



## GOOD MORNING

### DEBATE TONIGHT

Vice President Al Gore and Texas Governor George W. Bush will conclude their series of debates tonight on national television. For more information, see Page A3.

### WEATHER

**TODAY:** Mostly sunny, with east winds 10-20 mph. High 71. Mostly clear tonight, with lows around 45.

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Center of discussion: CSI officials are discussing the need for a larger student center.

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**Subway serious:** Half the recipe for that all-Big Apple finale to the Major League Baseball season fell into place Monday night.

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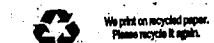
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# The thinning blue line?

By Mark Heinz  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** - The number of vehicles on Idaho's highways might be accelerating past the Idaho State Police's ability to provide regular patrol coverage on isolated stretches of road, some of the agency's officers said.

It's hard to tell how - or if - that's affecting the response time to emergencies, said Maj. Glen Schwartz, commander of the ISP's Meridian-based southern

## Number of troopers doesn't keep up with growth, ISP says

Idaho region, which includes the Magic Valley.

The ISP has been tracking response times for only the last two or three years. So far, troopers in the Magic Valley have responded within the 15- to 30-minute window the agency considers acceptable, Schwartz said.

A shortage of troopers has also

left some sections of road unpatrolled for an entire shift, or even longer, he said.

Interstate 84 isn't one of those stretches, said Sgt. Jay Jensen of the ISP's Twin Falls station, which has 31 people assigned to traffic patrol enforcement, commercial vehicle enforcement and support services. Interstate

patrol is still the ISP's top priority, and most stations are expected to have at least one officer out on the four-lane at all times, Jensen said.

It's a different story on more remote sections of road, such as U.S. Highway 93 between Twin Falls and Jackpot, Nev., he said.

There's no predictable pattern to the gaps in coverage, Jensen said. It generally depends on which troopers happen to be sick or on vacation at any given time.

Typically, autumn is the trickiest time.

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## FRUITS OF A FARMER'S LABOR



Miguel Zavala of Buhl picks apples at Kelley's Canyon Orchard Monday afternoon. Harvest weather is expected to remain good in Magic Valley for the next few days, with highs near 70 today.

# Incumbents enjoy fund-raising edge

By Michael Journee  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** - A nearly 16-to-1 local fund-raising advantage illustrates a long-argued contention of election underdogs, who say incumbents have advantages beyond name recognition.

Of the five contested legisla-

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tive races in the Magic Valley, four incumbent Republican lawmakers have nearly insurmountable leads over Democratic or third-party opponents - in money spent and money waiting to be spent.

Magic Valley Republicans have raised a little more than \$29,000 since Jan. 1, 1999, to their opponents' \$1,778. Most of the Republican cash comes from their access to GOP accounts and political action committees.

One interesting entry on the disclosure from Rep. Tim Ridinger, R-Shoshone, included

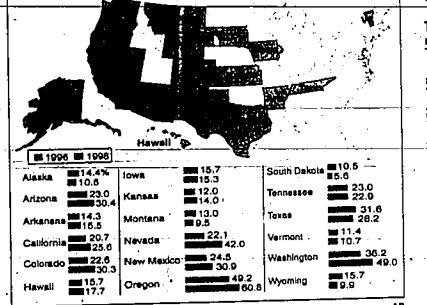
the name of Idaho Democratic Party communication director Party Nance.

Nance, married to Republican Lincoln County Commissioner Jerry Nance, said the donation was made by her husband using their joint checking account and

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### The early voters

States where more than 10 percent of the total vote in 1998 or 1999 came from absentee and/or early voting.



The Times-News and The Associated Press

**WASHINGTON** - The numbers aren't much different in the Magic Valley, but a record number of Americans are expected to vote before Election Day this year.

That phenomenon is transforming the parties' get-out-the-vote drives and that could affect tight races for president and Congress.

Oregon is holding the nation's first all-mail balloting, and millions more will vote absentee in states such as California, Washington, Nevada and Arizona, where control of the House and Senate could be settled.

The numbers keep rising as states make it easier to vote ahead of time.

But in Twin Falls, Minidoka and Cassia counties, absentee ballot requests are about average.

**In Twin Falls County**, with about 30,000 registered voters, officials have gotten 572 requests for absentee ballots, County Clerk Bob Fort said. That's about average for a presidential election year.

**Cassia County**, with about 9,400 registered voters, has sent out 216 absentee ballots.

**Minidoka County**, with 8,815 registered voters, has sent out 111. In Idaho absentee votes must be cast by 8 p.m. on Nov. 7 to be counted.

Fort said. Anyone can request an absentee ballot by contacting their county clerk.

In Washington state, where the

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# Going hi-tech

## Kempthorne considers the role of technology

By Karen Bossick  
Times-News correspondent

**SUN VALLEY** - Gov. Dirk Kempthorne wants to get Idaho students excited about math and science, and he wants to boost health care technology so a doctor's ills in Mackay and other remote rural communities.

**Kempthorne and Wyoming Gov. Jim Geringer** met with representatives of 13 technology companies Sunday and Monday during a meeting of the Western Governors Association's Western High Technology Council. The companies represented included AOL, Compaq, Hewlett-Packard, Micron, Microsoft and Qwest.

The group plans to demonstrate ways of applying technology to education and health care at the 18-state Western Governors Association's annual meeting in Coeur d'Alene in August.

Ideas discussed included writing a curriculum that would challenge math and science students to design a spaceship to go to the moon and back. Not only would they have the challenge of seeing how far they can get, but they could compare themselves to other classes across the United States.

Another idea was to use burgeoning technology for the benefit of the entire community. That way, education wouldn't cease when the school bell rings but would continue into the evening for adults who want to hone their skills or help their children with their homework.

Some communities in Idaho still are cut off from emergency care part of the year by deep snows and avalanches, Kempthorne said. Long-distance diagnoses and treatment could help residents of those communities.

Geringer said he planned to start challenging his state's education leaders with ways they can use some of the ideas presented at the conference. The tough part will be getting the public to warm up to some of the ideas, he said.

It will be difficult, for instance, to convince some people that they can't release the medical history over a computer for research or diagnosis and maintain their privacy, he said.

It also will be tough to ensure that rural communities get hooked up to the high-tech systems. If fiber optics can't be strung to Challis, for instance, another way will need to be found to ensure that they and other rural communities don't get left behind, Kempthorne said.

"I attend far too many conferences where you talk and not much comes out of it. This was not one of those," Geringer said. "It was also exciting to note that all those sitting around the table are competitors. Yet, all were interested in contributing what technology they could to help the citizens of our states."

# Absentee votes could determine national races

## Arafat, Barak meet amid mistrust

**Clinton, Arafat and Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak** Afterward, Clinton was to see Barak. The president extended his stay into Tuesday, rather than departing late Monday. "Things have been intense," Clinton's spokesman said.

The main hangup was Arafat's insistence for an international fact-finding commission to assess the causes of the violence, an Israeli official said. Israel says it will only accept a panel led by the United States, its closest ally.

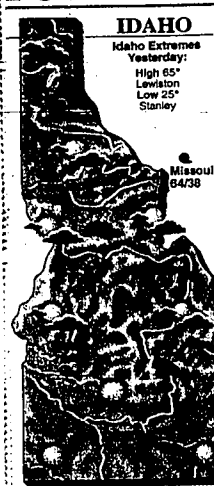
Barak, meanwhile, insisted on a halt to Palestinian attacks on Israeli soldiers and civilians and the re-arrest of extremists from the Hamas and Islamic Jihad movements who were released this past week. He has called for the Palestinian media to stop its calls for further attacks against Israel.

Clinton employed both sides "to move beyond blame" after more than two weeks of armed clashes on the West Bank and Gaza that have left about 100 people dead, most of them Palestinians. It has been the worst Israeli-Palestinian violence since 1993, when the Oslo peace accords launched the now-shattered peace process.



President Clinton appears on a television monitor, as Arafat, leader of the PLO, and Yasser Arafat's Fatah faction watch at the Ein El-Hilwah refugee camp near the southern port city of Sidon, Monday.

# FORECAST FOR MAGIC VALLEY



### IDAHO ALMANAC

Idaho Extremes  
 Yesterday: High 85° Low 25° Stanley  
 Precipitation: 24 hours ending 6 p.m. yesterday: 0.20"

Twin Falls through 6 p.m. yesterday  
 Temperature: High/Low: 67/35°  
 Normal High/Low: 63/33°  
 Record High/Low: 87/19°  
 Precipitation: 24 hours ending 6 p.m. yesterday: 0.20"

Normal month to date: 0.32"  
 Year to date: 0.41"  
 Normal year to date: 1.74"

Humidity: Yesterday at noon: 54%  
 Barometric Pressure: Yesterday at 6 p.m.: 30.19 in.

Pollen yesterday in the Falls  
 Ragweed: Absent  
 Weeds: Low  
 Trees: Absent Mold: Absent

Source: Asthma and Allergy of Idaho

## FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR TWIN FALLS

TODAY	TONIGHT	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Mostly sunny.	Partly cloudy.	A mixture of clouds and sunshine.	Sunny to partly cloudy.	Mostly cloudy. chance of a few showers.	Breezy and cool with some sunshine.
▲ 70°	▼ 38°	▲ 66° ▼ 40°	▲ 66° ▼ 38°	▲ 68° ▼ 38°	▲ 60° ▼ 30°

## REGIONAL WEATHER

**Southern Idaho:** Mostly sunny today with a pleasant afternoon. Clear to partly cloudy tonight. A mixture of clouds and sunshine; slightly cooler tomorrow.

**Boise:** Nice today with ample sunshine. High 72. Patchy cloudiness tonight. Low 62. Partly sunny and a bit cooler tomorrow. High 66. Partly to mostly sunny Thursday.

**Northern Nevada:** High pressure will remain in control of the weather with plenty of sunshine today and a comfortable afternoon. Mostly clear tonight. Sunshine and patchy clouds tomorrow in the north; sunny south.

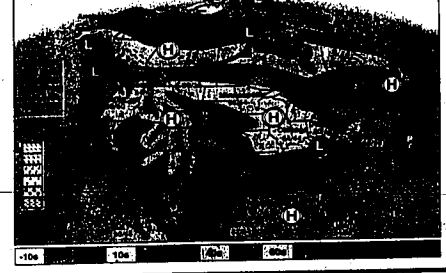
**Northern Utah:** Nice weather will continue across the state today with plenty of sunshine. Mostly clear tonight. Mostly sunny tomorrow with a pleasantly warm afternoon.

**Northern Idaho:** A mix of clouds and sun today with a shower in spots. Cloudy tonight into tomorrow with a few showers. Also, a few intervals of sunshine tomorrow.

## NATIONAL EXTREMES

High 92° in El Centro, CA Low 6° in Bodie State Park, CA

## NATIONAL WEATHER



Shows are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are shown for the day. Forecast high/low temperatures are given for selected cities.

## REGIONAL CITIES

City	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Boise	72	42	66	40	60	30
Bonnerville	73	43	67	41	61	31
Camden	74	44	68	42	62	32
Chubbuck	73	43	67	41	61	31
Clarno	73	43	67	41	61	31
Donnerstag	73	43	67	41	61	31
Elgin	73	43	67	41	61	31
Idaho Falls	73	43	67	41	61	31
Ketchikan	73	43	67	41	61	31
Lewiston	73	43	67	41	61	31
Malden	73	43	67	41	61	31
Mesa	73	43	67	41	61	31

City	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
McCall	59	32	61	30	57	30
Moscow, MT	54	28	56	25	52	25
Post Falls	71	35	63	37	55	35
Portland, OR	54	30	56	28	54	28
Richland, WA	56	32	58	30	56	30
Salmon	58	34	60	32	58	32
Salt Lake City, UT	68	45	70	42	65	42
Spokane, WA	62	42	64	40	60	40
Stanley	81	29	56	28	56	28
Sun Valley	67	39	61	37	59	37
Yellowstone, MT	59	27	55	27	55	27

## Funds

**Randy Hansen AUTO PLEX**  
**Poliline At Blue Lakes North**

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 that she did not know her name had appeared on Ridinger's nomination list.  
 After learning about it, Ridinger's re-election committee asked the secretary of state's office to remove Penny Yursa's name from the list, and this was done, said Penny Yursa of the secretary of state's election division.  
 Some challengers reported no fund-raising activity, in reports that were due on Oct. 10. Another, Constitution Party candidate Chuck E. Chapman, hasn't filed a report, even though he could face a fine.  
 "For some reason they think if they have no activity then they don't need to file," Yursa said. "But if they don't file we don't know they don't have any activity."  
 Chapman Monday night said he had forgotten to file his report, but plans to do so.  
 For the first five days, it's left

to the discretion of the secretary of state to fine a candidate late. A candidate who waits longer than five days is automatically fined \$50 a day, Yursa said.  
 A rundown of fund-raising is as follows:  
 • District 21 House, Seat B (Blaine, Camas and Lincoln counties; portions of Elmore and Gooding counties): Ridinger has spent \$8,450 for his campaign, against Democrat Dick Andreason of Shoshone. Ridinger's largest contributor was the Idaho GOP, which gave \$1,000. Ridinger has spent \$4,498.20 so far, most of it on newspaper advertising.  
 Andreason has raised the most among the challengers, with \$1,278.40. Of that, the Idaho House Democrats were the biggest donors with two \$100 donations and one \$200 donation. House Minority Leader Wendy Jaquet, D-Ketchikan, who is unopposed this year, gave Andreason \$100. He has spent \$1,236.72 so

far, most of it on printing signs and brochures.  
 • District 22 Senate (portions of Twin Falls and Gooding counties): Assistant Majority Leader John Sandy, R-Hagerman, has gathered \$8,552.05 for his re-election bid. Democratic challenger, Carol Stennett of Buhl has refused to take any money, saying she really has no chance to beat the well-entrenched Sandy. Her campaign account shows no activity.  
 Sandy's largest donor was the Idaho Senate Republicans which chimed in with \$1,000. Sandy has spent \$9,270.92, but has started telling would-be donors to find another Republican candidate to support.  
 • District 22, House Seat A: Rep. Celia Gould, R-Buhl, one of many names being whispered as a successor to Lt. Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter if he wins his congressional race, has brought in \$9,534.75. The largest infusion to her account was a loan for \$4,314.75 to herself. Gould has spent \$6,980.57 in her campaign against Libertarian Jonathan A. Stump of Filer.  
 Stump has \$200 in contributions and no expenditures so far.  
 • District 23, House Seat B (portions of Twin Falls County): Chapman's Republican opponent, former rancher George Swan, has received \$1,050. Swan was nominated to replace Rep. after Hansen suddenly dropped out of the race in April. Swan was diagnosed with colon and liver cancer in mid-May, but is vowing to serve his term in the Legislature if elected.  
 Swan has spent \$564.38.  
 • District 24, House Seat A (Jerome County and portions of Minidoka County): Rep. Bert Stevenson, R-Rupert, has gathered \$7,550, and has spent \$1607.81. Democrat Peter Snyder of Jerome has brought in \$300, and spent \$79.97.

## Absentee

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 absentee vote is expected to top 50 percent, visiting the polls in person has become less popular since the state began letting everyone vote by mail in 1993. Washington counts all absentee ballots postmarked by Election Day, so votes will still be coming in after Nov. 7. The state has three competitive House races, a key Senate contest and a tight presidential battle, too.  
 "If it's a close election this time, it's possible we could vote to wait a week to find out the winner," said Bryan Jones, a political scientist at the University of Washington.

California, where more than 1 million absentee ballots won't be counted until after Election Day, has five House races that could spell the difference in control of Congress, Nevada, where absentee and early voting accounted for more than 40 percent of the 1998 vote in its competitive Senate and House races.  
 Both parties are maneuvering to turn the early voting into a political advantage.  
 "We're doing mail, phones, door-to-door canvassing, and we've got our precinct organizations in place and our grass roots organizations in place," said Ryan Erwin, executive director of

the Republican Party in Nevada, where early voting begins Saturday.  
 "My pledge to voters is we'll quit bugging you when you vote," he said.  
 In Oregon, Vice President Al Gore's campaign also is kicking off its get-out-the-vote effort this week, when voters start receiving ballots in the mail.  
 "We're going to focus on making sure our voters turn in their ballots in time for them to count," campaign spokesman David Chal said. "We're going to make sure we go to every single household in our base and to independent voters and some Republicans as well."  
 Republicans historically have benefited more from absentee votes because "it's the upscale more regular voters who avail themselves of these things," said Curtis Gans, director of the

## ISP

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 said. Most troopers cover, he said. Many troopers must attend refresher or specialized training courses at least annually. But nobody is allowed to do that during the summer, when traffic numbers peak, Jensen said. So the rush for training is on in the autumn, also a popular time for troopers to take time off for hunting.  
 While the Magic Valley's growing population is putting more cars on the road, calls to assist other agencies on methamphetamine busts and other big jobs are increasingly pulling ISP troopers away from patrol.  
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## By the numbers

Region 4 based in Twin Falls

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# Gore, Bush to face off final time

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ST. LOUIS — Texas Gov. George W. Bush pitched to his Republican supporters Monday and Vice President Al Gore geared up for Tuesday's third and final presidential debate — a confrontation that is likely to set the tone for the remaining days of the campaign.

In Little Rock, Ark., President Clinton's home ground, a clearly confident Bush urged supporters to vote for a "fresh start in Washington, D.C., after a season of cynicism," at a campaign rally that felt as if the election were three days away, rather than three weeks.

Leading the crowd in the anti-Democratic chant, "It's time for them to go," Bush hoped to pump up his ranks before his meeting with Gore here Tuesday night.

Gore held a mock town meeting, a setting designed to mirror the format of Tuesday's debate, where he fielded questions from supporters and tested his lines of response.



Katharine Cowan, foreground left, listens as Democratic presidential candidate Vice President Al Gore leads a mock town-hall meeting with 23 'civilian debate coaches' at the InnoBreak conference center Monday, in InnoBreak, Mo.

Bush participated in some debate preparation Monday morning in Austin, Texas, then flew to Arkansas for some old-fashioned stump.

"This election is going to come down to the wire," Bush said. "This election is going to come down to the campaign that's got the most active grassroots organization, the campaign that can convince people to take the extra step, phone the extra phone, find

that extra neighbor to take to the polls."

Until now, both candidates have been eager to make their case to undecided voters — non-partisan Americans who are either still weighing issues or, more than likely, still trying to decide which of the two they like best. But the closer the election looms, the more time the candidates are likely to spend reassuring their base supporters — parti-

On the air

Tonight's debate between Vice President Al Gore and Texas Governor George W. Bush will be broadcast by most major television networks at 7 p.m. Mountain Time.

san Republicans for Bush and staunch Democrats for Gore — to build momentum toward the Nov. 7 election.

"There's a point with the undecideds where it's so uncertain what to do for these people," said Charles O. Jones, a political scientist at the University of Wisconsin. "They're interested in the impressions and they're interested in the direction (of the race) — that is, where does it seem to be falling. They tend to break in favor of the front-runner."

The town-hall format of the St. Louis debate, like last week's less formal three-way conversation with moderator Jim Lehrer, should again play to Bush's relaxed demeanor.

But Gore has been doing town hall meetings with voters since the primaries, and they have become one of his strengths. He often has vowed to "stay until the last person leaves," an indication of both his eagerness to talk casually about issues and the comfort he feels in the situation.

