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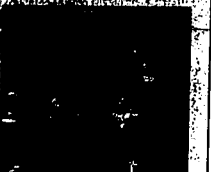
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Investors disband TF minor league baseball team

By Matt Peterson
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Minor league baseball has struck out in Twin Falls — at least for this year

— and with it appears to have gone the newly-formed Rocky Mountain Professional Baseball League.

At a meeting late last week, local investors decided not to continue their support for a Class A independent league franchise that would have begun play here July 4.

"Baseball is a business, whether it is minor league, independent, major league or other-

wise," said Twin Falls attorney Laird Stone, one of the group's initial investors. "It's a business and there are a lot of different aspects that go into running a successful business organization. This was a business decision."

Citing attorney-client privilege, Stone declined to say what aspects of the deal had become unfavorable. He also declined to say

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TAKING A CLOSER LOOK



Registered professional photographer, Jim Henderson, is using his technique, the Henderson Cross Polarized Enrichment Procedure, with a digital camera to uncover details of artifacts not visible to the naked eye.

Technology reveals history hidden from naked eye

By Jonny Sandmann
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — What weather and time obscure, a camera and computer can uncover.

Discovering the original color of stone tools more than 11,000 years old could help archeologists discover how ancient inhabitants of the Canas Prairie used them. Or filling in the chipped faces on a clay Peruvian vessel dating back to about A.D. 800 could for the first time become a possibility.

Jim Woods, director of the Herret Center at the College of Southern Idaho, this week is learning to use the camera and

computer to uncover details of the artifacts not visible to the naked eye.

Jim Henderson of Oregon is in town showing Woods how to combine photography and technology to see past weathered and worn artifacts of stone, textiles and clay, and into the pigment that remains embedded in their porous surfaces.

"It's very cool. It's like Indiana Jones coming out of a cave with goodies in his hands," Henderson said.

Henderson calls his technique the Henderson Cross Polarized Enrichment Procedure. He manipulates light to reduce reflections

and then enhances the photographed images on the computer. At the City of Rocks National Reserve in Almo he uncovered more than 200 faded inscriptions pioneers marked on the rocks as they traveled west. Caretakers previously had known of less than 100 inscriptions inside the reserve.

Henderson looks at what he does this way: "You're not discovering something. You're sharing it with a new generation."

A common complaint about museums is that they have too much in storage, and Henderson's technique could provide an affordable way for museum staff

to take quality photographs of the collection and make it easily accessible, Woods said.

Not only would it create the database, but it would allow the museum to display the enhanced images alongside the artifacts, he said. With more than 10,000 pieces in the museum's collection, documentation will take time. But it can accomplish in a couple of hours what otherwise would take a week using studio photography, he said.

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First U.S. secretary of defense visits Vietnam since war

Cohen seeks to resolve remaining MIA cases

The Associated Press

DONG PHU, Vietnam — Peering into a mud hole six feet deep, surrounded by rice paddies, Defense Secretary William Cohen saw for himself the heroic efforts — and possibly the futility — of America's quest to return home the remains of 2,000 servicemen still missing from the Vietnam War.

In that hole stood a mud-caked forensic anthropologist, Dennis Danielson, and a dozen others lifting slabs of earth into metal buckets. One by one, the buckets were hauled along a human chain of dozens of Vietnamese workers, some of them nearly knee-deep in the glittering mud, to be sifted by hand for even the tiniest scraps of wire, metal or human remains — clues to one more MIA mystery.

"We will do whatever we can to

bring some peace of mind to the families who have lost their loved ones" in the war that cost more than 58,000 American lives, Cohen told reporters Monday at the excavation site, thought to be the location of a downed U.S. aircraft.

"We are making every conceivable effort to find the remains and bring them home," he added.

Resolving the remaining missing-in-action cases, Cohen said, is "the very highest of our priorities." It also is the main foundation upon which Washington and Hanoi are attempting to build a military-to-military relationship a generation after the last U.S. combat forces withdrew from Vietnam in defeat.

Thus it was no coincidence that one of the first things Cohen did upon arriving in Vietnam — as the first American secretary of Defense to visit since the war — was travel to the excavation site



U.S. Secretary of Defense William Cohen, right, listens to MIA recovery site anthropologist Dennis Danielson Monday at the site where a U.S. fighter plane crashed 33 years ago, 18 miles southwest of Hanoi.

near the village of Dong Phu, about 20 miles southwest of Hanoi. Villagers gawked and giggled at the commotion caused by a U.S. defense chief, his security

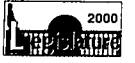
Measure passes House

Senate to take up term limits amendment next

By Michael Journe
Times-News writer

BOISE — A constitutional amendment that could void Idaho's term limits law got the required two-thirds majority in the House Monday.

The amendment, which was approved by the House in a 51-19 vote and now must pass the Senate, explicitly states that



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qualifications for elected office can be changed only by constitutional amendment rather than statutory law.

That restriction would essentially open the way for Idaho

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Memo stirs Forest Service bias criticism

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A leaked draft memo shows the Forest Service was eager to enlist two environmental groups to help carry out President Clinton's plan to ban development on 50 million acres or more of roadless national forests, a House subcommittee chairwoman said Monday.

The Forest Service confirmed it is negotiating an agreement with one of the groups, the World Wildlife Fund of Washington, D.C., and that the agreement could involve work on roadless-area issues.

But the agency spokesman, Chris Wood, said "there's nothing untoward" about the proposed deal and that the Forest Service negotiates hundreds of agreements with outside groups for activities on national forest lands.

Wood also said the World Wildlife Fund will not help craft the roadless initiative rule itself.

Rep. Helen Chenoweth-Hage, R-Idaho, said the Jan. 24 memo

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Helen Chenoweth-Hage

entourage, his stern-faced Vietnamese military escorts and a gaggle of reporters and photographers.

Cohen thanked the Vietnamese — who lost an estimated 3 million of their own people during the war — for their cooperation in searching for missing U.S. servicemen. Later, in a Hanoi dinner toast to his Vietnamese hosts, Cohen said the diggers are "seeking to heal the pain of a family who waits on their work."

On Tuesday morning, Cohen spoke at the National Defense Academy, the highest-level service college for Vietnamese military officers, and was to meet with President Tran Duc Luong before flying to Ho Chi Minh City, the former Saigon.

In his speech at the military academy, Cohen made only one explicit reference to the war but said the United States and Vietnam must "understand and honor the past" while seeking a new relationship.

THE REGION

Camas Prairie High: 46 Low: 20 Cloudy with a 50 percent chance of morning snow.

Treasure Valley High: 52 Low: 29 Cloudy with a good chance of rain in the morning.

Sawtooth Mountains/Wood River Valley High: 45 Low: 23 Clouding with a chance of valley rain and mountain snow above 6000 feet.

Eastern Idaho High: 48 Low: 26 Mostly cloudy with a chance of rain in the afternoon and breezy. Chance of snow tonight.

Northern Idaho High: 45 Low: 29 Mostly cloudy, rain likely in the morning. Scattered showers in the afternoon and tonight.

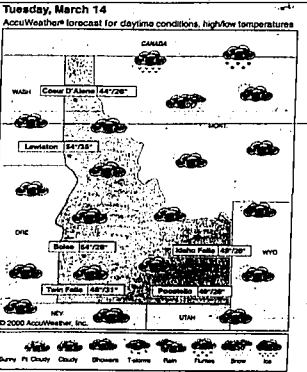
Northern Utah High: 55 Low: 34 Increasing clouds and warmer with a 40 percent chance of afternoon rain showers.

Northern Nevada High: 49 Low: 32 Cloudy with a good chance of morning rain showers.

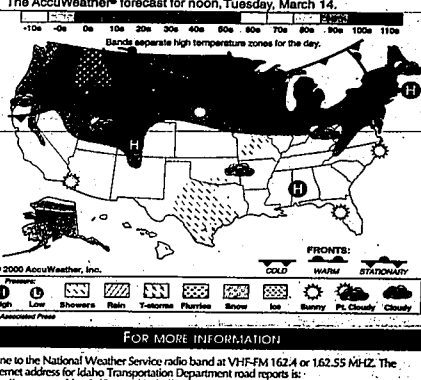
MAGIC VALLEY FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today: High 48 Low 31 Cloudy with a chance of rain in the morning. Wednesday: High 47 Low 30 Partly cloudy. Thursday: High 40s Low 30 Mostly cloudy with a chance of rain. Friday: High 40s Low 20s Partly cloudy. Saturday: High 50s Low 30s Mostly cloudy.

Idaho weather



National weather



UV INDEX ROAD INFORMATION

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SKYWATCH

Sunset today: 6:43 p.m. Sunrise tomorrow: 6:51 a.m. Lunar phase: Full, April 19; last quarter, March 27; new, April 4; first quarter, April 11.

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER

Table with columns for Twin Falls, Idaho, and precipitation. Rows show Yesterday, Last year, and Normal weather data.

Idaho High/Lows

Table listing high and low temperatures for various Idaho locations like Boise, Burley, and Coeur d'Alene.

The Nation

Table listing high and low temperatures for various national locations like Albuquerque, Anchorage, and Atlanta.

Forest

Continued from A1. shows the Forest Service was developing an agreement that would allow two environmental groups to set a process for mapping and assessing as many as 60 million acres of roadless forests.

on the roadless area issue and perhaps others." The Wildlife Fund and the Conservation Biology Institute did not return phone calls to verify the memo's authenticity.

Knight Ridder News Service SAN JOSE, Calif. - Two years ago this week, the David and Lucile Packard Foundation joined the environmental world when it announced plans to donate \$175 million over five years to protect open space, wildlife habitat and farmland from development across California.

That's five times more than the state parks department spent over the same period. "This new information economy has produced a flood of money," said Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt.

Continued from A1 courts to declare Idaho's 1994 term limits initiative unconstitutional since limiting a person's access to the ballot because of the number of terms they've served has been considered a qualification for candidacy.

Kempton, who began courting Senate sponsors for the measure Monday, claims that the framers of Idaho's constitution were silent on the matter of candidate qualifications when they drafted the document, likely meaning they intended for those qualified to follow the pattern set by the U.S. Constitution, which allows changes to be made only by amendment.

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Baseball whether the decision was unanimous. At least eight people attended the meeting. The Twin Falls club would have joined teams in Ontario, Ore., Pocatello and Walla Walla, Wash.

Lottery Update As of Wednesday, March 1, all top prizes on Money Match have been claimed. You have until Aug. 28, 2000 to claim any remaining prizes.

decision around noon Friday via a fax sent by Stone. Jones said the fax read, in part, "The (Twin Falls) investment group has dissolved and no longer represents a viable investment group ... (the group) is not interested in pursuing independent baseball at this point in time."

they've been successful businessmen. So they look at these decisions real hard. This just wasn't a spur-of-the-moment decision. This was a well-thought-out decision.

NATION

Ground collisions worry experts

Runway incursions are becoming more critical

Newsday

As more and more airplanes are jammed into the nation's airports, safety experts have become increasingly concerned that the time an airplane spends on the ground is becoming the most hazardous part of its flight.

A near-collision between two big jets at New York's Kennedy Airport in June that sent air traffic controllers' hearts into their throats was not an isolated incident. Last year, there were nearly a dozen critically close calls involving large passenger jets missing one another by a few hundred feet or less at the nation's airports.

Runway incursions — when a plane or a truck causes a collision

hazard for an airplane barreling down the runway — have increased more than 70 percent since 1992. Last year, there were 322 such incidents nationwide.

"The concern we have is that just one of those ... could be a horrible catastrophic accident," said Pat Carlise, spokesman for the National Transportation Safety Board, which has been pressing the Federal Aviation Administration to do more run-

way safety since 1991.

Just last week, a single-engine plane taking off from Sarasota Bradenton Airport in Florida collided with another single-engine aircraft on the runway, killing four people.

But the aviation industry is well aware that ground collisions can bring much higher death tolls — higher than most airline crashes since two planes are involved.

State, Washington adorn coin

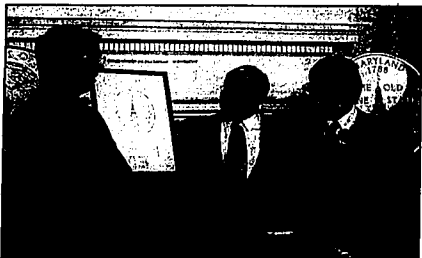
ANNAPOLIS, Md. (AP) — George Washington's profile remains on the head of quarters designed by the 50 states, but Maryland is remembering the nation's first president on the reverse side, too.

The Maryland State House, the site where Washington resigned his Army commission in order to accept the presidency, will replace the American eagle on Maryland's quarter, the seventh in a commemorative series issued by the U.S. Mint.

"The Old Line State" — how Washington described Maryland's stalwart Revolutionary soldiers — also adorns the back of the quarter, unveiled Monday.

"I hope when people look at this dome they get a sense of what Maryland is all about," Gov. Parris Glendening said.

The governor selected the design from hundreds of entries, including a depiction of British bombs bursting over Fort Mifflin in 1814 that inspired Francis Scott Key to pen the "Star-Spangled Banner." The Maryland State House is the nation's oldest statehouse



U.S. Mint Associate Director of Numismatics David Pickens, center, along with designer William Kraewiczewicz, right, present Maryland Gov. Parris Glendening with a framed rendition of the newly designed quarter honoring the state of Maryland Monday at the Governor's Reception room at the Maryland State House in Annapolis, Md.

still in legislative use and is the only one to have served as the nation's capitol, from November 1783 to August 1784. Washington resigned his Army commission here in 1783, before taking the oath of office as the

nation's first president. More than 1 billion Maryland quarters will be stamped in a 10-week period to answer demand for the commemorative coins, said David Pickens, associate director of the U.S. Mint.

Officials will release trade deal details

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Clinton administration, bowing to congressional criticism about secret trade deals, will release the full text of its market-opening agreement with China on Tuesday, administration officials said.

These officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said Monday that the complete text of the deal would be sent to each member of Congress and released to the news media.

The decision represents an about-face for the administration, which had been insisting that it could not make the deal public because China was still in negotiations with Europe and other countries over the terms under which it will enter the World Trade Organization. In a US-China deal reached in Beijing in November, China agreed to remove barriers that American exporters have long complained are keeping billions of dollars of their products out of the Chinese market.

Clinton accuses NRA of using smear tactics

CLEVELAND (AP) — President Clinton said the National Rifle Association used smear tactics in accusing him of milking political gain from gun violence.

He challenged a top official of the group to "look into the eyes" of bereaved parents and repeat the charge. In a pair of Cleveland appearances Monday, Clinton accused the NRA of stalling his gun legislation with "dash-and-burn" strategies. And he upped the ante in a dispute that has taken a bitterly personal turn.

A day earlier, Wayne LaPierre, the NRA's executive vice president, said Clinton appeared to "need a certain level of violence in this country" to serve his political ends. But LaPierre held his ground, saying it is Clinton who accuses the parents of children killed by guns an explanation of why federal gun laws are being so poorly enforced.

"I think he should look them in the eye and explain why he won't enforce the laws against crack dealers with guns and take them off the street," he said in an interview.

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California voters approve crackdown on juveniles

The Washington Post

LOS ANGELES — With one punch, California voters approved the nation's toughest crackdown on juvenile crime.

Teen-agers as young as 14 now can be held as adults more often for serious crimes and punished in adult prisons with automatic and longer sentences. In deciding whether to bring a juvenile to adult court, prosecutors, not judges, have been handed a larger slice of authority for the first time — a big shift in power. Common offenses such as vandalism are being treated as felonies (if damages exceed \$400), minimum probation sentences are being lengthened, and youthful gang members face mandatory jail terms even if they are convicted of minor crimes.

The names of juvenile suspects also can be disclosed publicly even before they are charged with wrongdoing. The new rules, known as Proposition 21, easily

won passage last week and take effect immediately. They make California the latest of many states in recent years to forsake a fundamental tenet of juvenile justice — that criminals so young can be rehabilitated — and to embrace far more punitive measures. Earlier this year, a 13-year-old in Michigan, Nathaniel Abraham, became one of the youngest persons in the nation tried and convicted in adult court for a murder he committed at age 11.

Perhaps most striking about the dramatic change in philosophy is its timing. Juvenile crime rates and gang violence have been declining in California and nationwide since the mid-1990s, even as sensationally violent crimes among children and teen-agers command ever more national attention. The latest such incident occurred two weeks ago, when a first-grader in Michigan took a gun to elementary school and shot one of his classmates to death.

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Board scolds automakers over child seat safety

ATLANTA (AP) - The chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board criticized six automakers Monday for failing to establish programs to make sure children are properly secured in car safety seats.

Chairman Jim Hall scolded Volvo, Mitsubishi, Kia, Subaru, Suzuki and Isuzu in a speech at a national highway safety meeting

in Atlanta. He said the companies refused to set up "fitting stations" where parents could get advice on installing the seats. Government studies have shown that eight of 10 safety seats are installed incorrectly.

"I believe that all these car companies are run by responsible adults, and if they get the message effectively - and maybe it

needs to be repeated - they will take the steps necessary to address the No. 1 health problem for kids," Hall said.

Transportation officials say properly used child seats cut the risk of fatal injuries in half. Common mistakes include using the wrong size seat.

Volvo spokesman Soren Johansson said he was not sure

the NTSB had even approached his company about a child-safety program. "Child safety has been on the agenda with us for years," Johansson said.

Representatives of the five other companies did not return calls for comment Monday.

Hall praised DaimlerChrysler and General Motors for their child-safety programs.

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China stands firm over resolve to enter WTO

BEIJING — Congress' denial of permanent low-tariff trading rights wouldn't deter China's resolve to join the World Trade Organization and could cause the United States to gamble away business opportunities for a generation, China's foreign trade minister said Monday.

If Congress rejects normal trade relations, Beijing could invoke a WTO rule allowing it to deny U.S. companies access to the Chinese market, causing the United States "regret for 20 years, for a generation," Shi Guangsheng suggested.

Shi's comments were the clearest indication so far that China intends to seek entry into WTO, regardless of what the U.S. Congress does and despite the risks market opening will bring to its own struggling economy.

"If the United States misses this opportunity, it will actually lose the tremendous market of China and will be giving away the oppor-

World in brief
 unity for participating in this market to its competitors." Shi said at a news conference on the sidelines of the annual session of the National People's Congress, China's legislature.

Taiwan stocks fall in last days of presidential race

TAIPEI, Taiwan — A record fall in Taiwan's stock market sparked a new wrangle Monday in the presidential race, with two top candidates seizing on the plunge to attack each other just days before the ballot.

Nationalist presidential hopeful Lien Chan called the 6.5 percent drop in the Weighted Price Index an example of the damage an opposition victory in Saturday's vote could do to the economy. "Don't elect someone who will bring disaster and war to

Taiwan," said Lien, who is locked in the tight three-way race. Monday's 617-point drop was the largest ever in Taiwan and the biggest percentage fall in a decade.

Russian leader claims rebel Chechen leader captured

URUS-MARTAN, Russia — Acting President Vladimir Putin said today that a top Chechen warlord had been captured in a special operation and was being held in a Moscow prison.

Meanwhile, a delegation from the Council of Europe accused Russia of using indiscriminate force in Chechnya and called for an immediate cease-fire.

Putin said that Salman Raduyev, a well-known Chechen field commander, had been arrested by Russian troops on Sunday and brought to the Russian capital. "This is one of the most odious bandit leaders,"

Putin said at a meeting of top ministers. "Now he's in prison, and that's where he belongs."

GM takes stake in Fiat for \$2.4 billion in stock

TURIN, Italy — General Motors Corp., the world's largest automaker, is taking a 20 percent stake in Italy's Fiat SFA in exchange for \$2.4 billion in stock — equivalent to 5.1 percent of GM. In a statement, the companies said the partnership would focus on Europe and Latin America. They expect annual savings to reach \$2 billion within the next five years.

The deal covers Fiat's Alfa Romeo and Lancia brands. It does not include Fiat's other companies, Ferrari and Maserati. As part of the agreement, the Detroit-based GM has the first right to bid on the rest of Fiat Auto if Fiat decides to sell in the future.

—compiled from wire reports.

Son gets Qatar to bloom

Knight Ridder News Service

DOHA, Qatar — It started five years ago with palace intrigue.

While the emir of Qatar was summing in Switzerland, reportedly undergoing treatment for alcoholism, his 45-year-old son staged a bloodless coup d'etat.

What looked at the time like just another dynastic tussle was in fact the beginning of a quiet revolution. The new emir, Sheikh Hamad Bin Khalifa al-Thani, is transforming this obscure desert sheikdom into the most progressive country in the Persian Gulf, and one of the most progressive in

the entire Arab world. If democracy is not exactly blooming, at least it is taking root in these unpromising desert sands. Qatar is so tiny that on maps it looks like a sliver of sand off Saudi Arabia.

Its population is only 600,000, the smallest in the Arab world, and about three-quarters of the people are foreign workers. Expatriates complain that Doha — flat, tidy and new — is the most boring capital in the world. Yet last year, Qatar held what are generally regarded as the freest elections in the Gulf, allowing women to vote and run for municipal offices.

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Internet simplifies elections

In first-ever online poll, technology has a landslide victory

The Associated Press

PHOENIX — Tens of thousands of Arizona Democrats ditched traditional paper ballots and instead went online to point and click on their candidate in the nation's first binding Internet election for public office.

"It was a lot easier for me than going to a polling site because I have computer access all times," said Jonnie Ann Del Rio, 22, of Phoenix, who voted at the Roosevelt Community Tech Center where she works.

By the time the computer link closed at midnight Friday, 35,765 voters had cast early ballots via the Internet in Arizona's Democratic presidential primary, said Bill Taylor, vice president of Election.com, the company hired to run the election.

Most of 124 polling sites scheduled to open today, the official primary date, will have online and paper ballots available. However, voters trying to click and vote from their homes or other remote locations would get a message that polls had closed, company officials said.

Internet voting began Tuesday. Voters were issued personal identification numbers and then could log on at any computer or Democratic Party headquarters to cast their ballot.

Maria Rhose, a representative



Arizona Democratic Party Chairman Mark Fleisher clicks his mouse to cast a remote Internet vote in the Arizona Democratic Presidential Preference Primary on March 7 in Phoenix.

of Election.com, said a stream of people had come through the Democratic Party's headquarters, the site of an Internet early voting station. Many voters said they would keep their confirmation certificates as mementos.

"It seems like that's something that makes them very proud," Rhose said.

At its peak Tuesday — the first day of Internet voting — three votes were coming in per second. The 13,000 votes that day surpassed the total number of Democratic primary ballots cast

the old-fashioned way in 1996. The frequency of Internet votes decreased slightly after former New Jersey Sen. Bill Bradley abandoned his presidential bid Thursday, said Corland Coleman, interim executive director for the state Democratic Party.

The system wasn't without its glitches, though. Some voters encountered technical problems. Some people didn't receive PINs or their numbers didn't work because of incomplete information in their voter registration, Taylor said.

Use company computer for personal mail? Trouble ahead

Knight Ridder News Service

Employees get fired for writing indecent e-mails. Others are reprimanded for passing on lists of jokes sent to their work e-mail address by well-meaning friends. Many companies forbid the playing of computer games at work.

It's all happening at a workplace near you, where employers are trying to harness the advantages of technology without giving employees free rein. At the same time that companies use e-mail, the Internet and cell phones to expand the boundaries of productivity, they're applying the same old rules to what is and is not acceptable at the office.

As a frequent telecommuter whose life no longer fits in neat boxes of "9 to 5" and "free time" — who doesn't view the office as the only place to work — I fear they want the best of both worlds.

Check work-related e-mail from your home computer on the weekend? No problem. But don't get caught sending a personal message from the office. Conduct business on your cell phone in the car? Your managers won't mind, but they don't want you surfing the Web at work for cheap airfares, even if you do plan to work a 13-hour day.

Few managers will say it, but employees know it: Workplace rules and codes of conduct have not kept pace with the realities of technology or with the way people conduct their lives.

The 35 technology specialists at Minnesota Technology Inc. often use their laptop computers at their homes or on the road. I'd guess those men and women clock far more than an eight-hour day and don't mind going the extra mile for their employer.

But the rules governing how they can use the equipment — what types of e-mails they may send or Web sites they may visit — are the same for employees who work at the office every day. "We're not traffic cops, but we do frown on personal use," says Dean Neumann, public relations manager for the nonprofit organization, which uses state and federal dollars to help small and midsize companies develop technology.

I heard similar comments from managers at Norwest-Wells Fargo, West Group and, yes, the Pioneer Press: We trust our employees. We want them to have access to technology. But they can't use it for personal reasons during work hours, if at all.

You mean, I'm free to work weekends from my home computer but I can't play the occasional game of Solitaire at the newsroom to clear my mind? I can't send my best friend a quick "How are you?" via e-mail?

Neumann acknowledges the slippery slope. "You have to use your best judgment," he says. "I think an employer has to have some flexibility here and understand that people are going to send some personal e-mails."

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"Our timing was perfect. Just as the teacher turned her back, all three of us would lean forward, put on ugly faces and stick out our tongues."

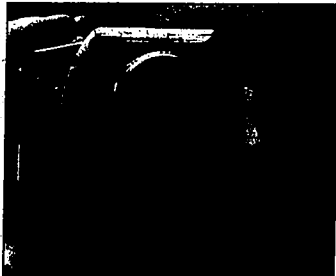
The girls would giggle and we would be sitting straight up in our seats with angelic faces as soon as the teacher would whirl around and look our way.

We were tired of hearing her lecture about MAX and CAN. "Of course, you CAN go to the bathroom right now," she said, but you MAY not because I want to finish this math problem. I'll be done soon."

Well, it's payback time and I'm about to run through the differences between NEED and WANT. You WANT a swell new personal digital assistant like the Palm V or Visor; you can send and receive e-mail from the freeway and bring meetings. You want the ability to play solitaire as the deputy accountant/accounts receivable drones into the second hour of his exhaustive report.

You NEED a Web-based e-mail account. They are free, fairly easy to use and travel well. You also can give this e-mail address to the folks in the office so they can advise you about travel and meeting changes. Many reporters at the Akron Beacon Journal have used accounts like this to send in stories from remote locations when our regular computers were not available.

Anyone who surfs the Web has seen numerous opportunities for these accounts. I would steer you toward the more established ones like Yahoo, Hotmail, Rockaimail and MSN because



New digital cameras, such as Fuji's \$999 FinePix 4700, are capable of taking photos equivalent in quality to film cameras. With each new generation, the prices of these top-quality digital cameras further approach the reach of the average consumer.

they've been around a while and worked out a lot of the bugs. Be sure to check out the privacy statement before you sign on.

You WANT a new digital telephone with Web access and immediate hockey scores from Vancouver.

You NEED a simple analog cell phone for when your car breaks down on River Styx Road and you are only "pretty sure" that it was a dog you heard moving through the bushes.

You WANT a digital camera with lots of memory, great resolution and a high-quality lens.

You NEED to continue using your old camera but take the film in for digital processing. Extra charges for digital files are minimal, and once you have them, the pictures can travel by disk or e-mail as well as those that come from a digital camera.

A digital camera capable of

pictures as good as your old film camera costs hundreds, maybe thousands of dollars.

You WANT the latest and greatest computer with a 1 gigahertz processor, deluxe 3D video card and massive hard drive.

You NEED a processor that has been around about a year. Do a little comparison shopping. You will find that the latest processors cost as much as \$1,000 more than those at a speed that was offered about 12 to 24 months ago.

Processors occasionally have problems right after they are released. Play it safe and buy a slightly older, but more reliable technology at a more affordable price. You can expect at least two years to pass before software writers will start writing programs that will overly tax your machine and most of those will be games that you don't NEED anyway.

