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Christmas in City Park

The second weekly installment in the Christmas in City Park concert series is scheduled for 5 p.m. tonight.

The Soroptimist-sponsored festival of local musical groups and lights is held on four Sundays during December. It's free, and refreshments are available.



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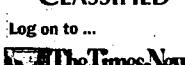
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Mining legacy lives on

BLM considers canyon claims active

By N.S. Nokkerved
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — In the shadow of the Perrine Bridge at the bottom of the Snake River Canyon, just above the high-water line, stands a sturdy 6-foot post, held upright by some toaster-size rocks.

A baby-food jar, its lid nailed to one side of the square post, holds an affidavit on three placer mining claims on lands along the south side of the river.

The legacy of mining is very much alive here. The ore-bearing sand and gravel deposits along the river, known by miners as "placer," still hold some gold. And the Bureau of Land



The flat land along the south side of the river, starting near the photo's left edge and running under the Perrine Bridge, is covered by active placer mining claims.

Management, which oversees surface mining on public land, considers the three claims active.

The claims extend from just west of the Perrine Bridge — below the visitor center overlook.

— to about three-fourths of a mile eastward. Though BLM leases the land to Twin Falls County as part of Centennial Park, the claims are of no particular concern to county or BLM officials.

"It hasn't been a problem yet," said Jimmy Nice, county parks director.

The mining claims' existence might seem alarming to people who cherish that section of Snake River Canyon. The claims raise the specter of a commercial mining operation within view of the bridge, the scenic overlooks and a proposed luxury hotel.

Furthermore, mining claims elsewhere in America have sometimes been used as a ruse to allow residential development on formerly public lands.

Interviews with federal and local officials, and with the retired professor who owns the claims, suggest that such fears

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Idahoans on cabinet not likely

Speculation of Bush tapping state GOP diminishes quickly

By Michael Journee
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Texas Gov. George W. Bush's foot, at least, is in the Oval Office door, but the speculation about whether Idaho Republicans will follow into administration positions has fallen strangely silent.

U.S. Sen. Larry Craig, R-Idaho, and Republican Gov. Dirk Kempthorne were rumored as possible cabinet contenders early in the presidential race, but insiders now say there's little chance Idaho's top office holders will change hats on inauguration Day.

"The talk that I've been hearing is that they think it's probably less likely now than they did some time ago, however likely that was," said Randy Stapilus, editor of the Idaho Political Almanac and a longtime observer of the Idaho political scene.

Both Bush and Vice President Al Gore are going through the motions of a transition by naming likely top cabinet members, but neither have mentioned any Idahoans so far.

Kempthorne and Craig have been quiet about their wishes for a Bush appointment.

Craig, an early prospect to head the Interior Department, said in an interview last week that Westerners would likely play a prominent role in a Bush administration. However, he said it's unlikely any Idahoans will get picked.

Craig's senior position as chairman of the GOP's Senate Policy Committee, the fourth spot in the U.S. Senate leadership hierarchy, casts questions on his interest in a cabinet position.

Also, a challenge to Craig's position in Senate leadership might make him a less attractive prospect, Stapilus said, theoretically, he is one of the best possibilities for it, but he's enmeshed in a leadership fight, Stapilus said.

"If I were in Bush's transition staff I don't think I'd be looking to get in the middle of that. That's assuming he would be interested in the first place, which may not be a fair assumption."

Craig Tuesday faces a challenge from Sen. Pete Domenici, R-N.M., for his chairmanship of the Public Committee.

Craig dismisses the vote as more of a referendum on the conservative nature of Senate leadership, rather than his work on the committee. Domenici challenged Craig because more high-profile conservatives in leadership were seen as unbeatable.

What position Kempthorne would be willing to trade for the governorship — or what position he might be offered — has also been a matter of speculation. But insiders say it's unlikely Kempthorne will be offered a spot, especially one worthy of going back to Washington, D.C.

"There are plenty of governors who are term limited and are actively seeking, and are making it very clear that they'd be very interested — and no, Gov. Kempthorne is not one of those."

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HOOKED ON TRAINS

Hobbyists keep models rolling along

By Aaron Brock
Times-News writer

FILER — They set up model trains for all, particularly children, to enjoy.

But often the Magic Valley Model Railroaders end up sinking the hooks of the hobby into more older family members.

"People think that it would be a great hobby for a youngster," said club member Gordon Harris. "A lot of times it's the father who is more interested."

For his part, Harris blames his family for his seven-year membership in the club. After all, his wife bought him his first train in 1993 after they attended a demonstration similar to the one put on by the club Saturday at the Twin Falls County Fairgrounds.

"That was her mistake," he said, chuckling.

An entire booth at the fairgrounds contains an elaborate track all year long, Harris said. The model railroaders show up as a group during the county fair and again for an afternoon in early December.

While no one has measured the track, Harris estimates that there are at least 600 or 700 feet of line in the booth. Trains climb up mountains, chug across bridges, squirm in and out of dozens of tunnels, and roll sedately through miniature towns, complete with tiny townfolk and minuscule trees and houses.

No architect helped with the track, which can accommodate five trains simultaneously and took six years to build, Harris said.

"We just adlibbed it," he said.

"Turned out pretty good."

It earned the approval of 8-year-old Eric Karnopp of Rupert, one of a steady crowd of admirers who attended the event.

"It's cool, it's like trains," he said.

But model trains are not children's playthings, stressed club president Bill Claiborn.

"They're not toys," he said.



Ray Galvin, a member of the Magic Valley Model Railroaders club, stands beside the elaborate track that occupies a booth at the Twin Falls County Fairgrounds. The club put together a demonstration on Saturday, running trains on about 700 feet of track on the display.

"These things are precision built. Some of these things are really expensive."

In fact, if one is so inclined, they can drop \$2,500 on a single

hand-made, solid brass engine, Claiborn said.

"We strive for perfection," he said. "We try to get it as real as possible."

Mike Johnson, who came from Burley to see the trains with his wife, grandson, and niece, had

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Bush: 'I'm soon to be the president'

Gore attorneys keep pressing for recount

The Associated Press

George W. Bush flatly asserted Saturday, "I'm soon to be the president" and met with GOP congressional leaders as if to prove it. Al Gore sought a recount before a Florida judge as both candidates awaited a U.S. Supreme Court decision that could untangle their election impasse.

All nine Supreme Court justices were at work, a day after

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hearing arguments in the case. There was no indication when the high court would rule.

Florida's Republican-controlled Legislature was poised to meet in special session Wednesday to consider naming a slate of 25 electors for Bush to protect against any court decision erasing his victory, House Majority Leader Mike Fasano said. However, Senate President John McKay said he still had not reviewed a committee report recommending the session. "I will

not call a special session on Monday," he said.

Despite the legal challenges, Republicans continued to prod the vice president to abandon his challenge. "George W. Bush is rightfully our president-elect," Ohio Gov. Bob Taft said in the GOP's weekly radio address. "We should not prolong a constitutional impasse that could prevent the timely transition of presidential power."

Gore spent a quiet day in Washington, chatting over lunch with actor Tommy Lee Jones, his college roommate and longtime

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Hemingway's eldest son dies

Los Angeles Times

Jack Hemingway, eldest son of Ernest Hemingway, has died. He was 77.

As a toddler he accompanied his father to Paris cafes and bookstores, meeting the likes of James Joyce and Ezra Pound. His godmother was Gertrude Stein.

As an adult he became a devoted naturalist and outdoorsman. He authored several books on fly-fishing, a passion he shared with his famous father.

As a father himself he saw two of his daughters become well-known actresses. And he experienced great loss when one died



Jack Hemingway

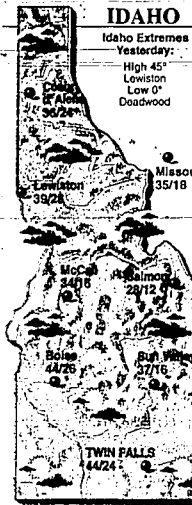
of a drug overdose. Family members decided Friday to remove Hemingway from life support systems following complications from heart surgery at New York-Cornell Medical Center.

Hemingway bore a striking

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FORECAST FOR MAGIC VALLEY

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ALMANAC

Twin Falls through 6 p.m. yesterday

Temperature
High/Low 43/10°
Normal High/Low 41/22°
High/Low last year 37/22°
Record high 66°
Record low 3° in 1967

Precipitation
24 hours ending 6 p.m. yest. 0.00"
Month to date 0.00"
Normal month to date 0.00"
Year to date 7.47"
Normal year to date 9.45"

Humidity
Yesterday at noon 65%

Barometric Pressure
Yesterday at 6 p.m. 30.21 in

Pollen Yearning in Twin Falls
Grass Absent Woods Absent
Trees Absent Mold Absent

Sources: *Almanac and Almanac of Idaho*

FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR TWIN FALLS

TODAY	TONIGHT	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
Some fog early, then partly sunny.	Partly to mostly cloudy with patchy fog.	Areas of fog/low clouds, then partly sunny.	Patchy fog/low clouds, then some sun.	Fog and low clouds, then some sunshine.	Patchy fog, then clouds and limited sun.
▲ 44°	▼ 24°	▲ 42° ▼ 24°	▲ 38° ▼ 30°	▲ 40° ▼ 24°	▲ 40° ▼ 24°

REGIONAL WEATHER

Southern Idaho: Some valley spots will start this morning with low clouds and fog; otherwise, partly sunny today. Partly cloudy tonight with areas of low clouds and fog late. Turning out partly sunny tomorrow.

Boise: Some fog or low clouds for a time this morning, then a mixture of clouds and sunshine the rest of today. Partly to mostly cloudy tonight with areas of fog forming. Fog, then some sun tomorrow.

Northern Nevada: High pressure over Utah will promote dry weather across northern Nevada today with sunshine and patchy clouds. Tonight will be clear to partly cloudy, then partly to mostly sunny tomorrow.

Northern Utah: A low valley spots will start this morning with fog; otherwise, high pressure will promote plenty of sunshine across northern Utah today. Clear to partly cloudy and cold tonight. Mostly sunny tomorrow.

Northern Idaho: Low clouds and areas of fog this morning, then some sunshine in most of the region this afternoon. Partly to mostly cloudy tonight with areas of fog. Fog and low clouds, then some sun tomorrow.

NATIONAL EXTREMES

Yesterday for the 48 contiguous states

High 83° in Simi Valley, CA Low -18° in Frasco, CO

NATIONAL WEATHER

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

CANADIAN CITIES

City	Today	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu
Calgary	15 21	16 24	18 24	18 24	18 24
Edmonton	10 16	10 16	10 16	10 16	10 16
Halifax	10 16	10 16	10 16	10 16	10 16
London	10 16	10 16	10 16	10 16	10 16
Montreal	10 16	10 16	10 16	10 16	10 16
Ottawa	10 16	10 16	10 16	10 16	10 16
Regina	10 16	10 16	10 16	10 16	10 16
Saskatoon	10 16	10 16	10 16	10 16	10 16
Toronto	10 16	10 16	10 16	10 16	10 16
Vancouver	10 16	10 16	10 16	10 16	10 16
Winnipeg	10 16	10 16	10 16	10 16	10 16

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today 7:55 a.m.
Sunset tonight 5:00 p.m.
Moonrise today 1:18 a.m.
Moonset tonight none

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WORLD CITIES

City	Today	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu
Accapulco	82 92	82 92	82 92	82 92	82 92
Athens	62 50	61 50	61 50	61 50	61 50
Auckland	68 56	68 56	68 56	68 56	68 56
Bangkok	82 86	82 86	82 86	82 86	82 86
Beijing	43 26	43 26	43 26	43 26	43 26
Bombay	82 86	82 86	82 86	82 86	82 86
Buenos Aires	51 44	50 44	50 44	50 44	50 44
Cairo	68 50	67 50	67 50	67 50	67 50
Hong Kong	75 57	75 57	75 57	75 57	75 57
Jerusalem	60 41	61 41	61 41	61 41	61 41
Los Angeles	68 63	68 63	68 63	68 63	68 63
London	48 46	48 46	48 46	48 46	48 46
Moscow	38 35	38 35	38 35	38 35	38 35
Madrid	45 39	45 39	45 39	45 39	45 39
Rio de Janeiro	82 78	81 78	81 78	81 78	81 78
Sao Paulo	68 63	68 63	68 63	68 63	68 63
Sydney	74 60	74 60	74 60	74 60	74 60
Tokyo	57 52	57 52	57 52	57 52	57 52
Warsaw	44 41	44 41	44 41	44 41	44 41
Zurich	43 35	43 35	43 35	43 35	43 35

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu
Boise	44 24	44 24	44 24	44 24	44 24
Bonners Ferry	32 22	32 22	32 22	32 22	32 22
Burley	44 24	44 24	44 24	44 24	44 24
Coeur d'Alene	32 22	32 22	32 22	32 22	32 22
Elko	47 17	47 17	47 17	47 17	47 17
Eugene, OR	48 26	48 26	48 26	48 26	48 26
Hagerman	33 18	33 18	33 18	33 18	33 18
Idaho Falls	35 20	35 20	35 20	35 20	35 20
Kalkapiel, MT	39 28	39 28	39 28	39 28	39 28
Lewiston	44 24	44 24	44 24	44 24	44 24
Malden	44 24	44 24	44 24	44 24	44 24
Matta	39 17	39 17	39 17	39 17	39 17

City	Today	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu
McCall	34 16	34 16	34 16	34 16	34 16
Misoulia, MT	35 18	35 18	35 18	35 18	35 18
Pocatello	40 16	40 16	40 16	40 16	40 16
Portland, OR	48 36	48 36	48 36	48 36	48 36
Richland, WA	37 24	37 24	37 24	37 24	37 24
Salmon	28 12	28 12	28 12	28 12	28 12
Salt Lake City, UT	45 26	45 26	45 26	45 26	45 26
Shawna, WA	48 36	48 36	48 36	48 36	48 36
Spokane, WA	33 24	33 24	33 24	33 24	33 24
Starkway	30 10	30 10	30 10	30 10	30 10
Sun Valley	47 16	47 16	47 16	47 16	47 16
Yellowstone, MT	29 11	29 11	29 11	29 11	29 11

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Legislators to find out if they will go to work early

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — Idaho legislators will learn on Monday if Gov. Dirk Kempthorne plans to call the third legislative session in 17 years and the first since 1992.

"There is a good chance we'll do that at the organizational session," said House Speaker Bruce Newcomb, R-Burley. "We won't

know for sure until Monday morning."

Idaho's session would concern an October decision by the U.S. 9th Circuit Court of Appeals. The 9th circuit is that the decision would lead to an increase in electric rates.

The court ruled that Idaho's Electric Supplier Stabilization

Act was missing a supervisory requirement required by the nation's anti-trust laws. Lawmakers would attempt to pass legislation addressing that defect in Idaho's law.

Senate Majority Leader James Risch said on Thursday that commercial power companies and municipal utilities, like Idaho

Falls Power, must reach a consensus on legislation before a special session is called.

Lawmakers will gather in Boise next week for their annual organizational session.

Risch said a special session would likely be called after the organizational session wraps up on Dec. 8.

Hemingway

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physical resemblance to his father, and his public life never escaped the shadow of the larger-than-life figure who is perhaps the best-known U.S. author of the 20th century.

The son struggled at times with his father's legacy, never settling into a permanent career. He wrote and spoke frequently about life as the offspring of the celebrated novelist and Nobel Prize winner.

Jack Hemingway will be remembered by many as the baby Bumble of "A Moveable Feast," his father's memoir of his early years in Paris. The boy was born in Toronto in 1923 to Hemingway and his first wife, Hadley. The young couple soon took him to France. It was a time that the elder Hemingway often looked back to with great nostalgia and a sense of loss.

Later, as his father changed wives and residences and became more famous, the author and son saw each other mostly during vacations. They shared fishing, hunting and boxing adventures from Pamplona,

Spain, to Havana to Key West, Fla., to Montana and Idaho.

During World War II, Jack Hemingway was an officer of the OSS, the legendary wartime spy agency.

He parachuted into occupied France to assist the Resistance and report on German forces carrying with him a fly rod, he wrote after the war.

After the war Hemingway, a longtime Idaho resident, served as a member of the state fish and game commission in the 1970s and developed a reputation as an ardent conservationist.

His father, he said in a 1988 interview with the Los Angeles Times, could be a warm, vibrant and even tenderhearted figure, as a theme the son explored in his 1986 memoir, "Misadventures of a Fly Fisherman: My Life With and Without Papa."

Jack Hemingway's daughter Margaux, who along with her sister Mariel had film acting careers, died in 1996 of a drug overdose.

Burial is to be in the Sun Valley area.

Mining

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probably would be unfounded. But the possibility of an extensive mining operation, though remote, does exist. Federal mining law ensures the right of the holder of valid claims to mine those claims.

That stretch of river is protected under the state water plan as a recreational river. So any mineral sand or gravel extraction from the stream bed is banned. But the ban doesn't extend to placer mining on the riverbank.

the family's food.

In about 1960, he sold the claims to then-Twin Falls resident William Bruce Warberg.

Warberg, a retired Boise State University professor who taught computer information systems, lives part-time in Ketchum and part-time in Oregon. He staked out some additional claims and has maintained them all.

He said he has no particular plans for the claims, and he is not sure of what he will do with them.

Every year he has filed an affidavit saying he has done at least \$100 worth of work on each claim that year. But he has never applied for patents that would make him the property's rightful owner.

The land on which the claims are filed is leased to Twin Falls County as an extension of Centennial Park, said Scott Barker, realty specialist with the BLM's Burley office. But there is no apparent conflict between Warberg's current activity and the county's plans.

Warberg can still do what he needs to, to keep the claims active, Barker said.

Twin Falls County plans a hiking trail and primitive camping on the land, and perhaps a boat dock, Nice said. No other devel-

opment is planned.

Patenting claims

In years past, some mining claims have been held and patented only to obtain title to the land for remote home sites, subdivisions or real estate speculation.

The BLM doesn't look kindly on such abuses of the mining law, said Karen Shilling, geologist with the Burley BLM office. So the agency conducts a validity exam when a claim holder files a patent application.

Before granting a patent, officials determine whether the claim has economically viable mineral deposits, Shilling said. To complete the patent, the claimant must pay \$2.50 per acre and show at least \$500 worth of work on the claim, she said. Once patented, such land becomes private property.

In 1995 BLM regulations were tightened to give the agency more clout in dealing with quarters on mining claims, and officials have caught some of them trying to patent land for purposes other than mining.

Fraudulent patent attempts have not been much of a problem in Idaho, but have been more prevalent in California and Colorado, Shilling said.

In addition, there has been a moratorium on land patents since October 1994, she said. The moratorium has been renewed annually in Interior Department appropriations bills and remains in effect.

The Thompson Creek Metals Co. of Englewood, Colo., recently received a patent on 2,500 acres at its open-pit molybdenum mine 30 miles west of Challis. But the company had applied for the patent in 1990.

Warberg's claims have been active since 1937, and in all that time no one has applied for a patent, Shilling said. Nor does the area show much evidence that anyone is doing any mining there.

In order to undertake even a modest mining operation, Warberg would have to file a plan of operation with the BLM under recent changes in mining laws. No such plan exists.

But because of the visibility and sensitivity of the site, such a plan were filed, BLM probably would conduct a validity exam even without a patent application, Shilling said. The agency would look closely at any mining activity other than pick and shovel work or a small recreational dredge operation.

Under the 1872 mining law, however, the claimant has a statutory right to mine a commercially viable deposit as long as he doesn't violate any federal laws, such as the Clean Water, Antiquities or Endangered Species acts, Shilling said.

The BLM has no discretion. Officials can only work with the miner to ensure the least amount of disturbance, she said.

Trains

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more than just a passing interest in the hobby, Galvin said.

"I've always liked model trains," Johnson said, noting that he once had his own track and cars. He still owns most of the pieces, he said, but they are just collecting dust in his attic.

That was the problem for Ray Galvin, who was around when the club started up in 1989. Before then, he said, he simply used a track in his basement as a showcase for his many trains. He guessed that he owned about 500 different cars and engines.

The formation of the club, which started with about 10 members and has roughly dou-

bled in size, gave him a venue to display his hobby, Galvin said.

Most of the trains on display Saturday were made up of 10 to 20 cars, but a sign on the Wall gives tribute to Galvin, who once constructed a train of 71 cars plus a small caboose on the track.

Galvin was confident that it is a record that can be broken.

"I could pull 100 (cars) around here if they'd let me," he said. "But it ties up too much track space."

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Shuttle Endeavour hooks up with international space shuttle

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Space shuttle Endeavour pulled up to the international space station and docked Saturday, setting the stage for the attachment — and dramatic spreading — of the world's largest solar wings.

The wings, carried into orbit by Endeavour, will be installed on space station Alpha today with the help of two spacewalking astronauts.

Endeavour hooked up with Alpha as the spacecraft zoomed more than 230 miles above central Asia, ending a two-day chase. Shuttle commander Brent Jett Jr. steered his ship in from below, with practiced precision.

Station commander Bill Shepherd and his two Russian crewmates, on board for a solid month, eagerly watched Endeavour's slow and cautious approach. The five shuttle astro-

nauts are their first visitors.

The two crews talked to one another via radio. But they won't meet for almost another week. Because of the difference in air pressure between the two craft, the hatches leading into Alpha's living compartment must remain sealed until the shuttle astronauts complete three spacewalks outside the space station.

Endeavour pulled into a docking port that was added by the last shuttle crew, in October. The shuttle-station complex exceeded 200 tons and stretched nearly 220 feet.

The space station will be considerably wider once the new electricity-producing solar wings are installed and unfurled, one by one.

The \$600 million wings were folded like an accordion for launch; the stack was just a few inches thick. Opened, the wings will span 240 feet from tip to tip,

longer than the wingspan of a Boeing 777 jetliner. And they will be 38 feet across.

Altogether, the solar wings will cover half an acre, making them the largest structure ever deployed in space.

They also will be the most powerful solar wings ever flown. The panels, which collect sunlight for electricity, will be capable of generating 65 kilowatts at peak power. One-third of that power will go for space station use; the rest will be reserved for the batteries and other electronics associated with the panels.

Alpha, at present, is generating only a modest amount of power with two sets of small, Russian-built solar wings. There's so little electricity that only two of the station's three rooms can be heated; the unheated chamber has been off-limits to the crew.

Clinton pushes school spending

WASHINGTON (AP) — Lawmakers returning to the Capital this week for a lame-duck session should make passage of the almost \$40 billion education budget their first priority, President Clinton said Saturday.

"It is very important that we get right back to business and fulfill our responsibility to give our children a world-class education," Clinton said in his weekly radio address, broadcast live from the Oval Office before an invited audience of educators and supporters.

Bipartisan bargainers agreed last month to a record \$7.9 billion increase in education spending — 20 percent above last year — that was later rejected by House GOP leaders.

Democrats are battling for specific funds to hire new teachers and repair crumbling schools. Republicans are seeking to give states the option of spending that money on other programs such as special education and reading lessons.

"The Republican Congress has increased education spending by 50 percent over the past four years.

The question is not about funding, it's about who controls the funding, and Republicans want more education dollars to go to classrooms, not to Washington bureaucrats," John Feehely, spokesman for House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., said Saturday.

Report: Insurance rises for vans

NEW YORK (AP) — Two insurance companies are raising liability premiums for sport utility vehicles, pickup trucks and big vans because of evidence that they cause more damage in accidents, The New York Times reported Saturday.

Allstate Insurance Co. and the Progressive Insurance Group, which together cover almost 25 million vehicles, also said this week they had begun lowering premiums for other cars.

Until now, drivers with similar records often have paid similar premiums for liability and personal injury coverage, whether they own a small car or SUV, the Times said.

"People with standard sedans and smaller cars today are subsidizing people with sports utilities and vans and pickups," said Kevin Kelso, in charge of auto insurance at Farmers Insurance Group, which plans to adopt similar measures next year.

However, the newspaper said, accident data are persuading the industry to make changes that better assign costs according to the safety of a particular model.

Bigger vehicles can cause more damage to other cars, but that doesn't always mean they're safer for the people riding in them, Progressive spokeswoman Leslie Gauda said Saturday.

"We look at data from crash tests, look at what cockpit protection the vehicle affords, how the vehicle is designed and made. It's a lot more than just size," Kolla said.

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Quakes rock Sierra Nevada

TRUCKEE, Calif. (AP) - A series of moderate earthquakes and aftershocks jolted the Lake Tahoe region near the Nevada-California border early Saturday.

No major damage or injuries were reported, but the largest quake, a magnitude 4.8 according to U.S. Geological Survey estimates, was felt over a wide area.

It hit at 7:34 a.m. about 14 miles northwest of Truckee and was followed over the next hour by four smaller tremors, including one measuring 3.2.

Three small quakes hit later in the day.

Eric Lamoureux, a spokesman for the California Office of Emergency Services, said the quakes occurred on a previously unknown fault.

Cabinet

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Kempthorne spokesman Mark Snider said.

The Bush campaign has not contacted Kempthorne about a job. But that does not mean he's unwilling to listen, Snider said. "He has never said he would not talk about it," Snider said. "As (Kempthorne) has said, 'If your president calls, you take the call.' He's very satisfied being governor - that's the reason he came back from Washington, D.C."

Other top Idaho Republicans - such as U.S. Sen. Mike Crapo, U.S. Rep. Mike Simpson, and outgoing U.S. Rep. Helen Chenoweth-Hage - have come up as possible cabinet appointees.

And the real question is who will be appointed to Boise-based administration positions, such as U.S. attorney, U.S. marshal or head of Idaho's Farm Service Agency, to name a few, said Sen. Denton Darrington, R-Deer.

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U.S. mulls wide variety of actions against bin Laden

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON - The Clinton administration is considering a wide range of options, including military force, to punish Osama bin Laden if investigators conclude that the Saudi fugitive was behind the bombing of the USS Cole in Yemen, according to U.S. officials.

But any military action against bin Laden's redoubts in the mountains of Afghanistan would be declared a "pre-emptive" effort to forestall future attacks, not a retaliatory strike, U.S. officials said.

That is because Article 51 of the United Nations charter prohibits the use of armed force by one state against another, except in self-defense or with the approval of the U.N. Security Council.

Retaliation, in other words, is not an acceptable justification for the use of force. Self-defense is allowed under international law, but what constitutes "self-defense" is a matter of debate, according to Michael Matheson, a law professor and former State Department lawyer.

The United States, Matheson said, takes the "robust" position that it has an ongoing right to act

against a "continuing threat" such as bin Laden, who already has been indicted in New York for plotting the truck bombing of two U.S. embassies in East Africa in 1998.

Yemen's prime minister has said the Cole's bombers appear to have been Arab veterans of the war that drove Soviet forces out of Afghanistan in the 1980s, the same group of Islamic warriors who form the core of bin Laden's terrorist network, known as al Qaeda or "the Base."

U.S. officials have also said that there are tantalizing links between the Oct. 12 attack on the Cole and the 1998 embassy bombings. But no clear evidence tying bin Laden to the Cole blast has emerged so far.

Michael Glennon, a professor of law at the University of California at Davis who has just completed a book on armed intervention, said it is unclear how strong the evidence must be to justify a military strike.

"That is not a question that international law answers," Glennon said, adding that in his opinion President Clinton should "insist upon" evidence that is "highly probative, but not necessarily beyond a reasonable doubt."

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NATION

Honeymoon may be over before it begins

New president's transition will be hectic

By Stephen Sewlow
Knight-Ridder News Service

Twelve years ago today, The Philadelphia Inquirer published a front-page story about President-elect George Bush meeting at his Washington home with Michael Dukakis, the man he defeated a month earlier.

"We want to work together," said Dukakis.

The New York Times front page had a warm picture of the two men chatting amiably outside the vice presidential mansion with Bush's dog Millie in the foreground. "Bush," said the caption, "has spent much of the week reaching out to former opponents."

Compare that with the stories of vituperative lawsuits dominating today's front pages and it's clear that the next president is missing some important benefits of the traditional transition period.

Along with the obvious necessities of appointing a cabinet and a White House staff, and preparing a new budget, and writing an inaugural address, the transition also allows a president-elect a brief, euphoric honeymoon period.

It's the time when the country bonds behind its new leader and he restates his agenda for the

future as the president to be, rather than as a partisan campaigner.

"There's a bit of an afterglow," said Mark Gearan, deputy director of President Clinton's 1992 transition. "It allows for the grandeur of the office to develop and to see that person in the suit of the presidency."

With that goodwill, he said, "chits are being put into the political bank that a new president will need to draw on. And this president will need as many chits as possible. . . That is being lost."

Edwin Meese, who organized Ronald Reagan's new government in 1980 and later became his attorney general, agreed that the transition "provides a healing time, a hiatus within which whatever hostilities may have been left over can dissipate."

"There's generally an era of good feeling and anticipation, where the incoming president is not subjected to an awful lot of pressure to handle problems but rather simply announces what he plans and who he will appoint."

Now, said Meese, currently a Ronald Reagan Fellow at the Heritage Foundation, a Washington think tank, "the transition period has been harmed by the fact that it is shortened; you don't have that 10-week period in which old scars from the campaign have healed."

Even the Washington press corps takes a rest from daily cri-

tiquing during the transition, trying instead to just figure out where the president is going.

"There is to some extent a cessation or minimization of the press' adversarial approach to what's going on," James A. Baker 3d told the Pew Foundation-funded White House 2001 Project, which has been interviewing people who have worked in the White House so the information can be passed on to the new people as instant institutional memory.

The reporters, said Baker, are "more interested in finding out and reporting on what the new administration has in mind. And you don't have people on the other side attacking you. You're pretty free to name your people, make your choices, set your priorities and your objectives. That ends after a hundred days."

Very few can better evaluate the differences between that kind of transition and what is going on today than Baker, who was chief of staff for both George Bush and Ronald Reagan and now is Gov. Bush's top representative in Florida.

Besides affording a new president this one opportunity to be transformed in the public mind from candidate to leader, the transition can allow him to forge necessary relationships with Congress.

"Congressional relations are a challenge under the best of circumstances," said Chase

Untermeyer, director of presidential personnel in the Bush transition in 1988.

Reagan was particularly adept at this, meeting Democratic and Republican leaders in their Capitol Hill offices and inviting them for one-on-one visits. He was careful to spend time with Thomas P. "Tip" O'Neill Jr., the liberal Democratic speaker of the House, and the two enjoyed a cordial relationship, according to Meese, even if they often disagreed on policy.

In such meetings, said John Burke, a University of Vermont political scientist who has written extensively on transitions, a president-elect can gauge which priorities can probably be pursued in Congress early on, which helps him shape an agenda.

"You can't come in as Carter did, with a laundry list," said Burke. "You have to pare that down."

But the greatest loss of all for the new president "is just time," said Untermeyer.

"The memories I have are mostly of the crazy, high-pressure, relentless nature of a transition - and that was a 10-week transition. I have many memories of things done and not done that seem strange later. But when people are working long days, not getting enough sleep or exercise and people are always waiting outside for the appointment . . . in those conditions the obvious is not always obvious."

Election

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friend. Meanwhile, the vice president's lawyers tried to persuade a judge in Tallahassee to count 14,000 disputed ballots from South Florida. Attorney David Boies said the contested ballots in heavily Democratic Palm Beach and Miami-Dade counties could "place in doubt" Bush's 537-vote victory margin certified by Florida Secretary of State Katherine Harris. Attorney Boies has predicted he would win if all the votes were counted.

Bush's attorneys filed counter motions and said any recount should be expanded to include all votes cast in Volusia and Broward counties, where Gore benefitted from recanvasses shortly after the election. Bush's lawyers also sought to negate a Seminole County lawsuit filed by Democrats to throw out about 15,000 absentee ballots, which would cost Bush a net of 4,797 votes.

Kimball Brace, an election expert called by Gore's side, said a hand count is the "only way of finding out exactly how many votes were cast" for each candidate. Brace, president of Election Data Services, tried to show various ways Floridians intending to vote for Gore could have failed to fully punch their ballots, instead creating impressions called dimples.

Under cross examination by Bush lawyer Phil Beck, Brace acknowledged that indentations could also have resulted simply from the handling of the ballots.

"If I were to rub my finger across it, that could create an indentation and that obviously should not be counted as intention to vote," Brace testified. Gore's lawyers also presented

Recount poll

More Americans think George W. Bush will win the presidency, but the number who think he would have won legitimately has slipped below half, according to a new poll. Here are selected results:

- Nov. 20-26: 56%
- Nov. 27-30: 51%

Who do you think will be the next president of the United States, Gore or Bush?

- Gore: 44%
- Bush: 56%

Suppose it turns out that the following candidate is the next president. Do you think he will have legitimately won the election or do you think it is because the voting was conducted and counted improperly in Florida?

- Legitimately won: 54%
- Improperly conducted: 46%

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- Legitimately won: 35%
- Improperly conducted: 65%

Way vote was conducted or counted

- Legitimately won: 44%
- Improperly conducted: 56%

Note: The Nov. 20-26 poll of 947 adults and the Nov. 27-30 poll of 588 adults have error margins of plus or minus 4 percentage points. When results are based on 100 percent, this number either didn't know or refused to answer.

Source: Pew Research Center. . . AP

testimony from a statistician, Nicolas Hengartner of Yale University.

Saturday's hearing in Leon County Circuit Court stretched over nine hours before being recessed until 9 a.m. Sunday. The day ended with testimony by

an expert in rubber and plastics, Richard Grossman, who was called by Bush's attorneys to talk about material used in voting machines.

Bush retreated to his ranch, meeting with House Speaker Dennis Hastert and Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott to discuss Republican legislative priorities for the new Congress. The meeting appeared intended to project an aura of inevitability of a Bush presidency, court cases notwithstanding.

The governor expressed concern about a "potential slowdown" in the economy, citing concerns about auto sales and rising energy prices. He said he would work with congressional leaders to "prepare a plan that will keep the economy going."

Lott said that he hoped to be

able to move on Bush appointments quickly. Lott noted, however, that "in the Senate, we've got a very delicate situation" with a 50-50 split between Republicans and Democrats. Lott joked that Cheney, who could cast the tie-breaking vote as vice president, might be needed a lot.

Later, in an interview with The Associated Press, Hastert said he hopes Congress doesn't have to become involved in selecting the next president, but "if we have to do our constitutional duty, we'll certainly do that."

Sitting before the fireplace at his ranch house, Bush unashamedly declared, "I'm soon to be the insider. Tim [soon to be the president]." He promised to reach out as president to Democratic leaders.

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NATION

Many schools begin restricting backpacks to lighten kids' loads

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Prompted by years of complaints from some doctors and parents, schools across the country are trying to ease the physical stress children suffer when weighed down with heavy backpacks.

Some schools have purchased extra textbooks so teachers have one classroom set and pupils have copies at home. Others use chiropractors to teach youngsters how to maintain good posture while carrying heavy loads.

At Collingswood Middle School in southern New Jersey, backpacks aren't allowed to be used inside the school.

"Besides carrying all their books, they'll carry their clothes, their whole life will be in there," said Scott Hoopes, principal of Collingswood Middle School in southern New Jersey. "We had kids with health concerns with their backs because they were carrying so much."

Several hundred schools, from Bellevue, Wash., to Tarpon Springs, Fla., allow pupils to carry backpacks to and from schools, but the gear must remain in their lockers during school hours. The restrictions are mostly for elementary and middle schools.

The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends children carry no more than 10 percent to 20 percent of their own body weight and that bags should typically weigh less than 15 pounds.

"We don't think it will cause long-term damage," said Dr. Wayne Yankus, a New Jersey pediatrician with the academy. For your typical boy or girl, it creates off-balance back pain, but the jury is still out on what these kids will look like in the years to come."

Stoddard Fleisher Middle School in Philadelphia addressed the problem by allowing pupils to keep duplicate books at home. Principal Bernard McGee said the additional books cost more initially, but the investment pays off because fewer are lost and there is less wear and tear on them. Backpack Safety America's



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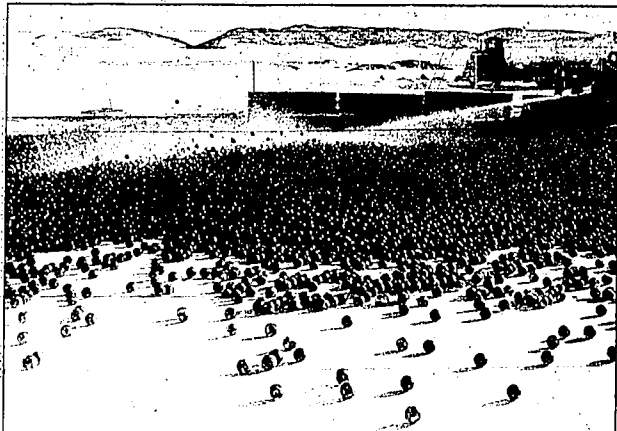


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Audit shows Oregon inmates tilted laundry scales for cash

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) - A state audit revealed that unsupervised inmates at the Eastern Oregon Correctional Institution stood on laundry scales to make the loads heavier and boost their cash bonuses.

Oregon Corrections Enterprises, the business arm of the corrections inmate-work program, has repaid the prison \$211,819 for overcharges between March 1998 and June 2000. Administrator Michael Taaffe said several inmates were fired from the laundry, which is considered a plum job.

Inmates who worked in the laundry during the suspect period must repay portions of their merit bonuses - up to \$1,500 in some cases - for a total of

\$48,081. Inmates received merit pay according to laundry volume, ranging from \$8 to \$150 monthly.

The audit was requested by the prison's superintendent, Jean Hill, who was so alarmed by the steep laundry bills that she stopped paying them a year ago.

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Many meet to honor late congressman

SAN ANTONIO (AP) - Hundreds of politicians and supporters, some in suits and others in jeans, filed into a cathedral Saturday to mourn former Rep. Henry Gonzalez, who spent 37 years in Congress as a champion of the underdog.

Mourners applauded one last time as pallbearers bore his coffin in the downtown San Fernando Cathedral. A military color-guard stood watch as hundreds filed past the open casket throughout the morning.

"I just can't ever remember a time when Henry B. wasn't around," said mourner Katie Oron.

Gonzalez, the former chairman of the House Banking Committee who retired in 1998, died Tuesday at the age of 84 after a long illness.

"So many hearts were touched. So many dreams were forged because of Henry Gonzalez," said Henry Cisneros, a former San Antonio mayor who served as housing secretary in the Clinton administration.

"He loved the battle and he relished the victories but he also knew there was always more to be done," said U.S. Rep. Patrick Kennedy, D-R.I. Saturday's requiem Mass, held in the cathedral where Gonzalez was baptized, reflected his hum-

ble beginnings and the Mexican-American community that nurtured him. The liturgy was said in English and Spanish, and a mariachi choir performed.

Gonzalez was born in 1916 to Mexican immigrants but got a law degree, won a seat on the city council and later became the first Mexican-American elected to the Texas Senate. He was elected to Congress in 1961.

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LENNON AT 60?

He lives on as the dead Beatle - 20 years later

By Larry McShane
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Sitting inside her office at the Dakota apartments, a stone's throw from the spot where her husband was mortally wounded two decades earlier, Yoko Ono answers the question:

"Imagine John Lennon at 60? There's a pause. A long pause. "I think he was always innovative," she finally says. "I think he would have jumped into the Internet. Also, his music was very funky and punky — the rap kind of thing."

There's a shorter pause, and her voice grows lively.

"You can almost see that John would have done that," she continues. "I'm sure he would have been the first white rapper. Or the second, maybe."

Lennon as Eminem? A bespectacled Lennon downloading MP3s from the Internet? Lennon, gray-haired and graying-bearded, dueting with Fred Durst?

It's pure speculation 20 years after a demented Beatlemaniac killed Lennon with five gunshots on Dec. 8, 1980. It's also something that Ono, who watched in horror as her dying husband collapsed, lives with every day. "I miss the laughter, you know?" the 67-year-old widow reflects. "He made me cry, especially at times when things were very difficult."

