown to man, you people take it upon yourselves to judge other

people for their wrong doings and not realize your own. Can you honestly say that you have not been angry with your children and expressed your frustrations in ways that you should not have? Probably.

So in kindness to all that have written your letters, I thank you, your opinions have been heard. Next time you believe you have to take justice in your own hands, stop and think about the people you are lashing out against and the pain they have all ready felt.

TIMOTHY O'DONNELL
Twin Falls



We can't keep ducking health care reform

ED KOCH

The Twilight Zone of life starts at 65. People entering this zone quickly realize the key to enjoying life is good health. Without good health, a meaningful life is much more difficult.

According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, life expectancy at birth increased by eight years over the past half century. It is now 80 years for white women, 74 years for white men, 74 years for black women and 67 years for black men. The elderly population is growing at a faster rate than other sectors. Within the next 30 years, there will be 70 million people in the United States 65 or older—about 20 percent of the total population.

In order to provide comprehensive medical care for this large and ever-increasing cohort, we must enact appropriate legislation immediately. Yes, we have had Medicare since 1965, but it does not provide prescription drugs, nursing home care or home health care for those who require those services.

It is true that some people receive assistance when they become eligible for Medicaid after exhausting their life savings. To qualify for Medicaid in New York State, elderly couples can have a maximum income of \$875 a month, singles \$600 a month. The amount of total savings is also limited: \$5,200 for couples; \$3,600 for singles (house and car are exempt). Does it really make sense to require heretofore middle income folks to become part of our below-the-poverty-line population just so they can obtain adequate medical assistance?

Why does Congress, which is responsible for deciding what Medicare covers, exclude not only life-saving prescription drugs, but dental care as well?

Enormous medical bills affecting the entire body can flow from unattended tooth problems. Anyone who has suffered the experience knows that tooth pain can rival the worst pain.

Shorter and less frequent hospital care—paid for by Medicare—has resulted from the use of effective prescription drugs, paid for by the individual senior citizen.

These changes should require a re-examination of Medicare's coverage and expenditures.

A question debated by Vice President Al Gore and former U.S. Sen. Bill Bradley in the Democratic presidential campaign is how much it will cost to provide universal health insurance for every resident of the United States. They agree: It would cost a fortune.

But how can we fail to make this investment? For years, almost every western democracy has provided health care for its entire population. No conservative government subsequently elected in those countries after adoption of universal health care coverage has dared rescind those programs. They are well aware that the source of social appeal flows from knowing your basic health care needs are covered remains one of the voters' highest priorities.

I am a fiscal conservative and support a balanced budget when it was not fashionable among Democrats. I am personally financially secure, and have the best medical insurance available. That coverage became important in 1987, when I suffered from a stroke, and in

1999 when I had a heart attack. I fully recovered from both medical incidents.

I also have long-term care insurance that costs \$14,000 a year. This would enable me to enter a nursing home of my choice or to receive home health care.

Nevertheless, I cannot accept or understand why this great country refuses to provide adequately for senior citizens who are not so fortunate. Why do we force the elderly to sink below the poverty line before properly taking care of them? Why do we refuse to deal with the larger problem of health care for the total population, even though there are more than 45 million Americans, most of them employed, who do not have health insurance?

Over the past few years, \$100 billion has been spent tackling the Y2K computer problem in the United States, a problem that should never have existed. Apparently, countries that spent little or nothing on the problem have had the same successes we have had. Why are we reluctant to spend the additional amount needed to keep our people healthy and productive longer before they pass on?

All voters, particularly senior citizens, should make comprehensive health care coverage their No. 1 priority and state that their votes will be cast against the candidates who fail to respond to that need. Younger voters should take the same action.

With the passage of time, and without the sounding of trumpets, almost everyone will face the need for major medical care. Why shouldn't that care be available?

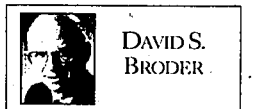
Ed Koch, a former New York City mayor, is a columnist for Newsday.

Gore gains momentum in the home stretch, but still faces some challenges

Vice President Al Gore has turned the corner in his quest for the Democratic nomination. He remains in a tight fight with former New Jersey Sen. Bill Bradley, but the past week has seen Gore seize the initiative and the advantage over his somewhat flustered opponent.

The shift came out of several ingredients—signs of battle fatigue in Bradley, a pair of strong debate performances by Gore and increasing indications that the vice president may win big in the Jan. 24 Iowa caucuses. But the most important factor is that Gore finally seems to have solved his biggest strategic problem: identifying himself with the economic successes of the Clinton administration without defending the president's indefensible personal behavior.

Bradley took what may prove to be his best shot at Gore in a scintillating windup to last week's debate at the University of New Hampshire. He said that Gore's handicap is that he has a "Washington banker" mentality. "I can understand why you're in a bunker,"



There was Gingrich... the fund-raising scandals... the impeachment problem... I understand that... But the Democratic Party shouldn't be in the Washington bunker with you."

That is as close as someone competing for Democratic votes can safely come to saying that the political problems left behind by Clinton—the policy blunders that led to the Republican takeover of Congress in 1994, the campaign finance excesses of 1996 and the disgrace with the White House intern—could sink the Democrats in November if Clinton's partner is the nominee. It was a clear warning that Democrats better find a fresh face.

But Gore did not crack. Instead, he replied that he never condoned Clinton's conduct but "stayed and fought against

the Gingrich Congress" and against the "thoroughly disproportionate penalty" Republicans tried to impose by impeaching and removing Clinton from office.

In doing this, Gore identified himself with what is clearly the overwhelming sentiment among Democratic artisans in Iowa and New Hampshire. And in Des Moines on Saturday, he went further into the offensive. "I want to tell you," he said to Bradley, "what we were doing is that Washington banker. We've created 2 million new jobs, cut the welfare rolls in half, passed the toughest gun control in a generation and created the strongest economy in the history of the United States of America."

That opening salvo put Bradley on the defensive. And that is not the only front on which Gore has gained the upper hand. Campaign finance reform has been one of Bradley's signature issues for the New Hampshire primary—reinforced by the parallel message from Republican contender John McCain. But Gore has trumped him by challenging Bradley to join him in dropping the 30-second TV ads that consume most of the cam-

paign budget, and instead debating the issue until New Hampshire votes on Feb. 1.

Bradley has dismissed it as "a ploy," but Gore has persisted, and both private polls and a focus group of Democrats The Washington Post conducted there last week found the idea has real appeal to voters. Reformer Bradley has been maneuvered by Gore into defending the onslaught of 30-second spots that voters despise.

On Bradley's other signal issue, health care, Gore may also be gaining ground. Few voters appear to understand the fundamental differences between the candidates' proposals, but Gore is hammering home the demagogic message that Bradley would "abolish Medicaid" and jeopardize Medicare by failing to set aside funds for its future needs. The endorsement Gore gained last week from Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, Mr. Health Care to most Democrats, lends credibility to his claims.

In Iowa, where Gore carries a double-digit lead into the final two weeks before the caucuses, Bradley is clearly uncomfortable defending past votes against

emergency farm aid and crop subsidies. A big Gore win in Iowa would resonate here and allow the vice president to urge Democratic civil war, which they dislike, and let him get ready to take on the Republicans.

The race remains competitive, in part because Gore is still a stiff and stilted campaigner, closer to Steve Forbes than to Clinton in the warmth of his personality. And he too often goes overboard, in verbiage or in policy, as witness his blunder last week in endorsing a "litmus test" for senior military commanders on welcoming homosexuals into the armed services.

Many Democrats here are supporting Bradley because they don't think Gore can win in November. But the more those Democrats see of McCain and George W. Bush, the more they begin to think either Democrat might hold the White House—which makes it easier for them to help the guy who's been working there for seven years.

David S. Broder is a Washington Post columnist.

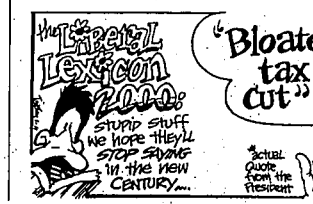
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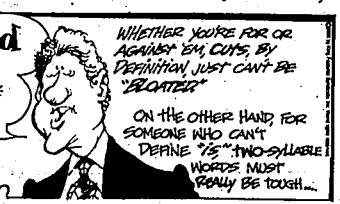
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Lawyers attack free speech Clinton is wrong, again, on Cuba issue

IIdaho lawyers recently passed a resolution to establish government policies, procedures and a committee to respond to "erroneous, inaccurate or unjust criticism of judges and courts." This resolution comes on the heels of an Idaho Supreme Court case which disciplined a North Idaho lawyer for sharing his opinion that a judge's decision in a particular case may have been politically motivated.

The Board of Commissioners of the Idaho State Bar proposed the resolution. The board is a state government entity. Idaho lawyers are required by law to pay dues and remain in good standing with the Idaho State Bar in order to practice law in Idaho courts.

The message being sent to everyone is clear. If you are a lawyer and you speak critically of judges, you will be disciplined. If you are not a lawyer and you speak critically of judges, you are being carefully watched and an official response will be issued. This amounts to a "chilling effect" on free speech by a government entity, which is unconstitutional under the First Amendment.

I cannot stand silent as our rights to free speech are continually eroded. I am amazed that this resolution was even proposed, let alone approved by

READER COMMENT

Thorpe P. Orton

professionals who have taken oaths to uphold our Constitution. The resolution was voted down by a majority of Idaho lawyers who attended the local bar meetings and listened and participated in the vigorous debate this resolution generated. It was passed by write-in votes. The raw vote total was small — only about one-third of licensed lawyers voted. Most Idaho lawyers apparently did not take the time to read or mail in their vote.

I believe lawyers should invite public debate and dialogue on all aspects of our government, including our court system. Debate is a good thing and a constitutional right. A famous quote from the U.S. Supreme Court applies: "Debate on public issues should be uninhibited, robust and wide-open, and may well include vehement, caustic and sometimes unpleasantly sharp attacks on government and public officials." (New York Times Co. vs. Sullivan) Idaho's Court of Appeals cited this quote with approval in ruling that criticizing the intelligence of specific female legislators in Idaho was a

matter of public concern. If this resolution weren't so insulting, I would be amused at the notion that a bunch of lawyers think a "committee" is necessary to determine what constitutes "erroneous, inaccurate or unjust criticism of judges and courts." I do not want a "committee" to act as my moral watchdog, responsible for jumping to the assistance of some poor judge who has been unfairly picked on. Aren't judges elected officials who have voluntarily assumed a position in the public eye and who should be subject to public debate? I also wonder whether the public will view these official "committee" responses as credible when the lawyers who are doing the defending are also appearing in the judge's courtroom.

This resolution is a bad idea, unconstitutional and an insult to everyone. All attorneys and citizens in Idaho have the constitutional right to engage in free speech, including the right to individually defend or criticize judges. Government action and committees to chill free speech are wrong. In expressing this opinion, I hope that I will not be the subject of the "committee's" first action.

Thorpe P. Orton of Boise is a native Idahoan and a member of the Idaho State Bar.

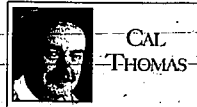
AFlorida judge has ruled there is sufficient evidence that 6-year-old Elian Gonzalez could be harmed physically and mentally should he be forced to return to Cuba. Gonzalez's mother and step-father drowned while escaping from Cuba, and the boy was rescued after floating in the ocean for two days. Since his rescue, the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) has ordered the child returned to Cuba where his father, who has since remarried, says he wants him back.

Among the several problems with this case is that we don't know whether the father is speaking of his own free will or is being coerced by Fidel Castro's government, which has launched a propaganda war against the United States. Sen. Bob Smith (R-N.H.) and Rep. Dan Burton (R-Ind.) have urged the anti-Smith says the boy told him through a translator he wants to remain with relatives in Miami. Burton subpoenaed Gonzalez and plans to hold a congressional hearing, further delaying his return.

There is a question whether the INS must obey the order of a state court, which has ruled the boy must remain in the temporary custody of his great-uncle in the United States at least until a March 6 hearing. In an election year, it is unlikely the Clinton administration would further anger Cuban-Americans and many Latinos by ignoring the judge's decision and deporting Gonzalez.

For people who support strong families this would normally be an easy call. A motherless child should be with his father, so long as he is not abusive and other circumstances are favorable. But the Cuban and American systems are not equal and little is known about the father.

Several questions should be asked before further action is taken. Friends of Gonzalez' mother should be interviewed, in Cuba if possible and in the United States for sure, so the courts might know why she left. What was the home situation like? What were the circum-



CAL THOMAS

stances that led to the boy's parents divorcing? Was the father pressured into making statements calling for his son's return? At a minimum, the father should be interviewed in the United States so that it might be determined whether he is speaking freely.

Some with short memories may have forgotten what a classic Communist dictatorship looks like.

The Immigration and Naturalization Service Resource Information Center provides a helpful reminder. In a December 1998 report titled "Cuba: Systematic Repression of Dissent," author Douglas Payne writes that "Cuba is a one-party Communist state, in which every Cuban is subject to a totalitarian system of political and social control ... The judicial system is constitutionally subordinated to the executive and legislative branches and under the control of the PCC."

The government's human rights record, notes Payne, began to worsen in 1996, and he quotes the U.N. Special Rapporteur on Human Rights in Cuba concluding in his most recent report: "To be a dissident in Cuba is as diffi-

cult today as it has been at any time in recent years."

The Inter-American Commission on Human Rights says, "There are no legal means for openly challenging the policies of the Government or Party, or competing as a group, movement, or political party organization for the right to govern, to replace the Communist Party and its leaders by peaceful means, and to develop new and different policies ... it is impossible to make open and organized criticism of the policies of the Government and the Party that might hold top leaders accountable or make them susceptible to being removed from office."

The Castro regime, according to Payne's report, conducts electronic surveillance on its own people and blacklists or coerces "a widespread network of informers to spy on or forcibly intrude in the lives of any citizen for any reason, anytime, anywhere."

The Clinton-Gore administration has committed a rare political blunder. It apparently cares nothing about the sacrifice of the mother and stepfather who gave their lives that this child might have a future of freedom. President Clinton says politics should not be a consideration. Yes, it should, because it is all about politics: the politics of freedom and hope vs. the politics of repression and fear.

Cal Thomas is a Los Angeles Times columnist.

LETTERS

An immeasurable loss

I have been extremely saddened by the loss of Tracy Ray. She had been a student teacher in my classroom and I enjoyed working with her. She worked hard to be a good teacher. My students loved her, and I know her first-graders loved her, too. I am grateful for the opportunity to have been her co-operating teacher. My thoughts and prayers go to her parents and family.

BOB SPARKS
Buhl

Drug book is a worthy read

I agree with Carol McDade that the Consumers Union Report on licit and illicit drugs is a fascinating and enlightening book.

It is out of print, but she doesn't have to go through dusty libraries to find a rare copy. The entire text of the book is on the Internet at <http://www.druglibrary.org/schaffer> under Major Studies of Drugs and Drug Policy. The online collection also includes the full text of most of the other major studies of drug policy over the last 100 years.

I recommend the collection to anyone who has an interest in the subject.

CLIFFORD A. SCHAFFER
Canyon Country, Calif.

Thanks for keeping in touch

I just want to take a moment to write and thank you and your colleagues for allowing me to remain connected to Twin Falls even when I'm far from home. I live in Twin Falls, at least half of the time. The other half, I spend at work in Angola, I work

a 28-28 schedule with an oil company off the west coast of Africa. This means I work for 28 days straight and then go home for 28 days of R&R. The time I spend at work is strenuous, but by far the most difficult part is being away from home. Thanks to e-mail, I can remain in touch with my family, and thanks to you and your web page, I can stay in touch with the community. It is indeed a small world but by far the best part is located in a valley called Magic, and I'm very fortunate to be a part of it, even 10,000 miles away!

CHRIS SPENCER
Cabinda Gulf, Angola

More drug war literature

Letter writer Carol McDade certainly got an education by reading the best book ever written on drugs, "The Consumers Union Report on Narcotics, Cocaine, Heroin, Marijuana, Ecstasy, and Amphetamines."

Happily, it is available at <http://www.druglibrary.org/schaffer/Library/studies/cu/cumenul.htm>.

Should Ms. McDade really want to be scared, may I suggest "Drug Warriors and their Prey" by R.L. Miller.

