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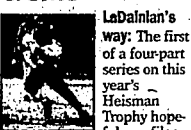
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# On the map

## Olympic torch will make stop in Twin Falls

By John T. Huddy  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Come Jan. 26, 2002, Twin Falls will have its moment in the Olympic limelight. Or torchlight.

It's unclear who will carry the Olympic torch through Twin Falls, and what route the torch will take. City leaders still have about 13 months to work those things out.

"This is the very first step in our journey," Mayor Elaine Steele said Monday at an Olympic flag-raising ceremony outside City Hall. "As the journey unfolds, we'll be sure to let you know."

The torch relay is scheduled to start Dec. 4, 2001 in Atlanta, the site of the 1996 summer Olympics. From there, it will take a two-month journey through 46 states, including a first-ever visit to Alaska.

The torch will stop in Boise on Jan. 25, 2002. On Jan. 26, 2002, the torch will make a stop in Twin Falls, followed by stops in Pocatello and Idaho Falls. Officials plan a short ceremony in each of those cities.

"We think it's a great privilege to showcase the city," said Randy Hansen, owner of Twin Falls' local Chevrolet dealership. Chevrolet is a 2002 Olympics sponsor.

From Idaho, the torch will travel to Montana, Wyoming, Colorado then Utah and Salt Lake City.

"One year from today, the Olympic Torch Relay begins the journey to 'Light the Fire Within,' providing inspiration to please see TORCH, Page A2

# Judge, justices deal Gore double blow

## Vice president begins to run out of options

The Associated Press

Al Gore's prospects for winning the presidency dimmed Monday when a state judge refused to overturn

George W. Bush's certified victory in Florida and the U.S. Supreme Court set aside a ruling that had allowed manual recounts.

Running out of options, the vice president's team pleaded with Democrats to stick with him a few more days.

"They won. We lost. We're appealing" to the Florida Supreme Court, said Gore attorney David Boies as Gore advisers

vowed the court would be his last stand. "We've moved one step

closer to having this resolved." It was, Gore's advisers said, a

major step in the wrong direction.

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Mitch Brooks and Ed Morris, both Twin Falls firefighters, raise a flag proclaiming the city as a torch city. On Jan. 2, 2002, the Olympic flame is scheduled to pass through Twin Falls on its way to Salt Lake City.

## Gore won't give up - C4

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## Cancer drug holds promise

The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — A leukemia drug that brought cancer into remission in most patients in clinical trials is generating extraordinary excitement among cancer specialists and patients as a gentler, more effective treatment that may mean cancer researchers are on the right track.

"This drug is a major breakthrough. It will change the way we treat patients with CML," said Dr. Hagop Kantarjian, who oversees trials of the drug at the MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, Texas. In manufacturer-financed clinical trials, more than 90 percent of patients in the first phase of chronic myeloid leukemia saw their cancer go into remission.

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## Hope for a cure

Researchers are excited about the promise of a new drug, ST1571, being used in trials to treat chronic myelogenous leukemia (CML), one of the four major types of leukemia.

What is CML? CML is a cancer of the bone marrow which causes uncontrolled growth of white blood cells.

How prevalent is CML? There are about 4,500 new cases of CML in the United States each year, occurring mostly in men in their 40s and 50s. Most patients die within four to eight years.

How is CML currently treated? CML can be treated with interferon — a drug that boosts the immune system but has serious side effects. In some cases, CML can be cured through bone marrow transplantation, but this requires a donor with matching tissue type and is usually not an option for older patients.

Source: American Cancer Society

# Senator is confident of keeping post

## Republicans will decide today on leadership position

By Megan Scully  
States News Service

WASHINGTON — Sen. Larry Craig maintains confidence that he will prevail today in a vote to retain his spot in Senate leadership.

