

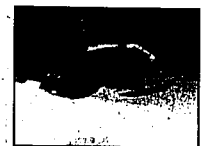
## GOOD MORNING

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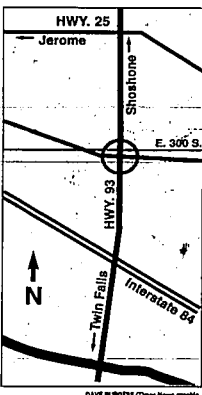
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# CAREFUL CROSSING



Slow-speed trains crossing a high-speed highway have caused three collisions in the past two years on U.S. Highway 93 in Jerome County. The most recent one occurred Monday, when a Burley motorist collided with an Eastern Idaho railroad locomotive.



## State looks to boost safety where road meets the tracks

By Jay Howser, Times-News writer

JEROME — State officials are worried about safety at a railroad crossing on U.S. Highway 93 north of the Perrine Bridge, especially after an automobile accident Monday that left a Burley man injured.

The so-called Barrymore crossing, the scene of three accidents in the past two years, is the most troublesome crossing in the Magic Valley, said Lynn White, local roads coordinator and project manager for the Idaho Transportation Department. Upgrading the crossing also ranks 10th on a state priority list

### Accident rates

Since 1990, an average of 80 accidents per year have occurred at Idaho's 2,810 public and private train crossings. But in 1999, only 17 accidents occurred.

for projects, issued Jan. 14.

So improvements could be on the way, within the next couple years.

Details have not been finalized, but two more flashing warning signs will probably be installed at the intersection, as part of a \$5 million project to widen three miles of the highway

from the Petro 2 gas station to Barrymore. Positioned farther away from the tracks, the lights would warn motorists sooner of an oncoming train.

Road construction is scheduled to start in June 2002, and White said she hopes the new signals can be installed before then. The state is already working with consulting engineers on the project.

Though upgrades are planned, White said the current safeguards are adequate. The warning lights now in place meet federal standards, and the signal has been well cared for.

"Eastern Idaho Railroad maintains that light impeccably," she said. Please see CROSSING, Page A2

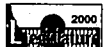
## Attempt to curb phone calls dies

### Idaho House panel stops effort against telemarketing

By Mark Warba, The Associated Press

BOISE — Fears that some businesses would be harmed and opposition to U.S. WEST benefiting from an exemption combined to shelve another legislative bid to keep telemarketers from contacting people who do not want to be bothered.

On a divided voice vote, the House State Affairs Committee on Friday decided against even introducing a bill from Attorney General Al Lance. It largely mirrored the original version of a proposal that last year was approved by the Senate and then amended by the House in a way the Senate after intense lobbying from U.S. WEST — found unacceptable.



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"What we have heard, and very resoundingly, is that people want to be left alone in their residences," Deputy Attorney General Brett DeLange, head of Lance's Consumer Protection Unit, told lawmakers skeptical of the renewed effort.

The Telemarketing Privacy Act would create a state registry of people who sign up not to be contacted by phone solicitors. People would pay up to \$10 to be on the list for three years and up to \$5 for renewals. Telemarketers could get the list and updates for \$25, or free via the Internet, and they could be fined \$500 to \$5,000 if they contacted people on the list.

"The exception would be businesses that already have a relationship with the individual, such as their banker, broker or insurance agent.

The Senate overwhelmingly approved last year's version, but then the House added a provision that would have made telecommunications companies comply if Please see TELEMARKETER, Page A2

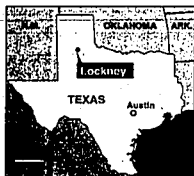
## Texas father fights sixth-grader's punishment for refusing drug test

The Associated Press

LOCKNEY, Texas — A father launched an appeal Friday challenging the suspension of his 12-year-old son for refusing to take a drug test required of every student in the school district.

The Lockney district has decided to punish sixth-grader Brady Tannahill, the only student to refuse the test, as if he had tested positive. He faces a 21-day suspension from extracurricular activities, at least three days' suspension and substance abuse counseling.

Brady could also be required to take a drug test every month for a year. Each



with his son's junior high principal on Friday. "That is basically the startup of the appeal," Tannahill said. "That will give Brady another 10 days in school just like nothing happened and then we'll go to the school board."

time he refuses, it will be considered a repeat offense, and the punishment escalates.

The school board approved the drug policy last year, which requires a signed parental consent form allowing the drug tests. The mandatory testing of the district's teachers and 399 students in grades 6 through 12 was completed Thursday.

Larry Tannahill met with his son's junior high principal on Friday. "That is basically the startup of the appeal," Tannahill said. "That will give Brady another 10 days in school just like nothing happened and then we'll go to the school board."

## TF stalker faces expulsion; students rally to his support

By Brian Haynes, Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — When a naked student dashed across the gym floor during last week's pep assembly at Twin Falls High School, many in the audience laughed.

But the principal wasn't laughing then and he isn't laughing now.

"If a student streaks or exposes himself, he will be taken before the (school) board for expulsion," Principal Ben Allen said Friday. "We take this very seriously. ... Even though this was a non-violent crime ... this is something that should not take place in a public-school setting."

Allen will recommend the stalker be expelled from school, even though the senior has not been in trouble before and was on track to graduate in June, he said.

At least three other students who helped pull off the prank were put on short-term suspension, lasting five days or less, Allen said.

Some students believe expulsion, the harshest punishment a school district can give a student, is too much for the prank, and they're signing a petition telling school officials what they think.

Junior student Lucy Williams — a friend of the stalker, who has helped start the petition drive — said Friday she wasn't sure how many of her classmates have signed. However, she said, most students she talked to said the streaking incident wasn't a big deal.

The petition says five days of suspension is enough punishment, and expulsion or Please see STREAKER, Page A2

## Russia says it tricked Chechen rebels into thinking they had free passage

The Associated Press

ALKHAN-KALA, Russia — Tears fell from the Chechen fighter's eyes as he recalled escaping from a Russian minefield by walking on the bodies of friends who had been torn apart by vicious explosions.

His hands shaking with grief, Umar Tashayev was unable to talk, instead writing on a scrap of paper what happened when a rebel column blundered into the

minefield as it tried to escape from Grozny on Monday after months of fighting in the Chechen capital.

"I saw dreadful things during fighting in Grozny, but that massacre was beyond comparison," he wrote. "We had to walk on our dead comrades" to avoid stepping on unexploded mines.

Khamzat Tashayev, who was wounded in the foot, said some fighters sacrificed themselves to clear a path, running ahead to set

off mines for the about 2,000 fleeing fighters. "The boys marched on mines and shouted to us: 'Meet you in paradise!'"

Tashayev and other rebels who survived were still trembling with shock as they recalled the exploding mines, the scores of mutilated bodies on the blood-stained snow and wounded comrades crying in agony.

The carnage, which left at least 600 militants, including several Please see RUSSIA, Page A2

### Trapped

Some 600 Chechen fighters were killed when Russian troops led them into a minefield Monday.



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# THE REGION

**Camas Prairies**  
High: 37 Low: 18  
Mostly cloudy today and tonight. Same Sunday with high 38.

**Treasure Valley**  
High: 48 Low: 33  
Mostly cloudy today and tonight with a chance of showers. Mostly cloudy Sunday, high 50.

**Sawtooth Mountains/Wood River Valley**  
High: 43 Low: 15  
Mostly cloudy today and tonight with chance of rain or snow. Partly cloudy Sunday, high 42.

**Eastern Idaho**  
High: 40 Low: 18  
Mostly cloudy today and tonight with chance of showers. Partly cloudy Sunday, high 39.

**Northern Idaho**  
High: 37 Low: 30  
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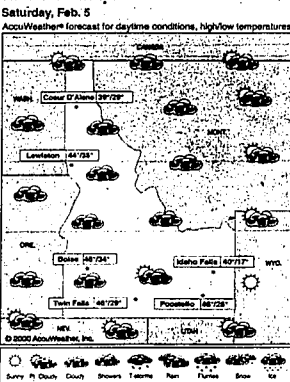
**Northern Utah**  
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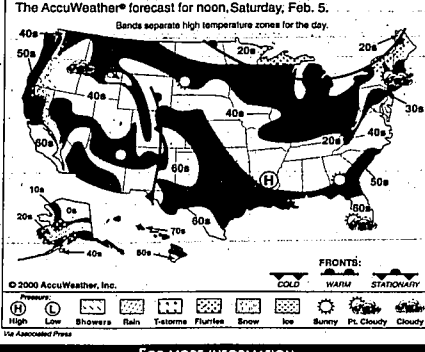
# MAGIC VALLEY FIVE-DAY FORECAST

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High: 46 Low: 29 Mostly cloudy with light winds. Mostly cloudy tonight.	High: 48 Low: 31 Mostly cloudy.	High: 40s - Low: 20s Mostly cloudy with chance of showers.	High: 40s - Low: 20s Mostly cloudy with chance of showers.	High: 40s - Low: 20s Mostly cloudy with chance of showers.

## Idaho weather



## National weather



# YESTERDAY'S WEATHER

Twin Falls		Precipitation	
Yesterday	45 - 28	Yesterday in Twin Falls	.....
Last year	27 - 24	Month to date:	2.22
Normal	40 - 21	Normal mo. to date:	1.18
		Water year to date:	2.08
		Normal year to date:	4.32

Idaho		High/Lows	
Boise	51 - 31	Idaho: High, 54	degrees at Caldwell,
Burley	52 - 30	Idaho: Low, 14	degrees at Salmon.
Coeur d'Alene	36 - 28	Nations High, 81	at Glendale, Ariz., Low,
Grangeville	m - m	18 at Berlin, N.H.	
Hagerman	52 - 25		
Idaho Falls	34 - 12		
Lawson	40 - 31		
Malad	48 - 32		
Malla	54 - m		
McCall	38 - 17		
Pocatello	49 - 23		
Salt Lake	34 - 14		
Stanley	35 - 3		
Sun Valley	40 - 3		

## The Nation

City	Max	Min	Pcp
Albuquerque	47	38	.....
Anchorage	51	31	.....
Atlanta	50	40	.....
Boston	28	26	.....
Buffalo	31	28	.....
Dallas	56	40	.....
Denver	40	23	.....
Las Vegas	40	22	.....
Detroit	32	31	.09
Honolulu	78	67	.....
Houston	67	40	.....
Indianapolis	33	27	.01
Kansas City	33	28	.....
Los Angeles	66	48	.....
Los Angeles	65	53	.....
Memphis	72	65	.01
Miami Beach	45	38	.....
Milwaukee	29	27	.01
Minneapolis	49	29	.04
New Orleans	64	42	.....
New York	32	22	.17
Philadelphia	35	32	.....
Omaha	30	24	.....
Phoenix	75	47	.....
Pittsburgh	33	31	.02
Portland, Me.	24	15	.....
Portland, Ore.	52	48	.....
Reno	52	48	.....
St. Louis	34	28	.....
Salt Lake City	51	50	.01
Seattle	65	43	.....
San Francisco	39	29	.....
Washington	39	30	.03
Yuma	75	50	.....

## Canadian Cities

Calgary	33	0	.....
Edmonton	33	1	.....
Toronto	49	37	.....
Vancouver	29	32	.....

## ROAD INFORMATION

Index: 0 (minimal)  
Turn time: 60 minutes  
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## SKYWATCH

Sunset today 5:57 p.m.  
Sunrise tomorrow 7:47 a.m.  
Lunar phase: New, Feb. 5; first quarter, Feb. 12; full, Feb. 19; last quarter, Feb. 26.

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## ACROSS THE NATION

**Idaho:** A series of disturbances passing through the Pacific northwest produced variable mid- and thin high clouds throughout Idaho Friday. The only precipitation reported in the afternoon was light snow at McCall.

**Elsewhere:** Snow showers spread across the Appalachians and higher elevations of the far West on Friday, while the Southeast and New England had mostly fair skies.

**Low pressure** moving east from Ohio into Pennsylvania produced scattered areas of snow over the Ohio Valley, Appalachians and mid-Atlantic states.

**A dusting of snow** fell from New York City south into Washington, but high pressure to the north kept New England under fair to partly cloudy skies.

**Mostly clear skies** dominated from the Plains to the Southeast.

**In the West,** low pressure off of the California coast spread rain and mountain snow into Idaho, Utah and northwest Arizona. Heavier rain and snow moved into central and northern California later in the day.

-The Associated Press



Federal Security Service Chief Nikolai Patrusev, left, and Defense Minister Igor Sergeev confer Friday in Moscow during a security meeting. The security council approved a military doctrine in response to what it claims is a growing threat from NATO in the West and Islamic militants to the east, including Chechnya.

## Russia

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prominent warlords, killed or badly wounded, was the bloodiest loss for the rebels since Russian forces invaded Chechnya in late September.

The Russians claim they lured the rebels into a trap by pretending to accept a \$100,000 bribe in exchange for safe passage out of Grozny, then finished them off with anti-air barrages.

"Frankly, we did not expect bandits, especially the key figures, to swallow the bait," Gen. Vladimir Shamanov, a top regional commander, told Russian television stations. He did not say whether the rebels had paid the money.

Rebels who survived said they had been told by their commanders that the Russians were letting them slip out of Grozny for a bribe — something they said Russian officers have done frequently in the past.

Despite the rebel losses, the escape of hundreds of other fighters was a setback for the Russians, who had based their strategy on wiping out the insurgents in Grozny and ending the war.

The Chechens who escaped are determined to go on fighting.

# McCain, tobacco taxer, tests Southern waters

FLORENCE, S.C. (AP) — Out here in tobacco country, John McCain's attacks on the golden leaf don't sit too well with some of the people still trying to make a living from the crop.

"If I were him, I wouldn't be walking into a tobacco warehouse anytime soon," Palmer Johnson, a 66-year-old veteran of the McCain's campaign nused Friday as McCain campaigned nearby.

But McCain's stance wins some respect in tobacco country, too. Phil Ward of Florence, whose family has farmed tobacco in past years, questioned why McCain shouldn't take on tobacco companies.

McCain's willingness to offend

some people fits in with his pledge to "tell you the truth, even if it's a message you don't want to hear," Ward said.

Already, voters in South Carolina are being reminded of McCain's unsuccessful attempt in 1998 to raise cigarette taxes by \$1.10 per pack and give the federal government new power to regulate nicotine.

Television ads by the National Smokers Alliance, a group supported by the tobacco industry, started showing this week in Columbia, Charleston and Florence bashing the Arizona senator for supporting the tobacco tax increase favored by President Clinton.

## Telemarketer

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specific customers demanded.

The change was prompted by long-distance carriers' complaints that U S WEST would have had an unfair advantage under the Senate version because the company could contact its 500,000 Idaho customers without restriction.

Adamantly opposed by U S WEST, the amendment convinced the Senate to kill the

House-passed version as an unwarranted government intrusion into business that would not curtail unwanted phone solicitations.

"It appears the out-of-state phone solicitors have won," a disappointed Lance said in a statement issued after Friday's vote.

"It appears that Idahoans will get no relief from telemarketing until the House and Senate can agree on an approach."

## Streaker

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prosecution would be too extreme "for something as insignificant as this."

The petition "just lets us voice our opinion. It lets them know how we feel," Williams said.

But it won't change Allen's recommendation for expulsion, he said.

"Ultimately I don't want a mistake an individual makes ... to affect him forever, but there are other means for him to complete his schooling," the principal said.

The student could not attend Magic Valley Alternative High School, which doesn't accept students expelled from Twin Falls High School, he said.

The School Board makes the final decision on expulsions, but this case might not get to that point.

The streaker's parents have pulled him out of the district and will send him to Florida to finish

high school, Williams said.

No criminal charges had been filed as of Friday in connection with the incident. A student identified by Williams as the streaker could not be reached for comment Friday.

Allen would not identify the streaker.

The situation has been blown out of proportion considering many in the crowd gave a standing ovation as the streaker ran through the gym, Williams said.

"I don't think that anyone thought he would get in trouble," she said. "They thought it was a big joke."

It might have been a joke to some, but not to Allen.

"If you streak ... you're going to be expelled," he said.

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## Crossing

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said. "It's probably the most checked signal around."

And an upgrade won't solve all safety concerns, White said. Drivers are often inattentive at train crossings, especially those like the Highway 93 crossing, which have infrequent rail traffic.

"This line is not a really well-used line. It's about once a day. So you don't see a lot of trains going through this. It's not like the Union Pacific main line where it seems like there's a train every 10 minutes," she said.

Most wrecks are caused by motorists.

"Ninety percent of them are driver's error. People are in too big a hurry and they don't want to stop and look for a train," said Lee Wilson, the transportation department's rail highway safety specialist.

He said accident victims are usually local motorists who get apathetic about safety because they've been over the same tracks many times.

And even with an intersection upgrade, the single most important step to reduce the number of accidents is public education. That's what Wilson has been doing since 1974 as an area representative for Operation Lifesaver.

Made up entirely of volunteers and funded by railroad companies and Congress, the international organization promotes railroad safety at fairs and festivals, Wilson said. The group has a 20-minute presentation it shares

with driver's education classes, civic groups and anyone else who will listen.

Other agencies try to reach motorists to drive safely around the tracks. Eastern Idaho Railroad publishes and distributes pamphlets on safety. Workers also explain the dangers of trains to school children who visit on field trips.

"If we can get them to understand about the importance of train safety, then we've done our job," said John Brown, the railroad's executive vice president over railroad operations.

In Monday's accident, Marshall Worthington, 29, was heading southbound at around 2 p.m., when he collided with an east-bound train at the crossing. Though his truck was wrecked, Worthington escaped serious injury, spending four days at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

Contacted at home Friday, Worthington declined comment on the accident. The accident remained under investigation Friday, the Idaho State Police said.

## CORRECTION

The movie listings in Friday's newspaper omits the Gooding Cinema. It's showing "Bicentennial Man" this weekend through Monday. The movie plays at 7 and 9:30 p.m. nightly.

The Times-News regrets the error.

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# Voice, data recorders give clues

## Crew heard two loud noises in doomed jet before going down

The Washington Post

OXNARD, Calif. — The crew of Alaska Airlines Flight 261 heard two loud noises as they worked to correct a problem with the plane's horizontal stabilizer, the first occurring before the plane began an initial abrupt descent and the other when the airliner made its final uncontrolled dive, federal officials said Friday.

National Transportation Safety Board member John Hammerschmidt would not speculate about the nature of the noise. But investigators now must consider whether a structural failure or catastrophic mechanical mishap contributed to the Monday afternoon crash that killed 88 people.

However, sources close to the investigation said it is far from clear what the noises were, and it is particularly unclear whether the second noise represented the final catastrophe that brought the plane down, was a result of a dive caused by something else, or was even a heavy object thrown about the aircraft as it began its tumble.

The sounds do make it likely investigators will need to recover portions of the plane, particularly the tail section.

The first sound may have been heard by everyone on the flight, which had left Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, for San Francisco and Seattle. Hammerschmidt said that after the crew stabilized the

# Black boxes recovered

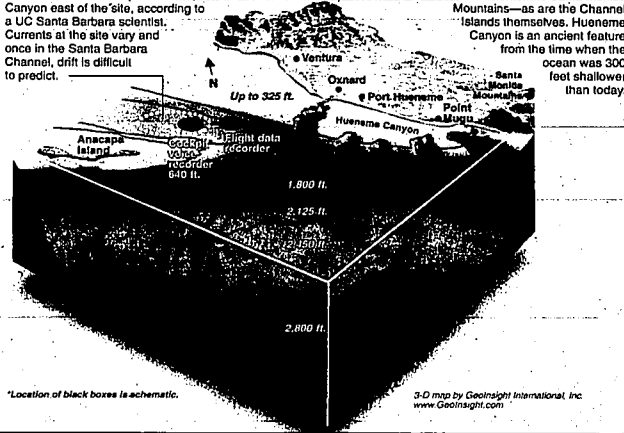
The cockpit voice recorder from Alaska Airlines Flight 261 was recovered 640 feet down on the floor of the Pacific on Wednesday. Thursday, remote operated vehicles found the flight data recorder, the companion box that has details of the plane's mechanical operation, about 200 feet away.

## Debris site

The debris appears to be on a gradual slope and doesn't seem to be drifting into the 1,200-foot-deep Hueneme Canyon east of the site, according to a UC Santa Barbara scientist. Currents at the site vary and once in the Santa Barbara Channel, drift is difficult to predict.

## Topography

The underwater shelves and canyons off the Ventura County coast are an extension of the Santa Monica Mountains—as are the Channel Islands themselves. Hueneme Canyon is an ancient feature from the time when the ocean was 300 feet shallower than today.



Location of black boxes is schematic. Sources: UC Santa Barbara; Center for Coastal Studies, Scripps Institution of Oceanography; Researched by Julie Shoer and Mark Phillips for Los Angeles Times

plane, a flight attendant advised the crew about a loud sound in the rear of the aircraft and the crew "acknowledged they had heard it too."

However, sources said that investigators listening to the cockpit voice recorder knew of the first sound only because the

flight attendant and the pilots discussed it. In initial hearings of the tape, sources said there was not an obvious sound on the tape at the point the plane made its initial descent. One source said it is possible that the abrupt descent prompted the flight attendant to mention a sound

that occurred earlier, perhaps before the beginning of the 30-minute tape.

Investigators will continue to listen to the tape over and over, and may perform a "sound spectrum analysis" that can spot and analyze sounds that the human ear cannot hear.

# White House mulls federal execution stay

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton will consider a request that he suspend federal executions, the White House said Friday. A spokesman said Clinton is "certainly concerned" about Illinois' decision to halt executions and evaluate how that state handles the death penalty.

The suspension request, made in a letter from Sen. Russ Feingold, D-Wis., is being reviewed by White House counsel, spokesman Joe Lockhart said. But he said that does not guarantee that Clinton would act on the matter soon.

"The president was certainly concerned by the issues raised by the governor of Illinois," Lockhart said. "If there are legitimate concerns that are brought to us, we will look at the concerns. But I can't predict anything beyond that until we've had a chance to study the issue."

Feingold based his request on Gov. George Ryan's move halt

executions in Illinois until authorities determine whether the death penalty is administered fairly. Since 1976, Illinois has executed 12 prisoners. But 13 death row inmates have been exonerated since 1987 through appeals, DNA evidence or, in a few cases, persistent investigation by college journalism students.

In a letter dated Wednesday, Feingold asked that Clinton suspend federal executions and have Attorney General Janet Reno thoroughly review how the federal death penalty has been used.

"In light of the serious questions raised in Illinois and elsewhere," "Before the federal government executes anyone, the Justice Department should be absolutely certain the innocents have not been condemned to death," Feingold wrote. "It must ensure that the federal death penalty is applied in a fair and just manner."

# Court stops electrocution, might review 'the chair'

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) — The U.S. Supreme Court has halted a condemned man's trip to the electric chair in a decision that could give the justices their first chance to debate the constitutionality of electrocution.

The court granted a stay of execution Thursday night to Robert Lee Tarver Jr., who had eaten his last meal and given away his possessions, and was to die just after midnight for the 1984 slaying of a rural store owner.

The high court did not specify the reason for the stay, but Tarver's appeal — denied Thursday by the Alabama Court

of Criminal Appeals and the Alabama Supreme Court — questioned the constitutionality of the electric chair.

Attorneys for Tarver, 52, argued the electric chair an impermissibly cruel process akin to torture that leaves inmates' bodies burned and disfigured.

"Alabama death row prisoners executed by electrocution are consistently burned excessively, occasionally electrocuted more than once due to human or mechanical failures and are always at risk of unnecessary pain and suffering," the appeal said.

# Panel names race riot reparations

TULSA, Okla. — A state commission recommended Friday that Oklahoma pay reparations for one of the nation's deadliest racial clashes: a little-known, 1921 rampage by whites in Tulsa that killed as many as 300 people, most of them black.

The 11-member panel called for direct payments to survivors and victims' descendants, scholarships and a tax credit program to fund economic development in Tulsa's mostly black Greenwood area and a memorial to the dead.

Genevieve Elizabeth Tillman Jackson, an 84-year-old black woman who survived the riot, said after the vote that she never thought she would see the day. "It's great. I think the survivors should be helped, and the children of survivors," she said.

The riot broke out on May 31, 1921, when a white lynch mob clashed with blacks who were protecting a black man accused of assaulting a white elevator operator.

Over two days, mobs set fire to homes, businesses and churches in Greenwood, a thriving black business district known at the time as the Black Wall Street of America. When the smoke cleared, the area lay in ruins.

Many blacks left and never returned. The National Guard rounded up thousands of others and held them at the fairgrounds, convention hall and a baseball stadium.

The commission, which included a survivor, historians, lawmakers and community members, held meetings for two years and agreed that it may be impossible to get a complete, accurate account of what happened.

# Grandma's account of visit shocks Miami

MIAMI (AP) — Elian Gonzalez's Miami relatives are outraged over his Cuban grandmother's account of how she playfully bit the 6-year-old boy's tongue and unzipped his pants during their long-awaited reunion.

"The family is shocked and disturbed," Armando Gutierrez, spokesman for the Miami relatives, said Friday. "That is not a Cuban custom."

In an interview on Cuban television Tuesday, Elian's paternal grandmother, Mariela Quintana, said she had "played jokes" with the boy during a U.S. government-sponsored visit to Miami, 26 at the home of a Roman Catholic nun in Florida.

Quintana said the boy was "reserved" at the start of the

## Nation in brief

### Comic actor Gene Wilder battles lymph node cancer

NEW YORK — Comic actor Gene Wilder, devastated by the death of wife Gilda Radner from cancer in 1989, is battling the disease.