GERALD M. SUTLIFF
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WORLD

Putin dismisses top Yeltsin aide

MOSCOW (AP) — Expanding his control of the government, acting President Vladimir Putin on Monday removed a top Kremlin aide at the heart of alleged government corruption and demoted two senior ministers. The Kremlin said Pavel Borodin had been removed as head of the Kremlin property department, a multibillion-dollar empire that oversees buildings, estates and businesses. Borodin

has been investigated by Swiss and Russian prosecutors for his alleged role in a major kickback scheme. Putin, who has been distancing himself from former President Boris Yeltsin's administration, promoted several allies to improve handling of the economy. The shuffle could increase hopes of reviving stalled economic reforms. The acting president's populari-

ty, already the highest in recent Russian political history, continues to rise, with a poll Monday showing that 56 percent of people want him to be president, up from 49 percent on Dec. 27. Putin's nearest rival, Communist leader Gennady Zyuganov dropped from 19 percent to 14 percent in Monday's poll by the All-Russia Center for Public Opinion, which had a margin of error of 4 percent.

Yugoslav opposition leaders convene

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP) — Serbia's traditionally fractured opposition showed renewed unity on Monday when key leaders agreed to a joint strategy for toppling Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic. Miladin Kovacevic, an opposition politician, said in a brief statement that the key leaders agreed to cooperate in their struggle against Milosevic, but

offered no details. The meeting was the latest of several opposition attempts to conjure up a common anti-Milosevic platform. All of the 16 political parties that were invited attended. "I expect that Serbia's opposition will today begin its march to final victory," said Vladan Batic, of the leading opposition coalition, the Alliance for Change. Serbia's opposition has failed

in many previous attempts to unite. The most recent breakup came in 1997, when personal rivalries dissolved the unified opposition, allowing Milosevic to consolidate his control after more than three months of street protests had shaken his grip on power. The meeting was called by Vuk Draskovic, leader of Serbia's single largest opposition party, the Serbian Renewal Movement.

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Crash victim dies after week-long struggle

BOISE - A Twin Falls girl died Monday from injuries she suffered after being ejected in a rollover crash on Interstate 84.

Amber Cheney, 18, died at Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center, where she was taken Tuesday after her 1977 Jimmy slid and rolled into the median about three miles west of the Hazelton exit.

Cheney and her two passengers were not wearing seat belts when the vehicle rolled, and all three were ejected, the Idaho State Police said.

The two passengers were not seriously hurt.

Investigators look into suspicious fatal crash

JEROME - State and Jerome County detectives were investigating a suspicious crash that killed a man Saturday in Jerome.

The crash on Blue Lakes Grade killed 21-year-old Diep Tran of Boise and involved "suspicious circumstances," Jerome County Sheriff Jim Weaver said.

Tran's two-door Toyota was found crushed into a concrete barrier at the grade's hairpin turn, he said.

No other information was released.

Authorities find Buhl woman dead in canyon

BUHL - The mystery of a missing woman was solved Sunday afternoon when the car of LuAnn Howard was found in the Snake River Canyon.

Lloyd, 56, of Buhl, had been missing since Friday when she failed to come home, Gooding County Sheriff Shaun Gough said.

Her family reported her missing Saturday, he said.

Lloyd's Lincoln went over a barrier on Clear Lakes Grade and crashed, he said.

Gooding County authorities were investigating the crash.

Canal company to vote on water quality bylaw

TWIN FALLS - Local irrigators may have to meet stricter water quality standards or possibly face losing their water, if a proposed change in Twin Falls Canal Co. bylaws is approved today.

The Twin Falls Canal Co.'s annual shareholders meeting will be 9 a.m. Jan. 11 in the Fine Arts Auditorium at the College of Southern Idaho.

Shareholders will vote on a proposed change in company bylaws to require that water discharged by water users meets water quality standards.

In addition to a vote on the bylaw change, the Twin Falls Canal Co.'s annual meeting will include the election of board members. The company assessment will remain at \$18 per share.

MVRMC records rise in daily number of patients

TWIN FALLS - More patients are being treated at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

The average daily census for October and November was 61 patients, up from 52 patients per day a year before, hospital board member Richard Stivers said at Monday night's meeting.

The hospital had budgeted for about 57 patients per day, he said.

Public may comment at foster parenting meeting

TWIN FALLS - State agencies, caregivers and lawmakers are looking at state rules covering foster parenting in Idaho, and they'd like the public's comment.

The Department of Health and Welfare has scheduled a meeting tonight to gather comments on foster care rules.

State officials are concerned in particular about rules that provide foster parents state money only if they care for children who are not relatives; rules that can split up siblings in a foster home when one sibling turns 18; and the process of adopting foster parents who wish to adopt children in their care.

The meeting will be from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at Weston Plaza, 1350 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.

Compiled from staff reports

Wendell woman faces bank robbery charges

By Brian Haynes
Times-News writer

BOISE - A Wendell woman faces four counts of bank robbery after a federal grand jury indictment.

Marcia Lee Hartwig, 52, was charged in connection with bank robberies in Idaho Falls, Pocatello, Mountain Home and Gooding, a press release from the U.S. attorney's office said.

The May 6 bank robbery in Gooding was the first of the four. It was late morning when a woman walked into the First Security Bank in downtown and handed the teller a note that demanded money and warned of explosives outside the building.

After the teller handed over the money, the robber walked away and disappeared. More bank robberies followed, including a June 18 hit in Mountain Home and

another in Pocatello three days later.

The last robbery was three days before Christmas when a gray-haired woman walked into an Idaho Falls bank and handed a threatening note to the teller. The robber got away, but not before someone wrote down her license plate number, according to a story in the Idaho Falls Post-Register.

Idaho State Police arrested Hartwig later that day, after a trooper spotted a

vehicle matching the description of the car used in the Idaho Falls robbery, the U.S. attorney's office said.

Hartwig is scheduled to appear Jan. 25 in U.S. District Court in Pocatello. She faces up to 20 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine on each count.

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Truck driver gets prison in fatal crash

By Brian Haynes
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - A truck driver will spend at least three years in prison for the deaths of two vacationers when his truck smashed into a motor home, sending both vehicles plunging into a canal south of Twin Falls last year.

Richard R. Lohman, 46, was sentenced Monday on two counts of vehicular manslaughter for the deaths of Melvin and Nancy Weidner, who were visiting from Sacramento, Calif. Lohman pleaded guilty to both counts in November.

District Judge Roger Burdick sent Lohman to prison for three to six years on each count. The sentences will run concurrently.

Burdick also fined Lohman \$1,000 and suspended his license for three years once he is out of prison.

Lohman's gravel truck slammed into the Weidners' motor home Aug. 31 on U.S. Highway 93, about a quarter mile south of state Highway 71.

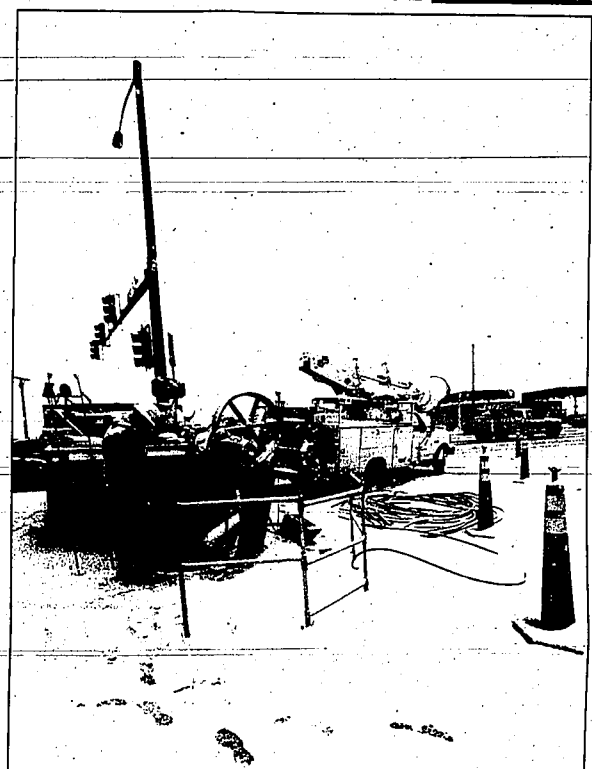
After the collision both vehicles plunged into the High-Line Canal, with the truck pinning the motor home beneath it.

An Idaho State Police inspection showed a flawed and out-of-adjustment braking system that Lohman said he knew about but hadn't fixed, an ISP sworn statement said.

Just before the crash, the northbound motor home had stopped to turn left on 3500 North Lohman was behind the motor home and tried to pass on the right, but there wasn't enough room for him to pass and he hit the corner of the motor home the statement said.

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OPTIC UPGRADE



Lane Jackson (right) of US West and Greg Duncan of Das-Co, a subcontractor, are working on a fiber optic project for US West Monday.

Legislators mourn loss of leader

By Michael Journe
Times-News writer

BOISE - First there was shock, then came sadness.

The death of Senate President Pro Tem Jerry Twigg, R-Blackfoot, a straightforward man whose well-placed wisecracks helped make him a natural leader, stunned colleagues who were gathering Monday for the start of the 2000 legislative session.

"That session now is on hold for a week," Gov. Dirk Kempthorne said Monday during a press conference he had been announcing the delay of his State of the State speech and the opening of the Legislature's 56th session - both of which were scheduled for Monday. "He was an example of what public service is all about."

Twigg, 66, started jogging several years ago while checking the pivots in his eastern Idaho potato fields.

But Monday, his ritual jog took a lot longer than usual. His wife, Sandra, became worried and was unable to find him in the park where he was supposed to be running. She eventually found her husband at St. Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise where he had been taken as a John Doe that morning.

He was found lying lifeless in the middle of a jogging path in the Boise greenbelt at 6:30 a.m., said Assistant Majority Leader John Sundry, R-Hagerman. He died of an apparent heart attack.

Twigg's non-nonsense style earned him the respect and friendship of many of his colleagues.

First elected to the Senate in 1984, Twigg moved into a leadership position



Jerry Twigg

Please see TWIGGS, Page B3

SPLITTING IT UP

TF City Council, planners will look at portions of proposed canyon hotel project

By John T. Huddy
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The City Council will hold a public hearing next month about a Las Vegas hotel developer's rezoning request for part of his property.

A rezoning request for another portion of the property will go back to the city planning and zoning commission for further review.

Gerald Martens, an engineer and consultant developer Craig H. Nelsen, asked the council to look next month at a rezoning request for part of Nelsen's 13-acre canyon rim property, west of Perrine Bridge.

Nelsen has planned to put a 175-room hotel and 15,000-square-foot convention center on the property, known as Canyon Park North.

He also wants to put a restaurant and second, smaller hotel on the property.

Nelsen and Co. has asked that the council to approve "planned unit development" zoning on the 13 acres.

Martens requested that the 13 acres be split into two parcels, with one parcel considered by the City Council, and the second parcel sent back to the city planning and zoning commission for further review and a recommendation to the council.

Under Martens' request, the planning commission will consider a request for the hotel and convention center, allowing the

city council committee time to review the hotel building plans.

By the sending just the hotel and convention center parcel back to the planning commission, parts of the project that aren't directly associated with the convention center can be considered separately.

"The reason for doing this is to allow us to move forward with marketing and planning," Martens told the council.

Martens said he and other Nelsen representatives met with members of the citizens' committee Wednesday to begin discussions of Nelsen's hotel and convention center plans.

"I must say that the first meeting with the design review committee went very well," Martens said. "It's going to take some time and we want to do it (hotel and convention center development) as right as we can the first time."

Nelsen also requested rezoning 12 acres to the east of the Perrine Bridge, known as Canyon Park East.

That request will also go before the council in the February public hearing.

Nelsen has intended to put a retail and commercial outlet on that section of property.

In other council business, David Allen of the Jolin Field Magic Valley Regional Airport said that Harbor Air out of Washington is interested setting up service at the airport.

"They are interested in flying

About the request

Facts about the Canyon Park rezoning request:

The initial request: Representatives of Craig H. Nelsen, a former Twin Falls resident living in Las Vegas, want a zone change on 43 acres to be used for the Canyon Park North project. The project would include a 10-story hotel and 15,000 square foot convention center.

Parceling it out: The City Council heard a new request Monday from Gerald Martens, an engineer and consultant to Nelsen and Co., to split the 43 acres of Canyon Park North up into two parcels, sending one parcel back to the city planning and zoning commission for further review and sending the second parcel on to the City Council for a public hearing.

Parcel one: Covers a restaurant, retail stores and a smaller hotel; the council will hold a public hearing on this property Feb. 7.

Parcel two: Includes the main 10-story, 175-room hotel and convention center. This proposal will go to the city planning and zoning commission for a second hearing and a review by a citizens' design review committee.

between Boise and Twin Falls," Allen said Monday.

The airline could start service as early as April, Allen said.

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Twin Falls School Board reviews soccer, ARTEC

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls School Board today will review preliminary plans for a district-supported soccer program at the high school, but the proposal comes when the school district faces looming budget cuts because of a downturn in enrollment.

At the beginning of the 2000-2001 school year soccer officially will be a state-sanctioned high school sport. It has been a club sport in Idaho, which means in most cases it has not received financial support from districts.

The Twin Falls district is under local political pressure to support a soccer program. Superintendent Terrell Donich said, but funding cuts in the coming year will make it difficult. The board will be asking whether other revenue sources will be available to support a program.

The district saw an enrollment drop of about 3 percent this year. State funding is tied to enrollment - if enrollment drops

so does the district's state appropriation.

Other School Board business today includes district participation in the Advanced Regional Technical Education Coalition, a consortium of school districts and businesses pooling resources to provide more educational opportunities to students. The board is being asked to make a financial commitment next year of \$4,000 to \$4,500, based on its high school enrollment.

Other commitments required of the district include participation in ARTEC curriculum development, teacher training and eventually \$7,000 to \$15,000 for telecommunications transmission costs to share classes over a two-way video link with other ARTEC high schools.

The board also will review annual school accreditation reports and a proposed three-year regional calendar to coordinate vacation schedules with area districts.

The meeting begins at 7 p.m. in the district office, 201 Main Ave. W.

Standards make finals on TV program

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - Though they lost in their fifth round of competition on the "Destination Stardom" television program, The Standards - a Twin Falls singing group - earned enough points to compete in the finals.

The finals of the Hawaii-based

entertainment variety-show competition will be aired on Feb. 19, a Saturday, on Channel 55, KIDD-TV.

After five rounds of competition, The Standards - brothers Jordan, Morgan, Nicholas, Nathan and Quinn Williams - are leading the points in the family division.

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SERVICES

Mary Ellen Breeding of Murtaugh, services at 11 a.m. today at Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

Wanda Pauline "Annie" Dodd of Rogersan, graveside services at noon Wednesday at the Kaysville City Cemetery in Kaysville, Utah (Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls).

Lucille Fowler of Burley, services at 11 a.m. today at the View LDS First and Second Ward Chapel, 550 S. 490 E. in Burley. Friends may call from 10 to 10:45 a.m. before services today at this church (Payne Mortuary in Burley).

Charles "Papa" Lyle of Twin Falls, services at 11 a.m. today at

White Mortuary Chapel in Twin Falls.

Ruth Moncur of Burley, services at 10 a.m. today at the Burley Tenth Ward Building, 515 E. 16th in Burley. Friends may call one hour before services today at the church (Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel).

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Timothy Harral of Twin Falls.

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Jane Bates and baby girl, Rita Palumbo, Linda Camack and Thomas P. Rich, all of Rupert.

Dismissed
Jane Howard and Lasaro Hernandez, both of Buhl.

Dismissed
Jane Bates and baby girl, and Thomas Rich, all of Rupert; Irma Carlisle of Paul.

OBITUARIES

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TWIN FALLS

Barbara Jean Legg Hatch

Barbara Jean Legg Hatch, 60, of Twin Falls, died Sunday, January 9, 2000, at the Twin Falls Clinic and Hospital.

Barbara was born May 3, 1939, at Murtaugh, Idaho, to Carl W. and Leone Cramer Gooch.

Surviving are her children, Robert Legg, Linda Baker, Charles Legg and Carl (Diane) Gooch; a brother, Carl (Frances) Gooch; and many grandchildren.

Billie was predeceased in death by her parents, a daughter, Susan Diane, and a son, Jimmy Lee.

The funeral service will take place at 11 a.m. Wednesday, January 12, 2000, at White Mortuary Chapel, with the Rev. Wes Johnson officiating. Burial will follow at the cemetery in Oakley, Idaho. Friends may call from 4 to 6 p.m. today at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

and Mae-Jones Zimmers. Survivors include his mother, Mae Zimmers of Buhl; a brother, George L. Zimmers of Buhl; two sisters, Carmelita Arellano of Salt Lake City, Utah, and Melva Posthale of Faithsville, Idaho.

He was preceded in death by his father and one brother.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, January 11, 2000, at West End Cemetery in Buhl. Memorial service will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, January 15, 2000, at the First Presbyterian Church, 516 Main St. in Buhl. Arrangements are by Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl.

and the Loyal Order of Moose in Reno, Nevada.