The final say belongs to Craig's Senate Republican allies, and some moderate lawmakers have painted today's vote as a choice between moderate and conservative leadership. On the eve of the U.S. Senate's vote on leadership positions, Republican centrists are sending out a clear message of discontent with conservative leadership by challenging several



Senator Larry Craig

key positions, including the one held by Craig, R-Idaho. When the Senate convenes today, Sen. Pete Domenici, R-N.M., who has been at odds with conservative leadership over budget, will challenge Craig for the chairmanship of the Senate Policy Committee, the fourth-highest position in Senate Republican leadership. The chairmanship entails overseeing policy analysts who routinely issue reports to the Republican caucus on specific policy issues and presiding over weekly lunches where caucus members debate their positions

# Leaders make their case

## Kempthorne might make decision on special session today

By Michael Joumee  
Times-News writer

BOISE — To protect Idaho power users and electric utilities from the unstable prices of a deregulated market, legislative leaders Monday asked Gov. Dirk Kempthorne to call lawmakers into a special session later this week.

Kempthorne is expected to decide today whether an October ruling in the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals decision warrants a special session — just weeks before the 2001 session. Some observers say the ruling effectively deregulated Idaho's electricity market.

The court ruling said Idaho's regulatory law does not comply with federal antitrust laws.

If the governor decides the ruling presents an immediate threat to power costs, he could have the Legislature convene when lawmakers are in town Thursday and Friday for their annual organizational session.

"Really, it comes down to how urgent this is, whether things will stay the same between now and the session," said Senate President Pro Tem Robert Geddes, R-Soda Springs.

In October, the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals ruled Idaho's Electric Suppliers Stabilization Act does not restrict the use of how utilities divvy up service areas.

That oversight is one of the two requirements in antitrust laws which entreat states to allow companies to have a monopoly, said Roy Egnor, attorney for a coalition of 23 municipal and cooperative utilities trying to overcome the ruling.

Geddes and House Speaker Bruce Newcomb, R-Burley, met with utility representatives and separately with Kempthorne Monday to discuss measures that would rectify the problem, by amending the Electric Suppliers Stabilization Act to provide for service area oversight through the Idaho Public Utilities Commission.

"We need to bring this thing back to the status quo that it's been in for years," Geddes said.

Under federal antitrust laws, states must also show they allow a monopoly in any area beneficial to the consumer.

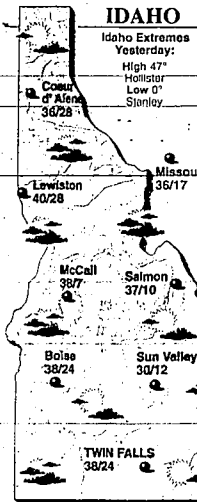
The court ruled against the Electric Suppliers Stabilization Act only as far as the oversight issue, because Pacific Northwest electric rates are some of the lowest in the nation, and are considered part of the reason for the region's economic success.

But the utilities, and some lawmakers, are worried that the court's ruling in essence voided the state law, and thereby closed Idaho's electricity market opening the way for other utilities to buy and sell power to its customers of Idaho's municipal, coop-

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# FORECAST FOR MAGIC VALLEY

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Twin Falls through 8 p.m. yesterday

Temperature  
 High/Low: 47°/31°  
 Normal high/low: 49°/22°  
 Highest/lowest: 51°/19°  
 Record high: 55° in 1980  
 Record low: 3° in 1992

Precipitation  
 24 hours ending 8 p.m. yest.: 0.00"  
 Month to date: 0.00"  
 Normal month to date: 0.16"  
 Yest. to date: 2.47"  
 Normal yest. to date: 9.57"

Humidity  
 Yesterday at noon: 92%  
 Barometric Pressure  
 Yesterday at 8 p.m.: 30.38 in

Pollen yesterday in Twin Falls  
 Grass: Absent  
 Weeds: Absent  
 Mold: Absent  
 Trees: Absent

Source: Asthma and Allergy of Idaho

Show is today's weather. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

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## FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR TWIN FALLS

TODAY	TONIGHT	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Locally dense fog. Partly cloudy and fog will sunshin.	Partly to mostly cloudy; fog will return.	Low clouds and fog, but some sunshine.	Clouds and fog will be sublim to break.	Some sunshine.	Turning sharply colder; some snow possible.
▲ 38°	▼ 24°	▲ 40° ▼ 14°	▲ 42° ▼ 16°	▲ 40° ▼ 18°	▲ 24° ▼ 8°

## REGIONAL WEATHER

**Southern Idaho:** Some sunshine today with temperatures near seasonal levels. Highs 34-44. Partly to mostly cloudy tonight with areas of dense fog returning. Lows 23-31.