To the world at large, John was never the funny Beatle — that title belonged to Ringo. Paul, even at 58, remains the cute Beatle, while George in his English mansion is ever the quiet Beatle.

This year, when Lennon would have turned 60, his work was ubiquitous. Nine Beatles-related books were introduced in the year 2000 — from the authorized "The Beatles Anthology," to a reissue of Lennon's verse "In His Own Words" to a tome on the Beatles' dalliance with the Maharishi Mahesh Yogi.

A compilation of the Beatles' 27 No. 1 hits, released in time for Christmas shoppers, landed atop the Billboard chart after selling nearly 600,000 copies in its first week.

Ono supervised re-releases of the first and last solo albums of his life, "Plastic Ono Band" and "Double Fantasy." There was even a book from Lennon about Lennon: a 151-page pressing of his

revealing 1970 interviews with Rolling Stone founder Jann Wenner. "The dream's over," Lennon warned, 10 years before his death. "And I have personally got to get down to scolded reality."

A visit to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame provides a stark dose of that reality. When the Cleveland facility unveiled a Lennon tribute in October, the first items in the display reinforced his violent absence: The blood-spattered spectacles

As Lennon lay dying on the sidewalk, Chapman dropped the gun and produced a paperback novel — "The Catcher in the Rye" — from his pocket. He opened the book, and waited for the police.

For the generation that grew up with the Beatles, it was the rock-'n'-roll equivalent of 1963's JFK assassination. As on that day in Dallas, people would remember where they heard the news about Lennon.

Lennon's death gave life to his legend. Lennon and Ono's "Double Fantasy" LP climbed to the top of the charts, and "Starting Over" became his biggest single.

Chapman pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 20 years to life. Jailed until 1982, he became a big on Ono's radar screen until this October, when he came up for parole.

Ono feared for her life, for the life of her son Sean, for the life of John's older son Julian. She feared that Chapman would come after them.

The parole board turned Chapman down; he becomes eligible again in October 2002.

One will spend the 20th anniversary of Lennon's death in what has become a tradition: sitting in the Dakota, meditating.

Across Central Park West, fans will gather inside Strawberry Fields — the slice of Central Park named for the Lennon hit — to light candles and sing John's songs.

"Sean and I always put candles on my windowsill, and light them to tell the people, 'We're with you,'" Ono says.

So imagine John Lennon, on the cusp of Social Security, smoking an unfiltered Gitane and sipping a cup of tea. When Rolling Stone magazine asked a cross-section of musicians what Lennon might be doing now, their answers ran the gamut. "I think John would be doing some cutting-edge hardcore music," said rocker Lenny Kravitz.

Lennon, during his 1970 interview with Wenner, was asked to conjure his vision of the Liverpool kid at age 64. It included Yoko, and made no mention of Paul, George or Ringo. He was far from the craziness of Manhattan.

"I hope we're a nice old couple living off the coast of Ireland or something like that," he offered, "looking back at our scrapbooks of madness."



John Lennon and his wife, Yoko Ono, arrive at The Hit Factory, a recording studio in New York City in his Aug. 22, 1980, photograph, taken a year before he was murdered.

that Lennon wore on the night of his murder. And a hospital bag containing his clothes, riddled with bullet holes.

"In John's spirit, it was very important to have a strong message: Let's not kill each other any more," Ono explains. "John was always trying to send a message about world peace."

"I felt it was appropriate."

Even now, 20 years later, Yoko Ono cannot utter his name. She refers to him only as "that guy."

Mark David Chapman came from Hawaii to Manhattan in search of John Lennon. The chubby, deranged fan settled into a midtown hotel just a 20-block walk from the Dakota. On the night of his death, Lennon and Ono were headed home from a Manhattan recording studio where they had worked on her "Walking on Thin Ice" single. A white limousine deposited the pair on 72nd Street, Central Park, and they moved toward the Dakota's gated entrance. It was almost 11 p.m., and Chapman was waiting.

Earlier that day, Chapman had greeted Lennon with a copy of the rocker's new "Double Fantasy" album; Lennon signed and dated it. Chapman now clutched a Charter Arms .38 caliber revolver. Once Lennon passed by, Chapman pumped five hollow-point bullets into his back.

Model attacks smoking

LONDON (AP) — Model Christy Turlington, starting in a series of anti-smoking commercials on American and British television, has emphysema.

The 31-year-old model told The Times newspaper that she was diagnosed with early stage emphysema after undergoing

a lung scan in New York.

Turlington said she smoked up to a pack of cigarettes a day between the ages of 13 and 26, with a two-year break.

"The really frightening thing is, there was enough of an effect from my smoking that it caused permanent damage."

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Now, Mexican president faces reality

OAXACA, Mexico (AP) — After a day of national euphoria over his inauguration, reality greeted President Vicente Fox on Saturday.

Thousands of teachers, laborers and poor Indian farmers planned to march down the tourist-filled cobblestone streets of this colonial city Saturday afternoon and demand justice from the president who ousted the party that ruled Mexico for 71 years.

At his swearing-in Friday, Fox promised to make Mexico's poor and Indians top priorities. But he



President Vicente Fox

The night before Fox arrived in this southern region as part of his three-day victory lap around the country, 20

still faces inherited headaches of unresolved labor and land disputes, human rights violations and racial discrimination.

Yet on his first day in office, Fox was moving rapidly toward peace talks with the country's most famous rebel group, the Zapatistas, who rose up in 1994.

He ordered soldiers to pull back from Zapatista zones in neighboring Chiapas state hours after promising to send Congress an Indian rights measure that former President Ernesto Zedillo

had refused to endorse. Fox planned to speak to thousands in the main plaza in this colonial city, capital of Oaxaca state, one of Mexico's poorest, most-heavily Indian regions.

He has pledged to combat poverty with a national microcrediting program, and to channel the revenues from a growing economy into improving education and health services.

Fox also planned to sign an agreement with top U.N. human rights official Mary Robinson to promote human rights in Mexico.

Colombia paramilitary massacre stuns Caribbean fishing village

NEUVA VENECIA, Colombia (AP) — Ten days ago this village, with its wooden houses perched on stilts in a vast inland sea, was a bustling fishing community: The hum of outboard motors filled the air as men worked to rig their nets. But then the gunmen came, dragging villagers from their homes, shooting them and leaving their bodies to turn the water red as neighbors fled in terror.

Now the residents of Nueva Venecia are mostly gone, driven away by what was one of the deadliest single massacres in Colombia's decades-old guerrilla war — at least 37 people killed, most of them poor fishermen. Other than water lapping up against stilts, the cacde of a few chickens and the barking of dogs, the village is silent.

In Nueva Venecia on Tuesday, Daiver Yanez, a 20-year-old fisherman whose uncle and cousin died in the Nov. 22 attack, hurriedly unloaded two rocking chairs and other belongings onto a wooden canoe docked alongside his two-room stilt house.

"I never thought something like this would happen to us, this kind of violence," he said before pushing off in the direction of the nearby town, Sitar Nuevo, where he planned to live with relatives until it feels safe to return.

The attack here was allegedly carried out by members of the United Self-Defense Forces of Colombia, or AUC. The right-wing paramilitary group, which some here say operates with the support of the Colombian army, has spent years fighting left-wing rebels in the country's bloody civil conflict.

Roughly 3,000 people die in the vicious fighting each year, most of them civilians caught in the crossfire. Colombia is receiving \$1.3 billion in mostly military aid from the United States as part of a plan to battle the cocaine trade that fuels the conflict, but any progress could take years.

The Nueva Venecia massacre was the second in the area this year by alleged members of the AUC. The group raided another fishing village an hour's boat ride away in February, killing about a dozen people. They had warned



Veronica Cervantes and her children look out of their house in Nueva Venecia in the marshy area of Ciénega Grande, Colombia, Wednesday.

Nueva Venecia — considered by the AUC to be a support base for the leftist National Liberation Army, or ELN — that it could be next.

Survivors interviewed in a church shelter in Baranquilla, the nearest city, said death came swiftly to the struggling 150-year-old settlement, located 420 miles from Bogota.

According to their accounts — most spoke anonymously for fear of retribution — some 50 AUC gunmen converged by boat just after midnight the morning of Nov. 22, rousing villagers from their sleep. In trademark paramilitary fashion, they called out the names of men they were looking for and then dragged

them and others from their homes.

"I was awake and felt the gunshots," said a 30-year-old man who sells drinking water in the village. "I took out my family in the darkness in a canoe. We stayed (away) until they told us the paramilitaries had gone."

Eighteen villagers were rounded up and shot in front of a small church built on a floating island. Others died in their homes or were hauled off and found later. Bodies turned up for days, floating in blue-brown waters or discarded in narrow, marshy inlets.

Nearly a week after the attack, bloodstained clothing still lay on the dirt outside the red-and-white church.

Pinochet's lawyers will appeal

SANTIAGO, Chile (AP) — Lawyers for Gen. Augusto Pinochet on Saturday appealed his indictment on homicide and kidnapping charges, claiming the former dictator has been "subject to irregular and arbitrary acts."

In the appeal filed at the Santiago Court of Appeals, the lawyers argued that Chilean Judge Juan Guzman indicted Pinochet without even questioning him first.

"Gen. Pinochet has been denied the right to state his case," said Fernando Barros, a top member of Pinochet's legal team.

Friday's indictment, which angered Pinochet's followers and delighted his foes, came as a surprise, because Guzman himself had ordered Pinochet to undergo mental tests to determine whether he was fit to stand trial. The tests have not yet begun.

Guzman-charged Pinochet in connection with the "Caravan of Death," one of the most notorious cases of human rights violations during his 1973-80 reign.

The caravan was a military party that killed 73 political prisoners in various cities shortly after Pinochet led a 1973 coup that ousted socialist President Salvador Allende.

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WORLD

Famous Swiss guide celebrates 100th birthday

GENEVA (AP) — He walks with a stick, his back bent and his once-proud gait slowed by age. But, as he turns 100, Ulrich Inderbinen remains Switzerland's king of the Alps.

The resort of Zermatt is throwing a weekend-long celebration to mark the centenary Sunday of the internationally acclaimed guide, who says he's stood on the summit of the nearby Matterhorn — "the most beautiful mountain in the world" — at least 370 times.

Always in demand from Americans and European tourists, Inderbinen made his last ascent of the famous 14,690-foot Matterhorn peak at the age of 90 and reluctantly stopped work as a guide



Ulrich Inderbinen reputation for modesty and humility, Inderbinen said he couldn't understand why there was such a fuss about his birthday.

when he turned 95. Even in his 90s, he regularly climbed peaks of more than 13,200 feet.

True to his reputation for modesty and humility, Inderbinen said he couldn't understand why there was such a fuss about his birthday.

"I've no special wishes and I don't want for anything," he told Swiss television as he carefully made his way through the icy streets of Zermatt to view an exhibition in the community hall mounted in his honor.

"A happy, healthy life is all you need."

While celebrations began Saturday, Zermatt officials planned a special birthday surprise for Inderbinen today — which television reported would be a fountain built on the spot where Inderbinen's mother used to wash the clothes for her large family.

Inderbinen was born into a family of nine children Dec. 3, 1900. He spent most of his childhood tending animals in the mountains above Zermatt, at that time an impoverished farming community rather than the jet-set resort it is today.

He made his first ascent of the Matterhorn in September 1921

with his younger sister — who wore the traditional long skirt and nailed boots.

Four years later, he got his first job as a mountain guide.

"Mr. Inderbinen showed himself thoroughly safe and reliable, so I hope to climb with him more frequently," his first customer, a German doctor, in a letter published in Inderbinen's biography. Hundreds more climbers would later echo those comments.

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British look inward after stabbing

LONDON (AP) — Police arrested three people Saturday in connection with the stabbing of a 10-year-old London schoolboy whose death has triggered nationwide soul-searching about the state of Britain's inner cities.

Two youths, both 13, and a 39-year-old woman were arrested early Saturday in south London, near where Damilola Taylor died, police Detective Superintendent David Dillnutt said.

Taylor bled to death on Monday after being stabbed in the leg with either a shard of glass or a knife, severing an artery. Witnesses reported seeing several youths aged 11 to 14 running from the scene.

The three suspects were later released on bail.

There are often two murders a week in London, but the death of Taylor as he walked home from an after-school computer class shocked people across the country.

A cheerful and popular boy, Taylor moved from Nigeria with his mother and siblings four months ago so his sister could receive treatment for severe epilepsy.

Leaving behind a middle-class life in Lagos, the family was housed by local authorities on a run-down housing estate in Peckham, south London which The Guardian newspaper branded "one of the toughest in Europe."

Damilola died in a dank concrete stairwell not far from his home as he tried to reach help.

Russia cuts off electricity to Georgia's capital

TBILISI, Georgia (AP) — Russia's gas and electricity monopolies cut off supplies Saturday to Georgia's capital, Tbilisi, apparently over debt disputes, leaving the city of 1.2 million dark and without heat for several hours, officials said.

The cutoff surprised and panicked Georgian officials, and struck another blow to the capital's residents, who have long suffered sporadic energy supplies because of the government's financial woes.

Fuel and Energy Minister David Mirskhulava said he called top officials at Russia's electricity utility Unified Energy Systems and persuaded them to resume supplies. By Saturday evening electricity had returned in a few districts.

Tbilisi hasn't had regular heating supplies for eight years, and most residents rely on portable gas or electric heaters. Temperatures were 50 degrees Saturday and were forecast to drop to 36 overnight.

Mirskhulava told The Associated Press that Georgia had worked out agreements last month with UES and Russia's Gazprom on settling the debt, and that no such cutoff had been expected.

Chinese remove dead from rubble

BEIJING (AP) — Rescue workers on Saturday pulled bodies from the rubble of a shopping center that collapsed, killing eight people and injuring 32 others in southeast China, state media and a city official reported.

Initially, more than 100 people were believed to have been trapped under debris after the accident Friday afternoon in Dongguan city, state media reported.

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EDITORIAL

Baby abandonment bill beats the alternatives

As many teen-age couples can attest, conceiving a child isn't hard to do. But raising one, even under the best of circumstances, can overwhelm parents who are little more than children themselves.

Some young mothers - deserted by their boyfriends, shunned by their families, alone and afraid - succumb to the pressure to abandon their babies. Unwanted infants are left on church steps and in Dumpsters. Some live and others die, their fates determined by who finds them - and when.

There has to be a better way, especially in a state where most folks are proudly pro-life. No wrong is righted by criminal prose-

At the heart of the matter is removing the stigma of abandoning a child, thus allowing parents to give their babies up in the light of day - rather than the dead of night. Davis says giving a child away isn't a decision to be made lightly, and he doesn't want to create "a perception that if you have problems parenting, you can drop it off with the state."

Everyone, even the desperate parents who do it, recognizes that abandoning a baby is wrong. But, beset by unimaginable pressures, they may stop thinking rationally. They can't sit through the slow-motion legal process of giving a child up for adoption. They want to

A compassionate yet conservative state should give wavering parents a safe, nurturing place to give their babies up for adoption.

cution after a baby is dead. With or without prosecution, there's still a dead baby - and at least one anguished parent who forever will be haunted by an awful truth.

Fortunately, momentum is building to decriminalize child abandonment under certain conditions. Several state lawmakers, notably Sen. Bart Davis, R-Idaho Falls, are crafting a bill that would allow birth parents to give their child away within a month or so of birth. Texas passed such a law last year, the first state in the union to do so. Today, 24 states have introduced abandoned-infant legislation.

Child abandonment is relatively rare, and Davis knows the Idaho proposal could be criticized as feel-good, do-nothing legislation. But he adds that the potential rewards outweigh the risks.

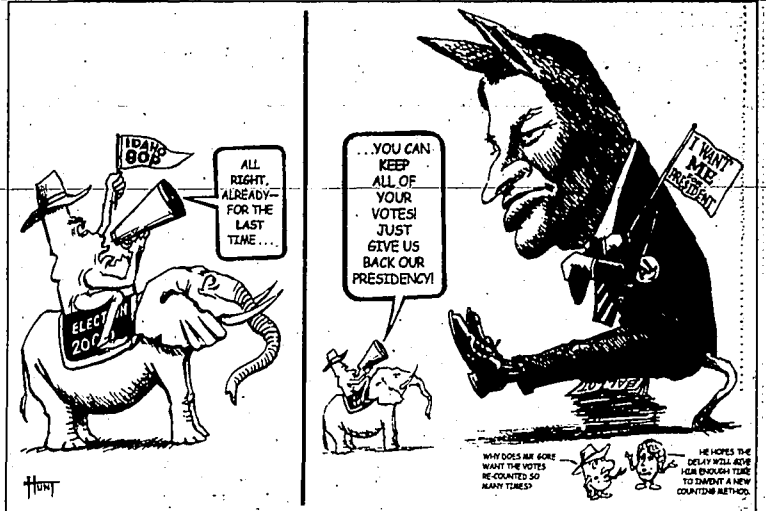
"I'd be less than honest if I said, 'This will save lives,'" he says. "All I can say is, 'I hope this will save lives.'"

As long as child abandonment is a crime in Idaho, abandoned babies will occasionally be found dead. It has happened in Idaho Falls, and it could happen in the Magic Valley.

So what's a compassionate, yet conservative state to do? Stand firm against child abandonment, and mourn the occasional baby who dies in a Dumpster? Or give wavering parents a safe, nurturing place to admit they're in over their heads and give their babies up for adoption? Hospitals are an obvious venue for such hand-offs, as are pregnancy crisis centers.

Whether anyone will actually hand over a baby under this proposed system remains to be seen. The idea could prove to be an exercise in futility. "Maybe so," Davis says. "But if all I have to give up is the right to prosecute for abandonment, I'll take that trade."

Idaho should take that trade, too.



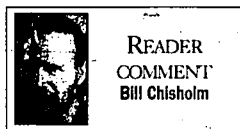
Stop talking about CAFOs - fix them

For the umpteenth time, let me start by quoting Albert Einstein: "We cannot solve our problems at the same level of thinking at which we created them." Throughout the recent political campaign, I tried to make clear that the central issue facing the voters was not the confined animal feeding operation issue but choosing the kind of leaders that would seek constructive resolution to the CAFO problem. We are not going to solve this problem with excuses, hand-wringing and bootlicking.

Mike Ihler and I recently went before the Twin Falls County Board of Commissioners with a 12-point plan, a 12-step program if you will, to break the CAFO addiction. I don't have the space here to detail all 12 points, so I will summarize them into four principle categories.

To solve a problem, one must first assess the situation. Since the key component of this problem has to do with animal numbers, the first three points have to do with acquiring an accurate count of animals and their location. To that end, we suggested a freeze on animal units at current production numbers for those operations larger than 1,000 animals.

We are also seeking release of cow numbers by the Idaho Department of Agriculture and a verifiable count. This is important in not only assessing the odor situation but for dealing with land-use planning, water quantity and quality issues, and in assessing the impacts of CAFO operations on the larger commu-



READER COMMENT
Bill Chisholm

Another key component of our proposal has to do with public input into the process. Making sure that all impacted and potentially impacted parties, residents of Twin Falls County, have input so that we have a viable solution.

We proposed that the committee rewriting the Livestock Confinement Ordinance better reflect the makeup of the county, that it includes representatives for the cities and the Twin Falls Canal Co.

We are constantly being told by agency personnel and our political leaders that there is nothing they can do about those situations that are seriously impacting the quality of lives of citizens in Twin Falls County.

There is law on the books (Idaho code 39-117, IDAPA 58.01.01.776); we asked the commissioners to enforce that law, to set up a procedure for compelling the nuisance dairy operator to clean up his act or be shut down.

Commissioner Brockman and Prosecutor Grant Loeb were unaware of an attorney general's opinion regarding that law obtained by Sen. Sandy and known to Commissioner Grindstaff.

What does that say for the kind of leadership we are getting at the county level on this issue?

Finally, we asked the commissioners to get more involved in all aspects of the CAFO issue, to do their duty to protect the public health, safety and welfare.

For them to do so by more vigorously participating in the legislative process to ensure that any deficiencies in current law or procedures are corrected, by assuring that the processes of state agencies concerning issues of "being in the local public interest" are defined and addressed.

We suggested that they get involved in siting of CAFOs in adjacent counties when those operations might adversely impact the citizens of Twin Falls County.

The Times-News editorial board called our suggestions "loopy." I guess they mean that getting to the root of problem, public involvement in the process, protecting public rights and viable political leadership is just not their way of doing business.

They like the good ol' boy's approach - hand-wringing, finger-pointing, excuses and delays, the kind of ineptness and in-the-box thinking that got us into this mess in the first place.

Remember folks, "Leadership is action, not position."

Bill Chisholm is a longtime environmental activist from Buhl and recent independent candidate for the Twin Falls County commission.

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

LETTERS

T-N should sign its editorials

Times-News editorials are frequently biased and highly opinionative, but Nov. 29's rendition is a classic. Readers rightly must sign letters to the editors, but challenge the editors to quit hiding behind anonymity and sign their editorials.

The editors refer to Mike Ihler's and Bill Chisholm's suggestions for cleaning up the mess as "loopy" and refer to persons concerned about the denigration of the environment due to industrial dairy operations as "malcontents." The 10,406 people voting for Chisholm recognize the difference between family dairies (agricultural enterprises we must protect) and industries warehousing thousands of animals and consuming hundreds of thousands of gallons of water daily. The Idaho Department of Agriculture doesn't verify animal numbers and refuses to release what information it has as being "proprietary." Water consumption reporting is voluntary.

In an ideal society, everyone is honest. We do not live in an ideal society. Cows consume a great deal of water. Desert this has been and desert it can become again.

There is little concept of animal husbandry on the industrial dairy level. Why are there many heifer operations but few bull-calf operations? Cows are fed a "hor" diet consisting of increases of antibiotics and the anti-inflammatory and antibiotics used in treatment are finding their way into the groundwater. Synthetic hormone growth hormones remain in milk and meat and are detrimental to health.

Commissioners and Times-News editors, take off the blinders and learn from mistakes made in other states where confined animal feeding operation owners have taken advantage of the naiveté of the populace and lack of enforcement of existing laws. Consult studies done across the United States regarding long-term effects of CAFOs on the environment instead of ridiculing concerned citizens.

The statement, "Magic Valley dairy industry feeds, clothes and houses thousands of families" is unfounded. Real estate values are already becoming

depressed; educational levels of the populace will decline; pay levels (except for the herdsman-operator) will be minimal and costs of social services will increase to serve uninsured families.

Previous commissioners have resigned and Gov. Kempthorne appointed Commissioners Grindstaff and Brockman.

Within six months to a year, Commissioner Hempleman will resign and the governor can then appoint his replacement before the next election - incumbents have an advantage. Idaho's Republican chairman, Trent Clark, is a paid lobbyist for Monsanto Pharmacia. Welcome to southern Idaho and smell our dairy air - it's almost as bad as our politics.

HELEN MCCrackEN
Filer

There's a reason for the season

Peace on earth. Impossible? Today, our neighbors can't even get along with each other. When are they going to learn to let people be people? They are too concerned and worried about what the neighbor is doing or might do. It's not mentally healthy to worry.

They just burn their brains out in the process. No wonder this world is filled with stress.

Some have found peace within their church. Many others use the church for the wrong reasons.

Many use it for status. Many use it for social reasons. Sad, but true. Some churches are engineered for a profit and political power.

Here is the time of the year to honor the man that gave us the good guidelines and excellent standards to live by.

Instead they use this event to commercialize and reap a healthy profit. Oh dear, what am I going to get for so and so. How about giving some love?

The good news is there are the few that still remember what this event is really for. I have much respect for them, and wish more will remember.

Merry Christmas, and remember what it is really for.
FRED MAYER
Glenns Ferry

Editorial skirts real issues

The Times-News editorial of Nov. 29 on the dairy question skirted the real issues and gave no credit for the incredibly hard work of committed citizens like Mr. Chisholm, Mr. Ihler, Mrs. Merle Stoddard and Mr. Len Miracle and his working committee in the Filer area. Your choice of the word "malcontents" was an extremely poor taste. These reform-minded citizens are on the right side of the curve and The Times-News seems continually not to get it. The dairy issue is the single most important quality-of-life issue in Twin Falls County. Mrs. Stoddard hit the nail on the head when she says, "The county commissioners know what to do - but will they do it?" Bill Chisholm came tantalizingly close to gaining a county commission seat. It is highly unfortunate that he did not. He has single-handedly worked long and hard to raise the overall level of awareness. A malcontent he is not. He is a heroic figure.

For The Times-News to suggest that the Idaho Legislature can or will solve the problem is laughable. The 90 percent-plus Republican majority in the Legislature ensures that special interests and big corporations will get what they want most every time, regardless of environmental degradation or accelerating destruction of the rural quality of life. The state Department of Environmental Quality seems mired in bureaucracy and incapable of effective action. Thus, any solution to the dairy problems seems to roll back down the hill to the Herculean efforts of individual citizens. These folks deserve the equivalent of a Pulitzer Prize, not chastisement by The Times-News in a shallow and almost inane edi-

LETTERS

Of course, agriculture is the driving force in the Twin Falls County economy. But it is possible to have productive agriculture and do it right, protecting water quality and the rights of neighbors. To do otherwise is socially unacceptable and morally and ethically wrong. If everybody's property values plummet, that won't be healthy for the economy either.

The Times-News ought to do something productive and informative with a well-researched and documented article on what these activist citizens are trying to do in helping the community solve the problem. A healthy dairy industry contributing to the economy is fine, but it must operate in a sane environmental manner. The county commissioners really must step up to the plate this time. Otherwise, the quality of life in rural south Idaho is going, going, gone.

SCOTT PHILLIPS
Halley

America is a republic

About the Florida election certification, I am at a loss with all the news that the most important issue isn't even being addressed. Maybe it will be in the protest by the Bush Campaign in the U.S. Supreme Court.

To me, the issue at hand is that we are a democratic "republic" not just a democracy. We elect representatives to make law for us. If a bad law is passed, the courts address it and see if it is constitutional. In the Florida election case, their laws have been ignored by the courts, thus denying Florida its state's rights, casting doubts as to the outcome. I shouldn't be surprised, knowing the variety of the character of those trying to seek power.

I consider the liberal side of U.S. politics to be enemies to our U.S.

Constitution because of issues of anti-school discipline, anti-Second Amendment, anti-rights to the unborn and euthanasia is going to be right on its heels, anti-Electoral College, anti-family by trying to bastardize marriage by giving the same status to homosexuals.

Please don't think I hate these people; I only think they are misled as to what happiness is and shouldn't have the honor of the marriage title. Liberals love pornography and most things that are anti-moral. That is why I am anxious to see our conservative side get the presidency. That is why I am not surprised to see men with such low morals to take desperate steps to claim the election. Such as demanding recounts in counties that could only help their vote tally under the guise of "we only want a full and accurate count."

Demanding questionable ballots be counted for themselves, throwing out ballots of the military and overseas ballots, appealing to tainted partisan courts to usurp a state's rights when it is in their favor. These people are desperate and power hungry, and it clearly shows.

We are a republic, our founders tried to remove the great evils that were born out of the hype of the frenzied crowds, with law and a constitution, which today are being usurped. May God still bless America.

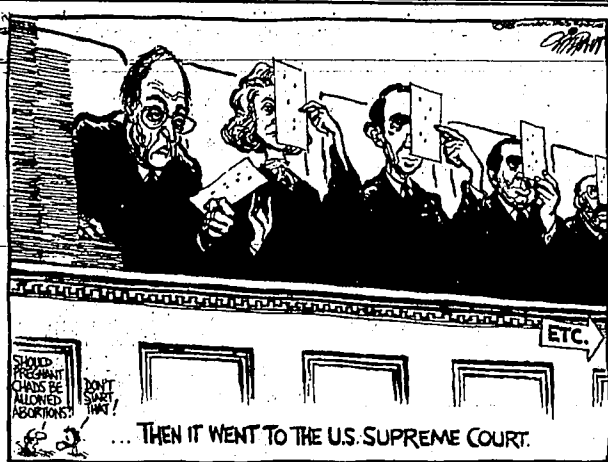
Those who want democracy are seeing it. As for me, I will stand with the republic. It is for a drama and may hold the future of the direction of our dear republic. I pray for our county almost daily and hope for a good direction for "our posterity."

TOM PETERS
Jerome

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OPINION



LETTER

Go home, Al Gore

Many years ago, Joseph Stalin said those who cast votes decide nothing; those who count the votes decide everything. I believe these events were preconceived a year ago when the country's political elite selected the nation's candidates. The wisdom of old "Joe," be it as we all suffered from it, worked for him 'til he destroyed his own country.

The powerful elite of our land will, if not hauled in, destroy our beautiful country also. The case in point today is with Al Gore and Bill Clinton. We the people let them make a (stage play) out of an impeachment. Our powerful elite in the Congress and Senate didn't do their elected duty. Our nation will pay a high cost for these deeds. The politicians showed all of America who runs this land. They do, they will (count them votes) just like old "til they find the winner they want.

If any American doesn't know who the mastermind is, then I know where there's a bridge for sale. He is still president.

To me, it looks like Albert Gore, Joseph Lieberman outsmarted themselves. In my opinion, Gore

picked Lieberman for one reason - for the Jewish vote. Lieberman isn't liked by two-thirds of the Democratic Party. He cut Bill Clinton wide and deep when Clinton needed him most. Al Gore had a poor feeling about him. But when the election polls indicated Bush, with his brother Jeb Bush, the governor of Florida, it was going to be damn near impossible to win. The Democratic political elite got their heads together and put Old Joe Lieberman on the ticket. They are as close today as they're going to get.

The problem now is they have to play the rest of the game with the cards they dealt themselves. Old

Joe has a personality even more sour than Gore. He and Gore picked the special precincts they wanted to pick. The ones they knew were all Democratic. But they failed to realize the area they chose didn't even know how to vote. This is what I call poetic justice. It is not that hard to understand. The fact that Jesse Jackson is down there leading the charge turns the other half of America off. The message to Al Gore: You can leave now on the horse you rode in on. I won't miss you or Tipper; go back to daddy's tobacco fields.

BARNEY "BJ." ROWLAND
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Campaign finance reform shifts like sand

In this past election cycle, the Republican and Democratic parties raised almost \$410 million in "soft money" contributions - the six-figure gifts from corporations, unions and wealthy individuals that have become the favorite device for evading the strictures of campaign finance law. What are the chances that in the next campaign that number will be zero?

Talking last week to Sens. John McCain and Russ Feingold, the co-sponsors of the legislation that would ban soft money, I found them exuding confidence that the new Senate makeup will let them break the Republican filibuster that has stymied their bill up to this point.

But there's more a slip "twixt cup and lip, and Sen. Mitch McConnell, the Kentucky Republican who has captained the opposition forces, told me that it is "premature to conclude in late November what the attitude will be in February," when McCain and Feingold hope to force a vote on their measure.

With the help of a veto from then-President Bush, McConnell pointed out, "we stopped this in 1992 when we had only 44 Republican senators." By dint of a filibuster, "we stopped it in 1999 when we had 55." With the new Senate looking like a 50-50 split between Republicans and Democrats, McConnell knows he has his work cut out for him.

When the last roll call occurred,



DAVID S. BRODER

on Oct. 20, 1999, the closest the sponsors came to breaking the filibuster was a margin of seven votes. But slightly different versions of their bill attracted slightly different groups of Republican supporters, so 55 different senators voted one time or the other against McConnell's filibuster.

Feingold now counts 59 sure votes to break the filibuster and says he has talked with "four or five swing Republicans" he considers likely to furnish the 60th vote. McCain gave me the names of two previously opposed Republican colleagues he claims are ready to come to his aid.

In the last Congress, every single Democrat voted for McCain-Feingold, even though some of them had serious reservations about the efficacy of the bill. Some of those Democrats agree privately with McConnell's contention that if the parties are denied soft money contributions, interest groups of all kinds will simply step up their unregulated "issues ads". But those Democrats were persuaded it was good politics to let the Republicans take the blame for killing the bill.

If they think that this time it

could pass, they might get cold feet. The Federal Election Commission report that showed soft money contributions through Oct. 18 jumping 40 percent over the comparable period in the 1996 election to that \$410 million total also showed that Democrats are now more dependent on soft money than the GOP.

The real question is what George W. Bush would do - if he is president and if the bill were to get through the Senate and come to his desk.

Al Gore has pledged to press for, and sign, McCain-Feingold. In the campaign, Bush endorsed a ban on soft money from unions and corporations, but not individuals, and he tied it to a requirement that unions receive annual permission from members for use of their dues in politics - a combination that Democrats won't accept.

McCain told me he has talked to Bush about the issue since Election Day and they have agreed only to talk some more. So it is far from a sure thing that soft money will be gone any time soon.

David S. Broder is a national political writer for The Washington Post.

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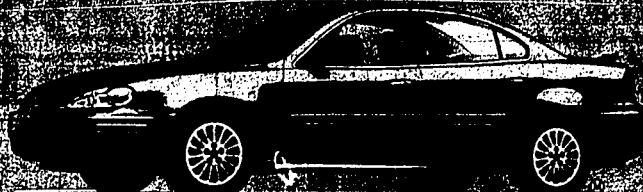
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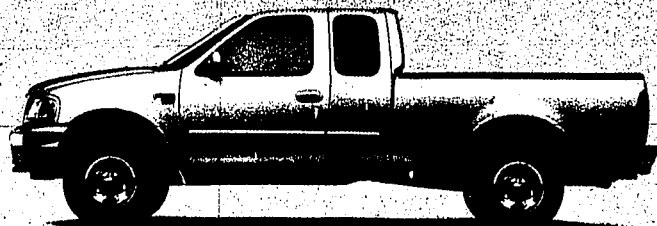
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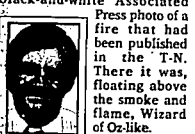
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How I made a specter of myself

As I was walking out the door to go to work last Tuesday morning, the phone rang. It was Matt Ambrose of Filer.

"Did you know you were on Leno last night?" she asked. Naturally, I assumed that Matt badly needed bifocals, but she had evidence. Sure enough, the tape showed Steve Crump's goofy, disembodied moon face grinning back at 10 million "Tonight Show" viewers.

Now if that doesn't disturb you, you're not easily disturbed. My head - it's the picture that accompanies this column - was superimposed upon a black-and-white Associated Press photo of a fire that had been published in the T-N.



Turns out that because of a printing error, that image came through on the photographic plates that are used to print the pages you're reading. The press crew caught the mistake - no papers containing the bizarre specter were actually distributed - but someone (the investigation continues) thought it was amusing enough to send a copy to Jay Leno.

And I'm in no position to disagree. If you're a Letterman-watcher or go to bed early, you may not know that Leno does a regular feature on his program devoted to funny mistakes that newspapers make. This one was funnier than most.

It didn't take long for me to become known around the office as "The Great Grinning Head." Folks began asking directions to the Yellow Brick Road, or whether they could to swap their courage for my head.

Denise Turner, my co-editor in the features department, had the best comment of all: "Big deal. When we close our eyes we all see Steve Crump's floating head."

Leno was still talking about the capacious cranium Thursday night, on a taped segment he does with passersby on the NBC lot in Burbank, Calif. "How about the size of that HEAD!"

How indeed. I'm thinking this may be a career opportunity. I could hire myself out to politicians as a trial balloon. Or start negotiations on the walls of monasteries in Eastern Europe, and extort money from villagers fearing the end of the world (if you saw The Great Grinning Head in just the right light, you'd be on the verge of sackcloth and ashes too).

I'm even thinking there's no real reason that I couldn't replace The Goodyear Blimp. ("Pat, we'll see the replay of that field goal again from our cameras high above the stadium in Steve Crump's car.")

You know, I've long been jealous of one of my classmates at Stanford who is now a popular newspaper columnist in California. He has his picture plastered in the sides of buses all over town.

No need to be jealous anymore. One caller who witnessed The Great Grinning Head related this story:

"She and husband had enjoyed a dinner of spicy Thai cuisine earlier in the evening. She fell asleep on the couch with the TV on, but soon the Thai food began to um, assert itself.

"She woke with a start to the most incredible heartburn, and opened her eyes.

"The first thing she saw was the image of Great Grinning Head, grinning back at her from the TV screen.

"My husband and I used to enjoy eating out on Monday nights," she said. "From now on, we're gonna stay home and eat Jell-O."

Steve Crump is the Times-News staff apparition.

Couple remembers Nazi invasion

By Brandon Fiala
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The Nazis forced Karol and Genevieve Mori into labor camps during World War II after storming their homeland, Poland.

The two survived - but 6 million fellow Poles didn't. The war stole 17-year-old Genevieve Mori's youth, and it stole Karol Mori's family.

The war took nearly everything from the Moris, but it also led to their falling in love and

their later voyage to America.

The Moris spoke with The Times-News recently at their home in Twin Falls. This is the story of how they survived.

Midnight death

Karol Mori woke at 6 a.m. to the bark of a German soldier just like he did every morning for the five years he was a German prisoner of war. Mori was in a German labor camp, one of many he was in from 1939 to

1944. Mori sat up on his bunk, but something was different.

His bunkmate, on the upper bunk, told him he had been crying throughout the night and talking to his mother - who was still in Poland and separated by miles of razor wire, machine gun nests and German check points.

Mori told his bunkmate he couldn't remember and must have been dreaming.

"I found out three weeks later

that my mother had died that night," Mori said.

The beginning

Karol Mori was born in 1915 in Poland but barely knew his father.

"When I was born, Poland was under Austrian occupation," Mori said. "My father was drafted into the Austrian Army for WWI and never came back."

When Mori turned 21, he was drafted into the Polish Army in

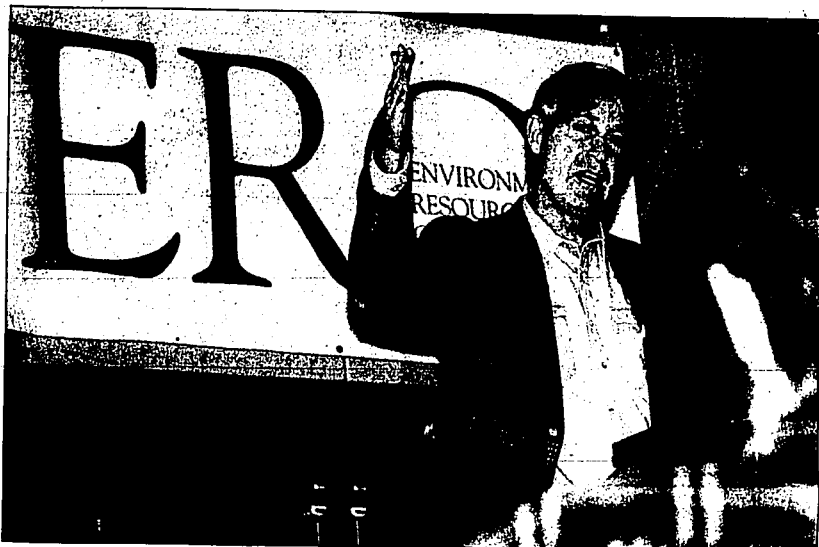
an anti-aircraft artillery division. After completing the mandatory 18 months of duty, he decided to stay.

"I decided to make a career of it, it paid good wages," he said. About two years later, Mori was sent to mechanic school but didn't stay because Germany invaded Poland in September 1939.

"We fought for 20 days, but they just kept coming back," Mori said. "Then the Russians decided to come in, and we were squeezed."

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THE FUTURE OF EARTH



Former Democratic U.S. Sen. Timothy Wirth, of Colorado, who now heads up media mogul Ted Turner's Washington-based United National Foundation, speaks at an environmental conference Saturday in Sun Valley.

Organization would target nuke threat

By Pat Murphy
Times-News correspondent

SUN VALLEY - Billionaire media mogul Ted Turner is in the process of forming another nonprofit activist organization to tackle major international issues - this time, threats from nuclear weapons, nuclear waste and black market nuclear missiles.