Keith is survived by his wife of 57 years, Lila June of Wendell; one daughter, Diana (John Ellis) Thomason, two granddaughters, Lisa Annette Thomason (Phillip Briggs) of Twin Falls, and Tonia Christine (Jeremy) Grantham of Meridian, ID, and one sister, Jerdyne Borah of Twin Falls.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, January 11, 2000, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls, with the Rev. Lawrence Vetter of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Twin Falls officiating.

The family suggests memorials be given to the Glaucoma Research Foundation in Keith's name. Contributions may be given to funeral chapel staff or mailed to Reynolds Funeral Chapel, P.O. Box 1142, Twin Falls, Idaho 83303.

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BUHL

Vera Vogel Harvey

Vera V. Harvey, 89, of Buhl, died Friday, January 7, 2000, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

Vera was born May 18, 1910, in Twin Falls. She is the daughter of William and Vida Edgar Vogel. In 1914, she moved to a ranch in the North View area of Buhl. From 1916-1924, she attended Cedar Grove School. She then attended Buhl High School, graduating in 1928. She graduated from nursing school at Los Angeles County General Hospital, now USC Medical Center, in 1931. She worked for 40 years as a Registered Nurse in California, Utah and Idaho. Vera married George D. Harvey on May 31, 1952, in Elko, Nevada.

Survivors include her beloved husband, George D. Harvey, children, Craig (Carol) Miller, Wade (Linda) Miller and Lee (Susan) Harvey; 17 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, one brother, two sisters and a nephew.

Recreation of the Rosary will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday, January 11, 2000, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Buhl. Mass-of-Christian Burial will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, January 12, 2000, at the church.

Interment will be in West End Cemetery.

For those who desire, contributions may be made to the Buhl Quick Response Unit. Arrangements are by Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl.

OAKLEY



Cherrilyn Severe

Cherrilyn Severe, 33-year-old Oakley resident, died Sunday, January 9, 2000, at the Sunrise Care and Rehabilitation Center in Twin Falls after a long battle with Pick's Disease.

She was born August 13, 1966, in Provo, Utah, the daughter of George Kent and Judy VanderLinden Severe. She attended schools in Oakley and graduated from Oakley High School in 1983. While in high school, she played basketball, and set a record for scoring the most points during a game. Cherrilyn attended Rick's Collegio for two years. While at Rick's, she played on the girls' basketball team, and was selected to represent Rick's College as their captain. She was an outstanding basketball player. She moved to Salt Lake City, Utah, where she worked at SDI Screen Boise, and Anthem Electronics and Milligray Electronics. She also attended the Salt Lake Community College, and played on a city league basketball team. She loved music and was a member of the LDS Church.

Survivors include her parents, Kent and Judy of Oakley; two brothers, Gregory Kent Severe of Jordan, Montana, and Linden Kent Severe of Boise; six sisters, AmyLee Severe Stratton of Boise, Lindy Severe of Boise, Susan of Boise, Kelly Rae Severe Larson of Burley, Kaydee Severe Robinson of Oakley, Amy G. Severe of Boise, and Dawn Severe of Oakley; her maternal grandmother, Louise VanderLinden of Mesa, Arizona; her paternal grandparents, David Kent and Thelma Elison Severe of Oakley; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her maternal grandfather, Grant VanderLinden.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, January 13, 2000, at the Oakley LDS Church Center, with Bishop Thomas A. Nilsen officiating. Burial will be in the Oakley Cemetery. Friends may call from 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the Payne Mortuary at 221 W. Main St. in Burley, and from 10 to 10:45 a.m. prior to the funeral Thursday at the church.

The family suggests memorials be given to the Oakley Valley Arts Council.

WENDELL



Keith R. Casey Carlson

Keith R. "Casey" Carlson, 76, of Wendell, Idaho, died Wednesday, January 5, 2000, from injuries sustained in an automobile accident near Jerome, Idaho.

Keith was born on March 26, 1923, in Buhl, Idaho, the son of George and Edna Smith on July 1, 1942, in Twin Falls. They have known each other since childhood. Keith worked for Sierra Pacific Power Company in Reno, Nevada, for over 38 years as an electrician, lineman, in the transformer shop, and as a lineman instructor. Keith loved fishing, camping and wood-working. He was a kind, gentle, loving man, and a loving husband, father, and grandfather. He was a member of the I.B.E.W. Local 1245,

Kempthorne to propose 6.1 percent general budget hike

BOISE (AP) — Buoyed by a huge cash surplus and an economy that continues a steady expansion, Gov. Dirk Kempthorne is proposing a 6.1 percent increase in overall general tax spending for the budget year that begins July 1.

The death of Senate President Pro Tem Jerry Twigg's early Monday short-circuited the opening of the session, "showing Kempthorne's State of the State and budget messages back into next week and leaving the Republican governor to dispose of any constitutional responsibility with a terse letter."

"The condition of the state is sound," the letter said. "There is optimism for continued growth and opportunity."

He included no details of his spending blueprint for the new fiscal year beyond stating that it will total \$1.8 billion. But the number, even without details, set off initial alarms among key GOP budget writers, who held the 1999-2000 budget increase to 5.1 percent.

"I thought it was a little high but I need to look at all the figures," Senate Finance Chairman Arvel Parry said. "But if it's in the ballpark, that's a figure I've never thought I'd be around here to work with. That's a lot of money."

Once lawmakers deal with emergency spending for indigent health care prisons and a handful of other items, the current bud-



get is expected to total just under \$1.7 billion, up from just over \$1.6 billion a year earlier.

But projections that economic expansion would slow significantly have not panned out so that tax collections are exceeding revenue forecasts to create substantial surpluses even after existing spending commitments have been met.

Based on estimates provided by the state Tax Commission, it appeared revenue for the current budget year would grow at more than 6 percent to well over \$1.7 billion, creating a surplus of \$75 million or more.

And even if the administration maintained its persistent conservatism, a scaled-back 4 percent revenue, growth would generate \$1.8 billion in new cash, exactly enough to cover Kempthorne's proposed budget.

Within that amount, the governor could accommodate a 3 percent pay raise for teachers and state employees, more modest improvements in a myriad of other programs and increased support for higher education — a traditional beneficiary in flush times.

What is left unaccounted for in the sketchy details provided to date is \$55 million or more of the surplus. The demands on extra cash are significant. But administration officials also pointed out that state law limits annual spending to just over 6 percent of total personal income — just over \$1.8 billion for the new budget year.

"There are a lot of other things out there that are requirements just to maintain the status quo," House Speaker Bruce Newcomb said.

The state is facing a court claim that it has failed to meet its constitutional responsibility in providing a safe environment conducive to learning because of tens of millions of dollars of health and safety problems in school buildings statewide.

More pressing needs have been siphoned off \$25 million or more that experts say is needed in state building maintenance to maximize their useful life, and the fund used to help local governments finance water and sewer projects is going broke.

In addition, a 1938 state law requires diversion of 1 percent of the general tax budget to the reserve account every year that tax collections grow more than 4 percent. Those diversions do not count until the reserve equals 5 percent of the annual budget — about \$90 million in 2000-2001. The reserve currently totals \$36 million.

Center in Burley. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 12, 2000, at the Declo LDS Stake Center, 213 W. Main St. in Declo, with Bishop's Counselor, Lynn Payne officiating. Burial will be in the Declo Cemetery, with military rites by the Declo and Albion chapters of the American Legion. Friends may call at from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 10, 2000, at Payne Mortuary at 221 W. Main St. in Burley, and from 1-1:45 p.m. prior to services Wednesday at the church.

DEATH NOTICES

Amber R. Cheney

TWIN FALLS — Amber R. Cheney, 18, of Twin Falls, died Monday, Jan. 10, 2000, at St. Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise. Funeral arrangements are pending and will be announced by White Mortuary of Twin Falls.

LuAnn Lloyd

BUHL — LuAnn Lloyd, 56, of Buhl, formerly of Jerome, died Friday, January 7, 2000. Funeral arrangements are pending and will be announced by Farnsworth Mortuary in Jerome.

William Hollon

TWIN FALLS — William Hollon, 76, of Twin Falls, died Sunday, Jan. 9, 2000, at SunBridge Care Center in Twin Falls. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls.

Jack Christensen

TWIN FALLS — Jack Christensen, 74, of Twin Falls, died Sunday, Jan. 9, 2000, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in

Twin Falls. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 13, 2000, at the Sixth Ward LDS Chapel at 600 Harrison St. in Twin Falls. Visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 12, 2000, at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls, and from 10 to 11 a.m. Thursday, prior to services at the church. Arrangements are under the direction of Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls.

Willard G. "Dutch" Goodman

SPRINGDALE, Wash. — Willard G. "Dutch" Goodman, of Springdale, Wash., formerly of Twin Falls; passed away Friday, Jan. 7, 2000, in Springdale, Wash. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls.

Jim B. Hitt

DECLO — Jim B. Hitt, 75, of Declo, died Friday, Jan. 7, 2000, at the Cassia Regional Medical

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Marvin W. Zimmers, age 53, died Saturday, January 8, 2000, at his residence in Buhl.

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Cassia students take asset survey

Survey shows what's going right, wrong in Cassia County

The numbers

Here's where Cassia County stands in a survey of assets that can most directly affect youth, in percent of the number of youth surveyed who had the asset:

	US	Cassia
□ School engagement	64 percent	64 percent
□ Achievement motivation	63 percent	72 percent
□ Positive peer influence	60 percent	74 percent
□ Youth programs	59 percent	63 percent
□ Safety	55 percent	53 percent

By Lorraine Cavener
Times-News writer

BURLEY — Cassia County students did slightly better than the national average in a survey of assets.

The Cassia County Asset Survey was given to 2,522 sixth-through 12th-graders in the Cassia County School District, and it showed the average student having 21.6 out of the 40 developmental assets that were assessed.

An asset is a developmental building block crucial for all youth. The survey assessed the extent to which youth in the community experience these assets and how the assets relate to their behavior.

The more assets students have the more successful they will be," said Adria Masoner, the adolescent pregnancy prevention coordinator for Cassia County. When 70 percent or more of

the students surveyed have an asset, that shows something is going right in the community, Masoner said. Assets at 30 percent or lower indicate a red flag, Masoner said.

Cassia County youth scored high — in the 60s and 70s percent range — in assets outside the individual, including in family support, religious community, and school-boundaries-and-expectations.

The lowest external asset was creative activities. Only 23 percent spent three or more hours per week in lessons or practicing music, theater or other arts. Adult role models in the community and the way youth are perceived by the community were

also low. Assets from inside the individual included a positive view of the future, values of honesty, integrity and responsibility, and learning commitments including motivation in school, and care about the school. Reading for pleasure was the lowest of internal assets, but the survey did not include reading on the Internet.

"I think the Cassia County survey came back remarkable," said Tammy Hanks, HealthNet Mini-Cassia Coordinator. HealthNet administered the survey. "The whole area is doing something right in the community, but we can always use improvement."

HealthNet plans to work with the community and raise assets by 2 percent by the time the next survey is given in the year 2002, she said.

In other business, Rich Davidson, director of special services, told the School Board that results of the Iowa Test of Basic Skills showed the district has a lot of bright, gifted students. Those students need special programs, he said.

There is a large group of severely disabled students in the lower levels, especially at Dworshak school, he said. This could be because of increased drug and alcohol use by parents, he said. And English is a second language for more students.

More and more students come from English speaking homes where parents aren't reading with their children, Davidson said.

"They need to read with their children, they need to talk to them, take them places, and do things with them," he said.

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Extension, 4-H offices could have new home

By Lorraine Cavener
Times-News writer

RUPERT — After years of shutting supplies and employees from downtown Rupert to the Minidoka County Fairgrounds, it appears the University of Idaho cooperative extension agent and the Minidoka County 4-H office will have a permanent home, possibly by April.

In addition one vacant county agent positions will be filled soon. "With the approval by Minidoka County commissioners Monday of a \$24,400 maintenance budget, money was paved for heating, restrooms, windows and other maintenance at the McGregor Center.

The county applied for a \$100,000 grant last year for renovation of the center, but the grant was denied. Organizers scaled-down plans to just the basics and \$24,400 was raised from community fund-raising events and donations.

The county fair board is up and running, operation will be maintained from the county operating budget, commissioners said. User fees will also contribute towards operation of the center.

The county fair board also will have an office at the center.

McGregor Center will also offer meeting rooms and a large room for parties, weddings, or other community events. Fair board members and commissioners are asking for bids on the maintenance projects this week and hope to have the building ready to open by April, fair board president Diane Schaeffer said.

The center can accommodate more than 400 people for an event, said Gordon Stewart, the county fairgrounds manager.

"We plan to make it so everybody can use it," Schaeffer said. The community asked the fair board to renovate the center, Stewart said.

"We're thrilled to go," said Donna Gillespie, secretary for the

extension offices. During the fair everything necessary to run the extension office has to be loaded and transported from the Rupert office out to the fairgrounds.

"It will be nice to have all the resource materials there when you need them," Gillespie said.

While the board works to prepare the new center, the extension office is preparing to hire a new county extension agent.

Cooperative extension provides counties with university faculty members who offer expertise and technical assistance in specialized areas such as agriculture and family and consumer science.

The University of Idaho extension office will interview three candidates Jan. 25 and 26, said Charlotte Eberlein, University of Idaho extension agent.

"We hope to have the position filled by March," Eberlein said.

More than 18 months ago, Minidoka County went to town when the extension agent was hired. Two extension agents to start. When the educator who filled the family and consumer science position left, the county did not refill the position and the county retained only its agriculture agent.

The county is replacing its agricultural extension agent, who left another post. The county will pay about \$1,500 towards the position and the university supplies the remaining costs, Commissioner John Rensberg said.

As soon as funding becomes available, the county hopes to fill the family and consumer science position also, Rensberg said. The new extension agent will be responsible for agricultural education for Minidoka and Cassia counties. In exchange the Cassia agriculture agent will provide educational information about animals in both counties.

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Cassia County looks at special landfill

Contractor wants a place to dispose of construction waste

By Ruth Streeter
Times-News writer

BURLEY — With the hope of cutting costs, a local contractor wants to build a construction-demolition waste landfill, rather than hauling waste to the county landfill.

But the county must first ensure such landfills neither detract from the county nor

leave a legacy.

Under proposed amendments to the county's ordinance regarding solid waste disposal systems, a landfill permit issued by the county would require a closure plan. The permit would be in addition to a conditional-use permit from the county planning and zoning commission and a permit from the South Central District Health Department.

In the application for that permit, the landfill operator would have to show the financial means to adequately clean up and monitor the facility when it is closed, and to close the facility according to standards enforced by the

health district.

The amended ordinance would not establish setbacks, but operators would be required to follow the same standards set for a conditional-use permit, which are the standards for any landfill, county attorney Stephen Bywater said. And state regulations allow health districts to establish setbacks at their discretion, said Scott Arnell with the South Central District Health Department.

State regulations would cover the volume of material going into the landfill, supervision of the site, fire suppression and access to the landfill, Arnell said. In addition to the health dis-

trict inspecting the site once a year, the county would inspect the site periodically to ensure the site was being used for what it was originally intended, Bywater said.

In other county business, the county renewed its cooperative agreement to provide law enforcement for the Sawtooth National Forest in Cassia County. The cost of enforcement is an hourly rate up to \$11,000 for the entire year.

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Lawsuit seeks to change plans for incinerator

JACKSON, Wyo. (AP) — Tatiana Maxwell rode in a stroller to her first anti-nuclear protest. Her family was among the lonely dissenters in the days when Atlas nuclear plants began multiplying across the prairie like Chinese checkers.

"We were a fringe family," she said. "We were thought of as communists and kooks."

Maxwell is less of a pariah these days, although there is no shortage of critics of her latest cause: stopping a nuclear waste incinerator from being built at the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory in eastern Idaho.

The movement born in the scenic Jackson Hole region of northwest Wyoming last summer has already given rise to a \$1 billion class action lawsuit against the Department of Energy.

The fear is that toxic particles from the eastern Idaho incinerator could waft into northwest Wyoming and settle on its national treasures, Yellowstone and Grand Teton national parks, facing the land and water with PCBs and radiation.

"It's mostly mother's instinct that it's not good for children or other living things," said Maxwell, who has three children (a fourth is on the way).

At least one father has a different view.

