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Residents voice support

Officials agree bridge idea has merit, question if money will be available

By John T. Huddy
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - A new Snake River Canyon crossing sounds like a good idea, but the public needs to get more involved before the project goes any further, officials and residents agreed Monday night.
"I feel optimistic about what I've heard tonight, but I'd like to know about how people feel about something like this coming," Twin Falls City Councilman

Lance Clow said.
Clow joined a group of more than 30 other residents and officials at a public meeting to discuss a proposed alternative bridge crossing.
W & H Pacific of Oregon for more than a year has been studying what a new bridge crossing would mean to the Magic Valley.

The consulting firm, hired by the Idaho Transportation Department, has hosted a series of public meetings to discuss recent findings, which include public surveys and bridge crossing cost estimates.
Monday's meeting was the fourth public hearing so far. Using the survey results and

public comment, the transportation department and W & H Pacific screened crossing alternatives and narrowed 12 bridge site options, with three top choices and nine feasible routes.
Consultants have suggested a bridge crossing at 2400 East near Filer in Twin Falls County. The bridge, at more than \$70 million, would connect with 300 West on the canyon's Jerome County side, and could connect with an alter-

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CROSSING COLLISION



Idaho State Police Trooper S.L. Walker, left, and Sgt. Doug McFall confer while investigating a collision between a pickup and an Eastern Idaho Railroad locomotive on Idaho Highway 93 in Jerome County. Marshall Worthington was southbound Monday afternoon when he smashed into the train. Worthington escaped with minor injuries.

Train, truck collide near Jerome

By Brian Haynes
Times-News writer

JEROME - A Burley man escaped serious injury Monday afternoon when his pickup slammed into an oncoming train north of the Perrine Bridge.
The impact was so hard that the truck's front bumper and grill struck to the locomotive and had to be pulled off with a tow truck wrench.
The driver, 29-year-old Marshall Worthington, was in surgery Monday evening at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. His condition was not available. State troopers said he was conscious and talking after the crash, and an Idaho State Police news release said he suffered minor injuries.

"This guy is very lucky," ISP Sgt. Doug McFall said.
Worthington, who was not wearing a seat belt, was southbound on U.S. Highway 93 and didn't stop when the eastbound train approached the crossing just north of the Petro 2 truck stop in Jerome County, McFall said.
The train, which consisted of two engines and two empty cars, was moving between 20 mph and 25 mph when it smashed the front right side of Worthington's Ford F250 pickup truck, he said.
Witnesses said the signal lights were working, and the cause of the crash had not been determined, McFall said.
No citations were immediately issued, but the crash was under investigation.

Monday's crash was the third train vs. truck crash in recent years at the Barrymore Crossing.
In February 1998 a man escaped serious injury after his pickup collided with a train. The man was pulling another truck on a flatbed trailer, and he couldn't stop his truck before it hit the train.
Four months before that, two men suffered minor injuries when their pickup rammed a train. The driver during that crash said the bright sun blocked his view of the flashing red lights and he didn't see the train until moments before the collision.
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Crossing safety

- In 1998, there were 27 accidents at Idaho railroad crossings.
 - These railroad crossing safety tips can help prevent accidents.
 - Expect a train on the track at any time.
 - Never race a train to the crossing.
 - Be aware trains cannot stop quickly.
 - Slow down at unposted crossings and look both ways.
 - Listen closely for trains at crossings.
 - If your vehicle stalls on the tracks, get out and call for help.
- Source: Operation Lifesaver and Idaho State Police

New Hampshire voters want to get it right today

Small state welcomes presidential primary's media frenzy, money



Republican presidential candidate Texas Gov. George W. Bush flips a pancake during the Presidential Pancake Flip in Manchester, N.H., Monday. Bush scored a 9.7 during the contest sponsored by Blaquick.

Los Angeles Times
MANCHESTER, N.H. - It was snowing Monday morning, so John Kubit took his 12-year-old white Toyota, which runs in any weather, picked up his grandson and headed to the New Hampshire Primary Pancake Flip for one last, good look at the presidential field.
"He got one last, good look all right, but not at the presidential field. Standing between this retired mail carrier and the men who would be president was a blockade of television cameras, boom mikes, bright lights and damp reporters five deep.
"Early on, you can actually go up and see the candidates and hear them and almost touch

2000 ELECTION

A profile of New Hampshire

The state's demographics on the eve of the presidential primary.

Total population, 1999 1.2 million (42nd in nation)	...mostly white Population, by race or ethnic group White 98% African-American 0.6% Others 1.4%	...and mostly white collar Employment distribution Trade 26% Service 30% Manufacturing 17.7% Government 13.5% Other 12.8%
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Political landscape
Registered voters, by party
Republican 36%
Democrat 27%
Independent 36%

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Bill takes aim at escapees

Lawmakers consider tightening loophole in work-release

By Michael Journe
Times-News writer

BOISE - One man got took advantage of the relative freedom of the work-release program in Jerome County prompted lawmakers to introduce a bill to tighten a possible legal loophole.

While finishing a sentence for possession of a controlled substance, a Jerome County man left his assigned work site in Twin Falls last year, opting to leave the site with his wife instead of his parole officer. About a week later he was found in a Rupert hotel with his wife.
When Jerome County Prosecutor John Lothspeich tried to prosecute the man for the escape, his defense lawyer argued that his client was not under direct supervision by law enforcement authorities at his work-release job and therefore not in their custody. The man had not technically escaped as the term is defined in Idaho law, the lawyer argued.
The judge in the case disagreed and the man was convicted of escaping. But the experience left an impression on Lothspeich. He encouraged Rep. Maxine Bell, R-Jerome, to present a bill explicitly stating that a person who absconds from a work-release work site has indeed escaped.
The bill was presented Monday to the House Judiciary and Rules committee and received swift approval to be printed and debated at a later date.
"I wanted the legislature to know this could have widespread effects," said Lothspeich. Most Idaho counties have similar programs and could end up on the losing end of a judge's interpretation of the law without stronger clarification.
Though Twin Falls County Prosecutor Grant Loebis said he favors any law that strengthens his office's ability to prosecute someone for the misdemeanor of escaping custody, he said this particular law has never given him much trouble in the past.
"We prosecuted some who've walked away from a work-release work site," said Loebis.

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U.S. sets a record for growth

Knight Ridder News Service
It's not a national holiday, but this is a historic date for the United States.
Beginning today, the U.S. economy has been growing for 107 consecutive months. It's the longest period of uninterrupted growth in the nation's history, besting a 106-month run in the 1960s.
No one saw this boundless period of prosperity coming, and no one can say precisely why it has lasted this long.
But economists agree on one point: It won't end soon.
"The question really boils down to whether it's the end of a new economy," said David Densova, a University of Florida professor.
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THE REGION

Camas Prairie

High: 35 Low: 20
Snow, possibly heavy, could turn to rain by afternoon. Snow probable tonight and tomorrow.

Treasure Valley

High: 47 Low: 35
Rain likely and breezy. Rain probable tonight and Wednesday.

Sawtooth Mountains/Wood River Valley

High: 32 Low: 14
Mostly cloudy with a chance of showers for snow. Snow level rising above 5500 feet.

Eastern Idaho

High: 31 Low: 14
Mostly cloudy with slight chance of snow in afternoon. Same for tonight and Wednesday.

Northern Idaho

High: 38 Low: 28
Snow changing to rain. Scattered showers changing back to snow tonight. Same tomorrow.

Northern Utah

High: 38 Low: 28
Mostly cloudy today and tonight. Partly cloudy and breezy Wednesday.

Northern Nevada

High: 40 Low: 30
Mostly cloudy today and tonight. Small chance of rain tomorrow.

MAGIC VALLEY FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
High: 42 Low: 33 Increasing clouds with slight chance of rain.	High: 44 Low: 34 Rain probable.	High: 30s Low: 20s Windy, chance of snow.	High: 30 Low: teens Partly cloudy.	High: 30 Low: teens Partly cloudy.

Idaho weather

Tuesday, Feb. 1
AccuWeather forecast for daytime conditions, high/low

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National weather

The AccuWeather forecast for noon, Tuesday, Feb. 1

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Minimal
Burn time: 60 minutes

ROAD INFORMATION

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

SKYWATCH

Sunset today 5:53 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow 7:50 a.m.
Lunar phase: New, Feb. 5; first quarter, Feb. 12; full, Feb. 19; last quarter, Feb. 26.

ACROSS THE NATION

Idaho: Moist air continues to flow into the state from the Pacific. Satellite pictures indicate additional clouds and moisture off the west coast to bring more rain or snow to the state during the next few days.

Light snow fell during the early afternoon Monday in the lower Snake River plain near Pocatello and in the southeast highlands near Malad and Soda Springs. Flurries were also reported in the vicinities of McCall and Lewiston. Due to the dry, fluffy, nature of the snowfall, accumulated moisture ranged from trace amounts to only a few hundredths inch.

Breezy scattered snow showers fell on the Northeast and Appalachians Monday as the remnants of a winter storm moved out to sea.

Snow fell across Maine, southeastern New York, southwestern Pennsylvania, southern West Virginia and eastern Kentucky.

A cold front zipping across the western Great Lakes produced clouds and a few stray flurries over Wisconsin and Michigan as the front moved into the Ohio Valley.

— The Associated Press

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER

Twin Falls	Precipitation
Yesterday 35 23	Yesterday in Twin Falls .22
Last year 37 18	Month to date 1.22
Normal 39 20	Normal mo. to date: 1.08
	Year to date: 2.08
	Normal year to date: 4.22

Idaho

City	Max	Min	Pcp
Boise	42	30	.04
Burley	38	m	m
Coeur d'Alene	30	16	m
Grangeville	m	m	m
Hagerman	m	m	m
Idaho Falls	21	3	m
Lewiston	41	32	tr.
Malad	m	m	m
Malden	17	3	.05
Pocatello	32	13	m
Salmon	14	-6	m
Stanley	14	-3	m
Sun Valley	m	m	m

Highs/Lows

Idaho: High, 42 degrees at Boise. Low, 4 degrees at Salmon. Nation: High, 81 at Pembroke Pines, Fla. Low, -30 at West Yellowstone, Mont.

The Nation

City	Max	Min	Pcp
Albuquerque	44	18	0.09
Anchorage	22	18	0.09
Atlanta	39	27	0.21
Boston	38	32	0.21
Chicago	34	20	0.04
Dallas	54	30	0.04
Denver	47	17	0.04
Des Moines	30	7	0.04
Detroit	31	19	0.04
Honolulu	83	73	0.04
Houston	58	41	0.01
Indianapolis	35	22	0.01
Kansas City	20	11	0.01
Las Vegas	63	47	0.01
Los Angeles	36	21	0.01
Miami Beach	79	62	0.01
Milwaukee	35	20	0.01
Minneapolis	29	7	0.01
New Orleans	52	39	0.01
New York	48	35	0.01
Oklahoma City	42	20	0.01
Omaha	36	8	0.01
Phoenix	44	23	0.01
Pittsburgh	28	21	0.01
Portland, Me.	37	26	0.01
Portland, Ore.	44	34	0.01
Reno	42	33	0.01
St. Louis	34	17	0.01
San Diego	55	36	0.01
San Francisco	55	38	0.01
Seattle	50	38	0.01
Shreveport	31	14	0.01
Washington	39	24	0.01
Yuma	70	54	0.01

Canadian Cities

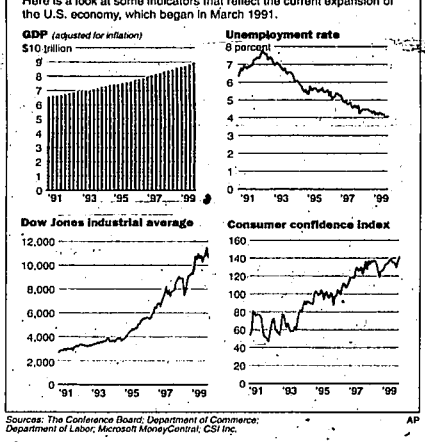
City	High	Low	Pcp
Montreal	28	0	tr.
Toronto	31	21	0.01
Vancouver	47	37	0.01

Bridge

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...ate route that would skirt Twin Falls.
Goals for the bridge include reducing congestion on Twin Falls' Blue Lakes Boulevard and providing safe alternatives for north-south traffic while preserving farmland and residential areas.
Other options, all several miles west of the Perrine Bridge, would cost \$67 million to \$100 million. But the bridge still faces obstacles, including it's hefty price tag and possible significant environmental effects on the canyon.
The money is not there to support the project right now, project manager Andy Mortensen said, nor is another bridge needed at this time.
The Perrine Bridge is not expected to exceed traffic capacity until well beyond 2020 and the Perrine's structural capacity should last another 50 years before any major rehabilitation would be required, Mortensen said.
But he encouraged residents and officials at Monday's meeting to see what money is available for project. There could be a need for another bridge in the future, he said.
Some residents have questioned whether the bridge plan would have anything to do with the state's plan for a U.S.

Highway 93 alternate route. That plan would transform 2400 East and most of Pole Line Road into a four-lane highway to send traffic around the heart of Twin Falls, easing traffic on Blue Lakes.
The proposed bridge would connect with 2400 East, but the projects aren't related, Transportation Department project manager Bob Humphrey said. More than \$28 million has already been set aside for Pole Line Road's expansion.
Gary Blick, a member of the transportation department board of directors from Castleford, said the plans will probably become more expensive and difficult.
But Blick encouraged residents to remain optimistic.
"I realize that the money is not available, but I think we need to have a positive attitude to get the ball rolling," Blick said. "I hate to see a pessimistic attitude."
Mortensen said if money can be raised to support the project, then the next step is to do an environmental study, which could take more than six months and \$1 million to complete.
Humphrey said the transportation department would pay for the study.
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Unprecedented expansion



Boom

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...get inflation," said Mark Vitner, an First Union economist. "We haven't."
When economists measure growth, they count gross domestic product, or GDP. It's the output produced and the income earned within the United States. U.S. GDP is about \$9 trillion annually.
When GDP shrinks, the economy no longer is growing. A recession is defined as two consecutive quarters during which the economy shrinks.
The last long expansion ended when the Vietnam War escalated. This expansion began at the end of the Gulf War.
In analyzing current growth, much has been made about the role played by technological change.

Primary

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...spatula and let one fly. Al Kubit could see was the pancake in mid-flight, soaring to the edge of a giant American flag hanging from the ceiling of the National Guard Armory and landing heaven knows where.
"Wheeeeeee!!!" the media scum squealed, as if rub it in.
It is practically a rite of residency that any New Hampshire voter who so desires can shake the hand of a presidential candidate. But in the final chaotic days before the pivotal first primary, New Hampshire turns from charming New England hostess to political circus as reporters stage their quadrennial invasion, taking over towns, knocking over tables and generally stomping all over the electoral field they came to cover.
"Don't mind us, we're just the voters," one angry spectator growled as a reporter shoved past at the flapjack-fest.
And it's not like there wasn't plenty to eat. When Republican hopeful Gary Bauer flipped his pancake with such zeal that he fell off the stage, briefly disappearing behind a fluttering blue curtain. He rebounded unscathed, raising his spatula in victory and giving a big thumbs up.
The final stretch here is open mike time for every stray cause in America - from the tort reformer in the shark suit to the animal rights activists dressed up like big furry pigs, who tag along as candidates carom from stop to stop in a frenzy of last-minute stumping.
But there are certain advantages to all this attention (not the least of which is the \$175 million windfall New Hampshire grossed from the last invading army four years ago). Where else, for example, could te Goyette of Peter's Gals and Tackle Shop get half a dozen reporters to listen to his parking lot discourse on the joys of killing-all-manner-of-large animals? "Everybody's against us

shooting wild animals, but it's all right to abort a baby," he snorted, while the media pack awaited the arrival of the virulently pro-gun Alan Keyes.
Goyette is a large man with a cheery face and a store jammed with the stuffed remains of various creatures he has shot. In the back freezer are caribou steaks, moose steaks and the hind quarters of a bear. On the hors d'oeuvres table are crackers and smoked salmon, which seem oddly mainstream considering what's in the freezer.
Keyes is running late and the store is getting cramped. One of the protest pigs has managed to squeeze in and is standing under a moose head. Bill and April Chartier, who haven't quite made up their minds, are on hand to survey the candidate stock again, which seems to be getting harder by the minute.
Living at the center of a political swarm is a decidedly mixed blessing. As Keyes climbs atop a stool to assert the rights of every American, over every kind of gun, Goyette is fairly beavering, his store jam-packed with people and his mug a candidate for the nightly news.
The Chartiers, on the other hand, are squished up against a glass case full of ammo.
"It drives up the New Hampshire economy. It's not as important as skiing, but it's almost up there with the fall foliage," Chartier brags, as a photographer nervously steps on his toe.
Still, New Hampshire voters are nothing if not persevering. Many of them will stand in line two hours for one last look in a candidate's eye, one final question that might tip the scales.
They spend the weekend boning up on presidential politics, like college students cramming for finals.
Connie Silver, a pastor's wife from Manchester, may be one of a handful of voters in America who actually read Steve Forbes' campaign tome.

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WILD CARD
5 9 14 20-29
WILD CARD ACE OF DIAMONDS

MONDAY, JANUARY 31 NUMBERS
FAST
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Weather, computers delay launch

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Computer trouble and bad weather forced NASA on Monday to delay the launch of space shuttle Endeavour on a quest to create the most accurate map of Earth ever produced.

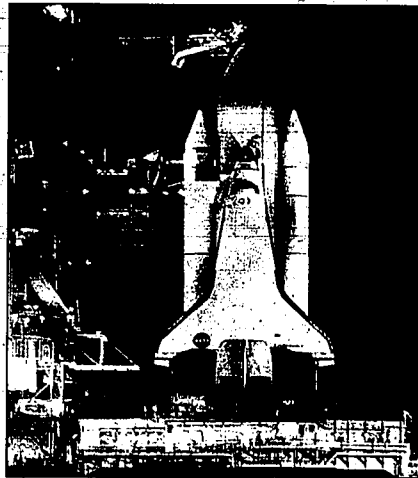
Launch managers said they would try again today, but only if the computer problem can be solved quickly. Liftoff time would be 12:44 p.m.

"If we don't understand it to the point where we know we are safe ... then we will not launch," shuttle program manager Ron Dittemore said.

"We can always take the time to change out the box," Dittemore said the launch would have to be delayed a week in order to replace the computerized unit, called a master events controller.

It is a critical component. Two identical controllers are on board, and both are needed to send signals to ignite the two solid rocket boosters at liftoff and to later separate the boosters and external tank from the shuttle.

The mission is already four



The space shuttle Endeavour sits partially bathed in xenon lights Monday hours after the scheduled launch was scrubbed.

months late because of damaged wiring that had to be fixed on Endeavour and the other shuttles.