## Court upholds denial of D.C. voting membership in House

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court on Monday upheld a lower court ruling that denied District of Columbia residents voting membership in the House of Representatives.

— The justices ruled 8-1 against two appeals that argued the district's half-million residents are entitled to the same representation as other Americans who live in the 50 states.

Justice John Paul Stevens voted to hear arguments in one of the appeals and to dismiss the other.

"It's a tremendous disappointment," said Charles A. Miller, lawyer for 54 D.C. residents who filed a lawsuit.

"We all have to regroup and figure out what would be the proper approach" to continue seeking a vote in Congress.

"Most people around the country have no awareness that district citizens are disenfranchised," Miller said. "When you put it to them, the reaction is that can't be right."

District residents pay federal taxes and are entitled to vote for president, but their congressional delegate, Eleanor Holmes Norton, is not allowed to vote on

the House floor. Efforts to amend the Constitution to provide voting representation have failed.

Last summer, the district council voted to put a new slogan on district auto license plates — "Taxation Without Representation."

The district was created from parts of Maryland and Virginia, and when Congress voted in 1801 to create the district government, its residents lost their right to vote in congressional elections in their former home states. The area that originally was part of Virginia later was ceded back to that state.

About 75 district residents filed two lawsuits in 1995 arguing that their exclusion from voting representation in the House violates the Constitution's equal-protection guarantee. The Constitution says membership of the House "shall be apportioned among the several states."

## Astronauts attach new port to station

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Two spacewalking astronauts working with a crewmate inside shuttle Discovery attached a new docking port to the international space station on Monday.

The clearances were tight, and Jeff Wisoff and Michael Lopez-Alegria floated alongside the space station, calling out instructions, as Kolechi Wakata gently nudged the docking port into place with the space shuttle's robot arm.

"Wow. This is just outstanding," one of the spacewalkers said when it was over.

It was the second and final space station piece to be installed during the 240-mile-high construction mission. An aluminum truss housing antennas and motion-control devices was attached to the station on Saturday and wired up by another pair of spacewalkers on Sunday.

Wisoff and Lopez-Alegria encountered problems as soon as they floated out the hatch. At first, their power drills wouldn't loosen the four latches holding down the docking port in Discovery's cargo bay.

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# Families gather, celebrate diversity

WASHINGTON (AP) — From the U.S. Capitol to the Washington Monument and beyond, thousands of families of all colors assembled in Washington Monday at the summons of Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan to celebrate the strength and diversity of the American family.

On the fifth anniversary of the Million Man March — said to be the largest gathering of black people in a Washington demonstration — the crowds came peacefully — not to petition the government but to exult in their numbers.

The assemblage was expected to be the largest gathering of black people since that march, which the National Park Service said drew an estimated 400,000 people but which Farrakhan said drew more than 1 million.

Organizers refused to say how many people they expected Monday, but they told city officials to prepare for more than 1 million. The park service has stopped making crowd estimates since the 1995 event and its controversy over the size.

The overarching purpose of



Carl McFadgion holds daughter Cyann while partaking in the Million Family March Monday. Many other families came to Washington D.C. to participate. Monday's event was to demonstrate that "people of God can come together, despite our diversity, for the noblest of causes, the family," said Minister Rashul Muhammad, son of Nation of Islam founder Elijah Muhammad.

Speakers pushed for people to improve different areas of their lives. Comedian-activist Dick Gregory urged parents to live

cleaner, healthier lives so their children would have a positive example to follow. "I'm so sick of people saying, 'What's wrong with the youth of today?'" he said. "What's wrong with the children? It's you old folks."

Ayanna Muhammad, 11, spoke for the preservation of families. "Broken homes make children sad," she said.

Organizers also collected money to pay off the mortgage for the National Council of Negro Women building on Pennsylvania Avenue, which the Rev. Willie Wilson of the Union Temple Baptist Church called the only black-owned building in the nation's "corridor of power."

"Take out some money so we can pay for our building," said Wilson, who said the building will be named after 88-year-old council president-emeritus Dorothy Height after it's paid for.

Most of the marchers were between the Capitol and the Washington Monument, with only a few hundred at the alternate stages at the Lincoln Memorial and the Ellipse behind the White House.

From the Capitol steps, one could see thousands of people spread out on blankets or propped-up lawn chairs or standing shoulder to shoulder. As the sun broke through the clouds, the mood was festive. Many sang, "Lift Every Voice and Sing." On stages scattered along the Mall, speakers extolled the virtues of the family life.

# U.S. Army seeks ways to stem loss of junior officers

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Army is looking for new ways to stem an escalating loss of captains and other junior officers — an attrition problem that could reach crisis proportions with a few years, officials said Monday.

Gen. Eric Shinseki, the Army chief of staff, planned to unveil new initiatives during a speech Tuesday at the annual convention of the Association of the United States Army.

Some of the initiatives would be aimed at improving the quality of life for young officers, including more days off around national holidays, the officials said. A common complaint has been the frequency of deployments away from home and less predictability in assignments that take young officers away from their families.

The Army in recent months has been losing captains — officers who generally are in their late 20s or early 30s — at twice the rate that Army personnel

managers considered acceptable in the early 1990s. Internal surveys indicate widespread dissatisfaction among junior officers, despite substantial pay increases and an administrative change last year that allows lieutenants to be promoted to captain earlier in their career.

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# White House drug czar announces retirement

WASHINGTON (AP) — Barry McCaffrey, the military strategist and commander who has directed the nation's war on drugs for nearly five years, plans to leave in early January. He says he's considering teaching offers, including a return to West Point.

"I'm enormously proud of what we've done," McCaffrey said Monday in an interview. "We had exploding rates of adolescent drug use and we've reduced it."

His resignation as director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy is effective Jan. 6, two weeks before President Clinton leaves office. By law,

McCaffrey's term is indefinite. He said announcing his intentions now gives the presidential hopefuls a clean slate to shape their policies on drug abuse.

"It's important for me to put up the notion that my name's off the table," he said.

McCaffrey, a retired Army general, has been President Clinton's director of national drug control policy since 1996 and previously was head of the U.S. Southern Command. In the mid-1970s, he was an associate professor at West Point, teaching courses in American government and national security.

# Judge sentences student's boyfriend

NEW YORK (AP) — A man convicted of killing a Columbia University law student allegedly to show his devotion to his new girlfriend was sentenced Monday to 25 years to life in prison.

Edmund Ko, 25, insisted he is innocent in the slaying of former girlfriend Hyesung Lynda Hong,

26. He said he will appeal. Prosecutors said Ko killed Hong to impress his new girlfriend, whom they described as manipulative and insecure.

Ko's lawyer, Jack Littman, argued that the probable killer was Ko's jealous new girlfriend, who was not charged.

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# Divers search Cole for more victims

## Sailors work to stabilize ship

ADEN, Yemen (AP) — Divers searched water-filled compartments of the USS Cole on Monday and crews with powerful metal cutters tried to slice through the wreckage to reach more victims as sailors worked to stabilize their crippled warship.

Conditions improved slightly for those aboard, with damaged electricity facilities restored to the point where the air conditioning could be turned on for the crew, said Lt. Terrence Dudley, spokesman for the U.S. 5th Fleet.

Temperatures have been in the 90s in Aden, and the crew has been without air conditioning since the explosion Thursday that killed 17 sailors in a suspected act of terrorism.

Other officials said exhausted Cole sailors were spending some time resting aboard two other Navy ships after working until dawn Sunday to keep the ship afloat when a bulkhead collapsed.

Pressure variations had blasted open the bulkhead while sailors were draining areas of the ship, sending more water flooding in. Electrical shorts kept crews from using the regular pumps, so they jury-rigged a system using fire-fighting equipment.

The crew was to receive a visit Monday from Gen. Tommy

## The USS Cole's Pump Problem

The ship lost electrical power immediately after Thursday's bombing and again over the weekend. The latest outage lasted nearly 24 hours and prevented pumps from removing water leaking into the damaged hull compartments. The refrigeration deck, engineering spaces and other areas were flooded.



Franks, Tampa, Fla.-based commander of the U.S. Central Command. Franks was also scheduled to meet with Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh, officials said.

There has been no credible claim of responsibility for the apparent suicide attack, which killed 17 sailors, wounded 39 others and punched a 40-by-40-foot hole in the hull. Yemeni security forces have detained more than a dozen people for questioning, but no arrests have been announced.

As of Monday, the FBI was still having trouble getting its entire contingent of explosives experts, evidence technicians and investigators to Yemen, according to two federal law enforcement officials in Washington.

These officials said about 30 FBI agents had reached Yemen and were arranging facilities in a local hotel and abroad the USS Camden to accommodate the larger group. More than 70 FBI agents remained at the U.S. Air Force base in Ramstein, Germany, awaiting a flight to Yemen, which officials hoped would be able to leave later Monday.

The blast ranks as the deadliest terrorist attack on the U.S. military since the bombing of an Air Force barracks in Saudi Arabia in 1996 that killed 19.

U.S. officials have suspended naval stops in Aden, where the bodies of 10 victims remained missing. Crews were trying to reach the two visible and the 40

missing, perhaps trapped behind floors and walls bent wildly by the blast.

In Virginia, doctors said some of the injured would soon be released to go home. On Sunday, 33 of the injured were flown from a U.S. military hospital in Germany where they received initial care to the Cole's home port, Virginia's Norfolk Naval Station.

Six injured sailors remained hospitalized in Germany. Four will likely return to the United States today or Wednesday, while the two others will stay for at least another week. Col. James Rundell, deputy director of the Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in western Germany, said Monday.

# Yemen security forces scrutinize supply agent

ADEN, Yemen (AP) — With American officials stung by the ease that apparent suicide bombers attacked the USS Cole, Yemeni security forces on Monday interrogated dozens of port workers and others — including the head of the company that services U.S. warships.

Ahmed al-Mansoub, general manager of the Al-Mansoub Commercial Group that provides food, supplies and garbage pick-up to the U.S. warships, was released Monday after two days of questioning. The two crew members of the garbage barge assigned to the Cole were also brought in and later freed.

Al-Mansoub would not speak to reporters. But Abdullah Al-Khalaqi, marketing director for the Yemeni company, denied any connection to the attack last week that killed 17 American sailors.

"No one here is an extremist," he said in an office filled with caps, mugs and notes of thanks from visiting U.S. ships.

"Most of our employees are relatives," said al-Khalaqi. "For others, we rely on word of mouth to see if someone is a good man."

Several people remained in a highly guarded camp on Aden's outskirts, but it was unclear whether they were considered suspects in the explosion that tore a 40-by-40-foot hole in the destroyer.

Yemen now considers the blast

"a premeditated criminal act," according to SABA, the official Yemeni news agency, a reversal of an earlier position that is crucial to the investigation. Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh's backing is vital in allowing FBI agents and other U.S. terrorism experts to work closely with Yemeni authorities.

Saleh met with the head of the U.S. Central Command, Gen. Tommy Franks, to review military cooperation and evidence gathered by Yemeni security forces, SABA said.

"The president expressed his deep regret and sorrow for this criminal act against our country and against the United States of America," the agency added.

There has been no credible claim of responsibility for the deadliest terrorist attack on the U.S. military since the 1996 bombing of an Air Force barracks in Saudi Arabia that killed 19.

"We will track them down," Defense Secretary William Cohen said. "We owe that to the families."

# Survey: College costs rise faster than inflation

NEW YORK (AP) — The price of a college degree continues to rise faster than inflation, with tuition and fees at public four-year colleges up an average 4.4 percent and even more at private schools, the College Board reported Monday.

Its survey also found that loans provided a growing chunk of the extra money students need to pay for college degrees.

Average in-state tuition and fees at public four-year schools this fall is \$3,510 per year — \$148 more than last year, according to the survey. On-campus room and board now averages \$4,960, up 5.1 percent.

At private four-year colleges, tuition and fees average \$16,332, up 5.2 percent from last year. Room and board on campus is now \$6,209, a 4.2 percent increase.

Only public two-year schools, chiefly community colleges, stayed below the current inflation rate — but barely. Tuition rose this year to \$1,705, up 3.4 percent, the survey found.

Private two-year schools boosted tuition and fees to \$7,458, a 7 percent rise.

This pattern follows an old, familiar trend, said Jon Finney, a policy analyst at the National

Center for Public Policy and Higher Education in San Jose, Calif. "Colleges and universities have a very difficult time controlling their costs," she said.

"These institutions were underfunded in the early part of the '90s," Finney said. "But they've more than made up for lost ground."

But Stanley Ikenberry, president of the American Council on Education, an umbrella group for higher education, said. "Given the large, fixed costs of most campuses, these numbers show institutions are working hard to hold the line on increases."

The recent increases push past inflation. The Consumer Price Index rose 2.7 percent in 1999; the first eight months of this year, consumer prices rose at an annual rate of 3.5 percent. Last year, college tuition and fees rose less than 5 percent.

The survey continues what has been happening for most of the 20th century, said Morton

Schapiro, a higher education economist and president of Williams College. Expect for the late '70s and early '80s, college cost increases largely have exceeded inflation, he said.

"About 20 years ago, there was a period of time when the real cost of higher education was falling. But then they more than made up for that," Schapiro said.

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Trout elected to new term

BOISE (AP) - Linda Copple Trout, the first woman named to the Idaho Supreme Court and the first picked to serve as its chief justice...

met with local officials on the court system and its needs. On Monday in a statement, she reiterated her commitment to making the courts more accessible to the public as the judiciary deals with social and legal issues using new technology.

opposition last winter because of the 3-2 decision she authored turning over control of water above wilderness areas to the federal government. Trout, often the swing vote on issues that prompt the other four to pair off, sided with Silak and Justice Jesse Walters to form the majority for that decision.



Beaten golden eagle is doing well

HELENA, Mont. (AP) - A golden eagle taken from its nest as a chick and kept for 41 years in a cage where it was beaten is doing well in a rehabilitation facility, but its new guardians say decades of abuse have taken their toll.

But more troublesome are injuries - physical and psychological - the eagle sustained from years of abuse. Thomas said an examination by a Washington veterinarian confirmed the raptor had a poorly healed broken wing, a head injury, a detached retina and signs of possible brain damage.

"She deserves that." The eagle's behavior is evidence of the abuse she withstood, he said. "When sees me she casts her head down. She can't believe she's getting a good diet without getting hit," he said.

Communities near Denver outlaw group homes for released sex offenders

DENVER (AP) - With the passage of Megan's Law, many Colorado communities have been alarmed to discover that not only are there sex offenders in the neighborhood, there are whole groups of them living together.

that the sex offenders were committing crimes while living in group homes. "These kind of things just don't belong in residential areas," said Louisville Mayor Tom Davidson.

Dennis Kleinsasser, who directs some treatment programs for the state Corrections Department, said "They know all the tricks," he said. "They know what role secrecy plays. In a good treatment community, it's the other offenders that are as effective as staff."

Murder suspect leads police to body

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) - Investigators on Monday found a body buried in the yard of a man charged in the deaths of 10 women after he directed them to the burial site, Spokane County Sheriff's spokesman David Reagan said.



Mr. Yates wants to put this matter to rest. Reagan said the human body was found about 8 inches under the yard where Yates had said it was.

Yates, 48, a U.S. Army veteran who worked at a Kaiser Aluminum Corp. smelter, was arrested in April. He was charged with aggravated first-degree murder in the death of eight women in the Spokane area, and two in the Tacoma area in western Washington.

Utah pharmacy shut down after illegal drug sale

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - State officials have shut down a Utah County pharmacy after an employee allegedly sold to undercover police officers large quantities of chemicals used to make methamphetamine.

month investigation of Uintah Drug, in Vernal, and pharmacist Thomas Shiozaki. Shiozaki was already on probation with the state for the improper sale and dispensing of drugs.

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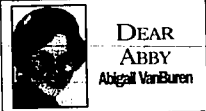
# May-December romance chills with infirmity

**DEAR ABBY:** I read with great interest the letter from "Confused in South Carolina" who, at the age of 52, had fallen in love with a 70-year-old man. I read her criteria for a "lifetime mate" and yes - he certainly has wonderful qualities.

Let me share a real-life scenario: When my father was 70, he took up with a lovely, caring woman 21 years younger. They had a wonderful life together and enjoyed each other enormously, until my aging father began to have a series of strokes that slowly eroded their relationship.

With each stroke he became more dependent, belligerent and less able to continue doing the things they so enjoyed in the beginning of their courtship. She soon tired of playing nursemaid, and the relationship apart.

The only advice I can offer "Confused" is to go ahead with this love of hers. But do it knowing that when you take up with an older gentleman, your final days could be filled with attending to his basic needs. And believe me,



**DEAR ABBY**  
Abigail VanBuren

that will be the true test of your love for him.  
- DAUGHTER WHO KNOWS, RAPID CITY, S.D.

**DEAR DAUGHTER:** Your warning is sobering, but I'm pleased to report that of all the mail I received in response to that letter, your father's experience was in the distinct minority. Read on:

**DEAR ABBY:** I have a warning for "Confused in South Carolina." **CAUTION:** Marry this older man only if you can stand to be adored, admired and cherished as a lover and best friend. I should know. I followed my heart and married Rick, who was 19 years my senior.

Abby, that was 21 years ago, and I have never been happier.  
- SYLVIA CUMMINGS, L.A.

**DEAR ABBY:** I was 43 and my husband was 66 when we married. We had many happy years together and I would marry him again in a heartbeat. We both recognized that my husband would probably predecease me, and he was foresighted enough to make housing and financial arrangements for me after he was gone. If he hadn't, my stepchildren would have tossed me out immediately after the funeral.

If her intended has children, "Confused" should ensure that he has made suitable arrangements for her after he's gone. The first step would be a new will - not necessarily excluding his children, but making sure she'll be provided for.

- TALLAHASSEE READER

**DEAR ABBY:** My wife of 32 years passed away in 1990. She had been manic depressive during

most of the marriage, and it was no bed of roses. That same year I met the daughter of an old friend, and in 1992 she moved in with me. In 1993 we married. At the time she was 47 and I was 74. I am now 81 and she has reached the ripe old age of 54.

It has been a very successful marriage for both of us. I still work; she's a professional artist. We travel a lot (last year we went to China - Gobi desert and all). We share a common world view, a rich sense of humor and laugh a lot. I tell her every day how much I love her, and we both enjoy physical affection. I have been living in a state of euphoria the last eight years.

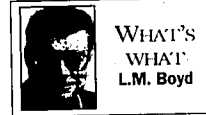
Of course, we both know that eventually Mother Nature will not be denied, but we're having a wonderful time. When my time comes I will go happily, and she'll have memories that will last the rest of her life. So, "Confused," get with it - before it's too late!  
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sex-preference survey. Among sheepfelters, women outnumber men by four maybe five to one.

Trees of the crabapple and silver-birch variety attract insects that attract bats. By planting those trees, you can summon to your place all the bats you'll ever want. Or so says an expert.

Q. Wolves only howl when

they're separated from their pack or when they want to reconvene their pack right?

A. Almost right. They also howl when their pups die. Your old history teacher told you about the renowned explorer called LaSalle. But were you also told that wasn't his name? It was part of his title. His name was Rene-Robert Cavalier. His title, Sieur de la Salle.

Dolphins can swim 37 mph. Humans can swim 5.19 mph. Again am asked the correct name for those little discs of paper left by a paper punch. They're "chad."