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EDITORIAL

Legislature should approve a well-deserved tax break

What part of "tax cut" doesn't the Idaho Legislature understand?

State lawmakers have more money than they know what to do with, yet a proposed \$40 million tax cut is melting away like a snowman in the March sun. The House gave it a lukewarm approval, passing it 41-29. It may evaporate altogether in the Senate.

We weren't surprised to see Ketchum Democrat Wendy Jaquet vote against the bill in the House. After all, fish gotta swim, birds gotta fly, and Democrats gotta spend. But we were dismayed to see Magic Valley Republicans Jim Kempton, Leon Smith, Doug Jones and Tim Ridinger oppose the tax cut. Have these men been in Boise too long? Maybe they should spend more time with the working men and women whose taxes helped generate the budget surplus. Most folks we know say they'd love to see their taxes go down for a change.

income taxes is hollow. Opponents contend that reducing income taxes now, during an economic boom, doesn't make sense. If the boom goes bust (and we'll concede that it could), opponents say tax receipts would be too low to fund essential state services. C'mon gang, this isn't rocket science. When taxes don't generate enough money, they may need to be raised. By the same token, fairness dictates that when taxes generate too much money, they should be lowered.

We're amazed that 29 members of the Idaho House voted against a tax cut. This supposedly is the most conservative Legislature in America. The Senate promises to be even more grudging.

Magic Valley Republicans John Sandy, Dean Cameron and Laird Noh have already telegraphed their resistance to some or all of the bill. We suggest they stop looking for ways to spend the budget surplus and consider ways to give it back.

Details, details, details. The tax-relief package under consideration in the Idaho Legislature would:

- Eliminate the so-called "marriage penalty" for couples (return \$10.7 million to taxpayers).
- Allow self-employed workers to deduct health insurance premiums from their state income taxes (\$1.6 million).
- Reduce personal income tax rates by 3 percent (\$27 million).

Returning some tax money to the people who earned it could pay dividends. If state taxes were a little lower, financially stretched communities such as Jerome might be more willing to approve local school bond issues. Lower taxes have proven to help attract entrepreneurs to establish businesses in Idaho.

Idaho legislators need to recognize a good thing when they see one. If lawmakers remain blind to the idea, Idaho taxpayers should point it out by e-mailing them at infocnt@iso.state.id.us, or by calling them at 1-800-626-0471.



Who are these officers protecting anyway?

I was on my way to work March 8 and I was running a little late. I was speeding a little and I was pulled over by a deputy sheriff. I gave him my registration, license and proof of insurance. All was legitimate and good to go.

The officer came back to my car after reviewing my stuff and asked me if I would mind stepping out of the car. Well, yes, I did mind. I had my daughter with me, and I was already going to be late for work, but, hey, this was an officer. I thought I'd better do what he asked. So I got out of my car and went back to talk to the officer. He told me he was only going to give me a warning (what a nice guy). So I got my license, etc. back and started to go back to my car.

He asked me to come back, stating there was just one more thing he would like to talk to me about. So I went back. He then asked if I would object to a search of my car.

I was completely taken back by this! I am a law-abiding citizen. I work for a local law firm and couldn't understand why he would want to search my car. I was only going nine mph over the speed limit. So I said no. I didn't think he needed to search my car. It would be a waste of his time and mine.

He was very persistent. I continued to argue with him. I said I was already behind schedule and was going to be late for work. He then offered to contact my work and tell them I was going to be late.

READER COMMENT Heather Secord

I still refused, saying over and over that he had no reason to search my car. He then proceeded to ask, "Well is there anything in there that is illegal? Do you have any marijuana or a pipe? Just tell me, I'm not after the little guys. I'm after the big fish. Are you sure you don't have anything illegal in your car? A weapon or anything?"

I was very insulted by these questions! I knew I had nothing to hide. It was my right to refuse this search. I felt very angry it was even happening. But the officer kept telling me it was "procedure." By this time, a second patrol car was pulling up to the scene. Two more deputies joined us. What am I, a dangerous criminal? No, I'm just an everyday person trying to get to work who made the mistake of speeding.

The first officer was still asking for my consent to search the car. I finally said, "Fine, do it." Arguing was getting me nowhere but upset and scared.

So the officer asked me to remove my daughter from the car. I went to my car and got my daughter out. She was terrified. She kept asking me, "What's going on, Mommy?" I told her it would be OK, just calm down. I stood with the other two officers for about 10 to 15 minutes

while the first officer searched my car. The first officer came back empty handed. He said thanks for cooperating (what a joke, I only said "no" to the search about seven or eight times!) and said I could be on my way. So I put my child back in the car and we drove away.

Now my question is, "Why was that routine?" Why did the officer even ask for a search of my car when all I was being stopped for was a traffic violation? Why did he pressure me into the search and why did he call a second unit before I even gave my consent?

Being accused of having illegal drugs or weapons in my car is not a good feeling. Having an officer pressure me in a search is not a good feeling. Having an officer go through my car while people are driving by and staring is not a good feeling. I am not trying to badmouth the officers who stopped me. I see what they deal with. I think they should have a right to protect themselves.

As a United States citizen, I have rights, too. I do not understand this "routine procedure" excuse. Is it routine to violate a person's Fourth Amendment right? We as the public need to ask ourselves, "When is enough enough?" These are our rights and our lives. We need to take control of our rights and stand up for them without the fear of being prosecuted.

Heather Secord is a Twin Falls mother, homemaker and worker.

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The members of the editorial board and writers of editorials are Stephen Hartgen, William Brock, Clark Walworth, Steve Crump, Kevin Richert and Dan Fields.

More facts, less sneering, please

To The Times-News editorial board: Once again in a sneering editorial, The Times-News has attacked Robert Huntley personally for his role in the lawsuit regarding school funding. Whatever the merits of the case regarding the Legislature's constitutional obligation to educate children, these attacks on Mr. Huntley, an honorable man, are unjustified. He is a lawyer advocating a cause.

There is a pattern with these editorials. There is a meanness, a lack of respect for others that we see commonly in the editorials of this newspaper.

Your unrelenting attack of a personal nature on teachers has been going on for years. Lawyers are referred to as "greedy," and their clients are "money hungry" in sweeping indictments of well-meaning people doing their jobs or trying to seek justice in the courts.

It is possible to discuss issues without this. A monopoly newspaper has the moral responsibility to use its power with respect, humanity and common decency.

KATHLEEN L. PEDERSEN
Twin Falls

And here's my dream ...

This letter is in response to Tris

Woodhead's letter on Jan. 31.

I also have a dream. A dream that the government and public school teachers would keep their hands off people's rights. That schools would stay the same, most importantly continue having three recesses, the same vacation days, breakfast eaten at home, the same hours in the day and school starting at age 5. We don't need teachers raising our kids! English should be the only language spoken at all schools. It is the main, standard language of our original country. Didn't our forefathers speak English when they landed here on the Mayflower? They weren't speaking Spanish, were they? I have nothing against Spanish-speaking people, but we all need to speak English in our all-American country. Standardized tests? Certainly! We should have them! Why not? We need to know a child's progress. What if kids aren't ready for the real world?

Kids need to have fun, but they also need to learn the basics to get through life.

KACIE BITZENGURG
Twin Falls

Way to go, Tigers!

I would like to congratulate the Richfield High School Tiger basketball

team for the effort and desire that it displayed while playing in the A-4 high school basketball finals.

About a month ago, I had the privilege of speaking to this group of young men about positive thinking and the desire to overcome fear. They have exhibited an unbelievable character throughout the year. I have never witnessed in the many years that I have observed high school sports a group of young men with such a commitment to their goals. The leadership they have received from their coach, Garr Ward, is an example to all high school sports. Garr Ward's approach to working with his team is one of the most impressive examples I have ever seen. He has taught them the positive way of doing things. His positive demeanor along the sideline as he coaches his team personifies the epitome that all coaches should desire to possess.

This young coach and his team have renewed my hope in our young people and, as they grow to manhood, what can be accomplished through a positive attitude.

I will never forget the aura inside the locker room at the state finals at the Idaho Center on March 4 as I walked into the locker room. These young men

are winners! They left everything that they had on the floor. Their desire to accomplish their goals is commendable, and many teams and schools can learn a lot about the quiet, day-to-day hard work, unity, setting goals with each other and the positive influence that their coach has on his team. I am looking forward to seeing these young men next year as they set their goal to return to the state playoffs.

The town of Richfield should be very proud of their coach and these young men for who they are. I know that I am!
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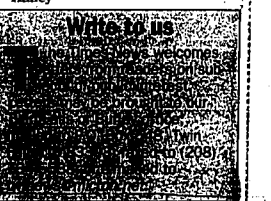
Pitch in for more winter fun

Snowmobilers, snowshoe enthusiasts, skate skiers, Nordic skiers and back-country skiers need to be informed about a new winter recreation-use map project in the Wood River Valley. Over the next few months, five skiers and five snowmobilers, appointed by their user groups, will meet regularly to work on a map that winter recreational users can live with. The hope is to achieve consensus about areas that should be reserved for skiing and snowshoeing only, for snowmobiling only, and areas that are suitable for all uses.

People who love to snowmobile, ski and snowshoe need to provide information to their representatives as the process moves forward. As progress is made, public meetings will be held giving the public an additional opportunity to comment. It is hoped that the map will be complete no later than October.

Let your thoughts be known to the committee by writing to either the Sawtooth Snowmobile Club, Box 572, Bellevue, ID 83313, or to the Nordic and Backcountry Skier's Alliance of Idaho, Box 3185, Sun Valley, ID 83353.

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By Bruce Tinsley

It's only sensible for us to preserve some wild lands for future generations

Many of the most significant advances in American conservation have come late in a president's term. In 1897, with 10 days left in office, Grover Cleveland more than doubled the federal Forest Reserves (later to become National Forests). Theodore Roosevelt, by the time his second term ended in 1909 had not only created the U.S. Forest Service but had quadrupled the size of the National Forests under its protection.

Now, in his last year in office, President Clinton has put forth his own vision: a major plan to preserve permanently the biological legacy of the roadless areas in the National Forests. If this plan is not finalized before he leaves office, Americans may wait many years for a comparable opportunity.

For decades the U.S. Forest Service has been mired in conflict between the economics of timber harvest and the ecological values of the forests. The din of partisan politics has all but buried the seismic shift in priorities that Americans have made for their public lands, with wilderness recreation and biodiversity preservation now at the top of the list. At the center of the conflict is one-third of the land in the National Forests that has never been opened to

PETER PINCHOT

exploitation by building roads. This conflict has begged for an act of genuine leadership to chart a new course for the National Forests. And that is what President Clinton and Mike Dombek, the chief of the Forest Service, have finally done. Last October they announced a plan that could protect 54 million acres of the National Forests from any new roads and further commercial and environmentally damaging uses.

These protected lands can become the nucleus of a national commitment to restore and protect the biological diversity of the American continent that will set a standard for the world.

While some may see this as a controversial idea, it is fully consistent with the original mission of the U.S. Forest Service, which was to protect as much of the nation's forests as possible for the long-term benefit of American citizens. At the beginning of the last century, as the West was being settled, forests from coast to coast were being logged and burned with little thought for the future. Realizing the inestimable value of what was being lost, President Roosevelt, working with Gifford Pinchot, the first

Forest Service chief, brought 192 million acres under federal ownership.

Today, there is a broad consensus among scientists that the Earth is in the midst of a serious decline in the diversity of plant and animal species. The greatest conservation challenge of this century will be to preserve as many species as we can even while human population and economic pressure on natural resources continue to soar.

The one strategy that most biologists believe can slow the loss of diversity is to set aside large areas of natural forest and grassland. These large wild lands can function as ark or safe havens for sustaining the whole complex of species that inhabit a region. By protecting almost half of the land in National Forests from further road building and logging, President Clinton will be taking a vital step toward creating a workable safety net for the continent's biodiversity.

It is no surprise that there is powerful political opposition to this plan, just as there was to establishing the National Forests one hundred years ago. The president's proposal is probably the most significant change in direction for the National Forests since the passage of the Wilderness Act of 1964.

As with any major act of leadership, this plan shakes up many

of the vested stakeholders, some of whom will protest bitterly, as they did in the time of President Roosevelt. However, that is no reason to sacrifice our profound national interest in protecting the forests, nor to ignore the need to preserve the biological treasures that our public forests hold.

A recent national poll by a prominent Republican pollster found that more than three-quarters of the Americans favor protecting the remaining roadless areas in the National Forests from logging, mining and road building. This position is neither partisan nor regional, but is shared by 62 percent of Republicans and two-thirds of Westerners.

Why? One reason may be that for the first time in history the majority of people live in isolation from anything resembling a natural landscape. A growing hunger to reconnect with nature propels millions of Americans out to public lands each year. But many Americans also sense that time is running out on nature. Either we protect our wild lands now, or we will lose much of the biological wealth of this continent.

President Clinton has given us a chance to act. We should give him the support he needs to finish this job before he leaves office.

America's first Forest Service chief, Gifford Pinchot. As director of the Milford Experimental Forest in northeastern Pennsylvania, he studies restoration forest and watershed biodiversity.

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LETTER

User fee suggestions

To the U.S. Forest Service and all concerned parties, here is a suggested solution regarding visitor use permits for public lands:

Since visitor use permits for our public lands have proved very unpopular and will continue to produce civil disobedience on the part of many citizens; since even the U.S. Department of Justice finds it a problem to enforce fines for violations; since close to 50 percent of the funds collected are being used for enforcement rather than trail maintenance; since a U.S. Forest Service employee acknowledged in an interview that the fees are double taxation, I suggest a solution to this problem:

1. Make the fees voluntary, then those who want to pay them and can afford to can still do so.
2. Make them tax deductible, then more people will be encouraged to pay them.
3. Put a fee collection box at each trailhead like the ones that are used at Redfish Lake and other campgrounds. The stub could be kept by the donor for tax purposes.
4. Leave written instructions

at each trailhead that explain to hikers what maintenance needs to be done and what is allowable and/or required regarding trail maintenance. If they have tools along, they can work on the trail or they will know what to bring the next time. Forest Service

employees can mark sections of trails they want attended to. This idea will certainly need some fine tuning but, hopefully, it will help bring this problem to a positive denouement.