Disputes rage over Indian land

BIG MOUNTAIN, Ariz. (AP) — The feud has festered for more than a century. Lawsuits were filed, agreements worked out, deadlines set and ignored. And still the battle rages between Hopi and Navajo Indians over a desolate piece of earth both consider their own.

Today marks a turning point in the dispute: On paper, it is the day the government can begin eviction proceedings against about a dozen Navajo families who refuse to leave the land or sign a lease with the Hopis to allow them to stay.

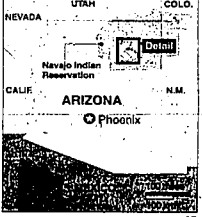
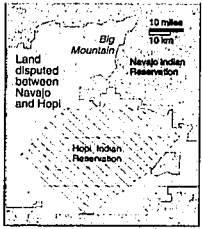
To a Navajo elder considered a trespasser on the pastures she calls home, it is a day of dread. To a Hopi rancher harassed for grazing cattle on land that is legally his, it is a day of hope but also skepticism.

To their tribal leaders, it is a day that could finally mark the beginning of the end to a dispute that has divided a place and its people.

"We just want it to be over with," said Eugene Koye, Hopi tribal spokesman. "It's time to move on."

The dispute involves 1.8 million acres in the high desert of northeastern Arizona, a land of mystical magenta canyons and rustling juniper on gently sloping mesas.

Back in the 1800s, Congress



the Navajo tribe began growing. Congress expanded its territory, until it completely surrounded the Hopi reservation. Eventually, the Hopi were forced to share two-thirds of their land with the Navajos.

In 1974, Congress divided up the 1.8 million shared acres between the tribes, stranding members of each on the wrong side. The 100 or so Hopis left on Navajo land quickly moved, as did 13,000 Navajos. Hundreds more refused to budge, saying they were tied to the land by heritage and religion.

In 1996 Congress ratified a settlement allowing the remaining Navajos to stay on Hopi land if they signed a 75-year lease granting them three-acre home sites and 10-acre farms. They also had to abide by Hopi laws.

To date, 320 people have signed. About 50 to 70 people continue to refuse.

Come Tuesday, they face eviction proceedings under the agreement, though officials stress no one will be removed from their homes that day. The U.S. attorney's office is handling the eviction process, which — with investigations and court proceedings — could take up to two years.

May Shay, a Navajo elder who has spent nearly all her 74 years on Hopi land, regards the day with sadness.

Jet crashes off California coast

OXNARD, Calif. (AP) — An Alaska Airlines jet carrying 65 passengers and five crew members from Mexico to San Francisco crashed Monday in the Pacific Ocean after reporting mechanical difficulties.

Flight 261 from Puerto Vallarta was reported down 20 miles northwest of the Los Angeles airport about 3:45 p.m., the Federal Aviation Administration said. The Coast Guard said several bodies were recovered from the site, but there were no reports of survivors.

A large field of debris rolled in big swells off Point Mugu as aircraft and small boats converged on the area just before sunset. Hours later, the high-power lights of commercial squid boats illuminated the darkness as a cutter and small boats continued the search.

"Right now they are searching for survivors," said Coast Guard Lt. Jeanne Reincke.

The plane was an MD-83, part of the MD-80 series aircraft built by McDonnell Douglas, now part of Boeing, said John Thom, a spokesman for Boeing's Douglas aircraft unit. The downed plane was delivered to Alaska Airlines in 1992, Thom said.

The jet's crew had reported mechanical difficulties and asked to land at Los Angeles, said Ron Wilson, a spokesman for the San Francisco airport. The flight was scheduled to continue to Seattle after San Francisco.

"Radar indicates it fell from 17,000 feet and then was lost from radar," Wilson told KRON-TV in San Francisco.

Len Sloper, an Alaska Airlines customer service agent in Los Angeles, said the pilot had reported having problems with the "stabilizer trim" shortly before the plane crashed.

If the pilots were having trouble trimming the horizontal stabilizer, it would mean that they were having difficulty bringing the plane into the proper pitch up or down.

The stabilizer is brought into balance, or "trimmed," by spinning a wheel in the cockpit. When a plane has the proper trim, its nose will fly level, instead of pitching up or down.

Cynthia Emery, FAA flight operations officer in Seattle, confirmed the number of passengers and crew.

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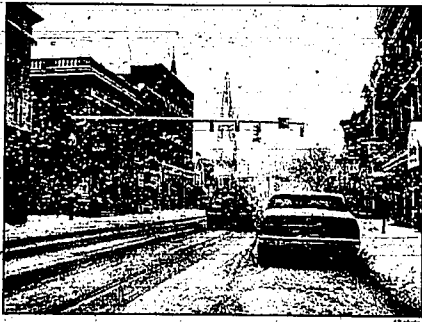
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A winter storm brings heavy snowfall Sunday on U.S. 40 in downtown Frostburg, Md. The second winter storm in a week swept across the state Sunday, bringing six inches of snow to western Maryland and sleet and freezing rain farther east.

Ice storm barrels across East

BALTIMORE (AP) - Tens of thousands of homes still had no electricity today in the aftermath of a storm that spread a heavy glaze of ice on power lines and tree limbs from Georgia to New York. The storm, which headed through New England today on its way out of the country, was blamed for at least 16 deaths on its path across the southern Plains and South and up the East Coast.

New York's Kennedy and LaGuardia airports still reported scattered delays today because of ice around the region.

Only 6 inches of snow fell on

central Maryland on Sunday, but the ice forced the cancellations of dozens of flights at Baltimore-Washington International Airport. Significant flight delays and cancellations also were reported Sunday at Reagan National Airport and Dulles International Airport in northern Virginia's Washington suburbs.

Pennsylvania's General Assembly called off today's sessions because of slippery roads, and schools were closed or opened late from North Carolina to Maine, including 20 of Maryland's 24 school districts.

Governor halts executions, calls for state investigation

CHICAGO (AP) - Gov. George Ryan announced a moratorium on executions Monday, saying he wants to know why more Illinois death sentences have been overturned than carried out.

"There is no margin for error when it comes to putting a person to death," Ryan said at a news conference in which he called for a special panel to study the state's capital punishment system. "Until I can be sure that everyone sentenced to death in Illinois is truly guilty ... no one will meet that fate."

Ryan said the panel will study Illinois' entire capital punishment system and focus on why the cases of 13 death row inmates were overturned.

The governor reiterated that he still believes in the death penalty but said a moratorium was needed until questions about the system are answered. He did

not set any deadlines for the investigation.

Nebraska is the only one of 38 states with the death penalty that considered a similar step, but a moratorium passed by the Legislature last year was vetoed by the governor. The Illinois House last year approved a resolution calling for a moratorium, but it had no force of law and never made it to the Senate.

Death penalty opponents praised the governor's decision. "No one else in a prominent political position has stepped forward and called for a moratorium and a comprehensive review," said Bill Ryan, chairman of the Death Penalty Moratorium Project.

Since Illinois' death penalty was reinstated in 1977, 13 death row inmates have been cleared—more than the number of inmates the state has executed.

Secretary of State says Russians are inflicting unnecessary misery

MOSCOW (AP) - Clashing openly with Russia over Chechnya, Secretary of State Madeleine Albright said Monday the conflict in the rebellious republic had inflicted "an incredible amount of misery" on civilians by targeting them indiscriminately and forcing them from their homes.

She appealed to Foreign Minister Igor Ivanov to open a

dialogue with Chechen political figures. "We believe there is no military solution to the Chechen problem," she said.

But Ivanov responded at a joint news conference that Russia had to move firmly against terrorism, a view in which he said other governments concurred, and that no one had come up with an effective recipe to deal with the extremist threat.

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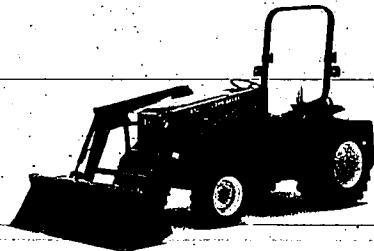
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Rescuers find few plane crash survivors floating off the Ivory Coast

ABIDJAN, Ivory Coast - A few shivering survivors were found amid scores of corpses floating in the waters off the Ivory Coast Monday morning, hours after a Kenya Airways jet carrying 179 people slammed into the Atlantic Ocean after takeoff.

Guided by spotlights from helicopters above, rescuers in boats scoured the nighttime waters for survivors. The cold ocean temperatures made it unlikely anyone could be alive after a few hours, officials said.

At least 10 people survived. By late morning, 86 bodies had been brought to shore, rescue workers said.

One Nigerian survivor who was plucked from the water said the plane, an Airbus 310, was having problems immediately after takeoff.

"It wasn't quite balanced, and the next thing we knew we were in the water," Samuel Ogbada Adje said, wrapped in a blanket at Abidjan's port.

Barak calls off talks with Syria over guerrilla army

JERUSALEM - Prime Minister Ehud Barak said today that talks with Syria would not resume until it reined in the Hezbollah guerrilla army, shutting down recently revived peace talks just hours after three Israeli soldiers were killed in Lebanon.

"Israel will not be able to negotiate peace as long as the Syrians do not restrain the Hezbollah from acting against the Israeli army in the security zone," Barak said in a statement issued on Defense Ministry letterhead - Barak's other government position.

Barak used language that has in the past foreshadowed a major Israeli counterattack, saying "we have known in the past and we still know to strike at the place and time of our choosing."

An Israeli patrol was attacked on a road between the villages of Taibe and Deir Mimas, about 2.5 miles south of the castle and about the same distance from Israel's Upper Galilee border.

Jury finds doctor guilty of serial murders in England

PRESTON, England - A doctor was convicted Monday of murdering 15 of his female patients, making him one of Britain's most prolific serial killers in modern times.

Jurors deliberated six days before finding Dr. Harold Shipman, 54, guilty of injecting middle-aged and elderly women with lethal heroin doses between March 1995 and July 1998. Shipman also was found guilty of forging the \$520,000 will of his last victim, Kathleen Grundy, 81.

European Union threatens to cut ties with Austria

LISBON, Portugal - The European Union will break political contacts with any future Austrian government that includes a far-right party that advocates a crackdown on immigration and whose leader has praised aspects of Adolf Hitler's regime, the EU president

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warned Monday.
"Governments of 14 member states will not promote or accept any bilateral official contacts at political level with an Austrian government" that includes Joerg Haider's Freedom Party, said a statement issued in Lisbon.

Russians claim another advance in Grozny struggle

ALKHAN-YURT, Russia
Russian forces pushed into a key square in the capital of rebel

Chechnya on Monday after more than a week of intense battles with snipers firing from high-rise buildings, Russian officials said.

Sergei Yastrzembzky, acting President Vladimir Putin's spokesman for the Chechnya war, said federal forces were in control of a third of Grozny's Minutka Square in the afternoon, but Russian television reports later said the square was completely under their control. Defense Ministry officials could not be reached for comment Monday evening, and Russia previously has made premature claims of controlling sections of Grozny.

China warns U.S., Europe not to criticize its records

BEIJING - China's legislature on Monday declared the country's human rights practices among "the best in the world" and vociferously denounced critics ahead of a U.N. Human Rights Commission meeting.

The legislature warned that ties between China and Europe could be damaged if European nations join the United States in criticizing Beijing at the commission's annual meeting next month in Geneva, Switzerland. The U.S. government announced on Jan.

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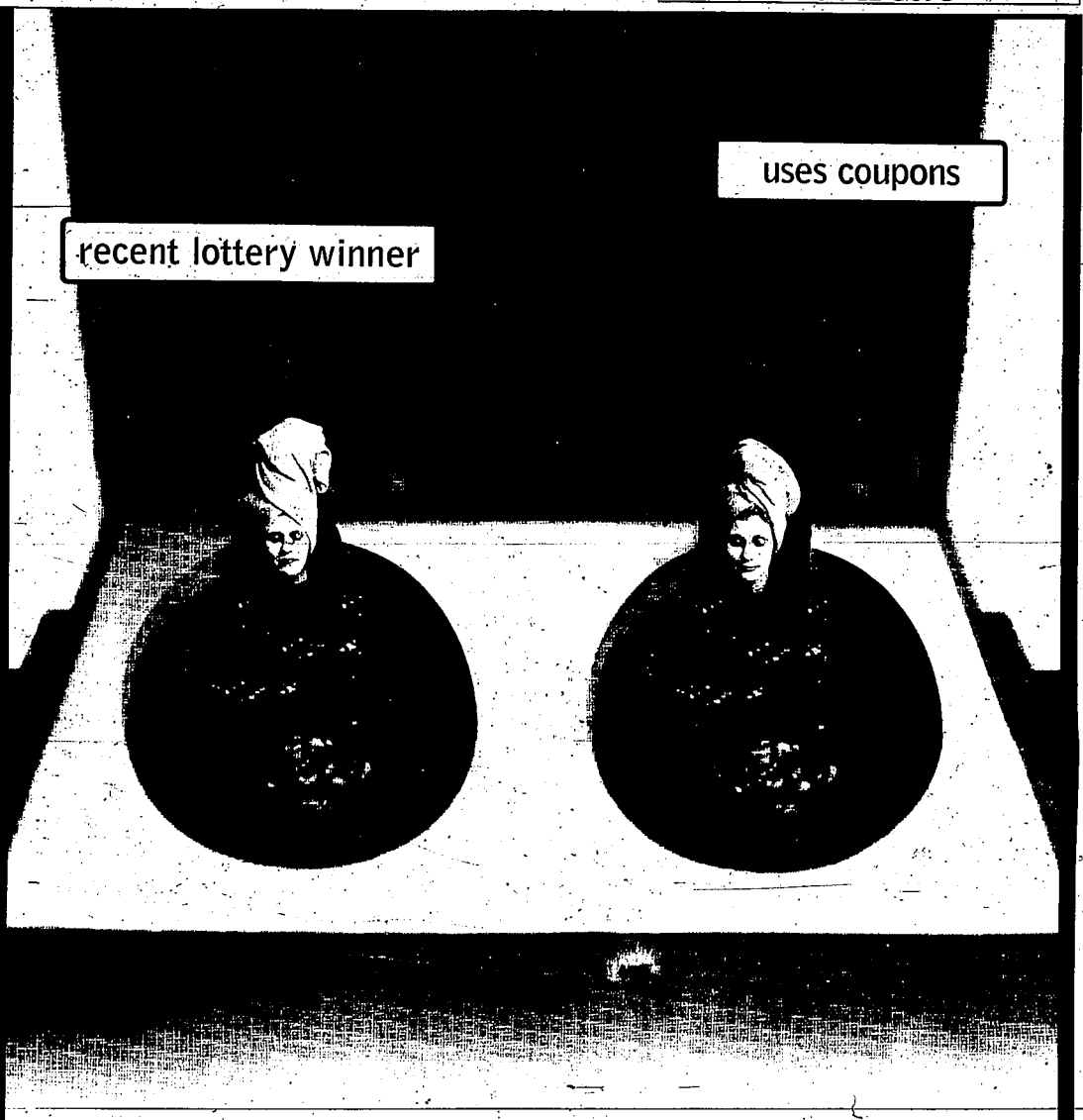
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Panel approves new exiting requirements

BOISE (AP)—The vote was decisive but the mood was ambivalent as the House Education Committee approved more rigorous statewide academic standards for graduating from Idaho high schools.

"Largely reflecting what they heard during a week of public testimony, committee members expressed reservations about the substance of or the need for the new requirements detailing what graduates must know and be able to do in the areas of reading, language arts, mathematics, science, social studies and health.

"I'm disappointed that we have to do this," Rep. David Beiter, a Boise Democrat, said Monday. "But I'll hold my breath and cross my fingers and vote to approve these."

The Senate Education Committee was scheduled to consider the rules on Tuesday, but for all practical purposes the House panel's 12-3 endorsement assured ratification of the state Board of Education's so-called existing standards. Both chambers must reject agency rules or they remain in effect.

Rep. Wayne Kendall led opposition to the standards, blasting the absence of character education requirements and arguing that they should be approved only as guidelines for school districts to use as local officials see fit.

"To me a mandate is a four-let-



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ter word," the Aberdeen Republican said. "I'm just a defender of the good old country side of thinking and living, I guess."

Kendall, who joined GOP Reps. Max Mortensen of St. Anthony and Bev Montgomery of Caldwell in opposing the standards, also said he feared some requirements would be unattainable for many students, potentially leading to more frustration and a higher dropout rate.

Conforming standards for kindergarten through eighth-grade students are in the works, but Montgomery suggested strengthening that focus, perhaps even with a first-grade entrance exam and a third-grade exiting test.

Among the supporters, Beiter bemoaned the lack of a foreign language requirement and complained that some of the standards are too vague. And Republican Rep. Max Black of Boise warned against using the standards as a method of "label-

ing and channeling kids into or out of college."

Rep. Christian Zimmermann, a Cascade Republican, reminded his colleagues that the standards can be fine-tuned later. As now proposed they would first be required of the graduating class of 2005, and exactly how students will be assessed on the standards is still being considered.

Zimmermann said for too long Idaho has allowed students to pass through public schools without ensuring they receive a thorough education, and raising the academic bar is a needed first step to turning that around.

"I see this as an opportunity to begin ratcheting back up," he said. "We can change these as we move along, and as an oversight committee we have the explicit obligation to do that."

GOP Rep. Todd Hammond, a Rexburg lawyer and college instructor, said teachers should be outraged by the implication that they have been delivering a second-rate education to students, and local school trustees should be upset about the prospect of losing control of curriculum.

However, he said, "If teachers won't fight and if school boards won't fight, then who am I to fight?"

Republican Rep. Doug Jones of Ellier, a member of the National Education Goals Panel, said Idaho has waited too long to join

most other states in upgrading its statewide graduation standards. Without such requirements, he said, too often what students learn — especially in small, rural school districts — is dictated by the limited offerings of textbook manufacturers.

However, Democrat Rep. Shirley Ringo said any standards would fail unless educators get the resources they need to ensure students have the opportunity to learn the material.

"We're asking a great deal of our educators and we really need to be willing to provide the support," the Moscow teacher said.

"It's a leap of faith, maybe one that belongs in the Guinness Book of World Records."

But Chairman Fred Tilman, R-Boise, said most of the budget questions for now involve development of assessments to measure whether the standards are being met.

Gov. Dirk Kempthorne is seeking \$500,000 for developing exiting standards assessments in reading, writing and math.

State Schools Superintendent Marilyn Howard wants the Legislature to appropriate \$1.15 million for developing and administering the first year of a pilot test for reading, writing and math, as well as developing model questions for social studies, science and health; training teachers and monitoring the pilot test's effectiveness.

Dispute in Salmon evolves into heated housing controversy

SALMON (AP)—The tiff between a state representative and the Idaho Housing and Finance Association has agency executives facing proposed reforms they neither want nor think will be good for Idaho.