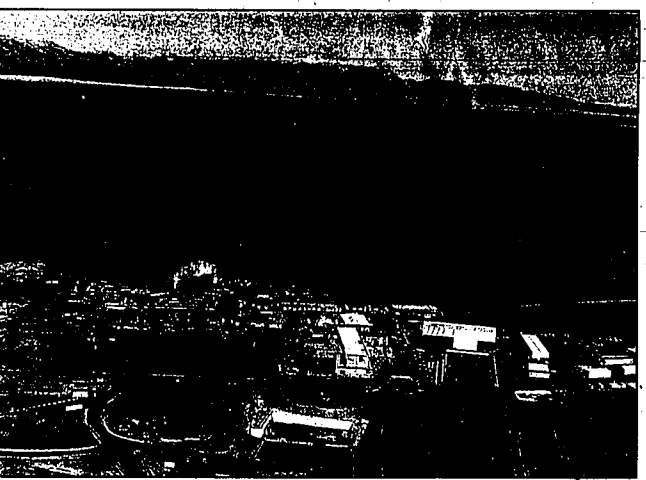
"I have a 4-year-old and a 7-year-old, and if I thought that about anything that could harm their health or the environment, I wouldn't be doing this," said Cal Ozaki, the project's deputy general manager.

Opponents and incinerator opponents live more than 100 miles east of the incinerator site. Ozaki and most supporters are on its doorstep.

In some respects, it's a tale of two cities: Jackson, a mountain enclave of wealthy transplants and second-home owners that thrives on tourism, and middle-class Idaho Falls, Idaho, which has lived with radioactive waste nearby for decades.

"I've lived here all my life, I've never seen anything different than anyone else with industry like Bonneville County in Idaho, Commissioner Ralph Steele said. "There've been some accidents, but that's to be expected."

For the most part, Idahoans have been conspicuously quiet on the issue, except to lash out at warnings that the incinerator



With the Rocky Mountains in the background, this October 1996 file photo shows a nuclear waste processing facility at the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory under construction. The Department of Energy wants British Nuclear Fuels Ltd. to build an \$878 million facility at INEL that will compact up to 90 percent of the storage-bound waste and burn the rest before encasing the crushed canisters and remains in a grout-like material.

could contaminate the potato crop.

"Idaho potatoes are the best potatoes in the world and will be forever," said Fred Sica, Idaho Falls Chamber of Commerce director.

"I am confident in technology," he said. "You see, what we're really talking about here is that we're providing a service to the rest of the country in a very safe and manageable way."

In Jackson Hole, where a house was recently listed for sale for \$40 million, more than \$500,000 has been pledged to the anti-incinerator cause. Opponents also have the legal services of Jackson attorney Gerry Spence, a charismatic Wyoming native famous for his victory over nuclear giant Kerr-McGee in the Karen Silkwood whistleblower case.

Spence said Idahoans have made a deal that could cost their health.

"It's a sad exchange, to exchange jobs and money and

profit for the potential danger involved in the case, for lives and sickness and cancer and the loss of property," he said. "Those are the dangers and the risks."

The core of the controversy at the nearby Rhode Island-sized INEL complex is 130,000 cubic yards of waste — equivalent to about 31 football fields three feet deep — from Cold War nuclear weapons production.

Crush it or burn it, the stuff will never go away, nor will it lose much radioactivity in anyone's lifetime.

The planned destination for half of the waste is an elaborate underground facility outside Carlsbad, N.M., the nation's only long-term storage site for radioactive waste.

The DOE wants British Nuclear Fuels Ltd. to build an \$876 million facility at INEL that will compact up to 90 percent of the storage-bound waste and burn the rest before encasing the crushed canisters and the pea gravel-like incineration remains in a grout-like material.

Burning is considered necessary because some of the waste is too dangerous to ship or too laden with PCBs to be stored in the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant at Carlsbad.

Moreover, the Environmental Protection Agency prohibits treating PCBs except by incineration, according to Department of Energy spokesman Brad Bugger.

"Incineration is the only proven technology that will allow us to remove all of the waste in a timely fashion," he said.

While some of the plaintiffs have suggested changing the laws on transporting nuclear waste and burning PCBs, BNFL spokeswoman Ann Reidesel said it's not that simple.

"It's important to look at the whole picture and make sure we are not changing laws to make things more lax to solve a current situation, and to keep in mind that the laws were put in place to make things safer," she said.

Waste district wins award

The Times-News

BURLEY — The Southern Idaho Solid Waste District took home the 1999 Solid Waste Management System Excellence Gold Award.

The district was judged as the best in the country for its solid waste program in the United States and in Canada, says the Solid Waste Association of North America, the nation's leading professional association of solid waste operators and recyclers.

The district was recognized for the planning, implementation and scope of its solid waste management system. The district also

ranked among the top three programs in the United States for rural recycling, waste diversion and public education.

The district is jointly owned by Blaine, Cassia, Gooding, Jerome, Lincoln and Minidoka Counties.

The district operates the Miller Butte Landfill and the network of transfer stations in those counties, as well as works with other counties in southern Idaho, northern Utah and northern Nevada to provide waste management solutions. The district is one of the largest publicly owned and operated solid waste management systems in the country.

Chenoweth-Hage criticizes roadless plan

BOISE (AP) — Republican U.S. Rep. Helen Chenoweth-Hage used a meeting of the people tasked with implementing the policy to attack President Clinton's proposal for setting aside millions of acres of roadless national forest land.

"This administration is using our national forests in order to push a strident, environmental political agenda," Chenoweth-Hage said Monday during a meet-

ing with forest supervisors from the agency's Misoula, Mont.-based Northern and Ogden, Utah-based Intermountain regions.

Chenoweth-Hage and other critics — including her colleagues in Idaho's congressional delegation and the most senior state officials in Idaho — contend the plan would devastate Idaho's already beleaguered timber industry and deny multi-use access to recreationists.

Twiggs

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only two years later. He served as Senate president pro tem since 1992.

"We disagreed, we fought," said Sen. Denton Darrington, R-Deer. "I loved the man."

"A lot of sad smiles and choked-back tears emanated from the crowd about Twiggs Monday. His ability to keep things light during tough situations, yet get the job done, endeared him to friends in the Statehouse.

"I always thought of Twiggs as the real Will Rogers of this place," said House Speaker Bruce Newcomb, R-Burley. "He had a way of not taking himself so seriously, yet he was a leader that filled space. He always thought of solutions and constructive ideas."

Sen. Laird Roh, R-Kimberly, ran into Twiggs and his wife at the grocery store Sunday night stocking up for their stay in Boise.

"I've never seen anyone who can fill Jerry's shoes," Newcomb said. "They'll have to build new shoes."

was the highest-ranking member of the Senate, and one of his key roles was assigning senators to committees.

Twiggs' administrative style will make the transition to a new president pro tem more smooth than one might expect. He was reluctant to be named to any legislative unit absolutely necessary, Sandy said. It's that delegation of authority that gave many Senate committee chairmen firsthand experience with key issues.

"He had a way of drawing out the best out of people," said Sandy.

Funeral plans for Twiggs are uncertain, as family members wait for the return to Idaho of one of his sons, who was on his way to India on business.

Until then, flags at the Statehouse will remain at half-staff, and the business of the Legislature will have to wait.

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As president pro tem, Twiggs

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ISU student fee hikes increase debt

POCATELLO (AP) - For Idaho State University student Benjamin Mulalley, the \$1,200 loan he took out this semester will provide some security in case his job does not generate enough to cover day-to-day expenses.

But when he graduates, the loan will be added to the \$1,200 the 19-year-old took out the previous semester and any future loans in the next three years of his schooling. At that rate, Mulalley will be lucky.

"Many of our students will be leaving with a minimum of \$25,000 in debt," said Jennifer Fisher, the university's assistant academic vice president. "In the face of rising costs, many students have to take out a loan to go to school."

As student fees have risen at Idaho State University, along with the cost of living, more students will accrue debt. In the past year alone, the school issued more than \$43 million in student loans. "As the state of Idaho has paid less and less for higher education, we're not getting as much so we can't help students as much," Fisher said.

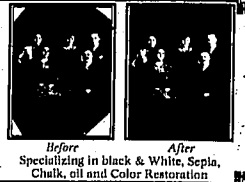
Although Mulalley did not plan on taking out a second loan this semester, he said he could not meet expenses without it.

"I didn't make as much money as I hoped," he said. "I hope to save some more so I won't have to take out as much. You go through four or five years taking out loans and the next thing you know, you owe 10 grand."

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Woman turns genealogy detective

By Gina Mulder
Times-News correspondent



Sharon Cheney of Gooding is a genealogy super sleuth, spending many hours researching family histories. She started genealogy as a hobby and now teaches the subject.

GOODING - Sharon Cheney is a bit of a super sleuth. She can spend hours upon hours searching for clues to solve a mystery - reading support material, making phone calls and interviewing people. But, Cheney's detective work won't solve any crime. All she's trying to do is retell the story of her ancestors through genealogy.

"You have to become somewhat of a detective, that's literally what genealogy is," Cheney says. "You have this huge jigsaw puzzle with lots of the puzzle pieces. You just have to figure out how all those pieces fit together."

Cheney's starting dabbling in genealogy, defined as the study of family pedigrees, about 25 years ago. She was a stay-at-home mom looking for a hobby. "It was a pretty cheap hobby. All it cost me was the time to write a letter and a stamp," Cheney says.

Shortly afterwards, she began having health problems her doctors couldn't explain. Through genealogy, Cheney traced a medical condition back through her mother. The new information helped the doctors treat Cheney's condition and eventually help her through breast cancer.

"I started out doing genealogy for the fun of it," Cheney recalls. "Then, I started using it to find medical information - for health reasons." Cheney was approached by her church to serve in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints' Family History Center in Twin Falls. Before the advent of computers information had to be extracted from microfiche or microfilm and researching one name could be a time consuming process that lasted hours, days or weeks.

Begin looking in your own backyard

By Gina Mulder
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - So you want to trace your family tree, but don't know where or how to get started?

Not a problem, says Edwin Cook, director of the Family History Center in Twin Falls.

First place to start is in your own backyard - your own history - name, date of birth, marriage, etc. Next move on to parents, grandparents on both sides and the same with great-grandparents.

"Get as much information as you can from those still living," Cook says. "Have them tell you about their personal histories."

Once you get back a few generations, it's best to back up any findings with as

Where to start:

Family Resource Center, 401 Maurice St. N., Twin Falls. Telephone - 733-6073
Open Tuesday-Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Saturday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Closed Sundays and Mondays.

many sources as possible to verify the information.

Family histories, even county or state records, could be incorrect, so don't take your first source as gospel, Cook warns.

"It's tough to catch all the mistakes from past years, but most people leave at least three paper trails," Cook says. "Birth, marriage or death certificates, mortgages and land ownership, census records, even court appearances or challenges they may have been involved with

during their lifetime. Always check and recheck.

Are you not surprised if the trail turns cold, Cook adds. That's when genealogy becomes an art. Names change or spellings deviate from the original, so you have to look for similar spellings or names that rhyme.

"Many times, you have to look for coinciding circumstances to find the right people in the right places at the right time," Cook says. "Sometimes, you have to get very creative."

When it comes time to start playing detective, the Family History Center is a free service to the public with a volunteer staff ready to lend a hand. There are also several resources available via the Internet and the number of web sites grows daily, Cook adds.

By Kelly Bryant
Times-News correspondent

JEROME - The Minidoka War Relocation Center was a dark spot in history for Japanese-Americans.

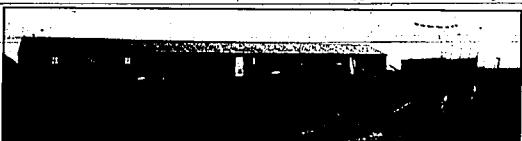
Commonly known as the Hunt camp near Eden, the center imprisoned as many as 9,000 Japanese-Americans during World War II.

The Jerome Historical Museum holds the state's largest collection of items from the Hunt camp, says Clair Ricketts, museum curator. Military uniforms, miscellaneous dishes, toys and high school yearbooks from Hunt camp are some of the items in the museum.

Jerome Historical Society secretary Peg Roberson says the society receives donations and memorabilia from Japanese-Americans who either had lived there, had family members interned at Hunt or are interested in preserving the history. One donation was an acetylene outfit used for lights at the camp.

The camp's residential area contained 36 blocks that stretched three miles. Each block contained 12 barracks for living quarters.

The first people arrived at the Hunt camp Aug. 10, 1942, imprisoned by a government that feared espionage. It would be October 1945 before all the Japanese-Americans left Hunt and



The Jerome Historical Society is restoring a barrack used at the Hunt Camp, where Japanese-Americans were imprisoned during World War II. The building is located at the Idaho Farm and Ranch Museum east of town. The society's museum in Jerome has a large collection of Hunt Camp memorabilia.

returned to their homes. All that remains at the site is a portion of the main gate. The camp buildings are scattered throughout the valley.

However, the Jerome Historical Society purchased a Hunt barrack and moved it to another museum it operates - the Idaho Farm and Ranch Museum.

A project has started to restore the barrack, which is one of two at the site. Besides the barrack, society members have moved many other historical buildings to the Idaho Farm and Ranch museum.

The society also holds "Live History Days" each year at the site.

Jerome historical museums

The Jerome Historical Society operates the Idaho Farm and Ranch Museum at the intersection of Interstate 84 and U.S. 93, which is seen by appointment, and the Jerome Historical Museum at 220 N. Lincoln St. The museum is open from 1:5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

If you are interested in joining or helping preserve historical buildings, call Jean Bundy at 324-3976, Mary Moeller at 324-2879, president Francis Egbert at 733-2336, secretary Peg Roberson at 324-3604 or Clair Ricketts at 324-2017.

The turn of the century: Life as usual in Wood River

Editor's note: The Times-News continues to look at what was going in an area community the 100 years ago and how it welcomed the coming of the 20th century.

By Barb Newbert
Times-News correspondent

HAILLEY - Looking through 100-year-old newspapers provides little insight into how Wood River Valley residents celebrated the arrival of the 20th century. But an issue of the paper did show that people didn't worry about it too much.

Articles in the Weekly Wood River News-Miner revealed the change from 1890 to 1900 had little impact on the lives of the pioneers.

Who broke an ankle, who was shot, who died, who traveled to Boise and the

price of silver made up the news of the day.

One notice read: "E.O. Newton has bought of Joseph Hunter, for \$35, a house and lot in Block 89, Ketchum."

On that same land on the corner of Fourth and Walnut streets is now located the Community Library and an elegant private home. The library is tax exempt, but the private property has been assessed at \$2,475,204 - a leap from \$35.

Next door in Bellevue, unimproved lots sold for \$250 at the dawn of the 20th century.

Area forefathers didn't spend much time looking back at the century that was. The only account of the 1800s was a reflection on the century's great battles, such as Waterloo (1815), Bull Run (1861), Antietam (1862) and Gettysburg (1863).

However, an article in the Jan. 5, 1900

weekly edition predicted what life might be like in the 20th century.

"Trunk railways through Russia, China, Persia, Africa, irrigation works to supply the wants of growing populations; harbors large enough for the vessels of the future; central installations to furnish lighting, power, traction and heating to whole cities; the extension of telephonic communications - with and without wires; the abolition of the smoke and smell of cities; the replacement of horses by mechanical power in the streets; the increase of the speed of trains to 100 miles per hour; the erection of tall buildings where land is valuable; the utilization of waste products, especially the refuse of cities; the improvement of the water supply; the reclamation of land; and, the profitable working of deep seams of coal."

Student fills need at Raft River

By Corren Hart
Times-News correspondent

MALTA - Jamie Hurst saw a need in her community.

The sophomore says she was frustrated by lunch hours at Raft River High School. The only place to sit was in the home economics room or on the floor in the hallway while eating lunch. And then, students just hung around visiting or killing time until their next class.

After more than one year, lots of work and leadership by Hurst, lunch hours will be different.

The school now has five picnic tables, four basketball half-courts and soon, will have a couple of benches, thanks to an effort led by the student.

Hurst, 16, is familiar with getting things done. She has been a member of the Juniper Mountain Mavericks 4-H club for eight years, which is led by her mother, Kammy Hurst. The teenager also has conducted leadership projects and gone to Boise for Teen Government conferences.

So at Raft River High School, Hurst saw the chance to do a 4-H Community Pride project.

She talked with her mother and high school principal, Mary-Alice Telford. With their blessings, she visited Valerie Bowen, 4-H program assistant at the Cassia County Extension Service office, and discovered the possibility of a grant from the Chevron Corporation.

With assistance from Bowen, Hurst filled out a request for a one year, \$300 matching funds grant.

"She learned some valuable life skills from this as far as delegation, organization, putting her thoughts into words," Bowen says. "But she did it. No one else."