The new group, Nuclear Threat Initiative, will open for business in January or February, according to former Democratic U.S. Sen. Timothy Wirth, of Colorado, who now heads up Turner's Washington-based United National Foundation and who revealed the group's plans Saturday at an environmental conference in Sun Valley where he was a major speaker.

Joining the group as its operating head, Wirth said, will be former U.S. Sen. Sam Nunn, of Georgia, who this week removed himself from consideration as defense secretary in the administration of George W. Bush, if Bush becomes president.

The United Nations Foundation, funded by \$1 billion from Turner in Tim Warner stock, was created in 1997 to assist worldwide United Nations programs, especially those involving the environment, children, and population control and family planning.

Wirth said that the new Turner group would target an array of nuclear issues. He said one of them, the "hair-trigger alert" on which thousands of U.S. and Russian missiles are maintained in a Cold War status, continues to pose the major threat to the world. He said Nuclear Threat Initiative would campaign to not only end the war-stance alerts but reduce the number of missiles.

"(George W.) Bush is ahead of all going on in the world," Wirth said, alluding to Bush's campaign pledge to reduce the number of U.S. missiles, and instead divert funds to a "Star Wars" anti-missile defense system.

As head of the new Turner group, Wirth said, Nunn would bring special credentials to the job. When in the U.S. Senate, Nunn was chairman of the Armed Services Committee, dealing with military issues that included nuclear weaponry.

Wirth said that in addition to nuclear weapons, the new group would target the nuclear waste problem.

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Environmentalists gather at conference

By Pat Murphy
Times-News correspondent

SUN VALLEY - America's worst export to the rest of the world, a series of speakers at an environmental conference agreed on Saturday, may be its image as a high-living consumer society gradually devouring resources that can't be replaced.

If all the world's eight billion inhabitants in another 50 years decided to "live high on the hog" as environmental educator and author Dr. Roderick Nash characterized it, two more planets would be needed to satisfy consumer demands that had already stripped Earth of its natural resources.

A string of speakers at Saturday's second annual Frank Church Lectures series at the Elkhorn Resort sketched bleak vignettes of the planet Earth's future if humankind continues its ways unreformed.

This year's daylong symposium, hosted by the Keechelus-based Environmental Resource Center and assisted by a grant from the Idaho Humanities

Council, widened its perspective to include global environmental problems.

Nash, author of the best selling "Wilderness and the American Mind" and a University of California professor emeritus, said the issue increasingly facing humankind is "the death of nature" - the rippling effect of air and water pollution, overpopulation and over-consumption of resources on the planet.

The objective now, Nash said, is to begin "transcending nationalism" and "thinking like a species" to avoid self-destruction.

But change is possible, Nash said. He cited last week's change-of-heart by Idaho's U.S. Sen. Larry Craig, who announced that he now accepted as fact that global warming is affecting the planet's environment after pooh-poohing it for years. He also asked the conference's audience of some 150 people to recall 30 years ago how the meeting room would've included ashtrays on every seat

for smokers.

"We don't own the planet," Nash said. "We're members, not masters."

To reverse abusive public policies, former Republican-U.S. Sen. Timothy E. Wirth, of Colorado, said new grassroots coalitions must be formed to get policy-makers to change.

"Leaders are gone dead," he said. "We meet at a time when the future is bleak for the environment."

Wirth is now president of the United Nations Foundation, a nonprofit organization founded by media mogul Ted Turner, who committed \$1 billion to its work as a private ad hoc group assisting the United Nations in its worldwide work.

The 1990s began with "serious leaders giving serious speeches" about solving environmental problems, Wirth said.

"But in the greatest burst of materialism (since then), we've been on a tear," Wirth said. Without sparing his words, Wirth called the United States

"a rogue nation" - instead of reducing carbon emissions as once promised, he said the United States will pump 13 percent more greenhouse gases into the atmosphere.

Wirth disagreed with Nash on whether it would take two more planets to sustain eight billion people with high consumer demands; he said four more planets, not two, would be needed.

He offered a series of urgent priorities for world organizations to tackle, including providing family planning now unavailable to 300 million couples worldwide; courageous political leadership in the United States to dramatically cut greenhouse gases by 70 percent; and ending government subsidies that encourage destruction of rain forests and guzzling of fossil fuels.

In the end, he said, the United States must recognize "it's on an unsustainable course."

"When the environment finally is forced to file for bankruptcy, then the economy goes down with it and so does everything else," Wirth said.

Cassia prosecutor makes career move

By Ruth Stroeter
Times-News writer

BURLEY - Fresh out of an East Coast law school in 1979, Howard Smyser came to Burley to accept the first job offer he received.

It wasn't a reluctant move. Smyser, now 47, hails from Kalispell, Mont., a town in the northwestern part of that state that he compares to southern Idaho.

"And I needed the money, so I came to Burley," Smyser said. "I didn't want to live with my parents."

Smyser had applied for a position alongside Cassia County's then-public defender, Herman Bedke. It was one of the first jobs Smyser applied for out of college,



Howard Smyser is preparing to leave the town where he has lived for nearly half of his life. The Cassia County deputy prosecutor was selected Nov. 21 to take over for retiring 5th District Magistrate Judge Melvin Edwards in Twin Falls. And the first for which he landed an interview. He was offered the job that evening. Please see PROSECUTOR, Page B3

Occupational health programs help get workers back on job

By Aaron Brock
Times-News writer

RUPERT - When workers are injured on the job, it is important to get them back into the work force as soon as possible.

"It is proven that the longer they (injured employees) are out of work, the greater the chance they will never return," said Joyce Simpson, director of occupational health at Mindoka Memorial Hospital.

The reason is simple: People get used to being at home and are still drawing paychecks from worker's compensation benefits. In that situation, they can often come up with more reasons why they cannot return

to the job, Simpson said.

Getting them back to the work force is the purpose of occupational health, she said. People are sometimes injured severely enough that they need to remain home for a while, but more often they can soon return to the company in some capacity.

"They are still capable of doing something for that company," she said. "They can still go back to work."

Amalgamated Sugar's Russell Morgan, who has been safety director there for six years, said his company works closely with area occupational health pro-

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TWIN FALLS



Catherine Bengochea
Catherine Bengochea, 65, of Twin Falls, died Thursday, November 30, 2000, at Bridgeview

Catherine was born on September 9, 1935, in Placerville, Idaho, the daughter of David and Mary Ellis Green. She was raised and educated in Idaho City and graduated from high school in Boise. Catherine married Joe Bengochea on December 18, 1966. They came to Twin Falls in 1961. Catherine was a member of St. Edwards Catholic Church, I.C.W., and the Knights of Columbus wives. Before mom's eyesight failed she was an avid reader. She especially enjoyed Louis L'Amour books.

Grandma loved to bake pies and loved to make her homemade caramels, toffee, and such around the holidays and share them with family and friends. She enjoyed her church work and Vincent's. She was a very giving person.

Catherine is survived by one son, Raymond (Rose) Chambeau of Twin Falls, one daughter, Mary Meyer (Tony Hendricks) of Twin Falls, five grandchildren, Theresa (Chuck) Hansen, Wendy (Jack) Hunsaker, John Chambeau Dawn (Ron) Brown, and Joseph Moore. Also surviving are five great-grandchildren: Amber, Jordan, Damar, Andrew, and J.B., and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, Joe, in 1974, her parents, two brothers, and one sister.

A vigil service with Rosary will be held on Wednesday, December 6, 2000, at 7 p.m. at Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls. Memorial Mass will be held on Friday, December 8, 2000, at 11 a.m. at St. Edward's Cathedral. St. Edwards Chapel with Father Ernest Anderson will be in charge. Friends may call at Reynolds Chapel Wednesday from 3 p.m. until the time of the Vigil services.

TWIN FALLS



Sterling Vaughn

Sterling Vaughn, of Twin Falls, passed away Thursday, November 30, 2000, at the age of 91.

He was born February 9, 1909, in Sterling, Colorado, where his parents were homesteaders in the area. He completed high school in Sterling and went on to earn a BS degree in Forestry from Colorado State University. In addition to playing football for four years, he was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon and was active in student affairs. At the outbreak of WWII, he took leave from his position as a District Ranger for the National Park Service and joined the Air Force in San Francisco. There he met and married Elsa Marie Kamtz on December 12, 1941. The two eventually took him to the European theatre where she spent two and a half years, returning as a Captain in early 1945. He was with American Airlines in Chicago for a period after the war, but eventually returned to his beloved western country in 1952. He and his family settled in Twin Falls where he owned Vaughn's Landscaping Construction Company, which operated over a five state area. He served on the Board of Directors of the Idaho Branch of the Associated General Contractors and was given the "Specialty Contractor of the Year" award in

1977.

He served on the Civic Auditorium Committee, the funds from which were used to establish the College of Southern Idaho. In addition, one of his local accomplishments was the original landscaping of the College of Southern Idaho.

An active sports enthusiast, Sterling was an avid skier and water skier. A member of Blue Lakes Country Club for 45 years, he served on the Board of Directors and as President and was known as an especially avid golfer until the age of 90.

Sterling is survived by his wife, Elsa of Twin Falls; and two daughters, Karen (Bill) Allen of Crested Butte, Colorado, and Holly Vaughn, USN, living in Memphis, Tennessee. He will be remembered as a very kind, loving and dedicated husband and father. He was preceded in death by his father, mother, two brothers and two infant sons. Sterling was well-loved by many in the community and will be missed by his family and his many friends.

At his request, there will be no funeral service. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that a contribution be made to a favorite cause of the donor's choice. Donations may be mailed or dropped off at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave., East, Twin Falls, Idaho 83301.

KETCHUM



Frances S. Naser

Frances Sarah Nasar, 82, passed away peacefully, natural causes at her home, surrounded by her family on Friday, December 1, 2000.

She was born February 26, 1918, the daughter of original pioneers, natives of the Wood River Valley, Hedley C. and June Mizer Board. Frances was raised in Halley, Idaho, and spent her summers on Warm Springs Creek at their saw mill. She graduated from Halley High School and attended the University of Idaho. She married Ralph H. Naser September 14, 1940, celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary this year. They spent 31 years in Lewiston, Idaho, raising their three daughters and working in the insurance business. They moved to the Lower Board Ranch in 1975 after retiring. They have enjoyed traveling extensively and entertaining their family and friends in their lovely mountain surroundings for the past twenty-five years.

Frances was an active member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. She served faithfully in various church callings throughout her life and was a wonderful example to all those who knew her. She is remembered for her beautiful flowers, her love of wild animals that surrounded their ranch home, and her cooking skills. She took delight in all of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She is survived by her husband, Ralph H. Naser of Ketchum, sister, Fern (Leo) Burkett of Ketchum; daughters, Joan (Bill) Bentley, June (Jay) Ostler, and Rebecca (Scott) Hunkeler, all from Utah, also four teen grandchildren, and sixteen great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her brother, Fred Board.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday, December 5, 2000, at the Sun Valley LDS Chapel on Sun Valley Road, Ketchum, ID. Interment will be at the Halley Cemetery. Funeral arrangements are under the care of the Wood River Chapel in Halley.

POCATELLO

Sarah Jane Lower

Sarah Jane Lower, 65, passed away in her home in Pocatello, Idaho, earlier this week.

Sarah was born January 21, 1935, to Paul and Ednah Hayes Hannah in Lamar, Colorado. She spent her early years growing up in Blackfoot, Idaho. Later, she graduated from Twin Falls High School and received a Bachelor's Degree from the University of Idaho. She taught English for 38 years in Pocatello, Twin Falls, and Blackfoot schools. Sarah loved to play bridge with her friends. She also liked to travel and spend time with her friends and family and was an avid reader. Sarah was loved and respected by

her friends and family-and will be missed.

Sarah is survived by her son, Richard H. Lower, Las Vegas, Nevada; daughter, Stephanie A. (Kylie) Aho, Boston, Massachusetts; daughter, Bruce L. Lower, Ketchum, Idaho, brother, Paul H. (Dorothy) Hannah, Ammon, Idaho, niece, Suzanne Cowgill, Pocatello, Idaho; and nephews, Paul David Hannah, Meridian, Idaho, and Michael Allen Hannah, Blackfoot, Idaho. She was preceded in death by her parents, Paul Hannah, who was a respected Blackfoot veterinarian; and Ednah Hayes Hannah.

Memorial services will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday, December 5, 2000, at Colonial Funeral Home, 2005 S. Colfax Ave., Pocatello, ID 83204. In lieu of flowers, a memorial donation may be made in her name to the Friends of the Library and SEICAA in care of Colonial Funeral Home in Pocatello.

SHOSHONE



Keith Clyde Perkins

Keith Clyde Perkins, 69, of Blackfoot, Idaho, passed away November 30, 2000, after a long illness.

He was the son of Mildred Rebecca Randall and John Clyde Perkins, born January 25, 1931, in Twin Falls, Idaho. He grew up in Murtaugh on the family farm where he worked and enjoyed the business. In 1953, he went to California to try a different lifestyle besides farming. He met and married Teresa Almanzar in 1954. They were married in Tijuana, Mexico. They resided in Los Angeles for two years where he worked for Douglas Aircraft.

They soon returned to the family farm to help Keith's parents manage it. Keith also served in the U.S. Armed Forces in 1956-57. He was well known in the cattle business for the registered Charolais they raised and showed. He also raised Appaloosa registered horses. He enjoyed fishing and hunting with his kids.

He retired from the farming and ranching business in 1990 when his health deteriorated. He moved to Blackfoot to be close to his daughter Bethany. She helped tend and take care of Keith until the time of his death.

Keith is survived by his mother, Mildred Perkins of Murtaugh; sister, Leah (Pete) Craner of Murtaugh; sons, Rick (Perkins) of Burley and Calvin (Cindy) Perkins of Murtaugh; daughters, Tanya (John Messmer) Perkins of Kuna, ID, Charyl (Jack) Webster of Jerome, ID, and Bethany Perkins of Blackfoot. He is also survived by his ex-wife, Teresa Perkins of Pocatello and 14 grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his father, John Clyde Perkins in 1979.

At Keith's request, no formal services will be held. The family suggests that memorials be made in Keith's name to: Department of Veterans Affairs Hospital, 1955 Alvin Ricken Drive, Pocatello, ID 83201. Arrangements are under the direction of Farnsworth Mortuary of Jerome.

George was born Oct. 31, 1921, at Castleford, Idaho, to George Washington and Margaret Anderson McGinnis. He was raised in Castleford, and in Twin Falls. Following the bombing of Pearl Harbor, he entered the U.S. Navy and served in the Pacific Upon his discharge, he returned to Twin Falls and started a trucking business working in agriculture and later road construction throughout Idaho. George then worked for a time for the Cypress Mines in Challis, Idaho. He then returned to the Magic Valley where he owned and operated the D Bar M Ranch in Shoshone. He continued cattle ranching the rest of his life. George was a member of the Snake River Cattlemen's Association, the Twin Falls Moose Lodge, and the Teamsters. He was also a member of the Catholic Church, both St. Edward's in Twin Falls and St. Peter's in Shoshone, Idaho. He and Keith Jensen started the Sour Dough Pancake Supper with the First Christian Church Boy Scout Troop. He also loved to hunt and fish, especially fly fishing.

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George is survived by his wife, Maxine of Shoshone; his children, Sharon (Kenneth) Walker of Twin Falls; Gloria (Robert) Stort and Wendy DeHaas, Tammy Walker, Heidi Diel, Skip Walker, Bill Walker, Bill Short, Mike Short, Shawn McGinnis, Dawn Welborn, Chavawn Riestra, Fudge Riestra, Jennifer Rebecca McGinnis, and Penny Lynn McGinnis; 27 great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Dorothy, two sisters, Regina Anderson and Patricia Velling; a granddaughter, Penny Lynn McGinnis; and a great-grandson, Lavell Alexander Walker.

A Rosary prayer service will take

place at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3, 2000, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel.

The funeral Mass will take place at 11 a.m. Monday, Dec. 4, 2000, at St. Edward the Confessor, St. Edward Chapel. The family will receive friends Sunday from 6 p.m. until the time of the Rosary at Reynolds Chapel.

The family suggests that memorial contributions be given to the Idaho Lung Association or to a charity of the donor's choice.

BLACKFOOT



George William McGinnis

George William McGinnis, 79, of Shoshone, after a courageous battle with an extended illness, went to his Heavenly Father Thursday, Nov. 30, 2000, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

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Clarence Remer

TWIN FALLS - Clarence Remer, 78, of Twin Falls, died Friday, Dec. 1, 2000, in his home.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls.

Helen E. Hill

BATTLE MOUNTAIN, Nev. - Helen Ellen Hill, 81, of Battle Mountain, Nev., and formerly of Heyburn, died Wednesday, Nov. 29, 2000, at the Battle Mountain General Hospital and Nursing Home in Nevada.

A graveside service will be held

at 1 p.m. Monday at the Riverside Cemetery in Heyburn with Bishop Max Casperson officiating. Friends may call from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. before the service Monday at the Payne Mortuary, 221 W. Main St. in Burley.

Goldie I. Severt

TWIN FALLS - Goldie I. Severt, 80, of Twin Falls, died Saturday, Dec. 2, 2000, at the Twin Falls Care Center.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

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Invasion

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 "We had to choose which POW camp to go to, the Russian or German POW camp," he said.
 Mori said he chose the German prisoner-of-war camp because he was almost a sergeant, and Russians normally killed all sergeants.
 The Germans made the Polish prisoners lie flat on the ground and guarded them with machine guns, Mori said.
 "They had us march to Germany from Poland. It took about 10 days," he said. "They made us wear a 'P' on the back of our clothes to show that we were Polish. They broke us into small groups of about 30 or 40."
 The prisoners were taken to several labor camps. The first Mori was taken to was in north-west Germany. Mori said he was moved to a new camp every six months.
 Mori plowed fields with horses. "They had tractors, but not many," he said.
 Mori said soldiers woke him at 6 a.m., and he had to work until about 6 p.m. The days dragged on and the routine never changed, only the labor camp.
 "Finally, one day they marched all of us, about 500, to a concentration camp," he said. "I don't know why, they tried to kill us."
 The concentration camp was

Bergen-Belsen, between the villages of Bergen and Belsen. Built in 1940, it was converted into a concentration camp in 1943. While it contained no gas chambers, more than 35,000 people died there - including young diary writer Anne Frank - of starvation, overwork, disease, brutality and sadistic medical experiments, according to the American-Israeli Cooperative Enterprise.
 "About five miles from the camp an American Army came, and we were freed by Americans," Mori said. "I would have died there."

There was a low rumble, then people saw a big truck coming toward the church.
 "They came and took us, put us in the truck," Mori said. "I saw how they killed people and burned homes."
 German soldiers took people from the church. Young girls were used for factory work, so Mori was taken to an onion-processing plant near Hamburg, Germany.
 "The ride to Hamburg was rough, and occasionally the truck would stop so people could go to the bathroom or bathe," Mori said. "The work wasn't too bad, but we were always working."
 After the war, Mori said she was able to find some of her family. She stayed in Germany to work.

guarantee a job and a house," Karol Mori said. Eventually, the Moris found a sponsor in Raft River, a farmer with 6,000 acres.
 The Mori family traveled on a war ship to New York, then by train for three days to Burley.
 "We came here with two kids, no money and no language," Karol Mori said.
 The Moris stayed with their sponsor for five years, then Karol Mori found other work that paid twice as much. The Moris had two more children.

Nuke

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 Turner organization would focus on nuclear waste disposal and storage, alternative careers for nuclear scientists who would be displaced by disarmament, the potential for black market trafficking in nuclear weapons from Russia to rogue nations, and nuclear tensions between Pakistan and India.
 Wirth asserted that most

Americans assume wrongly that the Cold War is over. He said 20,000 nuclear missiles still are active in the world, with about 5,000 of them intercontinental weapons.
 He said the "high priests" of nuclear weapons - military officials and politicians in the West and the East - are reluctant to give up their power and their arsenals.

Stolen

Genevieve Mori was born in Poland in 1923 as Genevieve Lagowska. Both her parents died while she was very young, and a stepmother raised her.

"I was very poor," she said. "My stepmother sent me to work before WWII to earn money."
 Mori was a devout Catholic, but her life changed forever one day at church.
 The church doors swung open and people flowed from a Catholic church after mass ended.

"Many of us were there because we wanted to visit the cemetery," Mori said, who was 17 at the time.

Coming together

After the war ended, Karol Mori joined the British Army, which occupied the area Mori was freed in. Mori was injured and taken to a hospital, where he met Genevieve Mori.

"I was volunteering and going to the hospital to talk with patients," Genevieve Mori said.
 They were married in Germany in 1950, had two children and started planning for a better future - America.
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"If you took home the troubles of the world, I don't see how people can enjoy their jobs," Smyser said.
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 Smyser said he has always wanted to do good for the community. As a magistrate, he hopes to list and to show respect - traits he is already known for.
 "He treated everybody with dignity and respect, even if he was charging them with a crime," said Bill Parsons, Burley's former city attorney. "I just have the utmost respect for him as a lawyer."
 Because of his civic temperament, Smyser will be able to calm down those people who don't treat him so respectfully, Parsons predicted.
 Also, Parsons said, "He will show no favoritism to any lawyer."
 Smyser said he has no desire at this point to seek further promotion to the district judge level. He expects to retire after he has finished this next stage in his career.
 "It was just a good time in my life to try this," Smyser said.

"We have done well, we have a healthy family, a house and a new car," Karol Mori said.
 Genevieve Mori is still a devout Catholic and was selected as a woman of the month by St. Edward's Catholic Church. She was presented with a plaque which says she was a member of the Legion of Mary, sang in the choir, worked evenings to attend daily mass and even stopped by the church to dust pews.
 "She says that it is her joy to do all these things because God has been so good to her," the plaque reads.

"I've sat at counsel table for 20 years. I think it'll be really interesting to sit at the bench," Smyser said. "The first time it happens, I know it'll be bizarre."
 His colleagues say Smyser's qualifications for judge are evident in how he has conducted himself as a prosecutor.
 "There are two types of prosecutors. There are those that are really strong advocates ... but they don't necessarily see all sides of things," said Stephen Bywater, Smyser's former partner and Cassia County's former prosecuting attorney. Smyser, he said, is "prosecutorially aggressive, but he's also very concerned about justice."
 Bywater said he has seen Smyser adjust his attack in the course of prosecution after new information came to light, "even if it required eating a little bit of humble pie."
 Smyser has a deep and thorough knowledge of criminal law. Bywater said, and often Smyser has taken his work home on weekends and in the evenings.
 But Smyser would say he does a good job separating the stress of prosecuting criminals from his personal life. He doesn't have bad days, he said, just bad moments, from which he simply moves on.

"To be honest with you, I never thought I wanted to be a judge," Smyser said. "I've told everybody 1,000 times in this county, nobody has a better job than I do."
 Inside the courtroom, he's firm and respectful. Outside, Smyser is quick with endearing wisecracks for the courthouse colleagues who told him about his love of food, and his reluctance to share brownies with colleagues.
 His close friend of 20 years, Larry Roberts, describes Smyser as a private, kind and considerate person, who takes his profession seriously. Smyser knows he is good at what he does, and he's happy with that, Roberts said.
 Roberts tells his favorite story of when Smyser was driving home from Boise in an older Cadillac that began making strange sounds. Upon his return, Roberts asked Smyser if he'd had it fixed.
 Smyser said no - he had just turned up the radio.
 "I think it says he's not mechanically inclined and he doesn't want to know how to be," Roberts said.
 After 20 years of battling in court, Smyser said he still enjoys his job, but he looks forward to watching others tussle for a change.

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Prosecutor

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 Instead of being a stepping stone in Smyser's career, Burley has watched him grow from fledgling public defender to deputy prosecutor, and from associate to partner in the now-defunct firm Burns, Bywater and Smyser.
 He said he enjoys the people he works with and the friends he has made, and hasn't tired of being a fish in a little pond.
 "If I know 200 people in Boise, I'll know 1,000 in Burley," Smyser said.
 Twin Falls magistrate judgeship will finally uproot him. And while Smyser looks forward to the challenges of the job, he laments having to leave the friends he has made and the people he has worked with for two decades.
 He was bid to replace retiring 5th District Magistrate Judge Melvin Edwards was the first attorney Smyser has made for the bench. In fact, pounding the gavel wasn't part of his game plan until just a few months before Edwards announced his retirement in August.
 It was a casual conversation about five months ago with another attorney in the courthouse that got Smyser contemplating the job. The two were discussing the qualifications of a good judge, and that

got the wheels turning.
 "To be honest with you, I never thought I wanted to be a judge," Smyser said. "I've told everybody 1,000 times in this county, nobody has a better job than I do."
 Inside the courtroom, he's firm and respectful. Outside, Smyser is quick with endearing wisecracks for the courthouse colleagues who told him about his love of food, and his reluctance to share brownies with colleagues.
 His close friend of 20 years, Larry Roberts, describes Smyser as a private, kind and considerate person, who takes his profession seriously. Smyser knows he is good at what he does, and he's happy with that, Roberts said.
 Roberts tells his favorite story of when Smyser was driving home from Boise in an older Cadillac that began making strange sounds. Upon his return, Roberts asked Smyser if he'd had it fixed.
 Smyser said no - he had just turned up the radio.
 "I think it says he's not mechanically inclined and he doesn't want to know how to be," Roberts said.
 After 20 years of battling in court, Smyser said he still enjoys his job, but he looks forward to watching others tussle for a change.

Health

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 grams, and the programs help return his workers from injuries quickly.
 "We try to get them back to their existing job as close as possible," he said, noting that jobs can be modified if necessary.
 But the mission of Mindoka Memorial's occupational health program - and its sister program, Work-Med at Cassia Regional Medical Center - begins long before someone is injured at the workplace.
 Frequently safety lectures and programs, designed to help employees avoid injuries, help prevent such problems before they occur.
 "It's not just after the injury," said Arlene Willenborg, Work-Med coordinator at Cassia Regional. "What we do also prevents injuries."
 In a community that relies heavily on manual labor, these programs are important.
 "There's more opportunity for injury with the type of work typical in this area, said Betty Jamison, loss prevention coordinator at J.R. Simplot Co.
 A few years ago, Willenborg gave a back-strengthening seminar at Simplot, and it was effective.



Betty Jamison, loss prevention coordinator at J.R. Simplot Co. in Heyburn, discusses back injury prevention with Cassia Regional Medical Center Work-Med coordinator Arlene Willenborg. Occupational health programs at both Cassia Regional and Mindoka Memorial Hospital help corporations such as Simplot prevent and treat employee injuries.
 tive, Jamison said.
 "We saw a decrease in back injuries after that," she said.
 Other classes include cardiopulmonary resuscitation, blood-borne pathogen safety and specific-muscle-group protection and strengthening.
 "Really, the sky is the limit for occupational health," Jamison said.
 Injury patterns are examined to determine whether there are safety areas that could be improved at a corporation.
 "If I see that a company has

more eye injuries than normal, then I will call that company and offer to present a safety lecture" about eye safety, Willenborg said.
 In addition, employee pre-screening can determine abilities and detect probable areas of injury, Simpson said. Pre-screening employees - which can include pre-employment drug screening - decreases the chance for injuries.
 "You want to be able to hire someone who is capable of doing that job," he said.

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Olympic torch route might include Twin Falls, Burley

By Aaron Brock
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - There is a chance that Twin Falls might be one of the cities and towns named in the National Olympic Torch Relay Route announcement Monday morning.

Coca-Cola and Chevrolet, the presenting sponsors of the 2002 Olympic Torch Relay to Salt Lake City, will hold a brief flag-raising ceremony in conjunction with the mayor's office at 10 a.m. Monday at City Hall if Twin Falls is named.

And there is some reason for optimism, said Randy Hansen, owner and president of Randy Hansen Chevrolet.

"There's a good chance that it will (come through) Twin Falls,"

he said.

Twin Falls Mayor Elaine Steele agreed.

"I'm optimistic always - it would be a great opportunity for Twin Falls," she said. "Some of the information that has come through has led me to be optimistic."

Still, mystery shrouds the announcement, which will be made at 9:30 a.m. EST in New York. If Twin Falls is on the list, preparations will begin immediately.

There is a strong probability that if Twin Falls is named, then Burley, which is a little closer to Salt Lake City on I-84, will also be visited.

Burley Mayor Doug Manning said no plans have been made yet, but promised that if Burley is

on the route, there will be a celebration.

"If we were part of that, definitely we'd have some kind of ceremony put together," he said. "We would certainly welcome the opportunity in Burley. We would certainly respond accordingly."

In 1984, when the Olympics were in Los Angeles, Burley and Twin Falls were on the relay route, Manning said.

"People were lining up along the road," he remembered. "It's the sort of thing that you see only once in your lifetime, if you're lucky."

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EPA, tribes clash over waste issue

POCATELLO (AP) - The Environmental Protection Agency has given the green light for a hazardous waste treatment facility at the Pocatello Astaris plant.

But the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes have denied a building permit for the facility, Andy Boyd, the lead attorney for the agency in Seattle, said.

The permit does not override the tribes' denial, Boyd added.

The planned treatment facility would incinerate waste that formerly went untreated into 18 waste ponds.

It is required as part of a legal decree to clean up after decades of elemental phosphorus production at the plant.

There's more news from **Idaho and the West** on pages D6 and D7.

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Joy Staples

Friends search for missing guitarist

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) - Friends of a guitarist from the 1980s pop band Loverboy searched the churning waters of the Pacific Ocean on Saturday but found no sign of the musician, who had been swept off his sailboat.

Scott Smith, 45, of Vancouver, British Columbia, was knocked off the 37-foot sailboat on Thursday about four miles off San Francisco's Ocean Beach, an area where the sea floor shallows and wave heights can grow monstrous.

Loverboy performed in Twin Falls' Roper Auditorium in May 1999.

The wave that swept Smith

overboard was so strong it broke the boat's steering wheel, according to a press release from Loverboy manager Lou Blair. Friend Yvonne Mayotte and William Ellis were below deck when the wave hit and were not injured.

The three were moving the boat to a marina in Southern California, where Smith was planning to stay for the season, Blair said.

The Coast Guard spent two days searching a 133-square-mile area for Smith with no success, petty officer Carl Hausner said.

Smith was wearing track pants and two sweaters but no lifejack-

et when the wave knocked him in the 52-degree water. The average person could survive a little less than 2.5 hours in such conditions, Hausner said.

Friends hired a marine service and conducted their own private search of the area Saturday but returned after four hours.

"We went out to the location didn't see anything," said Weststar general manager Rich Smith.

The band Loverboy released its debut album in 1980 and had such Top 20 hits as "Working for the Weekend," "Lovin' Every Minute of It," and "Turn me Loose."

Jury convicts man of manslaughter

RIGBY (AP) - A jury has convicted a man who lived in the Burley area of voluntary manslaughter for stabbing Juan Huizar 25 years ago.

The verdict against Ramiro Resendez was handed down on Friday in Judge Brent Moss's Jefferson County courtroom after three days of testimony from witnesses.

Resendez, 47, who worked with Huizar at the Linden Butkifer

Ranch when Huizar was killed, admitted he was responsible for the wounds that killed the 22-year-old, but insisted he acted in self-defense.

Resendez fled to Mexico for a time following the slaying, and was recently living with relatives near Burley, authorities say.

The jury of six women and seven men disagreed, but they did not give Resendez the sec-

ond-degree murder charge prosecutor Stephen Clark had sought. "I feel that after this long a time that any guilty finding was acceptable at this point," Clark said.

Moss will sentence Resendez on Jan. 15.

Idaho code says the maximum penalty for voluntary manslaughter is 15 years in prison and a \$15,000 fine.

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Leon Bear, the Goshutes' tribal chairman, stands Nov. 6 on the Skull Valley Indian Reservation in Utah.

Nation's wastebasket: Tribe in Utah turns to nuclear waste

SKULL VALLEY INDIAN RESERVATION, Utah (AP) — Leon Bear knows the boundaries of his tribe's land by heart. From the reservoir that provides water to his tiny village, Bear sweeps his arm across the parched valley, pointing out fences and smokesacks that ring the last remnant of his tribe's traditional lands.

To the north, a magnesium plant sits on the shore of the Great Salt Lake; to the south, the Army tests equipment for exposure to nerve gas on a stretch of desert as large as Rhode Island. A bombing range and hazardous waste incinerator lie over the Cedar Mountains to the west; a stockpile of chemical weapons and the incinerator that destroys them sit to the east.

Now the tiny Skull Valley Band of Goshutes has agreed to turn its reservation into one of the country's largest nuclear waste dumps.

Opponents, including other tribe members, say the plan could endanger people, the wildlife of the West Desert and the region's economy.

But that hasn't stopped Bear from pressing forward with the project, which he says could be his only salvation for his dying tribe.

"They made that an industrial waste zone out there," said Bear, the Goshutes' tribal chairman and the project's main supporter. Nobody asked the Goshutes, "Do you mind if we do this out here in your traditional territory?" Nobody said, "Hey, it could be dangerous for you guys to be out there."

"When a neighbor does that to you, you don't want to be like them," he added. "So we gave our neighbor, the state of Utah, an opportunity to be a part of this, and the first reaction was 'never my dead body.'"

If Bear gets his way, about a square mile of the reservation will be fenced off for nuclear waste, and 450 acres will be covered with concrete pads. On top

will sit 16-foot tall, concrete-and-steel casks filled with radioactive rods — as many as 4,000 of them holding 40,000 metric tons of used-up nuclear reactor fuel.

The fuel will come from Private Fuel Storage, a consortium of eight power companies from California, New York, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan, Georgia, Pennsylvania, Florida and Alabama. Neither the consortium or the Goshutes will say what the deal costs.

The consortium has promised to build a cultural center on the reservation to revive the tribe's fading language and crafts, Bear says, and has pledged to give Goshutes and other tribes the first shot at about 40 jobs at the site.

The money is sorely needed. Most of the estimated 150 Goshutes have fled the 17,000-acre reservation. Fewer than 30 remain, most living in a tiny cluster of run-down trailers. Jobs are virtually nonexistent.

It's not that the tribe hasn't

tried. At the village entrance, the last examples of one failed project — portable toilets and showers built for the military — sit unused.

Only two real options remained: nuclear waste and gambling, an industry Mormon-dominated Utah considers nearly as toxic.

"How can you blame Leon?" said Chip Ward, author of an environmental history of the West Desert and a project opponent. "What's he going to do? Grow food? No one's going to buy a tomato off this land."

But some Goshutes say the plan is tearing apart the tribe.

"We believe in our reservation as Mother Earth, and we're allowing our Mother Earth to be contaminated if we bring this waste onto our reservation," said Margene Bullcreek, a lifelong resident.

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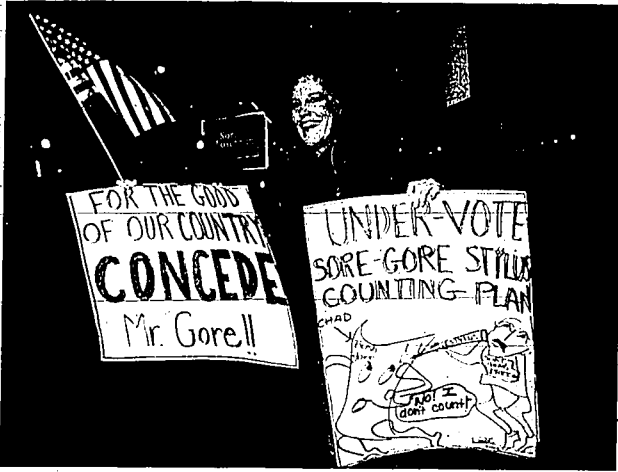
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Babbitt considers Arizona desert area for next national monument

GILA BEND, Ariz. (AP) - President Clinton has named four new national monuments in Arizona this year, and he may not be done yet. Less than two months before leaving office, his interior secretary inspected another Sonoran Desert candidate Thursday. Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt led an entourage onto a remote, pristine hilltop in the Sand Tank Mountains on the Barry M. Goldwater Air Force Range to see why a mix of environmentalists, Indians and government officials want him to recommend that Clinton create the Sonoran Desert National Monument. Babbitt declined to commit himself immediately to saying he would recommend that Clinton designate yet another Arizona monument in his 51

days left in office. But he clearly was impressed with what he saw about 25 miles southeast of Gila Bend: a montage of stately saguaro, palo verde and mesquite trees, creosote bushes, Teddy Bear and ocotillo cactus dotting and overlooking a maze of similarly landscaped rocky, rugged rises and dipping valleys. Mountain ranges peeked through for 50 miles or more in every direction - all without hint of a utility line and closed off to cattle grazing, mining or other human-related activity. A day earlier, Babbitt said that he was inclined to recommend Pompeys Pillar, a sandstone butte in south central Montana that bears explorer William Clark's carved signature, as a national monument. The New York Times reported

that Babbitt might recommend another, controversial monument designation at the Missouri Breaks in Montana as well. And an aide said Babbitt might recommend that Clinton designate an additional monument site in California and one in the Virgin Islands as well as the Arizona site. This year alone, Clinton has created 10 new national monuments, including four in Arizona: the million-acre Grand Canyon-Parashant National Monument on Arizona's Shivwits plateau; the 293,000-acre Vermilion Cliffs National Monument north of the Grand Canyon; the 129,000-acre Ironwood Forest National Monument near Tucson and the 72,500-acre Agua Fria National Monument near Phoenix.

Director calls for Olympic image change

WASHINGTON (AP) - The U.S. Olympic Committee must repair its scandal-scared image to keep attracting corporate sponsors, the organization's marketing director said Friday. Controversies over drug use by athletes, sagging Olympic television ratings and alleged bribery by former Salt Lake City Olympic organizers are among the toughest challenges the USOC faces, marketing chief Matt Mannelly told USOC lead-

ers. "The perception in the marketplace of sponsors is a lack of confidence," Mannelly said. "We need to go meet with the sponsors to assure them we are confident, and we know what we are doing."

Mannelly and other USOC officials say the scandals have not put much of a dent in corporate fund-raising for the 2002 Winter Games in Salt Lake City. Of the USOC's 11 top corporate sponsors, only the United Parcel Service has not committed to sponsoring the Utah games.

"I think we're going to hit the numbers that are going to make Salt Lake City break even or be profitable," Mannelly said. But the heat is on to make sure the Salt Lake City games are free of the taint that sullied the International Olympic Committee decision to send them to Utah.

"The image that has to go forward in Salt Lake City is, it's a wholesome, wonderful game," said Sandy Baldwin, the Phoenix real estate executive who is the favorite to be voted USOC chairwoman this weekend.

Tom Welch and Dave Johnson, the former top officials of Salt Lake City's bid for the 2002 games, face trial next summer on federal bribery and conspiracy charges. They allegedly pled IOC members with more than \$1 million in gifts, travel and other perks to ensure Utah's selection. Ten IOC members were ousted or resigned because of the scandal. A former USOC official pleaded guilty to tax-related charges for his role.

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Since enrolling at the Blackfoot Charter School, which opened in August, he's improved his concentration and now skips back and forth.

"It's amazing," said Shirley Virgin, who teaches Eckhardt and 14 other students in a daily half-hour class.

"We have kids who couldn't focus on one thing for five seconds who can now focus for more than a minute." Zach can now memorize a series of shapes and recite them. He can juggle a ball, though with some difficulty. He can march back and forth while counting each step. It may seem basic, but his new command of his feet and hands will lay the foundation for his ability to count, read and write, said Virgin, a former special education teacher in the Blackfoot School District.

It will preordain his future

success, keeping him from falling or dropping out of school. This brain-based learning, where teachers incorporate how students learn with how brains develop, is the centerpiece of Blackfoot's charter school.

It is the state's ninth charter school. They are state-funded but offer an alternative to traditional public schools.

Eckhardt had been struggling in public school and was always the last one to finish his schoolwork, said his mother, Pamela Eckhardt.

The charter school's emphasis on helping children master their minds and emotions is key to learning, said the school's principal, Steve Craig.

At the school, the children learn to control their anger, learn empathy and solve problems so they're better able to adapt to a changing world. Students who have less difficulties and stress are better learners and healthier people.