The association handled more than \$100 million in housing funds last year alone.

Rep. Lenore Barrett, R-Challis, says the less government intrusion into private enterprise, the better. Even if the government presence is for a worthy cause — like providing affordable housing for low-income folks in Salmon — Barrett does not want it. So when Salmon apartment owners heard a Boise developer was proposing 36 affordable, and potentially competing, rental units in their community with the association's assistance, Barrett started asking questions.

Salmon landlords were told last

summer Sungate Limited Partnership had paid for a market study that indicated a need for affordable housing. That study was done so Sungate could qualify for an Idaho Housing and Finance Association program, which gives developers tax credits if they designate at least 20 percent of their apartments for low-income renters.

Barrett asked the association if she could review the study, but her request was denied.

The private developer, who paid for the study, said he did not want it released. Association rules require that it accommodate that position to keep the information from leaking to potential competitors.

That did not satisfy Barrett. "This is a public agency using public funds, and I still couldn't get the information I sought," she said.

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Computer users face password confusion

Knight Ridder News Service

In the old days, the only people who had to worry about passwords were movie spies and contestants on Allen Ludden's game show.

Not anymore. There are now so many passwords in daily life, a person can be forgiven for feeling confused, frustrated and slightly overwhelmed by them.

You have to remember a password to get money from an ATM. Ditto for checking your phone messages through voice mail. If your home is protected by a security system, you may have to punch in a password for that, too.

And computers? Don't even try to count the number of passwords related to the Web. You need them to sign on, open e-mail, shop online, track your mutual funds or make an investment.

With so many log-in IDs, access codes and personal identification numbers to keep straight, it's no wonder people are feeling the pangs of password overload.

Melanie Brown experienced it recently. The 26-year-old project manager for a Bloomfield Hills, Mich., technology company, was looking online for cheap fares to Sweden and decided to join three frequent flyer plans.

To sign up, she was asked to create three passwords. No problem. Not that it, until the next time she visited the sites.

"If I remembered the passwords, but I didn't remember which one was which," says Brown. "I just said forget it and decided to wait for the information in the mail."

Ed Coury is familiar with password overload, too. He estimates he has 25 passwords at work alone. Throw in the ones he has used once or twice to navigate

Tips for picking the safest password

What's the best password?
The safest one, say the computer security experts.

They've got several tips for making your passwords hard for others to guess: Avoid personal information and common words. Use at least six characters. Mix upper and lower case letters. Combine numbers and symbols. Put in a spelling mistake on purpose.

A combination of those tricks is usually recommended. For instance, if your password is MacInac, you could vary the cases, add numbers and symbols, and wind up with something like Mac1n@cs.

And for sensible advice, it's hard to top the University of Michigan's educational campaign for incoming students: "Passwords are like underwear. Change yours often. Don't share yours with a friend."

But what about choosing a password that's easy to remember? Although security experts don't always approve, Web users have come up with some memory gimmicks that are fairly simple, but not as obvious as

names, birthdays or license plate numbers.

Take a phrase and use only the first letters. If you're a big fan of "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?" for instance, your password could be ITWFA ("Is that your final answer?"). Another method is to use your first pet's name and the street you grew up on. Well, you've got a funny feline name and an instant password (Rex, Woodward, 5th Main).

If you recall your high school French or Spanish, you can always translate your password into a foreign language.

Select passwords that will come to mind the next time you visit a particular site. For a book site, the initials of your favorite novel might work. Don't, however, use the name of the last book you ordered. Three months from now, you might have no idea what it was.

If you must streamline your passwords, try grouping them by category. Create one for shopping, one for banking, one for work and so on.

the Web at home, and his password total is more like 100.

So much for simpler times, when all you had to memorize were your Social Security number, a few phone numbers and, if you were young enough, the combination to your locker.

In today's world, passwords are proliferating, especially on the Web, and more are on their way.

The more e-commerce grows, the more passwords you'll need to get in. Of course, passwords do more than boggie the mind. They pro-

tect privacy, restrict access and preserve the confidentiality of all kinds of online transactions, from e-mail messages to bill payments.

That all sounds good for consumers, in theory. But in practice, it's tough on human memory.

Humans rely on context to remember, says Colleen Seifert, a psychology professor at the University of Michigan and a specialist in cognitive science.

"If you remember where someone lives, you can drive there pretty easily, but it's harder to remember the specific street

address," she says. "It's easier to remember something that has meaning. It's harder to remember something that's random."

That's why our natural instinct is to choose passwords that are personal, such as names or birthdays. We're also tempted to use the same password for everything.

Security experts warn against both those strategies. Personal passwords are easier for pranksters and scam artists to crack. And having only one password is like getting a master key and leaving it under your front porch mat.

But such warnings haven't made that much difference, says Joe Ahmed, a network computer security manager for Ameritech and founder of his own information technology-security consulting firm, Corbant, in Ann Arbor.

In a recent study for a client, Ahmed found that the majority of Internet users rely on only one password. Although he doesn't recommend that strategy, he understands why it's popular.

"People are just swamped," he says. "They have so many log-in IDs and passwords to remember, they do a cost-benefit analysis of trying to remember them all and decide it costs too much in brainpower."

Robert Weiss, president of Password Cracker, a Web-based business that recovers lost or forgotten passwords for desktop systems, describes password overload as a growing pain for the Internet.

"The solution will be there," he says. "Over the next 10 to 20 years, the whole nature of computing will change, and passwords will change along with it."

New camera serves double purpose

The Baltimore Sun

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Before hardwiring house, consider future

Chicago Tribune

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—Jim Tilson, Peoria, Ill.

A. Oddly enough, the idea of wiring houses for computer networking and various video and audio hookups is sinking in for many of us technology users just as a revolution of wireless connections appears on the horizon.

When (and I do mean when) the idea of wireless networking becomes commonplace, having a house hardwired for computers will be about as useful as having a coal bin in the basement.

My sources at Intel Corp. tell

me that the chip-making giant is about to offer a wireless home networking system that will allow linking of computers through a house by simply plugging a USB transmitter into the back of each PC.

Apple's superb AirPort is selling like hyper-hot cakes and it offers wireless Internet connection and file sharing among a house full of Macs.

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EDITORIAL

Don't raise the sales tax or cap college fee hikes

No matter how much money they get, Idaho's education leaders and their legislative allies never seem to think it's enough. The state's allocation for public education has gone up year after year. The budget for higher education has tripled since 1982. On a statewide basis, taxpayers are meeting their financial obligation to education.

But that hasn't stopped the Legislature's liberals, some of whom wear Republican disguises, from trying to extract more money from the honycomb.

Senate Education Chairman Gary Schroeder, R-Moscow, and Sen. Moon Wheeler, R-American Falls, are angling for an advisory vote in November on — brace yourselves — raising the state sales tax. The non-binding vote would be a barometer of public willingness to pay higher taxes in the name of education.

Schroeder and Wheeler's goal is to identify a money tree that can be shaken for the betterment of Idaho's unsafe school buildings. It's a lofty goal, but the only path to it leads through the swamp of inequity. Why should residents of Twin Falls, where schools have been thoughtfully maintained by local taxpayers, pay to renovate distant schools where maintenance has been spotty?

When bail-out money is available from taxpayers at the other end of the state, what's the incentive to do a good job locally? Also: Why is anyone talking about raising the sales tax when state coffers contain millions upon millions of unappropriated dollars? If people in the

Statehouse are talking taxes, they should be talking tax cuts.

Given Idaho's income and property taxes, a 5 percent sales tax is appropriate when compared with other states. Let's not raise it.

Another idea making the rounds in Boise comes from Rep. Jerry Stoicheff, who is pushing her late husband's agenda to cap college tuition and fee hikes at 3 percent annually. Stoicheff was a well-liked and thoughtful legislator, but his logic on this issue was out-of-date.

The Idaho university system offers some of the most attractive tuition rates in the nation, combining low cost with high quality. Earning a college diploma here is such a bargain that many students come from other states, other countries and other continents. In-state students can attend any of Idaho's public colleges or universities for less than \$6,000 a year.

Going into debt isn't mandatory, because the pot of scholarship money and financial aid is getting bigger all the time. Even if students do incur some debt, workers with a college degree enjoy lifetime earnings that are \$1,000 per month higher than workers without college degrees.

Over the course of a 42-year employment career, that's more than \$500,000 in additional income. Spending \$24,000 to pick up that much additional income confirms the adage that it takes money to make money.

It would be nice if fees at Idaho's colleges and universities didn't increase by more than 3 percent annually, but it shouldn't be the law.

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LETTER

Think about the earth, the future

Why rejoice when the earth and environment is being destroyed? Every day, vast areas of the productive earth are severely impacted with roads, houses, commercial development and large parking lots. This land is no longer useful, these sites are polluted and pollute surrounding areas. Notice the liquids and trash in any parking lot where do they go?

This past year, I made two trips driving from Idaho to Vermont and two trips to Florida. Environmental damage was everywhere — drainageways are eroding, flood plains are blocked, streambanks are rip-rapped. The larger streams and rivers are wide, shallow and filled with sandbars. The natural water table is lowered by the use of deep ditches or trenches in the fields. This allows excess fertilizer salts and pesticides to enter directly into the drainage system.

Excessive amounts of commercial fertilizers are used to grow more pounds per acre with serious tradeoffs. Ecoluted soil and water, then the air is polluted with the excessive amount of pesticides applied with center pivots and aircraft. This environmental damage is every-

where you look; Idaho is not excluded. Man controls all of the living organisms on the planet. Such a great job has been done — many are extinct, many others are headed that way. When man is afraid of any plant, bug or animal, his best protection is to kill it. The cancer of man's activities has destroyed more of the environment in the last 100 years than all other species combined since the beginning of recorded history. Since Man does not wish to control his own population, natural events will in time.

It is very possible a so-called natural event will be the result of man's impact on the environment. This is already in progress with air pollution, acid rain, floods and landslides. The watersheds have lost their protective vegetative cover or they are covered with houses, roads and parking lots. Surface and groundwater is unsafe to drink.

This environmental damage cannot continue at its present pace. This electronic age we are in today will not have any importance. Man's attitude is destroy the environment, make lots of money, don't worry about tomorrow.

DAVE GILMAN
Twin Falls

THE GAP BETWEEN RICH AND POOR



Jarbridge road rebuilders are scofflaws

We continue to be entertained by the antics of the Elko County, Nev., commissioners and some of their state government officials, who get their kicks from defying federal law and the agency people charged with administering those laws. They should be in jail by now for their actions in attempting to take over federal lands and for their violations of the Endangered Species Act in the Jarbridge River incidents. Of course, they are heroes in the eyes of people with the same fed-bashing mentality.

In my view, these are national forest lands of which you and I are part owner. I do not want a renegade county and their few renegade state and federal congressional supporters taking over our national forest lands and defying the laws designed to protect those lands. They are also irresponsibly trying to deceive members of the public into thinking that they can get away with the defiance of federal law.

A federal judge in Reno had to issue a restraining order blocking these renegades from attempting to rebuild the short section of washed-out road to the Jarbridge Wilderness. One of the Elko County or state officials was quoted in the papers as saying they obeyed the judge's order because they are "law-abiding citizens." What a joke that is! If they were law-abiding citizens, why did a federal judge have to order them to cease and desist from performing their proposed illegal activities?

It seems to have become popular in some circles to defy the federal govern-

READER COMMENT Don Oman

ment, federal agency employees and federal laws. The federal government is viewed by some county governments (and a few state assemblies) and a number of citizens these days as if it were some subversive communist organization which is striving to undermine our country. Even some of our national congresspersons such as Helen Chenoweth-Hage and Sen. Larry Craig engage in continual fed-bashing. Have they totally forgotten that they are the federal government?

The federal laws were created by the U.S. Congress, including the Endangered Species Act. Helen's radical and ill-advised support for this lawlessness was climaxed by another of her kangaroo court hearings in Jarbridge, to attempt to call U.S. Forest Service and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service officials on the carpet for simply doing their jobs. And anyone who cares about the condition of their federal lands should be concerned over the plight of the endangered bull trout, which are a sensitive indicator of the condition of the environment in general.

Now we see the Elko County renegade commissioners and their renegade state government allies erecting the 20-foot-tall shovel in front of the courthouse. More power to them — another scenic attraction for the city of Elko. Of course, this is the symbol of the thousands of shovels donated for use in illegally rebuilding the short

section of road that was washed out by flood waters and later converted to trail by the Forest Service. Oh well, these shovels can be used by Elko County to rehabilitate the huge open-pit gold mines when they are eventually abandoned by the mining companies.

In a Nov. 10 Times-News article, state assemblyman John Carpenter was quoted as saying the following about resigning Forest Supervisor Gloria Flora: "She don't own the forests. I think she felt that she did." Well, a forest supervisor does not own their forest, but they are granted the authority to manage those lands for us and to enforce federal law.

The real problem is that Elko County thinks it owns the national forest land in its county. They certainly do not, and we, the true owners of the national forests, should make that clear to them. And of course, Elko County thinks it owns the national forest road along the Jarbridge River because it existed prior to the establishment of the national forest. This is not true because when Nevada became a state, it signed away all rights to all lands that were not specifically given to the state (the school sections). But even if Elko County did have control of this road, it would have to obey the Endangered Species Act. And it would also have the privilege of owning all the liability and the maintenance expense associated with it.

Twin Falls resident Don Oman spent 35 years with the U.S. Forest Service, retiring in 1999 as ecosystem staff officer for the Sawtooth National Forest.

LETTER

Mother Nature trumps shovels

The giant shovel in front of Elko's courthouse was amusing, but it takes one bigger than that one to clean up after Elko County's politicians. Perhaps The Times-News could donate 10,000 old newspapers for the courthouse floor to make cleanup easier.

Posuring politicians, special interest groups, cranks with an ax to grind and a compromised media have combined to morph a fairly straightforward issue — in this case, the protection of trout habitat into a politically charged mess.

The Forest Service road in Jarbridge didn't wash out just once but several times. If rebuilt, it will inevitably wash out again; every time it washes out, it ends up as dirt and rocks in the river. Road reconstruction isn't the problem as

much as Mother Nature's intermittent road destruction. Because of this, even the Nevada Department of Wildlife, which opposes protecting the Jarbridge River's bull trout under the Endangered Species Act, holds that the road is bad for all of the fish in the river — not just the bull-trout.

The local Forest Service district wasn't responsible for closing the road. The last time the road washed out the Jarbridge Ranger District was going to rebuild it, but Nevada Trout Unlimited appealed. So if the yahoos want someone to blame, they should blame the anglers.

Both the feds and the fishermen have presented the Elko County Commission with alternatives to rebuilding the road, including relocating the trailhead, improving road access to Jarbridge and

adding more campsites, but the politicians won't hear of it. They'd rather bluff and posture than solve the real problem. What would it take to do this? Going to court to establish county ownership of the road and then building a road that wouldn't wash out over and over. Why will this not happen? Because it makes no sense to spend that much money just to increase vehicular access another 1 1/2 miles to the end of a dead-end road.

Let the good ol' boys have their fun, but keep in mind that 10,000 shovels are not going to solve this problem, unless there's a shovel shortage in northeastern Nevada. They don't really want to resolve anything because then they'd lose their audience.

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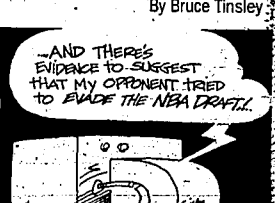
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America's liberal media is skewing the presidential election

Back in what some called the golden age of broadcast journalism — when the emphasis was on the journalism — some viewers thought they detected bias in Chet Huntley's occasionally raised eyebrow or David Brinkley's wry smile on NBC's "Huntley-Brinkley Report."



CAL THOMAS

On taxes, the broadcasters (like the Democrats most of them) never saw a tax cut they liked or a spending program they couldn't embrace. So, tax cuts are described as risky, irresponsible or extreme, echoing Democrat critics.

Brian Williams said on NBC that in order for Bush to have received a record 41 percent of the Iowa Caucus vote he "had to run with Jesus Christ." Williams offered a disclaimer that he meant "no disrespect." Sure. Some of your best friends are Christians, right? The fact that NBC's own exit poll showed that moral issues ranked first with voters (35 percent), followed by taxes (23 percent), apparently did not sway the perspective of NBC journalists.

Since all of the networks picked up the mantra that Bush is being "forced" to the right, their questions to Republican and conservative guests were confrontational and designed to portray the opinion of the questioner as fact. CBS' Bryant Gumbel, whose morning show ratings are on a par with Hillary Clinton's slipping approval

numbers, asked Steve Forbes: "Do you really expect to win moderate votes in this country?"

The networks have also stepped up their use of labels, almost exclusively of conservatives, as another way of editorializing. In just three nights over the weekend, the CBS Evening News "used" conservative, "right" or "hard right" 20 times. Not once was anyone or any idea labeled "liberal," "left" or "hard left." ABC's Jackie Judd referred to Bradley's liberal proposals as, "big, bold government."

Broadcast and cable networks are also using more former office holders, flacks and political hacks than ever before. They're called "analysts," but their views are merely extensions of the advocacy roles they once held. So, on CNN we got Tony Blankley, former spokesman for Newt Gingrich, and Mike McCurry, the former White House press secretary. We also got former Texas Gov. Ann Richards (who lost to George W. Bush), and we must put up with increasing reports from George Stephanopoulos, recently of the Clinton administration, who has been morphed into a "correspondent" by ABC News President David Westin. Remember it was Westin who dumped William Kristol because of Kristol's previous association with Republicans.

The editorializing is no longer even subtle because this mostly

leftist clan fears the Republicans will finally assume control of all three branches of government this fall. That prospect scares them more than the loss of their influence.

Perhaps the truest statement made by any broadcaster recently came from ABC's Peter Jennings. During a technical glitch, Jennings said off camera, but on mike: "What happened, did this camera

crap out?" It is a question that might also be asked about contemporary broadcast journalism.

Cal Thomas is a Los Angeles Times columnist.

Repeatedly, the overpaid host of network TV concluded that Gov. George W. Bush had been pulled to the right by religious conservatives and as NBC's Tim Russert opined, that "could hurt" him "with a mainstream electorate in the general election." Yet, as the Media Research Center noted, no one concluded that Al Gore had been pulled to the left by Bill Bradley when Gore proposed universal health coverage or when teachers unions took a hard line against school vouchers once favored by Bradley.

A lot of "analysts" and reporters are of one mind that Bush's openness about his faith will also hurt him. That's because most of them are closed to such things or, as a Washington Post ombudsman once explained, "You have to understand, we don't know many of these people."

LETTERS

Accident was preventable

I am a citizen of Kimberly, who happens to live across the street where a Dakota truck accident should have never taken place. My husband, Doug, went to the City Council meeting and asked "them" about putting up a four-way stop. They told him they would take it under consideration. One time following this meeting, there was an officer out directing traffic after a football game, but not anymore.