The frizzy-haired star of the 1970s comedies "Blazing Saddles" and "Young Frankenstein" is being treated at Manhattan Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center to prevent a recurrence of lymphoma, the hospital said Friday. Wilder, 64, was diagnosed with the disease last year.

There are various kinds of lymphoma. Some are among the most treatable forms of cancer. Others are much more difficult.

### Dave's famous guests

reminisce about Late Show NEW YORK — Julia Roberts, Jerry Seinfeld, Bruce Willis, Bill Cosby and Steve Martin will relive their favorite "Late Show" moments next week as David Letterman continues recuperating from heart bypass surgery.

The celebrities will roll tapes and reminisce about their appearances with Letterman over the years. They will be interviewed by either Rexis Philbin, Charles Grodin or Paul Shaffer.

Letterman could return as early as Feb. 14. Or maybe not. "There certainly is not a schedule for Dave to come back on the 14th, but it's not out of the question," executive producer Rob

Burnett said Friday. "I just don't think we know at this time."

### Yawning theatergoer amuses audience, unnerves actors

NEW YORK — An audience member's ennuil annoyed an off-Broadway cast so much the actors refused to take their curtain calls.

The cast of "Dinner With Friends" wouldn't take a bow and following Tuesday's performance after a man sitting in the front row of the theater interrupted the final score by letting out a loud yawn.

Producer Mitchell Maxwell described the yawn as "hippy-muslike," and said it drew titers from the rest of the audience.

### US rejects Russian demand for release of vessel

WASHINGTON — The United States and Russia were in a diplomatic dustup Friday as Washington spurned a Moscow demand to immediately release a Russian tanker seized by a U.S. Navy vessel.

The seizure of the Persian Gulf was prompted by suspicions that the tanker was carrying Iraqi oil in violation of U.N. Security Council resolutions.

"We imperatively demand the immediate release of the Russian tanker," Deputy Foreign Minister Vasily Sreedin told the Tass news agency. "We shall get it back and save both the ship and crew."

But administration officials said the tanker likely would be diverted to pro-Western Oman, where an analysis of the oil would try to determine its origin, compiled from wire reports

meeting, so she joked that he might have lost his tongue.

"I took his tongue out of his mouth," she said, gesturing with her hand as if she was pulling her own tongue from her mouth. "I bit it."

"I even opened up his zipper," she said, making an unzipping gesture. "I told him, 'Get me see, let me see... it's broken.'"

Meeting host Sister Jeannette O'Laughlin and Sister Lenore Esnard, who also was in the

house during the meeting, were unaware of the exchange until Quintana's remarks were broadcast on Miami television, said Barry University spokeswoman Michele Morris. O'Laughlin is president of the school.

In Cuba, few people found anything strange about Quintana's behavior, but the spokeswoman for the Spanish-language Telenovela channel in Miami said the station was flooded with calls from outraged viewers.

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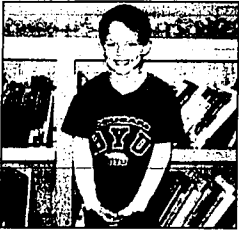
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Serving the Magic Valley

## GOOD READERS



Second-graders at Hansen Elementary School earned more than 1,000 points in the Accelerator Reading Program, meeting their semester class reading goal. They will be treated to a skating party to celebrate their love for reading, school officials say.



Left, Derek Bates, a second-grader at Hansen Elementary, is honored for his reading achievement, earning 105 of 1,000 total class points in the Accelerator Reading Program. Bates is the top points earner for grades 1-3. Above right, Lydia Bjorn, left, and Katelynn Hall, third-graders, are "Star Readers" in the Accelerated Reader Program. To reach this level, the students have read several chapter books, three of which were at a fifth-grade reading level or higher.

## Foundation elects new officers

**TWIN FALLS** - The Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Foundation elected officers for 2000 at its December meeting.

Officers are: president, Barbara McKain, retired nurse and civic leader; vice president, Dr. E.B. "Ted" Fliss, radiologist; secretary, Charlotte Kroll, Twin Falls Coca Cola former owner; treasurer, Fred D. Harder, retired executive of the former Twin Falls Bank and Trust; and past president, Dr. Ben Katz, retired pediatrician.

Executive officers at-large are Lance W. Clow, personal financial advisor with American Express Financial Advisors; Peter F. Toft, vice president and manager of US Bank Private Financial Services; Robert Valentine, certified

public accountant, Twin Falls; and R.L. "Bud" Williams, former owner of Williams Markets.

New directors elected are Norma Blass, advertising sales representative for The Times-News, and Tim Jones, self-employed businessman.

Directors who received renewed three-year terms are Flitts; Jeanene Frazier, CPA; Katz; McKain; Paul Reynolds; and Bob Valentine, CPA.

The 24 board members provide direction for foundation's fund-raising efforts in support of the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's programs and community health care programs throughout the Magic Valley, the foundation says.

For more information, call foundation director Larry Baxter at 737-2480.

## CSI students go to Disney College

**TWIN FALLS** - Three students are off to Disney's Magic Kingdom, but they're going to college.



Anza Bybee

Anza Bybee of Jerome, Jennifer Howell of Hansen and Liza Pulsipher of Kimberly, who are students in the College of Southern Idaho Hospitality Administration program, have been selected to attend The Disney College Program this month at Disney's Magic Kingdom in Orlando, Fla.



The Disney College Program, with student participants from more than 600 colleges and universities from across the country, will host the three CSI students at Walt



Jennifer Howell

Disney World College for the spring semester. The goal of Disney program internship is to explore the way Disney does business, CSI says.

The students will work on enhancing communication skills from guest interaction, business a better resume through Disney workshops and learning about Disney leadership in seminar classes, CSI says.

The Disney College Program is highly selective and the students will gain a valuable insight into the business of the world's leading hospitality company, CSI says.

While at Disney World, the students will attend 38-hours of core business seminars as well as work in various parts of



Liza Pulsipher

the resort. The students say they will work anywhere from 35-60 hours a week as well as do independent studies that the Disney Company provides for the interns at the property. By the end of the semester, Disney College Program grads will have completed a portfolio.

The learning experience at the Disney College Program focuses mainly on customer service and that is why large corporations send their top managers there, the students say.

Interns attend a number of training workshops to help them earn their "Ducktorat" consisting of a portfolio and a number of training workshops they have attended while at Disney College, the students say.

## SOMEBODY NEEDS YOU

**Office volunteers** - The Mini-Cassia Office on Aging and Adult Services is in need of several volunteers to answer the telephone, assist callers and visitors, and take messages and distribute them to staff members. Volunteers are needed from 10 a.m. to noon and from 1-3 p.m. For more information, call Valerie at 677-4872 or out of the area at 1-800-574-8656.

**Volunteer tutors** - The College of Southern Idaho Adult Basic Education program is in need of volunteer tutors for adult students in reading, English, math and English as a second language. For more information, call Ruth Scott at 733-9554, Ext. 2536 or 1-800-680-0274, Ext. 2536.

**Young men's and boys' clothing** - The College of Southern Idaho Refugee Center is assisting refugee families resettling in America. Currently, the center needs young men's and boys' clothing in good condition, vacuum, clock radios and throw rugs. For more information, call Sandra at 736-2166.

**Senior citizen and at-risk child assistance** - The Senior Companion and Foster Grandparent programs have immediate openings for people age 60 or older and who are lower income. Volunteers work with children in need of one-on-one help and homebound seniors. Participants are paid a tax-free stipend, mileage reimbursement and receive accident liability insurance. Volunteers receive training and are assigned to a nonprofit work site. For

more information, Burley area residents may call Ida at 677-4872 and Twin Falls residents may call Maggi or Pam at 736-2122.

**Children's advocates** - Guardian ad Litem seeks volunteers to assist children referred to the protective jurisdiction of the courts. Volunteers conduct independent investigations of the child's circumstances and act as an advocate for the child at each stage of court proceedings. Guardians will give recommendations to the court in the best interest of the child. On average, volunteers devote 20 hours a month. There are about 230 cases and only 24 volunteers. For more information, call the Fifth Judicial District CASA Program at 324-6890, fax at 324-2016 or write the program at P.O. Box 22, Jerome, Idaho 83338.

**Caregivers to community** - Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers seeks volunteers in the Magic Valley to assist with a variety of tasks for those in need in the community. People who have a desire to alleviate human suffering, enrich the human spirit and build caring communities are encouraged to volunteer, organizers say. For more information on how to volunteer, call Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers at 733-6333. All interfaith volunteers are insured.

**Hospice helpers** - Magic Valley Staffing, Hospice division, seeks volunteers in the Magic Valley who can assist clients and family members experiencing a life-limiting illness, coordinators say. Duties include support for patients and/or caregivers, clerical assistance,

assisting in preparation of newsletters, copying, mass mailings and assisting with fund-raising activities. Hospice and OSHA training are offered each month for new volunteers. For more information, call 734-0600 or outside Twin Falls at 1-800-303-0602.

**Washer and dryer** - A couple with children needs a washer and dryer. The wife is employed and taking care of her disabled husband. For more information, call Sherril at 543-6563.

**Volunteers** - The Buzz Langdon Visitor Center is seeking volunteers to disperse information about the state of Idaho, working four hour shifts with another volunteer. Training will be held in March for all volunteers. For more information, call the Judy at the Twin Falls Chamber of Commerce at 733-3974.

**Volunteer tutors** - A volunteer is needed to help a developmentally delayed adult to learn to read during 30 minute sessions three times a week. For more information, call Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers at 733-6333.

*This public service column is designed to match needs in the communities of the area with volunteers in the Magic Valley with volunteer help. If you need a volunteer, call Judy Tipton, director of the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP), at 736-2122. Ext. 312. RSVP is a United Way-sponsored agency at the College of Southern Idaho. To have your request appear in this column, please submit it before 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday for Saturday publication. Please call weekly to retain request.*

## Hagerman Fire Protection District holds Valentine's Day Ball

**HAGERMAN** - The Hagerman Fire Protection District presents the second annual Valentine's Day Ball starting at 7 p.m. Feb. 12 at the American Legion Hall in Hagerman.

Dinner will be served at 7 p.m. with a tribute for fallen fire fighters at 8 p.m. and dancing to a live band at 8:45 p.m.

Members of the Hagerman Fire Department and quick response unit will be on hand and all attendees will be eligible to win door prizes.

Cost is \$10 per person and children under age 12 attend for free.

Funds raised at the Valentine's Day Ball will benefit the Hagerman Fire District and Quick Response Unit.

For more information, call Pam Wascher at 837-6641.

## Historical society hears about East African adventure

**JEROME** - The Jerome County Historical Society will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at the Jerome Public Library at 100 First Ave. E. in Jerome.

Marvin Stroppe, a professor at the College of Southern Idaho, will present a program titled, "An Adventure in East Africa."

For more information, call Emma Coupe at 324-4612.

## Burley High Drama Department produces 'mysterious' plays

**BURLEY** - The Burley High School Drama Department delves into mystery, with several productions.

"Ten Little Indians," a classic mystery tale directed by Vicki Hill, will be performed at 8 p.m. Feb. 24-26 at the Little Theater on Bobcat Boulevard near Burley High School in Burley.

"Arsenic and Old Lace," directed by Cree Jones, will be performed at 8 p.m. March 2-4. The play is a funny tale of two older sisters who dispatch older gentlemen with arsenic.

"Wait Until Dark," directed by

## Immanuel Lutheran School accepts applications for fall

**TWIN FALLS** - Immanuel Lutheran School in Twin Falls is accepting applications for the fall 2000 semester.

Parents of prospective students will need to submit a registration deposit, certified copy of the child's birth certificate and proof of immunization.

Immanuel Lutheran School instructs preschool through eighth-grade classes and office hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

For more information, call Immanuel Lutheran School at 733-7820.

## High Desert Nordic Association presents slide show of Denali

**TWIN FALLS** - The High Desert Nordic Association will present a slide show of Jody Hawkins and his wife's trip to Denali at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Idaho Joe's on Blue Lakes Boulevard North in Twin Falls.

Denali is the highest mountain in North America at 20,320 feet, and the tallest mountain in the world from base to summit.

Club members will also discuss plans to ski into the Thompson Creek Hut on Feb. 12.

For more information, call Dave at 423-4907 or Kelvin at 324-2122.

## Contra dance kicks up at Halley Grange Hall today

**HALLEY** - A contra dance will be held

## Harley-Davidson riders plan monthly dinner in Twin Falls

**TWIN FALLS** - The Harley-Davidson riders group will meet at 7 p.m., Monday at the Royal Restaurant at 645 Filer Ave. in the Lynwood Plaza in Twin Falls.

For more information, call Roger or Brenda at 733-0151.

## College of Southern Idaho offers painting, dance classes

**TWIN FALLS** - The College of Southern Idaho will offer a painting and dance course.

Painting with Watercolor class will be held from 7-9 p.m. Mondays, starting this Monday through April 3 at the Magic Valley Arts Council office at 308 Shoshone St. E. in Twin Falls.

Instructor, Ralph Lehman will teach the basics of watercolor for beginners. Cost is \$50 per person.

## Twentieth Century Club hears about yoga at meeting

**TWIN FALLS** - The Twentieth Century Club will host a luncheon meeting at noon Tuesday at the Turf Club on Falls Avenue in Twin Falls.

The lunch program, under the direction of Elaine Bateman, will feature Joyce Ballard of Hatha Yoga.

## Twin Falls High School PTSO gathers at meeting Wednesday

**TWIN FALLS** - The Twin Falls High School PTSO will meet at noon Wednesday in room 66 at Twin Falls High School on Falls Avenue East in Twin Falls.

All parents interested in the PTSO are encouraged to attend.

## Twin Falls resident celebrates 80th birthday with open house

**TWIN FALLS** - Loretta Wolters of Twin Falls will celebrate her 80th birthday with an open house from 2-5 p.m. Feb. 13 at the Skyline Mobile Home Community Clubhouse at 2913 E. 3600 N. in Twin Falls.

Loretta Ullrich was born Feb. 17, 1920 in Clover. She married Arthur Wolters in 1938 and has been a Magic Valley resident all her life.

## Gooding Duplicate Bridge Club posts Jan. 28 match results

**GOODING** - The Gooding Duplicate Bridge Club posted the results of its Jan. 28 club championship game held at the

## Gooding City Hall

First place went to Sue Borden and Susan Faulkner, second place went to Ruth Camore and Ruby Grimes, Bey Clark and Doris Watts landed third place, and Lucy Gustofson and Mary Steele snagged fourth.

Bridge players are invited to attend the next match, planned for 1 p.m. Friday, Feb. 11 at the Gooding City Hall. Refreshments will be served.

## West End Head Start holds community health fair

**BUHL** - West End Head Start in Buhl will host a Health Fair from 5-7 p.m. Tuesday, at the Moose Hall at 1101 Main St. in Buhl.

Information on health and safety and health checks, including hearing and vision screenings will be offered. More than 40 agencies, including McGruff the Crime Dog, Magic Valley SAFE Kids, Family Health Services and the El-Korah Shriners, will also be represented at the health fair. Massage demos will also be available to participants.

Other events will include entertainment for children, organizers say.

A taco bar and nachos will be provided for fairgoers.

## Twin Falls Masic Club offers potpourri of musical styles

**TWIN FALLS** - The Twin Falls Musical Club will offer a potpourri of musical styles at a program at 7:30 p.m. Monday at Keith Jorgensen's Music at 1239 Pole Line Road in Twin Falls.

Serena Clark, Tami Aufderheide and Cricket Harrison will perform vocal numbers with Linda Aufderheide, Bonnie Lamborn and Judy Prescott performing instrumental pieces.

Idaho Professor Brent Jensen and faculty member Gene Loranger will conclude the program.

Refreshments will be served after the program at the home of Ted and Patty Hailey at 824 Northview Dr. in Twin Falls.

For more information, call Patty Hailey at 733-1079.

## AROUND THE VALLEY

### Police arrest local man in Pennsylvania

ELIZABETHVILLE, Pa. — A Twin Falls County man arrested in Pennsylvania earlier this week was awaiting extradition to face a child molestation charge in Twin Falls.

Paul Allen Mensinger, 41, was arrested Monday by authorities in Elizabethville, Pa., on a warrant charging him with lewd and lascivious conduct with a child under 16, the release said.

Elizabethville Police Department said the warrant was issued Jan. 27 by the Twin Falls County Prosecutor's Office, the release said.

Twin Falls County Prosecutor Grant Loeb said he could not comment on the case because the indictment is sealed and will remain so until Mensinger is arraigned in District Court.

Loeb said he didn't know when Mensinger would be brought to Twin Falls. Mensinger was being held on a \$750,000 bond pending his extradition, the news release said.

### Deadline for permits to paraglide nears

KETCHUM — Permit applications for commercial tandem paragliding from the top of Bald Mountain are due by March 3.

A date announced earlier was wrong, Ketchum District Ranger Kurt Nelson said. Any individual or business that wants to provide commercial outfitting and guiding services for tandem paragliding flights must apply for special use permit by March 3.

Applicants can get information by visiting the Ketchum Ranger District office at 206 Sun Valley Road, Ketchum, or by calling (208) 602-5371.

### Hagerman panel looks for ways to beautify city

HAGERMAN — A Hagerman Revitalization Committee meeting will be held Wednesday to discuss plans for sprucing up town.

Anyone who wants to share their ideas can attend. Participants are not limited to city residents. Revitalization committee members say they hope growth and economic development will result as secondary benefits of the project.

The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. in the Hagerman Elementary School multipurpose room.

For more information call Connie Herbert at 837-6153 or Tina Bolduc at 837-6631.

Compiled from staff reports

## WANTED

In the Magic Valley

Name: Noralyn Peterson, Age: 49, Description: White female, 5-foot-3-inch, 120 pounds, blond hair and blue eyes.



Charged with: Failure to appear on charge of possessing cocaine.

(Others wanted in the area: Fred Lewis Brown, 33, charged with probation or parole violation on forgery charge.

Irene Rose Doane, 58, charged with driving under the influence.

John L. Haycock, 22, charged with probation or parole violation on theft charge.

Pascual Pizarro-Sanchez, 33, charged with failing to appear on drug-trafficking charge.

Russell Earl Spouse, 50, charged with probation or parole violation on charge of lewd and lascivious conduct.

Anyone with information can call Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office at 736-4100 or Crime Stoppers at 732-5387, where you can remain anonymous and might be eligible for a cash reward.

# Wendell school's dilemma

## Crumbling buildings indicate unsafe environment

The Associated Press

BOISE — The lawyer for dozens of school districts suing the state contends Wendell Middle School's crumbling foundation is an indictment of Idaho's commitment to ensure students have a safe environment in which to learn.

At issue is an 83-year-old section of the middle school that the city building inspector next week will recommend be completely abandoned. Boise attorney Robert Huntley also said the



Dirk Kempthorne Robert Huntley school's dilemma illustrates the deficiency of last year's state assessment of school safety

needs. "This is evidence of the fact that the state has in place no adequate inspection system for buildings, and the 1999 safety committee update was a total paperwork exercise without examining any buildings," Huntley said. "This proves that the 1999 update does not give an adequate picture of the safety shortcomings in our schools."

But Gov. Dirk Kempthorne, who directed last year's study, sees the Wendell Middle School situation as an object lesson in

support of his plan for giving the administrator of the state Division of Building Safety authority to shut down school buildings found to have life-threatening safety problems.

Kempthorne spokesman H.D. Palmer said it's the stick half of Kempthorne's carrot-and-stick approach to addressing what his committee determined was up to \$50 million in life-safety problems, in the face of an impending trial on the case brought by Huntley's clients.

Besides the threat of being

shut down or even having their state support payments docked to cover safety expenses, the governor wants the state to pay up to \$2.5 million a year in interest on bonds that would be issued to finance a loan fund for school districts to tap for correcting safety emergencies.

Huntley, who initially applauded the proposal unveiled last month in Kempthorne's State of the State address, has since indicated it does not go far enough in providing what he contends is

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## GETTING READY



Two workers put the finishing touches on the sign for The Home Depot building on Poteline Road. Company officials say they plan to open the 115,000-square-foot facility by the first week in April.

## Hot crosscountry event draws skaters, sloggers

By Karen Bossack Times-News correspondent

SUN VALLEY — Laura Wilson has pitted her skate skills against the best of them — from Olympians in Lillehammer, Norway, to Nagano, Japan.

And the Hailey woman will be there, too, for the 25th annual Boulder Mountain Tour, one of the largest freestyle cross-country ski races in the country.

Wilson, decked out in a sleek racing suit, will be looking to improve her time from last year when she finished third, behind Laura McCabe of Winthrop, Wash., and Kim Smith of Ketchum.

"I love doing the Boulder Mountain Tour because it's home and it's well-organized and it's one of the most beautiful courses in the world. Of course, my attitude will be pretty different from when I was racing in the Olympics, but I'm definitely still out to win," she said.

The Boulder Mountain Tour is part of the American Ski Marathon Series, a series of 10 internationally recognized races. As a result, it attracts internationally known racers.

But it isn't just for the elite. As the kickoff to the First Security Winter Games of Idaho, it has remained a favorite of locals over the years.

Forty percent of the 650 racers are locals, from an 11-year-old boy to an 80-year-old woman to the "Lunch Bunch" — a group of nurses from St. Luke's Regional Medical Center in Boise who prepare lavish gourmet lunches replete with chesapeake and wine for their weekly ski-togethers. For them, just finishing is worthwhile.

Scads of other Idahoans will turn out to watch and help with the race.

The race, set against the backdrop of the picturesque Boulder

### Try your skill

You can test your mettle on the 30-kilometer Boulder Mountain race course following Saturday's race, which begins at 10 a.m. The 18-mile trail stretches from Galena Lodge south to Sawtooth National Recreation Area headquarters.

There are several places along the way to park should you want to ski only part of the trail. The trail fee is \$9.

Mountains, begins at 10 a.m. with the elite wave. Additional waves of skiers will follow every four minutes.

The top skiers cover the gentle 18-mile course, which drops about 1,000 feet in elevation, in about 1 hour and 15 minutes.

"It caters to people who come to Sun Valley for more than just the alpine skiing," Wilson said.

More than a hundred volunteers, including state Rep. Wendy Jaquet, D-Ketchum, will time the event, hand out bibs and set up course banners.

"It is a fabulous community event. And we'll have a lot of great skiers — from Laura, to Carl Swensen of Telluride, Colo., who won the men's division last year," said Gay Riley, co-facilitator of the event.

An awards party will be held from 5:30 to 7 p.m. following the race at the Sawtooth Room at Elkhorn Resort. Cost is \$10 for adults, \$7 for kids under 12 and includes hors d'oeuvres, wine, beer and soft drinks.

The Fifth annual First Security Cross-country Ski Festival will be held Sunday at Galena Lodge beginning at 10 a.m.

The family event will feature cross-country ski clinics given by elite athletes, a children's cross-country adventure course, relays, raffles, face painting and a barbecue.

The Associated Press

BOISE — More people are venturing into the backcountry on their mountaineering skis these days to bag "freshies" — those slopes of light snow untouched by tracks and noise.

But new light, nimble snowmobilers are now able to reach those same pristine spots that were inaccessible to the heavier old sleds.

The two are now clashing. The fans of the "silent snow sports" are demanding nonmotorized status in these popular areas. Snowmobilers are not about to be shut out.

The battle is being waged from California's Sierra Nevadas to Vermont Green Mountains, but it is especially heated around Sun Valley, a pre-eminent destination for skiers since 1936.

"What's happening in Idaho is happening in other places and not only in the West," said Bethanie Walder, executive director of the Wildlands Center for Preventing Roads in Missoula, Mont. "In the interaction between skiers and snowmobilers, the skiers end up going elsewhere. Just like wildlife displacement, there's recreational displacement."

## Lynx could join backcountry party

The Associated Press

BOISE — Snowmobilers and backcountry skiers may eventually work out their differences over use of the Sawtooth National Forest, but they may have to accommodate a third party — the Canada lynx.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is under pressure from environmental groups to list the tufted-eared cat of the Rocky Mountains as threatened.



A snowmobiler flies over a snowdrift in Eastern Idaho during the winter of 1999 in this file photo. Outdoor recreational groups are pressing the Forest Service to set aside more acres for nonmotorized recreation.

Sun Valley cross-country advocate Charlie Foss learned the hard way along a skier-only route of the Boulder Mountain's North Valley Trail System.

"This was actually away from any snowmobiling trails," he said. "I came around a corner and got in a snowmobile rut. I fell on my right side and really destroyed myself. It wasn't even

close to where those snowmobilers should have been."

The Nordic and Backcountry Skiers Alliance in Sun Valley is pressing for more nonmotorized acres for skiers on the Sawtooth National Forest. Alliance President Sarah Michael said that there are only 10,000 acres set aside for skiers, leaving 1.7

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Those animals either could be squashed by the machines or have their escape routes to the surface closed.

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## Simpson introduces new bill

### Irrigation district could get money

By Lorraine Cavener Times-News writer

RUPERT — A bill in introduced in the U.S. House Thursday would give the A&B Irrigation District \$2.8 million to finish an irrigation drainage cleanup project the district started four years ago.

The bill, introduced by U.S. Rep. Mike Simpson, would change a 1950 law that capped the amount of federal money spent on the Minidoka Project, of which the irrigation district is a part, A&B manager Dan Temple said.

The A&B district covers about 80,000 acres on the Eastern Snake River Plain. Most irrigation return flows and runoff are injected into aquifer via drain wells because the area has no natural drainage to the Snake River.