"The answer to this is intervening early with families, children and communities. Instead of becoming the experts at school, teachers here become

partners with the parents," said Craig, who was a social worker in the Shelley School District before starting in Blackfoot.

These principles are being tested at the University of Utah. Researchers will see whether they could be an alternative to the drug Ritalin for the treatment of Attention-Deficit Disorder.

The Blackfoot school, in an old church near the school district offices, has 55 students in kindergarten through fifth grade. They all learn together in three classrooms with big windows, their tables in circles.

You're as likely to see a student or parent leading a class as you are a teacher. Students in higher grades present each of the three classes with weekly reports on such things as human anatomy or animals.

They also take time out of their daily work to teach the younger children lessons in math or reading. Students are tested before they enroll so teachers know where they stand. As in any school, some students read at a preschool level while others read at a college level.

Utah chiropractor pleads no contest

LOGAN, Utah (AP) - A chiropractor accused of inappropriately touching a female client pleaded no contest Thursday afternoon.

Dr. Morgan Dee Carlson, 43, agreed to a plea deal on the charge of sexual battery, a class A misdemeanor.

Carlson pleaded innocent to the charge in September. Logan Police Chief Richard Hendricks said then that the charges stemmed from a complaint by a 24-year-old Logan woman. The woman told police she was inappropriately touched March 17 while being treated by Carlson.

The agreement requires Carlson to write a letter of apology, pay a \$700 court fee and continue receiving counseling. He also must avoid trouble with the law for a year.

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Thermal pool victims return home

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - Three months after falling into a scalding thermal pool at Yellowstone National Park, Lance Buchi and Tyler Montague are out of the hospital, but their recovery is far from over.

For Buchi's family, the fact that he can feed himself, walk and sleep are blessings.

"They're small miracles, as small as being able to hold a spoon, sit feed himself, as small as being able to lean down and open a car door, as small as buckling his own seat belt," said Buchi's mother, Lisa.

Buchi and Montague, both 18, suffered burns over 95 percent of their bodies. Buchi was released from the University Hospital on Thursday. Montague was released last weekend.

Their friend, 20-year-old Sara Hulphers from Oroville, Wash.,

who was with them and fell into the pool, died about 15 hours after the accident after also being flown to University Hospital.

Montague and Buchi still suffer pain and stiffness from the burns and half a dozen skin graft surgeries they've undergone. They are weak from losing so much muscle and so many tendons, and from weeks ago.

"The fact they have survived and recuperated so rapidly truly is remarkable, both psychologically and physically," said Stephen Morris, one of the burn-unit surgeons who has directed care for both young men.

Morris and his colleague Jeff Saffile only gave the two a 30 percent to 40 percent chance of survival after they tumbled into a 178-degree pool at Cavern Springs at the national park on Aug. 21.

For weeks, Buchi and Montague were in side-by-side beds, occasionally able to muster a wave to each other.

The surgeons and burn unit staff say they have never seen anyone survive such serious injuries.

But the two men are still undergoing between four and six hours of rehabilitation every day to get a full range of motion back in their limbs, which remain stretched taut from the skin grafts. They'll be in therapy for about another six months.

They also have to regain weight lost during recovery. Buchi went from 180 pounds to 129 pounds during his hospital stay, his mother said.

Morris said the worst of Buchi's pain is probably behind him, but it will be several months before he is pain-free.

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SPORTSQUOTE

“
He's only 11 behind the American Medical Association leader, Cher.”
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—David Whitley of the Florida's Orlando Sentinel, after Denver Broncos lineman and Idaho grad Mark Schlereth underwent his 29th surgery recently

TRIVIA

QUESTION:
Who are the only basketball Hall of Famers enshrined both as players and coaches?
...answer below

IN BRIEF

CSI Winter Baseball Camp is Dec. 27-29

TWIN FALLS - The College of Southern Idaho's annual Winter Baseball Camp will be held Dec. 27-29 at the indoor CSI Expo Center.
The camp will stress the fundamentals of hitting, pitching, fielding technique, catching and base running. An all-star cast of instructors headed by CSI coach Jim Walker will conduct the two-and-a-half day camp. Cost is \$200. To receive an application, or more information, call Walker at (208) 733-9554, Ext. 2477, or at home at (208) 734-6285. E-mail may also be sent to jwalker@csi.edu.

Candleridge course reduces golf rates

TWIN FALLS - Winter rates are now in effect at Candleridge Golf Course.
Nine holes of golf is \$7; the 18-hole rate is \$10.50. Rates apply on weekdays and weekends and carts are available, weather permitting. Also available are 2001 season passes and punch cards. For more information, call 733-6577.

Parks-Rec hoops extends registration

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Department has extended the registration deadline for its fourth-through seventh-grade boys' basketball league through Dec. 8.
Parents can avoid an additional \$10-per-player late charge by signing up by then at the Parks office - 136 Maxwell Avenue. The fee is \$12 for players within city limits and \$15 outside city limits. Players must attend a Twin Falls School District school or reside within the district boundaries.
For more information, or to register by phone with a credit card, call 736-2265.

MV YMCA has openings for more volleyball teams

TWIN FALLS - The Magic Valley YMCA has openings for more Co-ed B Volleyball League teams.
Matches are Thursday nights. To register, or for more details, call 733-4984.

Twin Falls baseball, softball is selling fruit

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls High baseball and softball teams are selling oranges and grapefruit for an annual program fundraiser.
Boxes of the fruit are available for \$15 each or \$26 for one box of oranges and one of grapefruit - by calling softball coach Nick Baumert at 733-4978.

TRIVIA ANSWER:

John Wooden, who played at Purdue, and Lenny Wilkens, who played at Providence.

Broncos hand Hawkins the reins

The Associated Press
BOISE - Boise State University officials announced Saturday that Dan Hawkins has been chosen as the new head football coach to replace Dirk Koetter, who said Friday he was accepting the head coaching position at Arizona State.

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Hawkins has been given a three-year contract, with his annual benefits package at a approximately \$150,000.
Hawkins is the eighth head coach in the 33-year history of Bronco football.

Boise State officials said he is familiar with the school's program, having served as the assistant coach, special teams and tight ends coach and the team's recruiting coordinator.
Hawkins has helped the Broncos to an overall record of 25-10 and two consecutive Big West Conference championships during his time in Boise. On Friday, a



Dan Hawkins speaks to the media after being named Boise State's new head football coach.

source close to the situation who spoke on the condition of anonymity said Koetter had agreed to a five-

Devils welcome Koetter

The Associated Press
TEMPE, Ariz. - Dirk Koetter capped a whirlwind of weekend activity Saturday night with his introduction as Arizona State's new football coach.

In a 24-hour span, Koetter backed out of his verbal commitment to coach Oklahoma State, accepted the Sun Devils' \$3.5 million, five-year offer, met with his Boise State players and caught a flight for Phoenix.

The 41-year-old Idaho native said the opportunity to coach in Tempe fulfilled a wish that developed in 1985, when he was hired as an assistant coach at UTEP and was assigned the Phoenix



Dirk Koetter

area for recruiting.
After visiting a local high school coach, Koetter drove past Sun Devil Stadium.
"I said, 'Someday I'm going to be the head coach at this school.' This is a dream come true," he said.
Athletic director Gene Smith said Koetter's name kept coming up in conversations with nearly everyone after he fired Bruce

CSI SLAM

Victory over Hagerstown gives Eagles Artic sweep

By Kevin Hall
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - It wasn't supposed to be this easy.
In their eighth meeting and first in six seasons, the third-ranked College of Southern Idaho (10-1) secured its sixth win over No. 20 Hagerstown 116-60 to win the ninth annual Arctic Circle Classic.

It was the second time in the tournament that CSI totaled 116 points, and the Eagles scored it shooting a torrid 59.7 percent (40-of-67) for the game.

Tournament most valuable player Blandon Ferguson led the Southern Idaho attack with 24 points. Six Golden Eagles scored double figures including Tony Bobbitt (19), Tim Arnold (15), Tim Ellis (13), Benjamin Eze (12) and Uche Okafor (11). Ellis also grabbed a game-high 12 rebounds.

Brandon DeShields had a game-high 25 points for the Hawks (9-1).

A ferocious CSI defense that forced Hagerstown into 36.4 shooting (32-of-88) proved to be the difference, said Eagles coach Derek Zeck.

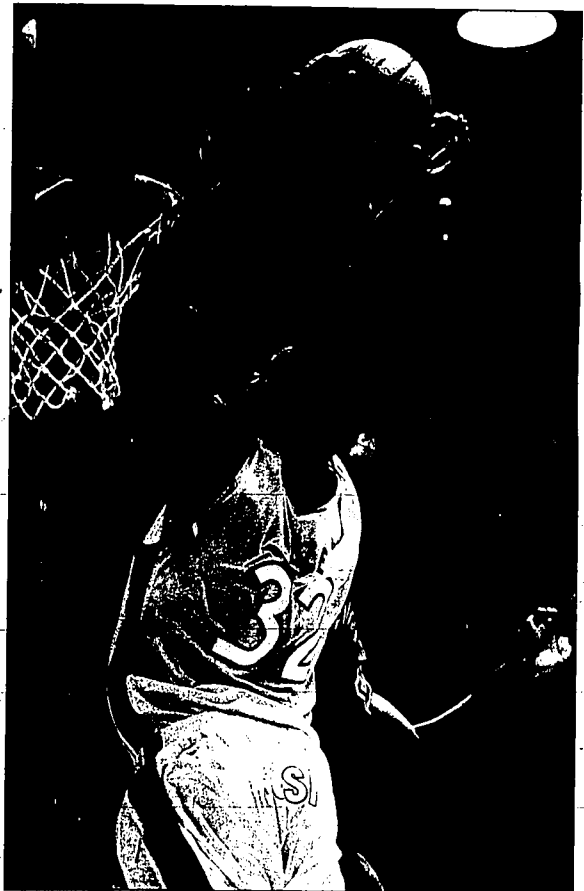
"It was awesome tonight," Zeck said. "We had great defensive pressure and we did a great job stopping dribble penetration and helping and rotating."
Ten blocked shots also made a difference for the hosts.

Trailing by 23 at the break, the resilient Hawks cut the deficit to 14 at 74-60 with 12:08 left on a DeShields baseline drive.

But a 12-0 CSI run over the next 3:18 highlighted by an Eze double pump layup high over the box quickly pushed it back to 26 and the Hawks were all but laid to rest.

It was a critical point of the game that a disappointed Hagerstown coach Jim Brown pointed to as the key.

"When we cut it back to 14, I thought we were ready to make our usual run," Brown said.



Southern Idaho's Benjamin Eze goes for the bucket during the second half of Saturday night's game against Hagerstown Community College.

"But the next thing I knew we made two foolish errors. They got it back to 18 up on us."

The Eagles kept up the pressure and the points, scoring at will as Hagerstown tried to just

keep it close. The lead reached 125 left that proved to be the winning points.
K-State's Jonathan Bessley threw a 16-yard TD pass to Quincy Morgan with six seconds left, but the Sooners recovered the inside

Garcia, Woods stage showdown

The Associated Press

THOUSAND OAKS, Calif. - Sergio Garcia and Tiger Woods go one more round for \$1 million.

Virtually turning the World Challenge into a two-man show, the pair will be separated by one shot as they head into the final 18 holes.

The 20-year-old Garcia, four years younger than Woods, hit in the water and took a double bogey on No. 18 Saturday, but still had a 3-under 69 to lead Woods by one shot.

Garcia was at 18 under 198 through three rounds, and Woods had a 67 to narrow the gap on a warm, sunny day at Sherwood Country Club.

Although both cautioned that another player in the 12-man field could break through and win, only Davis Love III, at 14 under after a 71, was within nine shots of the lead.
Garcia won \$1.1 million by beating Woods in their match play "Battle of Bighorn" in August.

"This will be the first time I've played with Tiger on Sunday (in medal play) and I'm looking forward to that," said Garcia, who finished second behind Woods in the 1999 PGA Championship.

Garcia grinned and added, "I would be looking forward to it more if I were up by three."

Garcia's 5-iron into the lake in front of the 18th green cut his lead from three shots to one.

Woods was pleased with his third round and also looked forward to the final day.

"I feel I didn't get as much out of the round as I could have, but I put myself in a good situation for Sunday," he said.

He added, "Even though Sergio and I have separated ourselves a little from the field, we all know that anything can happen on Sunday."

Woods, who was six shots back to Fred Couples, in fourth place after his 68 left him 8 under.

Sorenstams stay hot at World Cup
KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia - Swedish

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Sooners squeeze into Orange Bowl

The Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. - Oklahoma is more than OK - the Sooners are perfect and on their way to the Orange Bowl to play for the national championship.

Josh Heupel threw two touchdown passes and ran for another score as No. 1 Oklahoma completed a perfect regular season with a 27-24 victory over No. 8 Kansas State in the Big 12 title game on a chilly Saturday night at Arrowhead Stadium.

The Sooners (12-0), the nation's only major unbeaten team, will get a chance for their first national title since 1985 when they play in the Orange Bowl on

Jan. 3, most likely against defending champion Florida State (11-1).
Oklahoma and Florida State were first and second in last week's Bowl Championship Series standings and, based on computer projections, seemed certain to remain that way Sunday when the final rankings are released and the BCS officially announces its bowl matchups.

Heupel, in his final Heisman Trophy push, overcame a season-high three interceptions, completing 24 of 44 passes for 220 yards.

He threw a 17-yard TD pass to Trent Smith in the first half, ran 7 yards for a

score in the third quarter and hit Andre Woolfolk with a 17-yard scoring pass 36 seconds into the final period to put the Sooners ahead 24-17.

Tim Duncan kicked his second field goal of the game, a 46-yarder with 1:25 left that proved to be the winning points.

K-State's Jonathan Bessley threw a 16-yard TD pass to Quincy Morgan with six seconds left, but the Sooners recovered the inside kick and ran out the clock as oranges came flying onto the field.

A Sooners-Seminole Orange Bowl will also create the possibility of split national champions. Florida State is ranked No. 3,

behind No. 2 Miami (10-1), in both the AP and the poll and the coaches-poll. It is conceivable that if the Sooners beat the Sooners and the Hurricanes win their bowl, the AP media poll could vote Miami No. 1 while the USA Today/ESPN coaches poll would be obligated to crown the Sooners champions. Miami beat Florida State 27-24 on Oct. 7.

Also, No. 4 Washington (10-1) could be considered if the Huskies, who beat the Hurricanes 34-29 this season, beat Purdue in the Rose Bowl.

Kansas State (10-3), is 2-19 against Top Ten teams under coach Bill Snyder and the Wildcats appear headed to the Cotton or

Insight.com bowl.



Johnston paces saddle bronc

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Scott Johnston increased his lead in the season all-round standings late Friday night, winning the first round of saddle bronc in the National Finals Rodeo.

NFR Johnston, an Altonian who lives in Gustine, Texas, scored 83 points on Robin Mountain, also the season leader in saddle bronc, earned \$13,133 to raise his total earnings to \$152,575 in the event and \$17,379 overall.

Chance Dixon of Heppner, Ore., was second with an 82, and Steve Dollarhite of Wikieup, Ariz., and T.C. Holloway of Eagle Butte, S.D., tied for third at 81.

Billy Ethbauer, of Edmond, Okla., who entered the NFR in second place in saddle bronc riding, was bucked off.

"I try not to watch what everybody else is doing," said Johnston, a three-time NFR qualifier who broke his back in an airplane crash in 1988. "I just try and ride the best I can. But it was a bit of bad luck for Billy."

In bull riding, Cody Hancock of Taylor, Ariz., scored a 93 to win



William Pittman of Florence, Miss., hangs on during the barrel riding event at the National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas Friday.

the round. Danell Tipton of Spencer, Okla., had an 86, and Lee Akai of Weatherford, Okla.,

was third with an 84. In barrel racing, Jeff Collins of Redfield, Kan., won the round with an 87. Chad Klein of Jackson, and Deb Greenough of Red Lodge, Mont., tied for second with 82s.

Brent Lewis of Pinon, N.M., won the calf roping with a 7.4-second time. Herbert Theriot of Poplarville, Miss., was second in 7.6 seconds, and Clay Cerny of Eagle Lake, Texas, was third at 7.9 seconds.

In team roping, Wade Wheatley of Hughson, Calif., and Kyle Lockett of Ivanhoe, Calif., won the round with a 4.6-second run. Chance Keaton of Mayer, Ariz., and Monty Petska of Turlock, Calif., were second at 4.9.

Frank Thompson of Cherokee, Wyo., won the steer wrestling job with a 3.7-second run. Todd Suhn of Brighton, Colo., followed with 3.8, and Rod Egan of Victor, Mont., was third at 4.1.

In barrel racing, Marlene McKee of Ramah, Colo., won the round with a time of 13.82 seconds. Sherry Cervi of Marana, Ariz., was second in 14.04, and Kappy Allen of Austin, Texas, was third at 14.05.

Agassi and Kuerten reach final

LISBON, Portugal (AP) — Gustavo Kuerten rallied to outdefending champion Pete Sampras and will finish the year as No. 1 in the world if he can beat Andre Agassi in the final of the Masters Cup.

In a thrilling, seesaw semifinal, Kuerten fought back to win 6-7 (5), 6-3, 6-4, ending Sampras' chance to win the season-ending tournament for a record sixth time.

In the first semifinal Saturday, Agassi beat Marat Safin 6-3, 6-3 to reach his second straight final in the event that features the top eight players in the world.

If Agassi beats Kuerten in Sunday's final, Safin will finish the year No. 1 in the world despite his defeat.

Kuerten lost to Agassi in the round-robin portion earlier this week.

"For me, it's amazing," said Kuerten, who overcame hamstring and back problems during the match.

"I was so nervous, but I stayed there. I fought a lot. Beating Pete is special. It's almost like I won the tournament already," Kuerten said. He had lost both previous matches against Sampras.

Sampras, 29, has been the dominant player of the decade and was playing his 11th straight season final. Sampras finished the year as No. 1 for six straight seasons, between 1993 and 1998. He won last year's final against Agassi, but Agassi still finished the year as No. 1.

"He just played the bigger picture a little bit better than I," Sampras said. "I was 1-for-8 on break points, it's just bad luck."

Safin twisted his right ankle late in the first set but Agassi was dominating the match even before the Russian's injury. Agassi returned, played consistently from the baseline and dazzled the crowd with intelligent shot making.



Andre Agassi returns to Safin's Marat Safin during their Masters Cup semifinal match Saturday.

"He has a huge serve. The guy has weapons that can come together on different levels on any given day," Agassi said. "Today I felt like I just had an answer for them all."

With Agassi up 5-3 and Safin serving at 0-15, the Russian twisted his ankle and grimaced in pain as a trainer put tape around it.

When Safin returned, Agassi moved the hobbling Russian by firing shots to both corners that Safin was unable to retrieve. A short

forehand winner gave Agassi the win.

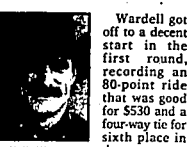
"It was a very hard-fought match, straight from the onset," Agassi said. "We were both trying to establish control of the points. I felt like I was getting the better of him."

Safin hit some good winners but he was too inconsistent to trouble Agassi, who is the oldest player in the tournament at 30 and who won the title in 1990.

Bellevue cowboy aims for title

LAS VEGAS — Barrel rider Kelly Wardell is in Las Vegas through Dec. 10, hoping to ride off into the neon lights with the title of No. 1 barrel rider under his big brass belt.

Wardell is the only Idaho cowboy at the National Finals Rodeo, professional rodeo's marquee event. The top 15 cowboys in each event compete in the finals, which draws 170,000 fans and is televised by ESPN and ESPN2.



Kelly Wardell will split a million dollar purse with the winners on the next week.

Wardell got off to a decent start in the first round, recording an 80-point ride that was good for \$530 and a four-way tie for sixth place in the event.

A multi-million dollar purse will be split among the winners on the next week.

BASKETBALL

NBA Standings

Table with columns for Eastern Conference and Western Conference, listing teams and their records.

Wardell got off to a decent start

Wardell got off to a decent start in the first round, recording an 80-point ride that was good for \$530 and a four-way tie for sixth place in the event.

Wardell went to the finals

Wardell went to the finals ranked in sixth place, having made \$65,217 from his earnings this year. The 10th-ranked rider ended up claiming first place.

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Table listing various sports events and their broadcast times on different channels.

LEAPS & RANGERS

Table listing horse racing events, including Leaps & Rangers and various stakes races.

SCORES AND STATS

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SPORTS

Vandals continue to struggle

ST. LOUIS, Mo. — The struggles continued for the University of Idaho men's basketball Saturday afternoon in an 80-41 loss to Saint Louis University at the Savvis Center.

The Vandals (1-4) connected on just 31.1 percent of their field goal attempts and made only one 3-pointer.

Combined with 23 turnovers and a 37.28 disadvantage on the boards to the much taller Billikens, the afternoon became a long one for the Vandals.

Only one UI player — Matt Gerschelske — reached double figures and he did it with just 10 points.

The Vandals return home to the Kibbie Dome for a Tuesday night game against St. Martin's College. They open Big West Conference play on Saturday hosting Long Beach State University.

Erickson inks lucrative extension at OSU

CORVALLIS, Ore. — Dennis Erickson, who coached Oregon State to its best record ever, signed a new seven-year contract Saturday that could earn him nearly \$7 million.

Erickson's new deal supersedes the five-year contract he signed in 1997. The signing brought to an end speculation that Erickson would take the coaching vacancy at Southern California.

Erickson's name had also been mentioned in connection with the job at Arizona State, which was held Friday night by Boise State coach Dirk Koetter.

Carter's jersey retired at North Carolina

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. — Vince Carter of the Toronto Raptors became the 37th University of North Carolina basketball player to have his jersey honored Saturday.

"I've accomplished a lot of things and this is another thing that I've accomplished in my career as a basketball player," Carter said during half-time of a 93-76 loss by Tar Heels to Kentucky at the Smith Center. "Having my jersey honored here is a dream come true."

Carter, who is sidelined with a knee injury, was given his No. 15 jersey by former coach Dean Smith at center court during a brief ceremony. His number will hang next to Rasheed Wallace's No. 30.

Columbine High wins second straight title

DENVER — Columbine High School won its second straight Class 5A state championship, beating Bear Creek 41-7 Saturday as Casey Wade ran for 131 yards and three touchdowns.

The Rebels (12-2) won their first state crown last year by defeating Centennial 21-14 in a game that attracted national attention because of the Columbine shootings seven months earlier. This year, the only reminder of the tragedy was the No. 70 that the Rebels wore on the back of their helmets as a tribute to Matt Koehler, a junior varsity linemen who was one of 12 students killed at the school in April 1999.

Lemieux reaches deal with NHL's Coyotes

PHOENIX (AP) — Claude Lemieux, the free-agent right wing who has played on four Stanley Cup championship teams, signed a one-year contract with the Phoenix Coyotes Saturday.

Financial details of the contract were not disclosed. Lemieux, 35, helped New Jersey to its second title last season, and is second to Wayne Gretzky with 19 game-winning goals in the playoffs. He also was a member of New Jersey's 1995 championship team, and helped Montreal (1986) and Colorado (1996) to titles.

Slutskaya edges Butyrskaya at NHK Trophy

ASAHIKAWA, Japan — Irina Slutskaya used a clean, error-free program Saturday to win her first NHK Trophy — and runner-up Maria Butyrskaya was angered by the result.

Butyrskaya, with tears in her eyes, stepped off the podium right after presentation of medals and hurriedly walked off the rink alone. NHK Trophy was the sixth and final skating Grand Prix event of the season. It offers the last opportunity for skaters to collect points.

Paying respect Mailman reverent on eve of eclipsing Chamberlain

The Associated Press

Karl Malone isn't all that comfortable with what he's about to accomplish.

Something doesn't seem right about passing Wilt Chamberlain on the NBA's career scoring list so soon after his death.

"When you're climbing up the list, those guys are still alive. But he's not with us anymore so it's kind of a different feeling," said Malone, with eight points of Chamberlain's 31,419 after scoring 14 points Saturday night in Utah's 94-89 loss at Charlotte.

"It's really kind of weird. I don't want to use the word bittersweet, but it's kind of like I'm not excited to do it."

"It's like certain records, maybe, should stay the way they are."

Malone will likely pass Chamberlain early in the game Tuesday night at home against Toronto, becoming the second-leading scorer behind Kareem Abdul-Jabbar (38,387).

Chamberlain, who died in October 1999 at age 63, played for 14 years in the NBA and averaged 24.1 points. He holds the single-game scoring record, 100 points.

"Wilt is one of those legends — such a legend I almost can't fathom it," said Malone's longtime teammate, John Stockton. "And yet I've watched Karl do it day in and day out for so many years, it's hard to believe that's where he is."

The 37-year-old Malone, in his 16th NBA season, recalled his one and only meeting with Chamberlain in Cleveland in 1997 when the NBA assembled the 50 greatest players of all time. The two spoke in a hallway at Gund Arena.

A two-time MVP and 12-time All-Star, Malone is the only player ever to score 2,000 points in a season 12 times.

"I've had the honor of coaching him through out his entire career. I'm amazed, I really am, at how his career has turned out." Utah coach Jerry Sloan said.

"Karl was a bad free throw shooter when he started, and he changed just about everything about his game. I don't think Wilt ever had to change anything. He could do all those things to start with — he had a great body when he started, a great body when he left — but Karl had to individually work very, very hard to make himself a great player."

Malone made up his mind about what kind of player he wanted to be in the spring of 1986 after being summoned to Jazz president Frank Layden's office after his rookie season. With Adrian Dantley sitting out because of injury, Malone averaged 21.8 points in a first-round



Utah's Karl Malone points to the Charlotte Hornets' bench during the first half Saturday in Charlotte, N.C.

playoff loss to Dallas. "Frank called me into his office and asked me, 'How good do you want to be?' I said very good, and he said, 'Well, prove it to us. We're going to trade Adrian this summer. So I took that summer off. All the things I loved to do, I didn't do them anymore. I just trained, trained, trained. Didn't go out much, just ate and slept and trained. And all of a sudden, here I am.'"

Malone seemed most proud that Chamberlain had picked him as the power forward on Chamberlain's all-time best starting five. His memories of Chamberlain include watching him play on the black-and-white TV he occasionally watched as a youngster in

Louisiana. Last November, he passed Jordan's career total of 29,277. He has spent the past few seasons moving past Moses Malone, Elvin Hayes, Oscar Robertson and John Havlicek.

Malone is under contract through the 2002-03 season, but he would take at least four productive seasons for him to catch Abdul-Jabbar — something Malone believes is possible. "I'm not looking directly at him," Malone said. "I'm looking at him out of the corner of my eye."

The magnitude of passing Chamberlain is not lost on Malone, who wondered aloud whether Wilt the Stilt would have shown up or offered a congratulatory phone call.

"It saddens Malone that he'll never know. 'This is a lot different than when I passed Michael,' he said. 'Let's just get it over with so we can think about somebody else, maybe Kareem.'"

NBA LEADERS

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Charlotte snaps Jazz winning streak

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — David Wesley scored 30 points, including a game-tying 3-pointer with 57 seconds to play, and Jamal Mashburn added three timely free throws and 21 points as Charlotte snapped Utah's six-game winning streak with a 94-89 victory of its own Saturday night.

Karl Malone, trying to pass Wilt Chamberlain for second on the NBA's career scoring list, finished with 14 points on 5-of-13 shooting. He needs only eight more to pass Chamberlain's mark of 31,419 points.

Bryon Russell led Utah with 24 points. John Stockton finished with 11.

scored most of his 27 points after Philadelphia's big men had blown it open Saturday night and the 76ers rolled to a 112-78 victory over the cold-shooting Cleveland Cavaliers.

Matt Cejner scored 15 points, Todd MacCullough 14 and Theo Ratliff had 12 and seven blocks as the Sixers improved the NBA's best record to 14-2 and beat the Cavs for the 10th straight time.

Hawks 101, Bucks 94

ATLANTA — Jason Terry scored a career-high 30 points, including seven in a late 14-2 run, as Atlanta won for the second time in three games and snapped Milwaukee's three-game winning streak.

Atlanta's Dikembe Mutombo had eight points, 17 rebounds and blocked three shots. Matt Maloney

added a season-high 18 points, and rookie DerMarr Johnson scored 14.

Maglo 95, Nets 74

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Tracy McGrady had a career-high 40 points, 10 rebounds and five assists as Orlando dealt the Nets a season-high seventh straight loss. McGrady hit 18 of 32 shots from the field and all four of his free throws in breaking his previous high of 32 set on opening night against Washington on Oct. 31 and finished with his 10th straight 20-plus point game.

Knicks 100, Timberwolves 90

NEW YORK — Allan Houston scored 37 points, including four consecutive jumpers during a decisive 16-3 run in the fourth quarter, for

New York

Houston scored 11 points in the second quarter and added 17 in the fourth. He finished 16-for-20 from the field, making his final six shots, and tied his season-high.

Heat 93, Wizards 90

WASHINGTON — Eddie Jones scored 11 of his 20 points in the fourth quarter as Miami won its second straight road game.

Anthony Mason scored 20 points and Tim Hardaway 18 for the Heat, which has beaten Washington in eight straight games and won 12 of 13 against the Wizards.

Nuggets 103, SuperSonics 92

DENVER — Antonio McDyess had 33 points and 16 rebounds and Voshon Lenard added 22 points as

Denver won at home for the sixth time in seven games and improved to 7-0 when holding an opponent under 100 points.

Rashard Lewis led Seattle with 26 points. Gary Payton and Emanuel Davis had 14 points each for the Sonics, who had their two-game winning streak snapped.

Blazers 90, Rockets 85

HOUSTON — Damon Stoudamire scored 13 of his 31 points in the final 3:30 to lead the Portland Trail Blazers.

Rasheed Wallace scored 22 points, including 17 in the second half, and Dale Davis added 11 for Portland.

Steve Francis led Houston with 24 points. Maurice Taylor and Cuttino Mobley each scored 12.

No. 1 Duke trounces Temple on the road

College basketball

Howard and Darius Songaila scored 14 points each as Wake Forest beat South Carolina State.

No. 15 USC 65, Utah 60

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Brian Scalabrine and David Blumenthal combined for 16 consecutive points in the second half as Southern California defeated Utah in the John Wooden Classic.

No. 16 UConn 97, N.H. 70

STORRS, Conn. — Albert Mouring scored a career-high 24 points to lead Connecticut to its fifth straight win.

Mouring, a 3-point specialist, was 5-of-9 from behind the arc and opened the game with a long 3 from the left side. He also had four assists and two steals for the Huskies (6-1).

Syracuse 88, Virginia Tech 68

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — Deshaun Williams and Damon Brown each scored 26 points, both career highs, as Syracuse beat Virginia Tech to win the Carrier Classic.

Kentucky 93, No. 6 N.C. 76

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. — Kentucky dug deep into its bench Saturday to beat No. 6 North Carolina 93-76 and end its worst start in 16 years. The Wildcats (2-3) used runs of 18-4 in the middle of each half and

outscored North Carolina's reserves 38-12.

No. 7 Tenn. 79, WVU 78

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. — Terrance Woods hit a go-ahead 3-pointer with 32 seconds left and Tennessee rallied from 10 points down in the second half to beat West Virginia.

Seton Hall 63, La Salle 54

NEW YORK — Freshman forward Eddie McClain had 20 points, eight rebounds and seven blocks to lead No. 8 Seton Hall.

Illinois 76, Kan. St. 56

MANHATTAN, Kan. — Marcus Griffin had 20 points and 10 rebounds to lead Illinois.

Sergio McClain had 12 points for Illinois (5-2) and Corey Bradford added 10.

Florida 83, DePaul 76

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Udonis Haslem had 21 points and 10 rebounds and Florida overcame poor shooting by making 11 of 12 free throws in the final 1:24.

Maryland 82, Michigan 51

WASHINGTON — Lony Baxter dominated inside with 17 points, five rebounds in just 22 minutes as Maryland routed Michigan.

Marshall 67, Dayton 65

DAYTON, Ohio — Tamar Slay scored 19 points and Marshall held off a late game surge by Dayton. Yunta Holland hit a jumper with about 5 seconds left to bring Dayton (2-3) to within two, but Marshall was able to run out the clock to win.

Ark. 74; Memphis 68

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. — Teddy Gipson dribbled inside to produce two key baskets late in the second half and help Arkansas beat Memphis.

Women's games

La. Tech 54, Indiana 53

HOUSTON — Ayana Walker had 20 points and 16 rebounds to lead Louisiana Tech over Indiana in the

Houston Hobby/Hilton Classic

Amber Obaze and Takeisha Lewis each added 12 points for the Lady Techsters (6-1).

Oregon 62, Santa Clara 54

PORTLAND, Ore. — Angelina Wolvert scored 18 points and Jenny Mow had all 16 of her points in the second half as Oregon used two key scoring runs to struggle past Santa Clara.

Autumn 106, Ark-Little Rock 37

TAMPA, Fla. — Carol Smith scored 18 points and Shera Looney added 16 as Auburn won the University of South Florida Classic.

Iowa St. 81, DePaul 65

CEDAR RAPIDS, Iowa — Angie Welle scored 24 points while playing only 22 minutes and Tracy Gahan added 13 points and 12 rebounds as No. 8 Iowa State cruised.

Xavier 89, Wis.-Green Bay 74

GREEN BAY, Wis. — Nicole Levanduski scored a career-high 30 points and had eight steals, leading Xavier past Wisconsin-Green Bay.

N. Iowa 74, Illinois 70

CEDAR RAPIDS, Iowa — Nadine Brandt made three 3-pointers in the final 2:09, and Katie Sorrell sank two critical free throws as Northern Iowa beat Illinois.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL SATURDAY

SATURDAY'S SCORES

Colorado St. 37, Lehigh 22
 Navy 31, Army 23
 Wake Forest 31, Boston College 17
 Appalachian St. 17, W. Kentucky 14
 Ohio St. 34, N. Dakota St. 18
 Florida 31, Auburn 20
 Georgia Southern 48, Hofstra 20
 Alabama 31, Arkansas 20
 Michigan 31, Miami 20
 Michigan St. 19, Michigan 19
 N. Carolina St. 22, Wake Forest 19
 Penn St. 31, Rutgers 14
 Ohio St. 42, Northwestern 10
 Wake Forest 28, Cornell 21
 Missouri 34, Richmond 20

BOWL SCHEDULE

All Times EST
 Wednesday, Dec. 20

Mobile Alabama Bowl
 7:30 p.m. Southern Mississippi (7-4), 8 p.m. (ESPN)
 Thursday, Dec. 21
Las Vegas Bowl
 8 p.m. (ESPN)
Blue-Gray Classic
 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Aloha Bowl
 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Motor City Bowl
 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Galleryfurniture.com Bowl
 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Humanitarian Bowl
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Music City Bowl
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Micronpc.com Bowl
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Insight.com Bowl
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Liberty Bowl
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Sun Bowl
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Hula Bowl
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Marvelous Miller lands Montana in semis

MISSOULA, Mont. (AP) — Richmond coach Jim Reid had a point to make at the post-game press conference — his team's defense is usually better than it played on Saturday.

Reid's Miller added the Spiders' defense, throwing for 381 yards and three touchdowns in leading Montana to a 34-20 victory over Richmond in an NCAA Division I-AA quarterfinal game.

Montana had 450 yards in total offense against Richmond, which came into the game allowing its opponents an average of 283 yards and 15.2 points per game.

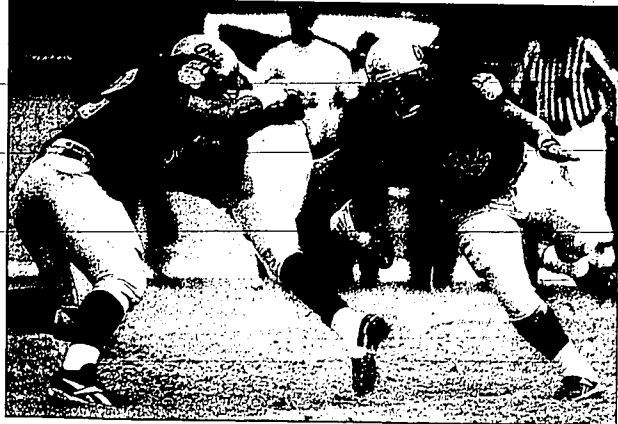
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DIV I-AA Playoffs

Quarterfinals
 Saturday
 Delaware 47, Lehigh 22
 Georgia Southern 48, Hofstra 20
 Montana 34, Richmond 20
 Appalachian State 17, Western Kentucky 14

Semifinals
 Saturday, Dec. 9
 Montana (12-1) vs. Appalachian State (10-3)
 Georgia Southern (11-2) vs. Delaware (12-1)

Championship
 Saturday, Dec. 16
 At Finley Stadium/Davenport Field, Chattanooga, Tenn.
 Semifinal winners, 1 p.m.



Montana defensive tackle Corey Mertes, right, combines with nose tackle Tyler Martin to take down Richmond quarterback Sean Gustus during Montana's 34-20 win in an NCAA Division I-AA quarterfinal game Saturday in Missoula, Mont.

"We think that we're pretty good on defense, so we're extremely impressed with how they were able to handle us," Reid said.

Top-ranked Montana (12-1), of the Big Sky Conference, plays host to 13th seed Appalachian State (10-3) in next week's semifinal. Appalachian State beat fifth-seeded Western Kentucky 17-14 in another quarterfinal.

Miller, who has been injured for much of the last two months, completed 28 of 41 passes and threw touchdown passes of 10 yards to Eric Molden, and 65 and 20 yards to Jimmy Farris as Montana won its 12th straight game.

"It was fun again to be able to celebrate with the guys and feel good at the end of the game," Miller said.

Miller left at halftime of Montana's first-round victory over Eastern Illinois with a sore thumb. He had missed the final regular season game after suffering a concussion the week before.

"These guys had confidence in

me," Miller said. "Tuesday and Wednesday I couldn't practice. Thursday, I was out there and felt fine. They just encouraged me."

Sean Gustus rushed for 66 yards including touchdown runs of 2, 1 and 8 yards for eighth-seeded Richmond (10-3), the runner-up of the Atlantic 10 conference.

Montana led 10-0 after a 21-yard scoring run by Yohance Humphrey and Miller's 10-yard pass to Molden.

The second score was set up by a 41-yard pass from Miller to Farris, who made the grab over defensive back Harold Hill.

Gustus scored on a 1-yard run with 1:00 left in the first quarter. Doug Kirchner, who had made all 27 of his PAT's this season, missed the kick and the score was 13-6.

Farris, who caught six passes for 188 yards, scored both of his

touchdowns in the second quarter — the first on a 65-yard pass play.

Montana's offense was stymied by holding penalties in the third quarter, but the last play of the quarter was vintage Farris. On a third-and-nine play, Farris picked up a pass from Miller that had nearly fallen on the ground and turned it into a 43-yard gain to the Richmond 26-yard line.

That play kept alive a drive

RECORDS

Montana 12-1
 Appalachian State 10-3
 Georgia Southern 11-2
 Delaware 12-1

AP Photo

GATORS RULE



Florida head coach Steve Spurrier gets drenched by offensive tackle Kenyatta Walker after the Gators downed Auburn in the SEC Championship at the Georgia Dome in Atlanta.

Florida reprises earlier rout of Auburn

ATLANTA (AP) — Florida is back on top in the Southeastern Conference.

The No. 7 Gators pummeled Auburn for the second time in seven weeks, with Rex Grossman throwing four touchdown passes for a 28-6 victory Saturday in the SEC championship game.

Ernest Graham gave Florida (10-2) a lethal ground-air attack, rushing for a career-high 165 yards, and the Gators' ball-hungry defense came up with three critical turnovers in the first half.

Florida won its sixth conference title in 10 years but the first since 1996, when the Gators also claimed the national championship.

No. 18 Auburn (9-3) had a successful year just by winning the SEC West after two straight losing seasons. The Tigers were denied their first conference championship since 1989.