Center Street and Oak are high traffic roads with the schools in this area. During ball games and other events and the Youth Association, there are lots of cars on these roads. We are on the corner and have often wondered when someone would come around the corner too fast and take out our fence as well as our children (God willing, that won't happen.) A crossing guard is not the answer! He or she can't be there all the time and they won't protect on the weekends.

Well, guess what? There is still only a two-way stop there. If someone would have listened and taken what pittance of money it would have cost to make a four-way stop there, Dakota's chance of being hit would have drastically lessened.

Kimberly is growing and a new high school coming soon is only going to bring more traffic down Center Street. Please stop and think about the children of this community. They deserve the same opportunities to get around town as those that preceded them. I personally will petition to get a four-way stop in on this corner, if there are more in the community that feel the need to protect our children, please contact me and let's make this happen.

Theresa Albright
Kimberly

Achs must not be so sure

If Ron Achs is so sure his "pie in the sky" will happen why does he refuse a "performance bond"? Is it that no bonding company would be stupid enough to guarantee his promises? Achs says, "Industrial revenue bonds are required to be served by a letter of credit from an A1PI financial institution, not secured by assets of the development entity receiving the funds. A pro-

ject of this size (\$190 million) requires a sophisticated yet very pragmatic financing package that includes \$70 million in Industrial Revenue Bond offerings."

I have to agree that this is a "sophisticated" financing package. There are a lot of big farmers who would like his help in processing some "sophisticated financing." As security, many farmers are forced to sign over to the lending agency all assets, including crops, land and, yes, even their homes.

Achs has not indicated where the other \$120 million is coming from. If he could pull this \$120 million from his own pocket, put it into Big Sky Farms, build him a nice home east of Big Sky, then stick around to operate Big Sky and guarantee execution of his promises, I would know he was serious.

The family farms in the Raft River Valley have worked hard and spent a lot of money to make their valley "blossom like a rose." Are these fine people expend-

able? Shall we trade them off for a mega-hog farm? These people have supported every bond issue and Declo school activity. Let's not impact this school by adding 500 students from unskilled, low-income families.

What will Achs do with the six to ten tons of dead hogs per day? What if the herd becomes immune to certain drugs and rolls over dead? Maybe Achs can put them all in railroad cars and send them to Utah or Nevada and await a legal dispute as to who gets the "carcass."

Achs says he will buy our grain "if it meets their standards." A weak excuse to buy where it is the cheapest.

I hope Achs continues his attack on Darrington, Newcomb, Kempton, Christiansen, Crane, Povlsen and others for "stalling" on this questionable entity. The commissioners have set a public hearing on Feb. 7 — let us all support them.
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AROUND THE VALLEY

Detective testifies he never modified tapes

BURLEY - A Cassia County sheriff's detective testified Monday he never modified tape recordings of conversations alleged to involve a Burley doctor charged with methamphetamine possession, a county informant and an undercover agent.

In the trial of Dr. Charles Suits, detective Randy Kidd also told jurors the tapes have always been in his possession, except for when they were in the hands of expert analysts.

One tape was also out of his possession while it was a court document for a preliminary hearing.

The only other person who has had access to the tapes has been sheriff's Lt. Alan Smith, Kidd said.

In a scheduling change, the defense called its first witness to the stand, Dr. Edward Wolfrom, an audio expert from Michigan. Wolfrom said he found several "stop events" on the tapes and other indications the recordings have been altered.

The prosecution has yet to call its own technical witness, an FBI expert, who says the evidence is admissible.

The trial will resume today at 9 a.m. in the Cassia County Courthouse.

Daughter of local rancher climbs legislative ladder

WASHINGTON - The daughter of Three Creek rancher Bert Brackett has been named staff director of the Senate's Subcommittee on Forest, Conservation and Rural Revitalization by U.S. Sen. Larry Craig.

Jani Brackett will continue to serve as Craig's agriculture legislative assistant. Craig became chairman of the subcommittee last year.

Craig says the move will benefit Idaho agriculture.

Bert Brackett was the recipient of federal conservation package worth nearly \$1 million last year for grazing leases on public lands that would be lost to a new U.S. Air Force practice bombing range in eastern Owyhee County.

Craig approved the funding package that included the compensation.

Some critics of the compensation package noted that Brackett's daughter was working in Craig's office at the time the deal was reached.

Craig's office denied any conflict of interest, saying Jani Brackett had nothing to do with issues involving her father's grazing leases.

Stricter mail address guidelines begin today

TWIN FALLS - Starting today, mail with incorrect or unreadable addresses will be returned to sender.

The new policy comes because automated mail-processing computers can't recognize addresses afflicted with messy handwriting or missing digits.

Correct addresses should include zip code and, if necessary, directional indicators such as "North," "South," "East" and "West."

Buhl police keep looking for stolen utility trailer

BUHL - Police are searching for a utility trailer that was stolen the first week of January.

The 8-foot trailer is gray with wooden sides and has the license plate 8ZUBA, according to a news release.

It was taken from the 600 block of North Ninth Avenue between Jan. 1 and Jan. 4, the release said.

Anyone with information can call Buhl police at 543-4200 or Crime Stoppers at 732-5387, where a cash reward might be available.

Officials say Highway 25 bridge will open in spring

RUPERT - The new bridge on Idaho Highway 25 at 100 East is expected to open sometime this spring, Idaho Transportation Department officials said.

The detour bridge has been in use for about one year, while the new bridge is being built. The contractor has experienced delays because of weather.

The project is expected to cost about \$15 million.

Compiled from staff reports

Commissioner race gets young blood

By John T. Huddy
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - A 22-year-old student and mother of three has joined the race for county commissioner.

Jude Potter has put her name in the running for Carla Reed's District One commission seat. Reed resigned in January, to buy a J.C. Penney catalogue sales business in Hailey. The job pays \$39,590 a year.

Potter - who recently gave birth to her third child, Colten

- said her love for the county prompted her to run for the job.

"I love working with people and being out in the community and part of it," she said.

But Potter, who is taking Boise State University courses at the College of Southern Idaho, said she is afraid her age might be a handicap.

According to Idaho code, a person must be at least 21 years of age to run for a county office.

But Potter's run isn't unheard of. When Commissioner Marvin

Hempleman first ran for office, he said, a college student put his name in the running for a seat, but later withdrew.

And while age does play a part, experience and knowledge are just as important when choosing a new commissioner, Hempleman said.

"Some fresh ideas and straight thinking is really important," Hempleman said.

County Clerk Bob Fort, whose son Jay is also a candidate, said Potter's candidacy should make for an interesting race.

But more candidates would also be nice, Fort said.

"I hope they have 10 or 12 candidates to choose from," he said of GOP leaders.

Potter joins the race with three other District One residents.

Gary Grindstaff, 59, a Buhl farmer, submitted his resume last week. He is a former Twin Falls County GOP chairman and the party's current regional chairman.

Former U.S. Air Force staff sergeant Richard L. Martin Jr., 33, of Buhl also is a candidate.

Jay Fort, 36, owns The Print Shoppe in Piler.

The county's Republican central committee will select three nominees.

Gov. Dirk Kempthorne will choose a commissioner to serve out the final year of Reed's term.

The central committee will meet on Feb. 9 to choose three nominees.

Times-News staff writer John T. Huddy can be reached in Twin Falls at 733-0931, Ext. 259 or by e-mail at jhuddy@magicvalley.com



Lloyd Jacobson of Kimberly Nurseries uses a front loader to clear snow from the parking lot at Twin Falls Clinic & Hospital, after a snowstorm hit Twin Falls early Monday. Forecasters are expecting more storms in the area in February, which could help bolster a below-average mountain snowpack.

Not quite wet enough

Farmers need more snow to fall this month

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - Despite a wet January, mountain snowpacks still are less than average, but not a cause for worry.

Typically by the end of January, about 60 percent of the snowpack is on the ground. But the snowpacks that supply southern Idaho farmers with irrigation

Snowpack so far

Snowpack in the mountains that supply irrigation water to southern Idaho

Basin	Percent of average
Upper Snake River	79 percent
Salmon Falls Creek	84 percent
Goose Creek	82 percent
Big Wood and Little Wood rivers	77 percent
Big and Little Lost rivers	73 percent

Upper Snake River reservoir system is at 75 percent of capacity. Amount of stored water: 3,019,684 acre-feet. Total storage capacity: 4,045,695 acre-feet

water range from 73 to 84 percent of average.

That's better than at the beginning of January, but still

er on the way.

With federal irrigation reservoirs at 75 percent of full - enough room to hold the spring melt - southern Idaho has plenty of water for the coming season.

Bureau of Reclamation reservoirs are in good shape, with as much water as officials can allow this early in the season. The reservoirs on the Upper Snake River have 3,019,684 acre-feet of water. Their capacity is 4,045,695 acre-feet.

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

The National Weather Service promises more wet weather.

Icing speeders with 'frost' County plans hearing on moratorium effects

Load limits slow truck traffic on some roads

By Loraine Caverer
Times-News writer

PAUL - County officials refer to them as "frost laws" - signs with orange flags - warning truck and bus drivers of 35 mph speed limits and 26,000 pound load limits.

The frost laws are posted around the county this time of the year to cut speed and weight down in places

where roads have a weak, thin base, said Jesse Miller, the Minidoka County Highway District superintendent.

The signs are posted on roads, such as 600 West, north of Paul - known locally as the Paul Road - when the combination of frost, speed and 80,000 to 100,000 pound loads could break up the road.

The signs are not placed on all county roads, but on those most likely to break up because of heavy use. A few years ago the speed-load limit signs were not placed on the Paul Road, Miller said.

"Roads were in pretty good condition, but there has been heavy truck traffic," he said.

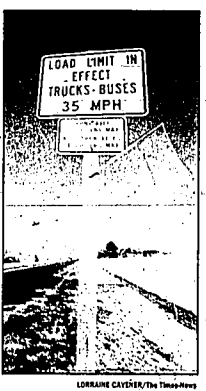
The county highway district began repaving the Paul Road last summer, but the county could only afford to put overlay as far as 200 North. As money becomes available the county will continue to build the overlay to the county line, which is at 1000 North, Miller said.

Two years ago the highway district completed an overlay project on 400 West. The county will complete 600 West in the

same fashion - over an eight or nine year period, Miller said.

During the fall, the Paul Road, 400 West and several other county roads are heavily used by beet and potato trucks. Circle A Construction, the company that hauls beets from outlying beet dumps to the Amalgamated Sugar Co. factory in Paul, is one of the heaviest users of the road.

But by this time of the year Circle A no longer uses either 400 or 600 West, said De Lane Fetzter, truck foreman for Circle



Minidoka County officials place signs like this one two miles north of Paul, on some county roads this time of year to prevent the break.

A. The company finished hauling from the beet dump north of Paul several weeks ago.

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By Ruth Streeter
Times-News writer

BURLEY - Some people say a county moratorium on large livestock operations may be stifling economic development in Cassia County.

The county plans a public meeting Monday that would gauge the effects the moratorium is having on economic development in the county.

And using testimony from that meeting, county commissioners say they will decide whether to end the moratorium more than a month early.

Commissioners came under fire Friday when Burley urged the county to repeal the new six-month moratorium - imposed on the heels of a moratorium that expired in October - saying it is discouraging dairy-related and poultry industry from locating in the county.

County commissioners had planned to discuss the city's resolution Monday, but the city hadn't given them a copy, Commissioner Dennis Crane said.

As of Monday the commissioners had not received a copy of the resolution, which was published in The Times-News Saturday.

Mayor Doug Manning said that was an oversight. Having been preoccupied with this week's visit by economic diversification firm PulteCo, Manning said a copy would make its way to the county Monday.

The commissioners opted to move ahead with next week's public meeting to assess the moratorium's effect on Burley's economic development.

The county enacted the moratorium, which runs out in mid-March, to keep out large livestock operations until the Legislature could pass enforceable rules.

Public meeting

What: A public meeting on the lifting of the moratorium on large-scale animal-federated operations.

When: 4 p.m. Monday.

Where: High Plains Center at the Burley High School.

The public can also submit written comment until 5 p.m. Feb. 10, at the planning and zoning office in the basement of the Cassia County Courthouse.

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The Associated Press

or civil judicial proceedings.

Confirmed by Senate

Larry Watson, Wallace, to the Idaho State Tax Commission.

Introduced in Senate

SB1333 (Judiciary and Rules) - Clarifies circumstances for award of attorney fees in administrative

Introduced in House

HR35 (Commerce and Human Resources) - Ratifies the governor's recommendations for 3.5-percent merit and 5-percent pay raise salary increases.
HB462 (Judiciary, Rules and Administration) - Limits employ-

er liability for the acts of former and off-duty employees.

HB463 (State Affairs) - Replaces the state Antitrust Act with the Idaho Competition Law on anticompetitive business practices.

HB464 (Trail, Robison and Bieter) - Applies the minimum wage law to agricultural workers.

OBITUARIES

For obituary rates and information, call 733-9931. Ext. 278, between 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Deadline is 4:30 p.m. for next-day publication. Death notices are a free service and can be placed until 5 p.m. every day.

TWIN FALLS



POCATELLO

Mildred P. Anthony

Mildred P. Anthony died January 27, 2000, two weeks before her 97th birthday.
She was born in Portland, Oregon, in 1903, to Albert E. and Cora Esles Fridgen. When she was two years old, her family moved to Pocatello, via Eagle Rock. Her father established Pocatello's first Music Store, located on West Center Street. When the Kasika Building was erected, the Music Store took up residence, and the business continued for many years. She received her entire schooling in Pocatello. She married George W. Anthony Sr., who joined the Idaho Power Company in 1919. The next year he was transferred to Filer, Idaho, to open a new branch office for the company, and they remained there for 25 years, raising their two children. She and her family attended the Filer Methodist Church during this time. She was a member of the Eastern Star, and was active in many community enterprises in Filer. In the 1930's, during the early years of the Depression, the majority of families in Filer were on the dole from President Roosevelt's New Deal. Representing the Federated Filers of the Eastern Star, she supervised the first WPA Lunch Program for children in the Filer grade schools. Her two children graduated from Filer Rural High School.

In 1945, she and her husband moved to Boise, when he was transferred to the Engineering Department of Idaho Power. In 1948, they moved back to Pocatello, where they remained until his death in 1953. She was active in the Camp Fire Girls Association, a group at the old Bonneville School, and was a board member of the Pocatello Senior Center. She transferred her membership in the order of the Eastern Star to the Pocatello Radiant Chapter No. 61 in 1948, and later became a Past-President of the Radiant Attention Club. Upon joining the Pocatello unit of the American Legion Auxiliary, she became a Partner in the local 61 at Pocatello, and served as the Post Chaplain. L. Archivist, as well as Le Dorné Petit Chapeau Duxenne. As a longtime member of the Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, she served as Altar-Guid, Directress, St. Margaret's Guild President and Flower Society. While a member of the Idaho Writer's League, she published several poems and short stories while contributing to the Creative Writing Class of the Bonneville Center. At the YWCA, she was an instructor in weaving at the Studio, and was involved in oil painting activities. Appointed a member of the Committee on the Pocatello Centennial Celebration in 1992, she produced a large scrapbook, and was the author of a new museum. One of the rooms displayed more than a century's accumulation of artifacts from her and her husband's lineage, as well as that of her immediate family. She represented the DAR in a celebration of the 200th Anniversary of the United States Constitution.

After retirement and several years of traveling the West in a trailer, they moved to Buhl to be close to their grown children and family connections. In Buhl, she was a member of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, and attended visits with her five granddaughters, Patricia, Terry-Lynn, Margo and Lisa. Her husband preceded her in death in 1994, after 74 years of marriage. Subsequently, she lived in several rest homes in Twin Falls until her demise.

She is survived by a daughter, Lillian E. Helt, of Twin Falls; a son, George W. Anthony of Filer; a sister, Norma F. Hook of Pocatello; a brother, Albert E. Fridgen, Jr. of

Idaho Falls; a nephew, Edward W. Wright of Mesa, Ariz.; the aforementioned five granddaughters; three great-granddaughters; three great-great-granddaughters; and two great-great-grandsons.

A sister, Dorothy C. Wengler, preceded her in death in 1983 at El Campo, Texas.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, February 3, 2000, at the Holy Trinity-St. Andrews Episcopal Church in Pocatello.

Memorials may be sent to the Idaho Youth Ranch, P.O. Box 8528, Boise, ID 83707-9921. Local arrangements are under the direction of White Mortuary of Twin Falls.

KING HILL

Maria Thompson

Maria Thompson, 85, a resident of King Hill, died Sunday, January 30, 2000, of natural causes at the Gooding Rehabilitation and Living Center in Gooding.
She was born November 1, 1913, at Clover Creek, Idaho. She attended the Gooding Creek and Bliss schools. She married Ray Thompson on June 8, 1943. They worked for the Walter Jackson Ranch at Clover Creek for eight years, and after that moved to what now is the family ranch in Paradise Valley, near King Hill, where she has lived ever since.

Maria is survived by her son, Allen (Kim) Thompson of King Hill; a granddaughter, Jessie Thompson of King Hill; a sister, Cora Thompson of Eugene, Ore.; and three brothers, Leo and Walter Hobday of Bliss, and Ivan Hobday of Wendell.

She was preceded in death by her husband Ray; daughter Ellen; two brothers, Charles and Earl; and one nephew, Elvin. Friends and her family will always remember and love her.

Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, February 1, 2000, at the Glenn Rest Cemetery in Glenns Ferry. With the Rev. John Payne officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Demary's Gooding Chapel.

SACRAMENTO, CALIF.



Rev. John O. Shields

Reverend John O. Shields, 79, went home to his Heavenly Father on January 18, 2000.

John Shields was born in Oil City, Pa. on June 10, 1920. He served in the Army during World War II as a combat engineer, he was among the troops who stormed the beach at Normandy, and fought in the Battle of the Bulge. He was the recipient of a Purple Heart. He married Dorothy Jean Hawotte on October 15, 1951. They raised seven children in western New York before moving to California in 1976, where John took up the ministry. Reverend Shields ministered at the Church of God in Placererville, CA. Since 1996, he has been the associate Pastor for the Full Gospel Worship Center in Sacramento, California.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy; sons Michael and Philip, both living in California; and Bruce, who lives in Idaho. He is also survived by daughters Shella, of California, Madalain and Jacqueline, both living in New York state, Faith, who lives in California, and 10 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Services were held at the Full Gospel Worship Center in Sacramento, where Reverend Shields ministered. Pastor John Shields was cremated. Graveside services followed with a Veterans of Foreign Wars color guard to honor Rev. Shields military service. The family suggests that memorials or donations be made to the Shields name to support missionary work worldwide.