A giraffe's worst enemy in the wild is a lion.

If that vegetable is yellow, it has Vitamin A. If green, Vitamin C.

Q. Is it true, as I've read, that a lot of male doctors make love to their female patients?

A. The report: Thirteen percent of the doctors do so, according to numerous physicians who queried. The disclaimer: Our Love and War man can't believe all those fellows bright enough to become doctors would tell their histories in sex even to a scientific researcher.

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**Monday's Puzzle Solvers**

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# Harry Potter raises charity money

**LONDON** - Fictional boy wizard Harry Potter is being enlisted to raise money for charity. Author J.K. Rowling, Harry Potter's creator, is writing two spinoff reference books from the popular series to benefit Comic Relief. Proceeds from the sale of the books will help the organization fight poverty and social injustice.

The short books - called "Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them" and "Quidditch Through the Ages" - will be released worldwide during a Comic Relief fund drive March 16.

"Fantastic Beasts" is a title on the boy wizard's school supply list in a previous book. The second new volume will be an anthology of Harry Potter's favorite sport, quidditch.

"I have always had a secret hankering to write these two books," Rowling said.

# Pop singer marries childhood sweetheart

**CINCINNATI** - Singer Drew Lachey of pop group 98 Degrees married his childhood sweetheart over the weekend. Lachey married Lea Delacave who is - showsinger and on-stage dancer for the band, on Saturday. Both are 24.

The couple grew up in Cincinnati and have known each other since the fifth grade, said the bride's mother, Gerri Delacave. Both attended Cincinnati's

# Social gathering proves exciting, stimulating, Aries

**IF OCTOBER 17 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY:** You are not happy unless facing challenge, responsibility. You are dedicated, passionate and are not afraid of being in the midst of major transactions. Capricorn, Cancer persons play fascinating roles in your life - could have these key initials in names: H, Q, Z. You will travel in December. You also will find outlet for creative capabilities.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Keep plans flexible. Social gathering proves exciting, stimulating. You will make important contacts and discover that you are popular. Gemini represented.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 21):** Get to heart of matter. Face music early. Revise, review, rewrite. This will be your make-over day. Leo, Scorpio, another Taurus figure in scenario.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Cycle high. Take initiative. Write your impressions of places, people. Exciting interesting but could get out of hand. Moon in your sign means excellent timing.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Attention given to surroundings, home, beautifying surroundings, music enabling you to dance to your own tune. Secret meeting will be revealed - hardly a secret.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Moon in your Eleventh House means many of your wishes come true, almost as if by magic. Don't ask for more than you can handle. Pisces plays mysterious role.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Moon at top part of your chart equates to leadership, promo.

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tion, added recognition. Number 8 numerical cycle spells power, production, distribution. Protect self.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** You are capable of forecasting future. Finish what you start. Dramatic reunion soon. Emotional clinches open you up to deception. Aries is in picture.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Make fresh start. Check accounting procedures. Dig deep into occult literature for answer to dilemma. What was hidden will be revealed in flash of light.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** If single, you could discover future mate. Married or single, domestic adjustment necessary. Focus on property, home, desirability of living quarters.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Major decision reached concerning partnership, marriage. Shake off emotional lethargy. Laugh at your own foibles. Sagittarian involved.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Favorable lunar aspect coincides with physical attraction, creativity. Vigor makes dramatic comeback. Live, learn and write. Scorpio plays fascinating role.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Check property values. Make decision concerning sales, purchases, whether you want to be married or single. Scenario highlights change, excitement.

# Washington to hold funniest celebrity contest

The Washington Post

**WASHINGTON** - Preparations are beginning for the annual funniest celebrity in Washington contest to benefit the Johns Hopkins Children's Center. Last year's winner was Sen. Joseph Lieberman, D-Conn., though he was encouraged to keep his day job.

This year's list of contestants includes former Reagan White House aide and talk-show host Oliver L. North; columnist Thomas; former White House spokesman Joe Lockhart; the famous Arianna Huffington; columnist Clarence Page; former representative Patricia Schroeder; Colo.; Rep. Bill Scott; R-Fla.; CNN reporter Brooks Jackson; and White House National Economic Council chief Gene Sperling.

Now there's a lineup sure to have "rolling in the aisles." Fortunately, there's a special guest star this year, Al Franken's "Saturday Night Live." Hostline's Howard Morman will throw out the ceremonial first joke.

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# Milosevic's party agrees to share power

**BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP)** — In an accord weakening the old guard, President Vojislav Kostunica won agreement Monday from Slobodan Milosevic's party to share power in Yugoslavia's biggest republic until Dec. 23 elections.

Since his victory in the Sept. 24 presidential elections was confirmed by a revolt in the streets, Kostunica has been trying to assert his authority in Serbia, which with the smaller Montenegro republic makes up the Yugoslav federation.

On Monday, Serbian legislative elections, which had been set for next autumn, were moved up to Dec. 23 — a gain for Kostunica's efforts to secure control of the Serb parliament, still dominated by the followers of Milosevic.

Milosevic's Socialists also agreed to share the Serbian ministries of police, information, justice and finance among three appointees — from the Socialists, Kostunica's



Pro-democracy leader Zoran Djindjic addresses the media Monday in Belgrade, Yugoslavia. Djindjic spoke after Slobodan Milosevic's party agreed to share power with President Vojislav Kostunica's followers.

Democratic Opposition of Serbia and the Serbian Renewal Movement, another opposition group. The agreement represented an important advance for Kostunica

in his efforts to sweep the old order from all remaining positions of power.

"We accomplished two results, merit until that period," Kostunica aide Zoran Djindjic said. "The important thing is that ... the people get through winter" alluding to the financial and economic ruin left by Milosevic's 13-year rule.

Also Monday, the head of the Yugoslav army, Gen. Nebojsa Pavkovic, again pledged loyalty to Kostunica.

Pavkovic, who was appointed by Milosevic and once commanded Yugoslav troops in Kosovo, told the Tanjug news agency the army should be independent from any future political struggle.

"The election of the president, Mr. Kostunica, resolved the issue of supreme command over the army, which is of utmost importance for the military," Pavkovic said.

# German report says Milosevic stashed money abroad

**BERLIN (AP)** — Ousted Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic funneled more than \$100 million into foreign accounts and was involved in drug trafficking, Germany's foreign intelligence agency charged Monday, according to a newspaper.

"Such a fortune cannot have been amassed by legal means," said Lydia Rauscher, spokeswoman for the Federal Intelligence Service.

"Numerous hints let us recognize Milosevic and his entourage as an organized crime structure, engaged in drug trade, money laundering and other crimes," the

Bild newspaper quoted the report as saying. The intelligence agency refused to release the report.

Milosevic, his family and associates have repeatedly been accused of corruption and enriching themselves through state-controlled companies during his 13-year rule of Yugoslavia, which collapsed in the face of protests in Belgrade this month.

The intelligence agency report, prepared for the German government, alleges the former Yugoslav president has stashed \$100 million dollars in Switzerland alone, Rauscher said. The intelligence agency

believes Milosevic also controls accounts in Russia, China, Cyprus, Greece, South Africa and Lebanon.

Earlier this month the Swiss government said it had frozen 100 bank accounts linked to Milosevic and his associates.

Overall, the intelligence service believes Milosevic, with his son Marko, funneled a "three-digit million amount" abroad, Rauscher said.

"The near total occupation of key economic positions by Milosevic loyalists opened the possibility of illegal capital transfers for personal enrichment," Bild

quoted the intelligence report as saying.

The report alleges that some 60 Milosevic associates controlled virtually all sectors of the Yugoslav economy. They reportedly include the speaker of the Serbian parliament, Dragan Tomic and former energy minister Dragan Kostic.

Government institutions under the influence of Milosevic's rule included the national bank, the customs service, the JAT airline, the Jugopetrol oil company, TV stations and a telecommunications company, the intelligence agency said.

# Germany sets up anti-racism program

**BERLIN (AP)** — The German government on Monday announced a \$11 million nationwide program to combat racism and hostility toward foreigners amid rising concern over neo-Nazi violence.

Deputy Labor Minister Gert Andres said the money, provided by a European Union fund, would be used to promote anti-racism programs in schools and the workplace.

The program, named Xenos after the Greek word for both "foreigner" and "guest," would also support grass-roots groups and young people who try to

change racist attitudes, he added.

German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder has called for better job and training prospects for "young hangers-on" to pull them out of the neo-Nazi scene, and for courage by citizens to stand up against extremism.

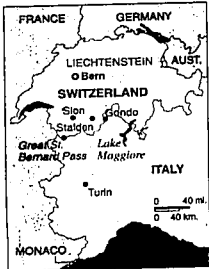
Politicians and Jewish leaders have criticized ordinary Germans for not doing more to face down extreme rightists in the streets and at the workplace, but anti-racist groups have complained that they have not received enough support from the government and other authorities.

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# Rescuers dig for flood survivor in ghost village

**GONDO, Switzerland (AP)** — Rescuers gunned Monday toward a lone survivor buried for two days under debris after rocks and mud tore through an Alpine village.

Twelve other people were missing and feared dead after Saturday's landslide in Gondo. But on Monday, crews were led by rescue dogs to a voice coming from beneath 6 feet of rubble.

A total of 23 people were missing Monday across southern Switzerland and northern Italy, where days of torrential rains loosened rocks and mud and flooded rivers.

Three people have been confirmed dead in Switzerland, including a 70-year-old woman found downstream from her home near the village of Staloc. Nine people were reported dead in Italy.

The weather had improved by Monday but a light rain continued to fall in Gondo, where the risk of more landslides hampered rescue work. The slide destroyed a third of the village of 200 people, which was a ghost town Monday.

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# COMPUTERS AND TECHNOLOGY

## Microsoft announces Windows for cars

DETROIT (AP) — Microsoft Corp. introduced its newest software for in-car computing devices this week, as well as the industry standards it would like to see adopted for how computers and cars swap information.

Analysts predict that by 2006, nearly 50 percent of all new cars will have some kind of Internet capability. Dozens of automakers and electronics companies are vying for position in

the market.

Microsoft on Sunday unveiled a third version of its Windows CE software for vehicles. The first version was used in the Clarion AutoPC, a voice-controlled device that combined elements of a car stereo, cell phone and personal digital assistant. The second version will be used in the Internet computer GM plans to install on some Cadillacs later this year.

Bob McKenzie, the general manager of Microsoft's automo-

tive business unit, said the new version of Windows CE could be used to control a variety of devices — everything from a simple, push-button cellular server to a dash computer that also controls video entertainment for passengers.

After four years of work, the number of cars with a Windows CE computer is only in the thousands. But McKenzie said the company expects the business to

take off.

Microsoft also introduced Car.Net, a set of standards it would like to see automakers and other companies adopt for in-car computing. Car.Net is based on open computer industry programming languages and standards — not Microsoft-only products.

Under Car.Net, devices could shuttle information between a home, office and car and among several different devices — from pagers to desktop computers.

## Cyberspace bank opens Boston office in financial district storefront

BOSTON (AP) — It's the newest thing to hit online banking: people.

In early October, Directbanking.com didn't even have a branch office. Now the bank has moved from clicks to bricks, from cyberspace to a three-dimensional storefront in Boston's Financial District.



Jean Montgomery, of directbanking.com, uses one of the online bank's Internet terminals at the bank's Boston office Thursday to connect to the directbanking.com Web site. Bank officials say they want to offer customers the flexibility of Internet banking with personalized customer service.

Among the gee-whiz high technology patrons will find loan officers, branch managers and even a kiosk of 20th century banking: a teller.

Officials at Directbanking.com of Salem, one of the first online banks in New England, say they want to offer customers the flexibility and convenience of Internet banking with personalized customer service.

"We're really offering choice," bank vice president Janice Deag said. "While you see a lot of technology, we're letting the customer decide how to bank."

At the new bank branch, a customer can check an account balance using an Internet connection in a lobby kiosk or at an automatic teller machine. Or, a customer can sit down with a real live loan officer for a new mortgage.

Directbanking.com says it has 6,000 depositors and \$100 million in assets. Branch manager Edward W. Nunes said the goal of opening a walk-in office is to attract another \$25 million in deposits and \$2.5 million in loans in 2001.

The storefront offers a number of terminals connected to the Directbanking.com Web site. They are equipped for video conferencing, allowing customers to dial up a customer representative in the bank's Salem office for assistance.

The technology also allows users to sign up for an account. It will even scan driver's licenses

and issue starter checks. But the bank also offers one teller window and a handful of loan officers and investment specialists.

The opening of a physical location for the online bank comes as two high-profile online banks run by major financial services companies face uncertain futures.

Citibank has decided to close

Citi fi, its online-only bank. Bank One Corp., which invested \$100 million in Wingspan Bank, says it is exploring "all options," including a sale or spin-off of its online bank.

Meanwhile, E-Trade Bank, an online division of Internet brokerage firm E-Trade, has opened a storefront in a Target store in an Atlanta suburb.

## Limit taskbar items to conserve system resources

By Chris Cobbs  
The Orlando Sentinel, Fla.

### Computer Q&A

your screen. They're also used in drawing objects on the screen.

Adding RAM, or random access memory, doesn't increase the amount of system resources available.

A typical PC application, such as a word processor or Web browser, uses between 5 percent and 8 percent of available system resources. Some use even more.

Closing an application when it's not needed will make more system resources available.

To manage system resources, use the System Configuration Utility.

This lets you change the items that are loaded into the taskbar tray, which is visible in the lower right of the screen. Limiting the number of items in the taskbar tray helps conserve system resources.

Q: How can I add USB to 5-year-old system?

A: A reader with a 5-year-old PC running Windows 95 wants to take advantage of Universal Serial Bus, or USB connectivity. To do so requires a part that plugs into an internal PC slot. A model with two USB ports costs about \$15.

## CueCat scanner campaign hits rough spots, isn't purrfect

Knight Ridder News Service

The plan to give away millions of free bar-code scanners, dubbed CueCats, isn't going exactly purring.

Radio Shack, Wired magazine, Forbes and others have given away 10 million of the gadgets, and plan to distribute 40 million more by the end of 2001.

The CueCat, which resembles a long, skinny computer mouse, is installed on users' computers so they can scan bar codes in ads or articles in participating publications. Scanning the CueCat triggers the reader's computer browser to go to a preset Web page, in what the makers hope will be an "enriched content" experience.

But the CueCat's maker, DigitalConvergence.com Inc., has come up against some unexpected skirmishes.

In the latest flap, DigitalConvergence is talking up a loose-knit group of technology mavericks who are busily re-engineering the bar-code scanners for their own uses, raising legal hackles at DigitalConvergence.

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operating system. DigitalConvergence officials were surprised at the rabid interest, given that cheap bar-code scanners were already on the market. The techies say they are drawn to the CueCat because it's so easy to get, free and powerful yet relatively simple to dissect.

The problem for DigitalConvergence is that these enterprising hobbyists would just as soon bypass DigitalConvergence's marketing database, which is how the company plans to profit from the gadgets, on which it has spent about \$100 million. DigitalConvergence envisions that product makers will eventually pay the company to have their products' bar codes trigger a special Web site.

But the techies have their own ideas. Take North Carolina-based hobbyist Michael Rothwell. Until contacted by DigitalConvergence's intellectual-property lawyers, Rothwell was working on CueCat to scan all his books, bringing up a bar code and an International Standard Book Number. His software would then search databases like the Library of Congress or Amazon.com, fetching a rich load of data on the books, such as title, price or even reviews. His inventory could help him for insurance purposes, he said, or just to impress his friends.

## DVD makers hope to create the next VCR

Knight Ridder News Service

In what could become a replay of the VHS vs. Betamax war of the early '80s, three competing varieties of DVD recorders are vying to replace VCRs in millions of American living rooms.

Starting this fall, consumers can record hours and hours of cable movies or home videos onto a five-inch disk, using a rewritable DVD device that costs, gulp, \$3,999.

That first device is the DVD-RAM, which soon will face competition from the DVD-RW and DVD-R, due out in the next few months. All three formats are incompatible, and all are pricey. At least for now, the one that wins the hearts and minds of American consumers likely will go into mass production at a much more affordable price.

Industry skirmishes aren't new in the consumer electronics industry. The last discord was five years ago with the DVD player. But in that case, manufacturers settled differences before the players were released to consumers.

"It would be more beneficial for the manufacturers to reach an agreement to try and narrow it down to one format," said Mary Joy Seaford, an Irvine-based senior analyst with International Data Corp. One standard would keep manufacturing costs down.

The electronics industry is pushing for a DVD Multi standard, which would be adopted by makers of the three formats. If that happens, consumers need only to buy one machine and, as long as it had the DVD Multi logo, it would be compatible with all DVD technologies. But the industry still is working on specifications and so far, no manufacturer has committed to making such a device.

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## EDITORIAL

### Wear hunter's orange, but don't make it law

Fall is the season for which many hunters live. Unfortunately, it is also the season in which some hunters die.

That's why Kootenai County Prosecutor Bill Douglas and others want to require Idaho hunters to wear bright orange clothing. The idea is to ensure that hunters won't mistake one another for game animals.

"There have been too many accidental deaths in Idaho," Douglas says.

Wearing hunter's orange is a common-sense thing to do. But not every common-sense idea needs to become law. Idaho is a state that values personal liberty and personal responsibility, and for that reason it has fewer laws than "hold-'em-and-hand" states such as New York and California.

(Mandatory motorcycle helmet laws are a good example. Though the value of wearing a helmet is widely accepted, Idaho allows adult riders to choose for themselves.)

With the sad exception of last year, Idaho hunters have been pretty safe in recent years.

In 1993, for the first year on record, no one died in an Idaho hunting accident. Since then, there have been three other years with no fatalities. That's a welcome contrast to our worst year, 1960, when 17 people were killed in hunting accidents.

But last year, four people died in Idaho hunting-related accidents. Spurred by that grim statistic, well-meaning people want hunter's orange to become mandatory.

Roughly two-thirds of Idaho's hunting accidents are two-party accidents, says

Dan Papp, former state hunter education coordinator for the Idaho Department of Fish and Game. In the majority of those cases, the wounded hunters were mistaken for game animals.

That's why wearing orange reduces the chances of getting shot by other hunters. It has proven effective in other states, including Montana, Wyoming and Washington. Idaho is one of only 10 states in which wearing hunter's orange is not mandatory.

*There's no good reason not to wear blaze orange when hunting.*

Some critics contend the bright color is visible to game animals, but that's not true, says John Gahl, education chief for Fish and Game.

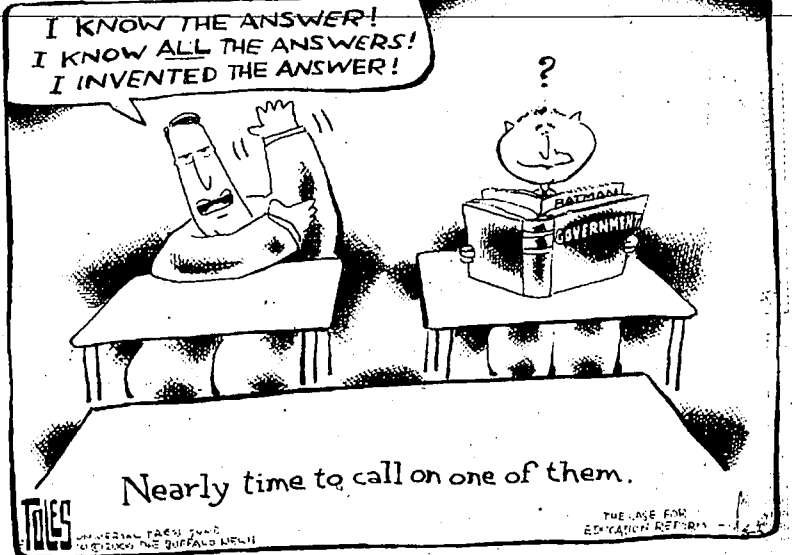
According to Gahl, deer, elk and other big game animals are color-blind.