**Boise:** Clouds and dense fog in the area this morning will break for some sun later today. High 36-40. Partly to mostly cloudy tonight with areas of dense fog returning. Lows 26-34.

**Northern Nevada:** Partly sunny today. Clear to partly cloudy tonight. The dry weather will continue tomorrow and Thursday.

**Northern Utah:** More sun than clouds today, as well as a chilly breeze. Highs 40-46. Partly cloudy and cold tonight. Lows 15-33. There will be more dry weather tomorrow and Thursday.

**Northern Idaho:** Patchy low clouds and fog this morning, then some sunshine for the rest of today. Highs 34-42. Partly cloudy this evening, then areas of low clouds and fog will form late tonight. Lows 20-29.

## SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today: 7:52 a.m.  
 Sunset tonight: 5:05 p.m.  
 Moonset today: 2:12 p.m.  
 Moonset tonight: 1:14 a.m.

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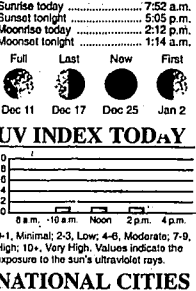
## CANADIAN CITIES

City	Today	Wed.
Calgary	HI 20° LO 20°	HI 14° LO 14°
Edmonton	HI 21° LO 21°	HI 15° LO 15°
Regina	HI 17° LO 17°	HI 11° LO 11°
Saskatoon	HI 17° LO 17°	HI 11° LO 11°
Toronto	HI 27° LO 27°	HI 21° LO 21°
Vancouver	HI 53° LO 53°	HI 47° LO 47°
Victoria	HI 53° LO 53°	HI 47° LO 47°
Winnipeg	HI 27° LO 27°	HI 21° LO 21°

## WORLD CITIES

City	Today	Wed.
Accapulco	HI 73° LO 73°	HI 72° LO 72°
Albany	HI 59° LO 59°	HI 51° LO 51°
Bangkok	HI 87° LO 87°	HI 87° LO 87°
Beijing	HI 42° LO 42°	HI 47° LO 47°
Berlin	HI 52° LO 52°	HI 47° LO 47°
Buenos Aires	HI 70° LO 70°	HI 70° LO 70°
Caro	HI 70° LO 70°	HI 73° LO 73°
Hong Kong	HI 75° LO 75°	HI 77° LO 77°
Jakarta	HI 82° LO 82°	HI 82° LO 82°
London	HI 54° LO 54°	HI 54° LO 54°
Los Angeles	HI 68° LO 68°	HI 68° LO 68°
Moscow	HI 32° LO 32°	HI 34° LO 34°
Paris	HI 55° LO 55°	HI 54° LO 54°
Rio de Janeiro	HI 80° LO 80°	HI 80° LO 80°
Rome	HI 42° LO 42°	HI 44° LO 44°
Sydney	HI 65° LO 65°	HI 65° LO 65°
Tokyo	HI 58° LO 58°	HI 58° LO 58°
Warsaw	HI 48° LO 48°	HI 50° LO 50°
Zurich	HI 48° LO 48°	HI 50° LO 50°

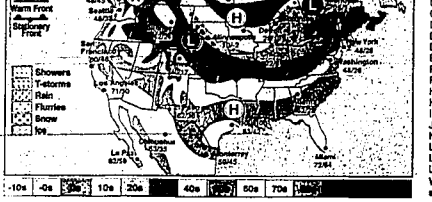
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## NATIONAL EXTREMES

Yesterday (for the 48 contiguous states)  
 High 81° in Oceanside, CA Low -11° in Frasco, CO

## NATIONAL WEATHER



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

## REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Wed.
Boise	HI 38° LO 24°	HI 32° LO 22°
Bonnerville	HI 34° LO 24°	HI 33° LO 23°
Burley	HI 34° LO 24°	HI 33° LO 23°
Coeur d'Alene	HI 36° LO 28°	HI 36° LO 24°
Elko	HI 49° LO 35°	HI 43° LO 29°
Eugene, OR	HI 46° LO 32°	HI 40° LO 26°
Hagerman	HI 38° LO 28°	HI 37° LO 27°
Idaho Falls	HI 36° LO 26°	HI 35° LO 25°
Knappton, MT	HI 33° LO 23°	HI 32° LO 22°
Lewiston	HI 40° LO 30°	HI 39° LO 29°
Malden	HI 34° LO 24°	HI 33° LO 23°
Malta	HI 30° LO 20°	HI 29° LO 19°

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

## Torch

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the nation," said Mitt Romney, President and CEO of Salt Lake Olympic Committee. "The running of the Olympic Torch through America's cities and towns has a way of drawing communities together and inspiring greatness in all who see it."