SERVICES

William L. "Bill" Garrison of Buhl, service at 11 a.m. today at the Hagerman-Christian-Center, with graveside services at 3 p.m. today at the West End Cemetery in Buhl (Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl).

Mildred "Kay" Symes of Albion, graveside service at 1 p.m. today at the East Sunset Lawn Cemetery, 2350 E. 1300 S. in Salt Lake City, Utah (Payne

Mortuary in Burley).

Marjorie E. Hobson Miller of Twin Falls, service at 2 p.m. today at the First United Methodist Church in Twin Falls. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. today at Reynolds Funeral Chapel.

Veva L. Durfee Jensen of Wendell, service at 1 p.m. today at the Buhl LDS First Ward

Chapel at 501 Main St., in Buhl. Friends may call from noon to 1 p.m. today at the church before the service (Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl).

James M. Smith of Twin Falls, services at 2 p.m. today at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls, visitation at 1 p.m. today at the funeral home before services.

HOSPITALS

MAGIC VALLEY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

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Relieved
- Nicholas Phetphadong, Tam Ferguson and Heather Chapman, all of Twin Falls; and Dusty Donaldson of Gooding.

MINIDOKA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

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Admits

- Louis Frazier, Jr., Jennifer Sanchez, Matthew S. Roberts, Cody Weber, Gerry Bort, Kolby Jensen, and G. and son, and Rosi Martinez, all of Rupert; and Oralia Chapa and Wilma Paul, both of Burley.

Dismissed

- Kolby Jesus Olmos and Matthew S. Roberts, both of Rupert.

Four Fish and Game appointees make it through panel to final vote

BOISE (AP) - Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's four appointees to the Fish and Game Commission were cleared by a Senate committee on Monday for a final legislative vote.

The Resources and Environment Committee overwhelmingly recommended confirmation of Roy Moulton of Driggs, Marcus Cit of Grace and Alex Irbay of Orofino but sent the appointment of outspoken wildlife advocate Don Clower to the floor without a recommendation.

Attempts to urge the full Senate to both confirm and reject the appointment failed before the noncommittal referral to the floor was approved on a 9-3 vote.

The action on Clower, however, cleared the way for a vote to confirm him as the seventh member of the commission. Chairman John Burns of Carmen and members Nancy Hadley of Sandpoint and Fred Wood of Burley in the midst of four-year terms.

"It was the brush of many of his accusations and downright personal attacks," conservative Republican Sen. Stan Hawkins of Ucon said. "It's been a dilemma. But I've got a governor, who in four gubernatorial elections, the most supportive, that I'd like to support."

Hawkins and others agreed not to directly torpedo Clower's appointment after the retired postal worker and former chairman of the Idaho Wildlife Council again pledged that once a commission position has been determined over his objections that he work with the other six members to foster that stand.

"It's good to have diverse viewpoints," Clower told the panel just before it voted. "But when the commission makes its decision, I will support it and work privately and publicly to carry it out."

The Senate committee action came as its House counterpart made a decision to introduce a \$4.4 million sportsmen's fee increase that has been pushed by the commission and its new Kempthorne majority as a way to dig the department out of a deep



ening financial hole.

Several House members continued to express misgivings about provisions that leave unchecked the commission's authority to acquire wetlands.

Without the additional revenue, the commission would have to dramatically curtail operations just as its new director, former Minnesota Natural Resources Director Rodney Sando, prepares to take over April 1.

The beleaguered department seemed to be on the rebound with lawmakers despite the seeming setbacks on Monday. They were markedly more benign than the beating the agency was taking in the Capitol a year ago.

Although Moulton has had several environmental run-ins with the federal government in the past that subjected him to some intense questioning, the Senate panel had reserved its severest cross-examination for Clower. He has crossed swords with lawmakers on several issues and led the campaign to out-former Fish and Game Director Steve Mealey, who had strong legislative support.

"This man's track record has me nervous," GOP Sen. Don Burtenshaw of Terreton said. But Republican Sen. Gary Schrodler of Moscow pointed out that for all the high profile dis-

agreements, it was Clower who spearheaded the successful campaign to defeat a 1996 initiative to ban bear-baiting, hunting bears with dogs and the spring break in what was seen as the initial attack on all hunting.

"When the shooting started, which side was he on? The sportsmen's?" Schroeder said. "When the chips were down, he was on the side that counts."

Others questioned the ramifications of rejecting Clower's appointment for a commission that had essentially been under siege for more than a year before the new majority was appointed by Kempthorne last July.



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PEACE, BROTHER



Kolby Kerbs, left, and Nick Bushman dress in 1960s era clothes for a project in Bonnie Fronk's sixth-grade class in White Pine Elementary School. After researching historical eras, students presented reports Monday, wearing costumes and using props representing the different eras. Items from each era were put into a time capsule, which was buried Monday and will be opened in 2066, the year the class graduates from high school.

Agencies: Pollution study lacked support

BOISE (AP) - The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service rejected a Potlatch Corp. pollution study on grounds it lacked important information and conclusions were not adequately supported.

"Potlatch had the chance to prove their pollution doesn't harm fish and they blew it," said Mark Solomon, spokesman for the conservation groups suing Potlatch over the company's discharges.

The Lands Council, Idaho Conservation League and Idaho Rivers United filed the lawsuit in August, claiming water released into the Clearwater River near the confluence with the Snake River is dangerous to imperiled fish migrating upstream into Idaho.

Company officials did not return calls Monday seeking comment on the agencies' decision.

Potlatch performed the study as the nonfederal designer for the Environmental Protection Agency, which is proposing a new discharge permit for the mill under the Clean Water Act.

But the Environmental Protection Agency must consult with Fish and Wildlife and the Fisheries Service to ensure the new permit will not harm threatened or endangered species.

The environmental groups have said temperatures in the lower Snake River already violate Washington state's water quality standards. And with the absence of pollution controls on the Snake upstream from Lewiston, environmentalists said the river is too warm for cold-water fish even before Potlatch's addition.

The Idaho Division of Environmental Quality will accept public comment through Feb. 15 on allowing Potlatch to use the state's water to dilute the mill's pollution and a five-year schedule to comply with temperature requirements.

Potlatch is currently permitted to discharge over 40 million gallons of effluent per day at up to 92 degrees. The proposed permit would limit the temperature of the discharge to 68 degrees from June 15 through Sept. 30 when records show the Snake River exceeds Idaho and Washington water quality standards designed to protect fish.

The environmental groups went to court to force the Environmental Protection Agency to consult with the Fisheries Service and Fish and Wildlife over Potlatch's discharges.

representatives said the industry was being severely overtaxed, and they wanted relief.

But state officials warned that if the forest industry got its way, some counties might be forced into severe budget cuts.

Dan Chadwick, executive director of the Idaho Association of Counties, said the compromise "will ensure continued stability in the property tax system" while setting up a formula aimed at "improving the fairness of the current system."

Shoshone County Assessor Duane Little said the compromise guarantees the forest industry a minimum 7 percent reduction in timberland value over the next few years.

That should supply some of the relief they seek, he said.

In exchange, the industry agreed to work with state officials rather than push what critics called a more sweeping reformation of the tax law.

"We are pleased to have reached an agreement that moves this issue forward," said Jane Gorsuch, spokeswoman for the Intermountain Forest Association. "I'm optimistic that the new process for determining the value of forest land in Idaho will make sense for local counties and communities and will be fair to landowners."

The agreement, which also involves the Idaho Forest Owners Association, calls for a special committee to meet in 2004 to devise and implement a fair valuation process by 2006.

Timber industry officials want to overhaul the state's method of valuing forest lands because forest land taxes have increased 147 percent and forest land values jumped more than 300 percent during the past seven years.

Lawmakers introduce minimum wage bill

BOISE - Delaying apparent inevitability, three lawmakers personally introduced a bill to extend the state's \$5.15-an-hour minimum wage to farmworkers starting in 2004.

The move on Monday avoided the need to win committee introduction of the legislation that nonetheless appears doomed when it is referred back to the House Agricultural Affairs Committee for consideration.

Democratic Rep. Ken Robison of Boise, said introducing the proposal as a personal bill was a way of expediting the issue but was not a political maneuver.

Legislature in brief

the end of his first year in office.

A campaign finance disclosure report filed with the secretary of state on Monday showed Kempthorne spent just over \$32,000 last year in apparently wrapping up loose ends from his landslide 1998 victory over Democrat Robert Hanley. Kempthorne spent nearly \$1.4 million in that campaign.

Death penalty law

BOISE - The Senate Judiciary Committee on Monday introduced Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's legislation to make sure killing any on-duty police officers is subject to the death penalty.

Kempthorne proposed the legislation following last year's decision by a district judge that the killer of State Police Trooper Linda Huff did not fall under the existing aggravating murder circumstance of killing a law enforcement officer because of the exercise of official duty.

Scott Yager, who was ultimately sentenced to life in prison with no possibility of parole, simply walked up and began shooting Huff as she left the Coeur d'Alene headquarters to get into her patrol car one night.

The governor's proposal would make it clear that killing a law enforcement officer while the officer is on duty is a reason to impose the death penalty. The change clarifies that the officer need only be on duty, not in the process of an enforcement action against the killer.

Compiled from wire reports

Kempthorne finance

BOISE - Gov. Dirk Kempthorne drew down his campaign treasury to less than \$2,800 by

Livestock

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Critics argue that it's not only the moratorium that's affecting development, but it's also the hostility surrounding livestock operations. Others say the welfare of the county would be jeopardized by opening the door to large livestock operations before rules are passed.

Because the meeting's purpose is to examine the general effect

of the moratorium, not its effects specifically on a proposed hog operation at Raft River, developer Ron Achs will have the same two minutes at the microphone as the public.

Achs had requested a conditional exemption from the moratorium at a Jan. 23 commissioner's meeting. Members of the City Council and business leaders had also asked the county to lift

the moratorium at a Jan. 20 meeting, Achs said.

Christensen said he would also like to ask questions of the public and have questions asked of the commissioners at next Monday's meeting.

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"This time of the year during the frost law we do not travel on that road," Fetzer said.

For about two more weeks the company will be hauling beets on Highway 24 from Minidoka to Rupert. About 450 loads of beets are coming daily to the Paul factory from Rupert, American Falls and Burley, Fetzer said.

In the past, Highway 24 from Minidoka to Rupert, was posted with frost laws by the state, but the road has been rebuilt, said Scott Malone, the assistant district engineer for the Idaho Transportation Department.

The speed and weight limits

are enforced only during regular sheriff's department traffic patrols and when the Idaho State Police is patrolling the area, Sheriff Paul Fries said. If several calls come in on a particular road, the department will send a patrol out, he said.

"We don't have a lot of officers to patrol regularly," he said. "But truck drivers are pretty aware of the changes, and it is not a big problem."

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Streaker

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Jones said.

"Because some chose not to, it shouldn't represent 1,500 kids," she said.

For the most part, students were interested in having a good

time, but a few were interested in causing trouble, White said.

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Education advocates pitch budget plan Gov. Kempthorne reduced

BOISE (AP) - Education advocates made their pitch to legislative budget writers on Monday for a 2000-2001 spending blueprint more than \$18 million over the recommendation of Gov. Dirk Kempthorne.

But they seemed to concede that despite a huge cash surplus and talk of a significant tax cut their request will be trimmed by lawmakers as well.

And House Appropriations Chairman Bob Geddes, R-Preston, made that point.

"I need to get to the bottom line," Geddes said, citing the projected 4.2 percent growth in revenue and their requested increase in state support of more than 9 percent.

"My concern is how can we balance the budget," he said.

Describing himself and his allies as advocates for education, State Board of Education President Harold Davis told the Joint Finance Appropriations Committee that "this role will place us at variance from time to time both with your action and the recommendations of the governor."

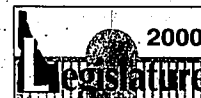
And Davis emphasized that what ultimately goes unfinanced "doesn't diminish the educational needs. It only means we must look to other resources."

He pointed out that the state current spends just over \$1.1 billion in general tax money on all phases of education but is getting over \$500 million more from other sources, including the federal government and student fees, and nearly \$300 million in property taxes for public schools.

The board had proposed an 11.5 percent increase for the three universities and Lewis-Clark State College, \$23.2 million more in state support than they got this year. Kempthorne proposed a 7 percent hike, about \$14.2 million more, and half of that was to cover the proposed 3.5 percent state employee pay raise.

State Schools Superintendent Marilyn Howard sought a 7.5 percent increase in state aid to public schools, about \$57 million, on top of the \$61.5 million the state (to the school districts for property tax relief. Kempthorne recommended a 6.3 percent hike, about \$48 million, and that includes \$2.5 million for interest on bonds for health and safety improvements at some better states, and something that typically would be included in the overall state building budget.

She rejected Kempthorne's proposals for three new initiatives in education - school option grants, service learning grants and development of a reading consultant examination - because pressing ahead with the last year's reading initiative, ex-



ing standards and other programs has pressed resources to the maximum.

"When we tackle so many new things, one after another, we do not have the time to thoughtfully and conscientiously nurture these new efforts," she said.

Howard and Davis both reiterated that salaries - faculty and staff - remain the highest priority for both public and post-secondary education.

"While Idaho is not facing a crisis in recruiting and retaining teachers yet, they said, low unemployment nationwide is drying up the pool, and other states are offering significant incentives for teachers and faculty in specific areas.

"We need to start now to position ourselves to compete for teachers once that shortage hits," Howard told the House-Senate panel, citing Idaho's need to import 40 percent of its teachers from other states.

She called for \$32.2 million to underwrite a 5.5 percent hike in the state's share of teacher salaries to make pay more competitive with some better states, and the board asked for over \$2 million to bring faculty salaries closer to those offered by competing institutions. That money, Davis said, on top of the \$7 million for the recommended 3.5 percent merit pay for state workers, would Idaho's average pay within 12.5 percent of the average at similar schools. Six years ago, the gap was over 16 percent.

Compromise leaves timber industry content

MOSCOW (AP) - Representatives for the timber industry and state officials see benefits in a compromise on timberland values.

Prior to the agreement, timber representatives said the industry was being severely overtaxed, and they wanted relief.

But state officials warned that if the forest industry got its way, some counties might be forced into severe budget cuts.

Dan Chadwick, executive director of the Idaho Association of Counties, said the compromise "will ensure continued stability in the property tax system" while setting up a formula aimed at "improving the fairness of the

current system."

Shoshone County Assessor Duane Little said the compromise guarantees the forest industry a minimum 7 percent reduction in timberland value over the next few years.

That should supply some of the relief they seek, he said.

In exchange, the industry agreed to work with state officials rather than push what critics called a more sweeping reformation of the tax law.

"We are pleased to have reached an agreement that moves this issue forward," said Jane Gorsuch, spokeswoman for the Intermountain Forest Association. "I'm optimistic that the new process for determining the value of forest land in Idaho will make sense for local counties and communities and will be fair to landowners."

The agreement, which also involves the Idaho Forest Owners Association, calls for a special committee to meet in 2004 to devise and implement a fair valuation process by 2006.

Timber industry officials want to overhaul the state's method of valuing forest lands because forest land taxes have increased 147 percent and forest land values jumped more than 300 percent during the past seven years.

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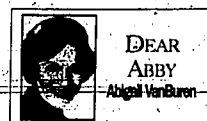
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Minority organ donors need to watch health

DEAR ABBY: For many years, there has been much discussion about the need for more organ donors. The Chicago Bears football great Walter Payton, who had a rare liver disease that could have been treated if an organ had been found and a liver transplant performed early, should heighten awareness. With this particular disease, if an organ is not found and a liver transplant is not performed, the disease can result in cancer, at which time a person cannot receive a transplant.

With new names being added to the national waiting list and 12 people dying each day waiting for an organ transplant, will there ever be enough organs to help those who need them?

The National Minority Organ Tissue Transplant Education Program (MOTTEP) has taken a different approach to help with this problem. First, we educate communities about the diseases and lifestyles that cause people to need transplants in the first place. This includes high blood pressure, diabetes, not eating healthy meals, drinking alcohol, using drugs and not going to the doctor at least once a year for a checkup. If people adopted healthier lifestyles, the number of people who need a transplant would be fewer.



DEAR ABBY
Abby VanBuren

Also, when comparing the number of healthy organs to the number of unsuitable organs of persons who wish to be donors, it is clear that healthier lifestyles would greatly improve the chances for people to donate healthy organs. This would ultimately result in more lives being saved. In many cities, we offer blood pressure, cholesterol and glucose (for diabetes) screenings, and distribute prevention information to encourage people to take better care of themselves.

Second, we show the community that they can be a part of the solution by giving them an opportunity to plan and participate in activities that help others learn about the importance of organ and tissue donation. National MOTTEP has programs in 15 cities across the country. Each program works with schools, faith communities, shopping malls, beauty salons, barber shops and other community organizations to educate others about the need to become organ and tissue donors.

Most recently, National MOTTEP developed a Sports Council for Transplantation, which is being spearheaded by basketball Hall of Fame member Oscar Robertson.

National MOTTEP was created to increase the number of African Americans, Hispanic/Latino, Asian, Pacific Islanders, Native Americans and Alaska Natives who sign donor cards; have family discussions and become donors. There are more than 65,000 men, women and children on the national transplant waiting list. Almost half of them are minorities.

It is not only important to get more individuals to become organ and tissue donors, it is equally important to make sure these same people take care of themselves and live healthier lifestyles so they won't end up on the transplant waiting list.

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Virginia S. Hutchins
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Couples in French Guiana don't seem to want to marry

An now advised by the medical experts that 95 percent of your body weight is comprised of parts that could be replaced by synthetic substitutes.

Q. What was old China's "bamboo wife"?

A. An air-conditioning device. Specifically, a five-foot cylinder of woven bamboo. A sleeper sprawled against it, resting legs or arms over it. Cooler air circulated through it.

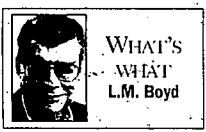
The other always eats its fish ashore.

Q. Who patented the metronome? And when?

A. The German musician Johann Maelzel in 1816 did that thing a couple of years after the Dutch inventor Dietrich Nikolaus Winkel drew up plans for it. Same year the fashionable fellow Beau Brummel first sought obscurity to escape his creditors.

And smoky Pittsburgh was incorporated on the site of old Fort Pitt. And Rome's opera goers met "The Barber of Seville."

Everybody has seen deer or photos of same, but hardly anybody can tell you whether a buck's antlers are in front of its



WHAT'S WHAT
L.M. Boyd

ears or behind them. In front.

Said Albert Einstein: "The most important tool of the theoretical physicist is his wastebasket."

Q. Among U.S. presidents, who was the best writer?

A. Abraham Lincoln without a doubt.

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There are more unmarried men in French Guiana than in any other country in the world. And you can say the same for unmarried women. Wait, read that back.