To raise the matching funds, Hurst set out donation jars in various stores, talked to merchants and got pledges for materials and labor. She set up a table with posters explaining her effort at basketball games and accepted donations. She also sent letters to people through-



Jamie Hurst stands in front of a basketball court she helped bring to Raft River High School. She headed up a 4-H Community Pride project to add basketball courts, tables and benches to the school.

Interested in 4-H?

Consult your local University of Idaho Extension Service office. 4-H always is looking for new members and willing leaders. Organizers say. Talk with Valerie Bowen in Burley at 878-9461 or Jenny Bywater in Rupert at 438-1784. The cost is nominal.

out Raft River and elsewhere. The effort added up - a total of \$700 was raised before the grant was received.

With the project almost complete, lunch hours are more comfortable, less boring, she says.

"To me, it was so good the way the community came together on this," Hurst says. "It was more work than I expected, but it was so nice the way people helped out."



Members of the new scouting program called Aviation Venturing observe as volunteers from the Magic Valley Regional Airport at Joslin Field explain the external features of an airplane.

Students study aviation in program

By B.J. Bryant
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - Scouting is not just about backpacking and camping anymore and it is not just for boys.

The Boy Scouts of America, in cooperation with the Magic Valley Regional Airport at Joslin Field, is sponsoring a bimonthly airport expedition called Aviation Venturing for young people.

"We are doing what we can to teach them about aviation careers," leader Rob Warner says. "We hope to give training in all of the jobs here (at the airport). It is a good deal and it is inexpensive. No gear is required and there are no event fees."

The Aviation Venturing program provides the opportunity for boys and girls ages 14-21 to learn about all of the jobs that are necessary to run an airport. The program will run the gamut from food service to flight control in the tower to piloting.

Typical outings include an initial orientation lecture to provide the necessary theory behind the job. The Scouts then observe and sometimes receive hands-on experience with the task.

"It's interesting," newcomer Melinda Quigley says. "It (aviation) has always

Want to join?

It is not too late to sign up for the program and there is only one initial cost of \$8 for registration.

For more information about the Aviation Venturing program call Dave Allen, airport manager, at 733-5215, or the Boy Scout office at 733-2067.

The next meeting is at 7:30 p.m. today at the airport terminal conference room. The group meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month.

been something I wanted to do."

"I just wanted to see what it would open up," student Derek Remaley adds. Both Quigley and Remaley, who are Twin Falls High School seniors, heard about the program at a booth at their school.

Members of the Aviation Venturing program, in addition to learning about what goes on at an airport, will be helping at the July 22 air show at Joslin Field.

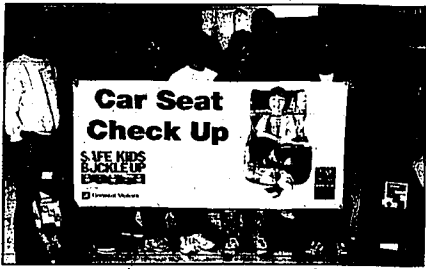
In true Boy Scout tradition, Warner says he hopes the program can offer more than simply experience in and education about the aviation field.

"We are also trying to install some leadership skills in them," Warner says.

TWIN FALLS AREA COMMUNITY

Coalition certifies safety techs

TWIN FALLS - Just call them troubleshooters for safety. The Magic Valley SAFE KIDS Coalition, a program of the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Foundation, recently sponsored a certification course to provide the community with people able to troubleshoot safety seat problems and provide expertise when requested. The newly-certified child passenger safety technicians in the Magic Valley are trained to assist people to correctly install child safety seats. Approximately 90 percent of all child safety seats are installed with significant errors. For that reason, the coalition says it sponsored the certification course to provide the community with qualified people to assist



Idaho's newest technicians include, from left to right, front row: Kristy Burkett, Darla Jensen, Sue Ann Reese, Melanie Gonzales and Juan Martinez; back row: Joshua Barron, Ann Evans, Rich Fuhrmann, Ked Wills, Dick Frey and Instructor Tim Miller.

with the seats. Technicians include Kristy Burkett, instructor for Magic Valley-Regional-Medical-Center prenatal classes; Darla Jensen with First Security; Sue Ann Reese with the South Central District Health Department; Melanie Gonzales with Babysafe;

Juan Martinez with the Rupert Police Department; Joshua Barron and Ann Evans with Quality One Photo; Rich Fuhrmann with the Boise Police Department; Ked Wills with the Idaho State Police; and Dick Frey with the College Of Southern Idaho.

Call... Information about becoming a certified child passenger safety technician, call the Magic Valley SAFE KIDS Coalition at 737-2430. Classes will be held later in January and again in either March or April.

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: Sweet and sour pork, rice, oriental vegetables, Jell-O salad, cinnamon rolls.
Wednesday: Taco salad; hot home delivery.

Thursday: Corned beef with cabbage, stewed vegetables, Jell-O with fruit, rolls, dessert.
Friday: Swiss steak, potatoes, green beans, red cabbage with banana, rolls, dessert.

Monday: Hawaiian chicken, scalloped potatoes, peas with onions, fruit salad, muffin and coffee.
Tuesday: Beef stew, spinach salad, biscuits, apple sauce.

Wednesday: Sloppy Joes, rater tots, salad, fruit.
Thursday: Swiss steak, potato salad, and cauliflower, watergate salad, rolls, birthday cake and ice cream; smorgasbord at 5:30 p.m.

Friday: Chicken nuggets, macaroni salad, Jell-O with fruit, bread, cookies.
Saturday: Croissant sandwich, potato salad; sliced tomatoes; fruit; smorgasbord at 5:30 p.m.

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.

Blood pressure check 10 a.m. to noon.
Wednesday Quilting 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Jackpot trip, leaves center at 3 p.m.

Elks card club
Thursday Pincocle at 1 p.m.
Friday Blood pressure check 10 a.m. to noon.

Lunch bingo.
Monday Quilting, 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Foot clinic; make appointment.

West End Senior Citizens Inc.

3010 Main St., Buhl
Noon meals served Monday through Friday. Buffet meal at 1 p.m. on Sunday. Evening meals served at 5:30 p.m. Monday and Thursday. Suggested donations for meals is weekdays \$2.50. Sundays \$3.50, non-seniors \$4.25 and children under 12-years-old \$2.50.

Meals can be delivered Monday through Friday. Call 543-4577 for more information. Free bus service to and from meals is available Monday evening, Tuesday noon and Thursday noon and evening. Please call 543-4577 by 10 a.m. to arrange a ride.

Tuesday: Beef stew, spinach salad, biscuits, apple sauce.
Wednesday: Sloppy Joes, rater tots, salad, fruit.

Thursday: Swiss steak, potato salad, and cauliflower, watergate salad, rolls, birthday cake and ice cream; smorgasbord at 5:30 p.m.

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Activities
Thrift shop open every day.
Tuesday Fundraiser, 7 to 8 a.m. Board meeting at 3 p.m.
Wednesday Exercises 7 to 8 a.m., and at 10 a.m.

Bus to Jackpot, \$5 per person leaving at 3:30 p.m. Sign up early.
Thursday Exercises 7-8 a.m. and at 10 a.m.
Blood pressure check at 11:30 a.m.
Birthday dinner sign-up. Bingo 1:30 p.m.
Evening meal, 5:30 p.m. Cards at 6 p.m.
Friday Exercises 7-8 a.m. and at 10 a.m.
Saturday Community breakfast 8-10 a.m. \$2.50 a plate. Hot scones will be available.
Sunday All-you-can-eat buffet, pork roast.
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.

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HONOR STUDENTS



Staff members of O'Leary Junior High School in Twin Falls have named Students of the Month for November. The students were selected in the areas of technology, fine arts, athletics or community. They are, from left to right, back row: Mike Walker, Parker Folkman, Melissa Hawkins, Eric Edmonds, Cassie Schiffer and Julie Brown; middle row: Darci Ward; Brian Pollard, Victoria Lampo, Mark Hamzinski, Duke Daniels and Megan Burley; front row: Connor McComas, Ashli Hartman, Megan King, Vanessa Olmstead and Jackie Garcia.

Pool opens for winter swimming

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls Community Pool has announced its winter swimming lesson schedule, open swim hours and annual dues and fees information.

Open swim times are from 3:30-5:30 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays; 3:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays and Fridays; and from 1-4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Daily admission is free for children ages 3 and younger; \$2.50 for children ages 4-12 and \$3 for swimmers ages 13 and up. Admission is \$10 per family on Family Night, which will be announced.

Swimming lessons, session I will be held from Monday to Jan. 27. Session II will be held from Jan. 31 to Feb. 17. Session III will be held from Feb. 21 to March 9. Session IV will be held from April

3-20. Session V will be held from April 24 to May 11. Residents within Twin Falls city limits pay \$25 for each level, I through V. Sessions I-V are \$28 a session for out-of-city residents.

Swimming lessons held on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays are Water Babies at 7 p.m.; preschool swim at 5:40 p.m. and 6:20 p.m.; Levels I/II at 5:40 p.m., 6:20 p.m. and 7 p.m.; and Level III at 5:40 p.m. and 7 p.m.; Level IV at 5:40 p.m. and 7 p.m.; and Level V classes at 7 p.m.

Annual pool passes are \$150 for in-city residents ages 4-12; \$160 for out-of-city residents ages 4-12; \$180 for in-city residents ages 13 and up; and \$200 for out-

of-city residents ages 13 and up; \$450 for an in-city family pass; and \$500 for an out-of-city annual family pass. Family pass members are defined as members of an immediate family residing at the same residence, no limit.

Water aerobic is \$3 daily admission with a 10-card session pass costing \$25; a 20-card pass for \$50; and a 30-card pass for \$75. Lap swim is \$2 and is free with a regular annual pass.

Two-swim pass coupon books are \$37.50 for in-city residents ages 4-12, and \$40.50 for out-of-city residents ages 4-12; \$45 for in-city residents ages 13 and up, and \$55 for out-of-city residents ages 13 and up.

For more information, call the Twin Falls Community Pool at 734-2336.

Two-week intensive dance camp set this summer

TWIN FALLS - The Idaho Dance Arts Alliance and the College of Southern Idaho are hosting a two-week intensive dance camp July 16-29 on the college campus.

Instructors from all over the country will participate in the 23rd annual camp, including co-directors, Chris Lamoreaux, owner of The Dance Arts Academy in Boise, and Susie Depew-Scarcello, owner of Susie's Tap & Jazz Etc. in Rathdrum.

Area dancers can receive more information about the event from the continuing education office at the CSI at 678-1400 or 733-1936.

O'Leary students compete in National Geography Bee

TWIN FALLS - O'Leary Junior High students will compete in the first round of the National Geography Bee at 3:15 p.m. Wednesday in the O'Leary Auditorium at 2350 Elizabeth Blvd. in Twin Falls.

Fourth- to eighth-grade students will compete nationally in five US territories and at U.S. Department of Defense schools around the world, in the 12th annual contest.

The winner of the O'Leary bee will advance to the next level - a written exam. All school winners are eligible for national honors and a first prize of a \$25,000 college scholarship at the national competition May 23-24 in Washington, D.C.

For more information, call Marjie Atkins at O'Leary Junior High at 733-2155.

Organic Gardeners group hears about certification

TWIN FALLS - The Organic Gardeners will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at Obenchain's in Twin Falls.

John O'Conner will speak about organic certification and a seed exchange will be conducted. For more information, call Edith at 734-8371 or Theresa at 543-9141.

Albertson College announces open house

CALDWELL - Albertson College will hold its annual open house, starting at 6:45 p.m. Jan 19 at Jewett Auditorium on the Albertson College campus in Caldwell.

Event includes a faculty presentation and opportunities to meet with students, faculty and admission and financial aid officers.

Junior high and high school students interested in going to college are encouraged to attend. Admission is free and refreshments will be served.

For more information, call the Albertson College Office of Admission at 459-5305 or 1-800-224-3246.

Desert Rose 4-H Club hosts quilt raffle in March

FILER - The Desert Rose 4H Club of Filer will host a Humpty Dumpty crib-wall quilt raffle on March 20.

The Pregnancy Crisis Center is part of the community pride project for the Desert Rose 4H Club. Members are making quilts for new mothers so they have a quilt for their newborn.

Funds raised at the raffle will help buy fabric to complete the project.

For more information, call Lynnette Zaunmiller at 326-4261, or Diana Wiggins at 326-5412.

CSI presents Over 60 and Getting Fit class

TWIN FALLS - The College of Southern Idaho, in partnership with area school districts and the Jerome Recreation District, is sponsoring Over 60 and Getting Fit programs starting Jan. 19.

The class promotes walking, stretching and strength training for the mature adult. The accredited class is free to students over age 60 and if space is available, younger students are encouraged to attend-the college says.

Classes will be held at 9 a.m. Monday and Wednesday and Friday beginning Jan. 19 at the CSI gymnasium; at 9 a.m. Tuesday, Thursday and Friday beginning Jan. 18 at the Jerome Recreation Center; at 10:15 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday beginning Monday at Filer Middle School; at 11 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday beginning Monday at the Shoshone High School Gym; and at 9 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Thursday beginning Monday at the Gooding North Side Center.

For more information, call Bev at CSI at 733-9554, Ext. 2475.

Filer High Class of 1960 plans reunion meeting

FILER - The Filer High School Class of 1960 is holding a reunion planning meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday at 324 Second St. E. in Twin Falls.

For more information, call Mike at 733-9623 or Eileen at 326-5303.

Muertaugh Migrant Program seeks guitar donations

MURTAUGH - The Murtaugh migrant program is looking for guitars for students to use in class to help them improve their English skills.

If you have an unwanted, unbroken guitar to donate, call Joel Wilson at Murtaugh High School at 432-5451.

Literary arts society plans monthly meeting

TWIN FALLS - The monthly meeting of Le Livre Et La Plume Literary Arts Society will be held at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at the Sandra Haymore residence.

The review will be given by

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Gwen VanNoy, Co-hostesses for the evening are Mona Timpson, Joyce Beck and Cathy Dahl.

Twin Falls Community Work Center residents volunteer

TWIN FALLS - Residents of the Twin Falls Community Work Center volunteered at the Salvation Army's Christmas Store during the holidays.

Five men worked 188 hours making and filling food boxes, bagging apples and oranges, carrying presents and food boxes for patrons and cleaning up, the center says.

The Work Center says it supplies volunteers to the Salvation Army each Christmas anywhere.

For more information or to inquire about volunteer opportunities, call the Twin Falls Community Work Center at 736-3095.

Desert Sun Dancers hold dance at Masonic Hall

SHOSHONE - The Desert Sun Dancers will hold a regular dance with round dancing at 7:30 p.m. Friday at the Masonic Hall on West B St., in Shoshone.

Participants are asked to bring finger foods and cost is \$3 per person.

For more information, call 886-2510 or 886-2808.

The Times-News would like to profile your organization. Send your information along with your name, a photo and your phone number to Pat Marcantonio, Community Editor, P.O. Box 548 Twin Falls, ID 83301.

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BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Firm moves Heyburn inventory to TF store

HEYBURN - Kaman Industrial Technologies Corp. is scaling back its Cassia presence while consolidating some operations for better efficiency.

On Jan. 28, Connecticut-based Kaman will move all of the inventory from its center on Centennial Drive in Heyburn to its existing Twin Falls industrial store branch. Heyburn branch manager Val Nelson said, "The 4,000-square-foot Heyburn branch will close, and Kaman on Jan. 28 or 31 will open in a smaller Burley office yet to be chosen, he said."

"We want to eliminate redundancy in inventory and consolidate stocking locations," he said.

The new Burley sales office will have two sales representatives but no inventory, Nelson said. Those employees will be two of Kaman's current five employees in Heyburn; one other will transfer to Twin Falls, and the future of two others is uncertain, he said.

Kaman, which has been in the Minnicassia area at least 40 years and in Heyburn about six years, serves industrial agricultural markets - such as local Amalgamated Sugar and Simplot plants - with such items as bearings, gears, hydraulics and electrical systems, Nelson said.

Former Heyburn potato grower to be honored

BURLEY - A former Mini-Cassia potato grower will be among five inductees into the Idaho Potato Hall of Fame Jan. 19 in Pocatello, the Idaho Potato Expo announced.

Honoree Clarence Parr and his brothers farmed 3,000 acres near Heyburn. He served on the Idaho Potato Commission, the National Potato Promotions Board and Potato Growers of Idaho. Now retired from farming, Parr is in his seventh year as chairman of the Idaho Water Resources Board.

The induction dinner begins at 7 p.m. Jan. 19 at Cavanaugh's Pocatello Hotel. The event is open to the public; call the Idaho Potato Expo at 785-2517 for reservations.