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- Hired killer
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- Infamous
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- Salt's son
- "True Grit" star

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- Small combo
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- Female swan
- Discussions
- 31 Cooks with dry heat
- Porgy's love
- Name in error
- Nestlé's
- Farm building
- Enough foolish talk!
- Cheese choice
- Mala — WWI spy
- Dovoured
- List of candidates
- FDR's money?
- River through Florence
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- ABA member
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- Highland tongue
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Leo, stay close to home

IF MARCH 14 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You are inquisitive, adept at solving mathematical puzzles. You are attractive, dynamic and have an abundance of sex appeal. Gemini, Virgo Sagittarius persons play major roles in your life. You will travel in April and engage in activities enabling you to express inner feelings. July will be your most memorable month of 2000.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You undergo amazing experiences with pets, editors. Gain foothold on security. Move directly toward ultimate goal. Cancer native-plays role.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Diversify, keep plans flexible; make inquiries, demand answers. Some Sagittarius attempt to evade you instead of giving valid information.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You'll be involved in humorous situation; Taurus and Scorpio persons are in scenario. Moon position equates to finding lost articles, being given money.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Moon in your sign. Cycle high. Make first start emit aura of sensuality, sex appeal. Read, write, teach. You actually learn by sharing knowledge.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Stay close to familiar ground. Include family members in upcoming adventure. Those who say you are being too generous are themselves selfish. Libra represented.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Don't trip up yourself as result of deception. No one can really fool you —

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 Sydney Omarr

avoid self-deception. Be near water if possible. Pisces individual confides love.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): People say, "You finally have come down to Earth." This is your power-play day. Intense relationship could get too hot. Capricorn involved.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You are on precipice of added recognition, fame and fortune. People talk and write about you — Aries and Libra persons play instrumental roles. Plan journey.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Don't be held back by preconceived notions. There are more things in heaven and earth than might fit your philosophy. Break free. Express feelings.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Focus on direction, motivation, need for meditation. Make amends to loved one whom you recently unintentionally hurt. Make this your review day.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Investigate, plan ahead, give full play to intellectual curiosity. Be up to date in connection with fashion, investigation, publishing and writing.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Tear down, rebuild and rewrite. This could be your makeover day. Long-distance communication from Scorpio could be first step to journey overseas. Bon voyage!

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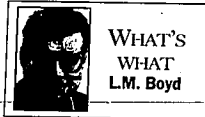
Few people call female felines catts

You'd think a successful fast-food chain would develop the know-how to set up a second successful fast-food chain with a different sort of fast food. But students of business say some have tried, but none has ever been able to do it.

George Washington gave away free rum in his electoral campaign. Interesting, no? Could this 2000 be the election year we return to the practices and principles of our forefathers? Doubt it.

Rearrange the letters in the name of Japan's present capital — Tokyo — and you get the letters in the name of Japan's former capital — Kyoto.

When bullfrogs fight, each tries with its forelimbs to hold the



WHAT'S WHAT L.M. Boyd

other underwater until the weaker gives up.

Everybody loves a kitten. Or a kite. Or lighthouse. Or the retiring Snoopy. You can kill time at stoplights, too, by listing these and more such objects of universal affection. Skip Santa, too obvious.

Q — Grown male cats are "Toms"? What do you call grown female cats?

A. "Catts." Or some people

call them that. A few people maybe. Hardly any people, actually.

The silent majority, it's suggested, is the world's earthworms — they are said to outweigh the world's people by 10 to one.

History records that the teetotaling Gen. Robert E. Lee offered drinks to all guests and served them buttermilk.

Temperatures reportedly drop to below freezing at some time during each of 223 days a year in Montana's Butte. More days than any other major city in the Lower 48, it's said.

Q. How do you account for the fact that so many ex-smokers chew tobacco?

A. They couldn't smoke freely aboard ship.

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On guard: A Heyburn school hires a fire watch after an alarm system fails. Page B3

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AROUND THE VALLEY

7F School Board mulls curriculum

TWIN FALLS - A change in Twin Falls High School's science curriculum, needed to meet new state graduation requirements called existing standards, will be among the issues considered today by the Twin Falls School Board.

Craig aides to discuss veterans' issues

TWIN FALLS - Anyone interested in discussing the 2001 budget proposal for veterans' programs can learn more Wednesday from U.S. Sen. Larry Craig's aides.

Gooding hospital honored for work with diabetics

GOODING - A Gooding hospital is doing a good job of teaching its patients to cope with diabetes, according to a national group.

Jerome Census 2000 committee to meet

JEROME - With the official U.S. Census Bureau count coming up on April 1, the city of Jerome's Census 2000 Committee will make its last-minute push to get the word out.

Jerome City Council member Marjorie Schmidt said 10,000 door hangers concerning the importance of a census count will be distributed to residents in Jerome on March 15 and March 25.

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Panel OKs forensic examiner measure

By Michael Journee Times-News writer

BOISE - The father of a murdered Rupert woman testified Monday before a Senate panel in favor of a measure that would give local authorities access to state-supported certified forensic medical examiners.

About House Bill 515

Margaret Henbest, D-Boise, says the county coroner system has changed very little since Idaho became a state, and that has led to a hodgepodge of inconsistent procedures.

Leo Ray, father of the well-liked school teacher Kacey Kay Ray, choked back emotion as he

appointed commission as state medical examiner, responsible for training coroners, developing a uniform protocol for conducting death investigations, performing autopsies and providing expert testimony.

talked about how his daughter's body had to lay undisturbed for an entire day in the desert 13

increase in fees for birth and death certificates, which Henbest said should generate about \$500,000 a year. Counties that now pay the entire cost of autopsies would be required to cover only half. And autopsies would be performed by the medical examiner, his designee or a qualified pathologist experienced in forensics.

miles south of Burley after it was discovered while investigators waited for the arrival of forensic

specialist who never came this January. After realizing that a thorough examination of an undisturbed crime scene wasn't going to happen, police finally relented. They took the slain woman's corpse to a morgue for examination, but the 30-year-old's family had to wait another five days before an out-of-state forensic pathologist could be flown in from Denver to conduct an autopsy.

Police are still waiting for Please see EXAMINER, Page B3

SWING IN TO SPRING



College of Southern Idaho freshman Adam Walker and his friends takes advantage of the nice weather on Monday afternoon and practice their golf swing around Diekes Lake.

TF rejects SIRCOMM request

By John T. Huddy Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The City Council shot down a request Monday from Twin Falls County officials to sign an agreement on some of the Idaho Regional Communications Center, questioning the necessity and wanting time to think it through.

The emergency system has come under fire recently from local officials, who have said some of the entities involved have not been paying for service.

Monday that the city has lived up to its end of the bargain, helping to pay the cost of SIRCOMM and questioned why the city would have to sign the agreement.

"We have paid for the services. From the tax-payers standpoint, why would we want to sign this?" Councilman Chris Talkington said. "Our money is good."

Some council members also questioned the legality of the agreement.

City Attorney Fritz Wonderlich said the memorandum is not legally binding, acting more as a good-faith agreement between the entities.

"Then what's the point, if it's not a contract just a gentleman's agreement?" Steele said.

Twin Falls County Commissioner Bill Brockman,

who was representing the county at Monday's City Council meeting, said the agreement is intended to motivate the entities that are not paying for SIRCOMM's service but still using the system, to start paying.

Either they will have to pay or lose the services, Brockman said. The council tabled a decision on the agreement until its next meeting.

In other business the City Council:

Moved one step closer towards approving its 2000-2001 year Strategic Plan, refined to nine objectives Monday.

Changes included the combination of objectives in the plan and rewording several objectives.

Objectives include everything from maintaining public safety

Jerome chief expects to be certified soon

By Jay Howser Times-News writer

JEROME - After a 1 1/2-year wait, Jerome might soon have a certified police chief on duty.

Police Chief Bill Reid said he will be completing the Idaho Peace Officer Standard Training Academy's conditions for certification in early April. Last month a POST advisory board had reinstated him through April 30.

In compliance with POST regulations, Reid will attend Law Week April 4 through 12. There he will go to a series of classes reviewing various aspects of his job, including laws of arrest, search and seizure protocol, traffic law, liquor law and "everything (a police officer) should know," Reid said.

POST requires officers to attend Law Week every five years to maintain certification, and that point was the source of confusion for Reid.

"The understanding was that seeing as how I went in '93 I didn't have to go again, and I'd just have to do 100 hours of managerial training," Reid said.

POST Academy Director Mike Becar said Reid would lose all police power if he is not certified by April 30, but he said he is confident Reid will be ready by then.

"I never felt he was trying to

circumvent the law or the certification issue," Becar said. "I think he's just misunderstood what he had to do. There's been no updates of the law in search and seizure and the laws of arrest that they require attending a current Law Week."

Police Commissioner Charlie Correll said he is pleased the issue will be resolved soon, pointing out that Reid is the only un-certified police officer in Jerome.

"I think it's important because he's the chief so he should be as qualified as everyone else," Correll said. "It's something that he needs to have. He's doing it, so I feel good about it."

Reid - who was hired in September 1998 under the condition that he become certified within one year, announced in January he had retained legal counsel to deal with the problem. But he said he is happy the issue can be solved outside of court.

"I don't want to sue anybody. They're not trying to sue me; they're only trying to help me," he said.

Reid's lack of certification drew sharp criticism from some, but he said he holds no grudges.

"That's politics. Like Harry S. Truman said, 'If you can't stand the heat, get out of the kitchen,'" Reid said.

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Mini-Cassia focuses in on the dairy issue

By Ruth Streeter Times-News writer

BURLEY - Feed prices and the demand for milk have fueled the Idaho dairy boom. And to some, it makes economic sense that new dairy construction move eastward, from top-producing Gooding, Jerome and Twin

Falls counties into Mini-Cassia. Richard Gerrard, the Cassia County extension agent, has said the county's dairy cow population could double in the next year. And the population could grow even more if a permit for a confined animal feeding operation is approved.

A public hearing will take

place Thursday to decide if a permit will be issued for Ida Gold farm, a proposed 9,280 animal-unit dairy. If approved, it would be the second largest dairy in the county, Gerrard said. It would be unaffected by a county moratorium on livestock operations with greater than 10,000 animal units.

Looking at the number of cattle per number of irrigated acres in Mini-Cassia there is still plenty of room for growth in the area, said Mary Patten, head of the Idaho Department of Agriculture's Dairy Bureau.

Patten predicts dairies will move into territory where acreage is readily available for

land application. It doesn't make economic sense not to, he says.

In 1997, the latest year for which irrigated acreage figures were available, Cassia County had 13,000 head of dairy cattle for 266,095 acres of irrigated land, compared with 60,500 head for 112,665 acres in Gooding

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Compiled from staff reports

IDAHO

Proposed trucking suit settlement further complicates budget plans

BOISE (AP) - Legislative leaders on Monday began sifting the options for settling the potentially huge damage claim the interstate trucking industry has successfully challenging the state's truck tax.

series of late-morning and mid-day meetings. Among them was the legality of using highway funds to pay off the damages and whether tapping the balance would leave the state short of cash needed to match federal highway money for major road projects.

"You are turning Idaho's veterans into welfare recipients solely for the purpose of funding other welfare/social programs," Idaho Veterans Affairs Commission Chairman Stanley Olson wrote Health and Welfare Director Karl Kurtz.

Legislature looks at prison spending

BOISE (AP) - Legislative budget writers made what some see as a major policy move on Monday when they voted to dramatically improve inmate assessments so that sentencing options and inmate programs can be more effectively focused on those most likely to benefit.

which should open in January. But the key, some officials believe, is more valid and accurate assessments of inmate propensity to commit new crimes or get their lives back on track.

additional psychosocial rehabilitation specialists to evaluate felons, was prompted by the analysis of the state prison system's program by Ed Letessa of the University of Cincinnati, one of the leading experts on correctional programming.

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LEGISLATIVE LOG

Table with 2 columns: Bill Number and Description. Bills include HB1342 (Transportation), HB1565 (Finance), SB1106 (State Affairs), etc.

Introduced in House HCR49 (State Affairs) - Authorizes an interim legislative committee to study taxation and approval processes used by county assessors.

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All the tables are full at the Paul Masonic Lodge bi-weekly pinochle party. Residents of Paul, Rupert, Heyburn and Burley play and socialize every other Friday evening. A committee consisting of Bonnie Ingram, Jean Weech and Jean Isak puts on the pie and cards.

Paul pounces on pinochle

By Corren Hart
Times-News correspondent

PAUL - Five years ago, some Eastern Star members discovered that some of their favorite card games were no longer operating.

"Some of the older folks really missed playing. So, we decided to start one," Jean Weech says.

She is part of a committee consisting of Bonnie Ingram and Jean Isak that sets up at least a dozen tables and hands out tally sheets every other Friday. Folks start gathering about 6 p.m. to nosh on pie and drink coffee. There's usually a sugar-free treat for people suffering from diabetes.

Want to play?

Need a friendly place to play pinochle? You're invited to the Eastern Star's card party. For further information, call Jean Weech at 438-5515. Organizers say they will set up as many tables as needed.

Even young adults join in the fun. There's plenty of good natured banter and teasing.

Then at 7 p.m., the play starts. "We give out prizes by drawing," says Isak, Eastern Star worthy matron. "We don't go by high scores. That way, everybody has a chance to win, even if they aren't the best card players." Genny Lang had a great time at a

recent card party. She says she had played bingos in California, but it wasn't nearly as much fun as the Paul group.

All the pies and cookies are donated. A free-will offering is taken at the door.