And city leaders are hoping to capitalize on the 2002 Olympics. "This really ties us to the games," said Kent Just, executive vice president of the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce. "We'll see where it goes from here. But it gives us an opportunity to really be part of the event."

That would mean local promotion to help draw in Olympic crowds, city leaders said.

"We have a world of opportunity to share our beautiful area and our beautiful town," Steele said.

Hansen said he was just relieved the torch would come to Twin Falls.

"It was really afraid we would get bypassed," he said.

The Olympic Torch came through Twin Falls once before, in 1984 while on its way to the Summer Olympics in Los Angeles. That torch also came through Burley, but it won't pass through there in 2002 - much to the dismay of Burley leaders.

"We'd love to be on the route," Burley Mayor Doug Manning said Monday. "Obviously we're disappointed that we're not."

No stop is planned in Burley, said Caroline Shaw of Salt Lake Olympic Committee media relations. It's not yet known how the torch will be transported from Twin Falls to Pocatello.

"It could be by automobile,

## Olympic Dreams

Facts about the 2002 Olympic Torch relay

**13,500:** How many miles the 2002 Olympic Torch will travel.

**15,500:** How many torch bearers will transport the torch

**85:** Number of days the torch will be on the road.

**46:** Number of states the torch will pass through.

**2 miles:** The distance each torch bearer will run.

**208 miles:** The average distance torch will travel during a 12-hour day. The Olympic flame will travel by foot, bicycle, automobile, airplane, train, ship, dog sled, skis, horse-drawn sledge, snowmobile, ice skaters and prairie schooner.

**Olympia, Greece:** Where the torch will be ignited before the relay begins.

**2002:** When the Olympic Torch design will be unveiled.

Source: Salt Lake Olympic Committee.

plane or train," she said.

Joan Asson, Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce director Joan Asson was hoping the torch would stop in Mini-Cassia, for different reasons.

"It would leave a lasting impression on the young children in the area," said Asson, whose daughter's birthday came through Burley in 1984. "There were people that lined the streets... The full length of Overland (Avenue) was filled with people. It just fills you with American pride. I can remember the chills still. It is a big deal."

Mini-Cassia Bureau staff writers Aaron Brock and Dan Fields contributed to this story.

## Drug

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Novartis AG-manufactured drug STI-571, or Gleevec, has propelled researchers to test the drug on almost 3,000 patients around the world; CML affects about 10,000 adults each year.

Anyone diagnosed with leukemia should make every effort to get the new pill, said Edward Benz, president of the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute at Harvard Medical School, who was not involved in the research.

"This is not a miracle drug," he said, but it is a model for future cancer study because it targets the cause of the disease without damaging other cells.

## Session

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erative, and privately owned utilities - a process Eiguren said started by simply filling out a few papers in the secretary of state's office.

"Our position is it should be resolved as soon as possible," Eiguren said.

The coalition of utilities, which serve more than 300,000 cus-

## Craig

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return several calls for comment on his challenge.

Craig himself has been "a bit curious" about Domenici's decision to run, Hart said.

"(Domenici) didn't give a clear sense of why he was doing it," said Hart, recalling a telephone conversation between the two senators in which Domenici praised Craig's accomplishments as chairman.

Domenici, who has worked on balancing the budget, opposes conservatives' sweeping tax reductions because of their potential threat to the budget surplus.

Moderate Republicans have also criticized the current leadership's inability to compromise with Democrats.

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tomers, has been working in recent weeks, under Eiguren's counsel, to cobble together a bill for the Legislature to consider during a special session.