Florida, which earned a spot in the Sugar Bowl, didn't quite match the efficiency of its 38-7 victory over Auburn on Oct. 14. That day, the Gators reached the end zone on their first five possessions to quickly turn the game into a lougher.

But Auburn never seriously threatened in the rematch, dooming itself with two fumbles and an interception before halftime. The Tigers will settle for a spot in the Citrus Bowl, their

first New Year's Day appearance since 1995.

Grossman, 17-of-26 for 238 yards with one interception, has shared playing time with senior Jesse Palmer much of the season, but coach Steve Spurrier passed to John Cooper midway through the fourth quarter Saturday lifted the Thundering Herd to a 19-14 victory and its fourth-straight berth in the Motor City Bowl.

Marshall (7-5) will play Conference USA runner-up Cincinnati (7-4) on Dec. 27 in Pontiac, Mich.

The Thundering Herd's victory means the MAC teams with the two best records, Western Michigan (9-3) and Toledo (10-1), likely will be shut-out-of-a bowl game.

Grambling 14, Ala. A&M 6
 BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Calvin Spears scored a 47-yard interception return in the fourth quarter in the Southwest Athletic Conference Championship game at Legion Field.

Grambling (10-2) held Alabama A&M (7-5) to 146 total yards and no offensive scores. Spears' interception return was the only score of the second half.

Alabama A&M's lone score came in the second quarter when Donnell Fisher returned a fumble 95 yards for a touchdown.

Div. I-AA quarterfinals
 Delaware 47, Lehigh 22
 NEWARK, Del. — Matt Nagy threw for 266 yards and two touchdowns and Delaware scored 28 points off turnovers in a 47-22 victory over Lehigh in the Division I-AA quarterfinals Saturday.

Nagy, who completed 18 of 30 passes, became the first Blue Hens

Middies claim the one that matters

BALTIMORE (AP) — When he looks back on a season that began with 10 straight losses, Navy selector Chris Lepore will tap his selective memory for facts on the game that counted most.

"All I'm going to remember is we beat Army," said Lepore, who had an interception and a fumble recovery. "We wanted to go out on top."

Navy found the ideal way to end its perfectly awful season, taking advantage of five turnovers and getting a solid performance from Brian Broadwater in a dramatic 30-28 victory Saturday.

Looking for their first win since last year's Army-Navy game, the Midshipmen (1-10) built a 20-point lead late in the third quarter and held on to beat the bumbling Black Knights.

Navy lost the ball twice and had a field goal and a punt blocked. But the Midshipmen nevertheless won a second straight game in the series for the first time since 1982-83.

"It was almost like momentum got caught in the middle a couple

of times and didn't know which way to go," Navy coach Charlie Weatherbie said.

Army (1-10) used two fourth-quarter touchdown passes by Curtis Zerkie to cut the gap to 30-28 with 2:44 left, but an onside kick failed and Navy retained possession when the Black Knights were called for running into the kicker on a 43-yard field goal try with 1:29 left on the clock.

Michael Wallace had 159 yards rushing and a touchdown for Army, which capped its worst season since finishing 0-10 in 1973. Wallace finished with 1,157 yards on the ground, third-best total in Army history.

But what he'll remember most is a fumble that Navy's Brad Wimsatt took into the end zone for a touchdown.

"I could have had the best rushing game I ever had, but that one fumble is what I'm going to remember," he said. "To have such a critical turnover is what is going to be with me the rest of my life."

"I don't have a chance to come out and prove it next week," he

said. "It's over for me. That's just something I'm going to have to live with from here on out."

Despite the loss, Army still holds a 48-67 lead in the series.

"I think it's very obvious with the turnovers, and the penalties, that we didn't play very well," said first-year Army coach Todd Berry. "We kept on finding ways to shoot ourselves."

Although it's been a trying season for the Midshipmen, they can take solace in beating Army and averting only the third winless season in the history of the program. The 1883 Navy team went 0-1 and the 1948 squad finished 0-8-1.

Navy concluded its season on a high note in part because Broadwater finished his career with a flourish. The senior quarterback, who missed last year's Army game with a broken collarbone, directed the option attack with near flawless precision and passed just often enough to keep the Army defense honest.

He averaged 6.6 yards per carry in the first half, when Navy held the ball for more than 23 minutes.

Herd thunders to MAC crown

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. (AP) — This year, it was Byron Letwrich's turn to lead Marshall to a comeback victory over Western Michigan in the Mid-American Conference championship game.

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Ga. Southern 48, Hofstra 20
 STATESBORO, Ga. — The running and passing of J.R. Revere kept Georgia Southern on track for its second straight Division I-AA championship Saturday.

Revere, who rushed for 94 yards and passed for 92, ran for three touchdowns.

Mountaineers 17, W. Ky 14
 BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — Jerry Beard rushed for 104 yards and Joey Hoover ran for two touchdowns to lead Appalachian State to a 17-14 victory over Western Kentucky.

The Mountaineers (10-3) will face top-ranked Montana (12-1) next Saturday in Missoula, Mont.

Division II semifinals

Delta St. 34, N.D. St. 16
 CLEVELAND, Miss. — Josh Bright threw two touchdown passes and ran for another score.

Delta State (12-1) will play for its first national championship next Saturday in Florence, Ala., against the winner of a late semifinal Saturday night between California-Davis and Bloomsburg State.

Division III quarterfinals

St. John's 21, Cent. Iowa 18
 PELLA, Iowa — Tom Linnemann threw for 223 yards and a pair of touchdowns for St. John's of Minnesota.

The Johnnies (12-1) will play Hardin-Simmons next Saturday.

Trinity 33, HSI 30

ABILENE, Texas — Melvin Dudley blocked Roy Hampton's fourth-down pass to the end zone as time expired as Hardin-Simmons held off Trinity of Texas.

HSU had 421 yards of total offense, while Trinity was led by Hampton, who was 35-of-61 for 493 yards and two touchdowns.

Mt. Union 32, Wittenberg 15

ALLIANCE, Ohio — Chuck Moore ran for 147 yards and two touchdowns as Mount Union beat Wittenberg.

Wittenberg (12-1) scored on its first play, but Mount Union (12-0) charged back, scoring 26 straight points.

Widener 61, Springfield 27

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. — Mike Granato threw for 415 yards and six touchdowns as Widener beat Springfield.

Widener amassed 647 yards of total offense and 30 first downs to Springfield's 17.

NAIA semifinals

Georgetown, NW Okla. St. advance to title rematch

GEORGETOWN, Ky. — Nick Ayers rushed for 137 yards and two touchdowns to lead Georgetown to a 28-21 win over Carroll College.

The Tigers (13-0) earned their second straight trip to the NAIA championship game. Georgetown will play Northwestern Oklahoma State in the championship game Dec. 16 in a rematch of last year's title game.

Northwestern Oklahoma State (13-0) beat Northwestern Iowa, 42-7, on Saturday and beat Georgetown 34-26 in last year's final.

Week 14 matchups Top coaches breed turnaround teams

LL.M.
Seahawks (4-8)
at
Falcons (3-10)

Twenty-two months after he started for the Falcons in Super Bowl XXXIII, quarterback Chris Chandler has been demoted to third string behind rookie Doug Johnson, who will start against Seattle, and journeyman Danny Kanell.

Harris' Line Pick: Seattle. **The L.A. Times Pick:** Seattle. Atlanta can't expect much from rookie quarterback Doug Johnson.

LL.M.
Dolphins (9-3)
at
Bills (7-5)

As if he needed subliminal reinforcement, Buffalo special teams players glanced up at the Raymond James Stadium scoreboard in the third quarter last Sunday and saw a replay of Steve Norwood in Super Bowl XXV kicking wide right. Sufficiently spooked, Bill kicker Steve Christie missed a 32-yard field goal attempt.

Harris' Line Pick: Bills by 3.5.

The L.A. Times Pick: Miami. Bill's injured players give Dolphins a good chance. **In the mood.**

LL.M.
Rams (8-4)
at
Panthers (5-7)

Panther coach George Seifert is a changed man, he swears. After getting upbraided by his wife for a profanity-laced rant against ABC's sideline camera Monday night against Green Bay.

With Kurt Warner returning to the Rams' lineup in Carolina, Seifert's rehab program is down to two desperate open-air handkerchiefs across the eyes or across the mouth.

Harris' Line Pick: Rams by 7.5.

The L.A. Times Pick: St. Louis.

LL.M.
Giants (8-4)
at
Redskins (7-5)

Embarking on a very serious playoff run, or a death spiral, Giants coach Jim Fassel has issued a team-wide gag order for the remainder of the season, forbidding players to discuss the Giants or a Giant opponent with the media. "I'm not interested in anybody's opinion around here," Fassel said. "Nobody's zone."

Harris' Line Pick: Redskins by 6.

The L.A. Times Pick: Washington. The Redskins are better than their record. The Giants aren't.

LL.M.
Cardinals (3-9)
at
Bengals (2-10)

Welcome to the Poulton Weed-Eater Bottom Feeder Bowl, which proudly pits the NFL's lushest team since 1990 (Arizona, 61-111) against the AFC's worst team since 1990 (Cincinnati, 54-118). The Cardinals suffered a key setback in their game preparation when defensive tackle Mwo Tosi was injured while eating Thanksgiving dinner, costing Tosi a day of practice while he saw a dentist to repair an abscessed tooth.

Harris' Line Pick: Bengals by 4.

The L.A. Times Pick: Arizona.

LL.M.(CBS)
Broncos (8-4)
at
Saints (8-4)

You win one game on the road and suddenly the world wants to interview you and your rookie trading card rockets from \$4.99 to \$76.99 on eBay. OK, so the game was in St. Louis, against the Super Bowl champion Rams, and, all right, it was Aaron Brooks' first NFL start. And, sure, Brooks is the first quarterback in NFL history to beat a reigning league champion on the road in his first start.

Harris' Line Pick: Saints by 1.5.

The L.A. Times Pick: New Orleans. Broncos have more experienced backups at quarterback and running back, but Saints defensive win out.

LL.M.
Cowboys (4-8)
at
Bucs (7-5)

Warren Sapp was mighty pleased with his inspirational offense's simple but high schoolish pep talk after the Buccaneers, insulted and inspired, went out and thumped Buffalo, 31-17. Sapp: "I think I should have done it a long time ago—31 points. Even Ray Charles can see we're improved." Or a roll, Sapp added. "Once this team gets to the playoffs, I'll take my chances on 60 minutes or go home. In Minnesota the had-ass in the NFC C'mon ... Then Detroit? Washington? No. I like our chances."

Harris' Line Pick: Bucs by 10.

The L.A. Times Pick: Tampa Bay. Last easy game in Buccaneers' fight to make playoffs.

LL.M.
Raiders (10-2)
at
Steelers (6-6)

The Inmaculate Reception. Lynn Swann's concussion, followed by Chuck Noll denouncing Raider hitman George Atkin as one of the NFL's "criminal element," followed by A. A. Sonson using Noll for slander, followed by Noll being acquitted. There are numerous unforgettable chapters in this fabled Silver-Vis-Iblack rivalry. Sunday will not be one of them.

Harris' Line Pick: Raiders by 3.

The L.A. Times Pick: Oakland. Raiders on their way to home-field advantage in playoffs.

LL.M.
Titans (9-3)
at
Eagles (9-4)

Mirror images, these two, except Tennessee comes equipped with yardage-gaining running backs and pass-catching wideouts, unlike Philadelphia, and the Eagles have a kicker who doesn't lose games by missing field goals, unlike the Titans. Coach Jeff Fisher has pledged allegiance to Del Greco, although he is trying with the idea of "working out" a couple of kickers.

Harris' Line Pick: Titans by 3.

The L.A. Times Pick: Tennessee. Coach Jeff Fisher and defensive coordinator Gregg Williams will find a way to slow the McNabb show.

LEAGUE STANDINGS

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East		Central		West	
W	L	W	L	W	L
Miami	9-3	Baltimore	9-3	Oakland	8-4
N.Y. Jets	8-4	Pittsburgh	6-6	Denver	8-4
Buffalo	7-5	Cleveland	5-7	Kansas City	5-7
Indianapolis	7-5	Cincinnati	2-10	San Diego	1-11
New England	6-6				

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East		Central		West	
W	L	W	L	W	L
Philadelphia	9-3	A. Minnesota	11-2	San Francisco	8-4
N.Y. Giants	8-4	Detroit	7-5	Carolina	7-5
Washington	7-5	L. Bay	7-5	Arizona	8-4
Atlanta	6-6	Chicago	5-7		
Arizona	8-4				

Thursday, Nov. 31
Minneapolis 24, Denver 17
Today's Games
Seattle at Carolina, 11 a.m.
Miami at Buffalo, 11 a.m.
N.Y. Jets at Carolina, 11 a.m.
N.Y. Giants at Washington, 11 a.m.
Dallas at Carolina, 11 a.m.
Denver at New Orleans, 11 a.m.
Raiders at Cincinnati, 11 a.m.
Oakland at Pittsburgh, 11 a.m.
Eagles at Philadelphia, 11 a.m.
New England at San Diego, 1:25 p.m.
Green Bay at N.Y. Jets, 1:25 p.m.
Indianapolis at Jacksonville, 1:25 p.m.
Los Angeles at Chicago, 3:35 p.m.
Open: Baltimore

2:05 p.m. (Fox)
49ers (4-8)
at
Chargers (1-11)

"This gets us out of the history books," Charger Coach Mike Riley announced after his team's quest for a 9-6 season hit a speed bump called the Kansas City Chiefs. Sad but true: The Chargers can still finish 1-15, but five other teams have already done that, most recently the '96 Jets.

Harris' Line Pick: Niners by 2.5.

The L.A. Times Pick: San Francisco.

2:15 p.m. (CBS)
Colts (7-5)
at
Tigs (8-4)

The Colts last at home at the RCA Dome last week and, after countless hours reviewing game film, have decided it's the RCA Dome's fault. Owner Jim Irsay is stumping for a new stadium, which is why the Colts sponsored a "Funditions" and "Tech-nology" luncheon this week, so Irsay could press the flesh and recruit tech-industry investors. Already, the Colts have lined up deals with such local technology companies as EDS and IQuest.

Harris' Line Pick: Colts by 2.

The L.A. Times Pick: Colts. Maybe it's a foolish pick, but it once would have seemed obvious.

2:15 p.m.
Browns (3-10)
at
Jaguars (5-7)

Last year, when the Browns—young and Corey Fuller's eyes wide and bright, the Cleveland cornerback went on Jim Rome's radio show and predicted the expansion Browns would reach the playoffs in their second season. Today, that second season is 13 games old, the Browns are 3-10 and Fuller's pleading pessimism: "I'm not a prophet," he said after Cleveland rallied from a 7-0 lead to lose, 44-7, against Baltimore last Sunday.

Harris' Line Pick: Jag by 15.

The L.A. Times Pick: Jacksonville. Jaguars might finish 9-7 with final three against Arizona, Cincinnati and N.Y. Giants.

6:20 p.m. (ESPN)
Packers (5-7)
at
Bears (3-9)

Fearing that Cade McNown's return from injury is imminent, prosective Bear fans have constructed a "Trade Cade" Web site, where like-minded Bear sufferers can sign a petition that asks the club to "end your Cade Experiment and trade him to the highest bidder in exchange for a few clean jockstraps, a Gatorade cooler, a new suit for Mike McCaskey and/or anything you can get for him."

Harris' Line Pick: Packers by 2.

The L.A. Times Pick: Green Bay. Packers can't be as bad as they were against Carolina, can they?

Monday, 7 p.m. (ABC)
Chiefs (5-5)
at
Patriots (2-8)

They always remember the streak-brakers—the Milwaukee Bucks finally stopping the Lakers at 33 wins in a row, Ken Keltner robbing Joe DiMaggio to ace with a 56-game hitting streak on the line, Tom Riddle hurdling spiking the ball on the Charger 1-yard line in a 15-yard unportsmattable penalty and force the 'chiefs to settle for a field goal in an eventual 17-16 loss to San Diego.

But that, absolutely, no truth to the report that when Canton came calling for his IQ exam, Richardson shipped off his No. 49 jersey.

Harris' Line Pick: Chiefs by 1.

The L.A. Times Pick: Kansas City. But there's no reason to watch.

Andy Reid has the Philadelphia-Eagles-in-first place. The Eagles? He must be the coach of the year.

But Jim Haslet has the New Orleans Saints in first place. The Saints? He must be the coach of the year.

Ah, but wait again. What about Jon Gruden of the first-place Raiders? Dennis Green of the first-place Vikings? Dave Wannstedt of the first-place Dolphins?

And don't forget Al Groh of the Jets, Brian Billick of the Ravens and Mike Shanahan of the Broncos.

Faced with various challenges, all have done superb jobs this season. So much so that it's hard to argue against any of them being selected as the top coach.

For the Eagles, 2000 has been an unexpected revival. They were 5-11 in Reid's first season and improved on defense. But they came into this season young, inexperienced and lacking depth on offense.

When they lost ace running back Duce Staley to a foot injury in Week 5, the Eagles seemed doomed. Instead, they are 9-4 and primed to win the NFC East.

"The most important thing as a head coach is that the players believe in what you're trying to get done. That's hands-down what has happened on this team," return specialist-running back Brian Mitchell says. "Everybody believes in what Andy talks about, what he stresses. Andy is very dedicated to what he does. Guys are picking up on that."

When the rest of the league is picking up on what's happening in New Orleans. In the aftermath of the Mike Ditka fiasco, Haslet probably had a grace period of a year or two. He hasn't needed it.

The Saints put together a six-game winning streak, albeit against the drags of the NFL, to move into playoff contention. That was impressive, considering the level to which they had sunk under Ditka.

But when they lost their two most important offensive players, Ricky Williams and Jeff Blake, they still went into St. Louis and beat the Rams to move into a tie for the NFC West lead. Clearly, Haslet hasn't allowed enthusiasm to die on a team that has never



Eagles Coach Andy Reid yells at his players during a game against the Pittsburgh Steelers in Philadelphia in this November file photo.

won a playoff game.

"Jim's such a natural at this job, the way he handles the players, the way he prepares and stays on top of everything," says Rick Venturi, once the head-coach in New Orleans and now the secondary coach. "Jim really understands the players. He remembers what it was like to play the game."

"He's given the guys a lot of pride. This isn't an arrogant team, but it has a swagger, and that comes from Jim."

The Raiders always have a swagger. But Gruden's Raiders couldn't win close games a year ago.

"This season, they haven't played as many close ones, winning four routs. But they've won most of the tight contests, too, and lead the AFC at 10-2."

Gruden kept the Raiders together despite their shortcomings in 1995, and he's turned quarterback Rich Gannon into a star. Oakland has a veteran team on which several players are almost as old as Gruden, 37.

There is no generation gap, but it's clear who's the boss.

The players also like the way Gruden lets them play "Raiders football."

"We want to be physical, there's no question about that. I don't know of any teams that don't want to be physical. We want to get after the other team's quarterback," Gruden said. "We're not trying to hurt anybody. But we want to be a very physical football team."

No team is tougher on defense than the Dolphins, who have ridden a workmanlike attack to the top of the AFC East. Wannstedt, stepping in after Jimmy Johnson quit, has looked nothing like the guy who was in charge of the Bears for five seasons.

"He's more in tune with what helps players perform better," says defensive end Trace Armstrong, who played—and feuded—with Wannstedt in Chicago. "He's very aware of what it takes to create a winning environment."

Monkey business

Little primate hits big time with Colts



INDIANAPOLIS (AP)—A little monkey business has meant big business for the Indianapolis Colts.

The "Touchdown Monkey" started as nothing more than a prop in a TV commercial for the Colts.

Then came the phone calls. Team officials were swamped with calls from fans wanting to know where to get the stuffed creature.

The only problem was, they didn't exist.

"We couldn't believe the response," said Ray Compton, Colts vice president of sales and marketing. "People were calling us and writing us asking, 'How can we get a "Touchdown Monkey"?' We quickly found a way to get them developed."

The blue-and-white stuffed animals have their arms raised, as if signaling a touchdown or extra point. The larger "Touchdown Monkey" is about two feet long; the smaller "Extra Point Monkey" about a foot.

CSA Promotions produced 1,000 limited editions of the "Touchdown Monkey" and the "Extra Point Monkey," complete with a authenticity tag and a certificate of authenticity. Fans went wild over the monkeys, which quickly sold out.

Larry Konfist, owner of CSA, said another 15,000 monkeys were made at a total cost of more than 9,000 of each had been

Susan Meador of Morristown, Ind., cheers on the Indianapolis Colts with her Touchdown Monkey, left, and Extra Point Monkey during a game against the Detroit Lions in Indianapolis Oct. 29. The Touchdown Monkey started as a prop in a television commercial for the Colts. Team officials were swamped with calls from fans wanting to know where to get the stuffed creatures. CSA Promotions produced 1,000 limited edition Touchdown and Extra Point Monkeys which quickly sold out.

It will be right up there with the Cheeseheads in Green Bay.

Fans have come to games dressed as a "Touchdown Monkey." Mike Ditka held one up on a CBS game show. There has been a "Touchdown Monkey" band, and a 25-foot inflatable version of the monkey was on display at a pregame rally.

And the Colts are sponsoring the "2000 Touchdown Monkey Tour" in early December at destinations to be selected by fans.

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NFL SUNDAY BLITZ

Scrambling and THROWING

New breed of quarterbacks redefines position

Washington Post ... Three months into the season, Minnesota Vikings offensive line coach Mike Tice is still astounded by the week-by-week performance of Daunte Culpepper...

with a 54-yard dash downfield Sunday at FedEx Field.

Remarkably, five quarterbacks are ranked among the top 20 rushers in their respective conferences. McNabb leads them all with 558 yards in 72 carries and five rushing touchdowns.

Four of the league's five top rushing quarterbacks lead teams with the best records in the NFL, including McNabb (9-4), Culpepper (11-2), Rich Gannon (404 yards) of Oakland (10-2) and Steve McNair (337 yards) of Tennessee (9-3).

Just as significant, there are movers and shakers at the quarterback position on half the teams in the league, running threats such as Pittsburgh's Kordell Stewart, Jacksonville's Mark Brunell, Buffalo's Doug Flutie and New Orleans' Aaron Brooks, and nimble men who can throw on the



Minnesota quarterback Daunte Culpepper is the leader of a new breed of bigger and faster and quarterbacks in the NFL.

run from a moving pocket such as Brett Favre in Green Bay, Jake Plummer in Arizona and Charlie Batch in Detroit.

Clearly there is still a place in the league for the largely immobile quarterbacks as well. Kurt Warner of the Rams and Peyton Manning of the Colts are the obvious poster boys for the big-

armed breed, but at the same time, batted quarterbacks like Troy Aikman in Dallas and Drew Bledsoe in New England provide ample reason for scouts to keep looking for the next McNabb, the future Culpepper.

"This is such a brutal game, and every Sunday, somebody gets the snout knocked out of

em," said St. Louis general manager Charley Arnes. "The quarterback has to figure out a way to escape. That's the coming breed—guys who can buy time and a second chance. They have natural instincts and great vision, and once they leave the pocket, they become a running back, not a quarterback."

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

AMERICAN FOOTBALL CONFERENCE

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- 1. Minnesota, 11-2
2. Oakland, 10-2
3. Tennessee, 9-3
4. St. Louis, 8-4
5. Miami, 9-3
6. Baltimore, 9-4
7. Washington, 7-5
8. New Orleans, 6-4
9. Denver, 6-4
10. Philadelphia, 9-4
11. New York Jets, 8-4
12. Tampa Bay, 7-5
13. Buffalo, 7-5
14. Indianapolis, 7-5
15. New York Giants, 8-4
16. Jacksonville, 5-7
17. Detroit, 8-5
18. Pittsburgh, 6-6
19. Dallas, 4-8
20. Carolina, 5-7
21. Green Bay, 5-7
22. Kansas City, 5-7
23. Seattle, 4-8
24. San Francisco, 4-8
25. Atlanta, 3-9
26. Cleveland, 3-10
27. New England, 3-9
28. Arizona, 3-9
29. Cincinnati, 2-10
30. Oakland Raiders, 2-10
31. Tampa Bay Buccaneers, 2-10
32. Los Angeles Rams, 2-10

CANTON MAKES THE CALL

Trio of refs joins Hall nominees

By Hal Bock AP sports writer

There is something sacred about the rows of sculptures that line the Pro Football Hall of Fame, tributes to 204 men who molded the game and built it from a casual pastime into a national passion.

Every position is represented from obscure offensive linemen to glamorous skill position players. And tucked in one corner is Shorty Ray, who somehow found his way into this pantheon.

Ray was the supervisor of officials for the NFL from 1938-52 and is credited with streamlining the rules of the game. He is the only member of the striped-shirt fraternity to be honored at the shrine in Canton, Ohio, but he could have company soon.

Three referees - Tommy Bell, Jerry Markbreit and Jim Tunney - are on the list of 78 nominees that will be pared to 15 for Hall of Fame consideration, the day before the Super Bowl.

For Tunney, this is a return engagement. He also was nominated a year ago, when Joe Montana and Ronnie Lott led the charge into Canton.

Tunney's credentials are substantial. He worked some of the most memorable games in NFL history, including the Ice Bowl, when Green Bay defeated Dallas for the 1967 NFL championship in sub-zero temperatures.

Then there was the Fog Bowl, a 1988 playoff game in Chicago that was played in soupy conditions that left what was happening on the field a mystery much of the time.

In between those two, there were other action-packed games. One year in the preseason Governors Cup game between the Kansas City Chiefs and St. Louis Cardinals, a late summer storm moved in. After Chiefs owner Lamar Hunt reminded Tunney that he would have \$6,000 in rain checks with which to deal, the ref positioned himself next to a tackle.

"I told him lightning always strikes the tallest object and he was a lot taller than me," he said.



National Football League official Tommy Bell, shown officiating a game in 1969, is one of three referees on a list of 78 nominees that will be considered for induction into the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

became so frustrated he screamed at Tunney's team of officials. "You guys are on drugs!"

The next time Tunney's group got a Glanville game, the ref sidled up to the coach before the kickoff. "I told him, 'Hey, Jerry, we took the test. We're OK today.'"

One time, Dallas quarterback Steve Pelleur was on the run and went into his self-preservation slide. Mike Singletary nailed the QB, bringing the usually placid Tom Landry out to protest.

"He was sliding, Jim, he was sliding," Landry argued. Tunney just smiled. "I told him, 'No, Tom, he was thinking about sliding,'" the ref said. "There's a difference."

Robinson's status for tonight's game against Green Bay at Soldier Field was downgraded from questionable to doubtful.

Robinson leads the Bears with 55 catches for 738 yards and five touchdowns, including scoring plays of 68 and 58 yards against Green Bay earlier this season in the Bears' 27-24 victory.

Double-teamed, Robinson caught just one pass last week for minus three yards in a 17-10 loss to the Jets, prompting him to say the offense had to find a way to get him the ball more often.

Robinson was chosen as a Pro Bowl alternate last season when he caught 84 passes for a club-record 1,400 yards.

NFL Notes

- the train in time. The identity of the victim was not immediately available. The victim was transferred to an Amtrak Metroliner that arrived at the crash site about 4 p.m. About a half-dozen trains were delayed for 30 minutes by the crash, Dunn said. Lions team doctor says Batch is good to play PONTIAC, Mich. - Lions quarterback Charlie Batch should be able to play next weekend against Green Bay, despite leaving Thursday's game against Minnesota.

Giants' train kills man on the tracks

NEW BRUNSWICK, N.J. (AP) - A chartered train carrying the New York Giants football team to Washington, D.C. for their NFC East showdown with the Redskins struck and killed a man on the tracks Saturday. The victim apparently committed suicide, Amtrak spokeswoman Karen Dunn said. She said the man walked onto the tracks just east of the New Brunswick station as the southbound train approached at 2:15 p.m. "The engineer said the gentleman saw the train coming, walked onto the tracks, looked at it and waved it off," she said. "He didn't make any attempt to move." The engineer applied emergency brakes, but could not stop

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Yankees say payroll should drop

NEW YORK (AP) — The Yankees insist they will be spending less, not more, next season.

Clearly sensitive to criticism following their signing of Mike Mussina to an \$88.5 million, six-year contract, the three-time defending World Series champions project their opening-day payroll at below \$113.4 million, its record level on Aug. 31.

The Mike Mussina signing would be neutral, or in fact might even save money in the overall budget, Yankees president Randy Levine said after completing Mussina's negotiations on Thursday.

The Yankees have 16 players on their 40-man roster signed at a total of \$84.8 million and infielder Alfonso Soriano (\$630,000) and pitcher Adrian Hernandez (\$600,000) might not be on the opening-day roster.

That would leave the total at \$79.4 million for 14 players:

- starting pitchers Roger Clemens (\$10.3 million), Mussina (\$10 million), Andy Pettitte (\$7 million) and Orlando Hernandez (\$2.05 million)
- relievers Mike Stanton (\$2.45 million) and Allen Watson (\$1.7 million)
- outfielders Bernie Williams (\$12,357,143) and Paul O'Neill (\$6.5 million)
- first baseman Tino Martinez (\$6 million)
- second baseman Chuck Knoblauch (\$6 million)
- third baseman Scott Brosius (\$5.25 million)
- backup catcher Joe Oliver (\$1.25 million)
- designated hitter David Justice (\$7 million)
- backup outfielder Glennell Hill (\$1.5 million)

Four players are eligible for salary arbitration, and the Yankees project shortstop Derek Jeter at \$13 million, closer Mariano Rivera at \$9 million, catcher Jorge Posada at \$4 million and reliever Ramiro Mendoza at \$1.5 million.

That would leave the payroll at \$107 million for 18 players, with Jeter's \$300,000, one-year contract due to be announced next week. It probably will cost \$2 million for so for the remaining six players, a group that includes left fielder Shatie Spencer, backup Clayton Kershaw, reliever Matt Gooden, who probably will agree to a minor league contract next week.

If the Yankees sign another reliever — Tom Gordon is a possibility — and bring back David Cone at a base salary of about \$500,000, the payroll could go up as much as another \$2.5 million to about \$112 million.

While some said the Mussina signing is a case of the rich getting richer, the Yankees are said they're actually saving money for that spot in the rotation — citing Cone's \$12 million salary last season, when he went 4-14.

"Usually, I think the Yankees spent their money wisely," Seattle Mariners general manager Pat Gillick said. "If they have the revenue, they should spend it."

Maier does it again in Beaver Creek

BEAVER CREEK, Colo. (AP) — After each victory in Colorado, Hermann Maier jokes about buying property near his favorite course. Why not? He already owns the mountain.

Maier continued his dominance at Beaver Creek on Saturday, winning a World Cup downhill for his seventh victory in nine races on the 3-year-old Birds of Prey course.

"If I don't get the house as a present, I have earned enough prize money here, maybe I can buy one," he said.

Sliding aggressively and brushing gates along the way, the Austrian covered the 1.6-mile course in 1 minute, 40.66 seconds to win his third World Cup event this season.

Maier, the defending overall World Cup champion, also has victories in the super-G and giant slalom. He leads the overall standings again with 376 points.

"You need a perfect race to beat Hermann," said Austrian Stephan Eberharter, who won last week's season-opening downhill. "He's in great shape. He always is."

Lasse Kjus of Norway, third last week in Lake Louise, Alberta, finished second at 1:41.15, and Eberharter was third at 1:41.47.

Rounding out the top five were Hannes Trinkl of Austria at 1:41.50 and competitor Fritz Strobl at 1:41.54. Six Austrians finished in the top 10.

Chad Fleischer, who lives in nearby Vail, was the top American, finishing 15th at 1:42.14. Ralives of Truckee, Calif., was 16th at 1:42.23, and Christopher Puckett of Boulder tied for 25th at 1:42:88.

Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Foundation's



"Visions of Christmas" December 6-10, 2000

At 241 Main Ave. West, Twin Falls
Thurs. & Fri. 10:00 am-10:00 pm
Sat. 10:00 am-8:00 pm • Sun. 11:00 am-5:00 pm

This year's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Foundation Festival of Trees will benefit Area Quick Response Units and the Magic Valley Heart Fund.

The MVRMC Foundation Heart Fund provides:

- ♥ support and enhanced treatment for heart patients
- ♥ equipment, education and other health related programs
- ♥ enhanced patient cardiac care right here in the Magic Valley

Our area Quick Response Units are the first to respond to many emergency medical calls and auto accidents in the Magic Valley. The proceeds from the Festival of Trees fund continuing education, equipment and maintenance for the QRUs.

Gala Celebration

Wednesday, Dec. 6th
7:00 - 10:00 pm

Tree preview, hors d'oeuvres, no-host cocktails, silent & live auctions. \$30.00 per person. Tickets available from the Foundation Office. 737-2481

Mistletoe Madness

Saturday, Dec. 9th
8:30 - 11:30 pm

Sponsored by Rosholt, Robertson & Tucker, Attorneys at Law. Enjoy the music of the Bob Nora Band. Informal dance, snacks and no-host cocktails. 21 and over please. \$15.00 per person. Tickets available from the Foundation Office. 737-2481.

Festival Snack Shoppe & See's Candy Cart

Trees & gifts for the whole Family.

Holiday Gift Shop

Hosted by the MVRMC Auxiliary. Unique gifts & stocking stuffers for everyone on your list.

Reindeer Ramble

Fun Run/Walk

Saturday, Dec. 9th

Registration begins at 10:30 am Sponsored by Key Bank, CSI Gymnasium. Choose from a 2-mile walk, 2-mile run or 4-mile run. \$20.00 registration includes T-shirt, snacks and Festival admission.

Senior Tea

Thursday, Dec. 7th
10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Sponsored by BridgeView Estates. Special Needs Sponsored by Frazier & Associates, CPA. 1/2 price admission for seniors all day. Refreshments to be served.

Children's Breakfast with Santa

Saturday, Dec. 9th
8:30 am

Spon. by Interstate Amusement. \$10.00 per child. Includes breakfast, admission to the Festival, and admission to Santa's special showing of "102 Dalmatians."

Entertainment Main Stage

Sponsored by First Federal Savings Bank. Continuous entertainment performed by talented local singing groups, choirs, bands, dance groups and musicians.

Thursday • December 7

- 10:00 Jerome High School Coraliers
- 11:00 Twin Falls Christian Academy Band and Choir
- 11:30 Filer Jazz Band
- 12:00 Filer Madrigals
- 12:30 Clover Trinity Lutheran School Choir and Chime Choir
- 1:00 Kimberly High School
- 1:30 Kimberly Middle School
- 2:00 Kimberly Elementary ~ 4th Grade
- 3:30 Susan Brown
- 5:00 Melanie's Tavaci
- 5:30 Melanie's Tavaci
- 6:00 Nielson's School of Dance and Stargazers Dance Company
- 7:30 Razz-Ma-Tazz
- 8:30 Bert Huish

- 6:00 Noteworthy
- 7:00 Dance Rhythms
- 7:30 Merle Stoddard's Tappers
- 8:00 JUMP Company
- 8:30 Jennifer McFarlane
- 9:00 The Taylor Family Singers

Saturday • December 9

- 10:00 Julie's Jazzworks
- 11:00 Sunburst Unlimited
- 12:00 The Mauldin Dance Academy
- 1:00 Magichords of Twin Falls
- 1:30 He-Tep-Ta Dancers
- 2:00 Sanzyuryu
- 2:30 Posergy
- 3:00 Nielsen's School of Dance and Stargazers Dance Company
- 4:00 Twin Falls High School Jazz Band
- 4:30 Magic Valley Gems Dance and Tumbling Company
- 5:00 Lori J. Head School of Dance
- 6:00 Canyonside Jazz Orchestra
- 7:00 LDS Institute Choir
- 7:30 O'Leary Jazz Band

Friday • December 8

- 10:00 First Baptist Preschool
- 10:30 Immanuel Lutheran Free Kindergarten
- 11:00 Lighthouse Christian Elementary
- 11:30 Lighthouse Christian Middle School
- 12:00 Hansen Elementary Honor Choir
- 1:00 Popplewell Elementary Honor Choir
- 1:30 Perrine 3rd Grade Angels
- 2:00 Oregon Trail Choir
- 2:30 Immanuel Lutheran Free Kindergarten
- 3:30 Liberty Christian Academy
- 4:30 The Mauldin Dance Academy
- 5:30 Razz-Ma-Tazz

Sunday • December 10

- 11:00 Alaina Davis
- 12:30 Kelsea and Kallie Beig
- 1:00 Shey-Patterson
- 1:30 Rose Gailey
- 2:00 City Park Children's Choir
- 2:30 Rosin Dusters
- 3:00 Robert Stuart Bell Canto Choir
- 4:00 Diana Thomas



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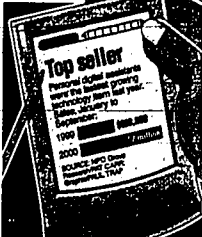
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BRIEFLY IN MONEY

OMI wins prestigious national quality award

TWIN FALLS — Operations Management International Inc. (OMI) said it will receive the 2000 Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award, the nation's premier award for performance and quality.

One of four Baldrige Award winners, OMI is the only company this year in the service category to win. The awards are to be presented at a ceremony in Washington, D.C.

"OMI began its quality journey in 1990 when we initiated our Obsessed With Quality process. Winning the Baldrige Award demonstrates that our quality process continues to positively affect the millions of lives our people touch through the daily provision of superior utility management services," OMI President Don S. Evans said.

Named after a former secretary of commerce, the annual award recognizes U.S. organizations for their leadership, strategic planning, customer and market focus, information and analysis, human resource focus, process management, and performance and business results. OMI uses these criteria as a cornerstone for Obsessed With Quality.

OMI said its Obsessed With Quality process empowers associates to develop new approaches to enhance job performance. The mission: Exceed customer expectations, empower people and enhance the environment.

OMI has operated the Twin Falls sewer plant since 1986. Under OMI's leadership, Twin Falls has won the prestigious George Burke Award for Safety and numerous other awards for innovations.

A member of the American, employee-owned CH2M HILL Companies Ltd., OMI offers complete infrastructure development, financing, design and operations and maintenance services. Headquartered in Denver, it manages 160 water and wastewater facilities in the Americas, Middle East and Asia.

Since Congress established the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award in 1987, 41 organizations have earned it.

Chamber welcomes three businesses this week

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce will hold three ribbon-cutting events at Twin Falls businesses this week.

• 4:30 p.m. Monday, Mystic Pathways, 132 Main Ave. S.
 • 2 p.m. Wednesday, Tilley & Co., 691 Addison Ave.

• 10 a.m. Thursday, The Cookie Basket, 106 Main St. N.

Jerome chamber holds

December lunch at noon

JEROME — The Jerome Chamber of Commerce will hold its December Chamber Lunch at noon Dec. 13 at the Liberty Christian Academy, 821 E. Ave. H.

The event will feature Christmas food and music.

Cost is \$8 per person. Reservations are required by 3 p.m. Wednesday and can be made by calling the chamber at 324-2711 or faxing information to 324-6881.

Buhl chamber meets for lunch at Grandstands

BUHL — The Buhl Chamber of Commerce will hold a lunch meeting at noon Monday at Grandstands Sports Grill.

Sen. John Sandy, R-Hagerman, assistant majority leader in the state Senate, will be the speaker.

The chamber's second lunch in December will be at noon Dec. 18 at Grandstands Sports Grill.

Compiled from staff reports



Lisa Harshbarger reads a story to her four daughters, Brittany, 9, Amber, 8, Kayla, 5, and Ronni, 2, at their home in Jerome Thursday. Despite the fact that she and her husband work, the Harshbargers still need some government assistance to make ends meet.

Wages leave family short

There's nothing left over to save for emergencies

By Virginia S. Hutchins
 Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — One has to get ahead to get ahead, Lisa Harshbarger says. The 31-year-old Jerome woman cooks, cleans and mans the counter at a Twin Falls fast-food restaurant for \$5.75 an hour. She has thought of returning to college and learning to be an accountant, but there's no money for books, tuition and the like.