"Sometimes, there's money left over after we pay expenses," says Lucille Whistler, another Eastern Star member, "and that's given to the lodge. Some of it goes to the Shrine Hospital."

She also says they donate leftover pies to the Burley mission.

"It's just what we feel we owe the community," Weech says.

Times-News correspondent Corren Hart may be reached at the Mini-Cassia Bureau in Burley at 671-4042.



Twin Falls Bluebirds proudly wear their chapter attire. Couples are, left to right, Bob and Polly Eastman, Cornele and Donna Laning, John and Rosemary Nelson, Dick and Maxine Machamer and Marvin and Dorothy Custer.

Bluebirds prepare to fly

By Shelbie Doll
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - With spring just around the bend, the Twin Falls Bluebirds, a local chapter of the Good Sam International RV club, is excitedly anticipating the first outing of the year.

Although recreational outings are limited to a period between April to October, the Bluebirds keep themselves quite busy year around with monthly meetings and activities.

Members say they pride themselves on being good Samaritans, from which the Good Sam Club name originates. Locally, the Bluebirds support many needy causes, including bi-yearly cleanings of a two-mile stretch of highway under the Adopt a Highway Program and the Twin Falls RV Dump station under the Adopt a Park Program. They have an annual auction where members both provide and bid on the items to be sold. Proceeds go to local charities, such as the Salvation Army, a crisis center and the Valley House homeless shelter.

Their most revered project, however, is collecting aluminum cans to raise money for the Dogs for the Deaf program in which dogs are trained to assist people with auditory disabilities.

"We have collected enough aluminum cans in the last six years to donate \$1,600 to Dogs for the Deaf," club president Bob Eastman says.

During the travel months, it's no surprise to see Bluebird campers of up to 24 rigs, be they motor homes, fifth wheels or truck campers. The Bluebirds seek out

Interested?

If you are interested in joining, call Bob Eastman, club president, at 543-5135.

To donate aluminum cans to the Dogs for the Deaf program, call Dorothy Custer at 733-8218.

interesting destinations throughout the United States; the farthest to date, being Louisville, Kentucky.

"There isn't any place out of our reach," Eastman says.

The Bluebirds chapter always tries to include both state and international Good Sam Club Sambores in its schedules. The events are filled with entertainment, outstanding food and most important, socializing with the many close friends they have made through their participation in the various Good Sam activities, members say.

"They are wonderful people. It's just a big family," says Dorothy Custer, chairman of the Bluebird Dogs for the Deaf committee.

Whether their outings consist of only a few rigs or the entire caravan, the Bluebirds always explore different ways of entertaining themselves. Members find creative ways of cooking, used pitchforks to deep fry steaks, performed skits and participated in a variety of contests, including showing off their skills at throwing cow pies.

"We have a lot of fun in our group," says Maxine Machamer, secretary for the Bluebirds.

Jerome society receives Hunt Camp items

By Dixie Thomas Reale
Times-News correspondent

JEROME - Lights and other items from the Minidoka Japanese Relocation Center added up to a big boost for a Jerome County Historical Society's exhibit.

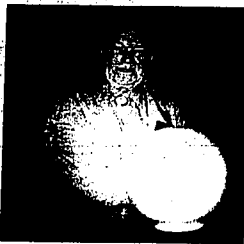
A relocation center display will be housed in the society's living history museum located on Highway 93 near the Petro truck stop.

James and Nancy Henley and Nancy's mother, Ina May Deleski, all of Twin Falls, donated several lights that were originally used at the relocation center just north of Eden during World War II. The Hunt center housed hundreds of American citizens of Japanese descent who had been removed from their homes and sent to relocation camps located in isolated areas of the western United States during the war.

A Times-News story in December about the historical society's moving camp barracks to the museum spurred the Henley donation, society members say. Jerome County donated the barracks.

James Henley made the presentation to society members Feb. 11 at the Jerome Library. Henley obtained the lights from the Jerome Nazarene Church where they had been stored in the attic for many years.

"The Nazarene church was remodeled in 1958 and a false ceiling was



Jerome County Historical President Francis Egbert holds a donated light from the Minidoka Relocation Center near Hunt where hundreds of Americans of Japanese descent were detained during World War II. The society has a growing display of items from the center.

installed," Henley says. "The lights were in the area above the false ceiling and others, unused, were stored in the church attic."

Henley says he didn't know how the church ended up with the lights but speculates they may have been purchased at an auction held to dispose of

Want to know more?

For further information on this or other historical society projects, call Francis Egbert, Jerome County Historical Society president, at 733-2936.

the camp inventory after the end of the World War II.

Francis Egbert, historical society president, says the news article also spurred other Hunt center donations. A fire extinguisher was donated by Boyd Warwood of Burley and a wash basin and pitcher was donated by Jackie Anderson of Twin Falls.

Egbert also displayed a news clipping from the May 1, 1942 Ogden, Utah Herald about relocation camps in general. Historical documents written by Jonathan Hughes, an employee at the Hunt camp, were donated and will be displayed at the museum.

Egbert says Jim Tarter of Twin Falls recently donated two smaller barracks and when the society finds enough funding to move the barracks, they will be included in the museum display of the relocation camp.

"These barracks may have been one bigger barracks originally and cut in two. They were probably used as a dining hall or kitchen because the flooring is different than other barracks," Egbert says. "It is designed for easy cleaning and there are double doors on one end."

Buhl presents funny version of 'Hamlet'

By Dare Jensen
Times-News correspondent

BUHL - The Bard receives a few barbs in a musical spoof presented this week by the Buhl High School Drama Club.

"Hamlet, Cha, Cha, Cha," by Monk Farris, is called "totally loony." David Blasiewicz is the director.

The production will start at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday at the Buhl Middle School Auditorium.

The music department will furnish the piano and flute accompaniment for the high school's second musical presentation.

"If you really want to know what Shakespeare was trying to say, you should see this spoof," says Melissa Lyons, music director. "This is the student's own interpretation as there are no Broadway or other productions to copy. It is just a fun presentation."

Cost is \$4 for adults and \$2 for students with an activity card.



Jason and Jack Hompland will be honored Friday for receiving their Boy Scout Eagle award.

Jerome Scouts earn Eagle recognition for their work

JEROME - Two brothers will receive Eagle honors.

Jason and Jack Hompland, sons of Gary and Mary Hompland of Jerome, recently earned their Eagle Scout badges.

Jason and Jack will be presented with their badges at 7 p.m. Friday at the Jerome United Methodist Church at 211 S. Buchanan in Jerome. Refreshments will follow the ceremony.

To earn an Eagle Scout badge, Boy Scouts must complete 21 merit badges and an Eagle project, their family says. Jason Hompland earned a total of 27

merit badges. His Eagle project was repairing and rebuilding six tables for the Jerome United Methodist Church.

He is a junior at Jerome High School and enjoys camping, fishing, hunting, track, snowboarding and Boy Scouts.

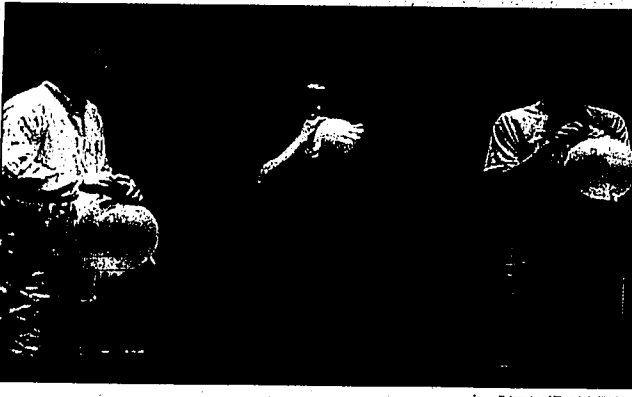
Jack Hompland earned a total of 22 merit badges. His Eagle project was redoing the basement kitchen floor in the Jerome United Methodist Church. He is a sophomore at Jerome High School and enjoys football, wrestling, snowboarding and Boy Scouts. The brothers are members of Troop 139, sponsored by the Jerome United Methodist Church and led by Carroll Come.



Left to right, Sam Garza and Tristan Griffin cross swords in rehearsal for 'Hamlet, Cha, Cha, Cha,' a Buhl High School Drama Club production this week.

COMMUNITY

EVERYDAY SCIENCE



Using balloons, Kevin L. Young, left, principal engineer of Sensor Products and former rocket scientist with NASA, explains the science behind robot propulsion to O'Leary students at a recent presentation. He had the help of 'budding scientists' Dave Emery and Katie Welch. Young also blasted a liter bottle rocket across the stage. He is dressed in a non-contamination suit used when building rockets.

Photo courtesy of O'Leary Junior High School

Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center

516 Eastland Drive
Dinner served from noon to 12:30 p.m.
Suggested donation is \$3 for non-seniors...

West End Senior Citizens Inc.

1010 Main St., Buhl
Noon meals served Monday through Friday. Buffet meal at 1 p.m. on Sunday.

Evening meal 5:30 p.m. Cards at 6 p.m. Friday Exercises 7 to 8 a.m., and at 10 a.m.

Saturday Community breakfast, 8-10 a.m., \$2.50 a plate, scones. Sunday All-you-can-eat buffet, fried chickens, at 1 p.m.

Filer Senior Haven

222 Main St., Filer
Dinners served at noon on Tuesday and Thursday and at 6 p.m. on Friday.

Ageless Senior Citizens Inc.

310 Main N., Kimberly
Activities Wednesday Blood pressure check. Thursday Cards at 1 p.m.

Activities

Library, Pool Room, and Bargain center with cards, games, color television, puzzles and movies. Open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

HEALTH FAIR



Above, fireman Brandon Frederick of the Twin Falls Fire Department directs Pluggie the fire hydrant robot, while fireman Douglas Moore looks on at a Head Start sponsored health fair at the National Guard Armory in Twin Falls. At right, Smokey Bear reminds participants at the health fair that only they can prevent forest fires.

YMCA, police conduct safe kids identification

TWIN FALLS - The Magic Valley Family YMCA and the Twin Falls Police Department will be conducting the McGruff Safe Kids Identification program from 1-4 p.m. Saturday at the YMCA...

General Store and Don and Clecio

General Store and Don and Clecio Cullen's Raffle participants must be present to win. The Hansen School District is also hosting spring parent/teacher conferences from 6-9 p.m. March 22-23.

Filer music programs plan Irish Stew Night

FILER - The public is invited to attend the first annual Irish Stew Night from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Friday at the Filer High School Cafeteria...

Sawtooth Elementary hosts annual carnival and auction

TWIN FALLS - Sawtooth Elementary School will be holding its annual carnival and auction from 5:30-8:30 p.m. Friday at its location at 1771 Stadium Blvd. in Twin Falls.

Surgical technology classes begin soon at college

TWIN FALLS - The College of Southern Idaho is currently accepting applications for surgical technology classes that will be held on the CSI campus in Twin Falls.

Dilettante Group 'Into the Woods' dinner event set

TWIN FALLS - The Dilettantes presents an opening night event for the musical, "Into the Woods," starting at 6 p.m. Friday at The Ballroom at 205 Shoshone St. N. in Twin Falls.

Hansen Elementary presents school carnival

HANSEN - Hansen Elementary will hold a school carnival from 5-8 p.m. Friday at its location at 219 Walnut St. W. in Hansen.

Technologists help prepare patients for surgery

Technologists help prepare patients for surgery and assist the surgeon with instruments and equipment during surgical procedures.

American Association of University Women meet

TWIN FALLS - The American Association of University Women, Twin Falls chapter, will meet for breakfast and to hear Lee Flinn at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Twin Falls Airport restaurant.

CSI computer classes include seniors program

TWIN FALLS - The College of Southern Idaho will offer Microsoft Office, Internet and Computers for Seniors courses at the Community Education Center on the CSI campus in Twin Falls.

Bevy of books brightens Buhl library

BUHL - The Buhl Public Library recently announced the arrival of many new books. New adult fiction titles include "Taming the Lion" by Suzanne Barclay, "When We Were Wolves" by Jon Hillman, "Day of Wrath" by Win Blevis, "The Industry of Souls" by Martin Booth...

Roberts, "Cowboy Justice" by Patricia Rosemore, "The Stroke of Midnight" by Jenna Ryan, "The Pilot's Wife" by Anita Shreve, "Robber Bride" by Deborah Simmons, "Anywhere But Here" by Mona Simpson, "Christmas Witness" by Aimee Thurlo, "Moonlight and You" by Linda Turner, "Girl in Hyacinth Blue" by Susan Vreeland, "Each Precious Hour" by Gayle Wilson, "Free Spirits" by Linda Randall Wisdom, "The Last True Cowboy" by Kathleen Eagle, "The Locket" by Richard Paul Evans, "The Bargain" by Mary Jo Putney, "Dazzled" by Ann Major, "Rage of Passion" by Diana Palmer, "Secrets of the Night" by Jo Beverly, "Into the Wild Wind" by Jane Goodger, "A Touch of Sin" by Susan Johnson, "Lady Be Good" by Susan Elizabeth Phillips, "All I Need Is You" by Johanna Lindsey, "The Rancher's Wife" by Lynda Trent, "Her Quilty Secret" by Anne Mather, "He's My Husband" by Lindsay Jackson, "Family Obsession" by Lisa Jackson, "The Seduction Game" by Sara Craven, "The Price of a Bride" by Michelle Reid, "Trust A Hero" by Marjorie Jensen, "The MacGregor Grooms" by Nora Roberts, "Breath of Scandal" by Sandra Brown, "One Perfect Rose" by Mary Jo Putney, "The Wildest Heart" by Rosemary Rogers, "Promise Texas" by Debbie Macomber, "Summer All Night" by Gerylun Dawson, "Shadow Watch" by Tom Clancy, "A Tale of Two Cities" by Charles Dickens, "Atlantis Found" by Steve Cassler, "The Attorney" by Steve Martini, "Secret Honor" by W.E.B. Griffin, "Girl With a Pearl Earring" by Tracy Chevalier, "Searching For Stardust" by Lorena McCourtney, "A Day in the Country," "An Illustrated Guide to Attracting Birds," "Fighting the Odds" by LeRoy Abby, "A Step-by-Step Book About Canaries" by Annmarie Barrie, "The Microwave Chinese Cookbook" by Lillian Chen, "Colorado Cache, A Goldmine of Recipes," "More Polariswell Adventures" by Nancy Cornell, "The Art of Happiness" by Dalai Lama, "Charles Dickens: An Authentic Account of his Life" by Martin Fido, "Combat Swimmer, Memoirs of a Navy SEAL" by Robert A. Gornly, "Step-by-Step Enameling" by William Harper, "Jewelry You Can Make," "Spinning Straw into Gold" by Ronnie Kaye, "Do Your Own Thing with Macramé" by Lara LaBarge, "Mama Sana, Bebe Sano" by Aliza A. Lifshitz, "House Craftsmanship" by Don McNair, "Country Blacksmithing" by Charles McEwen, "Nathaniel's History" by E.B. Potter, "American Country Living: Flowers and Gardens" by Barbara Randolph, "The End of the Dream" by Ann Rule, "Edge of the Sea" by Russell Sackett, "High Relief Wood Carving" by William J. Schnute, "Small-Space Gardens," "The Old Church Book" and "The Old House Book" both by Robin Langley Sommer and "Making Wood Signs" by Patrick E. Spellman.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

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BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Committee OKs proposed Boise Cascade merger

BOISE — Boise Cascade Corp. said Monday its proposal to acquire the minority public shares of Boise Cascade Office Products for \$16.50 per share in cash has been accepted by BOP's committee of independent directors.