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Rah, rah

Cheer camps root for community spirit

By B.J. Bryant
Times-News correspondent

FILER - Cheerleaders from Filer High School and Twin Falls High School passed on the finer points of cheering to hundreds of children at respective camps Jan. 22.

"We are holding this camp as a community spirit raiser," says Olivia Plew, the Filer High School cheerleaders adviser, "and as a fund-raiser."

"Yeah, because at games, it is harder to cheer if there isn't anyone there," senior cheerleader Rachel Kuheter adds.

The event is important for the Filer cheerleaders, who have to raise all of their own funds for uniforms, camp, pep assemblies, as well as contributions to senior night, the group says.

The Filer Cheerleaders also hope to serve as a positive role model for the younger girls.

"It also opens your options as an athlete. Cheerleading has become a very competitive sport," Plew says.

Aside from the benefits to the community, cheerleading provides opportunities for a rousing good time.

Alisha Earl, a Filer fourth-grader, attended the camp purely "because it's fun" and "so [she] can cheer for her team."

Meanwhile, at the Twin Falls High

Cheerleaders Mini-Bruin Camp, more than 300 youngsters turned out.

The camp also was geared to increase community involvement in the school and raise funds for the cheerleaders.

The youngsters got an opportunity to show what they learned at the camps. They performed with the cheerleaders from Twin Falls and Filer High Schools at basketball games later in the day.



Alisha Earl, a fourth-grader at Filer, keeps in step with Filer cheerleader Rachel Kuheter as they work through their half-time routine.



Erin Griggs, left, and Erika Gasser teach a routine to the more than 300 children who arrived at the Twin Falls High School Mini-Bruin Cheer Camp Jan. 22. Participants ranged in age from 4-12 years old.

Stop the presses

Hagerman students learn skills with newspaper

By Gina Mulder
Times-News correspondent

HAGERMAN - Life as a newspaper editor can be tough. Just ask Melissa McFadden.

"Sometimes, it feels like all the pressure is on me," McFadden says as she puts the finishing touches on this month's editorial. "Sometimes, I have all sorts of ideas in my head and it's easy to write. Sometimes, I'm just empty and it seems so hard to write."

Those are big lessons for the 12-year-old student and her fellow sixth-graders producing the school's monthly newspaper, the "Elementary Express."

As editor, a position that changes hands every two months, McFadden is responsible for ensuring each reporter is on task, assisting in assignments, writing editorials and if necessary, helping to get stories in by deadline.

"I know I'm learning a lot, but I also enjoy doing this. It's a lot of fun," McFadden adds.

Meanwhile, cub reporter Lynlea Jayo worries about getting her last two interviews behind her.

Jayo's reasons for joining the newspaper are similar to the other students - she thought she had a knack for writing and putting that talent to work piqued her interest.

"It's fun to get to know the people you're interviewing," Jayo says on her way to interview a student who will be profiled in a "Student of the Month" section. "I like to write and I think it's great for other people to see the things that we've written."

The publication averages 10 pages stuffed with columns high-

lighting students from each grade, classroom activities, technical tips, poems, school sports, word puzzles and an editorial. About 200 copies are distributed throughout the school and community.

"It's an upbeat and positive paper," McFadden says. "We don't print any 'put downs' or any bad things - just all the great things happening at our school."

Teacher Julia Ravenscroft came up with the idea for the newspaper.

She thought the publication could fill an informational need and give the sixth-graders a jump start on life skills.

"They're learning computer, communication and writing skills, skills that they will need as they move to junior-high and on," Ravenscroft says. "They're also learning about commitment - it takes commitment to set up an interview and then show up for it. And, there is a lot of commitment to keep this paper going."

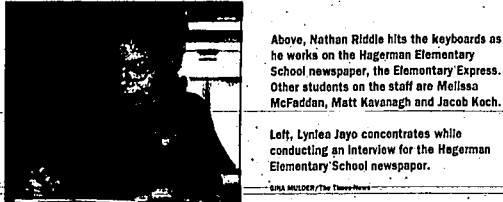
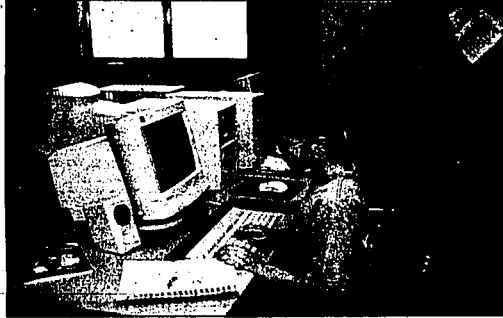
Students meet twice a week in the computer lab.

"Each child has to keep up with their regular class work and grades and keep a positive attitude," Ravenscroft adds. "If they start to fall behind in their studies, they're put probation. Attitude and work are important to being on this paper."

Once she had school approval for the newspaper, Ravenscroft had worried students wouldn't show any interest.

She was wrong. Sixteen students signed on, all eager to work and learn.

"They feel really well when their work is published and people in and out of the school see what they've done," Ravenscroft says. "They're very proud of the work they produce."



Above, Nathan Riddle hits the keyboards as he works on the Hagerman Elementary School newspaper, the Elementary Express. Other students on the staff are Melissa McFadden, Matt Kavanagh and Jacob Koch.

Left, Lynlea Jayo concentrates while conducting an interview for the Hagerman Elementary School newspaper.



Chris Poole, Carol Kimball, Mindy Hoskovec and Tracie Schroeder bag beans at the Salvation Army for needy families.

Volunteers observe King Day with service project

By Heather Abel
Times-News Correspondent

TWIN FALLS - Americorps VISTA members did more than just "observe" Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday.

Mindy Hoskovec, Chris Poole, Tracie Schroeder, Carol Kimball, Cheryl David and Ann Wilkinson remembered the fallen civil rights leader by organizing bulk food at the Salvation Army in Twin Falls.

They spent the day transferring boxes of rice and beans into small bags for needy families.

"This is a change of pace from our other

volunteer service," says Poole, a VISTA member from Gooding. "We do this to recognize this day and the great strides Martin Luther King Jr. made."

"And we're helping out the community," Hoskovec adds.

"It was a great thing," says Major Ed Patterson with the Salvation Army. "It helps out the community and it really helped us out because we get a large donation at Christmas time."

VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America) members say they always observe the holiday as "a day on, not a day off," by completing service projects in the community.

Last year, the volunteers served lunch at the Salvation Army's soup kitchen.

Paul tree burn warms up community

By Coreen Hart
Times-News correspondent

PAUL - To bring a community together, just stack up the old Christmas trees and light them with a match. Be sure to have plenty of hot dogs, long willow branches and all the fixings. Then, let nature take its course.

The city of Paul had its 52nd annual Christmas tree burning recently and about 200 people came to catch up on the news and roast hot dogs over sizzling coals.

As the trees caught fire, a plume of pine-scented smoke billowed five stories into the sky. The sight brought people from every direction. Knots of teenagers formed. Small children tried to get close to the fire, but were driven back by the heat.

Discussions ignited about hot-dog roasting technique. Is it better to attach the frank lengthwise or cross-wise? Brian Drew, an event first-timer, solved the dilemma by finding a forked stick and attaching one wiener each way.

"Be sure you tell 'em that I was the first one," Drew says of his find.

Richard Rau and his cadre of fire fighters kept an eye on the fire and children. Rau is the head of the West End Fire Department and Paul's public works director.

"We have fewer trees every year," Rau says. "People are starting to use more artificial trees, ...may have to borrow a few pieces from Otto's Woodpile - he lives right next door."

Serving cocoa and marshmallows, Otto Reidlinger says this was his 47th Christmas tree burn. Reidlinger was celebrating another event as well.

"We found out yesterday we're expecting our first child," says his daughter-in-law, Teresa Reidlinger, who is married to Otto's son Kenny, a volunteer firefighter.

"This is probably the most wonderful American custom these kids could grow up with," she says of the event.



Brian Drew found a forked stick the perfect tool at Paul's West End Fire Department Christmas tree burn and hot dog roast.

TWIN FALLS AREA COMMUNITY

Relief Society sews baby quilts

TWIN FALLS - Members of the First LDS Ward Relief Society have made more than 200 quilts for new babies at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's maternity unit.

Members of the group say they have made the quilts from purchased and donated materials to donate to the regional hospital.

Relief Society members participating in the quilting work include Amanda Smith, Wilma Dowdy, Kathy Tugaw, Carla Smith, Mary Jane Carlisle, Penni McBride, Elizabeth Welker, Emily Felkins, Roberta Olson, Lois Perkins, Susan Bell, Janell Arrington, Cheryl Benner, Paige Burnham, Sherri Dowdle, Annette Hansen, Linda St. Clair, Linda McCurdy and Ginny Kezela.



First LDS Ward Relief Society members Paige Burnham, Kathy Tugaw with Shelby, Janell Arrington, Mary Jane Carlisle, Penni McBride and Emily Felkins work on quilts for newborn babies.

Good Sam Club auction benefits charity

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls Bluebirds Good Sam Club annual auction generated funds for local charities.

The auction was held at the Fort Running Bear Campgrounds.

Jim Lindsey was the auctioneer with the help of Orville Bradley. Auctioned items were donated by members of the club. Lindsey was able to sell a jar of pickles for \$20, using friendly persuasion, members say.

The past two years at Christmas time, money raised at the auction was donated to the Salvation Army for Christmas baskets.

The Twin Falls Bluebirds members also participate in other community service projects. They gather and sell aluminum cans with the money going to the Dogs for Deaf program.

The members also clean a section of U.S. Highway 93 twice a year and take part in the Adopt-A-Park Program.

The Bluebirds group also cleans the Twin Falls City RV dump station twice a year.



Twin Falls Bluebirds Good Sam Club President Bob Eastman, right, presents the proceeds from the club's 1999 auction to Salvation Army Major Eddie Patterson, center, with auctioneer Jim Lindsey, left, and publicity chairman Donna Lanfing.

Courses focus on taxidermy, smart investing

TWIN FALLS - Taxidermy, women's investing, photographing children and calligraphy are adult enrichment classes starting soon at the College of Southern Idaho.

Small Animal Taxidermy will be taught by taxidermist Bob McDonald, who returns for his 18th year of teaching from 6-9 p.m. Wednesdays starting this Wednesday to March 8.

Participants will learn the art of preparing, stuffing and mounting, techniques of skinning and fleshing out the specimen and how to use taxidermy chemicals.

The fee for the course is \$60. Students must also buy their own materials. Depending on the size of the specimen they bring, the

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For information on any class or to pre-register, call the CSI Community Education Center at 733-9554, Ext. 2288.

cost will range from \$35 to \$75.

Why Smart Women Finish Rich will be taught by Rob Sturgill from 7-9 p.m. Feb. 8 at the Edward Jones investment office at 1525 Addison Ave. E.

The investment workshop is based on the book, "Smart Women Finish Rich" by David Bach. A workbook will be included in the fee of \$20.

Photographing Children will be taught by Janie Golcochen. The

three-hour workshop will be held from 9 a.m. to noon Feb. 12 in the CSI Art Complex.

The course will help participants learn to capture special moments, candid shots and portraits of their children and grandchildren.

Participants must bring their own camera, color print film and examples of family pictures they've taken, especially the ones that didn't turn out well, CSI says.

Introduction to Calligraphy starts Wednesday. The class will meet from 6-8 p.m. for five Wednesdays in Shields 104. The cost is \$40 plus a \$21.50 materials fee. The instructor is Michelle Berkoble.

SENIOR CALENDAR

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222 Main St., Filer
Dinners served at noon on Tuesday and Thursday and at 6 p.m. on Friday. Suggested donation is \$2 for seniors. Home delivered meals available each meal time.
Tuesday: Spaghetti with meat sauce.
Thursday: Roast beef.
Friday: Hot turkey sandwich.

Quilting 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Blood-pressure-check 10 a.m. to noon.
Tax assistance.
Lunch bingo.
Saturday
Pancake breakfast, 8-11:30 a.m.
Monday
Quilting, 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Foot clinic, make appointment

p.m., by appointment only. Call 736-0676.

Wednesday
Exercises 7 to 8 a.m., and at 10 a.m.

Thursday
Exercises 7-8 a.m.
Quilting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Foot clinic, sign-up.
Bingo 1-3 p.m.
Evening meal, 5:30 p.m.
Cards at 6 p.m.

Friday
Exercises 7 to 8 a.m., and at 10 a.m.

Sunday
All-you-can-eat buffet, fried chicken, at 1 p.m.
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.

Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center
616 Eastland Drive
Dinner served from noon to 12:30 p.m. Suggested donation is \$3 for seniors. The cost is \$4 for non-seniors under 60 and \$2.50 for children under 12.
Tuesday: Fried chicken, potatoes and gravy, green beans, tossed salad, muffin, cobbler.
Wednesday: Pork party, fried potatoes, cooked cabbage, Jell-O, fruit, rolls, dessert.
Thursday: Lasagna, green salad, Italian vegetables, french bread, fruit dessert.
Friday: Fish or chicken, scalloped potatoes, mixed vegetables, beet salad, corn bread, cake.
Monday: Sweet and sour pork, fried rice, oriental vegetables, Jell-O salad, cinnamon rolls.

West End Senior Citizens Inc.
1010 Main St., Buhl
Noon meals served Monday through Friday. Buffet meal at 1 p.m. on Sunday. Evening meals served at 5:30 p.m. 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 and Thursday noon and evening. Please call 543-4577 by 10 a.m. to arrange a ride.
Tuesday: Stew, V-8 juice, spinach, biscuits, raw apple cake.
Wednesday: French dip sandwich, potato salad, carrots, brownies.
Thursday: Roast beef, potatoes and gravy, green beans, Jell-O salad, rolls, peach crisp, smorgasbord at 5:30 p.m.
Friday: Ham and beans, carrots, green salad, biscuits, cookies.
Sunday: All-you-can-eat buffet, fried chicken, at 1 p.m.
Monday: Macaroni and cheese, Wieners, green beans, fruit, cookies; smorgasbord at 5:30 p.m.

Aegean Senior Citizens Inc.
310 Main N., Kimberly
Wednesday: Sausage party, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, tossed salad, biscuits and butter, apricots, cookie, coffee, milk.
Friday: Oven-fried chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, tossed salad, green beans, bread and butter, pudding, coffee, milk.
Monday: Beef biscuit roll, buttered broccoli, cottage cheese, salad, muffin and butter, peaches, coffee, milk.

Activities
Library, Pool Room, and Bargain Center with cards, games, color television, puzzles and movies. Open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Tuesday
Quilting 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Election day, vote from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Blood pressure check 10 a.m. to noon.
Wednesday
Groundhog Day, Quilting 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Elks card club.
Thursday
Pinocle at 1 p.m.
Friday

Activities
Thrift shop open every day.
Tuesday
Quilting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Exercises, 7 to 8 a.m.
Energy Assistance, 9 a.m. to 4

Wednesday
Blood pressure check.
Thursday
Crafts at 1 p.m.
Friday
Bingo at 11:55 a.m.
Pinocle at 1 p.m.
Sunday
Sunday dinner, noon to 2 p.m. Baron of beef, adults \$5, children under 12, \$2.50. The public is invited to attend.
Volunteer tax preparation starting Tuesday, Feb. 8, for seniors and low income families. Call Diana to make an appointment at 423-4338.

Registration under way for Idaho Horse Judge's course

TWIN FALLS - Registration is under way for the Idaho Horse Judge's Shortcourse April 5-7 in Twin Falls.

The 25-hour course provides training for open and youth show judges, riding instructors, 4-H club leaders, exhibitors and judging team coaches. The curriculum includes lectures, video, discussion, live horse/riding arena evaluations and a judging practical.

Registration fees are \$150 per person or \$280 per couple. A late fee of \$15 will be added after March 15.

A youth registration package is available.

For more information, call Sarah Skar at 837-6122 days or e-mail sarahska@lightcom.net.

Living with Chronic Illness support group meets

TWIN FALLS - The Living with Chronic Illness support group meets the second Monday of every month at the Center for New Directions from 5:30-7:00 p.m.

The purpose of the group is to help people face the emotional, emotional, physical and spiritual issues of living with a chronic illness. The group also welcomes family and friends affected by chronic illness.

For more information please call Jodie at 733-9554, Ext. 2680 or Barbara at 734-7394.

LINC office hosts First Thursday Valentine party

TWIN FALLS - The Living

Better Breather Club cancels February meeting

TWIN FALLS - The Better Breather Club is canceling its meeting for the month of February.

Meetings will resume in March.

Astronomy association schedules meeting

JEROME - The Snake River Astronomy Association will meet at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Jerome Public Library at 109 First Ave. E., in Jerome.

For more information, call Ryan Showers at 324-7606, Patty Bryant at 324-6211, or e-mail at pbyrant@magicklink.com, or srta@magicklink.com.

Organizers plan first annual 'Spring Into Crafts' show

TWIN FALLS - The first annual "Spring Into Crafts" show will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 1-2 at the Twin Falls National Guard Armory at 1069 Frontier Road near the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls.

Booths are \$60 for a 8-foot by 10-foot booth and \$40 for a 6-foot

COMMUNITY EVENTS

by 8-foot booth. Booth space is filling up so vendors are encouraged to reserve space as soon as possible, coordinators say.

For more information or to reserve a booth, call Michelle Lerbach at 324-9568 or write her at 1015 North Fir St., 10 A, Jerome, ID 83338.

Hospital foundations host Hearts and Beaus Ball

TWIN FALLS - The Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Foundation and the Twin Falls Clinic & Hospital Foundation present the Hearts and Beaus Ball, starting at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 12 at the Ballroom at 205 Shoshone St. N., in Twin Falls.

No host cocktails and music by the Canyon Side Swing Quartet will begin at 6:30 p.m. with a gourmet dinner to follow at 7:30 p.m. Partygoers will have a choice of sesame crusted ahi or charbroiled Black Angus strip steak. Apricot mousse served with Oregon boysenberry cobbler will follow as dessert. Dancing will be held from 8:30-11:30 p.m. to the sounds of Jeff Fox and his eight member Canyon Side Swing Orchestra.

Tickets are \$45 per person and seating is limited. Participants are encouraged to make reservations early.

Proceeds will benefit the establishment of the Magic Valley Health and Education Endowment, impacting health education and wellness awareness throughout the Magic Valley, coordinators say.

For more information or to buy tickets, call Barbara Miciak at

Magic Valley Regional Medical Center at 737-2481.

Kimberly PTSD sponsors annual Chili Supper

KIMBERLY - The Kimberly PTSD will sponsor its annual Chili Supper from 4:30-7 p.m. Friday in the Kimberly Elementary School Cafeteria.

Chili, baked potatoes and cinnamon rolls will be served.

Cost is \$3 per person or \$15 per family. Children under age 5 eat free.