Four years ago the district had more than 70 drain wells. The aquifer is the sole source of

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FOR THE RECORD

Minidoka County

RUPERT - Recent activity in 5th District Court in Minidoka County included:

Drunken-driving sentencings

Baltasar Gonzalez Salinas, 45, 302 Main St., Rupert, excessive misdemeanor, \$400 fine, \$750 court costs, 180 days jail with 50 suspended, one year's probation, one year's driver's license suspended, time credited.

Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway, Jesus Norillo Salazar, 65, 418 S. A. St., Rupert, misdemeanor, \$30 fine, \$750 court costs, 975 defender fees, 90 days jail with 88 suspended, one year's probation, treatment program, 90 days' driver's license suspended, time credited, two days Mini-Casita Inmate Work Detail Program; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway, Jeffrey S. Pryor, 24, 344 S. 350 S., Burley, misdemeanor, \$300 fine, \$750 court costs, 30 days jail with 28 suspended, 12 months' probation, 90 days' driver's license suspended, two days McWork Program; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway, Jovencio Duran Juarez, 48, 140 S. 400 W.,

47, Rupert; one count second offense misdemeanor and one count excessive misdemeanor amended to misdemeanor; \$71.50 fine each count, \$159 court costs, 465 days' jail with 300 suspended, two year's probation each count, 12 months' driver's license suspended each count, time credited; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

Felony sentencings

Tracy Collins, 38, 1600 Allison Ave., Apt. 6, Burley; grand theft amended to misdemeanor; one count; pleaded guilty no disposition given; District Judge J. William Hart.

Ketchum asks residents to respond on city's comprehensive plan

Karen Bossick Times-News correspondent

KETCHUM - Ketchum residents are being asked to suggest ways Ketchum can retain its small town atmosphere and Western feel as city planners gear up to finalize the city's comprehensive plan.

Ketchum's Planning and Zoning Commission will hold the first of five public hearings on Thursday as it attempts to finalize the plan by April. The commission hopes to have the City Council put its stamp of approval on the plan by mid-summer.

"This is an opportunity for people to have an input. There's definitely still a chance to make a difference," said Lisa Horowitz, planning administrator. "There's a lot of talk about how to keep the character of Ketchum while facing growth and development and that seems to be the big thing on people's minds these days."

Ketchum is only 50 percent built or halfway developed to the potential allowed by zoning laws and the area's topography, planners say. That means there's a whole lot of planning left to be done to make sure development fits.

"The very force that will shape the town over the next 10 years - real estate development, sales and construction - could degrade its most valuable asset - its captivating charm," planners acknowledge.

The commission has developed a number of policies to outline future planning objectives. They include:

- Developing specific design review standards to maintain the small town western feel.
- Making Main Street and Sun Valley Road more attractive and safe for pedestrians.
- Implementing pedestrian-friendly strategies.
- Lowering density levels outside the "core of the core" unless affordable housing is provided.

If you would like to know more

Ketchum City had 1,250 residents in 1990, and 5,037 in 1998. The plan contains some interesting facts about Ketchum, including:

- Ketchum's average house price has increased from \$270,000 in 1989 to \$818,000 in 1998.
- 948 of 1,358 units in Ketchum are second homes.
- Second homeowners who used to come to Ketchum for big weeks at Christmas and summer are now staying several months or even all the year.
- 57 percent of all Blaine County jobs are based in Ketchum.
- Ketchum boasted nine architects in 1979; it has 62 today.
- Investments make up the major economic structure of Blaine County, garnering 41 percent of the pie in 1998. Tourism makes up 27 percent; growth, 23 percent; manufacturing, 6 percent, and agriculture, 3 percent.
- 60 percent of skiers now access Baldy from River Run.
- Ketchum features an abundance of commercial space within its 49-acre core: 340,000 square feet for 1,000 year-round Ketchum residents. Aspen, in contrast, has 240,000 square feet per 1,000 residents.

SERVICES

Frank Cook of Twin Falls, services at 11 a.m. today at the Ninth Ward LDS Church on Elizabeth Boulevard in Twin Falls. Friends may call from 9:45-10:45 a.m. today at the church (White Mortuary in Twin Falls).

Bessie C. Zlatnik of Twin Falls, services at 11 a.m. Feb. 7 at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Albert L. 'Bud' Moore of Jerome, services at 2 p.m. today at Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

Sum Goehardt Sr. of Wendell, services at 1 p.m. today at the New Life Community Church in Wendell (Demaray's Wendell Chapel).

Stanford L. Myers of Twin Falls, memorial services at 2

p.m. today at the Episcopal Church of the Ascension, 210 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. in Twin Falls (White Mortuary in Twin Falls).

Ruby May Mickelson of Rupert, services at 11 a.m. today at the Acquia LDS Ward. Friends may call one hour before services today at the church (Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel).

DEATH NOTICES

Catherine M. Stonemets BUHL - Catherine M. Stonemets, 90, of Buhl, died Thursday, Feb. 3, 2000, at Heritage Manor in Twin Falls. Services are pending and will be announced by Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl.

Katy Helmer BURLEY - Katy Helmer, 89, of Burley, died Friday, Feb. 4, 2000, at the home of her son, Johnny Helmer. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 8, 2000, at the Burley LDS Stake Center, 2050 Normal Ave. with Bishop Scott Horsely officiating. Burial will be in the Pleasant View Cemetery. Friends may call from 6-8 p.m. Monday at Payne Mortuary, 221 W. Main St. in Burley and from 1:45 p.m. Tuesday before the funeral at the church. The family suggests memorials to the Hospice of IHC, care of Cassia Regional Medical Center, 1501 Hiland Ave., Burley, ID 83318.

Kevin Allen GOODING - Kevin Allen, 53, of Gooding, died Feb. 1, 2000, from injuries sustained in an auto-

mobile accident. Graveside services will be held on Monday, Feb. 7, 2000 at 1 p.m. at the Elmwood Cemetery in Gooding.

Robert H. Brailsford TWIN FALLS - Robert Henry Brailsford, 84, of Twin Falls, died Friday, Feb. 4, 2000, at St. Luke's Regional Medical Center in Boise. Funeral arrangements are pending and will be announced by White Mortuary of Twin Falls.

Irene Westendorf GOODING - Irene Westendorf, 81, of Gooding, died Thursday, Feb. 3, 2000, at the Seaside Home in Gooding. Funeral arrangements are pending and will be announced by Demaray's Gooding Chapel.

E. Larry Potter WENDELL - E. Larry Potter, 53, of Wendell, died Friday, Feb. 4, 2000, at St. Benedict's Family Medical Center in Jerome. Funeral arrangements are pending and will be announced by Demaray's Wendell Chapel.

HOSPITALS

MAGIC VALLEY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER  
Some names are omitted at patients' request.

Released  
Jerome Sutton of Buhl; and Shirley Maier of Rupert.

MINIDOKA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL  
Some names are omitted at patient's request.

Admits  
Leticia Lopez and daughter, Bob Burling and Thelma Goodwin, all of Rupert.

Dismissed  
Oralia Chapa of Burley; and Melvin Loose of Rupert.

OBITUARIES

For obituary rates and information, call 733-0931. 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.

JEROME

Gerald Jerry Weisman

Gerald "Jerry" Weisman, 75, of Jerome, died Wednesday, February 2, 2000, at his home. Jerry was born on July 31, 1924, in Texoma, Texas, the son of Armin and Leitha Hager Weisman. He moved with his family to Wendell in 1936. He graduated from Wendell High School and later worked on Liberty ships in Vancouver, Washington. Near the end of WW2, he served in the U.S. Army Infantry. He was a contractor in the Magic Valley area for many years. He married Eileen Post at Twin Falls in 1948. Survivors include his wife of Jerome, one daughter, Carol (Doug) Mauch of Pocatello, and two sons, Martin (Pamela) Weisman and Jim (Janet) Weisman, both of the Seattle area. Also surviving are four grandchildren, Stephanie Flanner of Pocatello, Catharine Flanner of Denver, and Christine and Brian Weisman, both of Seattle; one great-granddaughter, Alyssa Flanner of Pocatello; and a sister, Louise (Ervin) Braun of Shoshone. Jerry was preceded in death by a daughter, Catharine, and his parents.

Funeral Chapel, Agud Cremation Service in Jerome

BURLEY

Anne D. Schroeder

Anne Darlene Schroeder Christman, 64-year-old Burley resident, died Thursday, February 3, 2000, from injuries sustained in an automobile accident near Jerome, Idaho. She was born January 6, 1936, in American Falls, Idaho, the daughter of Armin and Katherine Isaac Schroeder. She attended schools in American Falls, graduating from American Falls High School in 1953. She attended Bethel College in North Newton, Kansas, where she received her home economics degree. She taught school in San Diego, California, in Arco, Idaho and in the Burley School District. She taught Home Economics and the Third Grade at Dworthak Elementary School. Anne retired from teaching after 35 years.

She was a member of the AAUW, Delta Kappa Gamma and was active in the Presbyterian Church Logos. She was on the advisory board of Health and Welfare of Burley, Burley Golf Association and was a longtime member of the Monnette Church in Aberdeen, Idaho. Anne loved her grandchild, Isaac. She loved gardening and teaching and was an excellent seamstress and artist.

She is survived by her son, Dr. Andrew B. (Jill) Christman, and her grandson, Isaac Joseph, of Boise; her sister, Bonnie (Jerome) Kauffman of Mound Ridge, Kansas; her brothers, Clarence (Sylvia) Schroeder and Bill (Anne) Schroeder, all of American Falls, Idaho; and her sister-in-law, Shirley (Lowell) Thurston of Caldwell, Id. She is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews and a beloved friend, Keith Egan. She was preceded in death by her husband, Richard Christman, parents, Armin and Katherine, and one brother, Kenneth Schroeder.

Funeral services will be conducted at 1 p.m. Monday, February 7, 2000, at the First Presbyterian Church in Burley, where David Long will officiate. Burial will follow at Pleasant View Cemetery. Friends may call from 3-5 p.m. Sunday, February 6, 2000, at Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel. Family will also receive friends at the Christman home, 475 Highway 27, on Sunday between the hours of 5-8 p.m.

The family suggests memorials be made to Habitat For Humanity of the Magic Valley, 1211 Habitat Street, American Falls, 31709. Arrangements are under the direction of Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel.

Friends, family, church leader remember fallen missionary

HIGHLAND, Utah (AP) - Those who knew Mormon missionary Bradly Savage recalled him as a man who believed that a life lived for others is a life worth living.

Savage, 20, was one four missionaries killed in a fiery car crash last week in Iowa. He was buried Thursday.

"What a son," said his mother, Katherine, who described her joyful demeanor, fierce dedication and warm spirit. "He was never short on hugs. He loved everyone."

Thomas S. Monson of the First Presidency of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints consoling hundreds of people who gathered to grieve Savage's passing.

"I want everyone here to doubt not the will of the Lord," Monson said.

"If you walk in faith you will have a smiling face when you go forth to meet with him again."

Monson, who also delivered a letter of condolence from the First Presidency to Savage's family, asked family and friends to find comfort in their beliefs that Savage has moved on to a higher calling.

Missionaries who die in the field in service, Monson said, continue their work in the hereafter.

"We know more than the world knows about the eternal nature of the spirit. We know your son is in the Lord's hands. This is a farewell, just like the joy we felt on his official (mission) farewell."

Savage and three fellow missionaries were on their way home from a conference on missionary

work at a church in Osceola, Iowa.

Daniel B. Roundy, 19, of Kaysville; Jayson Ray Christiansen, 20, of Harrisville; and Jared Mont Pulham, 20, of Albino also died when their car skidded and slammed into an oncoming pickup truck.

The driver of the truck, Herman Heckathorn, 90, of Murray, Iowa, also died.

Funeral services for Roundy, Christiansen and Pulham were held Friday.

Clinton to propose ending controversial trust fund

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Clinton on Monday will propose eliminating four national forest trust funds and will instead earmark the funds' \$300 million to a single, new program aimed at restoring national forests and hiring rural workers, officials said.

Environmentalists welcomed the plan, saying the trust funds have been an incentive for forest managers to log so that they could get money for pet projects. Critics also complained that trust funds spending is not approved by Congress and therefore open to abuse. The amount spent increased from 16 percent in 1993 to 27 percent in 1997, the General Accounting Office, Congress' investigative arm, found in a study.

More than half of the timber sale revenues in national forests

are deposited in trust funds that local forest managers can tap for projects such as removing dead and dying trees and protecting stream beds.

Clinton will seek to cancel the Salvage Sale, Knutson-Vandenberg and Timber Sale Pipeline Restoration trust funds and instead send the dollars directly to the U.S. Treasury. He also wants to cancel a fourth fund - Reforestation - which is financed through timber's wood imports, not harvest receipts.

"We want to continue to accomplish essential activities we do through the trust funds today," said an Agriculture Department official, who spoke on condition of anonymity. "But we want to do it in a way that lends greater accountability and public scrutiny to how money is spent."



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# Detectives testify in Suits trial; defense questions procedure

By Ruth Streeter  
Times-News writer

**BURLEY** - Investigators involved in the arrest of Dr. Charles Wesley Suits, charged with possession of methamphetamine, testified Friday they had similar accounts of the event, while Suits' defense team speculated there might have been conversations that were never recorded by surveillance equipment.

The state alleges that upon being arrested in the parking lot of Smith's Food King in Burley, Suits threw the plastic bag containing the 1.5 grams of methamphetamine to the ground.

Detective Randy Kidd corroborated undercover agent Scott Ward's testimony last week that Suits had made a quick motion with his left hand outside his palm, as though throwing something down. Although Kidd said he did not actually see an object leave Suits' hand, he said he did see Ward bend over immediately after that to pick something up.

Among the witnesses Hurdley plans to call in support of his position at a trial scheduled to begin next month before 4th District Judge Deborah Bail is Wendell School Superintendent Larry Manly.

"We do not presently have the bonding capacity to construct a new middle school," said Manly, whose district is not a plaintiff in the lawsuit against the state. "We'll just have to take one step at a time through this year to determine what we'll do next year."

At the city inspector's suggestion, the school district had core samples taken from the concrete foundation of the school that has housed only an administrative office, a few photography classes and storage since a new high school was built in the early 1990s.

All but one of the samples crumbled, and the one that survived to be tested withstood only 40 pounds per square inch of compression. Engineers told school officials that safety required the capacity be at least 1,500 pounds per square inch.

"The foundation is unpredictable and would very likely fail during a moderate earthquake," the engineering contractor, Leavitt and Associates of Nampa, wrote in a report to the district.

An inspector from the Division of Building Safety conducted an annual check of Wendell Middle School on Jan. 13 and noted such problems as crumbling mortar on a brick chimney. But division officials said that safety checks since 1998 are infrequent because none of his eight inspectors are engineers, they are not qualified.

Ward placed them on his dashboard. Hopkins, who had also taken photographs of the Dec. 31 encounter, said he could not see anything being exchanged between the two.

Cassia County Sheriff's Capt. Jim Higgins testified Friday that he had also been listening to the drug transaction on a monitor in the hospital parking lot. What he heard that day was in keeping with what he had heard on a copy of the tape in August 1999, he said.

Because Higgins' name had not initially been on the list of investigators involved in the sting, defense attorney James Annett questioned whether Higgins had really been there at all. Higgins emphasized that he was.

The defense asserts that Gann had led Suits to believe undercover agent Scott Ward was a man seeking medical advice, not a man who would trade methamphetamine for a prescription of Vicodin.

Although no recording of conversation between Gann and Suits reveals this, the defense is questioning whether Gann may have had other conversations with Suits when she wasn't wired. Kidd said Gann's whereabouts were not being monitored when she wasn't conducting work for the county.

"We're using her information and her integrity to bring this man down?" Manning asked Kidd.

Kidd said the surveillance equipment placed on Gann also

corroborated the activity Gann originally alleged Suits had been involved in.

The defense has also alleged that Gann may have been violent when she went to work for the county because Suits had ended a relationship with Gann in order to reunite with his estranged wife.

In the state's redirect examination, Kidd said that according to a recording in Suits' office, it was Suits who had made a sexual suggestion to Gann and that Gann had turned him down.

The defense also questions why the weight of the methamphetamine differed from the time it was prepared for the drug transaction to the time it was examined by a state forensic analyst. Kidd said Friday that methamphetamine, which is initially wet from chemicals used to clean it, becomes lighter as it dries.

Cassia County Detective Loyd Egbert also testified Friday about concerns he had regarding a handwriting sample Suits seemed to sign in which Suits' name appeared to be drawn by his letters.

Egbert said Suits, if the normally signed his name that way. Egbert said he had told Suits to write his name the way he naturally would.

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Dale Shackelford of Ironton, Mo., discusses Wednesday in Kendrick, how he tracked down Bernadette Lasater, right, in Utah and brought her to Zoe's Cafe in Kendrick to talk to the media about her alleged role in a double-homicide.

# Woman gives up slaying information

**KENDRICK (AP)** - A Missouri woman who had been on the run for two weeks has come out of hiding and acknowledged a role in two unsolved slayings here last spring.

At a news conference Bernadette Lasater arranged with the ex-husband of victim Donna Fontaine, Lasater said she gave a Missouri man drugs and had sex with him in return for his promise to "dispose of Donna." Lasater did not identify the man to reporters who gathered at a Kendrick restaurant, but said he was not Fontaine's ex-husband, Dale Shackelford.

The slayings of Fontaine and her boyfriend, Fred Palahniuk, are the focus of an investigation by a grand jury that has been empaneled, but declined to discuss what case it was reviewing. Grand jury proceedings are secret.

After Wednesday's news conference, Lasater was questioned

by a deputy prosecutor and sheriff's detectives. Shackelford and several others also have previously been interviewed.

Crouch declined to comment on Lasater's account of the romantic entanglements and divorce proceeding she said led to the slayings. She has not been arrested, he said, adding that the case remains under investigation.

The bodies of Fontaine and Palahniuk were found in a burned outbuilding outside Kendrick on May 29, 1999. Fontaine had been staying in the structure during construction of a home on her rural property.

The bodies were burned, but autopsies determined the deaths were not fire-related. Investigators have not disclosed what caused the deaths.

Fontaine, 44, and Palahniuk, 59, of Newman Lake, Wash., reportedly had been dating and had traveled together from Missouri before they were killed. Her primary residence had been in Ironton, Mo., where she worked as a lawyer for five years.

Her ex-husband owns a Missouri trucking company, Trucking Enterprises. Lasater, 33, of Potosi, Mo., had worked for the company for nine months. She said Wednesday she used to be romantically interested in Shackelford and is in the process of divorcing her husband, Richard Lasater.

Bernadette Lasater claimed Fontaine had threatened to represent Richard Lasater in a divorce and child-custody trial because she was angry over Ms. Lasater's romantic interest in Shackelford.

Lasater confirmed Wednesday that she had recorded a tape sent anonymously to the Lewiston Morning Tribune. On the tape, Lasater said Fontaine had promised that "Richard would get the kids and I would never be able to get them because of my possible connection with Dale." She also said Fontaine threatened her child.

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## Wendell

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## Simpson

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## Country

There are systems of huts northwest of Sun Valley and in the Stanley Basin where skiers can stay overnight and climb the nearby slopes for telemark skiing, cross-country skiing and snowmobilers with their 2-stroke

exhaust and clamor are buzzing by the huts.

There already are separate opportunities," he said. "Our snowmobilers have been working with the land managers to accommodate skiers in appropriate areas already."

His take was the reverse of the skiers'. Collins contends the bulk of the skiers have been staying in short, groomed loops near roads and are now venturing into the hinterlands, which have been the province of snow-machines.

Amid the controversy, a coalition of skiers and snowmobilers formed in the Sun Valley area about five years ago to find some middle ground, Sawtooth National Forest Supervisor Bill

the district to continue the project and approve another 35 wells. If the money is approved, the district could start working on the project again as early as this fall, Temple said.

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people, when early snow meant more people in the field and a spike in complaints from the motorized and nonmotorized factions.

LeVerre opposes putting the Forest Service in the middle and challenged the coalition to work out the differences. The members agreed last month to come up with a solution by Oct. 1, though LeVerre would still have the final say.

Sandra Mitchell of the Idaho State Snowmobile Association is an advocate for the mechanized machines, but she has been a coalition member from the start and remains optimistic. She predicted some areas will be set aside for skiers, some for snowmobile riders and some trails may be shared.

# Avalanche-plagued highway reopens

**ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP)** - A section of the highway connecting the Kenai Peninsula to the rest of Alaska reopened Friday afternoon, liberating thousands of Alaskans who have been trapped for days behind a series of avalanches.

But a state transportation official said more bad weather forecasts for the weekend could bring more trouble to Southcentral Alaska.

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# Officials agree to mediate in dispute

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# Gooding School Board adds session

Gooding School Board will add a second monthly meeting to its schedule. Rather than hold one long monthly meeting, the School Board wants to shorten its meetings by adding a second one each month, school district Superintendent Henry Kilmer said.

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WORLD

North Korea will discuss war remains

MUNICH, Germany (AP) — North Korea has tentatively agreed to meetings with American officials to discuss its disputed claim to have unearthed remains of hundreds of Americans killed in the Korean War, Defense Secretary William Cohen said Friday.

"They apparently have agreed to discuss the number of remains and the conflict in the accounting, and we would assume there would be a full discussion of returning those remains," Cohen said in an interview. He was in Munich to attend a weekend conference on European security.

The Pentagon believes the North Koreans have only two sets of remains. North Korea insisted again Friday that the number is about 400. It challenged the Pentagon to send experts to confirm the claim.

Cohen said U.S. officials are "willing and eager" to discuss this with the North Koreans "at some appropriate place," as yet undecided. His spokesman, Kenneth Bacon, said North Korean officials admitted to the Pentagon this week that they have in their possession only two sets of remains.

The North Koreans' reference to 400 apparently reflects an earlier U.S. estimate of how many Americans were killed on the battlefields in the area of North Korea, near Unsan, where the two remains were found, Bacon said.

A North Korean official told The Associated Press, however, the actual number of war remains in the possession of the Korean People's Army is 405. Li Gu, a deputy representative at North Korea's mission to the United Nations, said in a telephone interview that the number was revised to 405 from an earlier estimate of 415 due to a "technical mistake" which he did not explain.

Li insisted the Pentagon was wrong in saying that North Korea admitted to having only two sets of remains. He said U.S. officials would be welcome in North Korea to view the remains.

Talks between the United States and North Korea on recovery of war remains broke off last December when the Clinton administration refused to discuss the American condition that the American people of good character aid in the form of clothing for all North Korean children. The Pentagon is willing to pay only the costs of recovery operations.



A young woman holds up an anti-Haider banner in front of the presidential office in Vienna, Austria, Friday, during the swearing-in of the new Austrian government.

Austria swears in officials from Joerg Haider's party

VIENNA, Austria (AP) — Despite massive international opposition, Austria's president swore in a new government Friday that includes rightists loyal to a man known for praising aspects of the Nazi era.

In a brief ceremony, members of the new Cabinet — six from Joerg Haider's far-right Freedom Party and six from the conservative Austrian People's Party — swore their oaths of office to President Thomas Klestil.

Heading the new government as chancellor is Wolfgang Schuessel, head of the People's Party. Freedom Party member Suzanne Kiess-Passer is vice chancellor.

About 5,000 people demonstrated outside the presidential palace against the new government. Facing off against riot police in full gear, they chanted anti-Haider slogans, blew whistles, rattled key chains, hurled tomatoes and containers of paint in a noisy but generally peaceful protest.

Twenty-five officers were lightly injured in the melee; Austrian state television quoted Vienna's police president Peter Stuedel as saying, "Several protesters were issued fines, but nobody was arrested."

Wilhelm Popovic, in his 50s, said he was attending "in the name of my father, who was held in a concentration camp for seven years because of policies like this."

"Seventy years ago, we saw this happen, and we won't let it happen again," he said, alluding to the start of the Nazi era in Austria.

The swearing-in triggered unprecedented political sanctions on Austria by the 14 other European Union countries. Angered by the presence of Haider's party, the union is acting to isolate one of its own members to protest a government it says goes against its basic democratic principles.

The United States also began to distance itself from Austria.

Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, announcing there would be limited U.S. contacts with Vienna, said there should be no place in a European government for a political party that "doesn't distance itself clearly from the atrocities of the Nazi era and the politics of hate."

Less than an hour before the swearing-in began, Finland officially suspended relations with Vienna. Also, Israel withdrew its ambassador, Nathan Merom, to protest the inclusion of the Freedom Party.

"Israel cannot remain silent in the face of the rise of extremist right-wing parties, in particular in those countries which played a role in the events that brought about the eradication of a third of the Jewish people in the Holocaust," the ministry said in a statement. Israel, which has barred Haider from visiting, will reassess its relations with Austria, the ministry said.

Austria's new foreign minister, Benita Ferrero-Waldner, said the pressure from Europe has only offended the public.

"Because of the ostracism, the Freedom Party is growing ever stronger," Ferrero-Waldner, a member of the People's Party, told Germany's Deutsche Welle radio Friday.

Haider won international notoriety — and later apologized — for statements praising Adolf Hitler's "orderly employment" policies and lauding veterans of the Waffen SS as "decent people of good character." He has also opposed EU expansion, and his party has taken a staunch anti-immigrant stance.

His party's future government role has generated fears across Europe that its rise to power may be a morale boost for far-right groups elsewhere. Haider, who is governor of Carinthia state, does not have a position in the government. But critics doubt Schuessel, whose hold on his own party is less firm, can control the mercurial Haider.