The committee determined the price is fair to the minority public shareholders and will recommend BOP shareholders tender their shares pursuant to Boise Cascade's offer, Boise Cascade said.

Boise Cascade and BOP have signed an agreement and plan of merger, under which Boise Cascade will purchase all of the publicly held shares of BOP for \$16.50 per share in cash. Boise Cascade said it will commence a tender offer for the shares as soon as practical. Success of the offer will be contingent upon acquiring a majority of the shares not currently held by Boise Cascade.

Earth Search calls Arctic Circle sensing mission a big success

MCCALL — Earth Search Sciences Inc. Monday said it has reported significant results from what it believes to be the first commercial hyperspectral remote sensing mission over the Arctic Circle.

Larry Vance, chairman of Earth Search, said the images collected during the 1999 summer mission proved valuable to client Noranda Inc., and another large program is being contemplated in northern Canada this summer.

"We are pleased to have been the pioneering team on yet another mission that presents extreme geographical and logistical challenges," Vance said. "This project is another demonstration that our PROBE-1 instrument can go anywhere in the world and operate successfully."

The Earth Search team had a 30-day window, when much of the snow is melted, during which to complete the mission. Fuel had to be flown ahead into isolated, strategically placed airstrips in the far reaches of northern Canada.

With carefully located caches of fuel, the crew successfully flew the small, fixed-wing airplane, with PROBE-1 mounted in its fuselage, over the wilderness to Resolute Island to complete the project, Earth Search said.

J.R. Simplot Co. signs license agreement for e-supply chain

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. — Aspen Technology Inc., a leading supplier of manufacturing enterprise optimization and e-business solutions for the process industries, Monday said it has signed a supply chain software agreement with Boise-based agribusiness giant J.R. Simplot Co., which has numerous Magic Valley operations.

Under the agreement, the Aspen eSupply Chain Suite will optimize and automate the supply chain across all of Simplot's operations in North America, Massachusetts-based Aspen said. Enterprise-wide deployment of the Aspen Strategic Analyzer will link supply chain planning and optimization to strategic decision making and corporate financial statements.

Simplot is one of the nation's largest suppliers of potato products; the largest supplier of phosphate-based fertilizers in the American West; and a major provider of turf grass seed, agronomy services and risk management services for agribusiness.

"Creating a more intelligent supply chain will enable us to provide our customers with attractive cost savings and enhanced customer service," Steve Pochardt, director of management science for Simplot, said in an Aspen press release. "Increasing our responsiveness to customers while driving down supply chain costs are critical competitive issues in today's agribusiness industry, where margins are exceedingly tight."

Compiled from staff reports

Two media giants plan to join forces

Tribune Co. to take over Times Mirror

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Tribune Co. will acquire Times Mirror Co. in a \$6.46 billion deal that would create a multimedia empire encompassing the Los Angeles Times, the Chicago Tribune and 22 TV stations and end a family dynasty that dates to 1882.

The transaction would create the nation's third-largest newspaper company and mark the end of Times Mirror. Its papers would have a daily circulation of 3.6 million, operating in the nation's three largest cities and in Connecticut, Baltimore and south Florida. Only Gamnet Co. Inc. and Knight Ridder have bigger circulations.

The Chandler family, which has controlled the Times for 118 years and owns a majority of Times Mirror voting shares, initiated the negotiations and supports the deal, the paper said Monday.

Both papers announced the deal with front-page headlines.

"Tribune Company is the single best strategic partner for Times Mirror," said Warren B. Williamson, chairman of the Chandler Trust, which represents the family's interest in the company.

Combined, the company would have 11 daily newspapers, 22 television stations, magazines such as Popular Science, and four radio stations. Its Internet sites are expected to earn \$55 million in 2000. Tribune also owns the Chicago Cubs.

The deal, approved by Times Mirror directors late Sunday, still must be approved by shareholders.

"Our company will be the best positioned local market media company for the future," said John W. Madigan, Tribune Co.'s chairman, president and chief executive. "National scale and local depth across media will drive our top line growth."

News of the agreement, which values Times Mirror shares at twice their recent price, sent its stock soaring on the New York Stock Exchange.

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Federal Communications Commission approval isn't required, even though Tribune Co. would gain Times Mirror newspapers in cities where it already operates television stations, the companies said.

Under FCC policy, merging media companies can own a newspaper and television station in the same city until the next license renewal date. Tribune-owned stations in Los Angeles and Hartford, Conn. — the home of Times Mirror's The Hartford Courant, aren't up for renewal until 2006. Tribune Co.'s station in New York, where Times Mirror operates Newsday, is up for renewal in 2007.

"If the cross-ownership rule has not been modified by that time, a waiver would be needed," the companies said in a statement.

Because the deal didn't involve competitive bidding for Times Mirror, it includes a provision under which other bidders have 20 days to top the Tribune Co.'s offer, the Times said.

Under the takeover, Times Mirror shareholders will have a choice of taking \$95 per share from Tribune Co. or exchanging each of their Times Mirror shares for 2.5 shares of Tribune Co. stock. The Tribune Co. also will assume about \$1.4 billion in debt, the Times reported.

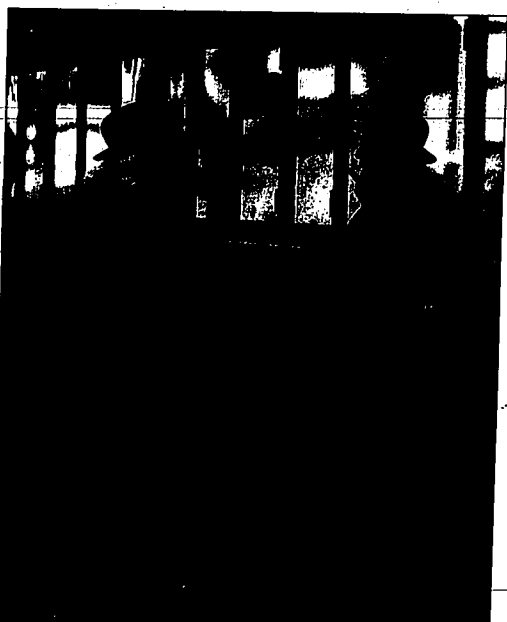
Tribune Co. would control operations from Chicago, with Madigan as chief.

Times employees will be offered severance packages "in the event positions are eliminated in the first year of Tribune's ownership," Times Publisher Kathryn M. Downing said in a written message given to employees arriving for work.

More than 60 million people read Times Mirror magazines, including Field & Stream, Popular Science, GOLF Magazine, Outdoor Life, Ski Magazine and SKATEBOARDING.

The Tribune company reported 1999 revenues of \$3.2 billion and has about 13,400 employees. Tribune Broadcasting owns and operates 22 major market television stations and reaches more than 75 percent of U.S. television households.

The company also owns and operates four radio stations, including three sta-



An onlooker peruses old editions of the Los Angeles Times in a showcase outside the paper's headquarters in downtown Los Angeles Monday. The acquisition of Times Mirror Co. by Tribune Co. was headlined on both newspapers' front pages.

tions in Denver and WGN-AM in Chicago. Tribune Entertainment, a subsidiary, develops and distributes TV programming.

Investment firm pulls recommendation of merger

Business briefs of local interest

Zions' directors to take steps to complete the deal.

First Security officials said there is no basis for the withdrawal of the fairness opinion by Goldman Sachs and that there has been "no material adverse effect under the terms of the merger agreement." First Security is paying Goldman Sachs \$15 million for its services.

Earlier this month First Security announced its first-quarter earnings would be as much as 27 percent below the previous quarter. The two banks have shed some \$2.9 billion in stock value since that announcement.

Goldman Sachs didn't say why it had changed its opinion on the deal, but analysts think it is continuing fallout from First Security's earnings' announcement.

Aqua Vie adds Capital Beverage as New York distributor

KETCHUM — Aqua Vie Beverage Corp. said Monday it has reached an agreement with Capital Beverage Corp. for distribution of Aqua Vie products throughout New York's five boroughs, Westchester and Long Island. Founded in 1996, Capital distributes

to about 3,500 retail outlets throughout the New York metropolitan area and Westchester County. Its distribution network encompasses supermarkets, groceries, convenience stores and "CV" license outlets, Ketchum-based Aqua Vie said.

Initial deliveries under the agreement are anticipated during the latter part of March.

Tandy seeks new name as RadioShack Corp.

FORT WORTH, Texas — Tandy Corp., which grew from a small leather goods company into a retail giant under Charles Tandy, wants to retire its venerable corporate name in favor of its modern brand identity: the RadioShack Corp.

"The reason we want to change our name is simple: Tandy is Radio Shack and Radio Shack is Tandy," said Kay Jackson, a spokeswoman for the Fort Worth company with a Radio Shack store in Twin Falls and several other Magic Valley dealers.

Tandy Corp. disclosed its plan in a recent proxy filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Shareholders will vote on the proposal at an annual meeting in May, Jackson said the company has been considering the change for the past year.

Bon Marche's parent gets thrift charter for credit card subsidiary

WASHINGTON — Federated Department Stores, parent company of The Bon Marche, Macy's and Bloomingdale's, received regulatory approval to convert its credit card subsidiary into a thrift named FDS Bank.

The thrift will concentrate primarily on credit cards but expects to expand into mortgage and home equity lending at some point in the future, according to the government agency that granted the charter.

Federated operates more than 400 department stores in 33 states — including a Bon Marche in the Magic Valley Mall — with annual sales of nearly \$18 billion, making it one of the leading U.S. retail chains. The company also operates several catalog and electronic commerce subsidiaries.

As a condition for regulatory approval, FDR Corp., the parent of the Fidelity family of mutual funds, has agreed to keep its investment in Federated below 25 percent of its outstanding shares. An investment above that threshold is viewed by banking regulators as a controlling investment and would require another set of regulatory applications.

— compiled from staff and wire reports

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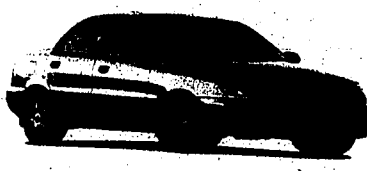


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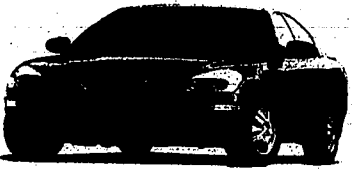


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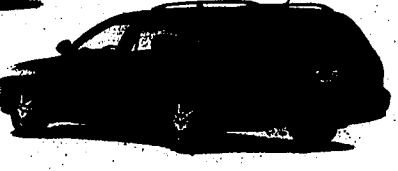


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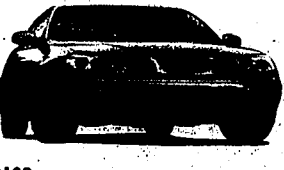


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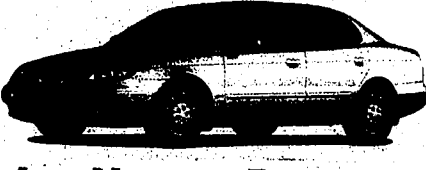


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Section D

NCAA meet goes uncovered by TV networks

With all the hullabaloo about the men's and women's NCAA basketball tournaments going on, it's no surprise that national networks completely ignored a great story - or more - in Fayetteville, Ark., last weekend.

The NCAA National Track and Field Championships were contested, but unless you're a faithful follower of the sport, you'd have never known that one of the best meets of the entire year came and went with only a highlight reel mention.

It's true. The defending champion Arkansas Razorbacks had another chance to show off their recently completed Tyson Stadium, the site of this year's gala, which included the following bright spots:

- Three former Idaho high school runners in the men's 800 meters: Timothy Dunne (Missouri), Nathan Renner (Idaho State) and Bryce Knight (Idaho State).

Knight finished sixth in 1:47.22, while Dunne and Renner failed to make the finals.

ON THE RUN: Vin Cappelletto

This event featured

1999 indoor and outdoor champ Derrick Peterson of Missouri, who renewed his battle with Jeff Strutzel of UCLA, Roman Oravec of SMU and Trinity Gray of Brown. Strutzel's 1:46.57 was good enough to edge Peterson's 1:46.85, while Oravec finished in 1:47.23 and Gray was fourth in 1:47.50. Last indoor season following Peterson were Gray in second, Strutzel third and Oravec was fifth and eighth. It went Peterson, Oravec and Gray.