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## Election

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"We'll be able to move pretty quickly," once there is either a conclusive court ruling or a Gore concession, Card said in an interview.

On Day 27 of the longest, closest presidential race in a century, running mate Joseph Lieberman and campaign manager William Daley called Democrats on Capitol Hill to explain the whirlwind legal developments and urge them to remain steadfast.

Gore was dispatching Lieberman to rally Democratic lawmakers in person Tuesday, while GOP running mate Dick Cheney planned a Capitol Hill visit to talk to Republican congressmen about the presidential stalemate and Bush's transition plans.

One senior Democrat who participated in the talks said the Gore team showed no signs of quitting. However, the vice president's legal team says that their boss was running out of time and options.

Gore, Bush, lawmakers in Florida, congressmen in Washington and scores of judges presiding over the more than 40 lawsuits are focused on two deadlines: Dec. 12 when the presidential electors are chosen, and Dec. 18, when the Electoral College meets.

Without a clear resolution, the Constitution throws the election in the lap of a divided Congress.

"I think whoever wins at the Florida Supreme Court will accept that," Rees said - outlining a path to a "peace deal, an end game to the long-court election.

Democrats were gleam, though they seemed to be heeding Gore's request to stay by his side until the Florida Supreme Court rules.

"I think we're down but not

## Election

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out," said Sen. Barbara Mikulski of Maryland. "This was a punch that knocked him down, but it didn't knock him out."

Sen. Robert Torricelli, D-N.J., said the case is "an issue that at some point becomes an issue of time."

Republicans were in a hurry to hear the bell toll for Gore.

"How many defeats are enough?" said Rep. J. Mark Watts, R-Okl., the fourth-ranking member of the House. "The time has come for the vice president to admit defeat."

"All Gore is facing the longest week of his political life," said Scott Reed, a GOP operative who ran Bob Dole's failed 1996 presidential campaign. "Time has run out, but he won't give up."

Just three days after hearing historic arguments, the U.S. Supreme Court invited Florida's top court to clarify its reasons for extending the deadline for habeas-contested ballots in two Democratic counties. "A spokesman for the state high court said briefs were due on that case Tuesday afternoon.

Bush called the Supreme Court ruling "a very strong statement on our behalf." While posing for pictures in front of a hard-fought hearing, Bush told reporters he was dispatching running mate Dick Cheney to Capitol Hill to meet with GOP leaders to continue making plans for a presumptive Bush presidency.

Florida's seven justices had ordered Secretary of State Katherine Harris, a Republican, to accept recent totals for several days after the state's Nov. 14 deadline. Bush appealed, but the Supreme Court did not rule on the merits of his filing.

## CORRECTION

A Minidoka County for the record item in The Times-News on Nov. 12 inadvertently reported a felony dismissal involving

## CORRECTION

Pedro Moreno Pena. The case was dismissed September 1993. The Times-News regrets the error.

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NATION

# Clinton, congressional leaders meet over budget impasse

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton offered congressional leaders a number of proposals Monday to end the long-running battle over school spending, immigration and other issues, raising hopes for a budget agreement.

"Nothing was final, but both sides said after a meeting at the White House that they may be close to ending the spending disputes that forced the lame-duck Congress back to town this week for the second time since the November election.

"Everyone pledged to use the next couple of days to see if we can pull together agreements and wrap things up this week," White House spokesman Elliot Diring said after the 90-minute Oval Office session.

A Democrat familiar with the meeting said Clinton offered to trim \$1 billion to \$2 billion from an \$18 billion increase for education, health and labor programs. House GOP leaders reject the earlier spending levels as too costly. The Democrat, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said Republicans want to cut the spending a little more.



President Bill Clinton

Susan Irbly, spokeswoman for Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., said the session was "a pleasant meeting" but that no final decisions were made.

Another Republican said an agreement could be completed this week, although emphasizing that disagreements remained. The officials, who also spoke on condition of anonymity, said rank-and-file GOP lawmakers would be sounded out on the proposal on Tuesday.

To give negotiators time to work, the two sides agreed to push a measure through Congress on Tuesday temporarily keeping agencies open through Thursday. The current short-term bill keeping agencies' doors open expires Tuesday night.