French troops resort to tear gas to disperse ethnic Albanian rioters

KOSOVSKA MITROVICA, Yugoslavia (AP) — Hundreds of ethnic Albanians pelted French soldiers with stones and bottles Friday to protest the NATO-led peacekeepers' failure to prevent the deaths of at least six Kosovo Albanians.

The clashes in this volatile city came after a night of violence that also left about two dozen Serbs injured and 10 U.N. vehicles burned.

The French troops fired tear gas to disperse about 500 rioters at a main bridge. Armed members of the Kosovo Protection Corps, made up of former ethnic Albanian rebels, later appeared

and calmed the crowd. Four or five French soldiers were injured, including one with a broken arm.

The Ibar River runs through the heart of this industrial city 30 miles northwest of Kosovo's provincial capital, Pristina. About 9,000 Serbs control the north bank, and 90,000 ethnic Albanians live on the south side.

French peacekeepers guard the two bridges, keeping the groups apart to avoid violence. However, thousands of ethnic Albanians live north of the river — the Serb side.

The latest round of violence started after a rocket attack Wednesday killed two Serbs on a

bus run by the U.N. refugee agency that was carrying them through predominantly Albanian areas near Kosovska Mitrovica.

The next night, violence broke out in the Serb-controlled northern side of the city.

Two ethnic Albanian men were shot to death. Half an hour later, a grenade was thrown into a Serb cafe, wounding up to 15 people. An ethnic Albanian woman was then shot and killed, and another grenade was tossed into another Serb cafe, wounding 10.

At least three other ethnic Albanians who were injured in the shootings died Friday, NATO said.

Wodehouse estate, web site bicker over name

LONDON (AP) — The estate of P.G. Wodehouse has a question for the Ask Jeeves search engine: "Did you forget to ask? The comic writer's estate

thinks the popular California-based Internet site should have sought permission to use the name of Bertie Wooster's valet."

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Venezuela tells U.S. to back off

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — Venezuela's foreign minister had a message for the U.S. State Department after it suggested the South American country do more to fix its economy: mind your own business.

"We don't accept advice," Jose Vicente Rangel said Thursday, the latest admonition in a week of tense diplomatic exchanges between Venezuela and the United States. "They, the U.S. government, know they can't pressure us."

The tension began last weekend when the Spanish newspaper ABC quoted Peter Romero, the

State Department's top official for Latin America, as saying President Hugo Chavez's government was poorly run.

In the interview, Romero said the United States was waiting to see Chavez begin governing instead of just staging elections and plebiscites.

On Monday, Rangel lashed out at Romero, calling his comments "threatening" and "unfriendly."

The State Department then issued a statement saying Romero was merely expressing concern over the difficult fiscal and economic situation Venezuela faces.

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Indonesia's army denies rumors of coup

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) — Indonesia's powerful security minister ignored for a third time the president's demand that he resign, while the army chief of staff denied Friday that soldiers would overthrow the democratically elected government.

However, army head Gen. Tyasno Sudarto warned that the situation was "now becoming dangerous."

President Abdurrahman Wahid is engaged in a bitter power struggle with Gen. Wiranto, a former military commander accused by government investigators of allowing pro-Indonesia militias to devastate East Timor after its August vote for independence.

Wiranto, who led the armed forces at the time, denies any responsibility for the violence. He has ignored repeated calls from Wahid to resign from the cabinet.

Earlier this week, Wahid twice publicly threatened to fire Wiranto if he does not quit before the president returns from a two-week European and Asian tour on Feb. 13.



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# Public TV shrugs off critics, asks for upgrade

BOISE (AP) — Idaho Public Television's top manager fended off criticism of past programming decisions on Friday and warned legislative budget writers that a multimillion-dollar commitment to upgrade the system must be made this winter or the state will lose its valuable federal broadcasting licenses.

Several members of the Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee renewed their criticism of Peter Morrill's decision last summer to air the documentary "It's Elementary" over their objections. They echoed complaints that the video promoted homosexuality as a normal lifestyle.

But Morrill ticked off a laundry list of controversial programs the system has aired over the years

from the Water-gate hearings, Frontline's investigation of the Clinton administration and a probe into the government cover-up at Waco to a documentary on Pope John Paul II and another on Mormon pioneer Joseph Smith.

Those programs, he told the committee "are all part of the ongoing conversation that reflects the issues and concerns of our citizens. Ultimately, I believe, the free exchange of ideas makes us stronger as a society."

Despite a statement circulated a day earlier suggesting another controversial document about gay families, Morrill assured one sena-

tor that there is no "upcoming program that would fit into that category."

And then Morrill assured Democratic Rep. Bert Marley of McCammon that the heat he has taken the past few months will not affect his programming decisions in the future.

"You've done very well under fire," Senate Finance Chairman Atwell Parry of Melba said.

But the controversy over Morrill's programming decisions took a backseat to furor of some committee members over the federal mandate for the \$12.7 million shift from analog to digital transmission by 2003. Parry and Geddes

seemingly fumed at the thought of the federal government telling the state and its citizens what to do with their televisions.

Morrill made the point that the state's Republican congressional delegation voted to impose the mandate and then pointed out that if the state does not certify to the Corporation for Public Broadcasting by April 1 that it is making the digital upgrade, its federal support of about \$800,000 a year will be cut off.

And if it does not certify to the Federal Communications Commission by May 1 that it intends to use the five digital broadcast channels allocated to Idaho Public Television, those channels will be auctioned to the highest bidder.



## BEDTIME STORY



From the comfort of her sleeping bag, Gabi Barbosa, 11, reads with classmates in Cheryl Hasenow's fifth-grade class at St. Mary's School in Moscow Thursday. Students at the school read all day as part of Celebration of Catholic Schools, a week-long event for Catholic schools across the country.

## —LEGISLATIVE LOG—

### The Associated Press

Sent to Governor  
 HB412 (Newcomb) — Repeals small claims division of the Board of Tax Appeals.  
 HB509 (Judiciary, Rules and Administration) — Empowers the attorney general to obtain court orders against deceptive advertising by out-of-state adoption facilitators.  
 HB510 (Commerce and Human Resources) — Provides for the distribution of extraordinary investment gains earned by the Public Employee Retirement System Fund.

Introduced in Senate  
 SB136 (Local Government and Taxation) — Revises procedures for sale of property by local governments.  
 SB167 (Transportation) — Limits privileged handicapped parking to vehicles which a handicapped person is occupying.  
 SB168 (Transportation) — Revises the multi-state highway transportation agreement.  
 SB169 (Transportation) — Excludes weekends and holidays for the 72-hour temporary motor vehicle permit.  
 SB170 (Commerce and Human Resources) — Revises some procedures in the whistleblower act.

Introduced in House  
 HC37 (Commerce and Human Resources) — States findings of the Legislative Council Interim Committee on the Public Employee Retirement System.  
 HB501 (Appropriations) — Makes technical corrections to the statute enacting Idaho's settlement agreement with leading U.S. tobacco manufacturers.

HB502 (Revenue and Taxation) — Updates and clarifies the definition of agricultural land qualifying for property tax exemption.  
 HB503 (Resources and Conservation) — Increases sportsperson's license, tag and permit fees by about \$4 million.  
 HB504 (Judiciary, Rules and Administration) — Provides civil remedies for victims of identity theft.  
 HB505 (Judiciary, Rules and Administration) — Prohibits the sending of bulk e-mail advertisements to people who have indicated they do not want to receive it.  
 HB506 (Judiciary, Rules and Administration) — Requires positive fathers to file a paternity claim in order to receive notice of a child's birth or adoption proceeding.  
 HB507 (Judiciary, Rules and Administration) — Allows for reimbursement, with court approval, of up to \$2,000 in reasonable living expenses for birth mothers.

HB508 (Judiciary, Rules and Administration) — Imposes a six-month limit on all challenges to an adoption order.  
 HB509 (Judiciary, Rules and Administration) — Empowers the attorney general to obtain court orders against deceptive advertising by out-of-state adoption facilitators.  
 HB510 (Commerce and Human Resources) — Provides for the distribution of extraordinary investment gains earned by the Public Employee Retirement System Fund.  
 HB511 (Commerce and Human Resources) — Increases the statutory multiplier for benefits under the Public Employee Retirement System.  
 HB512 (Health and Welfare) — Requires the state Board of Medicine to adopt the attorney general's procedural rules for conducting investigations and physician disciplinary proceedings.  
 HB513 (Revenue and Taxation) — Provides an alternative method of determining market values for large real estate through 2005.  
 HB514 (Judiciary, Rules and Administration) — Further defines abuse and neglect as the terms relate to exposure of infants to substance abuse.  
 HB515 (State Affairs) — Creates an Office of the State Medical Examiner within the Department of Self-Governing Agencies.

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## Governor nixes reappointment after racial slur

BOISE (AP) — Republican Gov. Dirk Kempthorne has withdrawn his reappointment of the chairman of a key state investment board, who had uttered a racial slur earlier in the week during his confirmation hearing.

The state Senate on Friday formally returned to Kempthorne the nomination of former state senator Bernie Rakozy to another four-year term on the Endowment Fund Investment Board. Rakozy submitted a letter, simply asking that his name be withdrawn for personal reasons.

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## Should gays serve openly in the military?

# Yes

### Time to stop discrimination

ELIZABETH BIRCH

The Republican National Committee and the GOP presidential candidates apparently think they have found a salient wedge issue to exploit in Al Gore's support for allowing gays and lesbians to serve openly in the military.

The RNC wasted no time in pouncing on the vice president and launching attack ads. While the politics of polarizing may work effectively in a few conservative primary states, using this issue to divide America might backfire in the general election.

First, the GOP's mindless opposition to gays in the military may solidify the perception that they are a party held captive by their more intolerant elements. This perception of mean spiritedness hurt them in the last election and may lead to the same disappointing results again in November.

A new Lake, Snell, Perry & Associates poll commissioned by the Human Rights Campaign shows how out of touch the GOP is on this issue.

According to the poll, 64 percent of voters believe that gays should be allowed to serve in the military. A strong plurality of voters, 43 percent, believe gays should be able to serve openly without hiding their sexual orientation, while just 29 percent

believe gays in the military should hide their sexual orientation. Less than a fifth, 18 percent, say gays should not be able to serve under any circumstances.

Although the RNC and the GOP presidential candidates haven't noticed it yet, times and attitudes have changed since this issue was last debated in 1993.

It is now obvious to most thinking people that "don't ask, don't tell" is a failed policy based on lies that is having the opposite effect of that which was intended.

According to statistics from the Servicemembers Legal Defense Network, discharges in the military have reached the highest levels since 1987.

The failure of the current policy was punctuated by the murder of a young, patriotic soldier - Barry Winchell - who was bludgeoned to death because he was gay while sleeping in his Fort Campbell barracks. He was not killed by an outside enemy, but by fellow soldiers who were not reprimanded, but rewarded for harassing Winchell on a daily basis.

There is also ample evidence that gays can serve openly without hurting unit cohesion. For instance, with Great Britain rescinding its ban, the United States now joins Turkey as the

only NATO country to bar gays from serving openly in the military.

All the dire predictions about gays serving openly have not come to fruition in these NATO countries, and they will also not be realized in the United States.

The same "sky is falling" predictions were also made when Harry Truman signed an executive order to integrate the armed forces. Instead of hurting military readiness, it enhanced our military and made us a more cohesive force.

At once Truman widened the pool of qualified soldiers, and our citizen military got one step closer to representing all of the citizens it aims to protect. The same successful result will also occur by allowing gays and lesbians to serve openly in the military.

Our nation has only moved forward when we have distinguished between traditional values and valueless traditions. The ban on gay and lesbian service members is the latter.

It seems that the GOP presidential candidates are so busy fighting about who can and cannot serve in the military that they have forgotten the values - such as equality, fairness, freedom and justice - that we are actually fighting for.

Elizabeth Birch is the executive director of The Human Rights Campaign, the nation's largest gay and lesbian political organization.

# No

### Fighting capability is at stake

ROBERT L. MAGINNIS

The renewed national debate over homosexuals in the military was predictable because compromises seldom endure.

In 1993, homosexuals wanted the ban lifted, and those concerned about readiness wanted the longstanding exclusion policy preserved. President Clinton failed to lift the 22 1/2-year-old military ban because Pentagon brass and a Democratic Congress wouldn't bend. Instead, the "don't ask, don't tell" compromise was struck.

Meanwhile, Congress codified the exclusion policy. Since 1994, five appellate courts have upheld the law's constitutionality, and discharges have increased.

"Don't ask, don't tell" hypocritically expects homosexuals to pretend they aren't homosexual while asking the military to pretend it doesn't care that homosexuals serve.

Renewed pressures from deep-pocketed homosexual activists have forced Clinton to make "don't ask, don't tell" more gay-friendly and presidential candidates to declare their positions on the issue.

Clinton pushed the Pentagon to change the policy, making it harder for commanders to start investigations that could lead to discharge for homosexuality. The changes also made it more difficult for soldiers to escape their

obligations by revealing their homosexuality. In addition, "don't harass" was added to the policy, further weakening the discharge process.

Clinton has been unable to give the homosexual community "hate crime" legislation. Perhaps for this reason, on Oct. 7, he created by executive order a military "hate crime" provision making sexual preference equivalent to race, color and ethnicity in the courts-martial manual.

Clinton's recent changes may pale in comparison to promises made by the leading Democratic presidential candidates. Both Vice President Al Gore and candidate Bill Bradley promise to lift the ban entirely, in fact, Gore would use acceptance of homosexuality as a litmus test when selecting chiefs of staff.

Republican front-runners George W. Bush and John McCain have agreed to keep Clinton's "don't ask, don't tell" policy.

Shifts in voter attitudes probably explain political movement toward greater acceptance of homosexuality. For the military, however, policies must be based on the realities of the battlefield and not on the changeable values of society.

The same readiness arguments that persuaded the Democratic Congress in 1993 to exclude practicing homosexuals from service

apply today. Serving in the military is not a constitutional right. The military has long discriminated based on a host of criteria such as age, physical fitness and substance abuse.

By law, the armed forces may recruit only those personnel it deems best able to contribute to a cohesive and quality force.

Congress exhaustively studied the issue before codifying the longstanding ban in 1993. Legislators were convinced that homosexuals were a category of people who should not serve, based on the threat to morale, discipline and unit cohesion.

If the military were forced to open its ranks to homosexuals, it would also be forced to punish heterosexuals who refuse to bunk or shower with them. The services might also be forced to provide housing for homosexual partners. Additionally, the services' experience with mixing men and women in forced intimate situations suggests that adding homosexuals would create even more cohesion-busting anxiety in the ranks.

The debate over homosexuals in the military must focus on military necessity, not on political expediency. Promises to lift the ban or accept the status quo fail that test. The best readiness policy is to re-impose the recruiting questions regarding homosexuality and realign "don't ask, don't tell" with the statutory ban.

Robert Maginnis (U.S. Army, retired) is the Family Research Council's senior director for national security and foreign affairs.

## Right to free speech cuts both ways

Recently, lawyer Thorpe Orton wrote to criticize the membership of the Idaho State Bar for democratically voting to form a committee to voice an opinion when it believed judges had been unfairly criticized. He indicated it would have a "chilling effect" on free speech. Mr. Orton has it exactly backward.

The Bar's proposed committee is intended to promote free speech about judges and the judicial system; Orton's proclaimed defense of the First Amendment actually advocated a restriction on Idaho lawyers expressing themselves about issues of public concern.

Judges don't need apologists, and any response from the Bar committee would not be intended to defend or criticize a particular decision. Yet, there are times when people need to stand up for judges, or at least help to explain the parameters for particular decisions. Judges are sometimes asked to rule on emotionally charged issues, like death penalty cases or interpretation of environmental laws.

Further, judges are limited to ruling on those controversies directly before them and must speak through their published decisions or those delivered in open court. (In fact, judicial ethics prohibit judges from engaging in public dialogue about their decisions and for good reason. Were it otherwise,

READER COMMENT  
John A. Bailey Jr.

future litigants may fear that the judge had already formed an opinion about an issue before that person's day in court, or worse, may fear that a judge's public statements indicate that he or she has a partisan position on an issue.) On occasion, another voice added to the debate can help explain the context in which the judge has been asked to rule.

It is important to note that the Bar's resolution was not proposed in response to any particular issue or situation. In fact, this proposal came to the Bar's board of commissioners as an initiative from the American Bar Association. The resolution passed by the members of the Bar authorizes the board of commissioners to draft a proposal for further review and vote by the membership.

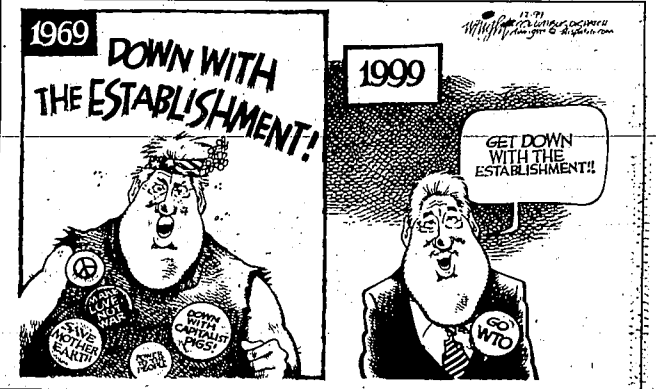
In the United States, our cherished First Amendment has often been described as providing a "marketplace of ideas." The listener may choose from among a menu of competing ideas and reach an informed opinion. If this proposal can respond from the initial critic, then the dialogue has been advanced and the First Amendment has been exercised, not inhibited. The suggestion

that people who exercise their First Amendment right to criticize judges should be immune from competing points of view promotes a restriction on the exercise of our First Amendment rights. That is an indeed a curious way to promote free speech. We submit that such an immunity is not in anyone's best interest.

An independent judiciary is essential to our democracy. If criticism of a judge is the result of misinformation, then educating the public by providing the correct information benefits the judicial system.

Mr. Orton implies that he might somehow be subject to disciplinary action for expressing his opinion. Nothing could be further from the truth. The Bar welcomes his comments and respects his right to make his views known. This resolution and the committee that may be formed have nothing to do with the lawyer discipline system. We are all grateful that we live in a country where Mr. Orton can express his opinion and others can respond. He exercised his First Amendment rights in his letter - thank you for letting me exercise my First Amendment rights in responding to his criticism of the Bar. Sniffing any point of view, including the State Bar's, would be a serious erosion of our cherished values.

John A. Bailey Jr. is the president of the Idaho State Bar Board of Commissioners.



## LETTER

### Elko stands up to tyranny

Apparently Betty Prunty has never studied the supreme law of the land, namely, the Constitution of the United States. Under the Constitution, every state was to be a sovereign state. Each state was to come into the union on an equal basis. The states created the federal government and gave it limited powers. The federal government should not own any land except that which is specified in the Constitution. The federal government may own only land within the states which has been purchased by the federal government with the consent of the state legislatures for such things as forts, magazines, arsenals, dock-yards, post offices and other useful buildings. See Article 1 Section 8 of the Constitution. All the so-called federal forest

land, the Bureau of Land Management land, and the wilderness area land is land literally stolen by the federal government in violation of the Constitution.

There are three Supreme Court rulings which state that any man-made law which violates the U.S. Constitution is null and void.

All of this so-called federal land here in the West has been usurped from the states by unconstitutional laws, regulations, court decrees and executive orders. The federal government has violated the sovereignty of the states by seizing this state land. This evil practice by the federal government has undermined the freedom of the people here in the West.

There is no constitutional authority for the federal government to own 86 percent of the state of Nevada.

Unconstitutional federal ownership of state land is communism.

The right to own and control property is absolutely essential to freedom. Private property is one of the five elements of freedom (life, liberty, property, knowledge and work).

All state land, with a few exceptions, should be in private ownership.

In totalitarian nations, all of the land is public land, or in other words, government land. In all nations where there is no freedom, the land is private land. No wonder Karl Marx said, "Communism is a nutshell is abolition of private property."

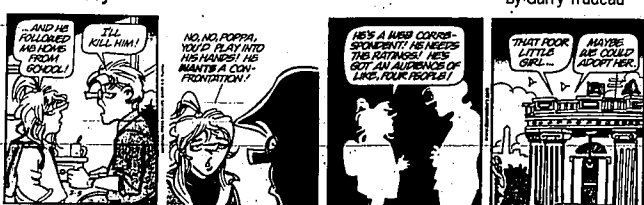
The people in Elko are not running on a circus; they are literally fighting for freedom against a tyrannical federal government.  
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# Stick to diet, exercise regime, Gemini

Those who claim you lost opportunity will be eating those words. You make remarkable comeback could win political contest. Cancer native represented.

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**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Attention revolves around protection of property, family. Focus on home, marriage, investment potential. Report you hear is valid, respond accordingly.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Time on your side, play waiting game. Insist on facts, not moth-worn opinions. You have earned right to be first, not last. Pisces figures prominently.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Many want to join you, to be with you but are in awe. Correct this by being more human. Be passionate but considerate. Capricorn plays exciting role.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** People talk about you, many state, "In a few more years you will be ready." Big time involving travel beckons. Aries, Libra persons in picture.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** You may be trying too much, too soon. Don't attempt to please everyone, that is sure road to madness. Make fresh start, be ready for new love.

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**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** New Moon, Solar Eclipse in your Eleventh House. Prepare for disruptions of friendships, romance. Revise list of what you really desire.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Behind scenes people fight for and against you. Marital status becomes subject for debate. Be lenient, not weak. Cancer native will be represented.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Dig deep for information, stress intellectual curiosity, keep recent resolutions concerning exercise, diet, nutrition. Another Gemini in picture.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Get on solid ground. People rely upon you for practical plans, ideas. Being up in the air is opposite where you should be. Scorpio involved.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Focus on reputation, publicity, marital status. Be ready for quick changes, faint and duck, look for opening. Many comment, "We

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## Newsman starts out as young radio show host

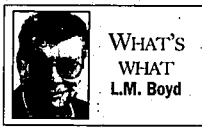
Q. When did newspapers get the first electronic editing terminals?

A. In 1970. Same year divorce became legal in Italy. Ernest Hemingway, at age 61 shot-gunned himself to death. And U.S. women rejected a change in skirt lengths to free themselves of fashion designer command.

No, sir, it has been enunciated by scholars that no sane Indian ever went to war in one of those feathered bonnets.

Not even all Canadians recall the 1947 CBC radio show for children called "Peter's People." It was hosted by CBS nightly news anchor Peter Jennings, then age 9.

Irish Proverb 41D: "Better one good thing that is than two good



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

things that were."

Do you think women with large mouths tend to be generous? Nothing scientific even suggests it. But many people believe it. Many people also believe men with close-set eyes tend to be hot-tempered. Nothing scientific suggests that, either.

Great Britain and Ireland together are said to have at least 150,000 cottages with those picture-perfect thatched roofs.

If today's scholarly diggers have it right, Neolithic man made glass about 10,000 B.C. And Egyptian glassworkers about 1500 B.C. turned it into jewelry.

From our Love and War man's Frontier file: In the Colorado of 1860 lived 32,654 men and 1,577 women, according to a federal head count at the time. That's more than 20 men per woman.

Some people say earrings are frivolous, but if so, how do you account for the curious finding by archeologists that women cut holes in their ears and wore ornamental plugs therein even before men chipped out stone spear heads?

Q. What was the first car with out-running boards?  
A. The 1937 Cord 812.

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# Washington orchardist kills 22 elk he says were damaging his trees

The Seattle Times

TIETON, Wash. - The ravens circled high overhead, then covered the carcasses of dead elk in the snow, shot dead by an orchardist who claims they were damaging his young fruit trees.

One young calf raised its head, still alive despite bullet wounds in its hindquarters when Gene Beireis, an enforcement officer for the state Department of Fish and Wildlife, arrived at the orchard after a telephone complaint about someone shooting elk. He put the call out of its misery with a shot to the head.

In all, 22 elk were shot by orchardist Jerrie Vander Houwen on two nights last month, Beireis said. Other than one male, all were calves and females. Beireis thinks most of the females were pregnant.

Beireis filed a complaint for unlawful killing of wildlife and wastage of meat with the Yakima County Prosecutor's Office this week. Deputy Prosecutor Bruce Hanify filed 15 counts on each charge Wednesday. Vander Houwen faces a possible year in

jail and \$5,000 fine on each of the 30 counts, which are gross misdemeanors.

"Most people are shocked by this large-scale killing of animals," Hanify said. "It's a big deal."

*'I have a right to protect my crop. I have to spray my trees to kill the bugs, and these elk are same thing.'*

- Jerrie Vander Houwen, Washington State

Beireis said he was appalled by the mass shooting. "I've been at this 22 years, and I have never seen anything like this," he said. Usually, an orchardist troubled by elk asks the Department of Fish and Wildlife to herd them away.

Under Washington state law, the state is liable for wildlife damages to farmers' crops.

State game officers are expected to deal with problem animals on taxpayers' time, and to put up

fencing at taxpayers' expense to protect farmers' land. Cost-sharing is encouraged, but it's optional for the farmer.

Farmers are also allowed to kill problem wildlife damaging their crops. But they're required to get permission from Fish and Wildlife.

Beireis said Vander Houwen never asked for a kill permit.

Vander Houwen was defiant Thursday, saying, "I have a right to protect my crop. I have to spray my trees to kill the bugs, and these elk are like the same thing."