Drawings of the new high school will be on display and Hummel Architects representatives will be available to answer questions. Participants are welcome to head over to the gym for the Kimberly versus Valley High basketball game after the chili supper.

Sponsors of the supper are Smith's Food, Avonmore West, Giles Farms, Keegan Potatoes, Person's IGA and Albertson's.

Job Service representative offers assistance to vets

TWIN FALLS - Job Service representative Roy Applewhite will assist veterans at several Magic Valley area locations this month.

Assistance is available: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays at the Gooding City hall; 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. the second and fourth Wednesdays at the Lincoln County Courthouse; 9 a.m. to noon every Thursday in Room 219 of the Merchants Building at the College of Southern Idaho; 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. the third

Monday at the Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce in Rupert

9 a.m. to 1 p.m. the fourth Tuesday at the National Guard Armory in Burley.

Services include work registration; job referrals; veterans' education; training and other program vocational guidance; and referrals to community-based organizations. Veterans are encouraged to contact Applewhite at any of the above locations or at the Magic Valley Job Service Office, 771 N. College Road.

For more information, call 735-2028.

World War II B29 personnel announcement convention

WICHITA, Kan. - A convention will be held for people who were involved with the 58th Bomb Wing or 509th Group of the US Air Force during World War II.

The reunion will be held Sept. 11-17 at the Hilton Airport Hotel in Wichita, Kan.

A memorial to the B29 crews will be dedicated this year in Great Bend, Kan.

For more information, call R.L. Bob Kilburn at (918) 597-2047 or write him at P.O. Box 218, Siloam Springs, AR 72761.

USS Forrestal Association plans reunion this summer

FORT MITCHELL, Ky. - The USS Forrestal CVACVAVT-59, a US Navy super-carrier, will hold its 10th annual reunion from Aug. 8-12 at Drawbridge Estates in Fort Mitchell, Ky.

Former crew members, air groups, Marines, family and

GIFT OF WARMTH



Magic Valley Home Builders Association President Steve Olson, left, presents a donation to Orin Stearns, Twin Falls Optimist president, for the Optimist Coats for Kids project, which provides coats and other clothing to needy children. The home builders association, a nonprofit organization, used the Parade of Homes as one of its fund-raisers to earn money for charities, the Optimist Club says.

Photo courtesy Twin Falls Optimist Club

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friends are encouraged to attend. For more information, call Tim Frodge at (606) 356-7596 or write him at P.O. Box 241, Walton, Ky. 41094, or call Jim Brussell at (937) 295-2865 or write at P.O. Box 225, Fort Lorame, Ohio 45845

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BRIEFLY IN MONEY

AirTouch Cellular unveils new plan

TWIN FALLS — AirTouch Cellular Monday announced new simplified digital calling plans that end roaming and long-distance charges.

AirTouch Digital customers — including its CommNet Cellular customers in the Magic Valley — now can get one calling rate no matter where or when they use their phone across the United States, the company said.

The new national calling plans, starting at \$29.99 per month for 100 minutes, eliminate domestic long-distance and roaming charges and allow AirTouch Digital customers to take their included minutes with them throughout all 50 states.

"Customers have been telling us that some national plans are either too expensive or too confusing," said Brian Shay, general manager for AirTouch's Western Region.

The AirTouch National Calling Plan is designed for consumer and business users who frequently make long-distance calls while traveling or want simplified, predictable pricing, the company said. Options also include \$49.99 for 250 minutes or \$69.99 for 400 minutes.

UPS fourth-quarter earnings up 37 percent

NEW YORK — United Parcel Services Inc., the world's largest package delivery company, posted a 37 percent jump in fourth-quarter earnings in 1999, Monday, which it attributed to gains in its core domestic and international package business along with growth in logistics and e-commerce.

Net income for the period rose 37.1 percent to \$661 million, or 56 cents per diluted share, from \$482 million, or 43 cents per diluted share, a year earlier, narrowly beating the 55 cents expected by analysts.

UPS, whose \$5.47 billion initial stock offering in November was the biggest in U.S. history, said the gains include a 20.5 percent increase in domestic profitability and a 121.6 percent jump in international operating income.

Revenues in the quarter rose to \$7.45 billion from \$6.66 billion. "UPS has again demonstrated the ability to deliver superior financial returns," said Robert J. Clain, chief financial officer for the company, which does business in the Magic Valley. "We expect another good year in 2000 as these positive trends continue."

Investors, however, were less impressed as UPS shares fell \$5.4375, or 8.37 percent, to \$59.50 by the close of trade on the New York Stock Exchange.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

Working to bring down barriers

Magic Valley Mall tries to better serve Hispanic customers.

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — On a typical weekday, Hispanic shoppers make up an estimated 9 percent of the traffic at the Magic Valley Mall. On Sundays, the estimate jumps to one in every three shop-

pers, said Shellen Gilliland, the mall's marketing director.

Those numbers weren't gathered in a particularly scientific fashion, she said. "We sit in Center Court and count heads." But they're enough to motivate mall managers to make Sunday something special for Spanish-speaking customers.

Managers' research indicates Sunday is a family event for many Hispanics, who go to church, eat out and shop together that day. That's good business

for stores who learn to take advantage of the practice.

This year Twin Falls' major mall will renew its efforts with four big Sunday events in April, May, November and December — but without the monthly Hispanic Sunday it sponsored in 1998, Gilliland said. Last year, the mall stepped back from its monthly events because of difficulty lining up entertainment, and it re-evaluated its strategy.

The result? Plans for four special days:

• A Spanish-speaking Easter bunny — a first for the Magic Valley Mall — will visit on the afternoon of April 9. The mall's regular bunny character usually doesn't talk, Gilliland said, but she'll make an exception.

• A nonalcoholic Cinco de Mayo celebration May 7 will be the mall's third, "and it's just grown like crazy every year," Gilliland said. Typical attractions include a Mexican fashion show, trick rope performers, pinatas for children, costumed youth per-

formers, vendor booths selling ethnic food and merchandise and a jalapeno-eating contest.

• Some kind of event Nov. 5 will recognize Dia de los Muertos — Day of the Dead — which is a time when Mexican families honor their deceased loved ones. But Gilliland and her colleagues, unfamiliar with the day's traditions, don't know yet what to do.

"In America we haven't figured out how to celebrate it yet,"

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KEEPING PACE



Stockbrokers confer during trading on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange Monday. Stocks were mixed at the start of trading after the latest economic report from Washington left little question in investors' minds that the Federal Reserve will raise interest rates this week. For more on stocks, please see page C-5.

Dollar coins come early

Knight Ridder News Service

BLACKFOOT — Blackfoot's debut as the official Sacajawea Dollar Coin Day didn't go off exactly as planned Thursday, as the first gold-alloy dollar coins featuring the likeness of the Indian girl went into circulation at Wal-Mart.

Zions Bank, which thought it was supposed to distribute the first 2,000 coins, was still waiting for them at 2:30 p.m. when manager Paul Jordan said he received his first report that cashiers at Wal-Mart were making change with them. The Blackfoot store wasn't the only one to receive the coins, either. They were flying out of stores in Chubbuck and Idaho Falls, and across the nation.

James Boel of the Blackfoot store said the release was originally scheduled for Sunday. But a message came from headquarters Thursday morning that it was OK to put the coins in circulation. By the end of the day, 80 percent of them were gone.

Lynn Parrish, spokeswoman for the U.S. Mint in Washington, D.C., said Ken Thomasma of Jackson, Wyo., was involved with the efforts last year to get Sacajawea on the new coin, which will replace the Susan B. Anthony dollar of the 1970s. But Thomasma has no official role with the U.S. Mint or the coin's rollout.

Thomasma described himself as a volunteer with a passion for the cause of advancing the knowledge of Sacajawea's role in American history.

"This girl made an unbelievable contribution and she was never paid a nickel," he said. He said he is hopeful that the dollar coin will replace the \$1 bill and save the country millions of dollars.

He said he is encouraging Western Idaho states to issue proclamations recognizing Sacajawea. He prepared the proclamation that Blackfoot sent last week to Idaho Gov. Dirk Kempthorne.

Sacajawea was a 17-year-old Lemhi-Shoshone girl who helped guide the Lewis and Clark Expedition to the Pacific Ocean between 1804 and 1806. She had been kidnapped and taken from her home near where the town of Salmon is now. After guiding the explorers west, she was allowed to stay with her people there. Several of her descendants live in eastern Idaho, and a girl from the Fort Hall Reservation, Randy L. Teton, was chosen as the model for her on the coin.

Parrish said the coins were shipped to the Federal Reserve Bank Jan. 18, and the Fed shipped millions of the coins to commercial banks Thursday.

The Wal-Mart program, involving 100 million coins between now and the end of February, is intended to let people know the coins are for everyday use.

"We don't want people to think this is a collectible or a commemorative coin," she said. "The Mint is also putting one of the new coins inside every 2,000th box of Cheerios, and a certificate for 100 coins inside every 4,000th box."

Personal income doesn't keep pace with spending

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Americans' personal income rose in December and they spent all of it and more, giving the nation's retailers one of their best holiday seasons in years.

The Commerce Department reported today that personal income, which includes wages, interest and government benefits, increased by 0.3 percent last month, following a 0.4 percent rise in November. December's gain — the smallest increase since September — was weaker than the 0.5 increase many analysts were anticipating.

Spending, meanwhile, rose a brisk 0.8 percent — the biggest increase since August — following a solid 0.7 percent gain in November. The increase in spending, right on target with analysts'

expectations, gave merchants their best holiday sales since 1992.

With Americans spending more than they earned in December, the personal savings rate — savings as a percentage of after-tax income — was pulled to a record monthly low of 1.5 percent. In November, the savings rate was 2 percent.

All that spending also pushed the savings rate to an all-time annual low of 2.4 percent in 1999 compared with a 3.7 percent rate the year before.

The savings rate had dipped to record monthly lows in negative territory several times in 1999. But a comprehensive overhaul late last year in how the government calculates the gross domestic product — the total output of the country's goods and services — has pushed the savings rate into positive territory. The revisions showed that

Americans are saving more than previously thought.

The record low savings numbers posted for December and for the year, however, aren't as dire as they seem. That's because the rate doesn't reflect gains households have realized on their savings from such things as rising stock market values and higher real estate values for their homes.

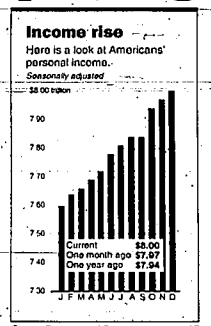
Many analysts expect the Federal Reserve to boost interest rates by a quarter of a percentage point at the end of a two-day meeting Wednesday. They believe the Fed will do this to slow the red-hot economy and to keep inflation under control.

The central bank bumped up interest rates three times last year, making borrowing more expensive for millions of American consumers and businesses.

Even with those rate increases, economists believe the economy continues to power ahead at a rapid pace that probably can't be sustained without triggering inflation.

In financial markets, bond prices fell as yields on the bellwether 30-year Treasury bonds rose to 6.45 percent in early trading from 6.45 percent late Friday in part reflecting profit taking from last week's gains. The stock market was subdued with the Dow Jones industrial average up 10 points in late-morning trading, but the broader Nasdaq market was off 110 points.

For the year, Americans' income rose 5.9 percent, matching the increase posted in 1998, and led by a 0.8 percent boost in wages. In 1998, wages rose 7.6 percent.



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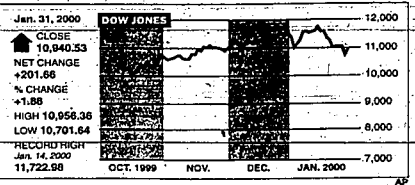
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Dow industrials soar

NEW YORK (AP) - The Dow Jones industrial average rebounded Monday as investors snapped up shares of companies battered in last week's sell-off.

Mall

Continued from C3 she said. The mall's version could wind up much like its Cincinco de Mayo.

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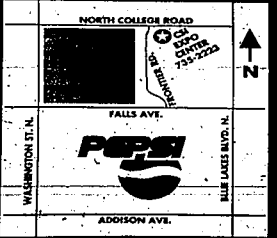
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IN BRIEF

Deadline Wednesday for Singles tourney

TWIN FALLS - People interested in signing up to participate in the Feb. 13 First Federal Savings Bank Singles Only Tennis Tournament have until next Wednesday to do so. The tournament will take place at the YMCA. Players of all ages are welcome. Juniors can play at whatever NTRP rating suits their ability. Entry fee is \$20 for TFTA members and \$25 for non-members. For more information, call Connie Turdick at 734-2795, or J.C. Burdick at 734-8142.

February soccer clinic planned in Twin Falls

TWIN FALLS - There will be an entry-level soccer referee clinic on Feb. 8, 10, 11 and 12 at 1330 Filer Ave. E. in Twin Falls. The times on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday are 7 to 10 p.m. Saturday, times are from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, contact John Jacobson at 734-3151.

Buhl alumna continues success at Linfield

MEMPHISVILLE, Ore. - Buhl High School graduate Leah Moore has enjoyed a run of success during first-place Linfield College's three-game winning streak, which has helped Wildcats improve to 13-5 overall and 8-1 in the Northwest Conference. Moore scored nine points in a recent 79-55 win over Willamette College, had three steals in an 86-72 victory over Lewis and Clark and four more steals in a 96-73 win over Puget Sound. Moore's .803 free-throw percentage is third best in the conference. Linfield has won eight of its last nine and 10 of its last 12.

Steelheads host Tacoma Wednesday

BOISE - The Idaho Steelheads of the West Coast Hockey League Northern Division leader Tacoma Wednesday night at 7 at the Bank of America Center.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

Century ends Burley girls' season

By Matt Peterson Times-News writer

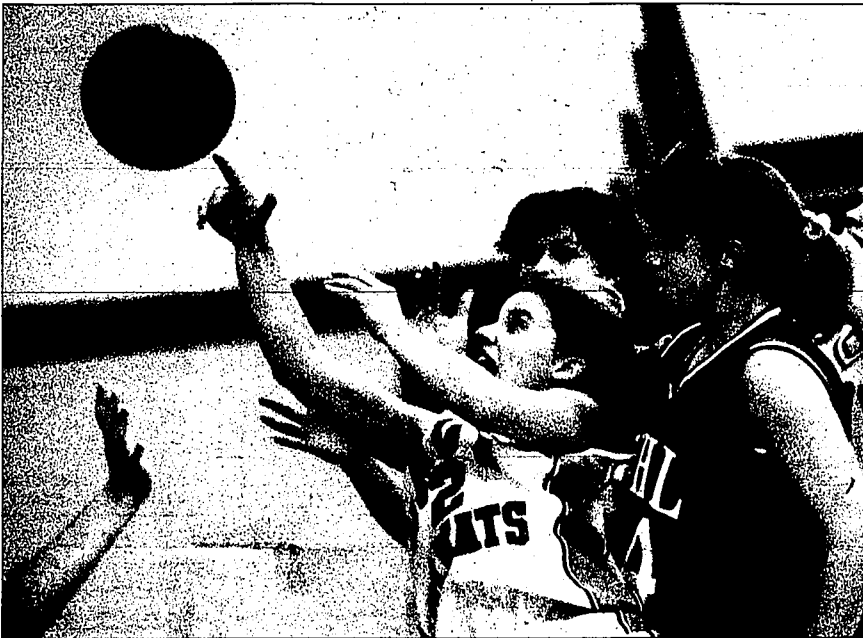
Region III Tournament

BURLEY - The Burley girls' basketball team saw its season come to a merciful end Monday, falling to Century 42-31 in a Region III tournament loser-out game in Burley. The Diamondbacks never trailed in the contest and led by as many as 15 in the second half. With the win, they advanced to play Twin Falls - who dropped its first-round game Saturday to Minico - tonight on the Bruins' home floor. The teams have split their two regular season contests, with the home team win-

ning both times. "We feel like we can beat Twin Falls if we play our game," said Century coach DeJon Huse, whose team took No. 1-seed Jerome to overtime before losing in the tournament's first round Saturday. "But we've got to be patient on offense, handle the press and be tough on defense." Pocatello beat Highland 43-42 in the other Region III game Monday night. Century's Heidi Led' all scorers Monday with 15 points, nine of which came in the fourth

quarter. Teammate Brynn Rydman added 11 points and point guard Misty Teeple tossed in nine. "I thought we played hard, but we still made mistakes mentally," said Burley coach Gordon Kerbs, whose team finished the season 4-18 overall. "With the game out of reach late in the fourth quarter, Burley fans got something to cheer about when injured star and senior captain Heidi Goicoechea returned to the floor for the first time since suffering a season-ending knee injury Dec. 11 in a home win over Rigby. With his team leading 42-29 and only 14 seconds showing on the clock, Huse picked up an

intentional technical foul to allow Goicoechea to enter the game and shoot two free throws. "Coach Kerbs and I had talked about doing it," Huse said. "She's such a classy lady and I felt really badly that she hasn't been able to be a part of this." Coming into the game cold, Goicoechea - who averaged 21.3 points per game before her injury - knocked down both free throws to account for the 42-31 final. "Actually I was trying not to cry, but I was a little nervous" said Goicoechea, who will attend Please see CENTURY, Page D2



Filer's Mandi Turner fights for the ball against a swarm of Buhl defenders during Monday night's District 4 A-2 girls Basketball tournament game. The Wildcats won 52-29.

Filer topples Buhl in tournament opener

By John Dorr Times-News writer

SCIC Tournament

FILER - Filer entered the Class A-2, District 4 girls' basketball tournament as the top seed but had beaten the sixth-seeded Buhl Indians twice by a combined seven points. The story was different Monday as the Wildcats got 25 points from senior guard Adrienne Fullmer, and Filer easily advanced to the tournament semifinal Thursday with a 52-29

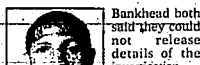
victory over the Indians. The Indians will face Gooding in a loser-out game today at 7:30 p.m. in Gooding. "My shooting has come a long way since the beginning of the season," said Fullmer, who went 3-for-5 from beyond the arc and 6 of 8 from the free throw line. "The Wildcats started slowly but finally got going in the second quarter to build a 13-point

advantage. Buhl tried to rally in the second half, but Filer would not let the Indians back into the game. The Wildcats shot 40 percent from the field (20 for 50), while Buhl struggled all night connecting on just 19 percent of their shots (11 for 58). Buhl scored first as Hattie Hiatt hit a free throw, but the points would not come easily for the Indians for the rest of the game. Buhl ran a patient offense, running time off the clock to get a good shot. The problem, however, was the shots didn't fall.