The two sides' budget disputes have left four must-pass spending bills overdue by two months and

paralyzed efforts to cut taxes, boost Medicare payments to health care providers and raise the federal minimum wage.

Earlier, Lott said he believed it was in the "best interests" of Republican presidential candidate George W. Bush for Congress to finish the budget battle before Bush — once the election dispute is resolved — moves into the White House, "provided it's done right."

Lott spoke two days after he and Hastert journeyed to Bush's Texas ranch to discuss the agenda of the new 107th Congress, which convenes on Jan. 3. Lott said Bush did not advise them on how to handle the remaining fights on this year's \$1.8 trillion federal budget.

In a signal that major hurdles remained, House Majority Whip Tom DeLay, R-Texas, was arguing "very strongly" that instead of reaching a compromise, Congress should demand that spending in the unfinished bills be kept at last year's levels, according to an adviser to DeLay. This could save \$15 billion this year, DeLay has argued, according to the adviser, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

## Woman receives 13 year sentence in 'road rage' case

COLUMBIANA, Ala. (AP) — A woman was sentenced Monday to 13 years in prison for the "road rage" shooting death of another woman-motorist-on-an-exit-ramp of a busy interstate.

Shirley Henson, 40, showed no emotion when she heard the sentence for manslaughter in the killing of Gena Foster, a 34-year-old mother of three.

Prosecutors said Henson tailgated Foster for several miles on Interstate 65 as the two women drove from work to their homes in suburbs south of Birmingham on Nov. 8, 1999.

Circuit Judge Al Crowson said he knew his sentence in this case would be closely watched because all drivers have "a little road rage" in them. He said neither probation, as requested by the defense, nor the maximum sentence of 20 years was appropriate.

Crowson said he has never carried a gun in his car. "I believe that those people that carry pistols in their car need to be responsible for them," he said.

Originally charged with murder in Foster's death, Henson was convicted on a reduced charge of manslaughter in October. She has remained free on the \$50,000 bond; she was ordered to report to jail Jan. 2.

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## Administration rejects GOP comments

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Clinton administration on Monday firmly rejected Republican suggestions that the country could be in danger of a recession, arguing instead that the economy is simply slowing to a more sustainable growth rate.

"The reality is that the economy is in very strong shape," said Presidential press secretary Jake Siewert. "The new administration will have a lot of chances to work with a strong economy, building on the success we have."

The economy slowed in the summer to a growth rate of just 2.4 percent, less than half the 5.6 percent pace of the spring. Various companies have been reporting weaker-than-expected corporate profits, sending their stock prices down sharply.

Both George W. Bush and his running mate, Dick Cheney, took note of these developments over the weekend to suggest that they may be signs the record-long economic expansion is faltering.

Siewert said that Cheney, who

served in the administrations of both Gerald Ford and the senior George Bush, had a lot of "hands-on experience in big-time economic downturns."

Bush in meeting with GOP congressional leaders on Saturday, expressed concerns about sluggish auto sales and rising energy prices and said they could be "warning signs on the horizon" of a "potential slowdown."

Cheney was even more pointed, saying Sunday in an NBC interview that "we may well be on the front edge of a recession here." Both Bush and Cheney said that their administration, if

it wins the election, will push for the \$1.3 trillion tax cut they campaigned on as a way to combat any possible downturn.

But on Monday, Siewert strongly rejected the idea that any potential economic weakness will be traced to the closing months of the Clinton administration.

He said the Blue Chip Economic Indicators, a monthly survey of 50 top forecasters, showed no economist in the group forecasting a recession but rather solid growth of around 3.5 percent, which would still be above the rates turned in by the Bush administration.