My money's on Peterson to repeat in May.

Arkansas' men won with 59.50, only followed by Stanford (52) and SMU (38). Idaho was the top regional team in 19th, while Weber State was 24th. The UCLA women placed first with 29 points, while BYU was an impressive second (22) and S. Carolina was third (21). Heavily favored Texas faded badly, finishing a distant 18th.

The qualifying rounds for the 400 saw Baylor's Brandon Douts set a college record in 45.60. This time it is especially impressive considering Arkansas' 200-meter track is bankless. He ended up winning the event in 45.79.

Season underway

The Magic Valley's first meet of the year was contested last Friday at Twin Falls High School. It was an abnormally balmy March afternoon with little wind and the pleasures of sunshine. Action comes this week with the following meets:

- Thursday: Oakley Wood River, Glenns Ferry at Buhl, 1 p.m.; Valley, Kimberly, Filer; Snake River, Declo at Gooding, 2:30 p.m.
- Friday: Bonneville, Highland, Skyline at Burley, 8:30 p.m.; Hillcrest and Madison at Minico, 3:30; Century, Blackfoot, who will all at Jerome, 3:30 p.m.; Pocatello, Rigby at Twin Falls, 3:30 p.m.
- Saturday: CSI at UNLV Open, Las Vegas.

The Magic Valley Top 5

Since just about every Magic Valley team will be in action this week, we'll be able to bring you the Magic Valley Top 5 list hopefully by next week. As is customary, we'll base the list on results as they are provided to The Times-News. Coaches: If your team travels out of town, please phone in results and/or fax them to us so we can create the most comprehensive list possible. Results may also be e-mailed to me (see address below).

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East, West split all-star games

By John Derr
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Although the East and West all-stars team each earned victories Monday night, the games were very similar.

The teams that started with a full roster broke out to a big lead then held on for the victory down the stretch. The teams that had just nine players saw another one go down with an injury and the night end with a loss.

In the opener it was the West girls coming away with the 70-60 victory, while in the nightcap the East boys hit the century mark on their way to a 100-96 win.

The action was fast-paced, and all the players made it into the scoring column.

The games - the second all-star battle in as many weeks - featured the top 10 players from the east and the west from all four classifications. Twin Falls and Highway 93 were the boundaries for separating the teams that were chosen by the District IV Coaches Association. The 40-minute games - matched what some of the players will get in college and was split into four 10-minute quarters.

Girls: West 70, East 60

The West girls built a 20-point advantage and withheld a strong East comeback in the final minutes to come out on top.

"It was fun. It was a good group of plays and the game was more competitive," said Sun Valley-Ketchum Community School's Lindsey Woodcock, who led all scorers with 13 points.

The East team started one player short as Mimico's Amber Rogers was a no-show. Considering that most of the players had competed just once in the last month, the turnovers equaled the points early. Things got going in the second quarter as the West, behind three-pointers from Rebecca Torstved and Susi Barroso, took the lead for good.

A scary moment occurred when just under two minutes left in the half, Ruth Rivera, Trinity Hitt got tangled with another player, fell backward and hit her head hard on the floor. After a few minutes a woody Hitt was assisted off the floor and did not return to the game.

Cryta Warner kept the action at a fast-paced, pushing the ball up the court and frustrating the East defense with her cross-over moves. The Jerome senior finished with eight points and had a handful of assists.

"It was a good experience playing with people you competed with all year. Also you get to put the jersey on one more time," said Warner.

With the victory in hand West coach Kim Krumm sent in Twin Falls post Sarah Wilkin with a

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One more time



Decio's Brandi Methews, representing the East squad, reaches for the rebound against Twin Falls High School's Sarah Wilkin of the West during the Fourth District Senior All-Star basketball game Monday night at Twin Falls High School. The West girls prevailed 70-60, while the East boys won 100-96.

Tourney raises funds for young golfers

By Matt Peterson
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Low scores won the tournament, but student-athletes were the true winners Monday as 120 golfers teed it up at Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course for the 26th Annual Snake River Chapter Professional Golf Association Scholarship Pro Am in memory of Larry Malone.

Boise's Jim Empey and Pocatello's Bobby Howell tied for first place in the professional division, both carding a 2-under par 66. Jackson's Gene Frank won the professional senior division with a 69.

The tournament raised approximately \$10,000 in scholarship money to be awarded in Malone's memory to deserving student-athletes this June.

Malone, a talented local golfer, played on back-to-back state championship teams at Twin Falls High School and played collegiately at both Odessa College in Odessa, Texas, and Utah's Weber State University before succumbing to cancer in 1974 at the age of 22.

"It just went off perfect today," said Webb Malone, Larry's father. "Everybody was really happy. They know what we're doing this for, and (hopefully), they'll be back next year."

Nampa's Everett Grimes won the championship flight gross title with a 68, while Tony Mannen and Bob Roberts, both of Twin Falls, tied for first place in the championship flight net competition with 3-under 65s. Mannen also recorded a hole-in-one, aching the 186-yard, 17th hole with a 5-wood.

"I thought the tournament was a great success," said Muni golf professional Mike Hamblin. "We couldn't have asked for a better turnout... (And) it's all about the kids."

This year's tournament raised just about \$2,000 more than last year's. In 25 years, the event has raised \$116,000 in scholarships for 115 junior golfers. Tournament organizers said they expect to award 10 more scholarships this year.

"I want the (players and sponsors) to know we appreciate the years they've spent supporting us," Malone said.

Snake River Chapter PGA Scholarship Pro Am results:
Twin Falls
Top 20:
1. Steve Jones, 67
2. Dave Cooper, 67
3. Tom Empey, 67
4. Gene Frank, 67
5. Bob Roberts, 67
6. Jim Empey, 67
7. Larry Malone, 67
8. Mark Durr, 67
9. Gene Frank, 67
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AP ALL-AMERICA TEAM



Martin, Fizer highlight AP All-America team

The Associated Press

Cincinnati center Kenyon Martin, whose broken leg ended his season and caused some controversy with the NCAA tournament selection process, and Iowa State forward Marcus Fizer got the most votes Monday for the AP All-America basketball team.

Also selected to the first team were Indiana guard A.J. Guyton, Texas center Chris Mihm and Notre Dame forward Troy Murphy. Martin, just one vote shy of being a unanimous selection, also was the conference USA player of the year after averaging 18.9 points, 9.7 rebounds and 3.4 blocked shots. The 6-foot-8 senior

Tarkanian returns - D2

broke his leg three minutes into the Bearcats' tournament quarter-final matchup with Saint Louis. The loss caused Cincinnati, ranked No. 1 at the time, to be selected as second seed for the NCAA tournament. "I'm very happy to receive this honor," said Martin, a three-time defensive player of the year in the conference. "It's one that I have to share with my coaches and teammates. They've done so much for me and my career and they have been so supportive with my injury."

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Same old story: Stockton and Malone lead Jazz to another win

The Associated Press

CHICAGO - Karl Malone and John Stockton just keep on playing and the Utah Jazz just keep on winning.

More NBA - D2

Malone and Stockton, making their first appearances at the United Center since the 1998 NBA Finals, led Utah's big third-quarter run Monday night as the Jazz beat the punchless Chicago Bulls 87-79 for their eighth straight win.

Malone scored 31 points and had 13 rebounds, while his longtime running mate Stockton added 19 points with six steals and nine assists.

Elton Brand led the Bulls, who have lost 11 of 12, with 26 points and 12 rebounds.

Utah coach Jerry Sloan, whose No. 4 judges in the rafters at the United Center as a tribute to his gritty career with the Bulls, passed Larry Brown for 10th place in career coaching victories with his 718th.

Hersey Hawkins gave the Bulls a 10-point lead when he hit a 3-pointer to open the second half. But Malone and Stockton then went to work, scoring 10 points each in a 23-6 run, the final point

Revenge in Chicago

Notes: In their previous appearance at the United Center nearly two years ago, the Jazz won Game 5 of the NBA Finals and forced a return trip to Salt Lake City, where the Bulls captured Game 6 and their sixth title. Much has changed since for the Bulls, not much for the Jazz. ... Floyd said he is expecting a ruling on the status of guard John Starks some time Tuesday. Starks is home in Tulsa, swalling an arbitrator's ruling on whether he can forfeit the rest of his salary (about \$300,000), leave the Bulls and join a playoff contender. Floyd said if Starks does have to stay with the Bulls, his playing time in the final weeks would be limited as the team looks at its younger players. Starks hasn't played the last nine games.

The Associated Press

coming on a free throw after a technical foul on Chicago coach Ben Floyd. With Brand on the bench after picking up his fourth foul, the Bulls managed just one basket in the final five minutes of the quarter and trailed 64-59 heading into the fourth. The Bulls pulled within 70-66 in the final quarter, but Utah scored 13 of its last 17 points from the line.

What's next for Marino?

Knight Rider News Service

DAVIDE Fla. - Marvin Demoff said Dan Marino never solicited advice from him on whether to retire.

Marino, though, probably would be more than happy to take agent's advice on how to prepare for life after football.

"I think one of the important things is that football has filled so much of his life that there will be a void," Demoff said Monday at Marino's retirement ceremony.

"You have to be honest with you on how you fill that space. The urge is to rush out and fill it immediately, and that's not necessarily the best decision. From what I've seen, the people who take time and make more deliberate decisions, they're the more lasting ones. Danny has a

Marino's stats - D3
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Dan Marino

SPORTS

SPORTS IN BRIEF

MV Youth Baseball starts registration today

TWIN FALLS - The Magic Valley Babe Ruth Baseball League will be registering players for the 2000 season today from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Harmon Park Recreation Building.
Cost is \$55 per player. A parent must sign a release form and submit a copy of the player's birth certificate for league records. The league is open to players 13 to 18 years of age, born between Aug. 1, 1981, and July 31, 1987. For more details, call Gary Leavitt at 733-5532 or Linda Brittain at 734-2633.

Rupert Country Club tees off toumney season

RUPERT - The Rupert Country Club hosts a five-person scramble Saturday to kick off its golf season.
The toumney is open to all men and women with IGA handicaps, and all players can form their own teams. Teams will be flighted by the lowest handicap of the particular team.
Entry fees are \$35 per person or \$175 per team. Tee times are available on a first-come basis beginning at 9 a.m. and ending at 1:30 p.m. Send entries to Bob Lantz at the Rupert CC or call 436-9162.

Blue Devils earn top spot in final AP poll

Duke, Michigan State, Stanford and Arizona, the No. 1 seeds in the NCAA tournament, held the top four spots Monday in the final Associated Press college basketball poll of the season.
The Blue Devils (27-4) jumped from third to No. 1, the second straight season they finished the season on top of the rankings. It is the eighth season in a row, of coach Mike Krzyzewski's 19 at Duke that the Blue Devils were ranked No. 1 at some point during the season.
Stanford was No. 1 on three ballots, one more than Arizona.

UConn women complete regular season No. 1

Through all the upsets, routs and buzzer-beaters in this college basketball season, there was one constant: Connecticut women were No. 1.
And that's where they were Monday in The Associated Press final women's poll - the same spot they were in when the season started.
It was just the fourth time since the poll started in 1976-77 that a team was ranked No. 1 every week.
Connecticut (39-1) earned 43 of a possible 44 first-place votes from a national media panel and goes into the NCAA tournament as the No. 1 seed in the East Regional.

Naimsmith selects players of the year

ATLANTA - Cincinnati's Kenyon Martin, who will miss the NCAA tournament with a broken leg, and Tennessee's Tamika Catchings are the Atlanta Trophy League's Naimsmith players of the year.
Stanford men's coach Mike Montgomery and Connecticut women's coach Geno Auriemma are the coaches of the year.
The winners were chosen by a group of basketball coaches, journalists and administrators.

Irish hire new AD to "take it up a notch"

SOUTH BEND, Ind. - Notre Dame hired Arizona State athletic director Kevin White on Monday to help clean up its once pristine image, tarnished by the school's first major NCAA violation last year.
"Notre Dame has set the bar very high for a long time," White said. "I think we need to keep the bar set where it's at and perhaps take it up a notch."
White will be the first Notre Dame athletic director to report directly to the university president in a shakeup of the department prompted by the school's first NCAA probation. That resulted from the relationship between a booster and more than a dozen players.

Agassi upset by Hicham Arazzi at Indian Wells

INDIAN WELLS, Calif. - His winning ways left on the other side of the world, Andre Agassi was silenced Monday by Hicham Arazzi of Morocco in the first round of the Tennis Masters Series-Indian Wells.
After falling to Arazzi 6-3, 3-6, 6-3, Agassi left the new Indian Wells Tennis Garden site, skipping a mandatory post-match news conference. Third-seeded Yevgeny Kafelnikov had no such problems as he romped past Tom Spadea 6-1, 6-1 Monday.
In women's fourth-round matches in the hardcourt tournament, winners were top-seeded Martina Hingis, No. 2 Lindsay Davenport, No. 3 Serena Williams, No. 5 Mary Pierce, No. 6 Conchita Martina and No. 7 Monica Seles.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

Lakers continue winning streak

DENVER (AP) - The Los Angeles Lakers, coming off a narrow victory 24 hours earlier, ran their winning streak to 19 games as they held off the Denver Nuggets 118-108 Monday night.

Shaquille O'Neal had 40 points, nine rebounds and seven assists for the Lakers, whose run is the third-best in NBA history and the longest since the Chicago Bulls had an 18-game winning streak end against Denver on Feb. 4, 1996.

Chicago went on to win the NBA title that season.
With a victory Thursday night in Washington, Los Angeles can tie the 1971-72 Milwaukee Bucks for the second-longest streak. The 1971-72 Lakers hold the league record of 33 straight.
The Nuggets, who have lost six in a row, made things interesting as NBA commissioner David Stern looked on. Denver trailed by 11 with 4:05 remaining and scored the next six points to close to 107-102 with 2:33 left. But it was too much O'Neal down the stretch.