Thus, there's no good reason not to wear blaze orange when hunting. Orange vests are inexpensive and lightweight. One member of our editorial board was hunting on Sunday and, yes, he was wearing hunter's orange.

It's also worth noting that humans have been getting killed in hunting accidents for thousands of years, long before people started throwing spears at mammoths. Yes, there are ways to make it safer and, yes, wearing hunter's orange is one of them.

Making it mandatory runs counter to Idaho's libertarian style, but here's an alternative suggestion: How about aggressively promoting hunter's orange through a coalition of Fish and Game, sportsmen's groups, outfitters and retailers?

Before asking the Legislature to take aim at this idea, let's see if a voluntary effort can hit the mark.



## Gore is squandering his best assets

RONALD BROWNSTEIN

Al Gore can't overcome George W. Bush's mid-October surge, the vice president's campaign aides have a ready explanation for his defeat. It's two words: Bush.

Clinton. Through millions of dollars in polling, Gore's camp has concluded that many voters have a deep, impenetrable, almost irrational hatred of the president.

Duh.

But the same polls that show most voters disliking Clinton personally, also show that a solid majority of Americans like his policies. Clinton's job-approval rating remains higher than Ronald Reagan's late in his presidency. In Los Angeles Times surveys all year, only a small minority of voters have expressed a desire for major changes from Clinton's policy direction. Even Bush lately has conspicuously praised Clinton on both foreign policy and for his 1996 declaration that the era of big government is over.

So here's a provocative thought: If Gore loses it may not be because he resembles Clinton too much, but too little.

In one sense, Gore's team has a legitimate beef. The serial Clinton scandals have undoubtedly made voters much more sensitive to Gore's own misstatements. Gore aides persuasively argue what even relatively minor slips—such as those the vice president made in the first debate—cut so deeply because voters are horrified at the thought of spending another four years with a president who argues about what the definition of "is" is.

But if Clinton is the gasoline in the room, Gore is the match. The share of voters who consider Clinton a real threat to the nation has changed much from month to month; what changes is the percentage of voters who think they can trust

Gore. As many voters dislike Clinton now as they did last month when Gore consistently led Bush in the race. The difference is that Gore, in the first debate, exhumed the doubts about his trustworthiness that his campaign thought it had buried at the Democratic convention.

Gore is bound to suffer from the negatives associated with the Clinton administration no matter what he does. The strangely incapable of benefiting from the positives of both Clinton's achievements and political strategy. In his near-obsessive desire to prove himself "my own man," as he put it during his acceptance speech, Gore has blithely discarded some of the most valuable political assets Clinton bequeathed him.

The most obvious of these is the avishness of Gore's own record. Gore's record has convinced itself that voters do not want to be reminded how much better off they are on most measures than eight years ago. From that conviction, Gore has twisted himself into the bizarre position of rarely mentioning the positive trends evident in everything from the economy and crime, to teen pregnancy and welfare dependency.

Even more odd has been the candidate's reaction to Bush's assertion that Clinton and Gore failed to deliver on their promise to cut middle-class taxes. In fact, Clinton, with Gore's support, in 1997 signed a balanced-budget deal that included a children's tax credit generous enough that all but the most affluent families now pay a smaller share of their income in federal income taxes. But, according to aides, Gore consciously chose not to refute Bush's charge in the

debate because he's been convinced voters recall when he tries to tell them that their taxes have been reduced.

With this fanatical reluctance to discuss the administration record, Gore gives recognition as his strongest argument: why risk a new direction when things are going so well? "To me it is not that hard to run this Gore campaign; you say I'm going to continue these policies that are working," says Steve Moore, president of the Club for Growth, a conservative political group. "Instead he's felt compelled to say I'm different from this guy (Clinton), I have a whole new agenda. And that's what is frightening people: They don't want a whole new agenda."

Which brings us to another Clinton asset: Gore is squandering. One of Clinton's signal achievements in 1996 was to make the Democratic Party attractive again to people gaining ground economically. According to exit polls, Clinton in 1996 carried 60 percent of every income class up to \$75,000 a year, and lost those earning more than that by only 10 percentage points.

But with his relentless hammering at "the working" and his insistence that "wealthy families" are his priority, the newly populist Gore almost seems to be telling the upwardly mobile families entrenched in the Clinton years that he doesn't want their votes.

Differences in political strategy can explain only so much of these odd strategic choices by Gore. At some level, the explanation must be psychological: the vice president doesn't want to win on Clinton's accomplishments. Even if it means losing.

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## LETTERS

**Council members paid own way**

I suppose the last thing an elected official should do is answer a negative critic in the newspaper. However, when the charges are greatly misleading, lacking in truth and full of innuendo, perhaps a reply is necessary.

The Times-News recently published a letter from former Jerome Mayor Ralph Peters alleging mispending of money by two council members. Marjorie Schmidt and myself, during a trip to a statewide council and mayor meeting in Coeur d'Alene last summer.

Peters failed to mention why motel arrangements were changed by us as had been reported in The Times-News. Also, I failed to mention that the city of Jerome owes both Schmidt and myself a good deal of money for travel charges for that trip and other meetings we have never claimed. The rest of the council members the mayor each claimed more than \$130 for reimbursement from the trip for additional expenses. They are all correct in claiming those expenses that are owed to them. Note that Schmidt and I claimed no reimbursement.

Nearly all meetings I attend, I do not charge mileage. That, in itself, would add up to a large amount of money, particularly over the past three years. On a number of occasions, I seek no reimbursement for meals, I hike on city business. I write that fact not to be self-congratulatory but to set the record straight that I carefully watch any tax dollar I spend on behalf of the city.

When Peters spouts the worthiness of former Mayor Gerald Ostler and himself, one needs to remember that Ostler was the biggest spender in the history of Jerome in the early 1990s, doubling the city budget and increasing the number of city employees by more than 50 percent. The past three years, since Schmidt and I have been on the City Council, local (city) property taxes have gone down each year. And, yes, we vote against

training and travel for employees when it seems fish or unnecessary.

As for Peters, the community remembers when he was voted out of the state Legislature after a short, anonymous stay and only last year was voted off the Jerome City Council. Citizens should check the voting records by each council member during Peters' last two years on the council and then determine who really attempted to save Jerome taxpayers money and to reduce taxes.

**JOE SKI'NG**  
City Councilman  
Jerome

**Dentist visit becomes torture**

I recently had a local dentist perform dental work that has turned into a nightmare. What that I have been a relatively simple procedure has become several months of agonizing pain. I have information from two of this dentist's other former patients who have also been poorly treated, so this is not an isolated incident. If I happen to know two people that have had poor work done by him, there must be more of his patients with similar experiences.

The more complaints that are filed against incompetent or negligent "professionals," the less likely they are to remain in business or in this area causing people agony.

If you are looking for a new dentist in the area, I advise you to check to see if there have been complaints filed with the Idaho State Board of Dentistry against the dentist you are considering. If you have had a bad experience with a dentist, then I urge you to file a complaint with the Board of Dentistry. The necessary forms can be obtained by calling (208) 334-2369.

Do your part to protect our community. If you have a legitimate complaint, file it with the Board of Dentistry.

**DAVID HAWKINS**  
Twin Falls

**Thoughts on abortion pill issue**

After the appearance on Oct. 6 of the letter by Craig Wutrich, I felt compelled to present some additional thoughts on the abortion pill issue.

First, I am concerned about the expressed view that "unchaste women" will profit from this medication. I believe it takes a woman and a man to create a child. I am offended by this outdated attitude that loose behavior is all the woman's fault. Do we spend every day just taunting all those poor males until they can't control themselves and give sex with any bloke that walks (our) way? I have a difficult time believing that anyone really subscribes to this outdated idea.

Second, I do not believe that having safe methods of ridding oneself of a

child will encourage sexual activity in women. The only thing that will change the level of sexual behavior outside of marriage is for young people to truly subscribe to the idea that it is right and healthy to wait until they are married. This moral sense is not learned at school or from friends but comes from the attitudes and ideas that parents give their children.

Another rather outdated idea pertaining to sexual behavior is that men should be experienced when they marry but women are to be virgins. Until we as parents hold both boys and girls to the same standards of behavior, young people will pick up on this double standard and use it to their advantage.

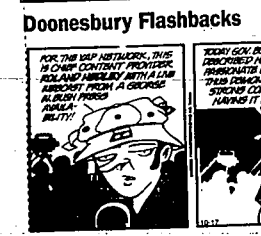
Third, I am glad that we do have a private method for a woman to correct a mistake that she and her partner have made. I do not believe that most women would use abortion as a birth control method.

I am sure that making the choice to end a pregnancy is traumatic for the women who make that choice. The need for safe methods of ending a pregnancy will never go away, and I believe in having those methods for many reasons.

Just because a choice is available does not mean that it is used—it is just a choice. This medication puts the choice back where it should be—between the woman, whose body it is, and the doctor who advises her on her health.

I applaud this safe, private opportunity for women to make those difficult choices.

**CATHERINE POPPINO**  
Twin Falls



# Even George W. stretches the truth

TOM FIELDER

President Ronald Reagan once told a heart-rending story about a simple American valor in World War II that made his audience choke with emotion. It was about this B-17 crew whose plane had been badly shot up during a run over Germany. The young pilot, after trying futilely to keep the bomber airborne long enough to return to its base in England, finally ordered the crew to bail out. He watched them safely escape before preparing his own parachute. Then he heard a feeble voice over the plane's intercom; it was the tail gunner, saying that he was wounded and trapped in his turret. He would certainly die in the crash.

As Reagan recounted it, the pilot left the controls, crawled back through the crippled plane and into the tail gunner's cramped space. He took the gunner's hand and together they plunged to their deaths. Veterans in the audience puffed out their chests; some wept. Reagan related the incident as factual - except for this: The pilot and gunner did if there were no witnesses to repeat it?

Lying seems to be at the center of the current presidential campaign. Or, put more gently, credibility is. But this is hardly something new, nor is it the province of one party or a reliable indicator of a successful presidency. Reagan, for example, remembered widely and correctly as the Great Communicator; he is also known correctly as a great preparator. Hardly a week goes by that he didn't utter a whopper story he recounted as truth. There was the "welfare queen" who drove a Cadillac, had numerous aliases and collected dozens of welfare checks - a

story he repeated countless times, yet was flat false. He told Yitzak Rabin that he'd been with the Army unit that filmed evidence of the Holocaust's atrocities at Dachau - yet Reagan served out the war in Hollywood.

I raise this because of the controversy that swirls around Vice President Al Gore, who stands accused by his opponent, George W. Bush, of being a "serial exaggerator."

There's a basis for the charge: Gore is overly quick to credit himself with accomplishments that, even when true, are usually stretched to the limit (remember the Internet?). In the first debate he said he surveyed wildfire damage in Texas with Jamie Lee Witt, director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency; he passed on a parent's tale that Sarasota (Fla.) High didn't have enough desks for science students, and that school lunch in Miami-Dade County started at 9:30 a.m. in some schools - none of which was completely correct.

Still, the more relevant question is whether this elasticity with facts deserves the feigned outrage that Bush and his allies have shown.

In last week's debate, the Republican candidate said, "It's going to be important for the president to be credible with Congress, important for the president to be credible with foreign nations." We all would agree.

But if that absolute-truth standard is applied rigorously, what would Bush say of Ronald Reagan? What would he say about Abraham Lincoln's claimed birth in a log cabin?

What would he say to his father's pledge of "read my lips, no new taxes"? Were these Republican presidents lying?

For any candidate to swear to tell only the truth is to set an impossible standard. In 1976 the pious Jimmy Carter promised he would "never lie."

Then journalist Steve Brill came out with a thoroughly documented magazine article titled "The Many Lies of Jimmy Carter."

And so it may be with Bush. In last week's debate, he left himself open to similar charges.

When he claimed, for example, that Texas's water is cleaner today than ever, the Sierra Club quickly noted that toxic pollution in surface waters has climbed since his election.

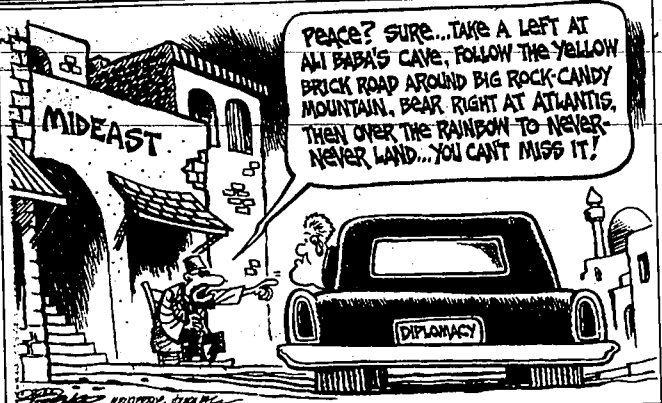
When he claimed that "industrial water" has been reduced by 11 percent, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency counters that levels of nitrous oxides, precursors of ozone smog, have increased.

And when he accused the Clinton administration of pulling 40 million acres of land out of circulation "without consulting local officials," he overlooked the more than 600 meetings the U.S. Forest Service had with just those officials.

When asked in one interview to name his favorite childhood book, Bush cited "The Very Hungry Caterpillar." That book, it turns out, was published when he was 23.

Perhaps Bush was telling the absolute truth. To be charitable, though, I prefer to think his credibility slipped.

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# Attack on Cole was war, not terrorism

JOHN LEHMAN

From media reports it appears that the skipper of USS Cole did all in his power to protect his ship and crew, and his leadership apparently saved lives. President Clinton described the attack on Cole as an act of cowardice and of terrorism. It was, of course, neither. It was a well-planned act of war by terrorists.

The truth is inconvenient to the "peace process," and will be put in the memory hole, just as it was after Syria killed 241 American Marines in Beirut. We will instead blame it on Osama bin Laden or some mythical person. Other than President Clinton's traditional lobbing of a few cruise missiles, we can be certain that there will be no retaliation.

Another inconvenient fact sure to be stuffed down the memory hole is the obscene failure of intelligence. Obviously our vast centralized intelligence bureaucracy did not warn the skipper of Cole of the severe danger. But no one could be surprised by intelligence failure. In 14 years of government

service in three administrations, I observed many historic crises, and in every one the consolidated product of the intelligence bureaucracy either failed to provide warning, as in Kuwait, or was grossly wrong in its assessment, as in the Yom Kippur War. Every national security adviser and every tactical commander from Elliott Abrams to Norman Schwartzkopf has deplored this scandal, but nothing is ever done.

If Cole had been warned, the ship would have avoided this notorious port. If for some reason (and armed with warning) they were needed in harm's way, tried-and-true measures can be taken to protect stationary ships. We kept many ships off Beirut for years without a successful attack.

But why was this single ship sent to Aden at the height of an anti-American crisis, in a nation notorious for harboring terrorists sponsored by Iraq and other rogue states? As Nimetz famously signaled to Halsey, "The world wonders."

While state departments in every administration want to treat naval ships like so many cost-free chess men, in recent years the profligate wildly-nilly deployments have been running all of the services into tatters. During the Reagan years of Cold War activism, the Navy was deployed to crisis areas beyond ordinary deployments an average of 5 1/2 times per year, which fully stretched a Navy of nearly 600 ships. Over the same time span in the Clinton years, the Navy deployed out of the routine 12 1/4 times per year with a fleet that has been slashed to only 318 ships. This has not only destroyed morale, retention and family life, but it also has exposed a less-ready, thinned-out fleet to many more hazardous duty stations. As the Navy learned at Okinawa, where 35 ships were sunk by kamikazes, it is impossible to protect completely against suicide attacks. The only defense is good intelligence and the will to retaliate against the source. The American government has neither.

*John Lehman was secretary of the Navy in the Reagan administration. He wrote this commentary for The Washington Post.*

# Congress has its own brand of fuzzy math

From the Los Angeles Times

In the past few years, Congress has funded the government by setting unrealistically low spending limits, breaking them, and then covering the difference by payment shifts and budgetary gimmicks. This fiscal year, Congress has ceased even to pretend to stick to budget discipline. With much of its work still to be done, Congress is expected to appropriate some \$630 billion to \$640 billion for discretionary spending, nearly \$100 billion above the cap it set in 1997.

That still leaves some of the leftover non-Social Security surpluses to pay down the debts so we don't have to worry about renewed budget deficits - yet. But splurging on this scale makes a mockery of the surplus projections that the presidential candidates use in their spending and tax cut plans. It is also going to make it much harder for Washington to deal with the coming Social Security and Medicare crises.

Both Gov. George W. Bush and Vice President Al Gore start out with a Congressional Budget Office estimate that, if the economy keeps growing over the next 10 years, if the markets that generate taxable capital gains remain bullish and if spending increases at the rate of inflation, the revenue surplus will add up to \$4.6 trillion.

Most of it - \$2.4 trillion - would come from unspent Social Security revenue that both parties have pledged not to touch. Bush would spend most of the \$2.2 trillion that's left over on an across-the-board tax cut. Gore favors a smaller cut and big spending programs. The math is a lot fuzzier than either candidate admits.

The Center on Budget and Policy Priorities and other independent budget analysts can assure that, if Congress keeps spending at the current rate, extends programs that expire but are routinely renewed and sets aside the \$360 billion in Medicare revenue surpluses, the \$2.2 trillion fund shrinks to \$700 billion over the next decade.

There is still hope that the bud-

Other views  
get office has underestimated the surpluses and that the economy will generate even bigger surpluses.  
What the economy will not support is the huge obligations the nation's health and retirement programs face in the coming decades as the baby boomer generation starts drawing benefits. In a sobering estimate published earlier this month, the Ledge office warned that even in the most optimistic scenario, surpluses will turn into deficits so large they would smother economic growth. The long-term revenue forecasts may be off, but the demographic trends are unmistakable: America's aging, people live longer and their demands on medical care grow. A free-spend Congress is hastening the day of reckoning.



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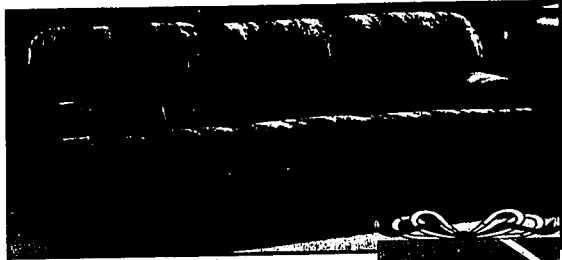
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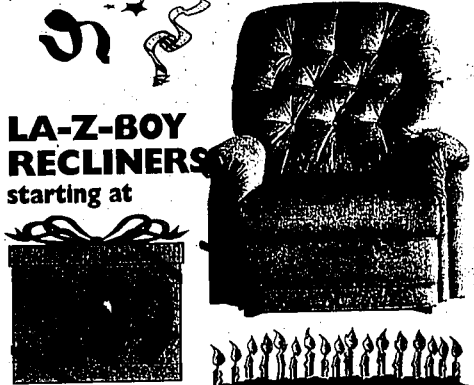


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AROUND THE VALLEY

Man pleads guilty to reduced charges

TWIN FALLS - Two weeks before he was scheduled to go to trial, a Twin Falls man Monday pleaded guilty to reduced charges in connection with the slaying of another Twin Falls man.