The other four honorees are Hal Abend, a Blackfoot processor and fresh shipper; Don Bass, a now-deceased Idaho Falls-area fresh shipper; Allan Larsen, a Blackfoot-area potato grower; and Joe Pavcek, a world-renowned potato breeder from the Aberdeen-American Falls area.

Boise firm acquires Arizona-based company

BOISE - Employer Resource Management Co. Inc. has acquired Professional Employer Solutions Inc. of Phoenix.

Employers Resource is headquartered in Boise and maintains branches in California, Texas and Georgia. As a result of the Dec. 29 acquisition, Employer Resource ranks among the top 25 employee leasing companies in the nation and serves about 850 clients' almost 10,000 contracts. Professional Employer Solutions was among the top 10 in the Phoenix area in 1999.

Employers Resource was founded in 1985 and was named to the Inc. 500 list as the 26th fastest-growing private company in America in 1997. For the past three years, the company has been ranked among Idaho's Private 75.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

Twin Falls' cost of living dips

Chamber figures show housing costs, however, remain above national average

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Twin Falls consumers paid more for housing and transportation than the national average, but low utility prices pushed the city's cost of living two percentage points below the average in the third quarter of 1999.

That's according to the latest cost-of-living report from the American Chamber of Commerce Research Association, a nonprofit organization based in Alexandria, Va. The overall cost-of-living index takes into account gro-

ceries, housing, utilities, transportation, health care and miscellaneous goods and services. For July through September, Twin Falls' index fell to 98 percent of the average for cities surveyed - after falling exactly at the national average for the first three months of 1999 and inching up to 100.9 percent in the second quarter.

The city's third-quarter composite cost measure was at 96.9 percent in 1996, 97.7 percent in 1997 and 102.2 percent in 1998.

The Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce participates in the survey every quarter. Over the past 10 years, cost-of-living numbers have fluctuated greatly.

Twin Falls' third-quarter cost of living

Category	Percent of national average
Grocery items	96.3
Housing	101.0
Utilities	82.3
Transportation	106.6
Health care	89.2
Misc. goods and services	98.9
Composite index	98.0

Source: American Chamber of Commerce Research Association. Third-quarter data is most recent available.

The numbers moved mostly upward during the 1990s, fueled by increases in housing costs.

In 1999, Twin Falls' housing

costs were high enough to catch the local chamber's attention and that of economic development leaders, who don't want a blot on the otherwise rosy picture of the Magic Valley.

Twin Falls' housing costs in the third quarter weren't quite as far above average as in the preceding period.

"We're still a little higher," the Twin Falls chamber's Kent Just said. Chamber leaders don't plan to take the matter to ACCRA. They'll just call their counterparts in three other participating Idaho cities - who also collect data on specific home prices - to "make sure all four are doing this exactly the same."

ACCRA's report is based on 59 items. Chambers of commerce, economic development

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Applicants line up for Home Depot job openings

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Don't let the Magic Valley's low unemployment rates mislead you; people out there still are interested in new jobs.

In the first 2 1/2 hours of business Monday, 50 people poured into Twin Falls' Job Service office to apply for positions at Atlanta-based home-improvement giant The Home Depot's new store.

"We had a pretty good line when we opened the door," said Craig Rogers, the Idaho Department of Labor's Magic Valley labor market analyst, on Monday. The numbers are surprising, given the valley's inclement weather, he said.

It was the first day of applications after The Home Depot's "now hiring" advertisement appeared in The Times-News Sunday, promising "top pay, excellent benefits and outstanding advancement opportunities."

Workers here are curious about new jobs and willing to charge employers for small pay increases, Rogers said. The Home Depot's benefits package and its reputation as an excellent employer are working in the retailer's favor, he added.

Before the Home Depot advertised that the Job Service would take applications, the store's manager received more than a hundred phone calls from would-be workers, Rogers said.

The store at the southeast corner of Pole Line Road and

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Media titans ride 'convergence wave'

Some worry that merger will be bad for consumers

The Philadelphia Inquirer

Monday's announced merger between Time Warner and America Online isn't about "what" so much as it is about "when" and "how."

Yes, it's true that AOL gets access to Time Warner content, its myriad movies, magazines, records and TV programs, and Time Warner gets access to AOL's millions of eyeballs. Cross-marketing and synergy will abound.

But the meat of the merger has to do with the not-too-distant day when your television or your computer are one and the same, when the race is on to get content into people's houses first and fastest.

With their merger, Time Warner and AOL, titans of Old and New Media respectively, have given themselves a giant head start. And consumer groups are already voicing concerns.

"It's about both companies being on the front end of the convergence wave, and making a lot of money being there," said Keith Woods, a faculty member at the Poynter Institute, the media think tank in St. Petersburg, Fla.

The early gains are easy to see: Time Warner wins access to AOL eyeballs, the estimated 20 million subscribers who use AOL to get to the Internet.

And AOL gets millions of magazine readers and TV viewers who might be persuaded to sign up for its services.

But for AOL, the lure of Time Warner's high-profile content - its Warner Bros. movies, its magazines (including Time, Entertainment Weekly, Fortune, Sports Illustrated and People) its music and its cable-TV channels (HBO, TBS, TNT and The Cartoon Network) - may have been outweighed by a technological advantage Time Warner brought to the table: its cable-television systems.

Time Warner currently owns



Time Warner Chairman and CEO Gerald Levin, left, and Vice Chairman Ted Turner confer during a news conference Monday in New York.

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the nation's largest collection of cable systems, with digital wiring that provides access to about 20 million homes. By the end of the year, the company says, those homes will be capable of receiving so-called broadband technology.

The value of that fiber pipeline is enormous as the Internet grows in importance.

Right now, about 1 million people have broadband access to the Net. Within the next four or five years, that number will rise to about 50 million, says Christophoros L. "Max" Nikias, director of the Integrated Media Systems Center, a multimedia research center at the University of Southern California. And broadband will have people using content in a whole new way.

"Suppose you watch a pro-

gram and you like the music you hear in the background. At the same time, in real time, you will be able to order the music and buy it," Nikias said. And you won't be bothering with ordering a CD. "You'll download the music digitally and store it on your computer," using technology that is already changing the face of the music industry.

"It's a little bit disturbing, the commercialization. Definitely we're going to see some policies or regulation," Nikias said, adding that he strongly prefers self-regulation. "If you do it right I don't see anything wrong with it."

Others see the trends less benignly. Consumer groups Monday raised alarms about the sheer size of the merger and about the new company's vast range of control over information and entertainment.

"Consumers do not want to be beholden to a giant media-

Internet dictatorship, even if it promises to be a benevolent one," said a joint statement by Consumers Union, the Consumer Federation of America, the Media Access Project and the Center for Media Education. They warned that such "enormous consolidations ... are likely to leave consumers with fewer choices, limited competition, and higher prices."

Among the unanswered questions raised by the merger is whether consumers will pay more or less for content - news and information, movies, music - as a result.

"What happens when they say, 'Here's a bundle - and you can't choose what pieces you want?'" said Mark Cooper, director of research at the Consumer Federation. "That's what happened to us in cable. Down the road they will constantly leverage their control."

COURT ACTIVITY

The Times-News

BOISE - Recent activity in U.S. Bankruptcy Court included these Magic Valley filings:

Chapter 7, nonbusiness, under \$50,000

Ann T. Carter, 115 E. Meadows Drive, No. 6856, Ketchum, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 99-42132.

Caroline R. Draper, also known as Caroline R. Harris, 17 N. Second W., Paul, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 99-42118.

Frank Stanley Hodgson III and Mary Elizabeth Hodgson, 721 Oriental Ave., Burley, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 00-40009.

David Carnell, 715 Honey Locust Lane, No. 4, Twin Falls, Please see COURT, Page C5

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MONEY

Media merger news pushes stocks higher

WASHINGTON - Any merger raises questions, but the merger of all time rises huge ones. Here, the basic facts of the proposed marriage between America Online and Time Warner...

Grocers worry that Wal-Mart expansion will hurt business

BLACKFOOT (AP) - Some local grocers are worried that Wal-Mart expansion to include grocery department will endanger their businesses. The expansion will also allow Wal-Mart to include a one-hour photo booth...

The Washington Post

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What is AOL? America Online is the biggest Internet service, with 22 million subscribers. If the \$166 billion deal goes through, the Dulles, Va.-based company's slogan, "AOL - Everywhere," will be more meaningful...

Why are they proposing a merger? Time Warner is one of the world's biggest media companies, with newsworthy Time and a stable of other magazines, CNN, HBO, Warner Brothers motion picture division and under its broad corporate umbrella...

Big media companies have been scrambling lately to get bigger - only four months ago, for example, CBS and Viacom announced they were merging. Time Warner and AOL would be the first mega-merger of an Internet "new media" giant with movies and television...

Companies at a glance

Time Warner, the world's largest media and entertainment company, is being acquired by America Online for about \$166 billion in stock...

AMERICA ONLINE

Headquarters: Dulles, Va.
Founded: 1985
Employees: 12,100
FY 1999 revenue: \$4.8 billion

TIME WARNER

Headquarters: New York
Founded: 1990
Employees: 72,000
1999 revenue: \$20.8 billion

Strength in every segment of the media value chain

Table comparing AOL and Time Warner across various media segments like largest online service, TV entertainment, and music.

- World-class brands and businesses: America Online, AOL Instant Messenger, AOL Move/Fone, Winamp, HBO, CNN, Cartoon Network, etc.

Source: Compiled from AP wire reports

Time Warner gets a new chance to offer its wares online. "This is the first mega-webcaster of the future," says Scott Gleason...

Costs

Continued from C3 organizations and other groups collect prices quarterly. Twin Falls residents in the third quarter paid higher prices for haircuts, newspapers and beer...

But locals shelled out less to stay in a hospital room, visit a doctor or dentist, bowl, watch a theater movie or eat pizza, hamburgers and take-out chicken.

The news was evenly divided at the grocery store. T-bone steaks, bread, cigarettes, cereal, peaches, Kleenex, frozen corn and baby food cost less in Twin Falls...

More and more of the media that consumers get - whether online, onscreen or at the newsstand - will come from one source. That doesn't necessarily affect prices or availability of products...

Absolutely. Each company sees the other as a way to push its wares, and Time Warner has more entry points into America's homes than just about anyone. Expect to see tremendous amount of cross-promotion.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

Table of New York Stock Exchange data including major indices (Dow Jones, S&P 500, etc.), market summary, and a list of individual stocks with their prices and changes.

MARKET SUMMARY

NYSE AMEX NASDAQ

Summary table for NYSE, AMEX, and NASDAQ showing most active and gainers/losers.

Table showing GAINERS (32 on NYSE, 25 on AMEX, 28 on NASDAQ) and LOSERS (32 on NYSE, 25 on AMEX, 28 on NASDAQ).

Table showing DIARY data for NYSE, AMEX, and NASDAQ.

Table showing INDEXES for NYSE, AMEX, and NASDAQ.

Table showing STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST with columns for Name, Div, PE, Last, Chg, YTD.

How to Read the Market Report: Here are the 525 most active stocks on the New York Stock Exchange, the 400 most active on the NASDAQ National Market and 100 most active on American Stock Exchange.

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NASDAQ NATIONAL MARKET

Table of NASDAQ National Market data including major indices, market summary, and a list of individual stocks with their prices and changes.

AMERICAN STOCK EXCHANGE

Table of American Stock Exchange data including major indices, market summary, and a list of individual stocks with their prices and changes.

MARKETS

CLOSING FUTURES

Table with columns: Commodity, High, Low, Open, Change. Includes items like Corn, Soybeans, Wheat, and various livestock futures.

CORN

Table with columns: Month, Price, Change. Lists corn futures for various months from Jan to Dec.

SUGAR

Table with columns: Month, Price, Change. Lists sugar futures for various months from Jan to Dec.

LIVESTOCK

Table with columns: Commodity, Price, Change. Lists livestock futures including cattle, hogs, and sheep.

FOSSIL FUELS

Table with columns: Commodity, Price, Change. Lists fossil fuel futures including oil, natural gas, and heating oil.

BEANS

Table with columns: Commodity, Price, Change. Lists bean futures for various months from Jan to Dec.

GRAINS

Table with columns: Commodity, Price, Change. Lists grain futures including wheat, corn, and soybeans.

WHEAT

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CHEESE

Table with columns: Commodity, Price, Change. Lists cheese futures for various months from Jan to Dec.

POTATOES/ONIONS

Table with columns: Commodity, Price, Change. Lists potato and onion futures for various months from Jan to Dec.

NEW YORK

Table with columns: Commodity, Price, Change. Lists New York market data for various commodities.

CHICAGO

Table with columns: Commodity, Price, Change. Lists Chicago market data for various commodities.

INDIANAPOLIS

Table with columns: Commodity, Price, Change. Lists Indianapolis market data for various commodities.

METALS/CURRENCY

Table with columns: Commodity, Price, Change. Lists metals and currency market data.

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CHICAGO

Table with columns: Commodity, Price, Change. Lists Chicago market data for various commodities.

MUTUAL FUNDS

Table with columns: Fund Name, Price, Change. Lists mutual fund performance data.

Applicants

Continued from C3. Locust Street North will be 117,000 square feet, with a kitchen and bath showroom in the Home Depot square-foot garden center.

Applicants

Continued from C3. Kelly Herbs and Jill Herbs, 814 E. 10th St., Jerome, individual business assets under \$500,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000.

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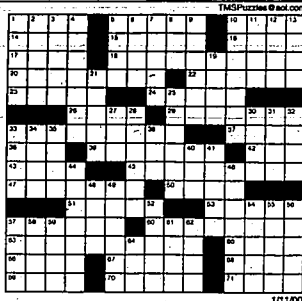
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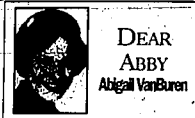
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33 Pastoral poem
34 Triumph
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39 One more time
40 Supplication
41 Troubles
42 Triumph
43 exclamation

Lessons best taught at home intrude on school classrooms

DEAR ABBY: In a recent column, one of your readers recommended that schools add anger management classes to the curriculum.



DEAR ABBY: I am a schoolteacher, and I don't know how we're going to fit any more into our curriculum and do it effectively. We teach drug awareness, tobacco awareness, AIDS education, kids voting, helmet safety and stranger danger, to name a few.

wait to pop the question until the time is right and then offer the ring as a symbol of love and commitment?

He is 42 years old, has never been married and still lives at home with his mother.

She says he could never leave her alone. His mother - a wonderful woman whom I love dearly - is 75 years old, but remains very active and still works 35 hours a week.

She says he has never helped her financially, although he makes a decent living.

I'm beginning to grow weary of waiting for "the right time." What do you think of this situation?

DEAR WIFE-IN-WAITING: Dear Wife-in-Waiting - He has told you directly that he could never leave his mother.

She's in excellent health and, from your description, is vigorous - so you could be "waiting" for this man to get off the dime for a very long time.

If it's marriage you want, it's time to move on and find an eligible man. This one's already taken.

This story of water speed is 'knott' a fib

A seaman threw overboard the end of a line knotted at regular intervals. As it slipped through his fingers, he timed and counted the knots. One knot equaled about 1.15 mph. So four knots would be 4.6 mph, six knots 6.9 mph, etc.

WHAT'S WHAT? L.M. Boyd

Hemingway refused to make speeches? Why? He wouldn't even give his own acceptance speech when he won the Nobel Prize.

Approximately 99 percent of the nation's pumpkins wind up as jack-o'-lanterns.

This comes up because a client asks what people do with them after Halloween.

Depends. Seattle feeds many of them, as you'd expect, to hippopotamuses.

Confused? Today just might be your birthday; Libra: Seek balance

IF JANUARY 11 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You have had a lot of confusion, you've had more than one change of names, you are interested in the mantic arts, including astrology, Taurus, Aquarius, Leo

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): People change their minds about you - don't be too strict in seeking revenge. Obtain 'hint' from Aries message. Steer clear of bibulous individual.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You can have things your way once you discover, "What is my way?" Money will be made available for unique investigation. Cancer native plays role.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): What had tragic implications could turn out to be humorous when reviewed. Maintain balance, seek justice, not miracle. Contact made at social affair proves valuable.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Path is cleared, you're in spotlight, people pay close attention to what you say and do. Another Scorpio attempts to impede progress. Attempt viewed as ridiculous.

stand but love you. Music in your life, dance to your own tune. Libra states, "You've won me over."

LEGAL NOTICE
IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF JEROME

name change
WITNESS my hand and seal of the District Court of Idaho, in and for the County of Jerome, Idaho, this 10th day of December, 1999.