Vander Houwen's orchard is just over the hill from the Oak Creek feeding station, which in hard winters will feed 9,000 elk. The feeding stations are a popular tourist attraction.

The elk herd that roams these foothills of the Cascades is a success story, grown to a healthy size of about 13,000 animals, Beireis said. The problem is that the Yakima Valley has grown along with the herd. Suburban development and thousands of acres of orchards are pushing deeper and deeper into the traditional winter range of the elk.

## County looks at farmland ordinance

BOISE (AP) - Canyon County planners are considering an ordinance to protect prime farmland from residential development.

A draft of the proposal creating an agricultural harmony zone will go to the county's Planning and Zoning Commission next month.

Federal figures show that about 80 percent of Canyon County's 377,000 acres is still used for agriculture and agriculture-related purposes. But the conversion of row crops to homesites is accelerating.

The county's development services department is processing more than 100 building permits each month, Director Sonna Lynn Fernandez said.

## Helen Chenoweth-Hage to visit Australian Outback

BOISE (AP) - Two months after touring Africa, outgoing Republican U.S. Rep. Helen Chenoweth-Hage is leaving again to visit Australia and New Zealand on a trip organized by the House Resources Committee.

"While I am sure some people will try to criticize any foreign travel members of Congress take, Helen has usually been praised for bringing the Speaker of the House and other congressmen to Idaho and western forests to see the effects of forest management decisions with their own eyes," said Keith Rupp, Chenoweth-Hage's chief of staff, referring to

former speaker Newt Gingrich.

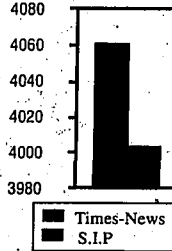
"The purpose of this trip is the same. Only this time it's Helen and members of the Resources Committee will be doing the learning."

During the Feb. 18-28 junket, the committee will visit forest plantations and hear from forestry experts in New Zealand, Rupp said.

"The New Zealanders apparently have been able to satisfy both the environmental concerns while maintaining access to and sustainable production from the forests."

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#### TODAY'S SCHEDULE

##### Men's basketball

ISU at Northern Arizona

Idaho at UC Santa Barbara

##### Wrestling

Filer at Middleton Inv., 10 a.m.

Challis Invitational

##### Girls' basketball

Jackpot at Austin

Region III Tournament

Minico at Highland, 7 p.m.

M.V. Conf. Tournament, at Castleford

Hagerman vs. Murtaugh, 7:30 p.m.

##### Boys' basketball

Buhl at Gooding

Camas at Richfield

Carey at Ketchum

Shoshone at Dietrich

Filer at Minico

Kimberly at Wendell

Wood River at Salmon

Jerome at Kuna

Jackpot at Austin

#### IN BRIEF

##### Minico girls play Highland tonight

RUPERT — Today's Region III girls' basketball tournament game between Minico and Highland in Pocatello will begin at 7 p.m.

Early bracketing had incorrectly shown the matchup would take place at 2 p.m.

##### Boys, girls invited to Youth Ranch tourney

The Idaho Youth Ranch is now accepting registration from boys' and girls' basketball teams interested in playing in its 20th Annual Youth Ranch Basketball Tournament.

The girls' fifth-and-sixth-grade tourney and seventh-and-eighth-grade tourney will take place on March 24. The boys' fifth-and-sixth-grade tourney will take place March 9-11, with the boys' seventh-and-eighth-grade tournament slated for March 16-18. For more information, please call Bob Lopez at 208-532-4117, Ext. 112.

##### IBF title fight hits Boise next week

BOISE — World IBF cruiserweight champion Vassily Jirov will box top challenger Saul Montana Saturday, Feb. 12 at the Bank of America Center.

The undercard features local champion Cleveland Corder (16-0, 12 KOs), who won the IBA junior middleweight belt with a fourth-round TKO of Canadian junior middleweight champion Brooke Welby last November. His opponent has yet to be determined. Also fighting Feb. 12 will be No. 1-ranked IBA flyweight Eric Morel (24-0, 16 KOs).

The main event poses the first Idaho appearance for Montana (33-6-0, 29 KOs) since he scored a unanimous decision over Kenny Keene for the IBA cruiserweight championship on Oct. 14, 1997.

Jirov (22-0, 20 KOs), a native of Kazakhstan, captured the IBF title on June 5 last year with a second-round TKO of Arthur Williams, and successfully defended it in September against challenger Dale Brown.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

## Shoshone snuffs Dietrich

By John Dorr  
Times-News writer

SHOSHONE — It was a battle of height against the press for the fifth time this season, with a special ticket — to the A-4 State Girls Basketball tournament — as the reward.

In the end, the Shoshone Indians got 27 points from their twin towers and earned an automatic berth to state with a 45-31 victory over the Blue Devils in the championship game of the Class A-4 Northside Conference Girls' Basketball Tournament Friday.

Shoshone led early and pushed the lead to eight points in the first half. But Dietrich rallied in the final period, the Indians grabbed the early lead and hit their free throws down the stretch.

The Blue Devils, meanwhile, went cold from the field, connecting on just a single shot in the fourth quarter. Dietrich will take the second seed from the north into the district tournament.

Shoshone finished the game hitting 43 percent of their shots while Dietrich struggled, converting only 20 percent.

The Indians take the top seed from the conference into the District 4 playoffs next week to determine seeding at the state tournament. Shoshone will battle Raft River Friday at 8 p.m. at Castleford for the District 4 title, while Dietrich will take on the loser of today's Hagerman-Murtaugh Magic Valley Conference contest on Wednesday, Carey, the third seed from the north, will play the winner the same night.

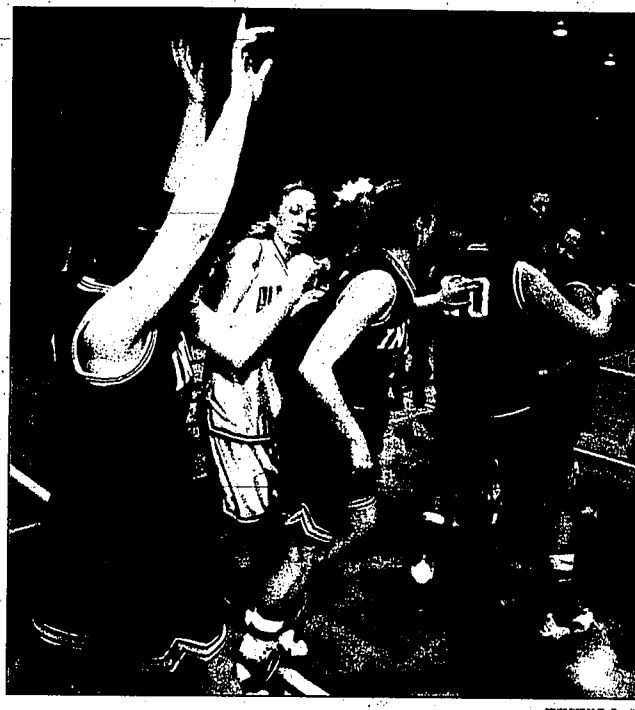
With Shoshone and South No. 1 Raft River already having secured tickets to state, the other four teams at the district tourney will be vying for the final two berths from District 4.

"We really wanted it and we're playing good as a team. This was our ticket to state," said senior Shoshone post Anna Cox, who finished with 17 points and six rebounds. "It felt like a good game. Everybody did. We had good team chemistry and the guards made good passes."

Brandi McCowan hit bomb from the free-throw line as the Blue Devils tied the game at 28-28 at the end of three quarters.

But the last period was all Shoshone.

The Indians took advantage three straight turnovers by Dietrich to jump out to a seven-point advantage. Jennifer Ross grabbed a steal and went in for the lay-up, and Jasmine Harris followed with a three-pointer. Monica Uhrig then scored inside,



Dietrich's Reysa Parker gets caught in the crush as a victorious Shoshone bench rushes onto the court to celebrate the Indians' title.

and the Indians led 35-28.

During the Indians' run, Dietrich's Rashell Aslie, who had 20 points on Thursday, fouled out having scored just two points.

Cox added a put-back to push the advantage to nine points with less than four minutes left in the game. The Blue Devils finally got on the board at the 3:30 mark as McCowan, who led all scorers with 18 points, nailed another three-pointer to cut the deficit to six.

Dietrich was forced to foul with time winding down, and Amy Williams and Ross chipped in free throws. Cox converted inside and added one from the charity stripe as the Indians pushed the lead to

12 points with less than a minute left.

The Blue Devils got good looks at the basket, but could not get a shot to fall, going 1-for-15 from the field in the final quarter.

Williams put the final touches on the victory with two more free throws. As the final buzzer sounded, the crowd rushed onto the floor.

"We were able to do a pretty good job with their pressure. We didn't give up the easy baskets," said Shoshone coach Tim Chapman. "Our team responded to their run."

The Blue Devils were the surprise of the tournament, coming in

as the No. 3 seed, upsetting the Indians in the semifinals and moving within one victory of going back to the state tournament to defend their title.

"I'm proud of the girls," said Dietrich coach Gerte Shaw. "We pressed for 32 minutes for two straight nights. We caused a ton of turnovers — we just were unable to put the ball in the hole. They got too much inside. It was like Spud Webb guarding Shaquille O'Neal."

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## Bobcats topple Indians

By Dex Dutton  
Times-News correspondent

BURLEY — The tough thing about being undefeated is that you're a marked target.

That lesson came crashing home for the Pocatello Indians, who entered Friday night's game with a perfect 17-0 record and the state's No. 2 ranking and left Burley with a 62-56 loss.

Before a highly charged Bobcat crowd, Burley finished its regular season at home in dramatic fashion. The Bobcats went 12-of-18 from the charity stripe in the final four minutes of the game while holding Pocatello's three-point scoring machine to bay to clinch the victory.

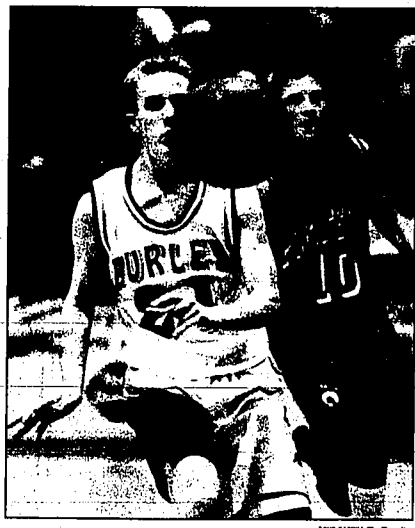
Pocatello still takes the top Region III seed into this month's tournament, but the Bobcats pulled a major in coup solidifying sole possession of the region's second seed — and with it, the mixed-up bracketing scheme of Class A-1 basketball, a first-round bye at the regional tourney.

When you have an undefeated team coming in to your gym, it isn't too hard to get the guys up for it," said Burley coach Matt Harr. "Considering the schools are 75 miles apart, this has turned in to quite a rivalry. We have had some great games in this gym, and this is just another one."

Accounting for 41 of the Bobcats points, seniors Adam Hope, Troy Holland, and Eric Hoskins scored in 15, 12, and 16 respectively.

But credit Burley's composure in the final minutes for the win.

Controlling the game early with their inside size and perimeter shooting, the Indians seemed primed to do to the Bobcats what they had done to 17 other teams this year.



Burley's Elliott McMillan and Pocatello's Ben Brown chase down a loose ball.

Jon Beckstead and Ben Brown connected on three-pointers, and fiery senior Matt Hagler tossed in two more, and Pocatello carved out a 17-11 first-period edge.

But the Bobcats came back, and with 1:40 remaining in the half, Hoskins' three-pointer found the bottom of the net to knot the game at 22.

Trailing at the break by a single point, Burley opened the sec-

ond half with a 9-2 scoring run highlighted by three buckets from Holland. Guard Hope had two consecutive steals, further shutting down Pocatello.

The excitement mounted as the second half wore on.

With four minutes remaining in the third period, Ty Pearson committed an intentional foul in an attempt to stop a Burley lay-up.

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## Dangerous trend: Violence and crime rampant in NFL

The Associated Press

BALTIMORE — The NFL used to spend most of the offseason pondering such problems as the length of games, the shifting of franchises or the proper use of TV replay.

Now, perhaps more than ever, off-the-field violence is troubling the league.

Two players are in jail on murder charges. Many others have been charged with less-serious crimes this season, including assault, burglary, and weapons and drug possession.

"I've been part of this league for 40 years and I just can't ever remember so many cases of a criminal nature," Buffalo Bills owner, Ralph Wilson said. "It's getting out of hand."

The cases have battered the image of a stuffy institution that some derisively refer to as "The National Felony League."

Following a Super Bowl party in Atlanta last Monday, Baltimore Ravens star linebacker Ray Lewis was arrested on murder charges in the stabbings of two men outside a nightclub.

Earlier this season, Carolina wide receiver Rae Carruth was arrested on murder charges in the shooting of his pregnant girlfriend.

While such charges against two players in the same season were unprecedented, the league has always had to deal with off-the-field violence and crime. In fact, all NFL teams already offer a series of lectures on personal conduct throughout the season.

The recent cases, however, highlight what seems to be a trend.

NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue acknowledged the problem two days before the

## Program drop upsets team of disabled skiers

By Karen Bossick  
Times-News correspondent

SUN VALLEY — Two of Idaho's disabled Paralympians have joined their teammates in contemplating a grievance against the U.S. Ski and Snowboard Association for its decision to drop the U.S. Disabled Ski Team next May.

The Association's decision to drop the disabled team under the No. 1 disabled ski team in the world — a team that has won more medals proportionately than any other national team of the U.S. Ski and Snowboard Association (USSA).

The decision comes on the heels of the 1998 Paralympic amendments to the Amateur Sports Act, which were designed to integrate disabled athletes into the Olympic movement.

Ann, who arrives right at the Salt Lake City 2002 Olympics/Paralympics are showing for the first time the viability of running both events under one management structure.

Two local athletes are on the 25-member U.S. Disabled Ski Team: Muffy Davis, a Sun Valley skier, who won a bronze medal at the 1998 Paralympics in Nagano, Japan; and Matt Perkins, a Twin Falls amputee who also competed at the Paralympics in Nagano.

"The association's action is a definite step backwards," Davis said. "We already have difficulty differentiating ourselves from the Special Olympics. And we gain a lot of pride and credibility from being part of the U.S. Ski Team."

"In addition, this comes at a time when we are focusing on the world championships in Switzerland. We don't have time to deal with this right now."

The U.S. Ski Association voted to create separate ski associations, saying it couldn't provide necessary focus and fund-raising resources for both. With the exception of a few bright spots, such as Picabo Street, the U.S. Ski Team has been criticized for its failure to win medals.

A spokesman for the association declined to comment.

Doug Pringle, president of the Disabled Sports USA, called the decision "outrageous" and said it could have profound negative consequences for the entire

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## Dangerous trend: Violence and crime rampant in NFL

Super Bowl, but added, "We can't predict what NFL players will do any more than we can predict students shooting other students or workers shooting fellow work-

ers. Athletes, however, receive much more money and adulation than the average student or mailman. While the majority of football stars cope well in such an environment, others do not.

"For some players, you get all that money and you're like a time-bomb waiting to go off," said Lew Lyon, a sports psychologist who works out of Baltimore's Good Samaritan Hospital. "You grow up getting special treatment because you're an athlete, then you get millions of dollars thrown at you. Shady people gravitate toward money."

The NFL's season of crime and punishment has produced damaging headlines around the country and provided late-night comedians with more than enough material for their opening monologues.

Hardly a week went by this season without news of another player in trouble with the law.

Two players on the Bills were charged with sexual assault of two off-duty police officers in a nightclub; Denver Broncos safety Darrius Johnson was charged with punching a topless dancer; and New York Jets offensive

linebacker Mike Brown was charged with punching a man and woman at a bar.

Indianapolis Colts defensive back Steve Muhammad, charged with battery in the beating of his pregnant wife, was charged after her death was ruled to injuries suffered in an auto accident. The baby was stillborn.

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SPORTS

With Francis out, Minnesota routs Rockets Three players share the lead at Pebble Beach

MINNEAPOLIS (AP)—Kevin Garnett's 23 points and 18 rebounds in the absence of Houston's sensational rookie guard Steve Francis helped the Minnesota Timberwolves rout the Rockets 102-85 Friday night.

Garnett added nine assists, narrowly missing his third career triple double. He did, however, tie Christian Laettner's club record with 17 defensive rebounds.

Francis, who is averaging 18.3 points and 5.3 rebounds and 7.1 assists, missed the trip so he could get treatment for a minor hernia.

Blazers 97, Hawks 90 ATLANTA — Steve Smith, returning to the city where he started for five years, scored 21 points and the Portland Trail Blazers couldn't miss in the final five minutes, holding off the Atlanta Hawks 97-90 Friday night.

After losing in New York the previous night, Portland jumped to a 14-point lead in the first quarter, then looked sluggish over the next two periods.

The Hawks fought back to tie the Blazers in the second quarter before taking their first and only lead, 78-77, on Dikembe Mutombo's hook with 3:47 remaining. But Portland pulled out of its malaise, scoring on 11 of its last 12 possessions to bury Atlanta.



Portland's Bonzi Wells scores against the Atlanta Hawks during the first half in Atlanta Friday.

Pacers 104, Kings 94 INDIANAPOLIS — Mark Jackson recorded Indiana's first triple-double of the season as the Pacers matched a franchise record with their 17th consecutive home win, a physical 104-94 triumph over the Sacramento Kings.

to All-Star Dale Davis and a showing match between star guard Reggie Miller and Kings center Vlade Divac to improve the Eastern Conference's best record to 30-15.

Celtics 100, Nets 95 BOSTON — The Boston Celtics second string cut a 17-point

deficit to six, then the starters came back to finish off New Jersey 100-95 and send the Nets to their third consecutive loss.

Tony Battie came off the bench to score all 14 of his points in the second half and all five of his rebounds in the fourth quarter.

Kenny Anderson made a short jumper to give Boston the lead, then added two free throws for insurance with 17.1 seconds to play.

Pistons 105, Cavaliers 96 AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Lindsey Hunter had 26 points and 10 assists to lead the Detroit Pistons to a 105-96 victory over the Cleveland Cavaliers on Friday night.

Detroit, still playing without the injured Grant Hill, won for just the second time in its last 10 games. Cleveland played without the injured Bobby Sura, then saw Brevin Knight limp off in the second quarter with what appeared to be an ankle injury.

Heat 99, Wizards 92 MIAMI — Alonzo Mourning got off to a 32-point lead in the second half as Miami overcame a 17-point third-period deficit to beat Washington 99-92 on Friday night.

Mourning has scored at least 20 points in a franchise-record 12 straight games; the NBA's longest active streak and one game shy of Mourning's career best. Friday, the Heat limited the Wizards to 35 second-half points.

PEBBLE BEACH, Calif. (AP) — In the two hours that Tiger Woods spent on a soggy golf course, he knocked the head off his driver with a mammoth tee shot, made five birdies in eight holes and got into position for his sixth straight PGA Tour victory.

A first round that took two days in ever-changing weather for the Pebble Beach National Pro-Am finally ended Friday with David Duval, Vijay Singh and Notah Begay in the lead at 6-under 66 after taking advantage on soft, serene Poppy Hills.

Begay, who will spend a week in jail next month for aggravated drunken driving, had two eagles in his round, including a hole-in-one with a 6-iron from 168 yards on the sixth hole.

Woods finished with a 68-eight birdies, six pars, four bogeys and only 13 clubs in his bag when his round was over. The head of his driver snapped off on the 16th hole, which may have cost him an easy birdie chance on the par-5 18th.

"That was shocking," Woods said. "You don't expect that to happen."

Don't expect anything at Pebble Beach, where the tournament rarely goes according to plan. The schedule is for the final three rounds to be played through Monday, but the tour

wasn't holding its breath. A large storm system was expected by Friday night, with another due Sunday night.

Pebble has had only one 72-hole tournament since 1995. "It's very frustrating knowing that chances of playing four rounds are not very good," Woods said.

Still, none of the leaders were in a sour mood after playing their first round at Poppy Hills, the cast of the Pebble courses because it has five pars-5s and is the most sheltered from the seaside wind.

Lee Janzen had the best score at Pebble Beach Golf Links, a 68 at 68. Grant Waite had a 68 at Spyglass Hill. Steve Scott, whom Woods beat on the 38th hole for his third straight U.S. Amateur title in 1999, had a 68 at Poppy.

Duval is the 21st player in the world and the primary threat to Woods, missed a 4-foot birdie putt on the 18th at Poppy for his 66.

A year ago, Payne Stewart won from one shot to a one-shot victory when the final round was washed out, so it's never a bad idea to be near the lead from the start.

"I live to get out fast, regardless of the outcome," Duval said. "We've got to go out and get in 54 holes. If you ask me, I'm playing pretty well. I think I'm getting there."

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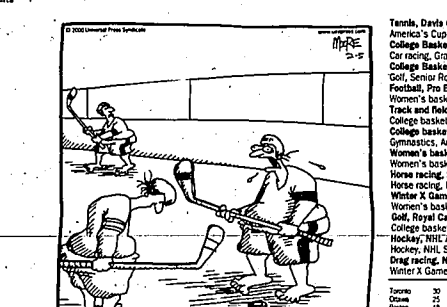
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# No turning back?

## Griffey fields death threat, makes plans for life after Seattle

COMMENTARY  
Steve Kelley

PEBBLE BEACH, Calif. - The death threat, Ken Griffey Jr. says, might have sealed his decision to leave Seattle. A short, threatening note from some nutcase who discovered Griffey's address.

"You might be able to control where you play," the letter, mailed from Seattle, "but you can't control what happens to your family. I can."

Griffey wouldn't say when he received the letter, only that it came after Nov. 2, the day the Mariners called a news conference and announced his trade request.

"When you get death threats from Seattle fans, then that's not Griffey," said a source who walked off the Poppy Hills course Thursday after 40-mph winds and apocalyptic-style rain squalls forced suspension of the opening round of the AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am. "Something like that is pretty much the last straw as far as me staying in Seattle."

Spring training begins in less than a month, and Griffey still doesn't know what uniform he'll be wearing.

Baseball's player of the 1990s and Seattle's athlete of the century, is homeless; nominally a Mariner, but probably, eventually, a Cincinnati Red.

Griffey's thought? "Whatever," he said. "I don't know if I'm gone or not, but I'm not going to worry about it anymore. It's out of my hands. The way I look at it, I have a job, somewhere, whether it's Seattle or Cincinnati. That's that way."



"I'm a 10-and-5 guy (10 years in the league, at least 5 with the same team). I gave the Mariners an option that if they wanted to trade me, they could trade me. But it's got to be where I want to go. And I'm the bad guy here? I don't get it."

In talking with Griffey on Thursday, it seemed there was almost no hope for one last season in Seattle. There are too many damaged relationships.

He's too hurt by the public backlash against his trade demands. He distrusts the Mariners' new general manager, Pat Gillick. And he is tired and confused with his portrayal as Public Enemy No. 1.

"How can I come back there and play?" he asked. "You've got everybody pretty much against me. You've got the fans thinking I'm whining, I'm a baby and whatever, because that's what Pat (Gillick) said. Somebody in the front office called me a spoiled brat because I didn't accept the trade to New York."

He told him the order sliding catch-in the left-center field gap, or one Opening Night home run would change the public perception of Griffey.

"I don't necessarily agree," he said. "I think it's much worse than that. I really do. When you start getting death threats directed at your family, that's bad."

At the crux of the team and the city's anger with Griffey is the feeling that, by changing his trade demands, he has made it more difficult for a decent trade to be made.

Griffey admits he changed his mind about coming to Seattle. Griffey said "So we could barely hear things go? Just forget about it. They make it seem like I'm a bad guy."

"They called the press conference saying I wanted to be traded. I didn't. They turned the pressure on me and that's fine. I mean, has anybody heard anything from me for the last 90 days?"

He was in his Florida home on Dec. 13, watching television at 11:40 p.m. when the Mariners called to ask his permission on a trade with the Mets. Griffey refused, and the tension between the city and its star was ratcheted a few more degrees.

"They gave me 15 minutes to make a decision," Griffey said. "How am I supposed to make a decision in 15 minutes? That's not enough time to think about something that important. If they had said they were giving me a day or two, I would have considered it then. But I'm not set to stay up and move my family in 15 minutes."

Griffey slumped at the end of last season, hitting only .255 in the second half. So allowed few lengthy interviews and often acted as if he were unhappy.

It was generally accepted he was displeased with the dimensions at the new ballpark.

"If you ever heard me saying anything about Safeco Field?" he asked. "Tell me one person who said I said anything about it. They can't say I said anything because I never said anything."

"The whole thing is, if I said I liked Safeco then people automatically would think I'm not set to stay there. If I said I didn't like Safeco they'd say that that meant I was leaving. So I just took the route of no comment."

"Toward the end of the year I only had one goal. At that point it was just to get to 400 (career home runs). I was swinging at some pitches just so I could get a good pitch. That was it. I believe I hit .285 last season, drove in 134 runs and hit 48 home runs. And I'm a bad guy?"

Griffey was asked if he was intrigued, just a little bit, about becoming part of a Mariner batting order that would include Mark McLemore, Alex Rodriguez, John Olerud, Edgar Martinez and Jay Buhner.

"None," he said. "You don't care?" "No. Why don't I care? Why should I? It's real simple. I'm either going to Seattle or going to Cincinnati."

It takes a trip like this, away from Seattle, to see the extent of Griffey's stardom. Playing in a foursome with Tiger Woods, Griffey shares top billing.