Richard Dale Cheatham, 42, pleaded guilty to voluntary manslaughter and one count of grand theft in connection with the slaying of Wayne Lafferty of Twin Falls. The plea was entered late Monday afternoon.

Cheatham's first-degree murder trial was slated to begin on Oct. 31. Questionnaire and detective jurors had gone out last week. The attorney general's office, which has been prosecuting the case, had said it would pursue the death penalty against Cheatham.

A separate trial for a second defendant, Allecia Nicole Duyungan, is slated to begin on Jan. 3, 2001. Prosecutors have said they will pursue the death penalty against Duyungan.

Lafferty's body was found Sept. 6, 1997, wrapped in a tarp and partially buried in the woods. An autopsy determined he died from multiple blows to the head.

Juveniles arrested in connection with threat

HAILEY - School officials and Blaine County police Monday increased security at county schools after receiving a telephone threat of a school shooting.

Three juveniles, whose names were not released Monday, were arrested in connection with the threat.

The juveniles have been charged with making a false 911 call, a misdemeanor carrying a maximum penalty of six months in jail, a \$500 fine and possible civil penalties.

A call came in to Blaine County sheriff's dispatchers during Wood River High School's lunch period Monday. Hailey Police Chief Jack Stroheck said a caller threatened to "come out and shoot people" at an unspecified school.

A witness overheard the phone call, made from a pay phone, and reported seeing the three callers walk away from the pay phone and drive off.

School district personnel were immediately notified of the threat and took security precautions at all district schools, Wood River High School principal Bill Resko said.

Sheriff's officers located a car matching the witness's description at the high school's parking lot. Resko said no guns were found in the car.

Judge sentences man to prison for escape, robbery

TWIN FALLS - One man charged in connection with an escape from The Twin Falls County Jail and a subsequent robbery was sentenced Monday to prison.

District Judge Roger Burdick sentenced Kevin John Scherer, 22, to two years in prison, one year indeterminate, on the escape charge. He was sentenced to 12 years, seven years' indeterminate, on a robbery charge.

CSI asks for new student center

By Jennifer Sandmann Times-News writer
TWIN FALLS - Student leaders Monday told a receptive College of Southern Idaho governing board that the campus needs a bigger student center.

Graydon Stanley, director of student information. "We feel like the time is right for us to have a student union building," he said.

center could be an addition to the Taylor Administration Building or a new structure. Whatever the choice, the college is looking at about a 30,000-square-foot center, he said.

for students to socialize. The center also would house student services such as counseling, career, and financial aid.

online learning opportunities for students; an expanded student center; and a new child care center through formation of a local partnership.

Skills get put to the test

Students compete in soil judging contest

By Aaron Brock Times-News writer
PAUL - Future agricultural workers took to the fields Monday and put their skills to the test.

number of agriculture businesses are involved in FFA, he said. The winning team was the Culestac FFA team, which finished with a score of 942.

Typically Idaho does pretty well at the international contest," Godfrey said, adding that the land in the Midwest is appreciated differently than it is here.

area, offices for student clubs and organizations, a retail-style eatery that includes popular vendors, a game room and place

LID moves forward

TWIN FALLS - By the fall of 2001, parts of Main Avenue North could look new again.

A Local Improvement District, with a pretest at a City Council meeting Monday, is moving forward.

The improvement district assessments will pay to replace sidewalks, curbs and gutters in the 200 and 300 blocks of Main Avenue North and a few nearby blocks of Second and Third streets.

The work, which is estimated to take about three months, could start this spring and be finished by the fall of 2001, said Carleen Herring, manager of economic development for Region IV Development Association.

The City Council unanimously approved the LID earlier this month. To form the LID by petition, at least 60 percent of the property owners must sign the petition.

All but one of the 24 business in the LID signed the petition, said Tim Jones, executive director of the city's downtown Business Improvement District.

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Greg Gochour, center, a senior at Burley High School, determines the slope of the field during Monday's Idaho State Land Judging Contest near Paul.

WHO HAS GIVEN TO WHOM?

\*Here's a list of campaign contributors in the upcoming legislative election in the Magic Valley.

Table listing campaign contributors for Idaho House District 21B, including names, addresses, and amounts.

Table listing campaign contributors for Idaho House District 22A, including names, addresses, and amounts.

Table listing campaign contributors for Idaho House District 23B, including names, addresses, and amounts.

State approves controversial water permit with conditions

By N.S. Nokketted Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - State officials have breathed new life into a controversial long-term water permit - but only once the water user has submitted a mitigation plan and that plan is approved.

The preliminary order issued Friday conditionally grants a water right for state land leased by Gooding rancher John Faulkner, approving the transfer of a permit originally issued for a materialized.

The order requires, however, that before any well is dug or water used under the permit, the permit holder - the State Department of Lands - must submit for approval a plan to mitigate any effects on senior water rights.

The priority date of the permit was moved up to May 26, 1999, instead of the original priority date set when the application was filed in 1974.

In Idaho, water is administered in the order of priority - the oldest in time get first priority in times of shortage. The doctrine is called prior appropriation and is designed to protect existing water rights from later water diversions.

validity of the original permit, which stipulated that "if, for any reason, the applicant does not proceed with the project under the permit, this approval shall be null and void."

The permit has never been developed - no well was dug, no water pumped.

Larry Cope of Clear Springs Foods Inc. said he was not sure how a mitigation plan would work. His company relies on springs in the area. The water would be affected by new groundwater uses above the canyon.

Dave Bruhn, of the Idaho Aquaculture Association, said he understood that mitigation meant aquifer recharge.

"That's a long-term tradeoff," he said. The new well would go in, but it would take time before a mechanism is in place to begin recharge. Nor was he certain where the water for any recharge would come from.

Faulkner, who would be the immediate beneficiary of the water permit, is out of state and could not be reached for comment Monday. The water would be pumped from the aquifer and used to irrigate about 320 acres of state land in Gooding County leased to Faulkner.

Faulkner, who until 2004 to "prove" the permit - to prove the water is being put to beneficial use.

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Table listing campaign contributors for Idaho Senate District 22, including names, addresses, and amounts.

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Department of Lands Assistant Director Jay Bildeau, who is not intimate with the case, said the mitigation plan would depend on whether the state has a way of mitigating other water users.

Critics have questioned the

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# School Board confirms cuts

## District eliminates 12 to 14 positions

By Aaron Brock  
Times-News writer

RUPERT - Minidoka County schools will cut 12 to 14 teaching positions and further staff cuts because of dropping enrollment. The School Board confirmed these cuts, which had been anticipated, Monday evening. Comparing numbers from Sept. 22, 1999 and Sept. 22 of this year, the district is down 280 students, Superintendent Nick Hallett said. Because funding is tied directly to enrollment, cuts will have to be made. Typically, one teacher position is cut for every 20 to 22 students lost. There will also be cuts in other areas, such as administration, Hallett said.

In a continuing saga, Hallett again pointed out to the board that this enrollment drop has become a significant problem. "This is serious," he said. "And we need to do something to stop this." The first priority to stem the outward flow of students is to improve facilities, Hallett said, noting that Cassia County schools have not dropped nearly as much in enrollment. People always come and go in this area, but Hallett said he thinks incoming families are drawn toward the newer facilities in Cassia. Hallett stressed the importance of passing a plant facilities levy or a bond issue in the upcoming election. The district could pass a bond issue of about \$11 million, without increasing the amount of taxes now paid, board member Norma Claridge said.

Several options will be considered before the election. The board will examine increases up to as much as \$17.5 million, Hallett said. If the board decides to try to pass a \$17.5 million bond issue, increased taxes would make up the additional \$6.5 million.

The board will meet with architects from Latham and Krohn in early November to decide how to proceed. Basically there will be two options, Hallett said. Either the board will try for higher taxes, and will build new facilities, or the board will stay with the lower taxes, and will only make renovations.

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# Cassia P&Z questions term lengths

By Ruth Stroefer  
Times-News writer

BURLEY - Though they've been assigned four-year terms, Cassia County planning and zoning commissioners Monday night agreed whether two-year terms were also established. But under state law, a commissioner's first term must be at least three years, county administrator Tom Hurst said. "When the commission was formed, four-year terms were established. The first term would end January 2003. The commissioners also discussed having two-year terms, but they couldn't remember whether staggered terms were on the books, Hurst said. Some commissioners expressed interest in taking advantage of that two-year term, Hurst told the Cassia County commissioners Monday. Commission chairman David Gerratt said he didn't know whether any of the seven commissioners wanted to step down early. He declined to say whether he was considering such a move.

If two year terms had been established, they would end in January. But Hurst looked up the law later Monday that set the minimum term at three years. Commissioners could still opt to resign, he said. The issue will be discussed by the planning and zoning commission Thursday. Commissioner Dennis Crane expressed concern Monday over the possibility of losing commissioners while a controversial siting application is still on the table. For a year commissioners have been studying Big Sky Farms' application for a 50,000-sow hog farm in eastern Cassia County. The application is under review by the state Department of Environmental Quality. If the DEC approves the permit, it will eventually move on to the planning and zoning for approval. In other county business, Julie Thomas, with the Resource Conservation and Development Council in Twin Falls, encouraged county commissioners to propose projects for which the

commission could pursue grant money. Cassia County is one of four Magic Valley counties that help sponsor the non-profit council for \$100 a year. Cities such as Albion and Heyburn, and various soil conservation districts also sponsor the council, which operates in partnership with the Natural Resource Conservation Service and the U.S. Forest Service. Local projects include helping Albion gain Gem Community status, a historical site in Albion, a Heyburn and tree-planting workshops. The National Endowment for the Arts recently awarded the council a \$15,000 grant to hire a playwright to research and write a play that examines the social dynamics of the region's natural resource issues. That play, which was based in part on interviews with residents of Cassia County, Utah and Nevada, and is entitled "Weed" was completed last year. The council hopes to introduce the play to schools and local drama departments.

# Business reps meet with officials

## Burley to get new panel manufacturer

By Ruth Stroefer  
Times-News writer

BURLEY - A panel manufacturer that hopes to employ up to 25 people within a year expects to be up and running by the end of the month. Representatives from Excel Building Systems met with the Burley City Council Monday to request a license that would permit the company to place a dust collector on a public right-of-way. The license allows the city to remove the six-by-ten foot device if ever it becomes a problem. And it would free the city from liability if an accident ever occurred as

the result of the dust collector being on the easement. City attorney Lance Loveland suggested the policy because the dust collector will be on the side of the building that faces an intersection with no traffic control. The company will be located in the old Valley Warehouse at 839 Albion Ave. The dust collector will encroach by six feet onto the easement on 9th Street. Sean Kay with Excel said that is the best location for the device. Kay's company manufactures a patented product that is used for residential and commercial buildings, he said. He's been contacted by potential buyers nationwide, he said. Excel will initially employ five employees per shift, and will expand to three shifts, Kay said. Kay, a Burley resident, said his company chose Burley as its base because of the labor market, the low overhead and cost of utilities, the rail lines, Burley's location

less than 750 miles from major west coast cities and to help diversify the economy. In other business, the City Council approved a six-month moratorium on cell phone towers, which are often considered eyesores, while the city draws up an ordinance that will keep their numbers down. Many cities are passing measures that require tele-communications providers to share towers, city administrator Mark Mitton said. The Burley has one cell phone tower, and another that was recently approved. In addition, the City Council will meet at 6 p.m. Wednesday to discuss plans for a proposed skate park. The meeting is open to the public. Times-News writer Ruth Stroefer can be reached at the Minicassia Bureau at 677-4042, ext. 109, or by e-mail at rstroefer@magicvalley.com.

# Family man, pilot - serial killer: Yates agrees to plead guilty to 13 murders

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) - To an extent, a family man who includes father of five, military helicopter pilot and car buff, add the following description of Robert L. Yates Jr., serial killer. Yates, 48, has reached a deal with prosecutors to plead guilty to 13 killings of women in exchange for avoiding the death penalty, Spokane County Prosecutor Steve Tucker said Monday. Yates is a balding, unremarkable man whose neighbors know little about him. Since his arrest in April, he has made no public statement. The public's few glimpses of Yates have come at brief court appearances in which he comes to receive a hearing. He has replied politely to the few questions placed to him by a judge. "Mr. Yates is remorseful," public defender Richard Fry said of the plea agreement. "Mr. Yates wants to put this matter to rest." After an 18-year Army career, Yates settled in the mid-1990s in a comfortable Spokane neighborhood with his wife, four daughters - ages 25, 21, 20 and 16 - and 11-year-old son.



Law enforcement officers examine the backyard Monday of Robert Yates' home in Spokane, Wash. Yates will plead guilty to 13 murders and one attempted murder under a plea agreement that would allow him to escape the death penalty, officials said Monday.

They lived in a wood-shingled two-story home valued at \$122,000 on Spokane's South Hill. He grew up in the Whidbey Island community of Oak Harbor, north of Seattle, where he was an ordinary kid - a choir boy and baseball pitcher. Yates' father worked at the Whidbey Island Naval Base, and his mother occasionally styled hair out of their home, said a family friend Bert Waller. The family was active in the Seventh-day Adventist church. Yates' mother died while he was in high school. In 1970, Yates enrolled at Walla Walla College, which is operated by the Seventh-day Adventist church. He dropped out in 1972 without earning a degree. Yates married Linda Brewer of Walla Walla in 1976. His in-laws, Bill and Betty Brewer of Walla Walla, have said Yates was a loner they never really got to know. Two of the killings Yates will confess to were in Walla Walla County. Yates worked at a state prison in Walla Walla during the 1970s, and then joined the Army in 1977. He was stationed in Europe from 1981 to 1984, then was stationed at Fort Rucker, Ala., with an aviation training unit. In 1988 he was stationed in Germany, and then returned to the United States in 1991 for four years as a platoon leader and instructor pilot at Fort Drum, N.Y. In 1995, he taught pilots at Fort Rucker. He left the Army in 1996 and moved to Spokane with his family.

Neighbors noticed that Yates had an ever-changing fleet of cars. His pride was a 1977 white Chevrolet Corvette - a vehicle investigators say provided evidence linking him to one homicide. On Nov. 12, 1998, he contacted Yates at his home after one of his daughters went to the Spokane County Jail and complained Yates had slapped her. "His me all the time," his daughter said, according to a police report. Yates admitted he had grabbed her and slapped her in the face. He was cited for domestic violence but not taken into custody. Shortly after his arrest last April in Spokane's serial slaying case, Yates' siblings issued a statement calling him "the type of person you would want to have for your best friend."

# Students report suspicious man near school

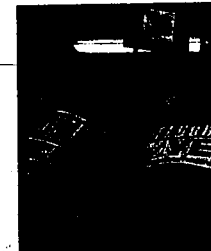
TWIN FALLS - Fifth-grade students at Lincoln Elementary School reported seeing a suspicious-looking man watching them Friday near the school, Twin Falls Police Capt. Jim Munn said. The children reported that the man had short blonde hair and was driving tan or gold-colored 1980s model Oldsmobile or Buick, Munn said. No further description of the man or car was given, he said. The children said the same man might have been following them in the car earlier in the week.

**Valley in brief**  
Munn said. Twin Falls School District spokeswoman Linda Baird said police and school staff have told students to walk to and from school in groups and immediately report anything suspicious to a trusted adult.  
Times-News seeks info on Halloween activities  
If you're planning a Halloween-

themed activity for kids, let your neighbors know about it. The Times-News is preparing a roundup of Friday Night activities both for Halloween and the week before. We'll publish it in Friday's WeekEnd section. Information to us is in p.m. Wednesday. Mail it to: Features Department, The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls 83303, fax it to 734-5538 or e-mail us at crump@magicvalley.com. - compiled from staff reports

# Fluoride debate hits ballots Nov. 7

SAN ANTONIO (AP) - Paul Wiegand guides his dental mirror around the tiny mouth of 4-year-old Matthew Westcott. But fluoridate in city water and children will suffer fewer rotted teeth. - Leaning over the anesthetized boy, Wiegand repeats the plea of health officials and dentists in the nation's eighth-largest city. But fluoridate in city water and children will suffer fewer rotted teeth. - On Nov. 7, voters will reply. The question of whether to fluoridate the water is on the ballot in San Antonio as well as Abilene; Clark County, Nev., which includes Las Vegas; Spokane, Wash.; Leavenworth, Kan.; Brattleboro, Vt.; Gilbert, Ariz.; Utah's Salt Lake and Davis counties; and the Utah cities of Logan, Providence, Nibley, Hyrum and Smithfield. For decades, public health officials have promoted fluoridation as a cheap, easy way to prevent tooth decay. San Antonio Water System officials estimate fluoridation would cost an average of 12 cents a month per household. But trying to get fluoride in the water has ignited controversy since 1945, when Grand Rapids, Mich., became the first U.S. city to add the cavity-fighting mineral. In current efforts are the third in San Antonio and Spokane. Cumberland, Md., residents ousted a mayor who briefly fluoridated their water in 1950. This year they voted to allow.



Children from the Jose Cardenas Headstart Program await the start of the program's fluoride rationing rally Monday at the Jose Cardenas Community Center in San Antonio, Texas.

then, big cities including Los Angeles and Sacramento, Calif., have added the chemical. During the Cold War, some opponents feared fluoridation was a communist plot. Today, those who argue fluoridation is mass medication from an intrusive, costly government. At a recent forum on the Brattleboro measure, Selectman Daryl Pillsbury told the crowd, "I live in Vermont for a very good reason: clean air, clean water, clean everything." Pillsbury's children get topical fluoride treatments at school, he said. He dislikes the idea of adding something to community water that not everyone wants or needs. "I'm leaning toward no," Pillsbury said to shouts and applause from a divided audi-

## LID

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... did not protest the LID Measure. "The LID doesn't help us out really," said Howard Zimmerman, Tasks Unlimited manager. "It's just do the side street off our building, so it wouldn't really improve anything that drastically." Property owners within the LID are assessed \$75 per linear foot on Main Avenue North and \$35 per linear foot on Second and Third streets. Estimated cost for the project is \$920,750. The Urban Renewal Agency has pledged \$120,000 and the City Council \$102,000 for the project; \$500,000 could come from an Idaho Community Development Block Grant. Property owners within LID assessments. The only property owner that won't pay an assessment is the Twin Falls School District -

which has an administrative office on Main Avenue North - because it's tax-exempt, City Attorney Fritz Wonderful said. The Times-News is one of the biggest property owners in the LID. The LID won't start collecting assessments until construction is done, Herring said. Here's how LIDs usually work: The city gets interim funding, usually from a bank, before construction starts. After construction is finished and the exact cost is known, the city figures then pay their assessment in a lump sum or over 10 years, Herring said. Formation of the LID depends on grants, which pay for most of the project, Wonderful said. If grants come through, then a city ordinance will attach assessments to properties in the LID until they're paid off. The application deadline for

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the \$500,000 community development grant is Nov. 17, Jones said. A public hearing for the grant is set for Nov. 6. In other business, the City Council: 

- Awarded a \$55,000 contract to Argus Electric to add new light fixtures to City P.E. to improve an entrance to downtown. The Urban Renewal Agency will pay \$51,000 and the city \$4,000. The lights will take at least two months to order.
- Approved the final plat of the 2.167 Rose Hill Estates subdivision north of Filer Avenue West.
- Approved a revised cooperative street lighting agreement for the Eastland Heights subdivision.
- Annexed four streets in the Magic Valley Ranch subdivision.