101 LOST & FOUND
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107 ABORTION ALTERNATIVES
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CLERICAL
"Secret" & bookkeeper 733-7300 or 878-4040 PERSONNEL PLUS

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
In accordance with Public Law 96-510, notice is hereby given that a public meeting is planned for 3:00 P.M.

103 DIETARY AIDS
HERBALIFE International products & home employment. Call 733-6999

108 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES
Accidents, divorce, DUI, personal injury, workers' compensation, Rice Law Office, 734-3387

CHILD CARE - 24 hour
Licensed child care, lunches and snacks. Large enclosed yard.

DRILLER'S HELPER
Local drilling is looking for ambitious pool-drillers. Must be able to start building a career!

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
AT 6:00 P.M. Cable Services will be launching the Trinity Broadcasting Network on January 11, 2000.

106 SPECIAL NOTICES
ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS
208-733-8300 & 726-4650

113 CHILD CARE SERVICES
A QUALITY DAYCARE CENTER. Providing care for children of all ages in a caring environment.

ARCHITECT
Architectural firm in Belton has openings for Project Manager & CAD Drafter.

CASINO
CASINO CASHIERS
Ability to work in fast-paced environment and provide great customer service.

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ASHELE ANN HELBERT, Personalty

REMEMBER
That birthday of you placed some time ago in The Times-News? Now is the time to come pick up your pictures.

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Accountants with staff position with fast growing Magic Valley organization.

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ADMISSIVE
Seeking individual to develop Vocational Evaluation program. Current CRC required - OVE endorsed preferred.

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CHILD CARE
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DRIVER
Long haul driver for flat bed. Call 208-543-6126

It's all here! The Times-News Classified Marketplace 733-0931

908 SNOWVEHICLES & EQUIPMENT

E-MAIL your classified ad twined@micron.net JOHN DEERE, TR522 snowblower, 4 hp, 21' clearing width, heavy duty snow. \$300. Call 734-6355

POLARIS - 1994 500, runs excellent. \$600/offer. Call 324-0396

POLARIS - 500 EFI, SLP 800, 1 1/2' track, 5'1400V/cr. Call 324-7826 msg.

POLARIS - '84 Indyl Trail 400, 80 YAMAHA 440 exceler, 80 YAMAHA exceler or 340, a place trailer, best offer. 438-8510

POLARIS - 2-340's, 1977 & 1978, both run great, mechanically sound, best offers. 420-7044.

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P.W. GOLF COURSE MEMBERSHIP, \$2,000. Incl. 2000 dues or \$2000 without. Call 423-4345

SKIS-1 pair. OLIN, New color, Blue & Red. \$275. 734-5841

YAKIMA RACK for Toyota Tacoma with 5th wheel rack, best offer. \$225 824-8008

910 TRAVEL TRAILERS

6TH WHEEL-32' very nice. All working amenities, roomy & clean. Must see. \$3300. 735-2328

COUNTRY AIR, 1978 35' 5th wheel, \$3000 or best offer. Call 208-736-0622

TRIT COMPANION - 1990, 34' x 6' with 5th wheel, \$8,000. Call 734-5927

LAYTON '90 travel trailer, 26ft. 5th wheel, great condition. Call 735-1892

SEE THE BEST Bargains in the Magic Valley for New & Used CARS & PARTS

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1002 AUTO PARTS & ACCESSORIES

ENGINE Used 350 Chevy, \$450 w/ warranty. Call 732-6012

MISC. AUTO & BODY parts for Sale. Ford & Chevy. 1-17-44, 10' steel flat bed. Call Curt 537-6694 after 7pm

1006 SEMI & HEAVY EQUIPMENT

BOOM LIFT, JLG 47' 2 man, gas/propane, All terrain. Good cond. \$6900. 863-0061

CASE 1991 580 SuperK, 4x4, 0-tops, oxtending, 222,500, 1970 8448 and 545 Fiat Allis, choice \$19,500. Michigan 1758, 5 yr, 52,150. Hyter 3 axle, 50 ton load, including buy, manual, good condition, \$7500. Several other backhoes. Call 237-9688, 602-524-5401.

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CUMMINS 262 engine, dynamo only once rebuilt to new factory specs, complete. \$3500. 863-0061

CUMMINS 400 engine, dynamo only once rebuilt to new factory specs, complete. \$4800. 863-0061

GEN. SET-30 KW, 4 cyl. diesel, 110-220V, 1PH, 50/60 Hz, 100 lbs. Like new \$5500 863-0061

GENERATOR SET-60 KW, Cat 3304 Diesel, 120/240V, 1PH, 50/60 Hz, 100 lbs. Like new \$6500 863-0061

JOHN DEERE 1998 Backhoe, 300E, 4x4, E-Steer, 1998 Walton 28' lift bed trailer, 4x2, 5th wheel, \$53,000/offer 326-2258

PETE, '92 for sale, 379, exc, hood, runs good, new tires & rear ends, nice inside & out, \$40,000 or best offer. Call 733-3514

RAVEN'S - 1999 48' flatbed lift, for sale or lease, 1994 49' Farmed potato lift, Honda or electric unit. Trade for sale or lease. Call for details. Boiler rate on long term lease. Contact Bob 324-7932 leave msg

SPUD TRLR - 1965, 48' Ltr, insulated, new paint, and rollover-trap, exc. shape. Call 536-5923

1007 TRUCKS

CHEVY - 1976 white, 350, 4 cyl, runs awesome. \$1590. Call 524-8394

CHEVY-84 Brigard, short season on new Cat motor & Allison trans, with King bed 208-678-0597

DAKOTA sport '94, Ross Cab, Gray interior, stereo, \$4700. Call 735-2112 dir

FORD F350, ext. cab., short bed, V8, 5 spd, AC, PW, PL, nice interior, white, cruise, receiver & hitch, good cond. \$7200/offer. Call 733-9497

FORD RANGER 1989, 5 spd, V-6, w/camper shell & kits. 95k miles. 733-9959

FORD, F-7000 truck w/2000 gallon tank. Call Rector (John or Randy) 733-5920.

FORD: Ranger, 1987, 2.3 liter 4 cyl, 5 spd, Intra. Must sell: \$1500/offer. Please call 208-436-8606.

Government Auctions www.musick-auction.com 208-939-1777, Eagle, ID

1009 4 X 4'S

BLAZER-'87 S10, rebuilt engine, runs great. \$2695. Call 736-3210

CHEVY '96 SILVADO, 4x4, 5 spd, 100,000 miles, well maintained, new tires, custom wheel, roof liner & cargo. \$19,900. Call 736-3210

CHEVY '97 3/4 ton super cab, 4x4, AT, cruise, New 4500's. Now \$14,977. JULES HARRISON FORD 736-2480

CHEVY-'91 Z71, chrome, loaded, sport, \$7200. Call 734-8644

CHEVY 1994 1/2 ton 4x4, Silverado, loaded with extras, runs, drives, looks great. \$7500. Call 736-7600 or 420-7667

CHEVY CHEYENNE '95, K1500, Standard cab, 4x4, runs great. Call 313-300-7600

CHEVY, 1997, 1 ton, 4x4, dually, 4 dr, 454 engine, lots of extras. \$14,977. JULES HARRISON FORD 736-2480

CHEVY-'95 1/2 Blazer, 4x4, loaded, exc. shape! \$15K below book! 738-5050

DODGE - '97 Dakota XLT, 4x4, runs great. \$17,995. Now \$13,977. JULES HARRISON FORD 736-2480

DODGE - 1992 Dakota, ext cab, L.E. V6, loaded & 4x4. \$7500. 733-3944

FORD '83-'85 Bronco, great condition. Tri axle, full, clean, 1900, 2600, 3500. Call 733-9497

FORD - '99 Ranger ext cab 4x4, V-6. Was \$22,400. Now \$17,977. JULES HARRISON FORD 736-2480

FORD - 1995 F350 power stroke, 4x4, camp, shaper, 4x4, 5 spd, 100,000 miles. Call 736-8860 or 731-4450.

FORD - 1996 Expedition, Ed Bauer, CD player, exc. cond, loaded, 4x4, 5 spd, \$17,500. Call 536-6406.

FORD EXPLORER Sport '95, 5 spd, exc. cond. 100,000 miles. Call 733-9187

FORD, F-250, '94, diesel, ext. cab, AT, loaded, exc. cond. \$12,500. Call 733-9497

FORD, F-250, '94, EXT. cab, 5 spd, Power stroke, PW, PL, cruise, Ltr pkg, 101k miles, 4x4, 4 spd, 7044 miles of 543-9094

FORD, F-350, 1999, power stroke, 4x4, quad cab, AT, PW, PL, loading, 5th wheel hitch, 50K miles, \$26,900. Call 678-0834

FORD, F-250, '94, 4 door, 4x4, 5 spd, 100,000 miles, \$7,900/offer. Call 654-2742

GMC 1982 Jimmy, V6 AT, AC, Good cond, \$3995. 423-7264. 423-9209

GMC Suburban, 94, 4WD, Loaded, very clean, 130K \$15,400/offer, 678-9236

GMC, 1992 2500, 6 Ton, 101k miles, 4x4, 4 spd, 58800. Call 736-7244

GMC, 1994, ext. cab, 4x4, 27,1 loaded/V8, A/C, \$16,000/offer, 324-8120

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JEEP Cherokee, '85, 2 dr, AC, PW, PL, 84k miles, \$15,000. Call 735-9826

JEEP Cherokee, '85, 2 dr, AC, PW, PL, 84k miles, \$15,000. Call 735-9826

JEEP, CJ3M, 1953, 263 Chev, worn hubs, tow bar, new tires, 2000 lbs. Please call 208-366-2401.

JEEP, Wagion, 1979, 4x4, needs minor work, \$725. Call 934-8514. 934-8510

NISSAN, XE, 1994, ext. cab, chrome pkg, wheels, tires, CD player, low miles. Call 536-9098 winds & leave msg

TOYOTA '89, Ext. Cab, Red, CD player, \$5000/offer. 735-9592

TOYOTA - '98 Rava sport utilities, 4 dr, AT, AC, PS, 24K, immaculate in cond. \$12,900. Call 208-366-2401

TOYOTA - 1986 Tercel wagon, 6 spd, AC, great all around vehicle, \$2500. Call 934-8514. 934-8510

TOYOTA, Tacoma, '95, loaded SR5, dark green, tinted windows, CD play, 4x4, 5 spd, 32,000 miles & leave msg

TOYOTA, Tercel, 1985, 4 wheel dr, AT, real clean, runs good! 208-934-8817.

1010 VAN & BUSES

FORD, '89, ext. Aerostar, AT, rear hatch & air, runs & looks good. \$2750/offer. 432-5673 or 731-9116

MERCURY - '95 Villager, 6 cyl, AT, Was \$14,495 Now \$10,977. JULES HARRISON FORD 736-2480

1020 AUTOS FOR SALE

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BUICK - 1996 Regal, low miles, can't see car. Was \$12,995. Now \$9977. JULES HARRISON FORD 736-2480

BUICK Electra '70, 84K Original mi. Now interior, Very good, \$975. firm. 678-5654.

CADILLAC DEVILLE '90 Silver 4 dr sedan, 1 owner, 121,000, loaded, 5 spd, Very good cond. \$5,500. Call 208-436-5679.

CARS - From \$29/mo All makes! Listings/ptl, Dept 800-819-3326. Call 800-819-3326

CHEVY - '98 Cavalier, auto, cruise, Was \$12,995. Now \$7777. JULES HARRISON FORD 736-2480

CHEVY Malibu, 1998 Must Sell \$10,000/offer. Great cond. Call 734-8644

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EAGLE TALON ES1 '97, 1700 cc, 5 spd, loaded, KBB value \$13,600, 543-8257 OLDS.

FORD '92 Eddie Bauer Explorer, exc. cond, books & records. \$12,900. Call 436-3593, after 6:00 pm, 934-4480.

FORD - 1998 Taurus wagon, 3rd seat, loaded, 100,000 miles, 4 cyl, 5 spd, \$17,995. Now Only \$13,977. JULES HARRISON FORD 736-2480

FORD, Marcor, 1994, 2 dr, Runs good, 5795.00. Can be seen at Doyle's Service, 1030 N. Broadway, 208-338-1100

Geo Metro '91, 4 dr. Great on gas! 2nd owner \$1500/offer 580-0614 ovo

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1099 AUTO DEALERS

FAX YOUR AD

TIMES CLASSIFIED DEPARTMENT 208-734-5538

208-677-4543 (BURLEY)

PRE-AUCTION SALE

THESE LATE MODEL VEHICLES MUST BE SOLD... OR THEY'RE GOING TO THE AUCTION! DEALERS WELCOME!

Table listing various vehicles for sale with details like year, make, model, price, and mileage. Includes items like 1996 Ford Probe, 1995 Ford T-Bird, 1999 Dodge Neon, etc.

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“ I have five children. All of them have been born in different states.”

— Philadelphia Eagles Coach Andy Reid, on the pervasive nature of his profession

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

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 - Hillcrest at Twin Falls
 - Valley at Wood River
 - Declo at Burley Fresh

IN BRIEF

Clear Springs Soccer calls for players

BURL — Sign-ups for the Clear Springs Soccer Association's U-12 and U-15 teams has begun.

Call 837-4746 or 543-5042 for more information and to request a sign-up sheet.

Benefit volleyball tournament set in Burley

BURLEY — The 6th annual Benefit Volleyball Tournament will be held on Friday and Saturday at the Racqueteers Health & Fitness Club.

Profits from this year's tournament will go to the family of 12-year-old Jessica Boehler. The cost is \$120 per team, plus at least one donation per player. Pool play will be followed by a tournament in both "A" and "B" divisions. Call Scott Beck (678-4464) or Trent Ferrin (678-7507) to register.

Elks free throw contest is slated in Burley

BURLEY — The 28th annual Elks Free Throw Shootout will be held next Saturday at 9 a.m. in the Burley Junior High School gym.

The competition is a national free throw shooting contest for boys and girls ages 8-13. Registration begins at 8 a.m. Contestants must be accompanied by a parent or guardian and show proof of age (birth certificate, baptismal certificate, passport, etc.).

Carruth appears again in court on new charge

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Rae Carruth, already facing murder and conspiracy charges, appeared in court Monday on a new charge that he violated a state anti-abortion law by trying to kill his unborn child.

The former Carolina Panthers player told Judge Jerome Leonard at the hearing that he understood the charge. He is to appear in court again Feb. 8.

Carruth, who has hired two lawyers, waived his right to a court-appointed attorney. He is the first active NFL player to be charged with murder.

The 25-year-old wide receiver is in county jail in connection with the Nov. 16 drive-by shooting of Cherica Adams.

Cooperstown calls to Hall hopefuls

Fisk, Perez lead other nominees

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Carlton Fisk hit more home runs than any catcher in history and when he connected for his most famous one of all, Tony Perez got a close-up look.

The former World Series rivals — and one-time teammates — hope to soon be linked again.



Tony Perez, Carlton Fisk
Fisk and Perez are considered the leading candidates for election to the Hall of Fame when

results are announced tonight.

"I'm close," Perez said recently. "I hope this is the year: It would be the greatest thing that happened in my career."

Relievers Goose Gossage and Jeff Reardon and starter Jack Morris lead the list of 14 first-timers on the ballot. Gary Carter, Tommy John and Bruce Sutter also are among the 30 eligible players.

Last year, Nolan Ryan, George Brett and Robin Yount swept into the Hall on their first try, leaving little room for anyone

else to get the required 75 percent in voting by members of the Baseball Writers' Association of America.

This time, with no sure-fire rookies, there's a better chance for holdover hopefuls such as Fisk and Perez. But this might be their best opportunity for awhile — next year, Kirby Puckett, Dave Winfield, Lou Whitaker, Don Mattingly and Dave Stewart become eligible.

"This is the ninth time I've been in the voting, and every year is the same," Perez said.

"I'm not getting too anxious. You get used to waiting after waiting so many years."

The Veterans Committee will hold its vote on Feb. 29 in Tampa, Fla. Former manager Sparky Anderson and longtime Minnesota star Tony Oliva will be considered by the panel for the first time.