His national reputation and marketability are untouched by the furor in Seattle.

As he walked around the front line at Poppy Hills, people in the gallery begged him to come play in San Francisco.

When a cynic suggests Griffey only cares about money, he answers, "I turned down \$140 million from the Mariners. Does that sound like a guy who cares about the money?"

The issue is family and geography. It has been the recurring theme of his off-season. Griffey and his wife, Melissa, are the parents of two children. They are 6 and Taryn is 4.

"Deep down inside I know I'm doing what's right. It's all about family," Griffey said. "I'm doing what's right for my family. If my kids want to go to school every day, then that's what I do."

Believe him or not. The choice is yours.

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# Hunter argues for raise; others settle

## Arbitration winds down, but some aren't finished

NEW YORK (AP) - Seattle outfielder Brian Hunter ended the first week of salary arbitration by asking for a \$700,000 raise, and Detroit shortstop Deivi Cruz and Mets pitcher Pat Mahomes got big increases in settlements.

Hunter, whose 44 steals were the fewest for an AL stolen-base champion since Baltimore's Luis Aparicio won with 40 in 1963, asked for a raise from \$1.75 million to \$2.45 million.

Seattle argued that the 28-year-old outfielder should be paid the same salary.

The Mariners acquired Hunter from Detroit on April 28 for a pair of minor leaguers, and he wound up hitting .232 with four homers and 34 RBIs.

Arbitrators heard the case and were expected to make a decision by Sunday. Players and owners split the first two cases, with Detroit outfielder Karim Garcia winning and Oakland right-hander Aric Prieto losing.

Twenty-six players remain in arbitration, with hearings scheduled through Feb. 18.

Cruz agreed on a one-year contract worth \$1,975,000, more than four times his \$430,000 salary last season.

Cruz, 24, is coming off his best season, hitting .284 with a career-high 13 homers and 59 RBIs.

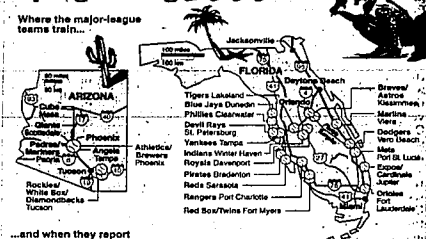
He also led the Tigers in doubles (35) and multi-hit games (41).

He had asked for \$2.2 million and had been offered \$1.75 million. The settlement was at the midpoint.

Mahomes and the Mets agreed at \$750,000, more than double the \$310,000 made last year by the 29-year-old right-hander, who went 8-0 with a 3.63 ERA in 39 relief appearances.

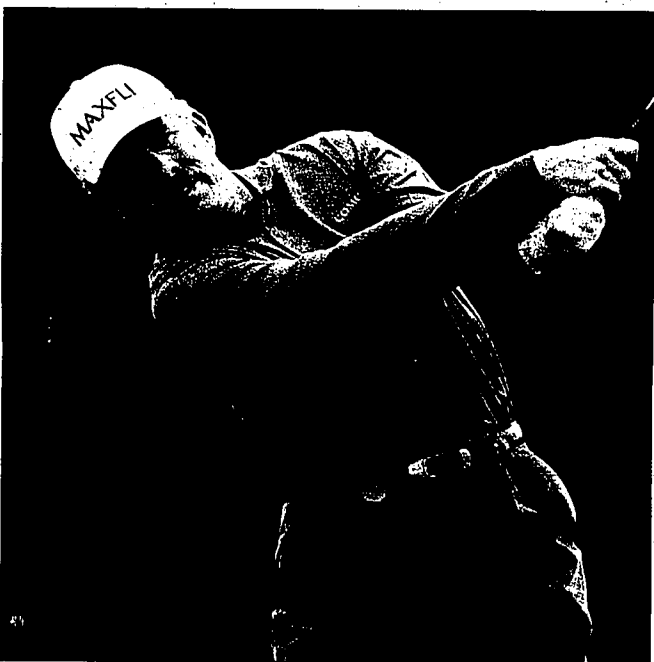
Several free agents agreed to minor league contracts: right-hander Tim Worrell and left-hander Rick Krivda with Baltimore; outfielder Scarborough Green with Texas; left-hander Paul Assenmacher with Atlanta; catcher Charlie O'Brien with Montreal and right-hander Dennis Springer with the New York Mets.

# Spring training 2000



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Team	Pitchers	Full squad	Team	Pitchers	Full squad
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Cleveland Indians	17	22	Montreal Expos	17	22
Chicago White Sox	18	23	Philadelphia Phillies	17	22
Detroit Tigers	17	22	San Francisco Giants	17	22
Kansas City Royals	17	22			
Minnesota Twins	20	25			
New York Yankees	17	22			
Oakland Athletics	19	23			
Seattle Mariners	22	27			
Tampa Bay Devil Rays	17	22			
Texas Rangers	17	22			
Toronto Blue Jays	18	23			

# FROM DIAMOND TO LINKS



Baseball Hall of Famer Mike Schmidt tees off at the Crandon Park golf course on Key Biscayne, Fla. The longtime Philadelphia Phillies third baseman makes his Senior PGA Tour debut Friday in the Royal Caribbean Classic. Schmidt is playing on a sponsor's exemption; but already has shown he's serious about golf as more than entertainment for a retiree. He made it to the final stage of the tour's qualifying school in December before missing the cut.

# Schmidt makes Senior Tour debut

KEY BISCAYNE, Fla. (AP) - Baseball Hall of Famer Mike Schmidt isn't just devoting his retirement to golf. He's making a career of it.

Schmidt made his Senior PGA Tour debut Friday in the Royal Caribbean Classic.

Schmidt is playing on a sponsor's exemption. He made it to the final stage of the senior tour's qualifying school in December before missing the cut.

At 50, Schmidt's hair is graying and age lines are widening along his eyes; but he remains a physically imposing presence.

He's financially secure, so money isn't the motivation for pursuing a new career. He's just

eager for a challenge.

"It's just my nature," Schmidt said. "I don't know why I have that kind of drive. I need it. I look forward to the next day, accomplishing something, working toward a goal."

Schmidt has made more than \$100,000 a year the past nine years on the Celebrity Players Tour and other mini-tours. Now he's trying to join former San Francisco 49ers quarterback John Brodie and former New York Yankees pitcher Ralph Terry as exempt players on the senior tour.

Just making it, however, won't be enough.

"I think we all have these

Walter Mitty fantasies, where guys like myself catch lightning in a bottle and have the two best rounds you've ever had, and get into the last group on the final day, and somehow you got there without knowing how," Schmidt said.

"And there you are, with a chance to win a golf tournament. That would be my dream."

While Schmidt isn't counting on a miracle this week, he didn't see a sponsor's exemption to have fun. He'll be trying to win.

"I shouldn't even be here if I didn't think there was a chance," he said. "If I said I was just trying not to embarrass myself, that would be a crummy attitude."

# Texas boss has great expectations

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) - Like a little boy staring at wrapped Christmas presents, Texas manager Johnny Oates is anticipating something good.

Oates just isn't sure what he's getting after an offseason of moves that drastically changed the lineup for the Rangers, who won the last two AL West titles only to be swept twice by the New York Yankees in the opening round of the playoffs.

"At Christmastime, you walk out there and you look underneath the tree and all of the presents are wrapped," Oates said Friday. "You know that there is something good in there, but you just don't know how good or what it is. That's what I'm looking for with this ballclub."

Catcher Ivan Rodriguez, the AL MVP last season, returns along with three other key veterans - first baseman Rafael Palmeiro, shortstop Royce Clayton and outfielder Rusty Greer - but isn't sure what he's getting after an offseason of moves that drastically changed the lineup for the Rangers, who won the last two AL West titles only to be swept twice by the New York Yankees in the opening round of the playoffs.

The November trade of two-time AL MVP Juan Gonzalez and the loss to free agency of third baseman Todd Zeile, second baseman Mark McLemore and outfielder Tom Gooden took away half of the everyday players that a year ago helped the Rangers lead the majors with a .223 batting average.

Among those expected to break into the starting lineup are third baseman Mike Lamb and outfielders Gabe Kapler and Ruben Mateo. Lamb and Mateo are rookies while Kapler, who came from Detroit in the Gonzalez deal, has just a year in the majors.

"You really don't know what kind of year they are going to give you," Oates said. "They could be off the board, one way or the other. They are all good talents, but don't have a track record."

The power-hitting Gonzalez was good for about 120 RBIs a year. Zeile, now a first baseman for the Mets, consistently hit about 20 home runs with 95 or more RBIs. Goodwin was a speedster, likely to score 100 runs and steal 40 bases.

"I really believe that you put Kapler's and Mateo's numbers together at the end of the year, they will be very similar to Goodwin and Juan added together," Oates said.

What the Rangers may lack in hitting, Oates believes they will make up in a revamped pitching staff that includes some familiar faces.

Aaron Sele, the winningest pitcher last season, was lost to free agency, but left-hander Kenny Rogers and Darren Oliver both re-signed with the Rangers after stints with other teams. Justin Thompson, another lefty from the Gonzalez trade, also joined the team. Right-hander Rick Hilling won 13 games a year ago for Texas.

# McEnroe watches from sidelines as Americans win Davis

HARARE, Zimbabwe (AP) - The crowd rocked to the rhythm of tribal dancers. Spectators did the wave. The din was so loud the umpire could barely be heard. And John McEnroe wanted nothing more than to pick up a racket.

But McEnroe, making his debut as Davis Cup captain, could only stalk the sideline Friday as the United States split its opening match with Zimbabwe.

"I wasn't able to get up and play," McEnroe said. Andre Agassi, helped by some questionable line calls, won the opener by overpowering Wayne Black 7-5, 6-3, 7-5.

Then Black's brother, Byron Black, defeated Chris Woodruff 7-6 (2), 6-3, 6-2 to even the best-of-5, five-round series.

The doubles today will be critical. The winner will have a 2-1 lead entering Sunday's reverse singles, which are expected to be split.

In doubles, the Americans will send Alex O'Brien and Rick Leach against Wayne Black and John Liljeto. "I've got to regroup not only myself but the team," McEnroe said. For McEnroe, this was the first time he

had to watch a match in which he had a big stake but was unable to go out and hit winners. Instead, he encouraged, cajoled and cheered from his seat near the end of the net.

He even headed to chair umpire Wayne McKewen to dispute a few calls. It was a throwback to the McEnroe of old, except his hair, once unruly and held with a headband, is now gray and short.

The support for the Black brothers was electrifying at the 4,000-seat City Sports Center outside the capital city. A half-dozen young women, dressed in yellow wrap-

around skirts and colorful headbands, got the crowd revved up with a tribal dance.

Agassi's match with Wayne Black, marking America's first Davis Cup foray into Africa, was a battle of baseline punching.

Agassi said he was sometimes short of breath in the 5,000-foot altitude - the highest elevation in which has played. He arrived in Harare on Monday, a day after winning the Australian Open.

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SPORTS

# Pro Bowl will be rich with subplots

**HONOLULU (AP)** — It was another one of those "I used to play with your dad" stories Peyton Manning is so used to.

This one came from one of his AFC Pro Bowl teammates.

"I played with his dad. He was the quarterback of the Oilers when I was drafted," offensive lineman Bruce Matthews, a 17-year veteran with the Houston Oilers and Tennessee Titans, said Thursday of his time with Archie Manning.

"Now I'm playing with his son. It blows me away a little bit," said Matthews, a 1983 Southern California grad who had to be talked into playing this season and now is making his 11th Pro Bowl appearance.

"My head coach is my former college teammate, my offensive line coach I played with for 11 years with the Oilers. I realize I've been blessed to be able to do it this long."

Matthews and the three other Tennessee players in the Pro Bowl — running back Eddie George, tight end Frank Wycheck and linebacker Jevon Kearse — will lead the sting of a 23-16 Super-Bowl loss to the St. Louis Rams that ended with

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Tennessee's Kevin Dyson tackled at the Rams, 1 as time expired.

Wycheck said it helps a little to focus on the Pro Bowl and relax with his family in Hawaii, but the Super Bowl still is being played in his head.

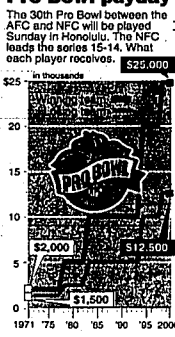
"When you get by yourself, you start to think about things and that's when it starts to hit you what transpired in the Super Bowl," he said. "It's still on my mind. That whole game, I can play it out in my mind every day."

"It's going to be tough to get over. Obviously the way it ended is very difficult to handle. You've just got to fight through it and focus on next year."

George hopes a little rest and Hawaiian-style relaxation will dim the disappointment from the game. As for now, though, the game is front and center in his mind.

"It's always going to be a memory in my head," he said. "I probably won't stop reliving it

## Pro Bowl payday



Source: National Football League

AP for a while. That's going to motivate me for next year."

Matthews thinks not only about the plays in the game but the play that never happened.

"After the game, I went back to the hotel and saw the replay a

dozen times," he said. "They're the world champions and we're just some name in a record book. If we had one more play or 10 more seconds, I think they'd be talking about the Titans instead of the Rams."

Rookie Jevon Kearse said the Pro Bowl practices were helping him forget.

"I'm working toward another game. I'm just trying to put it behind me," said Kearse, who was more interested in collecting autographs of the other Pro Bowlers than in talking about the Super Bowl.

"It's awesome. It's exciting to be interacting with all these great players," said Kearse, one of two rookies in the game. Indianapolis Colts running back Edgerrin James is the other.

"A lot of these guys I watched growing up. I'm hoping to get their autographs, save them up and go see if I can try to learn something from them while I'm out here."

Asked if he was a big autograph collector, Kearse laughed.

"It doesn't hurt to just collect them," he said. "There's going to be some Hall of Fame guys here, so you can't say you met them and have proof of it."

# NHL All-Star game pits Us against Them

**TORONTO (AP)** — Twenty seconds to play, the score tied in an in-tempo but drastically downcast NHL All-Star game. Suddenly, Mats Sundin of the hometown Toronto Maple Leafs gets free on a breakaway, shifts the puck from his forehead to his backhand and ... is stopped cold by goaltender and Toronto teammate Curtis Joseph.

Teammate against teammate? Friend against friend? Couldn't happen?

"Yes it can, and yes it has, now that the NHL All-Star game, to be played Sunday in a long since sold-out Air Canada Centre, matches North America against the World."

"It's a variety of too many uninteresting, 16-6 shootouts that mocked what is supposed to be hockey's midseason showcase, the NHL unveiled its new Us vs. Them — actually Us and Canada vs. Them — format in 1998."

The switch was made not only to appeal to the jingoistic tendencies of players and fans alike, but to abandon the East vs. West format, that had increasingly generated games that more resembled home-run derbies than actual athletic contests.

Two games and two North American victories later, the jury remains out on whether the same formula that generates big ratings for the Olympics — in essence, America against the world — can harvest new fans to a sport with a relatively small but enormously loyal fan base.

But even Scotty Bowman, who will set what probably is an unbreakable record by coaching an All-Star game in a fifth decade, admits it will be different seeing Steve Yzerman and Nicklas Lidstrom of his Detroit Red Wings on opposing sides.

Anaheim scoring stars Paul Kariya and Teemu Selanne also will be split up. But for a change, brothers Pavel Bure of Florida and Valeri Bure of Calgary will find themselves teammates, if only for a day.

"It is going to feel kind of strange, you're not getting your own players on the other team," Bowman said. "We'll find out if it's the coaching or the players responsible for those teams being split up. It probably is the players."

Like any All-Star game in any sport, it is the players' show, and the players are the big reason why the 18,500 tickets were so difficult to obtain. Even if

some big stars are missing because of injuries — Dominik Hasek, Pierre Turgeon, Peter Forsberg — there were plenty more to take their place.

NHL scoring leader Jaromir Jagr, the first player to receive more than 1 million votes in the fan balloting, almost skipped the game to rest thumb and rib muscle injuries.

But, aware of how many fans want to see hockey's greatest one-on-one player for even a shift or two, Jagr hopped on a private plane to Toronto with Penguins owner Mario Lemieux immediately following a 4-2 victory Thursday over the New York Islanders.

Jagr never was a big All-Star fan, but he understands how many fans would be disappointed if he didn't play.

"I was talking about not going there, but I feel better than I felt before," Jagr said. "We're not saying I'm 100 percent healthy. ... I can't skate very well. I don't mind the hitting but I can't go up and down very well."

The hitting? That's not a problem at the All-Star game, where the only big checks were those cut for the \$600 million-plus ABC and ESPN paid to televise the NHL for five seasons.

But while defense and contact are at a minimum, offensive skills are at a premium. And the players and coaches seem to take more pride in winning now that they are representing not only their teams but, even if only serendipitously, their countries.

"I think it has created some excitement," said St. Louis coach Joel Quenneville, a World team assistant coach. "It makes the game a bit more competitive, a bit more on the line ... it brings a bit more spirit, skill against the North American style."

Also on center stage will be North American assistant coach Roger Neilson, a Toronto native who must leave the Philadelphia Flyers in March to undergo a bone marrow transplant to combat his cancer.

"We've got some of these games," Neilson said. "It's going to be a thrill."

There are All-Star festivities Saturday at the Air Canada Centre, starting with a morning skate by the two teams. Two Heroes of Hockey games and the All-Stars skill competition, featuring events such as the hardest shot and fastest skater, will be held at night.

# Greene streaks to Milrose 60 title, record

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Maurice Greene bounced out of the spotlight and into the limelight Friday night, winning the Milrose Games 60-meter dash in 6.45 seconds, the fastest time in the world this year.

For the first time in the meet's 99-year history, the men's sprinters were introduced to the Madison Square Garden crowd with the arena's lights dimmed and spotlights beaming down on them.

Greene, the world indoor record-holder at 6.39 seconds, shot out of the blocks quickly but was seriously challenged by training partner Jon Drummond.

Not until the closing strides was Greene able to separate himself from Drummond.

As Greene sped across the finish line, the crowd roared for one of track and field's most popular athletes.

When the winning time was flashed on the scoreboard, Greene received another loud cheer.

His time smashed the Milrose and Madison Square Garden record of 6.46, set by Greene in 1998 when he began his string of three consecutive victories in the meet. He won last year in 6.50.

This time, Greene, the 1999 world 100- and 200-meter world outdoor champion, thought he could run faster than his two previous appearances because of a new surface that replaced the old wooden boards.

Drummond finished second in 6.50. Ato Boldon, also trains with Greene and was the 1997 200-meter world outdoor champi-



Maurice Greene (14) wins the men's 60-meter dash with a time of 6.45 seconds in the Air Force Milrose Games Friday at Madison Square Garden in New York. Jon Drummond (16) was second with a time of 6.50 seconds while Ato Boldon, right, finished fifth.

on, was fifth in 6.68.

While Greene was racing to victory as expected, lightly regarded Dominique Arnold scored a stunning upset in the men's 60 hurdles.

Arnold, running on the inside

lane, charged to the finish in 7.51, beating three of the world's best hurdlers. Last year, Arnold finished only fifth in the U.S. championships and fourth in the Pan American Games.

Terrance Trammell, the 1999

champion, finished second in 7.60. He was followed by Mark Crear, the world's top-ranked hurdler last year, in 7.65, and Allen Johnson, the 1996 Olympic gold medalist and two-time world champion, in 7.69.

# The new Olympic committee goes corporate

**CHICAGO (AP)** — A corporate fix for corporate times.

That was the theme Friday as the U.S. Olympic Committee unveiled Norman Blake as the first chief executive officer in the organization's 106-year history.

Blake, 58, is a corporate chieftain with a knack for turning businesses around. But he acknowledged restoring credibility to the Olympic movement in this country would be his toughest challenge so far. Even as he conducted his first news conference, fallout from the bribery scandal enveloping the Salt Lake City Games continued to make headlines.

"The idea of me hadn't yet formulated a plan, but promised to work with Salt Lake City organizers, sponsors and anybody else to restore confidence in the USOC, the International



Norman Blake  
First CEO of Olympic committee

and would not hesitate to use his influence with any organization to speed up the pace of change.

"I think Salt Lake City has a black eye," Blake said.

"We have to prove in front of our donors that we deserve a second chance."

Blake was unanimously endorsed by the USOC's 20-member executive committee and formally takes over pending Saturday's vote on a restructuring plan that includes the newly created post of CEO.

He planned to be on the job Monday at the USOC headquarters in Colorado Springs, Colo.

There will be plenty work awaiting Blake's arrival. The USOC is about to implement a restructuring plan designed to streamline operations and turn over more of the day-to-day decisions to a paid professional staff rather than volunteers.

"You can compare it to the NHL, the NBA or Major League Baseball. We're moving toward that type of organization," said USOC vice president Herman Frazier, a two-time track medalist who served on the search committee. "The Olympics have changed. The USOC is not what it was 20 years ago, not what it was even 12 years ago."

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# Arena Football League suit may scrap the 2000 season

**NEWARK, N.J. (AP)** — Arena Football League players filed a class-action antitrust suit Friday seeking free agency and an end to "price-fixed salaries" and contracts without injury benefits.

"The suit calls on the owners of the 18-team summer league to scrap the 2000 season, league spokesman David Cooper said. Training camp is set to open March 8.

"It is in jeopardy, absolutely," Cooper said, adding that the owners will meet Feb. 23 on the matter.

The suit is "seeking to end this sort of anticompetitive agreements that are employed among

the teams in the Arena Football League," Jeffrey Kessler, the players' lawyer said.

Kessler, who last month lost Bill Belichick's attempt for a restraining order against the New York Jets, said all Arena League players are offered the same contract and owners are violating the Sherman Antitrust Act by depriving players of offering their services to other teams.

"It's as if a group of movie studios got together and said, 'Let's fix the price of talent,'" Kessler said.

The average league salary is \$30,000, far below averages in major sports leagues.

Association, although not as a union, but also have the support of a labor group, the United Food and Commercial Workers Union, Kessler said.

Among the named plaintiffs suing the Arena League is James Guidry, injured while playing for the Portland Forest Dragons, now known as the Oklahoma Wranglers.

AFL teams have conspired to push players down, push salaries down and to deny us any injury protection, but we are fighting back," Guidry said. "The AFL teams force us to sign away all our rights while giving players minimum job security."

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# Prada's 37-second win forces decisive race today

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New Zealand is the least populated country ever to compete for sailing's top prize. Italy has never won it in four previous campaigns. The United States has dominated, winning all 25 competitions from the first one in 1851 until 1980.

Australia took it away in 1983, but the United States won the trophy in 1995. The New Zealand's 5-0 sweep in San Diego in 1995 brought the silver trophy to Auckland for the first time.

Now Cayard is trying to win it for the St. Francis Yacht Club in San Francisco so he can defend it there in three or four years. But he could find himself in the Mediterranean, a challenger again, if he doesn't win today and Prada beats New Zealand.

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## -Real world lifelines

I think the American Broadcasting Company has really stumbled onto something here. Not like they stumbled onto something a couple of decades ago when the television network gave us "Fantasy Island," "The Love Boat," "Charlie's Angels" and "Three's Company." Thankfully, they haven't stumbled onto anything like that. This time it's a game show. "Who Wants to be a Millionaire?" that has brought ABC to the top of the network ratings race.

The format is an old game show standby: answer a series of questions correctly, make tons of money. Every time you answer correctly, the stakes go up until you have a shot at a question worth \$1 million.

But ABC has thrown in a few new wrinkles, and not just those belonging to host Regis Philbin. The questions are all multiple choice, so even if you know absolutely nothing about the subject, you have a good chance of guessing correctly. Contestants also have three "lifelines" they can use on the way to the million dollar question. With one, they can poll the audience for their opinion on the question. With another, they can increase the odds to 50-50 by eliminating two of the options. And with the third, they can telephone a friend or family member who may have some expertise in the subject to get their input.

Oh, and then they have Regis sitting in front of them, giving them every opportunity to change their minds at the last minute, dramatically asking each one the first media catch-phrase of the 21st Century: "Is that your final answer?"

I have a couple of theories about why this program has captured the imagination - and the viewing attention - of the American public. In the first place, everyone loves the idea of easy money, and let's be honest: this looks like easy money. For the most part, the questions aren't hard. A little bit of knowledge goes a long way here. I mean, it isn't like "Jeopardy," which has been known to send Ph.D.s home in tears - and empty-handed, except for the lovely prize gifts.

And second, we like the gentle, forgiving nature of the show. It's like the producers are doing everything they can to help contestants win. We like that because, for most of us, life isn't like that.

There are few clear answers to Real World questions - multiple choice or otherwise - and more often than not, we are stuck with the first response that pops into our minds and out of our mouths no matter how much we may wish to replace it with another, more carefully reasoned response.

But even if life isn't a game show, and we don't have Regis Philbin tossing softball questions at us and making sure we're absolutely, totally, completely happy with our answers, we do have lifelines.

Instead of an audience lifeline, we have friends and family members to whom we can turn for help. There's no 50-50 lifeline, but we can rely on the wisdom and experiences of those who have gone before us to help us eliminate risky possibilities. And even when there aren't family members or friends to whom we can talk, and we don't think anyone has ever dealt with anything quite like this before, we can call upon God - the Ultimate Infinite Lifeline.

Which is not to say that Regis is a metaphor for God - you'll have to tune into "Touched By An Angel" for that kind of programming. In fact, if you were to ask me, I'd guess that ABC never intended "Who Wants to be a Millionaire?" as a metaphor for the Real World lifelines that are available to those who are looking for answers in life.