 Times-News writer Brandon Fiala can be reached in Twin Falls at 733-0931, Ext. 246.

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CSI surgical tech director Janet Beorchia teaches Joe Rockham of Filer how to crochet as part of their training.

## Training hook CSI surgical tech students crochet to learn dexterity

TWIN FALLS - College of Southern Idaho surgical technology lab students are learning to crochet to hone their eye-hand coordination.

"If you hold the crochet hook and tiny thread correctly with the tips of your fingers, this is the same action you want to

use as you pass instruments to the surgeon," said instructor Janet Beorchia about the exercise.

The surgical technology program prepares students during an 11-month, three-semester program to assist medical staff in operating rooms. Beorchia says a



College of Southern Idaho surgical technology student Leon Jacobs of Elko crochets to hone eye-hand coordination.

skilled scrub nurse makes the job look easy. She says there is a real art to working in the operating room and that's what she's trying to impart to her students.

This is the first year Beorchia has used the crochet method of teaching students

proper instrument handling and she says it has been a hit with both male and female students.

Some of the students have said their families were amused and amazed at their new skills. Beorchia says the last group of CSI surgical technology gradu-

ates experienced 100 percent job placement. She also says there is a nationwide shortage of trained professionals to staff operating rooms.

For more information, call Beorchia at 733-9554, Ext. 2178.



Chester Bradshaw is the new Future Farmers of America adviser at Bliss School. He was active in FFA when he went to high school. The FFA students sell plants and hanging baskets at their greenhouse.

## Former FFA student returns as teacher at Bliss

By Dore Jensen  
Times-News correspondent

BLISS - When Chester Bradshaw went to Gooding High School, he was active in the Future Farmers of America.

Bradshaw has returned to the FFA, this time as adviser and to teach vocational agriculture at Bliss High School for the 2000-01 school year. He graduated from Gooding High School in 1989 and Utah State University in 1997. He comes to Bliss from Jerome, where he taught agriculture and worked with the FFA for the past two years.

"I was active in FFA throughout high school," explained Bradshaw when asked why he entered teaching. "FFA was a lot of fun. I thought I could share my experiences. I competed in almost everything and was a member of four national teams."

Some of the subjects Bradshaw plans to cover this year include forestry, natural resources, introduction to agriculture, welding, floriculture, seventh-grade introduction to tools, equine science, zoology, small engines, agriculture

structures greenhouse and introduction to shop for the eighth-grade.

The forestry class is new this year and the agriculture structures class will build sheds. The girls have been some of the best students in the building class, Bradshaw said. They find that building is not just for boys.

Class members get to see what they accomplish each day, keeping interest high, the teacher added.

"High student interest by student involvement with their parents, reduces student discipline problems," Bradshaw said. "I plan to meet one-on-one with the students and their parents in their home setting to develop parent support."

Bradshaw smiled as he glanced at the trophy banners displayed around the room at Bliss School.

"I competed with and against the students winning those banners. I feel like part of the community already," he said.

He learned a lot from his agriculture instructor while in school, Bradshaw said.

"And I'm sure there is much to be learned as a colleague working with the district FFA," he said.

Bliss Future Farmers of America Chapter officers for 2000-2001 are, left to right,

Vanessa Leija, secretary; John Leonard, vice president; Brian Elliott, reporter; Caleb Burk, president; Chase Kikins, secretary; and Cade Erkins, student adviser. Not pictured is Bret Vos, treasurer.



## Brothers shine at fair competition

By Jennifer Hedberg  
Times-News correspondent

FILER - It all started with a Suffolk lamb 31 years ago. That lamb has furnished animals for the Chojnacky family of Twin Falls, from mother to children. This year, the Chojnacky brothers, Logan, 12, and Lee, 15, swept the sheep competition at the Twin Falls County Fair with their 4-H lambs. Logan and his lambs, Jack and Jill, won reserved grand champion and grand champion of show-four years, and his lambs, Lambo and GI EWE, won grand champion.

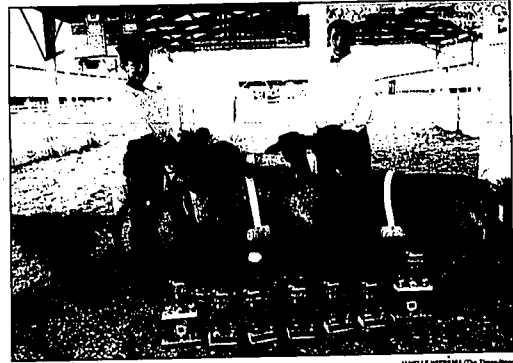
"This is the first time in history, that I remember, that two brothers won grand and reserve champion at the same time," their mother, Tanya said.

Logan also received the two pair trophy given for the two sheep that look the most alike.

For the placing order of sale, the boys' fourth sheep placed first, second, third and fifth. Lee sold his lamb for \$1,240 and Logan sold his for \$780.

The boys started to prepare for the fall fair in May, walking the lambs, teaching them to eat grain, bathing them, doctoring their injuries, playing with them, keeping an accurate book on them, every single day.

"The record book starts out before the lamb does," said their dad, Bill Chojnacky.



Logan and Lee Chojnacky sweep the sheep competition at the Twin Falls County Fair.

"All our animals are spoiled," Tanya Chojnacky said. "When Logan is home, he always had his lamb in his hand. They are pretty much part of the family. Even when they are gone, I can still hear the baaaa, it's just sub-conscious."

The Chojnacky parents believe that the Twin Falls County 4-H deserves a blue ribbon.

"Everybody helps everyone else," Tanya Chojnacky said.

## Times-News seeks charity, craft show info

TWIN FALLS - On Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 23, The Times-News will publish a free listing of charities and groups that help others at holiday time.

The listing will include descriptions of items that the groups are asking people in the community to donate.

To have your holiday provider group included in the list, send your name, address and phone number, along with some information about the items you will need for distribution, to Denise Turner, The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, Idaho 83303-0548. Or fax the list to 734-5538. Or e-mail the list to denise@magicvalley.com.

Deadline is Nov. 15. For more information, call 733-0931, Ext. 243.

On Oct. 27, The Times-News will publish a free list of area craft shows and bazaars.

If you would like your bazaar included in the list, send the time, date and place of your bazaar, along with some information about the items you will be selling, to Denise Turner, The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, Idaho 83303-0548. Or send the information by e-mail to denise@magicvalley.com. Please include your name, address and phone number.

Deadline is Oct. 20. For more information, call 733-0931, Ext. 243.

## EYE TESTING



The Rupert Springs Lions assist Lisa Adams and Laurie Stimpson, nurse educators for Minidoka County schools, with eye tests on students at Big Valley Elementary. They are testing all Minidoka County grade schools for kindergarten, first, third- and fifth-grades. They also test second-, fourth- and sixth-grades on referral. Eye sight programs are among the Lions club's priorities.

# TWIN FALLS AREA COMMUNITY



The Buhl High School class of 1955 celebrated its 45th class reunion. Members are: left to right, seated: Beverly Oliver Wirsching, Virginia Spradling Wilson, Janet Shark Smurty, Darlene Kleinkopf Lindsay, Edith Avery Dalman, Ruby Parrott Wagner, Barbara Vecera Evans, Rosie Vecera Winegar and Arlene Middleton Johnson; second row: Beverly Allen Crothers, Duane Jones, Jarline Dutton Hawkins, Donna McCauley Kover, June Clark Tvardy, Rene James, Don Smeltie, Deanna Young Smeltie, John Phillips, Ken Tvardy and Jim Wray; third row: Bob Howard, Alvin Worencberg, Francis Karel, John Ramsay, Jim Lindsay, Arlen Comfort, Gene Shames, Marvin Mackie, Bob Wington and Gene Bell.

## Buhl class of 1955 meets for memories

**BUHL** - Graduates of the Buhl High School class of 1955 held their 45th class reunion Sept. 8-9. Classmates and guests met for a social evening at the home of Janet Shark Smurty on Sept. 8. The reunion banquet was held

at Cavanaugh's Canyon Springs Hotel in Twin Falls the next evening. Jim Lindsay served as master of ceremonies and Don Smeltie gave the invocation. Classmates were asked to introduce their spouse or guest, share

their personal history after graduation and a memory of high school days. Jim Lindsay read the names of deceased classmates and a moment of silence was observed in their memory. The reunion committee and

Gene Shames were thanked by Jim Lindsay. Shames provided loaves of San Francisco sourdough bread served with the meal. A 50th reunion is planned for the year 2005.

## 4-H members take ribbons for demos

**BURLEY** - Winners of the 2000 District 4-H Demonstration Contest held in Burley are as follows:

- Home Demonstration**
- Junior: First, Sarah Nathan, Blaine County; Second, Doug Hurst, Cassia County
- Intermediate**
- First, Utahna Hurst, Cassia County
- Senior: First, Jami Hurst, Cassia County
- Agricultural Demonstrations**
- Team: First, Felica and Steven Roseborough, Minidoka County
- Junior: First, Shealyn Emery, Twin Falls County
- Intermediate**
- First, Dustin Jones, Twin Falls County
- Miscellaneous Demonstrations**
- Junior: First, Adrian Harbaugh, Gooding County
- First, Meredith LaPatra, Twin Falls County
- Intermediate**
- First, Kara Ravencroft,

- Gooding County
- Second, Crystal Hurst, Cassia County
- Senior: First, Tom Lundy, Minidoka County
- Public Speaking
- Junior: First, Hailey Gochour, Cassia County
- Second, David Gochour, Cassia County
- Senior: First, Jessica Helsley, Lincoln County
- Second, Jami Hurst, Cassia County



Winners for the senior division are, from left, Tom Lundy, Jami Hurst and Jessica Helsley.



Winners for the 2000 District 4-H Demonstration Contest junior division are, from left, front row: Meredith LaPatra, Steven Roseborough, Shealyn Emery and Hailey Gochour; back row: Doug Hurst, Felica Roseborough, Adrian Harbaugh, Sarah Nathan and David Gochour.



Winners for the intermediate division are, from left, Crystal Hurst, Utahna Hurst, Rustin Jones and Kara Ravencroft.

### TF Library celebrates visit from Smokey Bear

**TWIN FALLS** - Families are invited to celebrate Fire Prevention Month at 4 p.m. today in the Storywell Kiva of the Twin Falls Library. Participants will have the opportunity to meet Smokey Bear, enjoy stories and a special puppet adaptation of Mr. Tall and Mr. Small by Barbara Brenner. No registration is required.

### Craft vendors sought for Kimberly PTSO craft show

**KIMBERLY** - The Kimberly PTSO is seeking vendors for their Third Annual Arts & Crafts Festival for Nov. 11. To reserve a space or for more information, call Londa Stout 423-4461.

### Cave Explorers examine Bigfoot Cave at meeting

**TWIN FALLS** - The Silver Sage Grotto cave exploration club will hold its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the Sage Room of the College of Southern Idaho Taylor Building. Anyone interested in caves and cave exploration is invited to attend. After a short business meeting, the group will view a slide program on California's Bigfoot Cave. For more information, contact Chris Anderson at canderan@csid.edu or call at 733-9554, Ext. 2563 (daytime) or 736-0615 (evenings).

### Bliss cheerleaders hold craft fair to raise money

**BLISS** - The Bliss cheerleaders will hold a craft fair to help raise money for their new uniforms and cheerleading camps. The fair will be held from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Nov. 11 in the gym. The cost of the table for the crafters are \$10 and there will be an admission charge the day of the craft fair at \$1. Crafters will need to reserve their tables with any of the cheerleaders or call Dianna Mikota at 837-4153 tables are limited.

### Company holds benefit drive for the needy

**TWIN FALLS** - Stevens Pierce and Associates will hold a benefit drive. Donations of all types are needed, including toiletries, women and children's clothing, food, diapers, non-prescription drugs, alarm clocks, linens, light bulbs, towels, board games and videos. Monetary donations will also be accepted. Donations should be dropped off from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday at Stevens Pierce and Associates at 160 Maine Ave. N. in Twin Falls.

### Idaho Teen Competition accepting applications

**ORLANDO, Fla.** - The Miss 2001 Idaho Teen Competition is accepting applications. Girls between the ages of 13 and 19 as of July 21, 2001 are eligible. Contestants will be judged

in personal interview, swim wear, evening wear and a fashion show presentation. This year's winner will receive a \$30,000 scholarship from Johnson & Wales University and represent the state of Idaho in the Miss 2001 United States Teen Competition in Orlando, Fla., July 12-21, 2001, organizers say. Applications must be received by Nov. 20. For more information or to receive an application, contact the Miss Idaho Teen Competition at the National Office: Miss Idaho Teen Competition; 6239 Edgewater Dr., Suite N3-2, Orlando, FL 32810; Phone: (407) 422-TEEN, Fax: (407) 523-9017 or apply on line at: www.missunitedstates-teen.com

### Reformed Church Women's Ministries holds craft fair

**TWIN FALLS** - The Twin Falls Reformed Church Women's Ministries will hold a holiday craft fair from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at 1631 Grandview Dr. N. in Twin Falls. Admission into the craft fair will be one non-perishable food item or a cash donation. Lunch will be available both days.

### Soldier Mountain ski patrol looks for candidates

**GOODING** - Soldier Mountain Ski Patrol is looking for people interested in joining the National Ski Patrol as candidates. An outdoor emergency care training class will be held begin-

ning the week of Nov. 14. Training in the classroom and at Soldier Mountain Ski Area will continue throughout the season. Classroom sessions scheduled before Soldier Mountain opens will be held in Gooding, or another location central to most of the candidates. For more information, call Robbie Miller at 764-2437, Max Yingst at 734-3829 or e-mail rmiller@d121.k12.id.us.

### Filer American Legion puts up flagpole

**FILER** - Members of the Filer American Legion Post 47 erected a 30-foot flagpole Oct. 5 near center field at the Filer School District's baseball diamond, located just off of Stevens Street in Filer. For Grinnell of Twin Falls donated the material for the flagpole and George Huddleston of Filer dug the hole and used his crane to set the pole. The work crew consisted of Paul Sigar of Twin Falls, who welded the pole and fittings; and Jim Peterson, Jerry Romans, Gary Shouse, Cecil Taylor and Bob Briggs of Filer, who added the cement work necessary to complete the installation. The American Legion participates in many youth projects such as Oratorical Contests, Boys State and Girls State.

### Snake River Corvettes club schedules meeting

**TWIN FALLS** - The Snake River Corvettes car club will hold its monthly meeting at 7

# SENIOR CALENDAR

## Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center

616 Eastland Drive  
Dinner served from noon to 12:30 p.m. Suggested donation is \$3 for seniors. The cost is \$4 for non-seniors under 60 and \$2.50 for children under 12.  
Tuesday: Cream chicken w/ rice, mixed vegetables, cole slaw, rolls, fruit, dessert  
Wednesday: Spaghetti w/ meat balls, Italian vegetables, tossed salad, french bread, cobbler  
Thursday: Baked potato bar  
Friday: Fish or chicken, au gratin potatoes, mixed vegetables, cabbage and banana salad, muffin, pie  
Monday: Barbecue pork, potato salad, cream peas, cole slaw, buns, fruit dessert  
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.  
Monday Exercise at 10 a.m.  
Blood pressure from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.  
Wednesday Quilting 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.  
Elks card club at 7 p.m.  
Thursday Pinochle at 1 p.m.  
Hearing aid clinic from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
Friday Blood pressure from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.  
Quilting from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.  
Fit clinic all day  
Sunday Dance  
Monday Quilting from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

corn bread, fruit, cookie  
Sunday: All you can eat buffet: Boneless beef ribs  
Monday: Macaroni w/ cheese and ham, vegetables, green salad, roll, cake  
Activities  
Thrift shop open every day.  
Quilling 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.  
Tuesday  
Exercises from 7-8 a.m.  
Fun shots from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
Treasure Tuesday  
Bingo at 11:30 a.m.  
Crafts from 2-4 p.m.  
Bingo from 9 p.m.  
Wednesday  
Exercises from 7-8 a.m. and 10 a.m.  
Thursday  
Exercises from 7-8 p.m.  
Dr. Cleverly at 11:50 a.m.  
Bingo from 1-3 p.m.  
Evening dinner at 5:30 p.m.  
Snorey  
Cards at 6 p.m.  
Friday  
Exercises from 7-8 a.m. and 10 a.m.  
Trip to Glenns Ferry, Interpretive Center. For more information, call Carol Mittelsteadt at 543-2119.  
Saturday  
Community breakfast from 8-10 a.m. Cost is \$2.50 a plate.  
Monday  
Exercises from 7-8 a.m. and 10 a.m.  
Evening meal at 5:30 p.m.  
Cards 6 p.m.

## Filer Senior Haven

222 Main St., Filer  
Dinners served at noon on Tuesday and Thursday and at 6 p.m. on Friday. Suggested donation is \$2.50 for seniors. Home delivered meals available each meal time.  
Tuesday: Baked stuffed pepper  
Thursday: Hot beef sandwich  
Friday: Pork-chow mein w/ rice

## Ageless Senior Citizens Inc.

310 Main N., Kimberly  
Wednesday: Bean soup, ham sandwich, carrots and celery sticks, peach cobbler, orange juice, coffee, milk  
Friday: Birthday dinner: roast beef, mashed potatoes, gravy, mixed vegetables, pear salad, rolls, cake and ice cream, coffee, milk  
Monday: Hamburger steak, potatoes, gravy, buttered carrots, tossed salad, orange juice, bread w/ butter, pudding, coffee, milk  
Activities  
Thursday Crafts at 1 p.m.  
Friday Pinochle at 1 p.m.  
Birthday dinner w/ B.J. and friends  
Monday Board meeting at 1:30 p.m.

## West End Senior Citizens Inc.

1010 Main St., Buhl  
Noon meals served Monday through Friday. Buffet meal at 1 p.m. on Sundays  
Evening meals served at 5:30 p.m. Monday and Thursday. Suggested donations for meals is weekdays \$2.50, Sundays \$3.50, non-seniors \$4.25 and children under 12 years-old \$2.50. Meals can be delivered Monday through Friday. Call 543-4577 for more information. Free bus service to and from meals is available Monday evening, Tuesday at noon and Thursday noon and evening. Please call 543-4577 by 10 a.m. to make a reservation. Coffee and dinner arranged a ride morning at the Center, everyone is welcome.  
Tuesday: Lasagna, green salad, vegetables, french bread, fruit  
Wednesday: Hot beef sandwich, potatoes w/ gravy, carrots, pudding, rolls  
Thursday: Breaded pork patties, potatoes, pickled beets, tossed salad, scalloped corn, roll, cake.  
Friday: Fish, fries, cole slaw,

# SERVICE NEWS

## Webb enlists in Air Force, starts after graduation

Matthew Webb, son of Monte and Mary Lou Webb of Twin Falls, recently enlisted in the United States Air Force. Webb will be a 2001 graduate of Magic Valley High School and

is entering Air Force Basic training Aug. 1, 2001 at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas.