Harshbarger's husband, David, 32, is a lube technician at a Jerome truck stop at \$8 an hour. He has looked around for higher-paying work, but not seriously — because to get mechanic jobs that pay more, he would need his own tools, Harshbarger said. Her husband has just an incomplete set.

Money in the bank would make a difference, and the mother of four daughters would love to save. But the family hasn't been able to put any money aside, she said.

When emergencies arise, they make do. The last time her husband's car broke down, a neighbor loaned the Harshbargers a car until they could afford repairs.

Harshbarger wants to reach the point where if there's an emergency, "we don't automatically stress. We just say, 'We've got it, we'll take care of it,'" she said.

Her family's situation is a common one in the Magic Valley, according to the "Wage Gap Study" released last week by Greg Rogers, the Idaho Department of Labor's labor market analyst for the Magic Valley.

The valley's average wage of \$9.61 per hour falls short by 35 percent of the \$14.74 "livable wage" Rogers figures a worker

needs to earn to support a family of four here.

In other words, \$14.74 is "a wage that allows families to meet their basic needs without resorting to public assistance and provides them with some ability to deal with emergencies and plan ahead," he said.

His intent wasn't to bash Magic Valley. Rogers amassed an array of local wage, demographic and job-applicant information in an effort to convince certain prospective employers their job openings won't stay empty if they bring their operations to the Magic Valley.

Benefits and wages of about \$8 will draw applicants in crowds, he tells them.

Some economic-development prospects point to the valley's low unemployment rates as a detriment to new business. Canton, Mass.-based Stream International Inc., for example, this summer ended its consideration of Twin Falls as a site for an inbound technical-support call center with hundreds of workers, citing only the low unemployment

ment. Rogers and other economic-development leaders were sorry to see Stream go.

"The Magic Valley work force is one of the finest work forces in Idaho," Rogers said in his wage study.

"Existing employers comment often about the dedication and work ethic of their new hires," he said. "If an employer offers competitive wages, good benefits, and sufficient advertising and uses existing support services such as Job Service, there are more than adequate workers for most sectors."

With strong business climate, low costs and low comparative wages, "the Magic Valley is an extremely attractive place to locate a business," said Rogers, whose next study project will be on turnover costs for minimum-wage employers.

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Department of Labor studies pay, demographics, job applicant activity

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — Don't let low unemployment rates deceive you, he tells them.

Greg Rogers for more than a year has told prospective employers that Magic Valley has a work force willing and ready to change jobs, especially for benefits, better pay or less physically demanding tasks.

Now the state's labor market analyst for the Magic Valley has the data he hopes will strengthen that argument and help bring new jobs to the valley.

Here are some of the points Rogers makes in his recently completed "Wage Gap Study" of south-central Idaho, which is distributing to businesses looking at locations in the valley:

• "Despite some influx of light manufacturing, call center and clerical jobs in the Magic Valley, the nature of the eight-county region still remains dependent upon agriculture and the health of the agricultural market. Therefore, economic diversification has been the goal of local chambers of commerce and economic development associations."

• All the valley's counties except Blaine, Jerome and Gooding have per capita incomes much lower than the state average of \$22,079 and significantly lower than the U.S. average of \$27,195.

• The reason? Wages in Magic Valley are lower than in most of Idaho, due

to the area's agricultural influence and a marked increase in service-sector jobs.

• A preliminary study of agricultural wage practices conducted in June shows the wages paid to all sectors of farm workers averaged between \$6 and \$7 per hour. Many employers in other sectors use farm wages as a benchmark to set their own workers' pay.

• The city of Twin Falls has become a major regional center for retail and dining — sectors that traditionally hire unskilled or semi-skilled workers. In February, a Magic Valley survey concluded the "average wage" in 1999 and February 2000 show wages increased in 45 major occupations by only 75 percent, compared with a Consumer Price Index inflation rate of 3 percent for the same period. So Magic Valley workers actually lost 3.25 percent purchasing power.

• Livable wage, for this study, is defined as "a wage that allows families to meet their basic needs without resorting to public assistance and provides them with some ability to deal with emergencies and plan

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Weekly watch

Here's how a few companies with Magic Valley locations, or other local ties, fared in the stock market during the week

Symbol	Description	Friday's Close	Previous Friday	Weekly change	52-week high-low	Annual Yield
ABS	ALBERTSON'S	24 1/16	25 3/8	-7/16	39 1/4 - 20 1/16	3.08%
ABCA	AMERISTAR	5 9/16	5 15/16	-3/8	12 1/2 - 10 1/16	NA
CAG	CONAGRA	25 3/8	25 7/8	-1/4	26 3/16 - 15 1/16	3.55%
CBST	CHICKEN	32 5/8	35 7/8	-2 13/16	60 1/2 - 25 15/16	NA
FD	FEDERATED	50 1/2	50 1/2	0	50 1/2 - 24 1/16	NA
HNI	H. J. HEINZ	45 5/16	44 7/16	7/8	45 7/8 - 30 13/16	3.46%
HDI	HARLEY-DAVIDSON	45 15/16	44 1/2	1 1/16	50 5/8 - 27 7/8	22%
MD	MCDONALD'S	38 15/16	37 1/2	1 7/8	18 1/4 - 15 5/16	41%
IDA	IDACORP	50 1/2	49 9/16	15/16	53 - 25 15/16	3.68%
JCP	J.C. PENNEY	10 3/16	10 1/16	-1/4	23 5/16 - 8 1/16	5.10%
SKD	SHOPRO	5 3/4	5 3/4	0	7 1/2 - 2 1/2	NA
KEY	KEY CORP.	25 1/16	22 15/16	2 1/8	27 1/16 - 16 9/16	4.49%
KM	KMART	5 5/8	6 1/16	-7/16	12 1/4 - 5 1/16	NA
UNP	UNION PACIFIC	28 1/8	27 1/8	1/16	27 7/16 - 14 1/16	NA
LRW	LABOR READY	37 7/16	3 7/8	-3/16	37 1/2 - 28 1/16	NA
LFB	LONGVIEW FIBRE	14	13 13/16	3/16	14 3/4 - 10 9/16	3.43%
MCD	MCDONALD'S	30 15/16	28 1/16	2 3/4	48 3/4 - 26 3/8	68%
MU	MICRON TECH	30 1/16	40 13/16	-9 7/8	97 1/2 - 28 1/16	3.54%
OMX	OFFICEMAX	2 3/8	2 11/16	-5/16	7 9/16 - 2	NA
PHA	PHARMACIA	57 1/2	57 1/16	-3/16	64 - 33 3/4	63%
O	OWEST	37 7/16	37 1/16	0	37 1/2 - 28 1/16	13%
RAD	RITE AID	2 1/2	2 15/16	-7/16	13 1/4 - 2 7/16	18.40%
S	SEARS	32 5/8	29 5/8	2 3/8	43 5/8 - 25 1/2	2.82%
SKY	SKYYEST	58 1/16	57 1/8	1 1/16	60 1/16 - 21 1/8	27%
TGT	TARGET	31 7/16	28 7/16	3	39 3/16 - 21 3/8	70%
UNP	UNION PACIFIC	27 1/8	27 1/8	0	50 5/8 - 34 1/4	74%
USB	U.S. BANCORP	24 5/16	22 1/16	2 1/4	12 3/16 - 6 3/16	3.54%
WMT	WAL-MART	51 9/16	45 3/16	6	70 1/4 - 41 1/2	47%
WFLB	WASH. FEDERAL	23 1/2	21 7/8	1 5/8	23 1/2 - 14 5/8	4.26%
WNG	WASH. GROUP	8 1/2	8 1/16	3/16	12 3/16 - 6 3/16	NA
WFC	WELLS FARGO	47 3/8	43 3/8	4	49 9/16 - 31 7/16	2.03%
ZION	ZIONS BANCORP	55 5/8	53 1/4	2 3/8	71 - 32	1.44%

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High-tech managers keep bags packed

The Associated Press

The average tenure of corporate leaders is shrinking, a new study finds, and much of the decline can be attributed to short stints by leaders of the New Economy.

Over the past eight quarters, managers have seen the median length of their tenure fall to seven years, declining about 36 percent from 1998, when 11 years was the average, according to a survey of 3,000 discharged executives by Challenger Gray & Christmas.

The recent decline has been greatly influenced by the recent dot-com shakeout, as a growing number of executives were discharged with less than two years on the job, the Chicago-based hiring firm reports.

The shift is even more extreme when compared to the fourth quarter of 1990, when tenure for managers averaged 13 years.

"Everything happens much faster in the Internet-driven New Economy," says Challenger CEO John A. Challenger. "Information spreads instantaneously, competitors pop up overnight, market demand shifts on the fly. Companies cannot afford to fall behind."

YOUR BUSINESS

Idaho Barley Commission slates Barley workshop

The Times-News

BURLEY - The Idaho Barley Commission will host a Barley Risk Management Workshop this month in Burley to educate producers on available risk management programs, including federally subsidized crop insurance and futures and options.

"Our goal is to arm barley producers with a range of risk management tools that will help them weather low market prices and other risks inherent in farming," said Gary Simmons, commission chairman and grain producer from Iona. "We need to be better equipped to deal with the tough economic cycles facing our industry, as well as capitalize on the opportunities for greater profits," he said.

The workshop will be held

from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Dec. 13 at the Burley Inn.

- Topics include:
- Details of the existing multi-peril and income protection barley-crop insurance policies, making barley endorsement.
 - Crop insurance.
 - Data requirements for insurance policies.
 - Corn futures/options used to hedge barley.
 - Federal loan deficiency payments and lending loans.
 - Equipment leasing vs. custom vs. ownership.
 - Idaho Prime Partnerships Marketing Alliance.

Admission is free, but participants are encouraged to reserve a space by calling the Idaho Barley Commission at 334-2090 or the Minidoka County Extension Office at 436-7184.

MILESTONES

Local company installs hydrogen generators

TWIN FALLS - Water Fuel International Inc. of Twin Falls announced the production of a hydrogen generator for gas and diesel engines.

The business, which began in April, installed the hydrogen generator on a Professional Truck Driving School's diesel truck. This new hydrogen generator will improve gas mileage and power, decrease exhaust emissions and extend the engine life by decreasing engine temperature by 200 degrees Fahrenheit, said Gordon Carter, part owner of Water Fuel International.

Production of the new hydrogen generator began recently in American Falls, and the first units are being installed. Professional Truck Driving School of Twin Falls is the authorized training center for the generator, he said.

The generator runs on water. Electricity from the alternator breaks the water down into hydrogen and oxygen. These gases are pulled off and filtered before it is put into the air intake of the gas or diesel engine. Carter said, Model 121600A generator on diesel trucks, but other models will be available for cars, pickups and Volkswagen bugs.

The patented process has had eight years of research.

"This new design has increased the amount of hydrogen by 40 percent over the previous models. Three prototypes have been installed on three trucks, and the drivers love it because of the increase in power," Carter said in a statement. "They have had a gas mileage increase from as low as 2 miles per gallon to as high as three miles per gallon. ... The hydrogen assists the gasoline or diesel fuel in burning more completely and powerfully."

Water Fuel International is at 1746 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls. The other owners are Vince Kueera of American Falls and Gary Stover of Phoenix. For information, call 734-2020.

Idaho Youth Ranch receives recycling award

TWIN FALLS - Southern Idaho Solid Waste has awarded the Idaho Youth Ranch thrift stores its Recycler of the Year Award in recognition of the important role they play in reuse of materials and reduction of solid waste going to landfills.

Idaho Youth Ranch stores in Buhl, Gooding, Jerome, Rupert, Twin Falls and Burley collect and resell tons of goods each year that might otherwise be deposited in the Milner Butte Landfill.

"When a used shirt or piece of furniture is donated for reuse rather than thrown out with the trash it has an extended life span that reduces waste, saves landfill space and conserves resources," said Michael Hofferber, recycling coordinator for Southern Idaho Solid Waste.

"Reuse is one of the most effective and least recognized forms of recycling, and we're fortunate to have the Idaho Youth Ranch thrift stores facilitating these exchanges in southern Idaho," he said.

Idaho Youth Ranch provides residential treatment, group

homes, adoption and other services for troubled, disturbed, delinquent or abused children and adolescents. A network of thrift stores throughout the state generates operating revenue.

Tax-deductible donations are accepted at each Youth Ranch store, and a collection truck is available to pick up donations.

For information on recycling in southern Idaho, including drop-off locations and details on recycling specific items, visit the Southern Idaho Solid Waste website at www.sisw.org, send e-mail to recycling@sisw.org or phone the Recycling Information Line at 886-7941.

TF office wins accolades from Suburban Propane

TWIN FALLS - Suburban Propane said its customer service center at 139 Locust St. is the first in the state to earn the company's Gallery of Excellence recognition program.

Suburban Propane conducted customer satisfaction surveys to determine the winners.

The first employees at the Twin Falls location will receive awards. A group portrait of the winning employees will be displayed in the Gallery of Excellence at the Suburban Propane headquarters in Whiting, N.J.

Suburban Propane Partners LP, a publicly traded company, has been in the customer service business since 1928 and said it is the nation's third-largest propane gas marketer.

The company serves more than 720,000 residential, commercial, industrial and agricultural customers through more than 350 centers in more than 40 states.

CancerConsultants.com strikes partnership deal

KETCHUM - CancerConsultants.com, a provider of cancer treatment information, announced a strategic partnership with HealthGate Data Corp., a provider of hosted Web content and managed content for businesses that target health-care consumers.

CancerConsultants.com will license cancer information from its primary consumer Web site, 411Cancer.com, for exclusive use on HealthGate and affiliate sites, including NBCI and the more than 500 hospital sites that use HealthGate's CHOICE eHealth Platform. CHOICE is employed by hospitals nationwide that outsource the transmission of their static Web sites into interactive medical resources for patients and health professionals.

"The epicenter of our business is a cancer knowledge center is to empower patients through education about their treatment options and to facilitate access to clinical trials," said Dr. Charles Weaver, CancerConsultants.com founder and chief executive.

"By partnering with HealthGate, we are able to share this knowledge with cancer patients and, ultimately, better serve patients seeking credible cancer information," he said. "By allowing HealthGate to market our content to hospitals, we partner with the premier distributor of Internet-based health-care managed content and can focus our energy on recruitment of patients to clinical trials and development of physician practice Web sites."

TWIN FALLS - Magic Valley Rehabilitation Services announced the addition of two new staff members:



Suzanne Kohl



Seward Nelson

interests in psychology and continues to seek training in that field.

Seward "Boyd" Nelson joined MVRSS Nov. 6 as its vocational evaluator. He recently moved his family to Idaho from Vermont. He obtained a bachelor's degree from the University of Massachusetts. Over the past 12 years, he has been working with developmentally disabled individuals for Mental Health in Vermont and working with boys for Easter Seals Inc. Nelson said he plans to continue training in the vocational area to keep up with the growing demand and hopes to help people in this area find employment compatible with their abilities.

Nelson can be reached at 734-4522; Kohl, at 734-4112.

TWIN FALLS - Certified public accountant Sherry Olsen-Frank recently completed the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants' continuing professional education course on "Developing an ElderCare Practice."



Sherry Olsen-Frank

Olsen-Frank said she learned how to provide financial advice to clients that their loved ones are receiving the financial and personal care they need. Objectives of the course were to understand the effects of aging, to offer elder-care insurance services to clients and their families, and to perform an elder-care engagement.

Olsen-Frank's professional limited liability company now offers elder-care services in Magic Valley. For information, call 734-4708.

TWIN FALLS - Jensen Jewelers announced the graduation of Bryan Otto, of Jensen Jewelers in the Magic Valley Mall, and Sandra Kulhamek and Terrie Stevens, both of Jensen Management, from its Certified Professional Jeweler program.

All three employees completed the 11-week course and received certification. The course involves training in all product areas of the jewelry industry, including diamonds, genuine stones, watches and all facets of jewelry making.

TWIN FALLS - Cheryllyn Holman, a Twin Falls registered nurse, and Dr. Craig Holman, a Twin Falls podiatrist, participated in the Diabetes Alliance of Idaho Bi-Annual Conference on Nov. 3 in Boise.

The alliance works to improve access to quality health care, increase awareness and support through education and reduce diabetes-related complications for those challenged with diabetes in Idaho.

The conference addressed access-to-care issues, diabetes foot care and advocacy. Participants were introduced to a new Spanish version of The Idaho Plate Method, an easy approach to balance food for good nutrition and blood sugar management.

SHOSHONE - The Shoshone

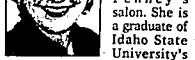
CAREER MOVES

District Grazing Board held an election for board members in the Bennett Hills and Monument management areas of the Shoshone District of the Bureau of Land Management.

Re-elected to terms on the board were Lewis Onelda of Jerome, Jim Ritchie of Eden and Jim Patterson of Gooding. Newly elected members were Lynden Osborn of Hagerman, Tom Faulkner of Bliss and Gerald Tewes of Fillet.

The grazing board oversees projects on public lands in the Shoshone District. Permittees with grazing privileges in the district may apply to the grazing board for improvement-project funds and should contact either the Shoshone District Office or Henri LeMoine of Twin Falls, secretary for forms, before Jan. 1 for the coming year's funding.

TWIN FALLS - Stylist Tammy Horgan has moved to Jaggedge, formerly known as The Clip.

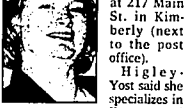


Tammy Horgan

Horgan is formerly a stylist at J.C. Penney's salon. She is a graduate of Idaho State University's cosmetology school. She said she specializes in hair, fringes and has education in both color and corrective color.

She can be reached at Jaggedge, 303 Second St. E., 734-6276.

KIMBERLY - Lanette Higley-Yost joined the staff at Leslie's Barber & Hair Styling Salon at its new location at 217 Main St. in Kim



Lanette Higley-Yost

berly (next to the post office). Higley-Yost said she specializes in a men's color - next to exotic high fashion weaves and highlights to soft, natural-looking highlights and lowlights.

Higley-Yost's grand opening will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.

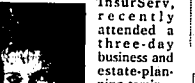
TWIN FALLS - Henri LeMoine of Twin Falls will lead the international organization of the American Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers in 2001.

LeMoine was installed recently as the 65th president of the ASFMRA during its annual convention in Nashville, Tenn. After graduating from University of Idaho in 1973 with a bachelor's degree in education, LeMoine began working as a field assistant in Twin Falls. He now owns LeMoine Realty and Appraisal in Twin Falls and appraises all types of properties in Idaho and Nevada.

LeMoine joined ASFMRA in 1974 and received his Accredited Rural Appraiser designation in 1982. He has served in leadership roles within ASFMRA, including National District VII vice president and president of the ASFMRA Idaho Chapter. He has participated in development of course materials for the society.

He will spend the year representing the society, its members and their professions. LeMoine will meet with chapter members, allied organizations and other professionals in agriculture during his travels.

TWIN FALLS - Laura Drake, a licensed agent with McDonald InsurServ, recently attended a three-day business and estate-planning seminar sponsored by Penn Mutual.



Laura Drake

Taught by American College in Philadelphia, the seminar focused on multi-employer benefit plans, buy-sell planning valuation issues, buy-sell agree-

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ments, selective benefits for the business owner, the Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan and the implication of a business agreement on estate planning. Attendance was by invitation.

McDonald is a resident of Magic Valley. Drake joined McDonald InsurServ in 1999. She serves on the board of the Southern Idaho Association for Insurance and Financial Advisers. Drake also serves as a 4-H leader, is a member of the Kiwanis Club, sits on the board of directors for Magic Valley Rehabilitation Services and is a certified North American Riding for the Handicap Association instructor.

McDonald InsurServ offers a range of products including commercial, agriculture, personal, life and health insurance; it has offices in Twin Falls, Burley, Idaho Falls, Blackfoot and Nampa.

TWIN FALLS - Each year, the Idaho State Bar honors members of the profession for their contributions to their communities and to the legal profession.

William R. Hollifield received the Professionalism Award from the 7th Judicial District.

First presented in 1992, the award is an expression of respect and commendation from professional peers. The Idaho State Bar said it is one of the highest honors any Idaho lawyer may receive during his or her career. Recipients are lawyers who have a wide reputation for ability, diligence, courtesy and cooperation. They have demonstrated devotion to public service, improvement of the administration of justice and a career-long practice of civility, integrity and dignity, the Idaho State Bar said. Only one lawyer per year from each of the seven judicial districts is chosen.

Hollifield is a partner in the Twin Falls law firm Hollifield and Bevan. He graduated from University of Idaho College of Law in 1969 and was admitted to the Idaho State Bar that year. He served in the U.S. Army then was an attorney

and an assistant in the Department of Justice in 1972 and 1973. He was Twin Falls County prosecuting attorney in 1974 and 1975. He is admitted to practice before the U.S. District Court for the State of Idaho and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit. Hollifield is the commissioner of the Idaho State Bar from 1984 through 1986, serving as president in 1986. He is an active member of the American Bar Association, the Idaho Trial Lawyers Association and the Association of Trial Lawyers of America. He is a state certified mediator for civil disputes.

Last year, Hollifield received the Pro Bono award from the bar. He continues to accept difficult family law cases for the Idaho Volunteer Lawyers Program and has helped victims of domestic violence escape from their abusers through his legal intervention, the state bar said.

Pro Bono awards, given to attorneys who have worked unusual, lengthy or complicated cases at no charge to the client, are named for the late Denise O'Donnell-Day, who directed the Idaho Volunteer Lawyers Program and illness forced her retirement in April 1996, the Idaho State Bar said.

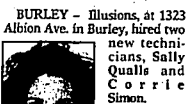
Pro Bono award recipients this year are John S. Ritchie and Dennis S. Voorhees.

Ritchie accepts divorce, modification of guardianship cases through IVLP. He has done more than 60 hours to clients through the program. He is with the Twin Falls law firm Coleman, Ritchie & Robertson. He received his degree from the University of Idaho College of

Law. Ritchie has been a member of the Idaho State Bar since 1975.

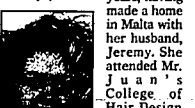
Voorhees represents low-income clients in child-and-adult guardianship and bankruptcy cases and does non-property wills for IVLP clients. He has donated more than 50 hours in legal services for persons living in poverty and has been devoting a considerable amount of time during the past year to establishing an Advice and Consultation Clinic for Senior Citizens in Twin Falls. He is a University of Idaho College of Law graduate and has been a member of the bar since 1978. Voorhees was a member of the Legal Technology Committee and is a member of the Solo & Small Firm and Tax, Elder, Probate and Trust Law sections. He served on the bar's Legal Technology Committee for four years.

BURLEY - Illusions, at 1323 Albin Ave. in Burley, has two new technicians, Sally Qualls and Corrie Simon.



Sally Qualls

Qualls is originally from Dillon, Mont., and has lived in Idaho for the past three years, having made a home in Malta with her husband, Jeremy. She attended Mr. J. J. Sullivan's College of Hair Design in Twin Falls and has a year and a half of experience. She has worked at Illusions since September.



Corrie Simon

Simon is originally from Oakes and has lived in Twin Falls for the past 5 1/2 years. She attended Bon Losee Academy of Hair Artistry in Provo, Utah, then worked as a stylist at Fourth Street Hair Design in Orem, Utah, for 4 1/2 years. She then became an instructor at Bon Losee Academy and was in charge of the night program. She moved back to Burley in October and began working at Illusions.

THE LIGHT TOUCH

by Craig Smith



Most folks won't admit their faults. We would... if we had any.

One of life's problems is that parents' peak earning years seldom coincide with kids' peak spending years.

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U.S. Bank Assistant Vice President Sue Grimsman, right, presents a \$2,500 check Nov. 21 to Sherry Olsen-Frank for construction of the skateboard park at Ramon Park.

CONTRIBUTIONS

■ The Twin Falls Fred Meyer Store donated six pallets of food, health and beauty aids, toys, bedding, toys and other merchandise valued at more than \$25,000 to the Salvation Army in Twin Falls.

Salvation Army spokesman Maj. Ed Patterson said the gift will be used to make holiday baskets for local families in need and to replenish supplies at the Army's warehouse and other facilities.



Dennis McArthur, executive team leader from the Twin Falls Target Store, presents a \$1,000 check to Doll Smith, president of Magic Valley Symphony League.

■ The Maestro's Circle Committee of the Magic Valley Symphony League said Target Stores awarded a cash grant of \$1,000 to the Magic Valley Symphony Orchestra.

The grant will help foster the continuation and growth of the orchestra, which has been a

presence in the local music community since 1959.

TELL US YOUR BUSINESS

YourBusiness is a weekly feature that highlights commercial activity in the Magic Valley. If you have information about any of the following, The Times-News wants to hear about it:

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Wages

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ahead. It is not a poverty wage."
• A family of four in Twin Falls could have these monthly requirements:

Three-bedroom apartment	\$545
Groceries	\$246
Housekeeping supplies	\$48
Clothing	\$75
Entertainment	\$70
Personal care	\$50
Energy	\$22
Telephone	\$73
Gasoline (50 gallons at \$1.626)	\$81
Automobile loan payment	\$200
Medical (one doctor, one dentist per month)	\$123
Health, life and auto insurance	\$250
Miscellaneous	\$130
Savings	\$100
Total after-tax needed	\$2,018
Total before-tax needed	\$2,554
(21 percent tax rate)	\$2,554
Hourly livable wage before tax	\$14.74

Rural areas of the Magic Valley typically have lower housing costs, but that is offset by commuting costs to nearby jobs.

• A February survey in the greater Twin Falls, Jerome and Burley areas of 45 major occupations — ones that employ the most people — showed the average wage was \$9.61 per hour. Those occupations included numerous higher-paying teaching, administration, construction and medical jobs.

• Given that finding, there is a \$5.13 per hour "wage gap" between a livable wage and the average pay in Magic Valley. That translates into about 35 percent wage underemployment.

• Of the 45 major occupations surveyed, only three had average wages higher than

\$14.74. "An even more distressing number is that only 13 occupations out of 45 had upper wage ranges that paid higher than \$14.74 per hour."

• Based on telephone interviews of medical facilities and health insurance providers, it is estimated only 65 to 70 percent of Magic Valley workers have job benefits such as medical or life insurance.

• The effects of the wage gap and lack of benefits?

Most families must have both parents work to make a living. Workers are willing to change jobs quickly for a small increase in wages — as little as 10 cents an hour — especially if there are benefits. And many workers hold two or more part-time jobs, making them receptive to full-time employment at competitive pay.

• The Magic Valley work force is aging. (In south central Idaho, the projected 2000 population of people 55 years or older is 34,161 — 21 percent of the total population of 160,782.) Much of the work in the valley — especially some higher-paying jobs such as food processing, dairy and farm work — requires a great deal of physical effort and is outdoors. That can be hard for older workers.

"Consequently, many of those workers are looking to change into less physically demanding jobs in more comfortable surroundings such as technology, clerical, call center and retail jobs. If wages and benefits are perceived as similar, retail applicant activity has shown the most interest. Retail worker to be the largest segment willing to change jobs."

• In the past decade, thousands of applicants applied for just hundreds of openings at several major new retail stores that offered full benefits and all paid at least \$7.50 per hour to start.

Jobs

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In the current local wage climate, most Magic Valley families need two incomes to lead a good lifestyle, Rogers' wage study concludes.

Harshbarger said she works at Jack in the Box about 31 to 38 hours per week — "as close to 40 as I can get" — because her household needs to survive on one income. The restaurant funds a retirement account and gives vacation pay, she said, but she gets no paid sick time or holidays and no insurance.

Her husband's full-time job at Petro 2 provides health insurance.

"We couldn't afford the whole family, so I made him get it on himself, at least," Harshbarger said.

The two talk about financial goals "quite regularly," but neither has looked much for

higher-paying work in the valley. "Me, I'm kind of afraid to. Fast food is really the one skill I have," Harshbarger said.

The family gets government assistance based on income. The girls, ages 2, 5, 8 and 9, have medical cards, and the family uses food stamps.

Also, the youngest daughter, who has a cleft palate, uses children's health clinic services in Jerome and Twin Falls at no cost to her parents, Harshbarger said.

Eventually, she said, the Harshbargers want to be off all government assistance — handling "medical and everything on our own."

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POINT OF LAW

By Douglas D. Emery

VISITATION SHOULD BE ALLOWED EVEN IF CHILD SUPPORT IS NOT PAID



Question: My ex-husband is delinquent on the child support payments ordered in our divorce. May I prevent him from visiting his children until he pays the back child support?

Answer: No. The failure of a non-custodial parent to pay child support does not justify the custodial parent in withholding visitation of the children. A parent can be held in contempt of court for either not paying child support or for refusing visitation as ordered. It is always advisable to comply with the terms of the court's order.

Several options are available to the custodial parent, including child support enforcement (Child Support Enforcement Division of the Department of Health and Welfare may be of assistance in contacting the delinquent parent and assessing the parent's assets). Alternatively, private efforts could be made to enforce the terms of the Divorce Decree or to pursue a contempt proceeding of the delinquent parent's assets. Where there has been a history of non-payment, the court may take the suspension of the delinquent parent's driver's license.

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Trend in pensions proves painful to some

The Washington Post

Fueled by recent General Accounting Office reports and the ongoing complaints of a number of IBM workers, the debate over cash-balance pension plans shows no sign of abating.

According to the GAO, nearly one in five big employers has changed its pension plan from the traditional form to a cash-balance approach, and many others are studying the idea. Cash-balance plans often are less costly for employers, and many say the plans are advantageous for recruiting young workers. Opponents charge that the plans discriminate against older workers and are a dodge to conceal benefit cutbacks. The critics have taken their case to the courts, the U.S. Revenue Service, the Labor Department and Congress, so far with mixed results.

The battle to date has focused mainly on technical issues such as whether cash-balance plans and conversions violate age-discrimination laws, the 1974 Employee Retirement and Income Security Act, IRS regulations or other employee protections.

But while individual workers and employers may win or lose on narrow points of law, the battle is really about a couple of more fundamental questions: What is the future of the nation's pension and retirement income system, and what share of the retirement income risk — that is, the risk that benefits at retirement will not be adequate — should be borne by the employer and how much by the employee?

A shift in the risk is already under way. Since the 1980s, employers have been moving toward defined-contribution plans, such as 401(k) plans, and away from traditional pensions, also known as defined-benefit plans.

Many workers, especially younger ones who have lived most of their lives with a buoyant stock market, embrace this change. They understand that through wise investment over many years they stand a chance of becoming wealthy through their retirement plans.

They also are more likely to change jobs in the future, and defined-contribution plans are more "portable," meaning that workers will keep more of their benefits when they change jobs.

Older workers, whose time horizons are necessarily shorter and who probably have seen bad times in the stock market, prefer an old-style pension. And since they are less likely to change jobs, they become increasingly conscious of the benefits such plans give them for long service.

Cash-balance plans, on the other hand, bring to the risk discussion packages that provide defined benefits but look a lot like defined-contribution plans. In a cash-balance plan, typically, the company sets up a hypothetical account for each worker and credits a portion of pay — often 3 percent to 5 percent — to that account each year. In addition, the money in the account is credited with interest each year, often near the long-term Treasury bond rate.

The result is an account balance that rises in a more or less linear pattern over the employee's working life. And since the account can be given out to workers in a lump sum, if they go to

another job, it is easily portable.

As with a defined-contribution plan, however, workers who change jobs may reinvest these lump sums if they hope to avoid taxes and achieve adequate retirement nest eggs. If they don't, this portability becomes a peril rather than an advantage.

A traditional defined-benefit plan, often called a final-average plan, pays benefits based on a formula involving years of service at the company, average pay in the last few working years, and a percentage factor, typically around 1 percent.

For example, suppose you earned \$45,000, \$48,000 and \$52,500 in your last three years of work, for an average of \$48,500, and had worked 30 years for the company. Your annual benefit might look like this:

$\$48,500 \times 30 \times 1 \text{ percent}$

(equals) \$14,550

Under such a formula, benefits accrue slowly at first and then very rapidly as the worker nears retirement, as bigger numbers (rising pay) are multiplied by other bigger numbers (years of service).

Plans that have early-retirement incentives may allow a

worker to obtain a full pension at age 55 and 30 years of service. Such incentives were originally designed to speed employees into retirement at a time when workers were plentiful, but many companies now find them counterproductive in a tight labor market.

There is nothing inherently wrong with cash-balance plans, and in fact they can be designed to provide the same benefits to retirees as final-average plans.

It's what companies actually do that's causing the dispute.

Cash-balance plans are rarely if ever started from scratch. They are almost always installed as a conversion of a final-average plan.

Since benefit accrual patterns in cash-balance and final-average plans are "reverse images" of one another — high in the early years for cash-balance (because the interest is credited over a longer period) and high in the later years for final-average — middle-aged workers can end up with the worst of both worlds. They will have missed the long interest build-up of the cash-balance plan but, because of the conversion, won't get the high-accrual years of the final-average plan.

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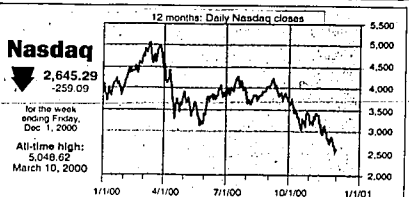
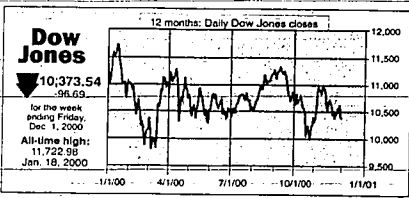
NEW YORK (AP) — The stock market's tumble this past week on bad earnings news and more signs of a rapid economic slowdown has Wall Street wondering just how low the Nasdaq can go.

"At the very least, the market's slide has investors and market professionals pretty exercised. Any more weeks like this, and we'll be out of business," said Arthur Hogan, chief market analyst for Jefferies & Co.

Desperately searching for a bottom for the Nasdaq composite index since September, Wall Street hopes high-tech issues found it Thursday, when the Nasdaq reached the point where it had lost half its value since setting a closing high record of 5,048.62 on March 10. The Nasdaq also had its second-busiest day in terms of volume, with 2.7 billion shares traded.

Thursday "was the day we have been looking for. It had very heavy volume with everybody throwing in the towel. That is typically what signals the bottom," Hogan said. "The good news after a week like this is that the worst is probably over."

A warning of poor holiday sales late Wednesday from PC maker Gateway set off the latest round of selling in the battered tech sector. But investors were also nervous about growing evidence that the economy is slowing at an uncomfortably rapid pace, and the news that Americans' personal incomes fell for the first time in nearly two years, and that consumer confidence had reached its



lowest level in more than a year intensified Thursday's selling.

Helped by tentative bargain hunters, the Nasdaq recovered some of its losses Friday, closing up 47.36 at 2,645.29. But it was still down 259.09, or 9 percent, for the week, and a sell-off is still a possibility in the coming sessions if, as expected, more companies issue new profit warnings or report results short of expectations.

"I'm not sure we've found a bottom, but it appears we're

enjoying a short rally," said Alan Ackerman, executive vice president of Fahnstock & Co., on Friday. "Sustainability is the real question."

A big reason why it's hard to determine whether the Nasdaq has bottomed is that investors worrying about earnings and inflation have few reasons to buy stocks. Much of the past week's selling could be attributed to weary investors giving up. Some were taking end-of-the-year tax losses.

Homeowners with extra cash can profit with extra payments

Knight Ridder News Service

Q. I have a new 30-year, fixed mortgage that I would like to pay off early. Is it true I can pay it in just 23 years merely by making one extra payment a year? What if every year I increased the extra payments?

A. One extra payment a year would, indeed, rid you of the mortgage in 23 years. If you had a 30-year, \$100,000 mortgage with today's average rate of 8 percent, monthly payments would be about \$734. Pay an extra \$61 a month and you'll be rid of the loan in 23 years. With an extra \$100 a month, the loan would be paid off in just over 20 years.

As you suggest, you can speed the process by increasing the extra payment each year, reducing the "principal" — the remaining "debt." Of course, you get the most bang for the buck by making extra payments early in the mortgage term rather than later. That's because every dollar removed from the principal reduces interest charges, and the earlier this saving starts, the bigger the savings in the long run.

Suppose you made a single \$1,000 principal payment. Do it at the start of the mortgage and the interest saving over 30 years would total nearly \$9,500, ridding you of the mortgage about 13 months early.

Wait until year 10 and the interest saving would be just \$3,900, shortening the loan term by only six months. Wait until year 20 and the saving would drop to about \$1,200 and the loan term would be shortened by only three months.

That's not to say you should not kick in extra principal payments in later years. After all, you may be able to better afford them later.

While the idea of owning a home clear of debt is very appealing, there are some other things to consider. Most important: What would you otherwise do with the money you'd use for extra payments?

If you could invest that money at an annual return of 15 percent or 20 percent, which many people did earn in stocks and mutual funds in the late '90s, mortgage prepayments might not make financial sense. In effect, the return you get on a mortgage prepayment is the interest rate charged on the mortgage. Escaping an 8 percent interest charge is like earning 8 percent. It wouldn't make sense to see that 8 percent return in a mortgage prepayment when the money could be earning much more in stocks.

In fact, some people routinely take out second mortgages and home equity loans as their homes become more valuable, then put the cash to work in the stock market.

That seems pretty risky to me —

borrowing money to invest. But simply making extra principal payments does the opposite. You would reduce the money available for investment in order to reduce your debt and save interest payments.

These days, the 8 percent "return" you'd get from extra mortgage payments doesn't look too bad. Sure, lots of mutual funds have done better than that this year, but those are risky investments.

Putting extra money into a mortgage is a conservative investment with a guaranteed return equal to the loan rate. You might consider doing this as an alternative to other investments, such as bonds, that might occupy the conservative end of your portfolio.

That's what I do.

Do it, however, only if you can afford to tie that money up. You can get your money out of a bond fund in a few days. To get cash out of your house you have to sell or take out second mortgage or home equity loan, which means paying application fees and interest to get your own money.

On a fixed-rate mortgage, extra principal payments will allow you to pay off the loan sooner, but the required monthly payments will stay the same. That is, unless the lender will agree to recalculate the payments after you've reduced the debt. That's a nice option to keep in mind in case money gets tight someday.

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Holiday shoppers shun PCs, opt for electronic accessories

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The personal computer seems so '90s this holiday season, with shoppers drawn instead to handheld computers, digital cameras and other newer, hipper gadgets.

"Right now, we have all the features on our computer that we need. There's nothing really new that's out there," Diana Huston, 19, said while shopping this week for a CD player at a Circuit City in Glendale.

The stocks of computer manufacturers took a nosedive this week as Gateway, Micron, Hewlett-Packard and others warned that sluggish domestic demand would mean lower fourth-quarter profits. Those warnings dragged down other computer industry stocks, including Microsoft.

The trigger for the profit warnings was lower-than-expected sales over the Thanksgiving week. But computer makers have been worried about weaker sales for months, especially as the economy has shown signs of slowing and rising oil prices have eaten up more of people's disposable income.

"Macroeconomics have caught up with everybody after a decade-long party," Ronald Kay, an analyst with International Data Corp., said Friday. "Consumers with fewer disposable dollars are looking to throttle back their holiday purchases and buy lower-ticket items, such as things that plug into PCs and other devices."

Sales of desktop computers fell 10 percent in October compared with the same month a year earlier, following three months of slow or no growth, according to PC Data.

"The heady, carefree days of double-digit growth are over," Kay said. "In contrast, sales of digital cameras rose 30 percent in October, while flat-panel monitors showed a 15 percent increase and even standard 19-inch monitors rose 50 percent. Sales of handheld computers and personal digital assistants, or



Herbert Valdez with his daughter, Brianna, and wife, Abby Ulm, consider buying a Hewlett-Packard computer at Circuit City in Glendale, Calif., Thursday.

PDA's, were up more than 100 percent.

Adding to computer makers' woes is a feeling that the PC market is saturated and won't pick up again for at least a year.

"Everybody's got a PC," said Martin Reynolds, an analyst at the Gartner Group. "About 60 percent of homes have a PC and any of those have a second PC."