Filer's Mandi Turner dished a pair of assists to Fullmer and Leah Hollingshead as the Wildcats kept pushing the ball up the court and took the lead for good. Libbie Loughmiller hit a jumper and Fullmer had her first three-pointer of the night as Filer led 9-3 after one quarter. The Indians rallied in the second quarter, cutting the advantage to four points at 13-9 as Hiatt, the only Buhl player in double figures with 10 points, Please see FILER, Page D2

Ravens All-Pro linebacker Lewis charged with murder

The Associated Press



Ray Lewis

ATLANTA - Police charged Pro Bowl linebacker Ray Lewis with murder late Monday in the slayings of two people outside an Atlanta nightclub hours after the Super Bowl. Lewis, middle linebacker for the Baltimore Ravens and the NFL's leading tackler this season, was arrested after a day of investigation into the slaying outside the Cobalt lounge in Atlanta's Buckhead neighborhood about 4 a.m. Monday. Lewis was taken into custody and was expected to appear in court this morning. Two men were stabbed during a fight that broke out just as the party was ending at the club. Other men fled in a black Lincoln Navigator stretch limousine, firing at least five gunshots as they drove away. Police found the vehicle, with New York license plates, in a parking lot behind a hotel near the shooting scene, Atlanta police spokesman John Quigley said. Quigley and Georgia Bureau of Investigation spokesman John

Bankhead both said they could not release details of the investigation. Lewis, 24, was the only suspect named by police. One man died at the other victim died at Grady Memorial Hospital. The Fulton County Medical Examiner's office identified the victims as Jacinta Baker, 21, and Richard Lollar, 24, both of Decatur. Despite the report of shots, Atlanta police Lt. M.C. Smith said the preliminary investigation indicated both victims were stabbed to death. Lewis became the second NFL player this month charged with murder. On Jan. 4, Carolina Panthers wide receiver Rae Carruth was charged with first-degree murder in the shooting death of Cherice Adams, who was pregnant with their son.

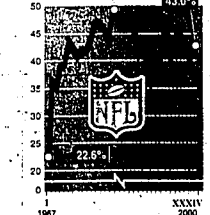
Bowl ratings go up with game quality

The Associated Press

NEW YORK - Small markets don't hurt Super Bowl ratings - especially when the game goes down to the final play. St. Louis' stirring 23-16 victory over Tennessee on Sunday night drew a 43.2 rating and a 62 share on ABC, up 7 percent from last year. That makes it the 19th-highest rated among the 34 Super Bowls. Last year's game, Denver's 34-19 win over Atlanta, received a 40.2 rating and 61 share, the lowest rating since the 1990 game registered a 39.0 rating. ABC estimated 130,745,000 people watched the game, making it the fifth most-watched telecast in U.S. history, trailing four other Super Bowls. Last year's game, broadcast by Fox, was watched by 127.5 million. The No. 1 program was the 1996 Super Bowl between Dallas and Pittsburgh, watched by 138.5 million. Sunday's game pushed the final episode of "M.A.S.H.," broadcast by CBS on Feb. 28, 1983, and watched by 121.6 million, out of the top 10 list, which now includes nine Super Bowls and the women's

Viewer interest up

Percentage of TV households tuned in to the Super Bowl



skating final of the 1994 Winter Olympics. With two small markets, ABC said last week it hoped for a 42.0 rating, but the close games caused ratings to grow throughout the night. When the game began at 6:26 p.m. EST, it had a 39.0 rating and 61 share, which grew to 41.4/64 at 6:30-7 p.m.; 42/764

Valley takes out Glens Ferry

The Times-News

HAZELTON - The Lady Vikings can run the floor. They proved that during Monday night's victory over Glens Ferry, an 80-54 victory in the opening round of the Class A-3 Canyon Conference girls' basketball tournament.

Canyon Conference Tournament

Valley will play at No. 1 Declo tonight immediately following the completion of the JV championship game, which begins at 6 p.m. The last game will host the Lady Pilots at 7 p.m. Thursday in a loser-out game. The championship game is slated for next Monday night. But last night, it was all Valley. "We got in a transition game," fourth-year Vikings coach Brian Hardy said. "We did a good job on the boards so we were able to run."

And leading the charge were Kyia Boam and Annie Shawver, whom Hardy said "were running the floor and everybody was looking for them." Shawver led all scorers with 26 points, while Boam added 17 over her own. Hardy also said Summer Callen's nine points - all in the second quarter - gave Valley the spark it needed to break open a relatively close game. Free throws were crucial as well. Valley shot 57 percent of its free throws, while Glens Ferry was 15 of 28.

Eusi Barraso led the Lady Vikings with 16 points. Courtney Fullmer had 13 points and 10 rebounds. Courtney Fullmer had 13 points and 10 rebounds. Courtney Fullmer had 13 points and 10 rebounds.

from 7-7:30 p.m. and 43.5/64 from 7:30 p.m. and 43.5/64 from 7:30 p.m.

The halftime show got a 40.8/48 in the next half hour, and the second half began with a 43.9/62 from 8:30-9 p.m. That was followed by a 44.2/64 and 46.9/65 for the final half hour, which included Kurt Warner's 73-yard touchdown pass to Isaac Bruce and Mike Jones' tackle of Kevin Dyson at the 1 as time ran out.

The rating for the final half hour was up 21 percent from the 38.9 for the final half hour last year.

In St. Louis, the game produced a 55.6 rating and 78 share, and in Nashville, Tenn., it drew a 50.3/67.

In Houston, the Titans' home when the team was the Oilers, the game got a 47.0 rating and 67 share. In Los Angeles, the former home of the Rams, it got a 38.7/64. In New York, the game got a 39.6 rating and 54 share. The rating is the percentage of television households watching a telecast, and each point represents 1,008,000 homes. The share is the percentage tuned in among those television sets on at the time.

SPORTS

Selig suspends, fines Rocker

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — John Rocker was suspended until May 1 by the baseball commissioner...

The players' union said it intends to fight the ruling. "Major league baseball takes seriously its role as an American institution and the important social responsibility that goes with it," Selig said.



John Rocker

not what our great game is about and, in fact, is a protracted breach of the social compact we hold in such high regard."

"I do not believe it is appropriate that I should be harshly disciplined for my misguided speech unaccompanied by any conduct on my part," Rocker said in a statement released by his agents.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Christian Academy beats O'Leary ninth-graders. TWIN FALLS — The Warriors withstood a stinging O'Leary freshman press in the fourth quarter and hit 14-of-18 free throws down the stretch to ice the victory.

Mavs' Harper moves to the front office. DALLAS — Derek Harper is trading in his sneakers for suits. Harper, the Dallas Mavericks' all-time leader in assists, steals and 3-pointers, officially ended his playing career Monday and started his front-office career as the team's vice president of business relations.

Gaherin succumbs to Parkinson's disease. HYANNIS, Mass. — John J. Gaherin, who represented baseball owners when they lost the 1975 grievance that led to free agency, has died of Parkinson's disease. He was 85.

College basketball great Feiereisel passes away. CHICAGO — Ron Feiereisel, who played basketball at DePaul and in the NBA before becoming a coach and referee, has died. Feiereisel died of natural causes Friday at Northwestern Memorial Hospital, a spokesman for Nelson Funeral Home in suburban Park Ridge said Monday night.

Expense questions surround Austrian Olympic exec. SYDNEY, Australia — Australian Olympic executive Kevan Gosper says supposed expenses of \$11,000 by his family on a visit to Salt Lake City were falsely claimed by someone on the bid committee for the 2002 Winter Games.

Lakers wait outside while firefighters put out hotel fire. SAN ANTONIO — A two-alarm fire forced the Los Angeles Lakers to evacuate their hotel Monday night. Firefighters del out a small fire that started in the basement of La Mansion Del Rio Hotel, along the San Antonio Riverwalk. The Lakers were staying there before Tuesday night's game against the San Antonio Spurs.

McClary has operation, recovering from hockey accident. MONTREAL — Trent McClary, the Montreal Canadiens player who suffered life-threatening injuries in a weekend game, underwent surgery Monday to repair a complex fracture of the larynx. The four-hour procedure was the second surgery in less than 48 hours for McClary, who underwent an emergency tracheotomy Saturday after he was struck in the throat by a slap shot. McClary also was treated at that time for a collapsed lung.

Orangemen beat the Red Storm

SYRACUSE, N.Y. (AP) — St. John's beat Syracuse 77-74 Monday night in a basketball game. Syracuse's Red Storm just didn't do it long enough.

Leading most of the game and threatening to end the Orangemen's unbeaten season, St. John's fizzled again in the closing minutes and Syracuse escaped with a 63-57 victory to remain the only undefeated team in Division I.

Playing with four fouls, Jason Hart hit a clutch 3-pointer from the right corner to forge a 54-54 tie with 3:27 left, then used a great pass to stun the Red Storm.

"I don't have a lot of confidence. We didn't get to 18 (wins in a row) without any confidence," said Hart, who had 12 points and five assists. "Whether we're down or up, we have to pull the game out."

"We were in great position to win the game," said Erick Barkley, who had 12 points, five assists and no turnovers. "We were right there. It's just going to take a little bit more effort in the last five minutes to really put a team away. I thought we had the experience, but I guess not."

NCAA Top 25

But Syracuse, which went nearly eight minutes in the second half without a basket, rallied for only its second really close victory of the season. South Carolina took the Orangemen to overtime before losing 77-74 in mid-January.

"It came down to couple of big plays," Syracuse coach Jim Boheim said. "We didn't have it tonight. They were very patient the whole game. We just had to hang in there."

A week ago, Ohio State closed its win over St. John's with an 11-0 run, while Notre Dame finished its victory last Saturday with a 17-2 run. Syracuse closed this game with a 20-8 run.

No. 18 Oklahoma 83, No. 16 Texas 59

NORMAN, Okla. — J.R. Raymond scored 25 points and Eduardo Najera had 18 points and 16 rebounds as No. 18 Oklahoma handed No. 16 Texas its most lopsided loss of the season, 83-59 Monday night.

The Sooners (17-3, 5-2 Big 12) held Texas to 34 percent shooting, a far cry from the 57 percent the Longhorns shot in beating Oklahoma 79-66 on Jan. 15. Gabe Muoneke of Texas tied a career high with 30 points in that game, but wasn't a factor this time. The Longhorns (14-6, 6-2) had to rely on 7-footer Chris Mihm, who had 21 points and 12 rebounds but was swarmed by two and three defenders just about every time he touched the ball. As a result, he was just 7-of-17 from the floor.



Syracuse's Jason Hart tries to drive past St. John's Eric Barkley Monday during the first half in Syracuse, N.Y.

and sparked Oklahoma with his hustle.

Women's basketball No. 2 La Tech, No. 9, Denver, 45

RUSTON, La. — Tamicha Jackson scored 21 points on 10-of-14 shooting as No. 2 Louisiana Tech stretched its home winning streak to 19 games with a 90-45 victory over Denver on Monday night.

ence games, "Michela" Pavliclova led Denver (11-7, 5-3) with 13 points.

No. 11 North Carolina State, 86, Wake Forest 56

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. — Summer Erb scored 25 points, including 19 in the decisive opening half, and grabbed seven rebounds to lead North Carolina State past Wake Forest.

Penny pinches former mates in Suns victory

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Penny Hardaway had more than harsh words for his former team in his first trip back to Orlando. The four-time All-Star, booted virtually every time he touched the ball, scored 21 points Monday night to help the Phoenix Suns beat the Magic 117-113.

Hardaway, traded to Phoenix last summer, missed 9 of his last 11 shots, but went 11-for-14 from the free line in his sixth game back, hitting 21 of 21 free throws with a muscle tear in his right foot.

NBA

Heat 104, Pistons 82

MIAMI — With its 11-week stay in first-place at stake, Miami responded by routing slumping Detroit. Jamal Mashburn had 23 points, eight rebounds and six assists to lead the Heat, whose starters enjoyed a short night. Miami shot 56 percent from the floor.

"We are starting to get things together as a team," said Turner, who had nine points, eight rebounds, six assists and five steals on the night. "Being the top seed means more pressure. We can't overlook anyone."

The Wildcats built the lead to 17 points midway through the period before Buhl got on the board with two free throws from McCawley. Fuller nailed another 3-point shot before the Indians staged a rally.

Burley team this season. With her in the lineup, the Bobcats compiled a 4-5 overall record and averaged 47.9 points a contest. After her departure, the team finished the season 0-13 and only mustered 25 points per game.

forced him to miss three games. His status remains day-to-day.

Timberwolves 105, Kings 90

MINNEAPOLIS — Bobby Jackson had 17 points, 11 rebounds and 12 assists for his first career triple-double as Minnesota beat Sacramento.

Jackson, starting for the third time this season in place of the injured Terrell Brandon, had season highs in rebounds and assists. Brandon sat out after spraining his left ankle in Saturday's victory over Utah.

Wendell 40, Gooding 35. WENDELL — Joanne Anderson's 25 points helped the Lady Senators' pull within one point with 90 seconds to play in the fourth quarter, but four consecutive free throws down the stretch by Lady Trojans Lauren Haycock and Tracy Brandsma provided the winning margin.

As a result, Wendell advances to play Wood-River Wednesday night at 7:30 at Filer High School, and Gooding drops into the loser's bracket where it will host Buhl tonight at 7:30.

Nuggets 83, 76ers 80

DENVER — Nick Van Exel and George McClellan made key baskets in the final 1:27, and the Nuggets defeated the Philadelphia 76ers 83-80 Monday night.

Ron Mercer, expected to be traded from Denver to Orlando on Tuesday, had 15 points. Van Exel 14, and Antonio McDyess 12 for the Nuggets.

Allen Iverson, the NBA's leading scorer, had 29 points for the 76ers, who dropped their third straight game. Eric Snow and Theo Ratliff added 11 points apiece.

Filer

Continued from D1 scored inside and Annie McCawley hit a pair from the charity stripe. After a timeout the Wildcats responded with a 10-1 run to finish the half ahead 23-10. Loughmiller had six of those points, tossing in two jumpers and adding a putback.

"We didn't run our offense early," said Loughmiller, who finished with 10 points and seven rebounds despite giving up the height advantage. "We have just got to work hard. Being the top seed doesn't give you a free ride to state. It's how hard you work, not how big you are."

Neither team could get much going early in the third quarter as the scoreboard remained frozen for the first three minutes. Filer finally got on the board at the five-minute mark as Loughmiller caught a long pass from Turner for an easy layup.

"We like to think we could've been in the hunt (with Heidi)," Kerbs said. In finishing their season, the

Wood-River 44, Kimberly 40

No details were available to The Times-News.

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SPORTS

AmericaOne wins a round

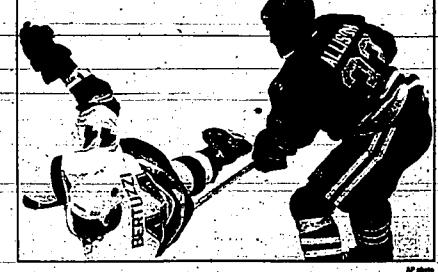
AUCKLAND, New Zealand (AP) - Finally, it was just a boat race... America's Cup challenger finals... And what a boat race it was for AmericaOne.

the quest for sailing's top prize. The winner of the challenger final... AmericaOne, the crew that couldn't sail straight.

his comeback in the 1992 challenger finals when he was at the wheel of Il Moro di Venezia... Mike York and Alexandre Daigle

Ducks Selanne, Kariya help ice Bruins

BOSTON (AP) - Teemu Selanne and Paul Kariya each scored two goals... NHL... 2 on Monday night.



Chicago Blackhawks' defenseman Jamie Allison trips up Vancouver Canucks' left wing Todd Bertuzzi Sunday during first period NHL action at GM Place in Vancouver.

added goals for the Rangers. Penguins 2, Thrashers 1, OT... Atlanta's Jaromir Jagr scored his NHL-leading 36th goal with 8:42 left in the third period, then set up Robert Lang for the game-winning overtime score as Pittsburgh beat Atlanta.

Stars 2, Oilers 1... Dallas - Guy Carbonneau scored with 6:44 left and Ed Belfour made 20 saves as Dallas beat Edmonton... Mike Modano added his 20th goal for Dallas, 6-0-2 in their last eight regulation meetings against Edmonton.

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NBA box scores table with columns for team, W, L, Pct, and various statistics like points, rebounds, assists.

Men's AP Top 25 table listing basketball teams and their rankings.

IN THE BLEACHERS

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WCHL standings table for various sports leagues.

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YACHTING table listing regattas, dates, and locations.

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NBA Team Statistics table with columns for team, games, wins, losses, and various stats.

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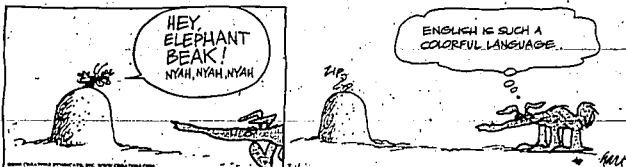
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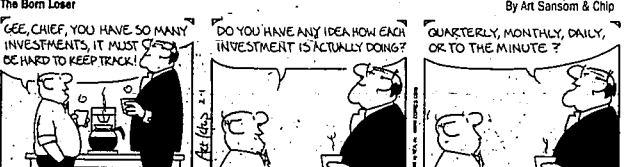
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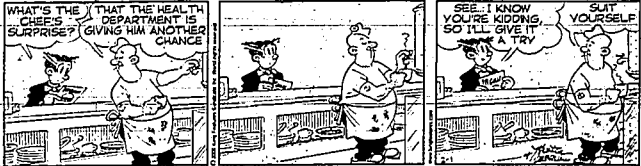
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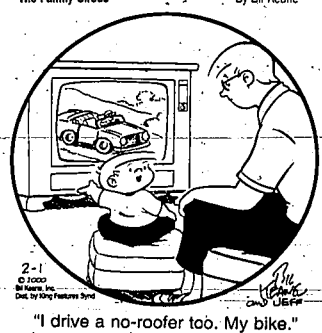
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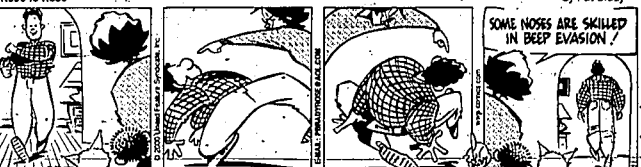
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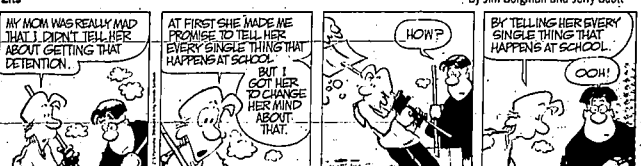
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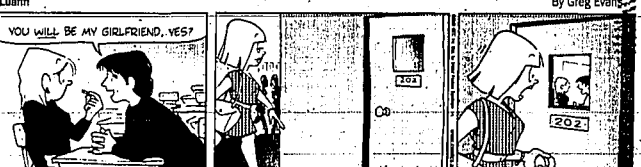
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