Webb will earn credits towards an associate's degree in applied sciences upon completion of basic training and technical training school.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

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7 p.m. tips on writing the college essay; G-1  
6:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. ACT test-taking tips and how the ACT differs from the SAT; G-3

## Parkinson's support group meets today

**TWIN FALLS** - The Twin Falls Parkinson's support group will meet at 7 p.m. today at the Twin Falls Clinic at 660 Shoshone E. in Twin Falls. The speaker will be David Brown, resident with the Veterans Administration. Members should wear their name tags. For more information, call Don Arrington at 733-8868 or Ray Clark at 324-5013.

## TFHS holds college fair, info seminars

**TWIN FALLS** - Twin Falls High School will offer a college fair and informational seminars from 5-8 p.m. Wednesday in the new gymnasium at Colorado, Idaho, Massachusetts, Missouri, Montana, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington and Wyoming as well as branches of the United States military will be represented.  
Informational seminars include:  
6 p.m.: searching for scholarships, room G-1  
6:30 p.m.: planning for college, room G-1  
6:45 p.m.: financial aid sessions, G-2

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## IBP earnings fall, still exceed expectations

### BridgeNews

**KANSAS CITY** - IBP Inc., the largest U.S. meatpacker, said Monday its third-quarter profits fell 24 percent as the company faced higher raw material costs for hogs and cattle than it did a year ago.

Nonetheless, the results exceeded Wall Street expectations, as the Dakota Dunes, S.D.-based IBP said it earned \$83.9 million, or 79 cents a share during the quarter ended Sept. 23 - 4 cents more than the consensus prediction of analysts surveyed by First Call/Thomson Financial.

That compares with \$110.4 million, or \$1.03 per share, during the same period last year, a quarter that included a non-recurring tax expense of \$13.8 million.

IBP's share holders in the Magic Valley, and some of the valley's cattle producers contract with the company.

Investors largely ignored Monday's earnings surprise because Rawhide Holdings Corp., a subsidiary of brokerage Donaldson, Lufkin & Jenrette Inc., announced two weeks ago it will pay \$2.4 billion in cash and assume \$1.4 billion in debt to purchase IBP in a leveraged buy-

*The company's beef division likely pushed results above consensus projections, analysts said.*

out that will take the company private.

The deal, subject to shareholder approval, values IBP's 106 million outstanding shares at \$22.25 each. It will keep IBP's management in place and is scheduled for completion early next year.

Revenues during the quarter increased 9 percent to \$4.2 billion, but the higher raw material costs pushed gross profit margins to 7.2 percent from 7.6 percent last year.

The company's beef division likely pushed results above consensus projections, analysts said.

"Beef was better than expected," Jaime Mehring with Salomon Smith Barney said of the segment that still accounts for 35-40 percent of IBP's overall business.

The company's pork processing division, which encountered substantially higher hog costs than last year, did not quite per-

form to expectations, she said. But a division the company bought to reduce its reliance on the cyclical fresh meat business, Corporate Brand Foods, provided the biggest disappointment during the quarter.

Foodbrands America, as the foodservice business is known, had operating profits of \$24 million for the quarter, down 20 percent from last year.

However, Robert Peterson, IBP's chief executive, said both pork and Foodbrands contributed to the company's success.

"The success story for IBP this year continues to be strong demand for our finished products both in the U.S. and internationally," Peterson said in a statement.

Though Monday's results beat expectations, industry analysts said they likely will not heighten criticism of DLJ's proposed purchase price for the company. Several shareholders have sued the company's management, charging it breached its fiduciary responsibility. Before the early October sale announcement, many analysts had shaped a reasonable sales tag on the company near \$30 per share.

## BRIEFLY IN MONEY

### Aqua Vie shipments soar for first quarter

**KETCHUM** - Aqua Vie Beverage Corp. said Monday that wholesale shipments during the first 10 weeks of the company's first fiscal quarter have exceeded \$600,000.

"We are pleased that Aqua Vie's shipments during this first fiscal quarter have exceeded shipments during our entire fiscal 2000 by several multiples. Importantly, these shipments represent a mere fraction of today's sales demand. We see dynamic revenue potential as we increase production capacity and further broaden our distribution networks," said Tom Gillespie, president and CEO.

New to the distribution tally are several distributors who are just now beginning to carry Aqua Vie products - the low-calorie, noncarbonated Hydrators.

### CSI offers free financial planning workshop today

**TWIN FALLS** - The College of Southern Idaho Foundation has scheduled free financial planning workshops in Twin Falls and Burley.

Several presenters will participate in the Leave a Legacy workshop to be held at 6:30 p.m. today in rooms 276 and 277 of the Taylor building at CSI. The topic will be the use of trusts and tax considerations in estate planning, and the benefit of remembering charity in your estate, the foundation said. Speakers will include attorney Dennis Voorhees, accountant Larry Braga and Southern Idaho Learning Center Director Melody Lenker.

The workshop will be held again from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Nov. 9 at CSI's Mini-Cassia Community Education Center in Burley.

For information, call the foundation office at 733-9554, Ext. 2249.

### Idaho's dry bean production decreases from last year

**BOISE** - The state's dry bean production should reach 1.67 million hundredweight, down 21 percent from last year's total of 2.1 million, according to Idaho Agricultural Statistics Service reports yields are expected to average 1,300 pounds per acre, a decrease of 150 pounds per acre from 1999 and 100 pounds below the August forecast.

Agriculture officials expect harvested acreage to come to 88,000 acres, down 15,000 from last year's 103,000 acres harvested.

Nationally, the 2000 crop of dry beans is forecast at 25.6 million per hundredweight, down 23 percent from a year ago and 16 percent below 1998.

### Oroweat Super Onion Bagels recalled in Idaho

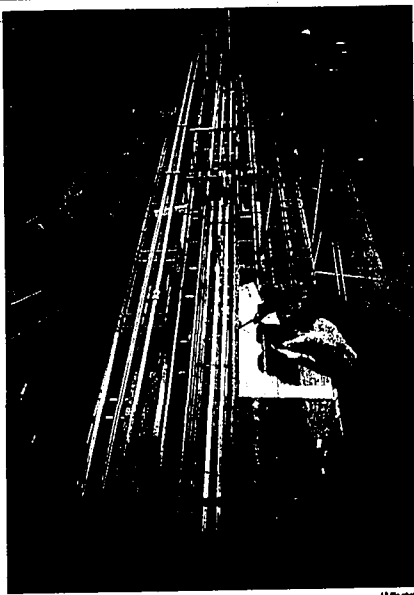
**TWIN FALLS** - Due to mislabeling, Oroweat Super Onion Bagels (20-ounce package, UPC Code 73130 00804) were recalled in Idaho and four other states, Bestfoods Baking Co. said.

The product contains hazelnuts, which are not indicated on the label and are allergenic for some people. There is no health hazard for people not allergic to nuts, the company said. No other Oroweat Bagels are affected.

In Idaho the package closure is a green-colored tab bearing the code "94 Oct '01."

The bagels are being removed from store shelves. Consumers who purchased the product should return it to the store where it was purchased for a full refund, Bestfoods said.

Compiled from staff and wire reports



Two workers look over construction plans for the tables and conveyors on the production floor at the IBP plant in Norfolk, Neb., on May 11.

## Wade Cook companies to settle claims

### The Associated Press

**BOISE** - Residents who purchased the "Wall Street Workshop" from Wade Cook - the former cab driver turned stock market guru - may be eligible for a full refund.

Attorney General Al Lance sued Wade Cook Financial Corp. and Wade Cook Seminars Inc. for violating the Idaho Consumer Protection Act, and the companies have agreed to settle.

Lance said the Cook companies made false claims about the wealth Cook acquired using his stock market trading formulas; falsely told consumers they could duplicate Cook's success if they followed those formulas; used

inaccurate stock trading results to demonstrate Cook's financial success; and often failed to disclose transactions in which Cook lost money. Thirteen other states also have sued the Cook corporations.

If everyone who lost money files for a refund, Wade Cook Financial Corp. and Wade Cook Seminars Inc. could end up paying as much as \$250 million in refunds, federal officials have said.

Federal investigators estimate that 50,000 people across the country paid to attend Cook's "Wall Street Workshop" between 1997 and 1999 to learn the stock-trading strategies that he said made him rich. Lance said consumers were invited to attend free financial seminars which were actually

sales pitches to entice people to purchase the two-day workshop at a cost ranging from \$3,000 to \$5,000.

The settlement requires the Wade Cook companies to contact all attendees of the "Wall Street Workshop" and provide them with refund claim forms.

Cook's companies also agreed to stop using deceptive practices and to reimburse the Idaho Attorney General's Office \$11,600 for attorney fees and investigative costs.

Besides Idaho, the other 13 states participating in the settlement are: Alaska, Arizona, California, Illinois, Kansas, Missouri, New Mexico, North Carolina, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Texas, Washington and Wisconsin.

## Analysts say there is little chance Firstar, U.S. Bancorp agreement will fall through

### Knight Ridder News Service

Although the value of Firstar Corp.'s deal to buy U.S. Bancorp had plunged 24 percent since it was announced Oct. 4, there is little chance the agreement will fall through or even be renegotiated, banking analysts said.

Instead, it appears both banks are determined to close the transaction on the argument that the stock swap will pay off for shareholders in the long run, the analysts said.

U.S. Bank has Magic Valley branches in Bellevue, Buhl, Burley, Filer, Hagerman,

Hazelton, Jerome, Ketchum, Rupert, Twin Falls and Wendell. But Firstar has no banking offices nor ATM locations in Idaho.

Firstar shares hit a 52-week low of \$15.63 Thursday - a day when the entire market swooned.

That pegged the value of the U.S. Bancorp deal at \$14.7 billion, well off the \$21.1 billion it was when originally announced and Firstar shares were trading at \$22.38.

A rally Friday boosted Firstar shares to \$16.94, pumping the value of the deal up to \$16 bil-

lion.

Some U.S. Bancorp shareholders seem concerned that Firstar is getting the better end of the deal, which was initiated by the bank's chief executive, Jack Grunhofer, in a call to his brother, Jerry Grunhofer, at Firstar in Milwaukee.

Investors logged on to Internet message boards last week questioned the deal, in which Firstar would pay a fixed exchange ratio of 1.265 Firstar shares for each U.S. Bancorp share.

"The way things are going, all

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## B of A earnings rise on investments, lending

### BridgeNews

**NEW YORK** - Bank of America Corp., the country's biggest commercial bank, said Monday that third-quarter earnings rose 1.4 percent as robust growth in investment banking and a surge in consumer and business lending were offset by losses taken on the falling value of residual auto leases.

Once again it was a mixed picture for Charlotte, N.C.-based Bank of America - with bank branches in Gooding, Hailey, Ketchum and Twin Falls - which wants to prove to Wall Street it can generate above-average returns.

After writing down \$257 million in auto lease residual assets, third-quarter operating earnings rose to \$2.18 billion, or \$1.31 a share, from net income of \$2.15 billion, or \$1.23 per share, last year. Per-share earnings rose 7 percent, helping the bank exceed First Call's average estimate by two pennies, after the bank repurchased 15.8 million common shares during the quarter.

"Net income, including \$346 million in charges related to a restructuring plan that will slash 10,000 jobs, fell to \$1.83 billion, or \$1.10 a share."

Chairman and Chief Executive Hugh L. McColl said the bank showed "real progress" in boosting "core revenue growth" by focusing its attention on money

management, investment banking and reaping double-digit growth in credit cards.

"Momentum has been building steadily during 2000, laying a strong foundation for 2001," McColl said in a statement.

That said, the bank's credit quality may be suspect. The bank held \$4.40 billion of non-performing assets, or 1.09 percent of its loans, leases and foreclosed real estate, at the end of September, compared with \$3.04 billion, or .84 percent, last year. Bank of America said the increase reflects a rise in problem corporate loans and in consumer home equity loans.

Also, while the bank cited strong growth in some businesses, total revenue rose just 3 percent before the impact of the lease residual losses.

Net interest income rose 2 percent to \$4.67 billion - including an auto lease residual-related \$71 million charge - as 13 percent growth in loans to \$428 billion was tempered by shrinking margins and the cost of its ambitious share repurchases. Comparisons against the year-ago period also reflect the impact of loan-sales and asset securitizations.

Non-interest income, meanwhile, rose 3 percent excluding a \$186 million charge related to gains on equity investments, credit cards, customer service charges, investment banking, trading and money management.

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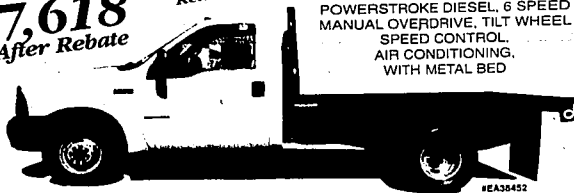
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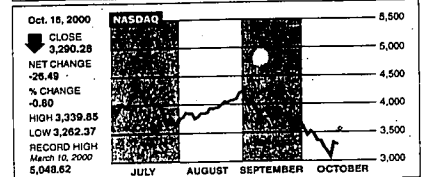
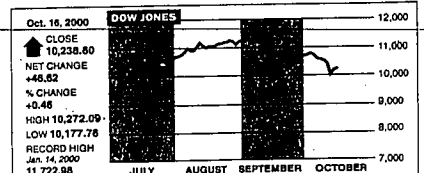
NEW YORK (AP) — Blue chip stocks closed higher but technology issues pulled them under...

Trading volume was at its lightest in two sessions amid growing anxiety about Intel's results, expected to be released Tuesday...

The Dow Jones industrial average closed up 46.62 at 10,238.80, despite the dips in Intel and Microsoft...

Broader indicators were mixed. The Nasdaq composite index fell 26.40 to 3,128.28 after changing course several times during the session...

We're still in for a very tough period Friday there was some bargain hunting, some relief as people looked for places to put



their money, but I think it's going to be very tough to make significant progress until later this year...

Thanksgiving," said Charles Pradilla, chief investment strategist at SG Cowen Securities.

Crude oil futures take a battering

Yemen and a flare-up of violence between Israelis and Palestinians sent crude contracts to a near 10-year high of \$37 last Thursday.

This is a continuation of the pullback Friday off the panic buying from Thursday," said Adnan-basch Chris Schindler, an analyst at SG Cowen.

Crude products were also lower. Heating oil for November delivery fell 4.53 cents to 97.23 cents a gallon, November unleaded gasoline fell 3.7 cents to 92.93 cents a gallon and natural gas dropped

17.3 cents to \$5.364 per 1,000 cubic feet. Intense diplomatic activity Friday secured the summit in the Egyptian resort of Sharm El-Sheikh and triggered crude's steep price decline.

A growing sense that the clashes won't substantially affect supplies from the region, which accounts for 40 percent of world oil exports, has contributed to softer prices.

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Trial set: Exxon, Kellogg to square off over Tony the Tiger trademark

WASHINGTON (AP) — Let the fur fly. Tony the Tiger can go to court against another well-known cartoon trademark...

On Monday, oil giant Exxon Mobil Corp. lost a bid to banford for Kellogg to make the trademark claim, even though both trademarked tigers have been around for more than 30 years.

Trial is set for Jan. 16 in federal court in Memphis, Tenn. "We're pleased that we'll finally be able to present our case," Kellogg spokeswoman Chris Ervin said.

Kellogg contends Exxon retired its tiger in the 1980s, but then came out with new ads in

the 1990s featuring a revised tiger promoting various food and convenience items sold at Exxon stations.

In a suit filed four years ago, Kellogg claimed the new tiger promotions infringe on the Tony the Tiger trademark because Exxon was selling food, not gasoline. Kellogg said consumers are confused by the similarity between the cartoon tigers and may conclude that Kellogg is somehow behind

Shoppers can tell the difference, Exxon spokesman Tom Chigliano counters Monday. "The Exxon cartoon tiger has peacefully coexisted with a number of tiger trademarks, including Tony, for many, many years," Chigliano said.

"We're quite confident that consumers recognize the Exxon cartoon tiger and do not confuse it with Tony the Tiger."

He would not speculate on the financial consequences to Exxon if it loses and is required to stop using the tiger to sell food.

Only the Tiger debuted in 1952 and has appeared on every box of Kellogg's Frosted Flakes since. Between 1952 and 1995, the company sold \$5.3 billion worth of the cereal, Kellogg said. Millions of children also know Tony as the cereal's gruffvoiced TV pitchman during Saturday morning cartoons.

Exxon, now known as Standard Oil, introduced its cartoon tiger in 1964. The trademarked tiger was used in advertising and in promotional gifts.

The oil company, the world's largest, has been known as Exxon Mobil since its merger with Mobil Co. last year.

Bancorp

Continued from C3 The USB shareholders will get for their shares is perhaps a toaster, or a USB coffee mug, maybe a Bic pen with USB logo...

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top Firstar's offer, analysts contend. "My sense is all indications are the deal is still going to close and it's still on track," said Jon C. Artstrom, banking analyst with

Minneapolis. "Part of the decline in Firstar is because it's a bank, and banks have gotten clobbered," said George K. Baum in Minneapolis. Crubree said bank stocks overall have been down about 8 percent since just before the Firstar-USB Bancorp merger was announced.

Dow Jones News Service

NEW YORK — Crude oil futures were battered Monday by easing news that violence in the Middle East could disrupt the region's oil exports, analysts said, with an emergency summit between Palestinian and Israeli leaders raising hopes of a ceasefire.

November crude futures fell \$2.07 to \$32.92 per barrel at the New York Mercantile Exchange, after losing \$1.07 Friday. Crude futures have skidded about 10 percent since an apparent terrorist attack on a U.S. Navy ship in

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# Treasure hunters take hit in court

NORFOLK, Va. (AP) — Finders keepers — the principle that keeps treasure hunters looking for riches at the bottom of the sea — has taken a broadside hit in court.

A federal appeals court ruled over the summer that Spain owns the wrecks of two Spanish warships that sank off the Virginia coast two centuries ago. The treasure hunter at the center of the case plans to appeal to the Supreme Court this week. Some say that if the ruling is allowed to stand, it could put countless shipwrecks and per-

haps billions in booty off limits. "It really is a pretty abrupt turnaround to 300 years of traditional admiralty law," said Ben Benson, the disappointed owner of Chincoteague-based Sea Hunt Inc., named for the old TV show. Traditionally, owners of sunken ships who didn't look for them within a given amount of time gave up their rights to the ships, Benson said. This ruling changes that by saying that a shipwreck has to be explicitly abandoned in order for someone else to salvage it, he said. At issue are the submerged

wrecks of the frigates Juno and La Galga, which went down off Assateague Island on the Eastern Shore of the Chesapeake Bay. The Juno disappeared during a squall in 1802. According to some accounts, it carried as much as \$500 million in coins and precious metals. La Galga sank during a storm in 1750 a few miles away. It apparently had no treasure but may have been carrying horses that were ancestors to the wild ponies that wander Assateague Island today.



# Inventories increase outpaces sales

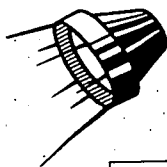
WASHINGTON (AP) — Inventories at U.S. companies rose solidly in August and slightly outpaced a brisk increase in sales, additional evidence that economic growth cooled a bit from its red-hot pace earlier in the year, economists said. Stockpiles of goods on shelves and backlogs nationwide rose 0.7 percent — the biggest increase since June — to a seasonally adjusted \$1.21 trillion, the Commerce Department reported Monday. At the same time, businesses' sales posted a solid 0.5 percent gain to \$902.3 billion — also, the largest increase since June — after falling sharply in July.