Brett Miller, an analyst at AG Edwards, said that unlike past years, when fast new computer chips or feature-packed software programs combined with offers of rebates to boost PC sales, there is no compelling reason this year for computer owners to upgrade.

"There are not applications out there that I can't run on the PC I already have," Miller said. "The PC is getting kind of old in terms of what it does. People are spending money on home networks, PDA's, digital cameras, consumer electronics. There are a lot of things getting people's attention."

Corporate sales of computers are expected to pick up late next year as companies upgrade to more powerful machines than can run the Microsoft oper-

ating system; Windows 2000.

But bad news for computer makers may mean good news for people who wait a few months to buy. Some companies may cut their prices, even before the end of the year.

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Growth in Hispanic market presents opportunity

TWIN FALLS — Art Klawans has very simple advice for those that want to be successful in the grocery aisle: hitch your cart to the growth market.

And that's the Hispanic market — today and for the first half of the next century.

The numbers tell the story. While the Hispanic population numbers just 30 million people in 2000, that population is expected to grow to 96 million by 2050 — a growth rate of over 300 percent. Anglo Americans, on the other hand, are expected to grow by just 6.4 percent over the same time. Asian and African American populations will also grow rapidly, but not as fast as the Hispanic population.

For Klawans, marketing director for the Hispanic Food Distributors Association, the issue is as much about dollars as population growth. Hispanic food sales are expected to grow 6.5 percent per year from now until 2050.

Hispanic grocery shoppers spend an average of \$102 per week on food, while Anglos spend \$85. Three key items account for the gap, Klawans said in a phone call from Chicago: O'Hare airport; larger households, more home-cooked meals made from scratch and more "celebratory" events that feature food.

Farmers and ranchers voice frustration without senator

TWIN FALLS — Sen. Larry Craig, R-Idaho, came looking for input, and he got it.

Loaded for bear, farmers and ranchers showed up in droves Tuesday at the Depot Grill to unload on the senator about just how unhappy they are with the state of agriculture and the government.

From inequitable trade agreements and the dismal price of commodities to over-regulation and tyranny at the hands of Washington, D.C., ag folks gave it to Craig with both barrels.

Or they would have if the senator had been there.

Not planned, but advertised, as a personal appearance on Craig's sweep through the state to gather



Joe Rockne, store manager of Albertson's Food on Addison Ave. in Twin Falls, adjusts tortilla packages in a cooler case. The fast-growing Hispanic market offers opportunity to farmers, with food sales expected to grow 6.5 percent per year from now until 2050.

Farmbeat
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input, the gathering was no less intense. Craig's right-hand man,

legislative assistant Janie Brackett, bore the brunt of farmers' frustration instead.

"We (farmers) are a nation of economic slaves. We're stuck. We're caught in the middle," said Glenn Kunkel of Amsterdam, southwest of Twin Falls.

Rex Reed of Filer agreed, sending his advice to Congress to look up the meaning of slavery in Webster's.

"The definition of slavery is working for nothing," which is

what American farmers are doing, he said.

Robert Shaw of Dietrich was even more direct.

"We're subsidizing the American people to eat, and I'm tired of it. I don't know about the rest of you," he said. "It's time for American agriculture to strike."

Suprema Specialties, Inc. acquires Snake River Cheese

BLACKFOOT — Snake River Cheese will soon have a new owner. Suprema Specialties, Inc. has contracted to acquire substantially all of the assets of Snake River Cheese LLC, according to Jim Drezwitz of Creative Options, who handles public relations for Suprema.

"The deal is done, and it will start producing the first of the year," Drezwitz said.

Renowned for its Italian style cheeses, Suprema is looking to expand its distribution in the Mountain West and Midwest, he added. With plants in milk-producing regions of northern California, New York and New Jersey, a plant in Idaho is a good fit.

"Clearly this area, if it's not already, is becoming one of the fastest-growing milk producing areas," Drezwitz said.

The Snake River Cheese plant is a 37,000-sq. ft. facility that consists of milk processing and cheese production equipment. The plant, which has its own dedicated milk supply via its local dairy co-op, currently has the capabilities of producing mozzarella, Parmesan, Romano, Monterey jack and cheddar cheeses.

Cost of the Snake River acquisition is \$6 million and will be financed through a leasing transaction.

Frank VanderSloot, owner of Snake River Cheese, was out of the country and not available for comment on Thursday. In an interview last year, however, VanderSloot's plant manager said the plant sources milk from about 90 eastern Idaho dairies and was processing about 550,000 pounds of milk a day but was hoping to get production up to as much as 900,000 lbs a day

with the right partner.

More potato warehouse changes might be needed

TWIN FALLS — Potato growers are learning just how vulnerable they are when selling potatoes, thanks, in part, to the recent bankruptcy filing of a Magic Valley fresh packer.

On July 1 the bond that fresh fruit and vegetable packers must post with the State of Idaho as part of their licensing agreements was raised to \$50,000 from \$10,000. But even a \$50,000 bond doesn't offer much protection when one grower can bring in that quantity of potatoes in an afternoon.

Marc Thiel, a potato grower from Idaho Falls, would like to see the bond increased again, but others see more protection in a self-insurance program like the Commodity Indemnity Account Program. Qualified small grain, bean and some seed growers pay a premium into the CIAP. The \$5 million account can be used to pay participating growers if a warehouse that buys their commodity goes bankrupt before payment is made.

Even though potato growers probably won't be thrilled to pay another "tax" in the midst of another year of poor prices, the promise of protection against non-payment might be enough of an enticement.

Idaho spud industry takes stance against fungus threat

Canadian Agriculture Minister Lyle VanDier is calling on the U.S. Department of Agriculture to lift a ban on potatoes coming from Prince Edward Island put in place after the discovery of the potato wart fungus there last month.

But Idaho growers and potato experts say lifting the ban would be premature and has the potential to devastate the entire U.S. potato industry.

"It's a little premature to declare themselves free of this," said University of Idaho potato disease specialist Phillip Nolte. "I'm not against commerce, but we are dealing with a federal quarantine level disease that moves readily with soil and was only discovered three weeks ago. They still haven't proven to anyone's satisfaction where it came from or that it hasn't been spread."

Canadian trade officials were to meet with Secretary of Agriculture Dan Glickman this week. The ban, which reduced border potato traffic from 100 to 15 trucks per day over the Maine border, has already cost Canada's potato industry an estimated \$2 million. The ban has been in place since Oct. 31.

Such a disease has to be treated as seriously as any human plague, and that means extreme measures to protect U.S. growers, said Potato Growers of Idaho communication director John Thompson.

People will pay to be frightened

The Associated Press

Halloween is over, but entrepreneurs specializing in the spooky remain busy.

What was once an industry dominated by non-profit organizations raising money for charity has evolved into a profitable year-round business, says Leonard Pickel, editor of Haunted Attraction magazine in Charlotte, N.C.

Mom-and-pop haunted houses, ghost walks and seances are popular year-round in Texas, Missouri and Minnesota, Pickel said, and there are as many as 5,000 independent businesses devoted to scaring people.

Like Internet startups, many of the most successful haunted operations began in a home garage.

"The home haunter division of the industry is the fastest growing segment," Pickel said. "It has become a minor league for the larger system."

And while October, clearly the industry's busiest month, is over, many haunters are already at work devising next year's products.

"The latest trend is 3-D technology," says Pickel. "It's on the brink of being huge."

The industry of scaring people hasn't always been linked to Halloween. It began in "tunnel of love" boat rides in amusement parks, according to Pickel. And the customers on those boat rides weren't necessarily as demanding about the fright factor.

"Those were basically places to neck," he said.

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Volunteers hunt for the lost in the suburban streets

BOISE (AP) — The Greenbelt is a user-friendly asphalt path for joggers and bicyclists here, but the Idaho Mountain Search and Rescue Unit found it an urban jungle while it searched for a slain flight attendant.

The volunteer group quickly mobilized in late September, equipped with tracking dogs, kayaks to negotiate the Boise River and thousands of hours worth of training time and experience.

While it's not their usual turf, search-and-rescue groups are increasingly asked to track down lost people in towns such as murder victims and Alzheimer's patients. That's in addition to hunting for burgeoning numbers of backcountry skiers, snowmobilers, rafters and others who disappear.

"We've had to become more diverse because our searches became more diverse," said Leslie Robertson of the 60-member rescue group. "With the advent of the global positioning system, we get fewer lost hunters. But we're getting more lost snowmobilers, drownings and other cases. We've had to expand and modify our training."

United flight attendant Lynn Henneman, 38, was last seen Sept. 24 at her hotel next to the river. Police spent weeks looking for her, relying on Idaho Mountain Search members and their dogs.

"Any time — especially when we get into remote locations like the foothills, river or desert — the unit becomes a major asset to us,"



Chris Kernes, left, and Leslie Robertson, of the Idaho Mountain Search and Rescue unit, search for a man in Council, in this Sept. 3 photo.

Boise Police Lt. Jim Tibbs said. A trailing dog is trained to find a lost person through their scent, often through an item of clothing.

An air-scenting dog sniffs the wind for people in general, as in the case of a lost hunter alone in a large landscape. And a cadaver

dog is specialized in hunting for bodies.

The dogs are trained with search-oriented games from the time they are puppies, said dog handler Charlotte Gunn of Idaho Mountain Search. They must be high-energy and have the innate

ability to track.

While the Greenbelt is a narrow corridor stretching through the city, it still involves big stretches of streamside property. It includes islands, bogs, multiple side trails and transient camps. There is lots of debris hidden in

heavy vegetation to lead the dogs astray.

"When you start to search, you quickly realize how much area is beside the trail," Gunn said. "And anyone whose casual wardrobe needs replenishing can choose from an assortment of jeans, sweats, T-shirts, socks and unmentionables."

Volunteers also cruised the river in kayaks and rafts to check the side channels.

Ultimately, a fisherman spotted Henneman's body under a log in the river. Her purse was found in east Boise, not on the Greenbelt.

The rescue group did not find Henneman's body because the cadaver dog was not assigned to that stretch of the river, Robertson said. The dog can identify where the body was located after the fact. Idaho Mountain Search then put in more hours looking for clues at the crime scene. No suspects names have been released.

The search-and-rescue organization was formed several decades ago, primarily to find sportsmen lost in the extensive forests and desert of southwestern Idaho.

"Our mission statement says it's wilderness safety. We take over when the road ends," Robertson said.

They still get plenty of that. As the volunteers looked for Henneman, one was called to help find a lost hunter among the thick deadfall in the Boise National Forest. Fortunately, the teen-ager was spotted quickly.

State judge blocks Utah's English mandate

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A state judge imposed a temporary restraining order blocking enactment of the Official English initiative approved by voters Nov. 7.

The law was to take effect Monday but 3rd District Judge Ronald Nehring said Friday that serious constitutional issues needed to be discussed in court.

A preliminary injunction hearing has been set for Dec. 14 to further review the constitutionality of the measure.

The plaintiffs include Salt Lake City Mayor Rocky Anderson, the Utah Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, State Sen. Pete Szabo and the Multicultural Legal Center, among others.

The judge was concerned that there was no determination of how the initiative would go into effect. He said he was worried that there could be a wide degree

of interpretation of the law.

Voters overwhelmingly approved the measure to make English the sole language of the state government. There are exceptions for law enforcement or public safety needs, judicial proceedings and to promote tourism, including the Olympics.

The ACLU was satisfied with the ruling.

Joe Hunter, spokesman for Utahns for Official English which supported the measure, said Thursday that he was not surprised that groups had challenged the suit. But he said Utah's initiative was drafted specifically to avoid some of the problems in a similar Arizona law that was thrown out by the courts.

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Play based on the murder of gay college student opens in Wyoming

LARAMIE, Wyo. (AP) — In a hushed and somber hall, a play about the brutal death of a gay college student Matthew Shepard made its Laramie debut about five miles from the scene of the crime.

The audience — some of whom appear in the drama as characters — cheered and gave a two-minute standing ovation Tuesday night after the performance of "The Laramie Project."

"Certain wounds attack so deep they can never fully heal but this certainly helps the healing a lot," said Matt Galloway, one of the last people to see Shepard alive.

The play, produced by New York's Tectonic Theater Company, offers a vast array of characters and interviews cast members and production staff conducted with residents after the University of Wyoming student's beating two years ago. It opened Feb. 26 in Denver and had its off-Broadway opening May 18 in New York.

"For such a difficult topic and subject it was so well done," said Susan Stoddard, a Laramie counselor. "I'm just so glad I was here."

Shepard is not a character in the play, but he is described and remembered from different angles by friends, teachers and acquaintances. Each of the eight actors portray multiple characters.

Actor Stephen Belber's animated portrayal of Galloway, a Laramie bartender, drew some of the loudest laughs. Most of the mood, however, was solemn, as the play took the audience through the events surrounding the crime and its effect on the city.

Galloway, who had seen the



Moises Kaufman, right, director of "The Laramie Project," speaks with Matt Galloway at the Fireside Bar in Laramie, Wyo., where Matthew Shepard was last seen alive.

play before, fidgeted in his seat at times during the performance. He said he has not yet grown accustomed to watching "himself."

"You see your mannerisms, your vocabulary," he said. "It's definitely getting more difficult."

In October 1998, Shepard was beaten, tied to a fence in a prairie field and left to die. Two men, Aaron McKinney and Russell Henderson, are giving life sentences for the murder.

The attack, which spurred international condemnation and candlelight vigils, has been repeatedly referred to by resident Clinton in urging Congress to pass legislation allowing federal authorities to investigate crimes based on sexual orientation.

The play is the culmination of

more than 200 interviews conducted by New York playwright Moises Kaufman and his theater troupe during six visits to Laramie.

Actress Barbara Pitts, who portrays a lesbian university professor, a Muslim woman and a grandmother of one of Shepard's killers, said the cast has to strive to keep from becoming too emotional on stage.

"A lot of us have formed close friendships now with one or more people we play or someone that we've interviewed a lot," she said.

Some in the audience dabbed tears when actor John McAdams portrayed Shepard's father, Dennis, saying how he will miss his son, and actor Greg Pierotti's rendering of a hospital spokesman breaking down when he announced that Shepard had died.

Indian church sues over drug raid

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A self-described American Indian church has sued the Utah County attorney's and sheriff's office over an October drug raid.

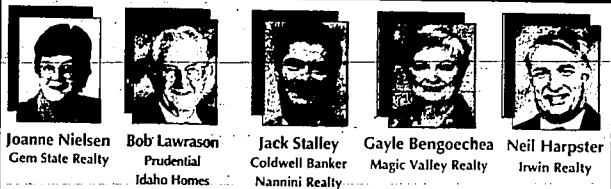
An attorney for the Oklevueha EarthWalks Native American Church of Utah is asking U.S. District Judge David Sam to return all of the property seized

during the operation, including a cache of peyote.

As many as 15 sheriff's deputies were part of the search at the church's site in Benjamin, according to the church's founder, James Warren "Flaming Eagle" Mooney. Mooney said police confiscated a computer and emptied a metal

vault of about 12,000 buttons of peyote — about 33 pounds of the hallucinogenic cactus that some Indians use in rituals.

The federal lawsuit alleges officers took property on the basis of a search warrant that contained statements "which are materially false, misleading, inaccurate (or) irrelevant."



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Mom becomes web's answer to Bombeck

LEWISTON (AP) — Shelley Hensel Weber looks at her life and sees crayon-colored walls, dirty diapers and spilled orange juice. And she laughs.

"If I wasn't laughing I'd be crying," says the 34-year-old Lewiston mother of four children, ages 3 to 12. When Weber isn't chucking over the chaotic antics of her brood — and cleaning up the messes — she's writing about it and making other mothers laugh in her columns on Moms Online, an Oxygen network Web site.

She writes about the "situations that drive a woman crazy," like trying to keep the kitchen floor clean when you have four kids. "Walking through the kitchen this morning, I was stopped mid-pace when my socks were suddenly torn from my feet."

"A spill on the floor had dried to a sticky fly-paper consistency and was catching more than just bugs — and now it had my socks."

Or on dieting: "The cabbage soup diet almost cost me my family. Anyone who has had cabbage, and lots of it, knows that consuming too much of that vegetable can cause you to urinate."

The project began with her posting in a Moms Online message folder, describing some of the peculiar gifts her mother-in-

Want to read it?

Find Shelley Hensel Weber's columns online at www.momsonline.com and type her name in the search window near the bottom of the page.

law sends her. "Last Christmas I received from her a pair of taupe wedge-style loafers, very orthopedic-looking — something you might see on a retired nun."

They were nothing she'd ever wear, so she said, so she came up with a plan.

She had developed a friendship with other women on the message folder and knew they would be the perfect people for the Ugly Shoe Project. "I photographed myself with the shoes, then sent them to New York. The rule is that when you receive the shoes, you photograph yourself with them and then send them on."

"It's become a photo contest, and the competition has gotten fierce enough that some people will not reveal their plans. The shoes have traveled across the country, from coast to coast. They were seen during the delivery of a healthy baby girl in Michigan and have washed up on a beach in New Jersey."

The shoes, she last heard, were in Japan. "I don't want them back," she said.

About a dozen of the 15 or so women who are part of the project so far were flown recently to New York City to appear on a segment of the Oxygen TV show, which will air sometime this month.



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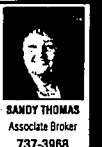
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\$27,750. Just listed 1998 Oakwood Split bedroom plan 3 bedroom, 2 bath, entertainment system, only been lived in about 1 year, setup and ready to move into. Close to Robert Stuart Jr. High and Perrine Elementary schools. **CALL VANCE WALKER AT 420-0364.** #1252



\$55,000. Great location for your small business - located on a heavily traveled street. Business sign in place and parking available in front and rear - 1728 total sq. ft. - accessible from street and alley. **CALL JOANN AT 737-3981 OR KATHI AT 737-3917.** #1253



\$68,000. Buhl home - adorable cottage home. Nice kitchen, 3 bed, 1 bath. Bathroom is large with claw foot tub and separate enclosed shower. Large utility room for storage or crafts. New roof 1999. This is sooo cute! **CALL DEBBIE TO SEE AT 737-3907.** #1254



\$68,900. 6 bedroom, 2 bath home boasts new synthetic stucco exterior siding for low heat costs. New windows, paint and carpet. 2 blocks from CSI. A lot of home for the money. Realtor owned. **CALL TRACY AT 326-6654.** #1255



NEW LISTING \$69,500. Cute, clean updated 2 bedroom home shows pride of ownership. 1728 sq. ft. with 2 family rooms, newer carpet and vinyl, fresh paint, gas furnace, covered patio, washer and dryer. Home could be 3 bedroom without much work. Heating, electrical, plumbing systems all checked and approved. A perfect home for starters and proud to sell. **CALL TOM LLOYD AT 737-3924 OR 420-3308.** #1256



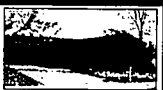
\$73,000. Best deal in town!!! This 5 bedroom, 2 bath home has over 1800 sq. ft. of living, recently remodeled, new vinyl windows and siding. **CALL JOHN TO CHECK THIS ONE OUT.** #1257



\$74,900. Price reduced on this very nice 3 bedroom, 2 bath home on approx. 1 acre. Family room, 1440 sq. ft. on one level. Kitchen features breakfast bar, double oven, dishwasher and pantry. Central air. Mature landscaping with auto sprinklers. Wonderful country setting. **CALL DOROTHY AT 737-3903.** #1258



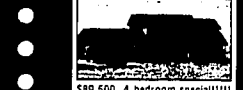
\$76,000. Retiring and want a home but need some additional income. This duplex might be your answer. Unit 1: 2 bed, 1 bath with garage. Unit 2: 1 bed, very nice. Call to see. **ASK FOR SANDY 737-3968.** #1259



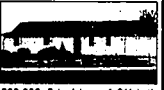
\$88,900. New to market! This one is sharp and clean. 3 bedroom, 2 bath home on extra large lot. Gas fireplace, vinyl windows and fully fenced. Give us a call. **RON FREEMAN AT 737-3915 OR KATHI PARTTRIDGE AT 737-3920.** ASK ABOUT #1260



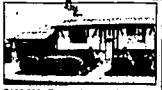
\$87,500. 3 bedroom home with pellet stove. Great for 1st time home buyers or even a rental. 692 sq. ft. on the main level, 882 sq. ft. in the basement. **CALL RICK BEARD AT 737-3912.** #1261



\$89,500. 4 bedroom special!!!! New listing in a great neighborhood, has all newer features, such as gas furnace, kitchen, vinyl windows, bathroom, vinyl siding, covered deck, sprinkler system, 2 car garage. All the goodie!! **CALL LEXI TODAY 737-3918.** #1262



\$93,000. 3 bedroom, 1 3/4 bath home. Gas fireplace, nice utility room, pantry, patio, 2 car garage, auto sprinklers, fenced back yard, large lot. Super home - must see. **CALL DIANA WHITNEY @ 737-3969.** #1263



\$105,900. This split entry home has 2054 sq. ft. and lots of extras- 6 bedrooms, den, office, family room, 3 baths, deck off the kitchen, patio, fenced backyard, 2 car garage and more. For a private tour- **CALL THE HESS TEAM - WALT 737-3939 OR TAMI 737-3940.** #1264



\$109,900. Delightful 3 bedroom home with comfortable details like den & woodburning stove. The neat features include generous yard space, RV pad, built-in bookcases, quiet-toned deck, automatic sprinklers. **CALL DIANN DOMAN 737-3916.** #1265



\$111,900. A touch of class in this beautiful neighborhood. Great room for everyone. Unique master bedroom. Yard! Beautifully landscaped, auto drop system. **CALL DEANNA AT 733-0936 OR DIANN #1267-3916.** #1266



\$114,500. NEW LISTING!! Great getaway cabin near Anderson Ranch Lake. 3 bedroom, 1 3/4 bath, 1600 sq. ft. complete with preheated water for hot tub and heat to save on your electrical heat. Bring your final touches and enjoy the great outdoors. **CALL DEAN SMART 735-1880.** #1267



\$119,900. Eastside Twin Falls ranch style home built by Craig Buller. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, fireplace, formal dining, breakfast nook, mature landscaping with sprinkler system. Plus much more - back up to Thompson Park. For more details contact **THE HESS TEAM** for more information. **WALT 737-3939 OR TAMI 737-3940.** #1268



\$123,900. Beautiful 3 bedroom, 2 bath home in cul-de-sac location. Also has clubhouse, great room, large master suite with large walk-in closet, large deck, large fenced yard, shed, auto sprinklers, gas furnace, air conditioning and a double garage. **CALL LYNN RASMUSSEN AT 737-3900 OR 420-2807.** #1269



\$124,900. 3 bedroom, 2 bath home in Hagerman Sits on 6 acres, great views Has shop, loading shed, pasture, large deck, privacy. Additional 12 acre parcel available. **CALL KATHI SCHRAEDER @ 737-3917 OR 736-9219.** #1270



\$130,000. Home of 2.26 acres. All tucked away on a hill side. Superior views! Pasture for the animals. Home has 5 bedrooms, 3 baths, updated kitchen and baths. Lots of charm and great storage. Detached garage and vintage caboose. **CALL PEGGY AT 737-3925.** #1271



\$134,900. BETTER THAN NEW!! All the work is done! Absolutely beautiful 3 bedroom split plan, 2 baths, large oak kitchen with pantry, quality window coverings, fenced yard, auto sprinklers, and a triple garage. Sawtooth and O'Leary School districts. **CALL LYNN RASMUSSEN AT 737-3900 OR CELL PHONE 420-2807.** #1272



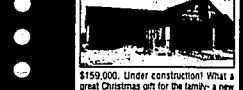
\$135,000. Are you looking for one of a kind building site? This one is just minutes from Twin Falls with nearly 17 acres. Quiet secluded setting and great canyon views. **CALL RON FREEMAN AGENT 099 LICENSED TO SELL for details. 737-3915 or 734-4208.** #1273



\$137,500. Wonderful spacious 3 bedroom home on over 2/3 of an acre lot with mature landscaping. Beautiful wood work throughout the home. Formal dining room. Outstanding fireplace in living room. Main floor family room. Central air. Auto sprinkler system. Double garage and a double garage. **CALL DOROTHY TO SEE AT 543-5790.** #1274



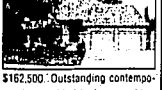
\$139,000. JUST LISTED WITH LYNN!! 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath home in Morningglade and Darryl Districts. Features include large oak kitchen, great room, wood stove, 2nd story, 2 master bedrooms that has large deck, fenced yard. **CALL LYNN RASMUSSEN AT 737-3900 OR CELL PHONE 420-2807.** #1275



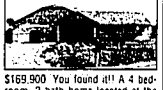
\$150,000. Under construction! What a great Christmas gift for the family - a new home. Featuring 1632 sq. ft., 3 bedrooms, 2 bath, split bedroom floor plan Bonus room above the triple car garage, vaulted ceilings in great room, master bedroom, den and bonus room, central air, forced air gas heat and a lot more. **FOR DETAIL CALL THE HESS TEAM - WALT 737-3939 OR TAMI 737-3940.** #1276



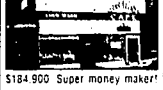
\$159,900. Over 3000 sq. ft. in this ranch style home with without basement - 3 bedrooms - 3 baths - family room, 5th room (could be a 4th bedroom) deck, 2 car garage sitting on 2.5 acres with water shares. Additional property available. **CONTACT THE HESS TEAM for more information. WALT 737-3939 OR TAMI 737-3940.** #1277



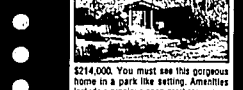
\$162,500. Outstanding contemporary home with 4 bedroom and two baths. 2000 sq. ft. up with 1,000 more in the basement. Lots of lovely features. Sawtooth district. **CALL 162,500. CALL KEN ROY 737-3909.** #1278



\$169,900. You found it! A 4 bedroom, 2 bath home located at the Pleasant Valley Golf Course. Features 1984 sq. ft. large kitchen, spacious living areas, hot tub, central air and a membership to the golf course, and much more! **CALL LYNN RASMUSSEN AT 737-3900 OR CELL PHONE 420-2807.** #1279



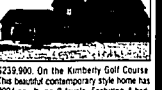
\$184,900. Super money maker! Building and laundry mat, restaurant and game machines. Call today to see. **JOANNE AT 886-2994.** #1280



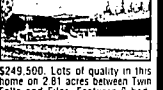
\$214,000. You must see this gorgeous home in a park like setting. Amenities include a gracious open great room, cozy fireplace, glass door opening to deck and private yard, formal dining room, spacious master suite, sunny kitchen with beautiful tile. Three bedrooms, 2 1/2 bath, oversized yard. Call now! **CAROLYN CUTLER 737-3915 or 733-0026.** #1281



\$220,000. On the Kimberly Golf Course the beautiful contemporary style home has 2924 sq. ft. on 2 levels. Featuring 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, family room, fireplace, main sewing room, breakfast bar, air conditioning, propane heat, auto sprinklers, large deck, private well & septic and includes golf membership. For a private tour call **THE HESS TEAM** for more information. **WALT 737-3939 OR TAMI 737-3940.** #1282



\$249,500. Lots of quality in this home on 2.81 acres between Twin Falls and Filer. Features 5 bedrooms, 4 1/2 baths, main spa, main floor rec room, large kitchen with plenty of room next to the family room. Call now! **1100 sq. ft. unfinished basement. CALL LYNN RASMUSSEN AT 737-3900 OR DIANA WHITNEY AT 737-3969.** #1283



\$379,000. Fiberglass room galore with this one acre estate. 6 bedroom, 3 bath executive home w/ 4 car covered garage and partial finished guest quarters above garage. Please call **RICK BEARD AT 737-1912 or 539-5311.** #1284

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Diehl, Inc. a food processor since 1970, will open a mix canning plant in Jerome, Idaho in late January 2001 with a day shift operation. Applicants must be able to maintain a clean, safe working environment that includes warehousing work, processing equipment, operations, and food labor. Good wages (Range of \$8.50 to \$10.00 after 90 days), benefits, and working conditions are provided. Good attendance record is a must. Please apply in person at Job Service, 771 North College Road, Twin Falls, Idaho. Diehl is an Equal Opportunity Employer

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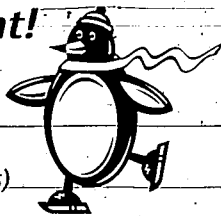
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Bobby Wolff

Dear Mr. Wolff: I held \heartsuit A-K-7-3, \spadesuit A-10-9-7-6-5, \clubsuit A-K-Q, \diamondsuit with a side vulnerable. I opened one heart, and partner responded one no-trump. Please rate my possible rebids.

Legs Major, Industry, Calif.

ANSWER: Had partner not denied a four-card spade holding by bidding one no-trump, the reverse to two spades would be a popular choice. Nevertheless, I suggest a forcing rebid of two spades to describe a very strong hand. Although unlikely, it's possible that a club game or slam might be best.

Dear Mr. Wolff: At duplicate, with only the opponents vulnerable, partner passes and LHJ opens one diamond. Would a four-heart pre-empt be my best choice with \heartsuit A-3, \spadesuit A-Q-10-9-8-7-5, \clubsuit K-J-9-7-5?

High Jumps, San Antonio, Texas

ANSWER: Since partner has already passed, it is improbable that you have a play for slam in either hearts or clubs. Therefore, the jump to four hearts has my complete endorsement. Unless LHJ sounds off with a double, your pre-empt is a big favorite to cause much discomfort for the opponents.

Dear Mr. Wolff: Partner opens one club, and I respond one spade with \heartsuit A-J-10-9-5, \spadesuit 10-6-4-2, \clubsuit 10, \diamondsuit 9-6-3. If he rebids two hearts, should I be satisfied and pass, or do I owe him a raise to three hearts?

Steger Asselt, Richmond, Va.

ANSWER: While not a great hand in terms of high cards, this hand warrants a clear-cut raise to three hearts. Partner's two-heart bid is a reverse, promising 17 HCP or more, and your singleton diamond and your good spade suit should be valuable assets to partner. Your question is an academic one because most partnerships agree

that any true reverse is forcing on responder for at least one more round.

Dear Mr. Wolff: At duplicate, partner opened one diamond, and I responded one heart with \heartsuit Q-7-3, \spadesuit K-Q-10-7, \clubsuit 10-7-4-3, \diamondsuit 10-7-3. Partner rebid one spade. I took a preference to two diamonds. Partner then made one more move and bid two no-trump. Should I have retreated to three diamonds, passed, or raised to three no-trump?

Chicken-hearted, Newark, N.J.

ANSWER: This hand is probably not strong enough to contract for game, so the choice is between a pass to two no-trump and a return to three diamonds. Although partner is likely to hold at least four diamonds, making a diamond contract the safer choice, there is much to be said for a pass. At duplicate, the possibility of a more lucrative score is worth the gamble. I rate pass 100 percent, and a return to three diamonds 75 percent.

Dear Mr. Wolff: At duplicate, both vulnerable, I deal and open one spade with \heartsuit Q-10-10-8-7-5, \spadesuit A-Q-7-3, \clubsuit 7, \diamondsuit K-5. LHJ doubles for takeout, and I return to three no-trump, should I consider a sacrifice of four spades?

Chopping Block, Little Rock, Ark.

ANSWER: At rubber bridge, sacrifices are not a good bet — the opponent has a sure penalty and the state of the rubber remains the same. At duplicate, it is another matter. Your chances of defeating three no-trump should not be great against a competent declarer, and you may well hold your losses in a spade game to only one or two down.

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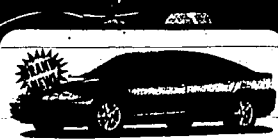
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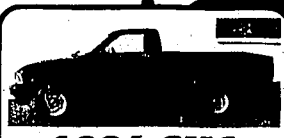
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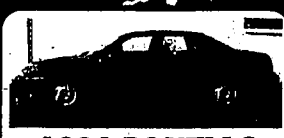
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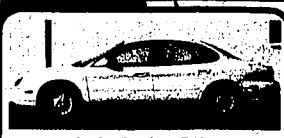
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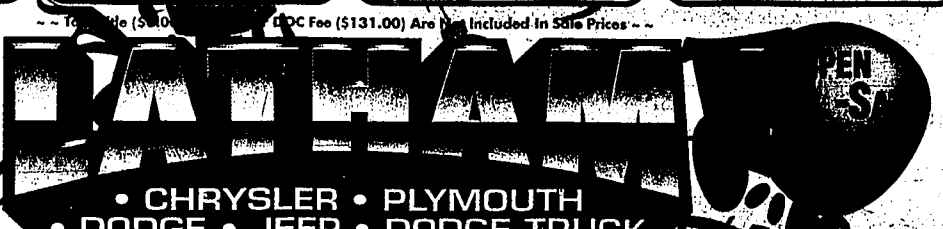
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Reindeer games: Where does Rudolph shop?

One Christmas, when my kids were little, I took them to a department store to see "Rudolph the Talking Reindeer." We stood in line for a long time, as I remember, watching dozens of parents juggle their tired, fussy offspring.

"Smile long enough for them to snap your picture, sweetheart," one mother begged. "This is how Barbie got her start."

"If you don't stand still, I'm going to have to tell Santa Claus you don't live with us anymore," a less patient parent warned.

I began to feel sorry for poor Rudolph, a reindeer who is insecure enough already. But on the way home, I was feeling more sorry for those of us who stood in line to see him—and I was beginning to wonder if the animals among us have more fun at Christmas than we do.

I think they might.

For example, I never see the family pets fighting about whose pile of presents is bigger. And I never see them taking issue at a mother-in-law's comments about the quality of the stuffing.

Last Christmas, I read about a company in Missouri that was selling K-9 Biscuit Kits, complete with a collection of puppy treat recipes and doggie biscuit cutters, for the family dog. The recipes were like "Sniff N' Bite Biscuits" or "Flea Fighter Fingers." The idea was, "Your pet deserves a happy holiday, too."

I was impressed.

Then last month, I received a press release filled with descriptions of products you can buy

to "pamper your pooch this holiday season." The press release also cited statistics: More than 39 million American households now share their homes (and hearts) with dogs. And the American Pet Products Manufacturers' Association is reporting that 74 percent of dog owners think of their dogs as their "children."

The information came from "In the Company of Dogs" — a specialty catalog and Web site (www.inthecompanyofdogs.com or 800-924-5050). It featured color pictures of "Outward Hound" canine cold weather gear, such as hooded fleece sweatshirts ("paws-ively fetching") and Doggie Bubble Vests in bright royal or orange ("making it easier to spot Spot"). There were a doggie boots and doggie Santa sweaters and Aunt Alice carrier for dogs worn out from Christmas shopping.

The crystal bone pendant necklaces and monogrammed bathrobes were definitely something to bark about. The wrought leather bed had more pillows than Santa sweaters and Aunt Alice carrier for dogs worn out from Christmas shopping.

I guess most people won't spend big bucks on their pets' Christmas gifts this year, but some will.

My Aunt Alice is one of those people who has never been able to resist any animal's outstretched paw. I think all of the pets in her neighborhood wish they could go and live at her house.

When my cousins were little, they used to bring home every stray animal on the streets, because they weren't being allowed to live at her house anymore — and she was soon on her way to the store to buy more dog food.

I suspect the entire animal kingdom barked a sigh of relief that day. Our animals have a way of finding those soft spots in our hearts, all right. Sometimes, I even think the animals do Christmas better than I do. At least on my more hectic days.

Each Christmas, legend says, ozen kneel in their stalls at midnight in memory.

I like that legend. A lot.

Denise Turner is assistant features editor at The Times-News.



Ed Devero of Fort Smith, Ark., makes final adjustments to his beard before meeting children at a church bazaar. There's as much art as commerce to becoming a real Santa Claus, the professionals say.

Becoming Santa

A red suit does not make St. Nicholas

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — It's an inky-black November Friday, with a freshening breeze from the northeast — cold enough to chill even Santa's enthusiasm. But the line of mopets stretches around the corner, and Larry Evans is on a schedule.

"I don't like to rush kids," said the bearded 59-year-old retired truck driver. "But there's a fireworks show about to start."

It's the annual Christmas in the Nighttime Sky, a post-Thanksgiving event held at Kimberly Nurseries that ushers in the Christmas shopping season, and one of 75 to 100 events this season at which Evans will pull on his tailored red suit and lower his voice by an octave.

"The laugh is real important," Evans says, basso profundo. "It's has to be deep, like this, from your belly."

Few can do it as well as Evans, and fewer still do it as an avocation. Evans is one of three professional Santas who work extensively in the Magic Valley during the Christmas season. A fourth, Wally Hirschhorn of Twin Falls, died in October.

There are many more department-store Santas, of course, but they lack credibility, Evans believes — mostly because they don't have the passion for the job.

"You've got to make it believe-

Plug into the holidays — and win a prize

All decked out for the holidays? The Times-News is sponsoring a holiday lights contest in search of the home in the Magic Valley or Mini-Cassia area with the best lighting display. Send in your nomination (with a photo for us to post on our Internet site, if you want) by e-mail — by Monday. Send the address and a short description of the home, along with your name, address and phone number. We'll run a list of the nominations in the Food and Home section on Wednesday. Then,

able to kids," he said. "They're smart. They can tell if you're not Santa."

Evans grew the beard to help with that effort, and has the frame to match.

"I don't need any help there," he said. "One little kid patted my belly and said, 'It really is Santa Claus.'"

It takes half an hour to put the costume on properly, Evans says. A character transformation takes place in the process.

"After I put the costume on, I feel like Santa," he said.

Evans grew up in Filer idolizing Santa Claus. "My folks didn't have much money, so Christmas was the only time of the year that we got nice presents," he said. "I thought Santa was the most wonderful person I ever saw."

Santa has to be hip enough to rec-

ognize the latest toys and adroit enough to improvise, Evans said.

"Kids will test you, to see if you really are Santa Claus," he said. "You have to be ready for anything."

And to the inevitable question of what Santa is doing so far from the North Pole a month before Christmas, Evans has a stock reply:

"I tell them Santa is on a promotional tour."

Rudolph is the favorite subject of kids' questions, but they're not only about toys.

"I've had little kids ask me if Santa can get their mommy and their daddy back together," he said.

"Sometimes, they break your heart."

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Behind the scenes of Santa Claus

Knight Ridder News Service

ST. PAUL, Minn. — It takes more than a miracle on 34th Street to get Santa into the mall around the holidays.

The seamless staging, the authentic costuming, the Santas who look just like Santa, are months in the making, about six months, actually, of 18-hour days, seven days a week.

"A lot of our year goes into this," said Judy Noerr, president of Noerr Programs, a Golden, Colo.-based operation that places Santas in malls nationwide. "It's much more complex than people realize."

With hundred-plus-page Santa manuals, top digital photographic equipment and thousands of employees trained in customer service, holiday scenes are big business.

The average mall display costs between \$200,000 and \$500,000, although Noerr knows of one shopping center that spent a cool million on its North Pole scene.

"Malls spend incredible amounts of money on these sets to make them something people will really enjoy," she said. "The whole idea of creating a magical experience is what people want. It draws them back to the shopping center, and they don't even know why."

And the Santas, they don't come cheap, either. An authentic-bearded Santa working in a large mall can command more than \$50 an hour. And he's typically got a multi-year contract. The reason: If he's a superstar, the mall wants to keep him, because "people do shop Santas," Noerr said.

But ask anyone associated with these displays, and they'll tell you it's not about the

Please see SANTA, Page E2

How to stay in touch on the road

Before you go:

- Begin a tradition of eating a special breakfast or dinner the day of your departure.
- Create a keepsake container by decorating a shoebox or folder into which your child can put reminders of everything that happens to her while you are away.
- Lay out a treasure hunt by hiding a new book, a toy or movie tickets in the house, then leave a trail of clues.
- Help the kids make luggage tags out of large labels, have the tags laminated and put them on your suitcase.
- Ask your child to help you pack

Etc...