They just ... you know ... stumbled onto it.

And, yes, that would be my final answer.

Joseph Walker is a freelance writer from American Fork, Utah.

# Choir festival hits new highs

By Denise Turner  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - If this year's Church Choir Festival is anything like those of the past, anyone who wants a good seat will have to arrive early.

"The limited seating in the various churches usually produces a near full house," said Clarence Dudley, choir director at the First United Methodist Church of Twin Falls and founder of the event.

This is year number seven for the concert of sacred anthems.

Dudley said he expects 80 or 90 voices in this year's mass choir. Six churches are participating.

The Seventh Annual Church Choir Festival is set for 7:30 p.m. Sunday at the First Baptist Church of Twin Falls. The public is invited. There is no admission charge.

and the public in various churches around town," Dudley explained.

"Now it is open to church choirs other than Twin Falls because some choirs drop out and then there is a shortage of choirs."

This year, each choir will sing two anthems of choice, and the mass choir will sing two additional pieces.

One of the mass choir selections, "God So Loved the World," is from the cantata "The



The first Church Choir Festival was held in November 1992 at the First United Methodist Church of Twin Falls, under the direction of Clarence Dudley. More than 100 people from six churches sang in the combined choirs.

Crucifixion," by John Stainer, with recitative being sung by Roger Vincent of the Methodist church choir. This selection will be directed by Dudley, with accompaniment by Sarah Benton, the

Methodist church organist. The other mass choir selection, "King Jesus is Arisen," by Price Beasly, will be directed by Dennis Bora's choir director at the First Baptist Church of Twin Falls.

Churches participating in this year's festival, in addition to the Twin Falls Baptist and Methodist churches, are the First Christian Church of Twin Falls, Mary Nelson director; St. Edward's

Catholic Church of Twin Falls, Jim Herrett director; the First Baptist Church of Filer, Kathy LaGrone director and the First Presbyterian Church of Jerome, Bruce Whitehead director.

# Church council job is a challenge for ex-lawmaker

By Claude R. Marx  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - As Cuban exiles and their former countrymen loudly demonstrated over the fate of 6-year-old Elian Gonzalez, one of those in the middle, standing with the boy, was the Rev. Robert Edgar.

This was the same Robert Edgar who, as a congressman and seminary president, built a reputation for overcoming odds and turning troubles around.

Those skills will be helpful as he starts perhaps his toughest challenge, as general secretary of the National Council of Churches of Christ. The organization has received much attention for its efforts to get Elian returned to Cuba, but its financial troubles have also made news.

"It is ready to rethink itself and its mission," Edgar said of the council, the nation's largest ecumenical Protestant organization. The 50-year-old, New York-based group has seen a decline in membership and political clout and ended last year with a \$3.2 million deficit.

Its power has declined along with that of its members, 35 "Mainline Protestant" and Orthodox denominations. The rise of more conservative evangelical and Pentecostal churches, which are at odds with the council's theological and political views, has made the coun-

cil's job harder. Edgar, a 56-year-old Methodist minister, said he has had many experiences of "baptism by fire." For the past 10 years, he has been president of the Claremont Graduate School of Theology in California. During that tenure, the endowment grew from \$3.8 million to \$21 million.

When he was elected to Congress in 1974 from suburban Philadelphia, he won in a district that had not elected a Democrat in more than 100 years. He held the seat for 12 years before making an unsuccessful run for the Senate against incumbent Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa.

In Congress, Edgar developed a reputation for defying the wishes of the political establishment, especially on issues like the environment and veterans benefits.

Edgar said his political career would be helpful at the council, which is often better known for its liberal political views than for its religious work. (For years, the council has campaigned against America's hard-line policy and trade embargo against Cuba.)

Edgar cited the council's work fighting hunger, supporting women's rights and reproductive choice and improving racial relations as among its most important activities. The council's religious work includes publishing the New Revised Standard Version Bible.



The Rev. Robert Edgar, general secretary of the National Council of Churches of Christ, speaks to the media in New York before boarding a plane to escort the grandmothers of Elian Gonzalez to Miami on Jan. 24. The financially troubled council, the nation's largest ecumenical Protestant organization, has experienced a decline in membership and political clout and ended 1999 with a \$3.2 million deficit.

**The Times-News is going to tackle some tough issues from the Bible - and we want your help.**

Here's the Bible passage:

"If anyone comes to me and does not hate his father and mother, his wife and children, his brothers and sisters - yes, even his own life - he cannot be my disciple." (Words of Jesus, Luke 14:26)

Please fill out this questionnaire and return it to Denise Turner, Religion Editor, The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID, 83303-0548 by February 28. For more information, call 733-0931, ext. 243, or e-mail to denise@magicvalley.com

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May we call you if we need to ask questions?

May we use your name and comments in the newspaper?

How do you explain Jesus' words about hating one's family?

Is there anything else you want to add on the subject? (Attach extra sheets if you need more space.)

## Just what is the state of religion in America?

By Tom Schaefer  
The Wichita Eagle

We heard the State of the Union speech last week. What about the state of religion in this country?

Let's check its religious pulse by consulting an array of so-called experts. While their interpretations aren't definitive - and certainly are not infallible - they do give us pause to listen to what they're listening to, the religious heartbeat in America.

When the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA had its first convention 50 years ago, America was generally thought of as a Christian nation,

split between Protestants and Roman Catholics. Today, America is culturally and spiritually diverse.

Yes, surveys show that most people, when asked about their beliefs, still check the box "Christian." But what they mean by it is more open to personal interpretation and less in line with institutional dogma. Moreover, people change churches - faiths - with great frequency. But for council member churches (34 member denominations with 52 million members) and other religious groups there's another issue to face: the rise of individual spirituality decoupled

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# Couple will discuss ministry work

**HAGERMAN** - Darrell and Sandy Blatchley will speak at 10 and 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday at the Hagerman Christian Center, 2750 S. 900 E., about their ministry in Thailand and the Philippines. The Blatchley family helped create a Family Circus Children's Ministries, a Christian drama troupe. Their message includes education assistance, including AIDS, and they plan to expand their outreach to children in streets, schools, slums and smoking dumps.

The Blatchleys pastored a church in Council. He graduated from the Assemblies of God Theological Seminary with a master of arts degree in cross-cultural communications.

## Twin falls sisters provide music for worship service

**TWIN FALLS** - Lena and Grace Stukenholz will provide music during 10 a.m. worship Sunday at Rock Creek Community Church, which shares the Seventh-day Adventist facility at 151 Grandview Drive.

At ages 7 and 9, the girls are outstanding fiddle players, said Pastor Dale Metzger. They will be accompanied by Donna Baird on guitar.

Metzger will speak on "The Other Side of Midnight." Matthew Prantz will perform "Come to the Table" before communion.

Adult Sunday school is at 9 a.m. Children's Sunday school is at 10 a.m. Child care is available.

## Burley First Christian Church gets new minister Sunday

**BURLEY** - The Rev. Herb Whitaker will be installed as minister of the Burley First Christian Church at 3 p.m. Sunday at the church, 1401 Oakley Ave.

The church elders will install Whitaker with assistance from the Rev. Larry Chris, the South Idaho Christian Church regional minister.

Whitaker, from Nashville, Tenn., served 30 years in pastorates in Mississippi, Kansas, Colorado and Idaho. The Whitakers are retired from the U.S. Army Reserve. He served as a personnel administrator. His wife, Nancy, served as a Registered Nurse. Their son, Nathan, 20, lives in Colorado.

The community is invited to the fellowship hall.

## Bible services resume at funeral home in TF

**TWIN FALLS** - Non-denominational Bible services conducted by

BURLEY - Elder Ryn Beck, son of Robert and Gayle Beck of Burley, has been called to serve a mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, serving in the Louisiana Baton Rouge Mission.

Beck will speak at 2:45 p.m. Sunday at the Pella 2nd Ward chapel, 400 S. 160 W.

The Times-News welcomes news of church events. Send information to Ellen Thomason, The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303, or Joey Bryant, The Times-News, Burley Bureau, 325 1/2 E. Fifth St. N., Burley, ID 83318. Deadline is noon Thursday for the Saturday religion page.

Presenters include - Russ Kravitz, attorney and estate planner; Mary Edgar of the Office of Aging; Lindee Hendrick of Magic

Valley Regional Medical Center; Denise Siren, a long-term care insurance provider; Maggie Seipel of the Senior Companion and Foster Grandparent programs; Leola Patteson of the Mental Health Association; Kathy Lynch of Woodstone Alternative Living Center; and Gloria Misbach of Magic Valley Staffing.

A soup and vegetable lunch will be served. Call 733-7023 to make reservations. Lunch is free, but a donation would be appreciated. Child care will be available during the program.

## Church news

Stan Sullivan and Troy Patterson are resuming at 4 p.m. each Sunday at Parks Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road.

## Welsh Down Workshop orientation is on Tuesday

**TWIN FALLS** - A free orientation session for a Welsh Down Workshop will be held at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday at Valley Christian Church, 1708 Heyburn Ave. E.

The 12-week workshop costs \$103 per person or \$55 for second-time participants. Valley Christian Church and the Christian Center are co-sponsoring this seminar.

For more information, call 733-3222.

## Ladies Life Line Fellowship will hold luncheon

**HEYBURN** - The Ladies Life Line Fellowship will hold a non-denominational, no-host luncheon from noon to 2 p.m. Wednesday at Connor's Cafe, next to Interstate 84, Exit 208.

The theme is "Dreams Rise Out of the Ashes," with scrapbooking by Shirley Leoni. Music is by Mirtha Woods. Pastor Maldonado will speak. A complimentary nursery is available upon previous request.

For reservations, call Elsie at 439-2674. For prayer concerns, call Ruth at 436-5380.

A prayer circle, co-hosted by Ruth Simpson and Leola Bailey, is planned for 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Feb. 19 at 218 Westside Drive in Rupert.

## Presbyterian Church offers advice for helping elders

**TWIN FALLS** - The First Presbyterian Church is offering a program for people who may need to deal with aging parents or relatives.

Learning How to Deal with Aging Relatives is set for 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Feb. 12 in the dining room at the church, 209 Fifth Ave. N.

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For more information, call Chuck Upson at 734-2280.

## Burley church will host 'Sweetheart Ball' Feb. 13

**BURLEY** - The Burley First Presbyterian Church is hosting a "Sweetheart Ball" at 6 p.m. Feb. 13 at the church, 2100 Burton Ave. Reservations are \$20 for the candlelight dinner and dancing.

For more information, call 678-5131.

## Northwest Nazarene University helps artists

**NAMPA** - Northwest Nazarene University and Christians in the Visual Arts are co-sponsoring a Koinonia Regional Conference from March 3-5 at the NNU campus.

The conference provides Christian artists an opportunity for fellowship and discussion of ideas. It will feature a juried exhibition of work by Northwest Regional Christian artists. All participants will be encouraged to show one or two pieces of their work in the foyer of the Brandt Center at NNU.

Speakers include Karen L. Mulder, arts editor of "Christianity Today"; Susan M. Gibbons, founder of the Christian Fine Arts Association; Eleanor Van de Water, liturgical artist/designer, producer and instructor; and Douglas Campbell, a professor of art history and painting and printmaking.

For registration and more information, call the NNU Art Department at (208) 467-8413 or send e-mail to TRC@nu.edu.

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By Ken Garfield  
The Charlotte Observer

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I'd coach youth basketball at the YMCA and watch these wild-eyed, middle-aged men manage their teams like it's the NBA finals. They'd scream at the refs and bench the kid with two left feet, while I'd smile and pat all my kids on the back. I guess that's why we rarely win, if that.

Then I'd go to work and watch these career climbers make sure they were the last to leave the office, while I'd say to myself, "Life's too short," and head home to the family at a reasonable hour.

It turns out that life was way too short for Charlotte Hornet Bobby Phillips, and this maniac quest to finish first played a role in his death.

I listened to Charlotte Hornets co-chairs David Chadwick and Luke Witte talk about the

# Finishing first might ruin your life

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The Charlotte Observer

I used to think competition was the American Way. Now I'm starting to think it's just a stupid way. The feeling has been lurking in the back of my mind for years, often pushed forward by a variety of everyday experiences.

I'd coach youth basketball at the YMCA and watch these wild-eyed, middle-aged men manage their teams like it's the NBA finals. They'd scream at the refs and bench the kid with two left feet, while I'd smile and pat all my kids on the back. I guess that's why we rarely win, if that.

Then I'd go to work and watch these career climbers make sure they were the last to leave the office, while I'd say to myself, "Life's too short," and head home to the family at a reasonable hour.

It turns out that life was way too short for Charlotte Hornet Bobby Phillips, and this maniac quest to finish first played a role in his death.

I listened to Charlotte Hornets co-chairs David Chadwick and Luke Witte talk about the

## 'Indian theology' causes some controversy

By Lawrence III  
The Dallas Morning News

**SAN CRISTOBAL DE LAS CASAS, Mexico** - Mass can get pretty confusing here in the heart of Mayan Mexico, where Indian and European religious traditions have blended in the southern state of Chiapas for 500 years.

Native Tzeltals, Choles and Tojolabales often stay planted on the floor of the grandiose cathedral in San Cristobal de Las Casas while their mixed-race courtymen alternately stand sit, or kneel in response to Spanish-language instructions.

But in a church dedicated to the Indians and their 500-year struggle for equality, Mass is for everyone. Prayers in Spanish are followed by those in Mayan

tonques, celebrated by priests and bishops who have added Indian embroidery to their simple white robes.

"This is a church that lives between the indigenous culture and adjacent Bishop Raul Vera said during an interview last month.

But Indian supporters have fears as Bishop Vera's mentor, Bishop Samuel Ruiz, 75, prepares to retire after having worked with indigenous peoples for four decades. Though most people expected Vera to succeed him, the Vatican abruptly replaced the adjutant bishop to another diocese.

Their departures have fueled talk of whether the church, or even the government, is hoping to find a bishop less sympathetic to the Indian concerns that led to the 1994 Zapatista rebel uprising in

## Commentary

tragedy the other day. Taping Chadwick's weekly radio show for WBT, they spoke of the death of a good man who did a bad thing. They recalled the painful sight of Kendall Phillips lunging at her husband's casket and screaming, "I'll miss you, I'll miss you, I'll miss you, I love you." And they agreed that competition pushed Phillips and teammate David Wesley to race their souped-up Porsches down Tryon Road that morning after practice.

It wasn't just basketball games that Phillips felt compelled to win, Witte said. It was a race between best friends in family sports cars. It was the game of hearts he played on the plane ride to the next game. It was the video game he played while waiting to play the real game that night at the Coliseum. A healthy urge to win at your profession grows into an obsession to win at whatever.

"Even if there wasn't a game," Witte said of Phillips, "he'd make one up."

Phillips wasn't alone, Witte and Chadwick agreed. Both former basketball players (Chadwick in college, Witte in college and the NBA), they recognize the ethic that drives the world's greatest athletes. Maintain your edge. Never let the other guy get ahead. Never be satisfied with anything less than first.

Some of us are probably born with the drive - "Even as boys," Witte said, "we raced our bicycles." But society's adulation makes it grow. We read about Michael Jordan's legendary passion to win at everything he tries, for example, and it only makes us worship him, more. It's not just his jumping ability we love, it's the way he plays with the fit and competes on the golf course. Many even write off his gambling as a natural outgrowth of a burning desire to win.

Whether it's a basketball player or a banker, we turn winners into heroes. Rich heroes.

If the ethic was limited to young athletes, we could probably learn to live with the few from Michael Jordan's legacy that it leads to. But we all know people who live their lives by the belief, as Chadwick put it, that my dog has to be bigger than your dog.

We see it in the sports coach. We see it in the parent who pushes his child to win, whether it's a basketball game or a violin competition. We see it in the colleague at work who just has to get ahead. We see it in the family in the neighborhood that just has to build the biggest addition.

It's the American Way. First. Biggest. Best.

It killed Bobby Phillips. It will haunt David Wesley. Who knows how many other lives it's perverting.

Ken Garfield is the religion editor at The Charlotte Observer.

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A preview of Gary Chapman, contemporary Christian CDs

Knight Ridder News Service

Gary Chapman, "Outside," Reunion. Description: I really wanted to like this album. Gary Chapman is a nice guy, and he had a long year. He had a very public divorce from Amy Grant, which he didn't want. His grandmother died, and the country music show that he hosted was canceled. Unfortunately, I just couldn't get into this album. The lyrics were only mediocre, the melodies too predictable and Chapman's voice lacked passion. I've heard some of his other songs, and I know he has a good voice, but many of the songs he chose for



Gary Chapman

this album just didn't fit his range or style. To his credit, the two songs he did write were the highlights of the album. One is "Nothing Without You." In the other, "Learning to Love," he bares his soul, obviously referring to his divorce and how he has had to cope with it. It's those personal touches that sparkle in the midst of the rubble on this album. Artist bio: This is the eighth

release for Chapman with Reunion Records. He was the host of TNN's "Prime Time Country."

Jennifer Knapp, "Lay it Down," Gotee

Description: This is the sophomore release from the 26-year-old Jennifer Knapp, who's from Kansas. Her first album, "Kansas," was a surprise hit and put her at the head of the pack of female vocalists.

This album picks up where it left off with Knapp's rugged vocals and rootsy acoustic-driven rock rhythms leading the way. Her music has a similar feel to mainstream singer-Melissa

Etheridge, except with a decidedly Christian perspective. Knapp manages to serve up the gospel without being condescending. Her lyrics are personal and humble, to the point that some seem almost forlorn. But her music won't leave you feeling hopeless because she always manages to point you toward her source of hope - Christ.

Artist bio: Knapp was picked as the Gospel Music Association's New Artist of the Year in 1999. She performed with the Lilith Fair tour. She also earned endorsements from Tommy Hilfizer and Taylor Guitars.

A Ragamuffin Band, "Prayers

of a Ragamuffin." Myrrh

Description: Do you like the music of Rich Mullins? So do the Ragamuffins. They were his band, and they continue to carry on his legacy with their music and their second album dedicated to him. The first album the band released without Mullins was "The Jesus Record." It was a collection of Mullins' songs he wrote before he was killed in a car wreck in 1997. The band's music is an earthy, folksy kind of rock. It's similar to the style of Mullins' music, only more electric. Rick Elias and Mark Robertson share the lead vocals. Elias' vocals are a little throaty and Robertson sounds a little

strained but not uncomfortably so. The more folksy these guys get the more I like them. I really enjoy the little ballad called "Brother Sun, Sister Moon." It's a simple, yet clever song of worship.

Artist bio: The Ragamuffins are made up of veteran Christian rockers who had successful careers outside of the Ragamuffins: Elias, Robertson (This Train), Jimmy Abegg and Aaron Smith (The 7/9). They won a 1999 Dove award for Song of the Year for "My Deliverer" from "The Jesus Record." They also had a handful of top 10 hits from the album.

Anglican church wrestles with serious authority issue

The Associated Press

NEW YORK - Faxes and e-mail messages have been flying among the world's Anglican churches this week as they cope with a serious challenge to authority from some within Anglicanism's U.S. branch, the Episcopal Church.



The division - at root, a disagreement over issues as gay clergy - was triggered by events played out on the other side of the world.

A week ago, at St. Andrew's Cathedral in Singapore, two conservative American priests were consecrated as bishops to work in the United States without Episcopal Church authorization.

The leader of the 77 million Anglicans, Archbishop of Canterbury George Carey, quickly declared that the consecrations of the Rev. Charles H. Murphy III and the Rev. John H. Rodgers Jr. were "irresponsible" and said they "only harm the unity of the communion," the former of his 77-million-member flock.

The head of the Episcopal Church, Presiding Bishop Frank Griswold, said, "I am appalled by this irregular action." He told The Associated Press, "These two



These are file portraits of Frank Griswold, presiding bishop of the Episcopal Church, and George Carey, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Anglicanism's world leader. Griswold stated he was appalled by the denunciation of his denomination at a meeting of six bishops on Jan. 29 in Singapore, where they consecrated two American conservatives as bishops.



men have been ordained outside all formal structures of the Anglican world."

What led to the consecrations of Murphy, a rector in Pawley's Island, S.C., and Rodgers, a retired seminary dean in Ambridge, Pa.? To understand

the events, it is necessary to understand the six bishops who performed the ceremony.

The "Singapore Six" - the host archbishop of Southeast Asia, plus Rwanda's archbishop, two retired U.S. bishops and others from Africa and South Africa -

are vexed over Episcopal Church liberalism, especially the freedom of its bishops to sanction actively homosexual clergy and rituals for same-sex couples.

Last year, the two archbishops added their signatures to a protest letter to Griswold, after which an international inspection team toured the United States and issued a negative report.

The consecrating prelates described their defiant action in Singapore as an emergency reaction to "the unrebuked ridicule and denial of basic Christian teaching" in the Episcopal Church. The new bishops, they said, would "give the faithful in the United States a place to remain Anglican" and create new missions. This, they said, would help address the Episcopalians' 30 percent membership loss in recent decades.

"The church in this country is far from being in chaos and conflict," Griswold responded during an interview.

Officially, the Episcopal Church still upholds the Christian tradition limiting intimacy to heterosexual marriage.

The issue now is whether to act against the left-wingers who oppose Anglicanism's stand, the right-wingers who defy Anglicanism's rules, or both. Or, the hierarchy could do nothing, which could risk a further unraveling of church unity.

Parishioners cope with sexual scandal in Diocese

Los Angeles Times

SANTA ROSA, Calif. - Holding hands, sometimes shedding tears, a dozen members of Resurrection parish gather twice each month at the church that is at once the source of their sadness and their hope for solace.

At their candle-lit support meetings, these devout Roman Catholics are attempting to cope with revelations that some of the clergy they once prized may be guilty of sexual abuse and financial misconduct.

The searing accusations, contained in three civil lawsuits headed to trial as early as June, stem from a series of scandals that have rocked the Santa Rosa diocese to its religious roots. Allegations of sexual wrongdoing, hush money and financial impro-

prieties - along with the bishop's resignation after a homosexual affair with a priest - have led, even longtime parishioners to harbor painful doubts about their church administration.

"I just feel this profound sadness," said Joanne Brown, a registered nurse whose two grown children have accused former diocese youth leader Father Don Kimball of sexual molestation. "When our priest tells us one thing and then turns around and commit acts such as these, it destroys a trust."

Kimball denies all charges of sexual misconduct, said Joseph Pistata, an attorney for the 56-year-old priest. He suggested that many of the claims against Kimball were made for financial gain.

At least five priests, including Kimball, have left the diocese in the last decade - accused of sexual

misconduct involving children and teenagers - Diocese officials have spent at least \$6 million on claims and counseling for dozens of victims. Diocese lawyer Paul Gaspari said the sprawling rural diocese of 140,000 parishioners has settled between 75 and 100 claims in the last three years alone.

One disgraced priest was sentenced to eight years in prison for molesting two altar boys during a church camping trip. Another killed himself and a third fled to Mexico. A still-active priest has been sued by a 38-year-old woman who claims he pled her with drugs and alcohol before inducing her to have sex. The woman's lawsuit claims the diocese provided "financial assistance" to keep her quiet.

On Tuesday, officials revealed

that the diocese also had lost \$3.2 million of a \$5.1 million high-risk investment. James Dillon, assistant to the diocese's acting financial officer, said the diocese had been defrauded of the money and was trying to get some of it back.

One diocese pastor has taken a leave of absence in the wake of the scandal, saying some priests are ashamed to wear their religious collars in public.

Said Father Hans Ruygt: "I'm afraid people who see I'm a priest will say, 'Well, I wonder what no good he's up to? I need some time off.'"

Sonoma County authorities are continuing their criminal investigation into Kimball, who has left the diocese but remains active in a nonprofit religious organization he calls Cornerstone Media Inc.

Jesus 2000: Contest draws varied images, reactions

The Washington Post

Some who sent their comments about the winner of Jesus 2000, a contest to select an appropriate image of Jesus for the third millennium, were incensed.

"It is nothing but a politically correct modern blasphemous statement reflecting the artist's and the so-called judge's spirit of depravity," one critic said of the black-skinned portrait that appeared on the Dec. 24 cover of the National Catholic Reporter, an independent newsweekly based in Kansas City, Mo.

The e-mail was signed, "A Christian Patriot."

Said another anonymous e-mailer: "I am not pleased with this choice. If it is Jesus of all the people, why doesn't it show Jesus Latino, Hispanic, Italian, White, Irish, Europeans, Middle Easterners, Indians, Pakistanis, Jewish? Why just a black in dreadlocks?"

African American model to create her winning entry, "Jesus of the People." The figure is flanked by a yin-yang symbol, an Asian sign of harmony, and a feather, symbolizing transcendent knowledge and the Great Spirit of American Indians.

But one cyberspace critic said that McKenzie's attempt at universality.

"Next time I'm going to join this contest," the e-mailer wrote. "My Jesus will be a narcotic vegetarian astronaut clown mime who lives in a Sri Lankan tree with three lesbian popes and sings the boogie-woogie in Nivejo. And I'll probably win."

Most of the e-mails have been "overwhelmingly very favorable," said Editor Michael J. Farrell. The contest, according to Farrell, was introduced last fall to generate "something new, not a Jesus of yesterday but a risky squirt into the future" at the brink of the third Christian millennium.

The competition attracted 1,004 artists in 19 countries. The Reporter is a self-proclaimed "liberal" publication with a circulation of about 50,000. Copies of a booklet titled "Jesus 2000" available for \$5 each from the National Catholic Reporter's Web site, www.natcath.com, or by calling 800-444-8910.