Induction ceremonies will be July 23 at Cooperstown, N.Y. The annual Hall of Fame game will be played the next day, matching

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Wacky NEL stays put during the playoff season

The Associated Press

Here's why the NFL playoffs are as wacky as the 1999 season:

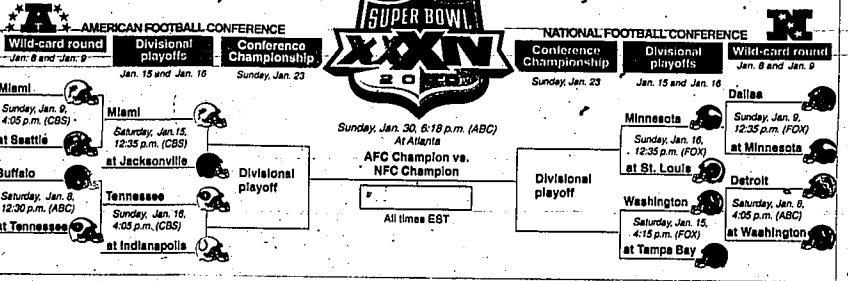
Dan Marino's 16 postseason starts are more than the combined starts of the quarterbacks remaining in the playoffs.

• Jacksonville's Mark Brunell is second with six. Brad Johnson and Jeff George have two each, Steve McNair has one (Saturday) and Peyton Manning, Kurt Warner and Shaun King will be making their first starts.

• Guess what?

The teams quarterbacked by Manning, Warner and King are heavy favorites this week as the Super Bowl sweepstakes move to the second round.

The road to Super Bowl XXXIV



Miami (10-7)

Jacksonville's only losses this year were to Tennessee, and they were to Tennessee, and they were to Tennessee. Miami has beaten the Titans if Seattle had played Miami. So while the Dolphins played Sunday as they had in their 7-1 start and not their 2-6 finish, this matchup would seem to be a relief for the Jaguars.

San Jacksonville will lead Tony Boselli and Brett will play with a bad knee, meaning he won't be as mobile as usual behind an offensive line that's without the NFL's best tackle. Miami's defense, seemingly worn down in the waning weeks of the regular season, had six sacks in Seattle on Sunday and held the

Seahawks to just 171 yards, 32 in the second half.

That makes Fred Taylor, he of the hamstring problems, the most important Jaguar. Without Boselli, he'll have to work harder. But if he succeeds, he can keep the pressure off Brunell long enough for him to find Keenan McCardell and Jimmy Smith.

The Miami offense will run and run and run — it even ran Sunday on a couple of third-and-5s. It ran so much it ended up giving Marino time to make three big plays on the winning drive.

How to sort this out? The best line on the game comes from the

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James gives Colts the offensive 'Edge'

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Edgerrin James gave the Indianapolis Colts the edge this season. In doing so, he was a near-unanimous choice as The Associated Press' NFL Offensive Rookie of the Year.

James, the fourth overall pick in last April's draft, rewarded the Colts' faith with an All-Pro year.

The running back from the University of Miami known as "The Edge" rushed for 1,552 yards and 13 touchdowns. He



Edgerrin James

also caught 62 passes for 586 yards and four scores.

Only Marshall Faulk, who was dealt by the Colts to the Rams last spring to make room for James, had more total yardage.

Such impressive numbers, plus serving as a

catalyst in the Colts' record turnaround from 3-13 to 13-3, earned James 49 of the 50 votes from a nationwide panel of media members in balloting announced Monday.

"What happened to the other one vote?" James said with a laugh. "It should have been 50."

Cleveland Browns receiver Kevin Johnson got the other vote.

"I said, for myself, I want to make my mark in the NFL," James said. "This is the highest

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Duncan's 46 points propel Spurs past the Utah Jazz

The Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — Tim Duncan scored a career-high 46 points to lead the San Antonio Spurs to a 93-86 victory over the Utah Jazz, and back into first place in the NBA's Midwest Division.

The Spurs, who now lead the Jazz by a half game, had only two players in double figures as Terry Porter added 16 points.

Duncan, who also pulled down 14 rebounds, was 16-of-28 from the floor and 14-of-16 at the free throw line as he topped his previous career-high of 42 points.

Karl Malone scored 23 points to lead Utah. Howard Easley added 16 and Bryon Russell had 15.

Utah closed the third quarter with a 10-2 run capped by Easley's 3-point field goal with 46 seconds remaining that gave the Jazz a 68-59 lead going into the fourth.

NBA

Trailing 70-61 after a dunk by Greg Ostertag, San Antonio rallied with a 17-4 run, capped by a breakout dunk by Antonio Daniels with 6:11 to play.

With Duncan dominating in the low post, San Antonio stretched its advantage to 84-78 on Duncan's jump shot with 1:56 to play.

Two free throws by John Stockton brought Utah to 84-82 with 1:13 remaining.

Porter put the game away for San Antonio with consecutive 3-pointers in the final 51.1 seconds. His second gave San Antonio a 90-84 lead with 16.9 seconds to play.

Utah scored its final eight points at the free throw line, with Malone connecting on a pair to bring the Jazz to within 90-86 with 10.8 seconds remaining.

Porter and Duncan answered with three free throws in the final 10.3 seconds to seal the victory.

Duncan had 14 of San Antonio's 20 second quarter points as the two teams played to a 41-41 halftime tie.

Grizzlies 112, Celtics 103

BOSTON — Mike Bibby scored 33 points and Othella Harrington had 27, both career highs, as Vancouver ended a successful roadtrip with a win over Boston.

Vancouver, which has the NBA's third worst record, was 4-1 away from home and evened its record under interim coach Lionel Hollins at 6-5. The Grizzlies were 4-18 before Brian Hill was fired.

Michael Dickerson added 16 points for Vancouver. Boston was led by Paul Pierce with 23 points.

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San Antonio Spurs center Tim Duncan grabs a rebound in front of teammate Malik Rose and Utah Jazz center Oden Polynice, right, Monday during the first half in the Alamodome in San Antonio. The Spurs won 93-86.

He just keeps going and going: Woods' streak hits five

The Associated Press

KAPALUA, Hawaii — Five down, six to go.

Golf's longest winning streak, for years thought to be unapproachable, crept closer into view Sunday in the Mercedes Championship, the start of a new season on the PGA Tour that had a familiar ring.

Tiger Woods won again.

"Winning is kind of a habit for him right now," said Ernie Els, the two-time U.S. Open champion who matched Woods' eagle-for-eagle, birdie-for-birdie until the world's No. 1 player finished him off on the second hole of a playoff.

What better setting for Woods to extend his longest winning streak in 46 years. Maui is renowned for its monster waves, and Woods could be riding this one toward a place in history.

Not since Ben Hogan in 1953 has a player won the six straight tournaments. When Woods tears it

Woods Joins elite company

Tiger Woods won his fifth consecutive tournament when he captured the Mercedes Championships.

Most consecutive wins

Year	Player	Wins
1945	Byron Nelson	11
1948	Ben Hogan	6
1999-00	Tiger Woods	5

The streak

Tournament	Score	Total	Earnings
• NEC Invitational	66-71-62-71	270	10-Under \$1,000,000
• National Car Rental Golf Classic	66-66-66-73	271	17-Under 450,000
• The Tour Championship	67-66-67-69	269	15-Under 900,000
• American Express Championship	71-69-70-68	278	8-Under 1,000,000
• Mercedes Championships	71-66-71-68	276	16-Under 522,000

Source: PGA Tour



in 1948.

The ultimate prize? Byron Nelson's record of 11 consecutive

victories in 1945, the one record in golf deemed even more unapproachable than Jack Nicklaus' 18 professional majors.

"I believe someone can do it," Woods said before the tournament. "You need luck. But you also need to play well. In that stretch, I'm sure he didn't win every tournament. I'm sure somebody probably gave him a tournament or two here and there, which you're probably going to need to have happen."

That wasn't the case on the windy Plantation Course at Kapalua, where Woods and Els staged one of the most dramatic duels in years.

Tied for the lead at the start of the final round, neither player led by more than one stroke during the final 20 holes. Both made an eagle on the final hole in regulation, both made birdies on the first sudden-death hole.

Woods finally won with a birdie putt on the next hole, No. 1, by dropping a putt only he

thought he could make — 40 feet, down the hill but into the grain with 2 1/2 feet of break.

"If you believe in something so hard, for some reason it only happens when you're in a crunch situation, when all the pressure is there," Woods said. "If you truly believe that you can make the putt, you can make the stroke, the ball will go in."

It did, and Woods picked up right where he left off seven weeks ago.

In Spain, under floodlights the second week of November, he made a 15-foot birdie putt on the first extra hole to beat hometown favorite Miguel Angel Jimenez. Under cloudy skies on the hilly terrain above the Pacific Ocean, Woods was just as impressive.

Woods came from eight strokes behind to catch Els — and then beat him in a playoff — in the Johnnie Walker Classic in Thailand two years ago, and he outlasted him again in the Disney

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UConn recovers from loss, upends Longhorns 77-67

Big-time freshman enters WSU

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — Albert Mouring was perfect from long range as Connecticut built a 17-point lead, then Khalid El-Amin made the big plays down the stretch as the fifth-ranked Huskies beat No. 15 Texas 77-57 Monday night.

The Huskies (12-2) were making their first appearance at the Hartford Civic Center since losing there last Wednesday to Notre Dame, a loss that dropped them three spots in the Top 25.

With Mouring having a second good game from 3-point range — he went 4-for-5 in Saturday's win at Pittsburgh — Connecticut built a 56-30 lead with 12:35 to play in the very physical game that featured a lot of whistles and little action.

Mouring's fifth 3 in as many attempts gave the Huskies their biggest lead and it seemed they would coast to the win.

But the Longhorns (9-4) went on a 15-3 run as Connecticut scored once in 11 possessions and were within 59-54, with 4:46 left on two free throws by Ivan Wagner.

That's when El-Amin, the point guard who led Connecticut to the

NCAA Top 25

national championship last season, took over and was responsible for scores on the next three possessions.

He found freshman Tony Robertson on the break for a layup that made it 61-54. After Chris Mihm scored for Texas, El-Amin and Connecticut center Jake Voskuhl worked a nice screen and roll play that saw the big man dunk for a 63-56 lead.

Texas again answered on a hook shot by Mihm, but El-Amin extended the lead by working the same screen and roll with Voskuhl only this time the guard didn't pass to the center and instead nailed a 3-pointer for a 65-58 lead with 3:01 to play.

The Longhorns got within 71-67 on a 3-pointer by Wagner with 25 seconds left but Mouring and Edmund Saunders each made two free throws and Saunders scored on a layup after a steal by El-Amin for the final margin.

Mouring finished with 21

points, one off his career high, while El-Amin had 14 points and eight assists. Voskuhl had nine points and 11 rebounds in his matchup with Mihm, which drew 22 NBA scouts.

Mihm finished with 18 points and 10 rebounds, scoring eight points over the final six minutes. Gabe Muneke and Darren Kelly each added 12 points for Texas.

Texas, which shot 33 percent (24-72), really hurt itself at the free throw line, going 13-for-25 as it had a three-game winning streak snapped.

Connecticut shot 44 percent (23-for-54) and led by Mouring's 3-for-6, went 6-for-10 from 3-point range.

Women's Top 25

No. 2 Tennessee 79, Arkansas 69

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Tennessee needed a halftime pep talk to shake off the effects of Saturday's loss to rival Connecticut, but regained form in time to avoid

another defeat. After suffering through a sub-par first-half performance against unranked Arkansas, the No. 2 Lady Vols used a superb second-half effort to rally for a 79-69 win Monday night.

Kara Lawson scored a career-high 25 points and Michelle Williams added 24 to lead the Lady Vols, who earned the school's 800th victory.

Tennessee (12-2, 2-0 Southeastern Conference) rebounded from the loss to No. 1 Connecticut despite a poor first-half performance that left it trailing by 13 points at halftime. Arkansas (9-4, 0-1) was led by Wendi Willis with 16 points.

No. 4 Louisiana Tech 90, South Alabama 33

RUSTON, La. — It was a milestone for Barmore as happy to win, and happy to put behind him — his 500th victory as a head coach.

Barmore became the 15th women's college basketball coach to reach the mark as No. 4

Louisiana Tech romped past South Alabama 90-33 Monday night.

Barmore is in his 18th season at Tech and has a career record of 500-76.

Tamicha Jackson scored 17 points, Betty Lennox had 15 and Shaquai Massey 10 for Tech (11-2, 2-0 Sun Belt).

Taneshia Russell led South Alabama (5-7, 0-1) with 10.

No. 6 Penn State 82, Minnesota 30

MINNEAPOLIS — It was domination from beginning to end for Penn State in its 82-30 pasting of Minnesota. But at least one player thinks the Nittany Lions still can play much better basketball.

Andrea Garner scored 22 points to lead the sixth-ranked Nittany Lions to their ninth straight win heading into Thursday's Big Ten showdown with Illinois at Penn State.

"We're coming into our own, we're very focused," Garner said. "But we haven't hit our stride. I hope that comes at the end."

PULLMAN, Wash. (AP) — Heralded freshman Marcus Moore has enrolled at Washington State and started practicing with the depleted basketball team, the school said Monday.

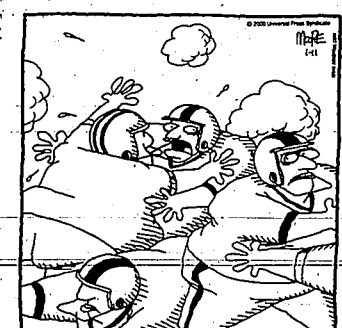
Moore, a guard who was recruited by some 100 colleges, practiced Monday afternoon.

Despite a heavy toll from injuries and a defection, coach Paul Graham was not sure whether he would play Moore this season.

"You don't know what kind of shape a guy is in or how long it will take to lose a lot of offense and defense, so we're going to hold off on making any decision on Marcus for now," Graham said. "On the other hand, if it looks like a week or two of practice is enough for Marcus to get his ball win some games, then we have to consider playing him," Graham added.

SCORES AND STATS

IN THE BLEACHERS By Steve Moore



"Once, just once, I'd like to come to work and not have to deal with all the pushing and shoving and people constantly dragging each other down."

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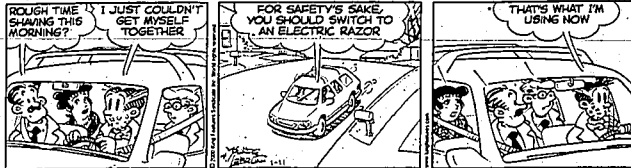
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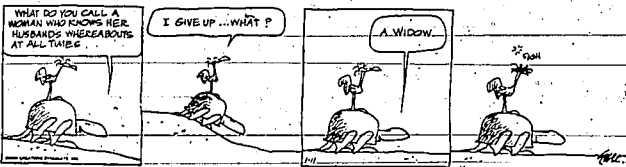
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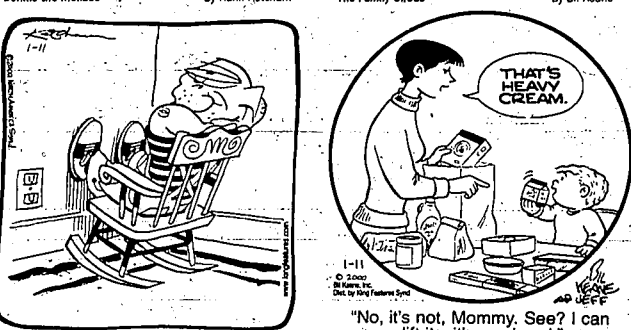


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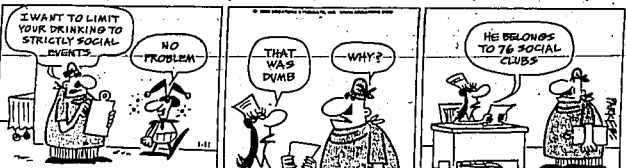
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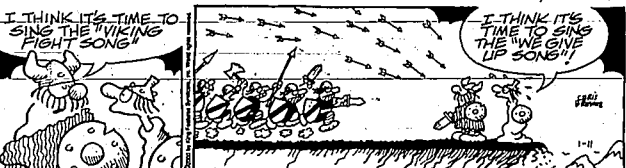
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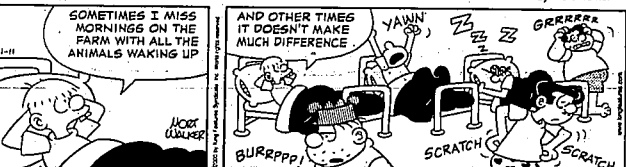
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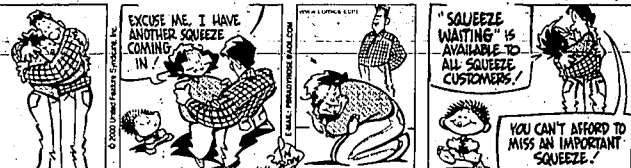


"Boy, this millennium sure is goin' by a lot slower than the last one."

"No, it's not, Mommy. See? I can lift it with one hand."

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