Pistons 124, Celtics 115

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. - Jerry Stackhouse scored 36 points as Detroit ended Boston's four-game winning streak.
Lindsey Hunter added 25 points for Detroit, which improved to 3-1 under interim



Utah's Jeff Homacek, left, and Chicago's Dickie Stimpkins try to control the ball in the first quarter of Monday's game in Chicago.

coach George Irvine.
Detroit led 72-47 at intermission, the most points for the

Pistons in a half since April 1991. Paul Pierce led Boston with a career-best 38 points.

Edmonton ends four-game skid, blanks Atlanta

ATLANTA (AP) - Ryan Smyth scored all three goals in the third period and Tommy Salo got his second shutout of the season as the Edmonton Oilers ended a four-game losing streak, 3-0 over the reeling Atlanta Thrashers on Monday night.
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NHL
Devils 3, Penguins 2
PITTSBURGH - The Devils, in a scoring slump for more than a month, twice opened two-goal leads, winning on Bobby Holik's goal off a Penguins player's skate.
New Jersey had scored more than two goals only twice in 12

games before taking a 3-1 lead in the second period.
Holik scored the winner at 17:36 of the second, stealing the puck near the blue line and shooting it off Penguins forward Ian Moran's blade as Moran skated across the crease.
Stars 4, Rangers 3
NEW YORK - Jamie Langenbrunner had two goals

Some coaches are loud and clear. Ditch the mike

NEW YORK (AP) - The NBA kept its word Monday and fined the Seattle SuperSonics and Toronto Raptors \$100,000 each after their coaches refused to wear microphones for an NBC telecast.
New York Knicks coach Jeff Van Gundy said he was still uncertain whether he'd abide by the league's enforcement of the policy and agree to wear a microphone for Tuesday night's Knicks-Rockets game. "I've already stated my objections," Van Gundy said. "Whether I wear it or not is basically irrelevant."

But many were keeping an eye on Van Gundy for the next move in a dispute that has placed several high-profile coaches at odds with the league. Teams, not the individual coaches, are responsible for paying the fines, although Toronto's Butch Carter and Seattle's Paul Westphal said they would wear the mics if the money went to their own pockets.
Van Gundy has been one of the more vocal critics. He is scheduled to be fined twice in the next five days - Tuesday against Houston and Sunday against the Los Angeles Lakers. He said he would speak with Knicks president George Steinbrenner and general manager Scott Layden before Tuesday night's game.
If a coach refuses to be miked, the fine will increase each time he balks.

Shark alert: Tark swims in NCAA waters once again

FRESNO, Calif. (AP) - Nine years later, Jerry Tarkanian returned to the NCAA tournament he once ruled. It's been a long journey back.
This is the coach who accused the NCAA of "enforcement atrocities." This is the coach the NCAA tried in vain to suspend. This is the coach whose battles with the NCAA could fill law journals.
Now he leads Fresno State into a first-round game Thursday against Wisconsin.
He insisted Monday there's no rancor, just a sense of satisfaction. "There's no vindication in getting back to the tournament. It's a big honor for the university," said Tarkanian, a 1955 graduate of Fresno State. "This is my school. This is my alma mater."
The 69-year-old coach is a few pounds heavier, and chews on his neatly folded white towels a bit less

than when he took UNLV to the national championship in 1989-90. His Runnin' Rebels returned to the Final Four in 1990-91, and went 26-2 the following season. But by then UNLV was in NCAA trouble again, and Tarkanian was forced to resign after publication of photos showing three former players in a hot tub with a convicted sports fixer.
The last few years have been an odyssey for Tarkanian, who will be making his 17th NCAA tournament appearance. He ranks sixth with 37 NCAA tournament victories.
Tarkanian had a short stint as coach of the San Antonio Spurs, promising never to coach again after getting fired just 20 games into the 1992-93 season. Much of his time was spent contesting the NCAA in cases reaching as high as the Supreme Court.

In 1995, he returned to coaching. He took the job at Fresno State and pledged to revive a program with just two winning seasons in the previous decade.
The Bulldogs have won at least 20 games in each of Tarkanian's five seasons, but were overlooked by the NCAA tournament selection committee each of the previous four years. This time, with a 24-9 record and a Western Athletic Conference tournament championship, the Bulldogs were impossible to ignore.
Though Fresno State fans accused the NCAA of conspiring to keep Tarkanian out of the tournament in previous four seasons, the coach felt the omissions were justified.
"The last four years, we were very close but we never won the game we needed to get in," he said. "I didn't feel we deserved to

get in any of those years."
This season, Fresno State features the nation's leading scorer, Courtney Alexander, and one of its top rebounders, Larry Alexander. Alexander, who transferred from Virginia after being convicted of hitting, choking and kicking his girlfriend, averaged 25.3 points per game this season.
The 6-foot-6 shooting guard returned for his senior year, turning down a probable NBA first-round selection. He'll be playing in the NCAA tournament for the first time since Virginia lost in the first round to Iowa when he was a sophomore.

Coaching carousel: Nebraska fires Nee while Kansas State hires Wooldridge

The Associated Press
Hours after the conference tournaments and regular-season games ended, the college basketball hiring and firing season began in earnest.
On Monday, Danny Nee was fired as Nebraska's coach after his team's worst finish in 10 years. Air Force said Reggie Minton's contract won't be renewed. Tom Abatemarco resigned as coach of Sacramento State, as did Marcos "Shakey" Rodriguez at Florida International.
These moves came not long after Oregon State fired Eddie Payne.
Hired Monday by Kansas State was Chicago Bulls assistant Jim Wooldridge. John Calipari, former coach at Louisiana Tech and of the New Jersey Nets, was hired by Memphis on Sunday.
Nee's termination is effective

March 31 and the university will pay about \$400,000 to buy out the remaining three years on his contract.
Nee was Nebraska's winningest coach with a 254-189 record in 14 active Big 12 coach. But the Huskers (11-19) lost every conference road game this season, then lost to Baylor in the first round of the conference tournament.
Another Big 12 team, the Kansas State Wildcats, filled the opening created by the resignation last week of Tom Asbury.
Wooldridge is a former head coach at Louisiana Tech and Southwest Texas. Sources said Kansas State offered Wooldridge a five-year deal in the range of \$500,000 per year, which would make him one of the top-paid head coaches in the Big 12. Asbury was 85-88 in six seasons

for K-State.
Abatemarco resigned in a letter to Sacramento State letterhead, received by news organizations Monday. Abatemarco wrote that "due to personal reasons, I will be unable to continue as head basketball coach, and am, therefore, resigning effective immediately."
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Abatemarco reportedly had

been under pressure because of strained relationships with some of his players, 14 of which left the program during Abatemarco's two-year tenure. The Hornets were 9-18 this season.
Also resigning for personal reasons was Rodriguez, the only winning coach in Florida International men's basketball history.
During his tenure, FIU moved from an RPI ranking of 301 out of 318 Division I programs to No. 163. He posted a five-season record of 79-66 and was 16-14 this season.
Oregon State was 13-16 this season, finishing Payne's five-year stint as coach. His record in Corvallis was 52-88, and his win-

ning percentage of .371 was the worst for an Oregon State coach in 80 years.
Although Minton was the co-coach of the year in the Mountain West, his Air Force team was only 8-20.

PET OF THE WEEK



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mission - to hit a three-pointer.
"My goal all year was to make up a 3-pointer. The coach said if we were up he would let me try. It was fun," said Wilkins, who finished the game with 11 points, but just missed the three-point attempt.

"Kamri Peck, from Carey, led the East team with 10 points while Randall Matthews from Dodo finished with nine.
"Tyler's Mandi Turner got some razzing from her teammates as

she picked up her fifth foul late in the game, leaving with five points.
"West went to the inside more and missed the ball up the court," said Decio's Jesse Meyer, who finished with a game-high 17 points.
"It was fun to see what the other players can do. There is no pressure, just have fun."

Jervane's Brett Cook was forced to watch from the bench with an injury as the West team opened the game with nine players.
Wood River's James Cordes got the East running game going, dishing out six assists and tossing

11 points.
"That was a lot of fun. It was a good game and we ran the break well," said Cordes.
The West had the lead, jumping front by as many as five points. Flier's Brad Walker banked in a three-pointer for a 14-11 advantage. The East struck back the lead for good at the end of the first quarter with Dullin Momo ralling a pair from downtown. The East team would finish the night with 13 buckets from beyond the arc.

Twin Falls' Ben Thompson scored five points early for the West squad, but went to the floor clutching his knee early in the second quarter. Thompson did not return to the game and will be examined this morning.
The lead was 19 points late in the third quarter as Flier's Ben Allen delighted the crowd with a slam dunk in the second half as he broke away early and caught the long pass on the fast break for the two-handed jam.

The West team was not done, hitting five treys in the final period to pull within six. Decio's John Smith converted the putback to reach the century mark, for the East team and preserve the tie.

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Martin was selected to the first team on all but one of the ballots from the 60-member national media panel, and had 336 points in the 5-3-1 system.
Flier, the Big 12 player of the year and the conference's leading scorer the last two seasons, led the Cyclones to their first league title since 1945 and is his first All-American since Gary Thompson in 1957.
The 6-8 junior averaged 23.2 points and 7.5 rebounds while shooting 57 percent from the field, including 43 percent from 3-point range. He received 57

first-team votes and 313 points.
Guyton, the Big Ten player of the year and the fourth-leading scorer in Indiana history with 2,097 points, was on 33 first-team ballots and had 226 points.
The 6-1 senior averaged 20.3 points this season while shooting 62 percent from 2-point range. He is Indiana's career leader with 280 3-pointers, and was the first Hoosier to be an All-American since Calbert Cheaney in 1993.
Mihm, who received just 17 first-team votes, but his 200-point team one, but more than Murphy, who was on 27 first-team ballots, was a 7-foot junior, averaged

17.9 points, 10.6 rebounds and 2.4 blocks while shooting 53 percent for the Longhorns. He is Texas' first All-American since the AP began selecting a team in 1946.
In 1935, Jack Gray was a consensus All-American selection.
Murphy, the Big East player of the year, was the first player to lead the conference in scoring and rebounding in the same season. The 6-9 sophomore averaged 22.8 points and 10.8 rebounds, and is Notre Dame's first All-American since Adrian Dantley repeated in 1976.
Two players from Duke and Michigan State led the second

team.
Duke senior guard Chris Carrwell, who finished one point behind Murphy in the voting, and teammate Shane Battier, a junior forward, were selected to the second team.
Michigan State senior guard Mateen Cleaver, a first-team selection last season and a second-team pick in 1998 who missed the first 10 weeks this season with a broken foot, and teammate Morris Peterson, a senior forward, also were on the second team.
The final member of the second team was Fresno State senior guard Courtney Alexander, the nation's leading scorer at 25.3 points per game.

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Recent history also has proven that the great quarterback did not need to scan the Internet for post-football employment.
Announcing for one of the four networks that telecast NFL games on Monday night is top option. Marino, 38, has a bachelor's degree in communications from the University of Pittsburgh and also served in 1991 as a commentator for the World League of American Football (now known as NFL Europe).
But as exemplified by last week's firing of Boomer Esiason from Monday Night Football, suc-

cess on the field can only take a job. Marino's career is over for now.
"There's a risk going into television," Demoff said. "Not every body tells you how good you are. In football, at least you know you can throw the ball, and your body is fair game. But he has enough confidence that in the right situation he would thrive."
If he turns an on-air role, Marino will draw his attention to the business world, at another future Hall of Fame quarterback led in 1999. John Elway continued to work in his Denver-area home and also has sold them to AutoNation for \$85 million in 1998) and began an Internet company with fellow retired sports stars Michael Jordan and Wayne Gretzky.

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Boys: East 100, West 96
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Dan Marino career totals
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"I know you are upset by the penalty, Jason. But you never ever scream at and assault a soccer referee... That's your parents' job."

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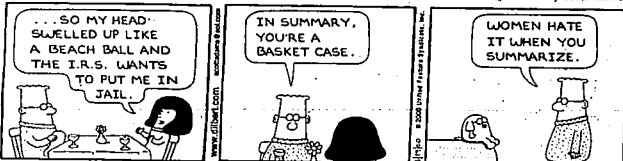
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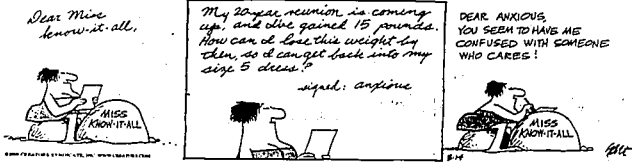
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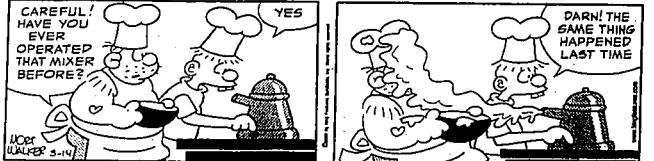
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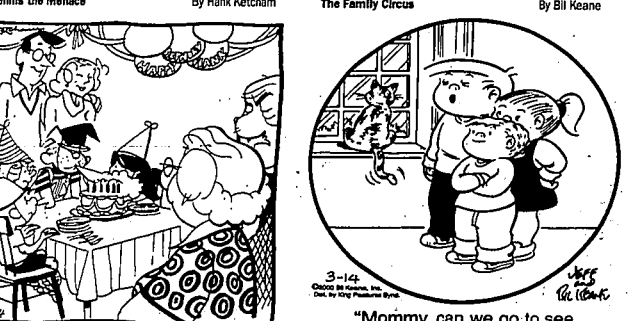


Dennis the Menace

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By Pat Brady



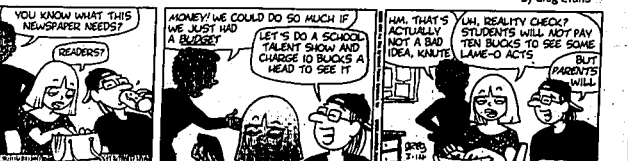
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