The winner of the Jesus 2000 contest, sponsored by the National Catholic Reporter newsweekly, was Janet McKenzie, of Island Pond, Vt., who used a black woman as a model to create "Jesus of the People."

AIDS illnesses inflict Roman Catholic priests

The Kansas City Star

Hundreds of Roman Catholic priests across the United States have died of AIDS-related illnesses, and hundreds more are dying with HIV, the virus that causes the disease.

The actual number of AIDS deaths is difficult to determine. But it appears priests are dying of AIDS at a rate at least four times that of the general U.S. population, according to estimates from medical experts and priests and an analysis of health statistics by The Kansas City Star.

In Missouri and Kansas alone, at least 16 priests and two religious-order brothers have died of AIDS since early 1987.

The deaths are of such concern to the church that most dioceses and religious orders now require applicants for the priesthood to take an HIV-antibody test before their ordination.

For the nation's 60 million Catholics, served by 46,000 priests, the AIDS issue goes straight to the heart of church doctrine - a doctrine that teaches compassion and forgiveness but also considers homosexual relations a sin and opposes the modern practice of "safe sex."

In a nationwide confidential survey of 3,000 priests by The Star, two-thirds of the more than 800 responding lauded the church for being caring and compassionate to priests with AIDS. Often, the church covers medical costs, gives them a place to live and cares for them until they die.

At the same time, however, said the church failed to offer an early

and effective sexual education that might have prevented infection in the first place. Two-thirds said sexuality either was not addressed at all or was not discussed adequately in the seminary. Three of four said the church needed to offer more education about sexual issues.

"Sexuality still needs to be talked about in a safe way," said Rev. Dennis Rausch, a priest with AIDS who runs an AIDS ministry program for Catholic Charities in the Archdiocese of Miami.

Added Auxiliary Bishop Thomas Gumbleton of the Archdiocese of Detroit: "I think this speaks to a failure on the part of the church. Gay priests and heterosexual priests didn't know how to handle their sexuality, their sexual drive. And so they would handle it in ways that were not healthy."

Roman-Catholic cardinals in the United States and high-ranking church officials in Rome declined requests to discuss the issue or the newspaper's findings. The Vatican referred questions about the issue to local bishops.

HIV is spread most commonly by sexual contact with an infected partner. The disease also is transmitted through heterosexual contact, blood transfusions (although the risk is extremely small today), dirty needles during intravenous drug use or from infected mothers to their babies during pregnancy or birth.

Experts say the incidence of AIDS among priests stems primarily from sexual contact.

Methodists ministers worship pastors conducting lesbian weddings, ask for leniency

Religion in brief

have been disciplined for officiating at same-sex weddings. The issue of who they divided the Methodist Church.

Faith conference draws thousands of women

CINCINNATI - More than 17,000 women gathered this week at a sold-out Women of Faith conference; listening to Christian motivational speakers and reexamining their lives.

"I think as women, we wear many hats, juggle many priorities, and play superwoman. We take so little time for ourselves," said Kathy Lamb, who organized a group from her church to attend.

Although the conference is reminiscent of mass faith gatherings like Promise Keepers and the Million Man March, Women of Faith focuses less on making new commitments to families and communities and more on reminding women of God's love and grace, said Christo Barnes, executive director.

The conference has grown in popularity since its inception in 1996, when 30,000 women attended conferences throughout the country. Organizers expect to attract 400,000 this year at 25 conferences.

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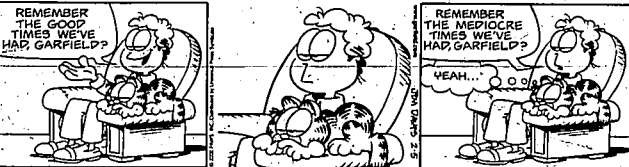
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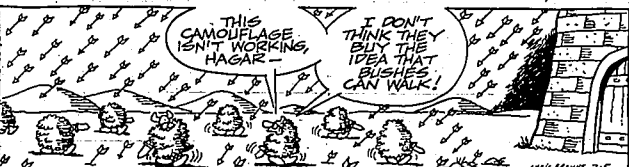
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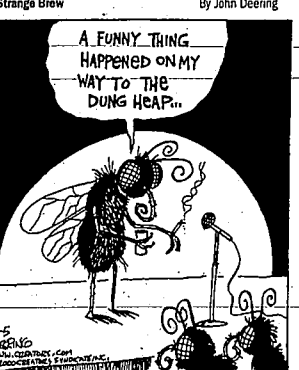


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## BRIEFLY IN MONEY

### Glacier Bancorp buys Mountain West Bank

SUN VALLEY — On Friday, Glacier Bancorp Inc. (Nasdaq: GBCI) said it completed its acquisition of Mountain West Bank of Coeur d'Alene.

Shareholders of Mountain West, at a special meeting Friday, overwhelmingly approved the transaction, a press release said. All necessary regulatory approvals have been received.

Mountain West shareholders and option holders will be entitled to 1.18 shares of Glacier common stock for each of their Mountain West shares or options. The total number of Glacier shares outstanding will increase to about 10.4 million, the companies said.

Glacier President and CEO, Michael J. Blodnick said Mountain West Bank will continue to operate under its existing name and locations with its existing local board of directors and management.

Combined assets of the two organizations will approach \$1 billion with more than \$85 million in shareholders' equity and market capitalization of about \$155 million.

Headquartered in Kalispell, Mont., Glacier conducts business from Glacier Bank, First Security Bank of Missoula, Glacier Bank of Whitefish, Glacier Bank of Eureka, Valley Bank of Helena, Big Sky Western Bank, all located in Montana, and new Mountain West Bank. Mountain West has offices in Sun Valley, Post Falls, Hayden and Boise.

### 1st Choice Financial, Wells Fargo work deal

DENVER — Wells Fargo & Co. (NYSE: WFC) — which has bank branches in the Magic Valley — and 1st Choice Financial Corp. said Friday they have signed a definitive agreement for Wells Fargo to acquire 1st Choice.

1st Choice is a privately held bank holding company which owns 1st Choice Bank with seven locations in northern Colorado. "I can't think of a better partner than 1st Choice to help us strengthen our position in northern Colorado," said John Nelson, group executive vice president and head of Wells Fargo in Colorado.

Headquartered in Greeley, Colo., 1st Choice has more than \$410 million in assets. 1st Choice Bank has seven locations in Weld and Larimer counties, including banking stores in Fort Collins, Greeley, Loveland and Windsor, Colo.

The companies said they expect to complete the merger in the second quarter of this year, pending approval from banking regulators and 1st Choice shareholders.

### First-time homebuyers can get tips in program

TWIN FALLS — Prospective first-time homebuyers can find out everything they need to know about making their big purchase at a two-evening presentation this month at the College of Southern Idaho, the college said.

Finally Home, a program sponsored by CSI and Idaho Partners for Home Buyer Education Inc., will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. Feb. 16 and 23 in the CSI Shields Building, room 113. The programs will be free to all people interested in buying a home, especially low- and middle-income buyers.

The Department of Housing and Urban Development funds the program, in which local representatives from real estate, finance, appraisal, title insurance and home building teach future homebuyers about their part of the process. The February sessions will feature presenters from Twin Falls Title, The Inspections Co., Prudential, Mayer & Associates and D.L. Evans Real Estate, the college said.

The College of Southern Idaho has been selected by HUD to coordinate the program in the Magic Valley. The program is designed to familiarize prospective homebuyers with the terms, definitions and solutions they need to buy a home. Although the courses are free, pre-registration is urged to keep from exceeding the seminar's seating accommodations. Call CSI's Community Education Department at 733-9554, Ext. 2288.

Compiled from staff reports

# Shoshone chamber takes a break

## Board members decide to suspend activity for duration of 2000

The Times-News

SHOSHONE — More than 20 businesses and 200 children won't be hearing from the Shoshone Chamber of Commerce this year.

After the chamber's annual banquet in December, board members voted to suspend activity in 2000 because of the limited participation of chamber members in activities the group sponsors, a couple of chamber leaders said in a statement. Most of the

activities benefited local children.

"The same old, people do the same old stuff," 1999 President Gary Russell said in the statement.

In 1999, the chamber collected membership dues from 22 local businesses and four individuals. But, Russell said, meetings and activities were conducted by only four to six members. He said the organization needs a new direction, and it will become active again in 2001 if there is renewed

interest.

December also marked the end of another small-town Magic Valley group, the Kimberly Chamber of Commerce, which disbanded after nobody stepped forward to take-over leadership.

The first activity the Shoshone community will miss is the Scout Breakfast, normally in February. For years Shoshone chamber members have prepared a complementary breakfast honoring all Scouts, their leaders and parents.

Other chamber-sponsored Shoshone events held in the past include the annual Easter egg hunt with prizes redeemed at local retail outlets, Fourth of July fireworks and games, children's parade prizes and foot races in connection with the county fair, a visit from Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus and a free Christmas movie, and corsages for graduating high school seniors.

In addition to children's activities, the Shoshone chamber said it sponsored a food booth at the

Fiddlers Jamboree, a free cake and ice cream social on the Fourth of July, bingo at the county fair, a golf tournament at the Gooding Country Club to benefit the local education foundation, and a Christmas banquet catered by the Manhattan Cafe to honor a local citizen of the year.

In previous years, the Shoshone chamber has given away children's bicycles and sponsored a Christmas lighting contest. The chamber said it pur

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## WESTERN BUSINESS



John Nese owns Galco's Old World Grocery, an old-fashioned store in Highland Park, Calif. About a year and a half ago, Nese started collecting lines of unique sodas.

# 'Sure, we've got that stuff'

## Neighborhood store stocks obscure brands

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — You're entering the Soda Museum.

No, that's not right. It's more like a zoo, one where you can take the animals home. Galco's Old World Grocery, north of downtown Los Angeles in the Highland Park neighborhood, specializes in rare, unusual and half-forgotten soft drinks.

It's basically an old-fashioned grocery store. But it also sells submarine-type sandwiches and utterly 1950s-style spaghetti and meatballs in sweet tomato sauce. But about a year and a half ago, owner John Nese started collecting lines of unique soda. He now

stocks about 200 bottlings. In the beginning, Nese was simply protesting the big soft-drink wholesalers' practice of buying price breaks to major customers but not to little stores like his. He started seeking out smaller distributors and then rarer beverages. Customers made suggestions.

Now soda seems to have become an obsession.

Nese, who looks a little like a 1950s sitcom dad, has clearly tasted everything he stocks. He cradles a bottle and says, "This is one of my favorite birch beers. It has a little wintery flavor, just a little, in the finish."

In addition to a number of birch beers and root beers and sarsaparillas and cream sodas, he has some ginger ales from parts of the country where they really like their ginger ale to be ginger.

Blenheim's Ginger Ale even has an extra-spy variety with a

red cap. "I took four of us to finish the bottle," says Nese ruefully.

He also has a number of cherry pops, such as Cheerwine (tangy, very foamy) and Kentucky Nip (rich cherry flavor).

He has Red Rock Cola, a brand that's actually a year older than the most famous cola, and Dr. Wells, which has a prune flavor like the original Dr. Pepper.

He has plenty of regional favorites, like Green River, Grapet and AJ Stephens Cherry — the Rickey, and a number of old pop brands you might have thought were no longer made, such as Nehi, Nesbitt's, Dad's and Frostie.

And Delaware Punch, a Concord grape soda brand owned by Coca-Cola but no longer bottled in this country. Nese imports it from Mexico, which is why "the label reads 'Refreshco Delaware Punch.'"

He even sells Moxie, the legendary New York gentian-based soft drink that's been around since 1884, when it was marketed as a "nervine food." It starts out tasting like a cola and then develops an astringent edge.

"It's actually pretty good," says Nese loyally.

Not all the sodas are old-timers. Galco's stocks Slim Jones sodas from Canada with very peculiar labels. "They'll put any photo you want on the label," says Nese. And hemp devotees may be interested in a butterscotch-flavored hemp soda.

More recently, Nese has started collecting unusual beers with old-timers like Pabst, Schlitz, Schaeffer, Grain Belt and Acme California Ale. He has beers from Vietnam and China and most European countries, but oddest is an American brew, White Moose, with a soft-drink hint; it's a chocolate-flavored beer.

# Nursing home chain files for bankruptcy protection

## Firm recently ran facility in Twin Falls

The Times-News and Knight-Ridder News Service

NEW YORK — It was less than two years ago that executives of nursing home chains were telling Wall Street about profits to be made from a booming elderly population in need of long-term medical care.

Now, the nursing home chain industry itself appears to be in need of a long-term financial fix as the fourth publicly-traded

company in the last six months filed this week for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection.

Integrated Health Services Inc., which operates 400 nursing homes and more than 1,000 other health and post-acute centers across the country, made its filing Wednesday in U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware.

Integrated Health recently owned Twin Falls Care Center. But in June 1998, the Twin Falls facility was sold to Peak Medical Corp. based in Albuquerque, N.M. Administrator Joe Reese said, Twin Falls Care Center now

has no affiliation with Integrated Health.

Integrated Health executive vice president Marc Levin said that no employees, facilities or elderly residents would be affected by the bankruptcy filing.

Like other publicly traded nursing home chains, Integrated Health blamed drastic reductions caused by the government's effort to slow down Medicare spending growth as part of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997. Other companies to file for bankruptcy protection recently were Louisville-based Vencor Inc. and Atlanta-based Mariner Post-

Acute Network Inc.

"The Integrated Health filing brings the total number of bankruptcies across the U.S. to 1,651 skilled nursing facilities, which care for 175,000 patients annually," the nursing home industry's Washington-based trade group, American Health Care Association, said in a statement.

These companies suffered when the law passed in a payment system in which nursing homes are paid a set fee based on a patient's diagnosis, regardless of the duration of admission. Historically, Medicare had paid

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## Bucking the trend

Small farms can thrive, agriculture expert says

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — The nation's industrialization brought big cities, big factories and big corporate offices. Agricultural economist John Ikerd says the same industrial model, applied to the American farm, is now shrinking farm profits, withering rural communities and drying up opportunities for rural employment.

At the Southern Idaho Farm Conference March 4 in Twin Falls, Ikerd will tell participants

### Conference

how sustainable agriculture can help reverse the trend to bigger farms and fewer farmers, a University of Idaho statement said.

Recently retired from the University of Missouri after serving a decade as a land-grant agricultural economist in four states, Ikerd is project leader of a Midwestern Kelllogg Foundation program that links sustainable agriculture with sustainable rural development.

Ikerd, who will open the conference at 8:45 a.m., contends the American farm economy is in "final stages" of industrialization. If it remains on this trajectory, "we will end up turning over control to larger agribusiness corporations and they will relocate and spread out around the globe," he said in the university's statement. What that will mean is "probably an end to independently owned farms in any significant number."

According to Ikerd, small farmers' economic survival will hinge on working smarter: developing highly individual approaches to fit their unique combination of abilities, interests, climate, markets and natural resources.

"Do your own thinking, be creative, be innovative, take the risk of doing something different," he said. "Then, if it works, you're the one who gets the benefit. It's a different way of thinking of how the world works and how the farmer fits within it."

Under today's industrial approach, new farming technologies that are easy to use tend to be widely adopted and their economic advantage quickly lost, Ikerd said. "If everybody applies it, production goes up and prices go down. The way to staying on a few acres is not to farm like the guy on a lot of acres; you'll just get lost of what he's getting."

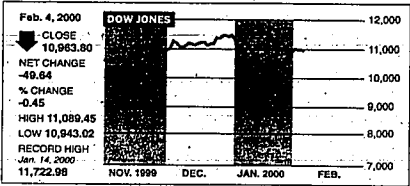
Ikerd said farmers who focus on niche markets and give customers what they really want.

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Nasdaq reaches another record

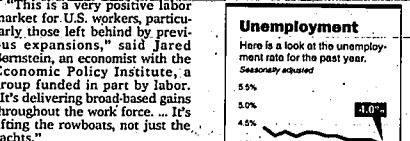
NEW YORK (AP) - The Nasdaq composite index rose to a new record Friday, capping a week of powerful gains as investors moved money from industrial companies that may be hurt by rising interest rates to technology companies.



The Standard & Poor's 500 fell 0.60 to 1,424.37 and the Russell 2000 index of smaller companies rose 3.89 to 525.52.

Unemployment hits 30-year low

WASHINGTON (AP) - America's historic economic expansion propelled the unemployment rate to a 30-year low of 4 percent in January, giving many workers the best labor market they have seen since taking their first job.



The unemployment rate for Hispanics fell to an all-time monthly low of 5.6 percent in January while the rate for blacks rose to 8.2 percent, up from 7.9 percent the month before.

World's biggest merger is on

FRANKFURT, Germany (AP) - The supervisory board of Mannesmann cleared the road for history's largest corporate takeover Friday, recommending shareholders approve the \$180 billion merger with Britain's Vodafone AirTouch.

pitch the last-ditch offer. The two chief executives had hammered out the deal during a four-day marathon session Wednesday.

have a controlling 50.5 percent stake in the new company, which would be a global powerhouse catering to 42 million customers worldwide.

Mattel CEO resigns amid falling sales

NEW YORK (AP) - Jill Barad, who made Barbie into a selling sensation and helped build Mattel into a corporate powerhouse, has stepped down from the helm of the world's biggest toy maker after failing to revive falling sales and profits.

With her resignation, the board of directors will take charge of the company to oversee operations and search for a new chief executive officer.

compared with profits of \$86.7 million, or 22 cents a share, in the same period a year ago.

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Farms

Continued from B10 will get higher prices for their products. "There is a general trend within retail tailoring production to the specific wants of specific customers," he said.

Following Ikerd's keynote address, the university said, Idaho producers and agricultural experts will present information on enterprise budgets, product advertising, business start-ups, you-pick vegetable farms, farmers' markets, niche-marketed dry beans, direct-market meats, specialty potatoes, organic and specialty hay, organic certification, health regulations for value-added products, soil improvement, cultural and organic weed control, high-quality testing and grasshopper management and labor for capital and mechanization," he said.

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Chamber

Continued from B10 chased Shoshone's Christmas street decorations and organized the labor to hang them each year. One year, it provided the lights for every business along both sides of Railroad Street.

the annual Fiddlers' Rendezvous since its inception in 1953. Shoshone, allowing no booths in the city park other than its own and the Rotary Club's snow-cone sales, Russell said the local Rotary club has expressed interest in also running the food booth if the chamber is inactive.

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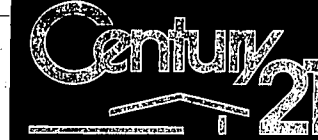
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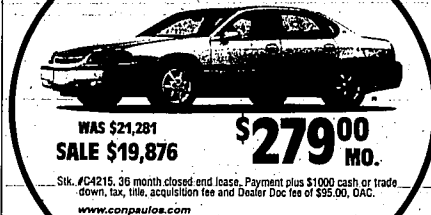


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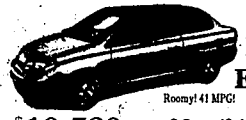
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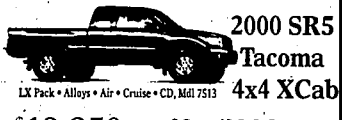
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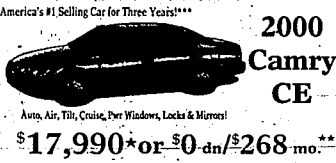
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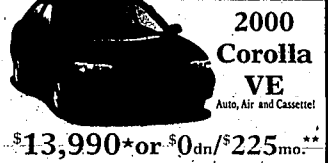
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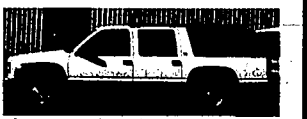
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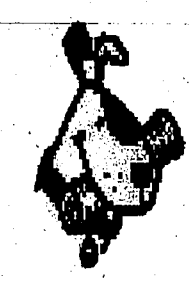
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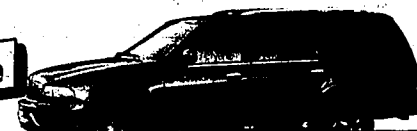
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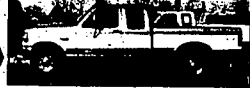
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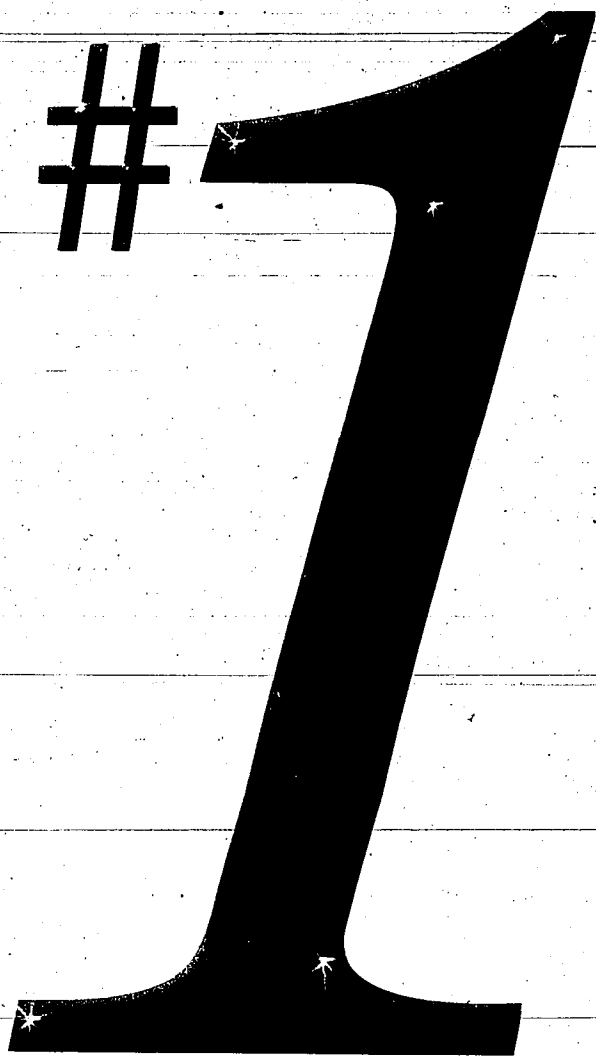
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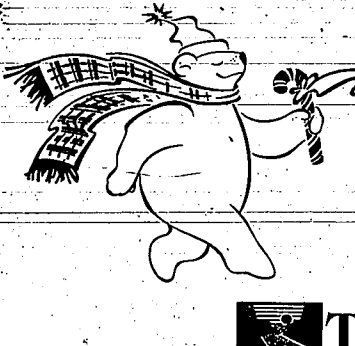


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**SATURDAY & SUNDAY, FEB. 5 & 6 SAT. 10a.m.-7p.m. • SUN. 11a.m.-6p.m.**



Note: Invoice Be Posted Each Vehicle

**ALL REMAINING NEW '99 VEHICLES AT OR BELOW FACTORY INVOICE\***

SALE PRICES AVAILABLE AT THE EXPO AND AT OUR DEALERSHIP

**WARRANTY TO STOCK ON HAND**

**DAILY PRIZE DRAWINGS EACH DAY - WEDNESDAY thru SATURDAY - at 6:00 P.M.**  
Win Prizes Compliments of:

- FIRE & POLICE CAR CARE
- MARLBORO AMERICAN RESTAURANT
- OASIS PUMP & WASH
- LINE-X
- COSTCO WHOLESALE
- ROCK CREEK
- DONNELLY'S
- GERTIE'S BURGERS & COOKERY
- FALLS AVENUE FITNESS UNLIMITED
- WOMEN'S FITNESS UNLIMITED



**NEW 2000 VEHICLES DISCOUNTED TO '99 PRICES!**

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**FACTORY REBATES UP TO \$3000 ON SELECTED NEW VEHICLES**

**USED VEHICLES PRICED AT OR BELOW WHOLESALE!!!**

OVER 50 LEASE RETURNS & BANK REPOSSESSIONS MUST BE SOLD!!! SALE PRICES AVAILABLE AT THE EXPO AND AT OUR DEALERSHIP

**Auto LOTTO**  
Check Your Mailbox For Your Auto Lotto Card!

**MATCH Your Auto Lotto Number At CSI Expo For A Chance TO WIN ...**

**2000 JEEP WRANGLER**

**GRAND PRIZE DRAWING SUNDAY, FEB. 6 AT 4:00 REGISTER TO WIN\***

Stock #163K

- 1st Prize - 1994 Ford F-150 Super Duty Pickup \$7995 Value
- 2nd Prize - New Whirlpool Washer/Dryer Set (\$800 Value) Compliments of Wilson-Bates
- 3rd Prize - Brand New Samsung Camcorder (\$200 Value) Compliments of Wilson-Bates

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**WIN A CHANCE IN THE LATHAM MONEY MACHINE!**

All The Money You Can Get In 30 Seconds Is Yours!

**UP TO \$1000 IN DRAWINGS EACH DAY**

All Units Subject To Prior Sale. Sale Prices and Payments Do Not Include Sales Tax, Title Fee, \$8.00/mo Dealer Documentation Fee, \$50.00/mo. Adults 18 Years or Older With A Valid Driver's License May Enter. You Must Be Present To Win. Contest Rules Posted At The Expo Center. \*Prizes & Payouts Excluded. No Written Offer Will Be Accepted Below Dealer Cost. One Entry Per Household Per Contest. Any Duplicate Entry Will Be Automatically Disqualified From All Contests.

**PEPSI**

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Prices Effective thru Sunday February 6, 2000