While you are away:

- Call home at the same time every night.
- For longer trips, buy disposable cameras so you can take pictures where you are and your child can send you photos of what's going on in his life.
- Create a simple, secret alphabet so the kids can have fun "decoding" your letters.

• Encourage your child to find out everything she can about where you are — location, people, customs, traditions.

When you get home:

- Plan a surprise outing with your spouse and the kids that begins as soon as you leave the airport.
 - Re-celebrate any milestones you missed — birthday, big game, recital — with a Special Event night.
 - Make place mats or collages using interesting paper you collected while traveling — postcards, stationery, canceled tickets, napkins.
- Source: "The Business Travelling Parent," St. Paul, Minn. Pioneer Press

Planetarium's holiday show will bowl you over

"Steamrolling Through the Holidays," the Faulkner Planetarium's holiday show, will continue through the end of the year at the Herrett Center for Arts and Sciences on the campus of the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls.

"Steamrolling" is a soundtrack of Christmas time favorites by the popular instrumental group Mannheim Steamroller.

The program will be shown at 7 p.m. Tuesdays and Fridays and 4 and 7 p.m. on Saturdays. Admission is

To do for you

\$4 for adults, \$3 for seniors, \$2 for children or \$9 for families. For more information, call the Herrett Center at 733-9554, Ext. 2655.

Every week, To Do For Families lists family oriented events in south-central Idaho. To get an event listed, send it to Features Department, The Times-News, P. O. Box 548, Twin Falls 83303. Deadline is noon on Wednesday.

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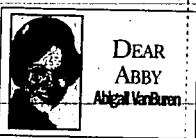
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Rumors of affair cloud woman's return to work

DEAR ABBY: I have been stuck at home on worker's comp for a year, but will be returning to my job in a few days. Unfortunately, a rumor has gone around at work that my fiance (who is also employed there) is having an affair with one of our co-workers.



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13-year-old learns lessons from horse

"It is hard to fail, but it is worse never to have tried to succeed. In this life we get nothing save by effort."

Theodore Roosevelt

By Barbara L. Glenn

Thirteen can be a challenging age. Not only did I have to adapt to my changing body, I also had to deal with my parents' bitter divorce, a new family and the upsetting move from my country home to a crowded suburb.

Chicken Soup for the Soul

A young teen channels the pain from her parents' divorce into training for a barrel-racing competition with her awkward yet beloved horse.

mean snickers about Cowboy's looks. I never let on about how I felt, but deep down inside, my heart was breaking.

Cowboy into a beauty. I finally realized that my only chance to compete would be in the timed speed events. I chose barrel racing. One girl named Becky rode a big, brown thoroughbred mare in the race events...

stumbled and almost fell, much to the delight of the other riders. I jammed my hat down on my head, stroked Cowboy's big, red neck and entered the arena. At the signal, we dashed toward the first barrel, quickly whipped around it and, with perfect precision, rounded the second and thundered on to the third.

Trust 12th-grader to steer in right direction

Q. Our 12th-grade son, an honor student, has recently told us he doesn't want to go to college. Instead, he wants to become a BMW mechanic...



PARENTING John Rosemond ones are mistakes, and learning his own lessons. You may be asking the wrong guy this question because I still resent my high school guidance counselor, Mr. Gusloff...

Your son is smart indeed. As a senior in high school, he already has figured out there's a big difference between the measurable riches of earning a lot of money, say, a lawyer and the immeasurable riches of vocational satisfaction. I disagree that he's "wasting his talents" and I doubt disagree that he's not looking at all his options.

because he's an honor student. He refuses to accept the assignment. I say "Yes, go!" This is not about a teen-ager who's making bad decisions. This is about parents who are having a problem letting go, parents who are perhaps wanting nothing more than to tell all their kids to get out and go to college to become a (fill in the blank) with some high-paying, high prestige profession...

Authors say girls are ready for anything

The Dallas Morning News Girls investing. Girls cheer-leading. Girls dirt biking. Girls riding horses sidesaddle. Like the commercial says, it's a great time to be a girl. And three authors — once girls themselves — traveled the nation to find out just how cool it is to be young and female in America.

trading floor of a brokerage firm in the dizzying heights of a Dallas skyscraper," the women write. "We talked with a blues-rock musician, ballerinas, surfers, an ice skater, a girl who makes and plays with dolls." The McPhees wanted to show girls doing "cool" things that would encourage others who come after them.

any glass ceilings and feminism is not a part of their vocabulary. Even Kerri Kunstadt, one of three Irving High School cheerleaders featured in the book, recognizes she has more opportunities than women who grew up before she did. "My mom says she never would have gotten the opportunity to do what I did in school," says Kunstadt, a freshman at the University of Texas. "She says I was really lucky to get the opportunity to represent my school because when she was growing up, cheerleading wasn't something a lot of girls got to do."

"There are no girls in this picture," recalls Laura, 42. "She perceives just in visual information like that that there are girls in this picture, but she doesn't belong or isn't included." That didn't seem to be an issue for girls like Stephanie Formas, a Dallas resident who was featured in the book. Stephanie, 13, has been investing in the stock market for the past four years. She picked up the pastime from her grandfather and mother, a business owner who once was a day trader. "I want to feel financially independent by the time I'm older," Stephanie says in the book. "I don't want to have to ever rely on anybody."

This woman visits our home regularly and has been a friend to both of us. The rumor stems from the fact that people at work see my fiance and her joking and playing around, and assume they have something going on — especially since I'm not there. Abby, I know that nothing is going on between them. My fiance is devoted to me, and we have a perfect, loving relationship.

My question: What, if anything, should I do about this rumor? When I'm back on the scene, I'm afraid it's going to make our working environment uncomfortable for these people I care about. The rumor is not true, and they should mind their own business. ANXIOUS IN NIAGARA FALLS, N.Y. DEAR ANXIOUS: Do nothing about the rumor. To bring it up will only fuel the gossip. If someone mentions it, say you've already heard about it and then change the subject. When you're back on the scene, interacting normally with both your fiance and your co-worker, the rumor should die a natural death.

Santa

Continued from E1 money. Santa Dan, who apparently has no last name but works the rest of the year at Chicago Floral in South Minneapolis, has spent two of his contracted three years at Rosefeld Center in Roseville, Minn. He sits through long days of sometimes-screaming kids pulling on his authentic beard, taking only occasional breaks. But his patience is as long as the lines of children — and adults — who come to see him. He still turns up as he recalls a girl who came to him two Christmases ago and her mother was seriously ill; the tears continue as he talks of the children who ask for mittens. Last year, he gave \$500 to staff so they could buy gloves and hats, on the spot, for any child who asked for them. "Children shouldn't have to want those type of things for Christmas," he said. "It just breaks my heart."

DEAR ABBY: Your response to "Hopeful in Kentucky," the man whose wife is a gambler, was right on the money. Pathological gambling was first identified as a mental disorder in 1980. According to the American Psychiatric Association, pathological gambling can be identified if a person exhibits at least five of the following 10 symptoms: 1. Is preoccupied with gambling.

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FAMILY LIFE

Kids will love '102 Dalmations'

The Orange County Register

"102 Dalmations" (G) - Twin Cinema, Century Cinema of Burley, Cinema, Magic Lantern of Ketchum

Best for: the whole family
What it's about: Glenn Close returns as Cruella De Vil, who has been released from prison and vows she'll be back on her up to make her coat from puppies...



from being cloned. Adam Gibson (Arnold Schwarzenegger) is a decorated fighter pilot who owns a jet transport business...

The good: The complex theme of abuse and corruption in the world of genetic science is cleverly explored. The intense chase scenes, explosions, unique visual effects...

The not-so-good: This story has a twist in that the bad guys who get shot are cloned, then immediately brought back to life...

Liberty Theater

What it's about: A train wreck leaves one survivor, David Dunn (Bruce Willis), without a scratch. As he works his security job at a sports stadium and tries to rebuild his life...

The good: Writer-director M. Night Shyamalan ("The Sixth Sense") excels at the mix of a man's life and adds a unique plot twist...

The not-so-good: The two deliver a gun at him, challenging him to prove nothing will hurt him...

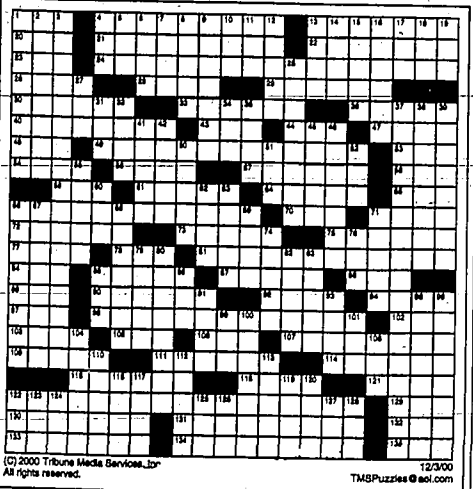
Parental advisory: The violence and body count aren't as bad as in many of Schwarzenegger's movies...

BIG NUMBERS

By Josiah Breward, Brantton, Pennsylvania

THE Sunday Crossword

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Parents fight paranoia in perilous times

The Orange County Register
Maybe fear is why the most gut-wrenching numbers a parent can see - the statistics of childhood death - are a lot less scary than they were only a generation ago.

friends ... this violent, violent world."
He even worries about his worrying.
"Maybe it's too much," Murray says, laughing. "But I'm a parent. It's what I do."

of modern children and their not-so-modern parents.
By virtually every statistical measure, the generation born after 1982 is healthier and happier than kids of the previous two generations.

years become adult-organized and adult-supervised (often by people other than their parents) to the hilt. And unstructured free time (for kids, not for grown-ups) is seen by many parents as a potential for trouble and harm, not an opportunity for creative play.

Slumber parties strike fear in parents' hearts

The Orlando Sentinel
If you survey the English language, you will unearth a handful of phrases that reduce parents to quivering jelly.
"Phrases like 'assembly required.' Or 'college tuition.' Or 'Dad, we've got insurance, right?'"

Feeling brave enough for a coed sleeper?
It was the usual gab swapped between sisters. Mary Camden, smiling heavily on her mind, hastily corralled her sister Lucy.
"Mary was invited the following evening to a sleeperover after the high school basketball game. She was excited to go. But, she told Lucy, there was a problem."

parties. Experts say these boy-girl get-togethers have become increasingly prevalent and guests have grown increasingly younger.
As one might expect, there exists a great difference of opinion regarding the wisdom of hosting coed sleepovers.
Some parents call it harmless fun. Some sanction the parties as a way to improve benign Orwellian supervision on the social lives of their kids - to keep them safe, not running the streets. Others say that in an age when sexual messages bombard chil-

dren and increasingly younger kids are experimenting with sex, coed sleepovers are an invitation to sex.
Whether coed sleepovers are prudent "deposits on the individual" or involved - parents and the kids - and on the situation," says Evelyn Petersen, a child development expert and syndicated columnist. "I would not suggest that it be done (with kids) about the sixth grade, and then only with lots of 'ifs' taken care of."

ENGAGEMENTS

HEINER-COFFEY

TWIN FALLS - Dr. Larry Heiner of Alexandria, Va., and Linda Newbury of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Valerie Heiner, to Nathan Coffey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Coffey of St. Charles, Mo.



Nathan Coffey and Valerie Heiner
The wedding is planned for Dec. 15 in the Mt. Timpanogos Utah Temple. A reception will be held in their honor from 7-9 p.m. Dec. 16 at the Newbury residence in Twin Falls.

SULLIVAN-RICE

JEROME - Barry and Carolyn Sullivan of Jerome announce the engagement of their daughter, Melissa Ann Sullivan, to Todd Douglas Rice, son of Doug and Janice Rice of Lamar, Mo.
Sullivan is a 1997 graduate of Jerome High School. She is attending Boise State University, where she is majoring in elementary education and secondary mathematics education. She is currently employed at the Boise State University Children's Center.



Todd Rice and Melissa Sullivan
December with a degree in animal science is employed by Genex in Strairford, Mo.
The wedding is planned for Dec. 31 in Missouri. A reception will be held in their honor Jan. 6, 2001, at Cavanaugh's in Twin Falls. The couple will reside in Boise.

For more engagements and weddings, please see page E5

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Jessica Verhoef, Anna Hussbaum, Christy Vanden Bosch, Amy Ash and Nicole Pridley were among youth volunteers - 10 from Twin Falls Reformed Church and 10 from Our Savior Lutheran Church - who painted a house obtained by the Valley House Homeless Shelter to be used for transitional housing. Sandblasting and paint were donated by Pastor Dan Rienke from Our Savior Lutheran. Valley House representatives say they would not be able to operate without volunteer help and the United Way.



Photo courtesy of Valley House

BUHL STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



The Buhl High School students of the month for September were, left to right, front row: Tracy Rogers, Brian Avalar, Lacey Owen, Carlie Israel, Jayme Andersen, Kara Davidson, Janicea Baxter and Curissa Copes; second row: Annie McCauley, Tracy Franson, A.J. Hoffman, Della Alonso, Juan Palmer, Jo Novaver, Christine Hulise and Chris Smith; back row: Sam Garza, Tia Hosman, Maricela Varela, Seth Mathews, JD Gould, Donald Bess and Jeremy Van Sickle. Students not available for picture were: Tracie Elliott, Karissa Howell, Sara Jarolnick, Erica Littlefield, Ryan Steele, Lara Welch and Heather Alexander.

SCHOOL LUNCH

BUHL SCHOOL Breakfast Menu Milk served every day. Choice of fruit or juice every day. Monday: Fruit, toast Tuesday: Raisins, cereal Wednesday: Macaroni and gravy Thursday: Chicken tortilla soup, apple Friday: Egg and cheese McMuffin Lunch Menu Baked fish and milk served every day Monday: Cheeseburgers, ketchup, mustard, French fries, fruit Tuesday: Chicken, beef, cheese, celery sticks, fruit, cornmeal roll Wednesday: Corn dogs, ketchup, mustard, French fries, grapes Thursday: Breaded and sour chicken, fried rice, egg rolls, pineapple, tartar sauce Friday: Chicken nuggets, barbecue sauce, potatoes of gravy, green beans, hot roll	KIMBERLY SCHOOL Milk served every day Monday: Berries, rice, stew, green beans, fruit Tuesday: Jello Wednesday: Beef patty, potatoes of gravy, celery sticks, applesauce Thursday: Hot turkey sandwich, mashed potatoes, rolls, green beans, rice crisp bar Friday: Tamaro soup, ham and cheese sub, pickles, power	ST. EDWARD'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL Milk served every day Monday: Pineapple Tuesday: Pineapple and cheese burrito Wednesday: Pork chops Thursday: Spaghetti Friday: Chicken nuggets
CASTLEFORD SCHOOL Breakfast menu Milk and juice Monday: Doughnuts, cereal Tuesday: Cinnamon rolls, cereal Wednesday: Scrambled eggs, cereal Thursday: Pancakes, cereal Friday: Pancake souffle, cereal Lunch menu Monday: Lasagna Tuesday: Mini fruit Wednesday: Chicken casserole rolls Thursday: Hot doggie Friday: Fruit	MAGIC VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL Choice of milk served every day Monday: Cheeseburger delish, lettuce, pickles, French fries, homemade chicken strip noodle Tuesday: Pepperoni pizza, sweet corn, pineapple chunks, hot pot Wednesday: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes of gravy, seasoned peas, dinner roll Thursday: Chili crispies, lettuce, tomatoes, salsa, sour cream, apple sauce, cinnamon roll Friday: Chicken nuggets, barbeque sauce, fried rice, mandarin orange Jell-O, sugar biscuit	TWIN FALLS ELEMENTARY Milk served every day Monday: Cereal, pineapple, apples, grapes, crackers Tuesday: Pancakes on a stick, orange, orange juice Wednesday: Cereal, pineapple, apples, grapes, crackers Thursday: Breakfast combo bar, later rolls, apple slices Friday: Cereal, apples, toast w/ jelly Lunch menu Monday: Chicken crispies, lettuce, tomatoes, taste potatoes of gravy, cinnamon sticks Tuesday: Orange juice, cinnamon rolls Wednesday: Pepperoni pizza, seasoned green beans, pineapple chunks, Little Caesar's pizza Thursday: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes of gravy, hot apple sauce Friday: Hamburger delish, lettuce, pickles, sliced apples, fruit Saturday: Chicken nuggets, sweet and sour sauce, fried rice, mandarin orange Jell-O, soft pretzel
FILER SCHOOL Monday: Cheeseburgers Tuesday: Chicken pizza sandwiches Wednesday: Chicken pizza sandwiches Thursday: Fruit Friday: Soup and sandwiches	MURTAUGH SCHOOL Milk served every day Monday: Hamburger, fries, baby carrots, fruit Tuesday: Chicken nuggets, rolls, mixed vegetables, fruit cocktail, cake Wednesday: Turkey gravy, mashed potatoes, baby carrots, rolls, grapes Thursday: Baked potato, chili, cheese, rolls, oranges, cookies	VALLEY SCHOOLS Monday: Hamburger w/ bun, lettuce, pickles, tartar sauce, potato, carrot sticks Tuesday: Fish sticks, later snack, French fries, peas, hot roll w/ butter, pineapple Wednesday: Spaghetti, meat, cheese, green beans, French roll w/ butter, pineapple Thursday: Nachos, meat, cheese, salsa, corn, bread sticks, hot sauce Friday: Chili, crackers, celery sticks, cinnamon roll, peaches
HANSEN SCHOOL DISTRICT Breakfast menu Milk served every day Monday: Cereal, toast, juice Tuesday: Breakfast and gravy, fruit Wednesday: Pancakes, sausage, juice Thursday: Bagels, fruit Friday: Long johns, cereal, juice Lunch menu Monday: Chicken and noodles, hot rolls, peas, fruit Tuesday: Burrito, taste peas, corn, fruit Wednesday: Beef stir-fry, mashed potatoes, rolls, green beans Thursday: Chicken fajita, later rolls, fruit Friday: French toast, ham, later rolls, fruit	ROBERT STUART AND O'LEARY JUNIOR HIGH Breakfast menu Milk served every day Monday: Cereal w/ milk, peaches, donut Tuesday: Pancake on a stick, yogurt, granola Wednesday: Cereal, pineapple, tidbits, cream crackers Thursday: Breakfast combo bar, later roll, apple slices Friday: Cereal, apples, toast w/ jelly Lunch menu Monday: Chili crispies or delish sandwich or salad, later snack, tomatoes, salsa, water, later, orange quarters, cinnamon cookie Tuesday: Chicken burrito or ham and cheese hot	TWIN FALLS HIGH SCHOOL School lunch menu is printed as a public service to have the lunch menu (breakfast menu if desired) printed with the menu. Lunch menu is available to the Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83401. Call 733-0931 for Lunch Menu. District is noon Wednesday publication deadline.
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Plug into Christmas and win a prize

All decked out for the holidays? The Times-News is sponsoring a holiday lights contest in search of the home in the Magic Valley or Mini-Cassia area with the best lighting display.

Send in your nomination (with a photo for us to post on our Internet site, if you want) by e-mail or snail mail - by Monday.

Send the address and a short description of the home, along with your name, address and phone number. We'll run a list of the nominations in the Food and Home section on Dec. 6. Then, we'll run a box for you to use to vote for your favorite.

The winner will be featured in the paper. The prize will be the gift of time - a \$25 gift certificate from a gift wrapping service.

Submit entries to Denise Turner, The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, Idaho 83303-0548 or to denise@gmagicvalley.com or go to www.magicvalley.com and follow the instructions. For more information, call 733-0931, Ext. 243.

For news for and about Latinos. Check out Comunidad on Thursdays

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Magic Valley Iris Society elects officers
 TWIN FALLS - The Magic Valley Iris Society held its election of new officers Nov. 4 at the Lincoln Inn in Gooding.
 At the meeting, Tony and Irene DeRose of Caldwell, showed a slide show on the Iris Convention in Dallas, Texas. Jeannette Grapham gave a presentation on the Siberian iris.
 The new officers include: Vicki Harney, president; Joanne Scholiar, vice president; Glenda Chadd, secretary; Jeannette Grapham, treasurer; Judy Erdman, newsletter; Jessie Clifford, sunshine lady; and Dorothy Borneman and Shirley Covey will work on the photography and the scrapbook.
 The Christmas party and gift exchange will be held at 6 p.m. Dec. 16 at the home of Vicki Harney. Members and their spouse or date are invited. Invitations will be sent out in December with all the details.
 New members are welcome.
 For more information, call Glenda Chadd at 733-0040 or Vicki Harney at 733-8838.

St. Benedicts offers diabetes support group
 JEROME - St. Benedicts' diabetes support group will meet from 5:30-6:30 p.m., Thursday at the St. Benedicts Health Education Center.
 The topic will be "How To Eat Your Way Through The Holidays and Still Watch Your Carbohydrates" and the speaker will be Wendy Rice.
 The support group meets the first Thursday of every month and everyone is invited.

Jerome High School Band Boosters meet
 JEROME - The Jerome High School Band Boosters will meet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the band room. For more information, call 824-3469.

Desert Sun Dancers group holds potato bar
 SHOSHONE - The Desert Sun Dancers will hold a potato bar Friday at the Masonic Hall on West B St. in Shoshone.
 Rounds will begin at 7:30 p.m. with squares at 8 p.m.
 The club will furnish the potato bar and those attending are asked to bring a dessert. The cost is \$3 per person.

Central Elementary hosts 'Flavors of Jerome' dinner
 JEROME - The parents, students and faculty of Central Elementary will host a "Flavors of Jerome Food Fair" dinner and music program Jan. 26.
 Dinner will be served from 5:30-8:30 p.m. in the Jerome High School cafeteria.
 The music program and dinner will celebrate Central Elementary's multi-cultural cookbook being published.
 The cookbook was assembled using recipes submitted by grade school students in Jerome. The proceeds from the book will be distributed to the grade schools in Jerome for the purchase of books about other cultures.
 The cookbooks are available at the school for \$8.
 Donations will be taken at the door. Suggested donations are \$15 per family, \$5 for adults and \$3 for children 12 and under.

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Pre-school story time meets every Thursday
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Library holds pre-school story time at 10:30 a.m. every Thursday, excluding holidays beginning Dec. 7 at the library at 219 Main St. in Filer.
 Volunteers read to the children and make simple projects. For more information, call 326-4143.

Amvets group meets second Thursday
 TWIN FALLS - The Amvets meet at 7:30 p.m. the second Thursday of every month at the Disabled Veterans office on Harrison and Shoup in Twin Falls. For more information, call Cliff Jones at 734-3705.

Pioneer Button Club gathers at aging annex
 TWIN FALLS - The Pioneer Button Club meets at 1 p.m. the second Saturday of the month at the Office on Aging Annex.
 For more information, call 423-5525.

Western Days Committee meets first Wednesday
 TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls Western Days Committee will meet at 6 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Twin Falls City council chambers at City Hall. For more information, call 734-7510 during the day or 734-9075 at home.

Special Friends group meets first Thursday
 TWIN FALLS - The Special Friends support group for parents of children with special needs meets at 7 p.m. the first Thursday of the month at Twin Falls Reformed Church. Call Lori at 733-6128.

La Leche League meets second Tuesday of month
 TWIN FALLS - La Leche League meetings will be held at 10 a.m. the second Tuesday of every month at the Southern Central Health District Katz room at 1020 Washington St. N.

Kimberly Library Board meets first Thursday
 KIMBERLY - Kimberly Public Library Board meetings will be held at 7 p.m. the first Thursday of every month in the library building. The public is invited to attend.
 Regular library hours are Monday 1-6 p.m., Tuesday 3-8 p.m., Thursday 1-6 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Job Service representative assists veterans this month
 TWIN FALLS - Job Service representative Roy Applewhite will assist veterans at several Magic Valley area locations this month.
 Assistance is available from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. every Thursday in room 220 of the Meyerhoeffer Building at the College of Southern Idaho.
 Services include work registration; job referrals, veterans, education, training and other programs; vocational guidance; and referrals to community-based organizations. Veterans are encouraged to contact Applewhite at any of the above locations or at the Magic Valley Job Service Office, 771 North College Road. For more information, call 735-2028.

AARP chapter gets together at Office on Aging
 TWIN FALLS - AARP American Association of Retired Persons, Twin Falls Chapter 4352, meets at 2 p.m. the third Wednesday of each month at the Office on Aging at the College of Southern Idaho campus.
 For more information, call Evelyn Davenport at 543-6516 or Jackie Shaffer at 737-5035 or Grace Crawford at 733-5258.

Jerome Art Guild meetings include workshops
 JEROME - The Jerome Art Guild meets the third Friday of the month. Call Elaine Barnhill

at 886-7164 for more information. at 324-8480.

Off-road association gathers second Thursday
 TWIN FALLS - The Southern Idaho Off-Road Association meets at 7:30 p.m. the second Thursday of every month at First Baptist Church, 910 Shoshone St.
 For more information, call Jeff at 732-5306 or Mike at 736-0118.

Desert Sage Quilt Guild gets together this month
 TWIN FALLS - The Desert Sage Quilt Guild meets at 7 p.m. the fourth Thursday of every month at the KMTV Community Room at 1100 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. in Twin Falls. For more information, call Charlotte Maffin at 543-6169.

Idaho Walleye Unlimited meets first Tuesday
 TWIN FALLS - Idaho Walleye Unlimited, a nonprofit organization, meets the first Tuesday of the every month at the Idaho Power Building on South Blue Lakes Boulevard in Twin Falls.
 For more information, call Lila Rue at 324-2405 or Jeff Roberts at 678-1428.

Parents of gays and lesbians group gathers
 TWIN FALLS - The Parents, Family and Friends of Gays and Lesbians meets at 7:10 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of the month.
 Call Connie at 733-1172 or Dick

Living with Chronic Illness support group meets
 TWIN FALLS - Living with Chronic Illness support group meets from 5:30-7:00 p.m. the second Monday of every month at the Center for New Directions.
 The purpose of the group is to help people face the common mental, emotional, physical and spiritual issues of living with a chronic illness. The group also welcomes family and friends affected by chronic illness.
 For more information, call Jodie at 733-9554, Ext. 2680 or Barbara at 734-7394.

Psoriasis support group gathers on third Tuesday
 BUHL - A psoriasis support group meets at 7 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at the Buhl Moose Lodge, at 1101 Main St. Buhl. For more information, call Evelyn Davenport at 543-6516.

Alzheimer's family group seeks names for support
 TWIN FALLS - Organizers of Alzheimer's Disease family support groups in Twin Falls and Burley are compiling a list of people willing to talk with and support family members whose loved ones suffer from the illness.
 For more information, call Sandy Keenan or Mary Edgar at 736-2122, Bill Amourset at 644-1383 or Jack Holt at 837-6252.

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REDMAN-JONES

TWIN FALLS - Emily Noelle Redman and David Robert Jones were married on June 17 at the First Baptist Church in Twin Falls.

Officiating was the Rev. Joseph R. Glinder of the Long Beach Friends Church in Long Beach, Calif. Music was provided by Kandis Griff, piano; Jamie Griff, oboe; and a string quartet including the Rev. Andrew Boettcher, first violin; Rebekah Jones, second violin; Kristin Nebeling, viola; and Jenette Miller, cello. Heather Redman and Paul Nellis performed vocal solos.

The bride is the daughter of R. Michael and Vera Redman of Twin Falls.

Parents of the bridegroom are Ronald and Susan Jones of Castleton.

Heather and Allison Redman, sisters of the bride, served as the bride's maids of honor.

Bridesmaids included Danielle Silvers, Erin Sprow, Anna Dyeys and Jennifer Goez, friends of the bride.

Andreas Brydzienski and Michael Beth Mowen, friends of the bride, served as candlelighters. Emily Etchevery, friend of the bride, was the flower girl.

RC Jones, brother of the groom, and Alex Petrenko, friend of the groom, served as the best men.

Groomsmen included Aaron Hutchings, Kevin Lines, Aaron LaFortune and Paul Nellis, friends of the groom.

Brad Easterday, brother of the groom, served as the head usher, and Connor Snell, friend of the bride, was the ring bearer.

As a part of the ceremony, Jamie White, friend of the bride, read 1 Corinthians chapter 13, and the Rev. Andrew Boettcher gave a message to the congregation.



David and Emily Jones

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Special guests included Betty Redman of Portsmouth, Ohio, grandmother of the bride; Evelyn Burkhalter of Twin Falls, grandmother of the groom; and Robert and Virginia Jones of Castleton, grandparents of the groom.

A reception was held following the ceremony at the College of Southern Idaho rose garden.

Serving was Jennifer Jones-Easterday, sister of the groom, Jessica Jones, sisters of the groom, and Jamie White, friend of the bride, attended the guest book. Gift attendants were Anticia Brydzienski and Michael Beth Mowen, friends of the bride.

The bride is a graduate of Twin Falls High School, Cottey College in Nevada, Mo., and Hood College in Frederick, Md. She is employed at the Youth Opportunity Center in Long Beach, Calif.

The bridegroom is a graduate of Castleford High School, Calvary Chapel Bible College in Murrieta, Calif., and Long Beach City College in Long Beach. He is currently attending California State University, Long Beach, and is employed by the Long Beach Unified School District. The newlyweds reside in Long Beach, Calif.

ENGAGEMENTS



Michael Stubbs and Wendy Karznerman

KAMMERMAN-STUBBS

TWIN FALLS - Gerald and Ann Kammerman of Gladstone, Ore., announce the engagement of their daughter, Wendy Lara Kammerman, to Michael Eugene Stubbs, son of Mark and Jan Stubbs of Twin Falls.

Kammerman is a 1997 graduate of Gladstone High School in Gladstone, Ore., and is a junior at Brigham Young University, majoring in dietetics. She is employed at the BYU library in Provo, Utah.

Stubbs is a 1997 graduate of Twin Falls High School and is a sophomore at BYU, majoring in English. He served a LDS mission in the Mexico Guadalajara Mission. He is employed by the Mission Training Center in Provo. The wedding is planned for Dec. 15 in the Salt Lake City Temple.

Let us help you share the good news

The Times-News is happy to publish wedding information and engagement announcements. Deadline for the Sunday paper is 5 p.m. on the previous Tuesday. For more information, call Ramona Jones at 733-3262.

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ANDREW-POWERS

BURLEY - Jolene Andrew and L. Dale Powers were married Dec. 1 in the Laie, Hawaii LDS Temple.

The bride is the daughter of Barbara Andrew of Burley and the late Hiram Andrew. She is a graduate of Minico High School and the Travel Academy in Vancouver, Wash. She is currently the manager at Morris Murdoch Travel in Burley.

The groom is the son of L. Clair and Elizabeth Powers of Rupert. He is a graduate of Minico High School and Idaho State University. He currently farms north of Rupert.



Jolene and Dale Powers

A reception to honor the couple will be held from 7-9 p.m. Friday at the Acequia LDS Church.



Jennifer and Chad Schabot

RICE-SCHABOT

BOISE - Jennifer Rice and Chad Schabot were married Aug. 12 in Boise.

The bride, daughter of John Rice of Boise and the late Joanne Rice, is a graduate of Borah High School and Idaho State University. She is employed by Dr. Terry Gustavel as a dental hygienist.

The bridegroom, son of Gayle Schabot of Buhl and the late Thomas Schabot, is a graduate of Buhl High School and Pepperdine University. He is employed by the Meridian School District. The couple resides in Boise.

To place a classified ad, call 733-0931

WARREN-KERBS

TACOMA, Wash. - Carla Warren and Darren Kerbs were married Aug. 26 in Tacoma, Wash.

Officiating was the Rev. Nancy Connor.

The bride is the daughter of Charles Warren of Moscow, Ore., and Judy Orchard of Placerville, Calif. She is a graduate of Azusa Pacific University. She is employed as the director of fund development at the YWCA of Tacoma and Pierce County.

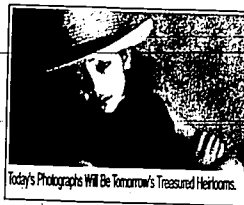
The groom is the son of Leonard and Dorothy Kerbs of Twin Falls. He is a graduate of Twin Falls High School and Pacific Lutheran University. He is employed as the associate director of alumni and parent relations at Pacific Lutheran University. The couple resides in Tacoma.



Darren and Carla Kerbs

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More engagements on page E3:
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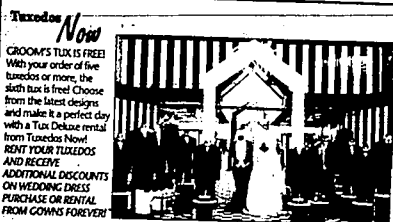


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Seniors should check on HMOs

Q. Several years ago, in an effort to save money, my wife and I decided to sign up for a Medicare HMO when neither of us had health problems.

Although we never got accustomed to seeing different doctors and were never satisfied with the service when we did, we continued to stick with the program. Today, we both have chronic health problems, and we just received notice from our HMO that it will be pulling out of the Medicare program in our area.

How will this affect us, and what can we do to make sure we are covered? Should we join another HMO?

A. Health maintenance organizations are the most common type of "managed care" health plans that deliver your health care through various networks of participating providers. Although the theory behind "managed care" was to deliver health care less expensively, increased HMO premiums, poor service, and HMO's pulling out of high claims areas call into question the wisdom of this theory.

"Medicare HMOs" (such as the one that is now pulling the rug out from under you and your wife) are contracts with the U.S. government under what is called the "Medicare Choice program." Through these contracts, HMOs furnish health benefits to those Medicare-eligible individuals who choose to enroll rather than re-



NEXT STEPS
Jan Collins and Jan Warner

ceiving care and benefits under the traditional fee-for-service Medicare program.

These HMOs were required to let the government know by July 3, 2000 if they would renew their current contracts for 2001.

Initially, Medicare HMOs were only too happy to "cherry pick" healthy seniors who, like you, wanted to save money and were healthy.

Now that the claims are coming in, some Medicare HMOs are running for cover to avoid losses. Others

will be increasing their premiums or reducing benefits, or both. Of the more than 6 million Americans who were covered under Medicare HMOs, you and hundreds of thousands of other senior citizens will have to find new coverage by Jan. 1, 2001 because Medicare HMOs like yours will not renew their government contracts to serve certain

areas of the country.

Basically, your choices are to find another Medicare HMO or go back to being covered under the traditional Medicare program by Jan. 1 of next year.

If you are considering moving to another Medicare HMO to save money, you should first find out 1) whether that plan will be increasing premiums or reducing benefits as of Jan. 1, 2001 and 2) whether that plan is committed to continuing to stay in your area in the future.

To find out more about your coverage options, you can call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227) or look at information about plan withdrawals at the Medicare Web site, which is located at <http://www.medicare.gov/>

Taking the NextStep. Although cost is certainly a criteria to be considered in purchasing health coverage, you must remember the age-old adage that "it sounds too good to be true, it probably is." Before you purchase any health-related coverage, find out the upsides and downsides and look at track records to make sure you make a smart purchase.

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Our democracy manages to survive worst-case scenario

We live in a great country, this United States of America. We have been in the position of not knowing for sure who our president would be, yet the country did not fall apart, the people were not terrified that a leader would not be chosen. There were angry people to be sure, but there was no sign of a pending civil war or even a brief skirmish, except, perhaps, in Miami-Dade County, Fla.

Instead there were a lot of jokes, a lot of laughs, a lot of vocalizing of frustrations, but life went on, and the country continued forward in much the same way as before the election. According to the world media, people all over the world laughed at the apparent confusion this election caused, but certainly many of these same people secretly envied our place in the world as Americans and would love to trade us places.

It should be reassuring to all of us that, regardless of the year's election problems, our founding fathers with their "rule of law," the Constitution, were able to



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make sure that the country would survive, and a way would be found to solve almost any problem that might occur.

Many of those who signed our Constitution believed that it would not survive, even during their lifetimes. Yet it has survived through turmoil, through war, even through the present election. Our republic has endured because of that Constitution. It has enabled our democratic form of government to survive with only minor changes for more than 200 years, a sure indication that it can withstand the test of time.

The non-election of a president could have been a crisis, but it

instead became a learning situation in many cases. Most Americans had never thought before about the Electoral College, if they knew about it at all. Most now understand it. Many Americans had believed that their vote did not count. This has been proven wrong. The election assured, at least for all Americans living through it, that these lessons of history would never be forgotten.

Our Constitution and its laws, laid down by people who would, no doubt, have been shocked by the world in which we live today, has provided us the power to overcome almost any problem that has been thrown our way. How fortunate we are, and how thankful we should be.

We should be proud as Americans, regardless of jokes by comedians across the world, that our country could survive even this, the strangest of elections.

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Keep your Social Security number private

Knight Rider News Service

Q. I've always kept my Social Security card in my wallet, right with my driver's license and other identification cards. A co-worker told me that I should not carry it with me. Is this true?

A. With the growing concern about identity theft, we now advise individuals to keep their Social Security cards in a safe place to prevent loss or theft. We recommend keeping your card with your other valuable documents, rather than carrying it in your purse or wallet. Take your card with you only when you are going some-

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where that the card will be needed, such as to a job interview. Then return it to a secure place.

In addition to protecting your card, you should also protect your Social Security number. Criminals can use your card or even your number to apply for credit, get a job, open a bank account or in other ways commit identity theft. For more information, visit our Web site - <http://www.ssa.gov> - or call us at 1-800-772-1213.

Q. I am self-employed working for a nonprofit organization (my

church). Do I need to report my earnings to Social Security?

A. Yes. You must report earnings of \$100 or more if you are self-employed working for your church or church-controlled organization. Should you need more information, you can call us toll-free at 1-800-772-1213 and ask for the fact sheet, "If You Work For A Nonprofit Organization," or check our Web site for more information.

This column was prepared by the Social Security Administration. For fast answers to specific Social Security questions, contact Social Security toll-free at 800-772-1213.

Seniors struggle to pay drug costs

The Dallas Morning News

Prescription drugs are supposed to make people feel better. But for many senior citizens, the prospect of filling a new prescription brings no sense of relief.

To the more than 30 percent of American seniors who pay the entire cost of medication out of their own pockets, a prescription can represent an assault on an already tight budget. Too often, it requires a difficult choice between paying a utility bill, buying food, getting the car repaired or following a doctor's orders. It is a hopeless struggle that promises to worsen as the cost of prescription drugs rise, experts say.

So it is no wonder that the current presidential race has focused renewed attention on the plight of elderly citizens who have no drug coverage. Both candidates, Vice President Al Gore and Texas Gov. George W. Bush, are offering plans that add a prescription drug benefit to the federal government's Medicare coverage for the elderly.

The political spotlight arrives at a time when senior citizens are taking more medications than ever before and turning over more and more of their incomes to the pharmaceutical industry. The average elderly person will spend \$1,205 on prescription drugs this year, up from \$559 per person in 1992, according to a study by the Prime Institute at the University of Minnesota. That's an increase of 116 percent over eight years.

The average cost of each prescription also rose from \$28.50 in 1992 to \$42.30 this year, and will likely reach \$72.94 in 2010 if pricing trends continue.

Practically every senior citizen without adequate drug coverage has a story to tell. Here are three local residents who are living that struggle day to day.

Breakfast for Orvan Carnes consists of a bowl of Cheerios, a large glass of orange juice and a handful of pills that he believes prolong his life every day.

Nestled in a seven-day pill dis-

pensary are 10 tablets that promise to control the 82-year-old Dallas man's blood pressure, manage his cholesterol, cut acid from his stomach, reduce the pain in his shoulders and keep his arteries from clogging.

He takes another five pills with lunch and four more pills at dinner. If it weren't for the high cost of his pharmacological diet, Carnes would consider himself a lucky man.

"Lord knows, I wouldn't be here without this medication," says Carnes, who has suffered a variety of medical maladies in recent years, including angina, skin cancer, ulcers, enlarged prostate and cataracts. "I'm anything but a dam hypocholesteric. I don't go to the doctor unless something almost forces me."

Still, he spent \$3,989 on prescription medicine last year because neither Medicare nor his supplemental insurance plan covers drug costs. That's about three times the national average for senior citizen drug costs.

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