Compared to the same month a year ago, August's inventories were running 7.2 percent higher, faster than sales' 6.5 percent increase. The inventory-to-sales ratio, which measures how long it would take for a company to exhaust its inventories, rose from 1.33 months in July to 1.34 months in August, the highest reading in 11 months. The ratio had fallen to a record low of 1.31 months in March. The Federal Reserve has boosted interest rates six times since June 1999 to slow the pace of economic growth and its main engine, consumer spending, which would serve to keep inflation in check.

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## MORNING LINE

### SPORTSQUOTE

“ I’m a blessed individual – I have a lot to be thankful for. There are a whole lot of people that are worse off than me.”

—Miami Heat center  
 Alonzo Mourning,  
 disclosing Monday that a  
 kidney ailment will keep him  
 sidelined the entire  
 NBA season

### TRIVIA

**QUESTION:**  
 Who pitched in all seven  
 games of one World Series?  
 ...answer below

### TODAY'S SCHEDULE

**High school volleyball**  
 ISDB at TFCA JV, 4:30 p.m.  
 Region III, A-1, Div. I tourney,  
 at Twin Falls:  
 • Twin Falls vs. Pogy, 6 p.m.  
 • Minico vs. Highland, 6 p.m.  
 • Twin Falls-Pogy loser vs.  
 Minico-Highland loser  
 • Twin Falls-Pogy winner vs.  
 Minico-Highland winner  
 Region III, A-1, Div. II tourney,  
 at Bonneville:  
 • Six matches, at 5 p.m. and  
 8 p.m. on two nets  
 • Northside Conference tourney,  
 at ISDB:  
 • Matches start at 4 p.m.  
 • Canyon Conference tourney, at  
 Valley H.S.:  
 • Glenns Ferry vs. Valley, 5 p.m.  
 • Wendell vs. G.F. Valley winner,  
 7 p.m.  
 • SCIC tourney, at Filer:  
 • Game 5, 5 p.m.  
 • Game 6, 6 p.m.  
 • Game 7, 7 p.m.  
 • Game 8, 8 p.m.  
 M.V. Conference tournament,  
 at Hagerman:  
 • Match 8, 6 p.m.  
 • Match 9, 7 p.m.  
**High school boys' soccer**  
 • Wood River at Buhl, 5 p.m.  
 • Class A-1, Div. I regionals:  
 • Pocatello vs. Highland, 4:30  
 p.m.  
**High school girls' soccer**  
 • Wood River at Buhl, 5 p.m.  
 • Class A-1, Div. I regionals:  
 • Highland at Twin Falls, 4:30  
 p.m.  
 • A-1, Div. II Regionals, at high-  
 er level:  
 • Bonneville at Burley, 4:30 p.m.  
 • Blackfoot at Century, 4:30 p.m.

### IN BRIEF

#### Kramer and Alderson earn accolades

IRVINE, Calif. – Idaho sophomore Jordan Kramer was selected as the Big West Conference Defensive Player of the Week, the first Vandals to earn that distinction this season, while senior U of I running back Willie Alderson shared Offensive Player of the Week honors with New Mexico State running back Chris Barnes. Kramer recorded 13 tackles, nine unassisted, forced a fumble and returned an interception 40 yards. Alderson rushed a career-high 28 times for 135 yards, just five yards short of his personal best.

#### Correction

A story in Sunday's Sports Section misidentified the twin Falls High School girls' soccer player who scored the Bruins' lone goal in their playoff loss at Pocatello. Sophomore Mallory Tortorelli scored the Bruins' only goal in the match.  
 (The Times-News regrets the error.)

Compiled from staff and wire reports

#### TRIVIA ANSWER:

Oakland reliever Darold Knowles, in the 1973 World Series against the New York Mets.

# METS, METS, METS

## New York punches ticket to subway

The Associated Press

NEW YORK – Mike Hampton did what he was brought to New York to do: pitch the Mets into the World Series – and a possible subway one at that.  
 Hampton pitched a three-hitter and the Mets started their clinching party early with a three-run first inning. Money night as they beat the St. Louis Cardinals 7-0 and won the NL championship series 4-1.  
 The game got testy at the end when Dave Veres hit Jay Payton in the helmet with a 12 pitch with two outs in the eighth inning. Payton, bleeding over his left eye, charged the mound and the dugouts and bullpens emptied as police in riot gear lined the field.  
 That was the only thing that could dampen this night for the Mets. New York won its fourth NL pennant and first since 1956, joining the 1997 Florida Marlins as the only wild card teams to make the World Series.  
 The Mets also earned four days off before beginning the World Series on Saturday night, either a train ride away

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New York pitcher Mike Hampton's complete game victory ensured the Mets a World Series berth.



Members on the New York Mets celebrate winning the National League Championship as they lift Mets pitcher and series MVP Mike Hampton after defeating the St. Louis Cardinals 7-0 in Game 5 of the NLCS Monday.

## Titans take it to the struggling Jaguars again

The Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. – The first prime-time game in Tennessee was a showcase for the Titans' prime-time players – Eddie George, Steve McNair and Frank Wycheck.  
 The Titans beat their favorite whipping boys, the Jacksonville Jaguars, 27-13 Monday night as George ran for 165 yards on 30 carries, McNair threw for 234 yards and two touchdowns, and Wycheck started things off by catching a TD pass flat on his back.  
 It was the fifth straight win after an opening-game loss in Buffalo on Tennessee, putting the Titans in first place by themselves in the AFC Central, one-half game ahead of Baltimore.  
 It was the fourth straight loss for Jacksonville, the longest streak since its first season in 1995. The Jaguars (2-5) lost yet another key player, wide receiver Jimmy Smith, who bruised his right knee in the first-quarter.

It also was the fifth straight win by Tennessee over Jacksonville – last year, when the Jaguars went 15-3, the only three losses were administered by the Titans, including a 33-14 beating in the AFC title game.  
 And George, who didn't crack 100 yards in his first three games, had his third straight in triple figures and second over 150.  
 The Jaguars had two chances in the first half – at the beginning and the end. They blew them both and went off trailing 17-3.  
 The first came four minutes into the game, when Fred Taylor broke loose on a 71-yard run that gave Jacksonville a first down at the Tennessee 7. But the Jags had to settle for a 23-yard field goal by Mike Hollis and a 3-0 lead.  
 Then, trailing 17-3 with less than two minutes left, Marcus Robertson stripped a goal-line reception from McCordell and Samari Rolle fell on to a touch-back.



Jacksonville wide receiver Keenan McCordell fumbles near the goal line as he is hit by Tennessee Titans defenders Denard Walker, Marcus Robertson and Blaine Bishop Monday. The Titans won the game 27-13.

## Red-light special

### A-2 journey begins with a bang

By Holly Key  
 Times-News writer

FILER – With lights flashing and bells ringing, the South Central Idaho Conference high school volleyball tournament got off to a loud and colorful start Monday.

**SCIC volleyball**  
 In the third game of the night, a stray ball hit a fire alarm, disrupting play and causing the gym to be evacuated. But that was the least

of the six teams said good-bye for the season. It was really no surprise that the three teams that tied for first – Buhl, Filer and Wood River – advanced to the winners' bracket. Each of those teams finished the season 7-3.  
 In the first match of the night, the No. 1 Indians (seeded No. 1 by a coin toss) defeated sixth-ranked Kimberly 15-7, 15-5.  
 "I thought we played really well," said Buhl coach Roger Shields. "We took control real early and had a lot of kids get a hand on the ball."  
 Senior Indian Katie Williamson served six points in the middle of the second game to put the match out of reach for the Bulldogs.

Please see SCIC, Page D2



Buhi High sophomore Sherry King puts up a block during her team's second-game win over Kimberly Monday night at the Sawtooth Centennial Idaho Conference volleyball tournament in Filer.

## Big-school volleyball rolls out today

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS – Region III high school volleyball got a new look this season after splitting into two divisions.  
 And while the level of competition hasn't changed, the landscape of teams and number of playoffs berths available have.  
 Bonneville, Blackfoot and Century join Jerome and Burley in the Class A-1, Div. II bracket. The top two teams will earn berths in the state tournament on Oct. 27-28. The third-place finisher will meet the fifth-place finisher from the Boise-area's Region III at Declo

for the right to go on to state.  
 At the A-1, Div. I level, Twin Falls, Pocatello, Minico and Highland will meet to decide which team will take the automatic state berth and which team will have to fight through the fourth seed out of Boise to continue.

**Class A-1, Div. I**  
 Twin Falls hosts the regional tourney looking to use home-court advantage to grab a state playoff berth. The senior-laden Bruins parlayed experience into a 21-6 regular-season record, ending 5-1

Please see VOLLEYBALL, Page D2

**Class A-1, Div. I,  
 Region III Volleyball  
 Tournament**

When: Today and Thursday  
 Where: Twin Falls High School

**Class A-1, Div. II,  
 Region III Volleyball  
 Tournament**

When: Today and Thursday  
 Where: Bonneville High School



SPORTS

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Mourning's lost for season with kidney ailment

MIAMI — Alonzo Mourning will not be battling beneath the basket for the Miami Heat this season. Instead, the 6-foot-10 muscular All-Star and Olympian will be taking on an even greater challenge...

tering mechanism. The disease causes protein to leak out of the blood and into the urine, leading to scarring inside the kidney...



Alonzo Mourning

"I feel great right now. We've pretty much got a hold on it, the whole situation right now. The main objective is to get me healthy so I can live my life normally, so I can see my babies grow up, and so I can enjoy my family."

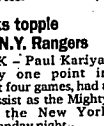
Wins on ice

Roy set to own record outright

Patrick Roy has won three Stanley Cups, three Vezina Trophies and 447 NHL games. With one more victory, the Colorado goalie will break a record once considered unreachable...

NHL

"In the air and be real excited." Roy said. "I just did it, but talking to my dad he said, 'Tying is a big thing, too, because it takes 447 games to tie and it takes one to push him.'"



Patrick Roy

Mighty Ducks topple star-struck N.Y. Rangers

Kariya helped set up Marty McInnis' second goal of the season in the first period. He made it 2-0 at 9:05 of the second — scoring the first of two Mighty Ducks goals in a 3-2 second span.

Red Wings loss compounds Zermer's woes

DETROIT — The Red Wings' slow start this season now looks like the least of their problems. Detroit captain Steve Zermer will be out of the lineup indefinitely after undergoing surgery Monday to repair torn cartilage in his right knee.

LeClair elects to have surgery on back

VOORHEES, N.J. — John LeClair has decided to undergo surgery to repair a disc in his back. LeClair met with team doctors late Monday and they informed him the quickest route to recovery would be through surgery.

Halarna is home for Game 6

NEW YORK (AP) — John Halarna has been in New York for days, back home for his sister's wedding...

ALCS Game 6

Seattle (Halarna) at New York (Hernandez) Today, 6 p.m. (NBC)



he kept a low profile, not wanting to get into the faces of Yankees' fans in Bay Ridge.

"I didn't walk around the neighborhood," he said. Halarna, a 28-year-old left-hander, blanked the Yankees for six innings, leaving with a 1-0 lead, but Seattle's bullpen got blasted in a 7-1 loss in Game 2.

Words, however, are scarce. "I always feel pressure," he said Sunday night. "What I don't have is fear."

NLCS

Continued from D1 at Yankee Stadium for the first Subway Series since 1956 or the Cardinals in Seattle.

The three-inning, first-of-a-rusty start by St. Louis at Shea Stadium — along with 69 other family and friends — two years ago when he made his first major league start in New York.

Big Mac finished 0-for-2 with an intentional walk and caught the Cardinals season end following another wild outing by rookie Rick Ankiel.

Todd Helton's three-run double in the fourth inning knocked out Zentgraf and sent the Shea Stadium crowd of 55,695 into a frenzy. Zeile drove in eight runs against the team he broke into the majors with in 1989.

red .412 with two homers and four RBIs against the Cardinals.

Hampton began the series with a career postseason record of 0-2 and a 5.87 ERA in four starts. But he pitched seven scoreless innings in Game 1 and got the Mets started in the series and finished it up Monday.

The left-hander walked one and struck out eight, including Jim Edmonds three times. He didn't allow a runner to reach second base.

It was only fitting that those who played such a big role in the acquisition of Piazza in 1998 signed a new commitment to winning from an ownership that threw its money to all the wrong places early in the '90s.

After falling two games short of the World Series in 1999, the Mets got Hampton from Houston and he helped put New York over the top.

home, and he has had so much postseason experience," Halarna said. "There's almost always going to be a nerve factor with myself. The fans will not be cheering for me, except for the limited family I have. I'm sure his comments would be different if he was pitching in Seattle."

With his team trailing 3-2 in the series and one loss from elimination, Mariners manager Lou Piniella promised to make major lineup changes.

"Hernandez has never been beaten in the postseason. We realize it," he said. "But we're going to stack up our lineup left-handed, make it as tough on his as possible."

Yankees manager Joe Torre wasn't planning major moves to adjust to Halarna.

"I'd like to believe momentum is as good as your starting pitcher," he said. "I'm obviously not knocking John Halarna. I feel good about our guy."

Two years ago, Barbara Halarna talked her husband into before his first start for Houston in New York.

"He grew up wanting to play for the Mets," she said. "It was his dream to pitch at Shea Stadium. With a win today, he might get a chance to pitch at Shea Stadium once again. Against the Mets. In the World Series."

The last thing on their minds was flying back to St. Louis for a sixth game.

Now they might not need to take another flight this season. The Yankees lead the ALCS 3-2 against Seattle. Fans were already yelling derogatory chants toward the Yankees.

The Mets did all the springing they needed in the first inning of Hentgen, pitching for the first time since Sept. 30. The Cardinals defense didn't help either, making two errors and two other fielding moves.

The Mets poked out of the dugout to greet Perez, Piazza and Ventura, and Zeile pumped his fist as he reached second base.

Hentgen, wearing a shirt sleeves on a 55-degree night, got hammered for six runs, seven hits and five walks in 3 2/3 innings.

Making matters worse for St. Louis, Atlanta's bullpen appeared to be in his wildness, walking two and throwing two wild pitches in two-thirds of an inning. Ankiel has nine wild pitches in four innings this postseason.

SCORES AND STATS

BASEBALL

Postseason Baseball. LEADERBOARD. NATIONAL LEAGUE. NL Championship Series. NL Division Series. NL Wild Card.

NL Championship Series

NL Championship Series. Game 1: St. Louis Cardinals vs. New York Yankees. Game 2: St. Louis Cardinals vs. New York Yankees.

Metals Postseason History

Metals Postseason History. Pittsburgh: 3-3-0, 500-88-78. Cincinnati: 2-5-0, 288-170-115. Oakland: 2-1-0, 823-181-125.

AP Top 25

AP Top 25. 1. Nebraska (8-0), 2. Oregon (7-1), 3. Oklahoma (6-3), 4. Michigan (6-3), 5. New Mexico (5-1).

ON THE AIR

ON THE AIR TELEVISION. Soccer, UEFA Champions League. Bowling, PBA Johnny Petraglia Open. Baseball playoffs, Yankees vs. Cardinals.

TENNIS

TENNIS. Heineken Open. Singles: Andre Agassi vs. Andre Panatta. Doubles: Andre Agassi vs. Andre Panatta.

WORLD WRESTLING FEDERATION

WORLD WRESTLING FEDERATION. PPV. Monday's Pay Per View Box Office. METS VS. CARDINALS.

Playoff MYPs

Playoff MYPs. The official league website has listed the top 100 players in the history of the league.

BASKETBALL

NBA Postseason. All-time Best. Dallas Mavericks vs. San Antonio Spurs. Phoenix Suns vs. Portland Trail Blazers.

Monday's NFL Summary

Monday's NFL Summary. Titans 27, Jaguars 13. Jets 17, Bills 10. Colts 20, Browns 10.

Big Sky Conference

Big Sky Conference. Conference Standings. Montana State vs. Idaho State.

TRANSACTIONS

TRANSACTIONS. Baseball: Mike Lofgren traded to Yankees. Basketball: Steve Nash traded to Suns.

Baseball

Baseball. ALCS Game 6: Seattle vs. New York.

NFL Standings

NFL Standings. AFC East: Patriots 10-5, Dolphins 7-8.

Sunday's Late NFL Summary

Sunday's Late NFL Summary. Vikings 28, Bears 18. Colts 20, Browns 10.

NCAA Div II Rankings

NCAA Div II Rankings. Indiana State vs. North Dakota State.

HOCKEY

HOCKEY. NHL Standings. Eastern Conference: Pittsburgh 17-10-5.

Baseball

Baseball. ALCS Game 6: Seattle vs. New York.

COMICS

Classic Peanuts

By Charles M. Schulz



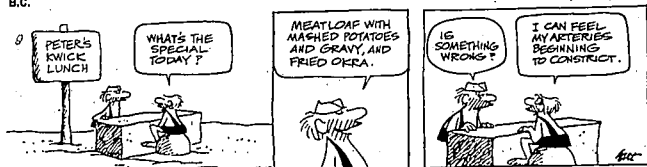
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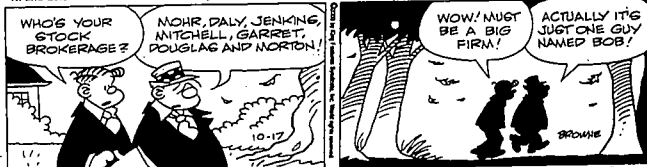
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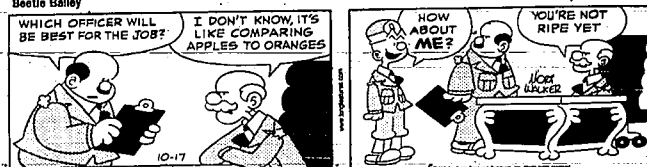
Hagar the Horrible

By Chris Browne



Beetle Bailey

By Mort Walker



Frank and Ernest

By Bob Thaves



The Born Loser

By Art Sansom & Chip



For Better or For Worse

By Lynn Johnston



Blonde

By Dean Young & Stan Drake



Pickles

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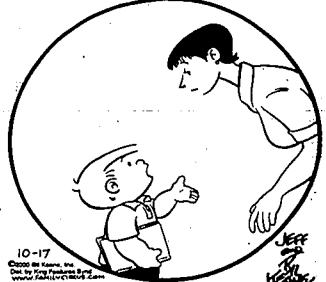
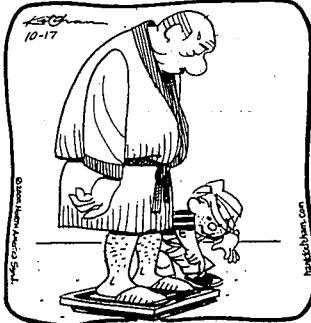


Dennis the Menace

By Hank Ketcham

The Family Circus

By Bil Keane



"NOW! HOW HIGH DO THESE NUMBERS GO?"

"If something's neither here nor there, where is it?"

Rose Is Rose

By Pat Brady



Zits

By Jim Borgman and Jerry Scott



Luann

By Greg Evans



Strange Brew

By John Deering

Non Sequitur

By Wiley