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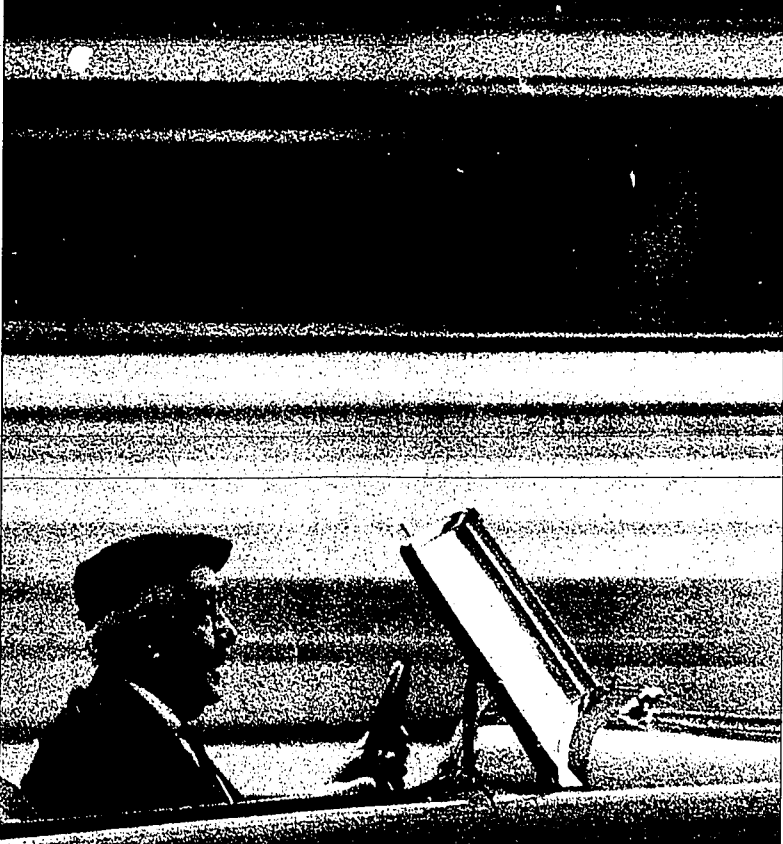
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# Space station spreads its wings

**Astronauts finish unfurling space station's solar panels**

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Space shuttle Endeavour's astronauts slowly but successfully unfurled the second of the international space station's giant solar wings Monday, completing the largest structure ever deployed in orbit.

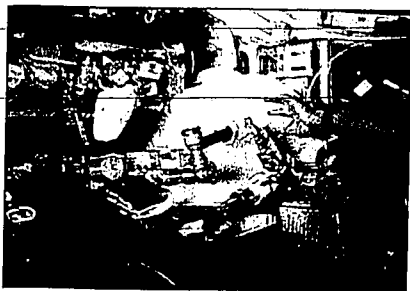
NASA had delayed spreading the second wing by one day after the first wing appeared too slack.

Shuttle commander Brent Jett Jr., using computer commands, carefully unfurled the second wing a few feet at a time in a start-and-stop procedure that took almost two hours. A couple sections struck together and had to be jarred loose by retracting the panel a little and then shooting it back out.

The glimmering, blue and gold-colored wing began generating electricity even before it reached its full 115 feet. To NASA's relief, the panel stretched tight.

"Great work, gentlemen," Mission Control said. "You've got a lot of happy folks down here. We think you've earned your solar wings."

There was a fair amount of ten-



Astronaut Carlos Noriega shows the tools used during spacewalks from space shuttle Endeavour's flight deck Monday in this image from television.

Noriega, who installed the panels on Sunday afternoon, said there is little they could do during a spacewalk to provide more tension to the right wing.

They plan to go out two more times, on Tuesday and Thursday.

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# Clinton moves to protect Hawaiian coral

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton on Monday established the largest protected area in the United States, an 84-million-acre ecosystem reserve around the northwestern Hawaiian Islands.

Clinton issued an executive order creating the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands Coral Reef Ecosystem Reserve. The area contains nearly 70 percent of the United States' coral reefs, as well as pristine remote islands, atolls and submerged lagoons.

The president said his actions were designed to preserve the islands' natural beauty "for a long time. I hope, forever."

He said President Theodore Roosevelt "recognized the same imperative" almost a century ago when he established the Hawaiian Islands National Wildlife Refuge.

"He knew then that our natural wonders on land and sea form an integral part of who we are as a people, and that every generation of Americans must do its part to sustain and strengthen this legacy," Clinton said.

"Today we do just that, incorporating the refuge he created into a new, vast and wonderful Yellowstone of the sea."

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matter the partisan divide of the Congress."

Clinton said it is imperative to move swiftly to protect the reefs. He noted that 90 percent of the coral reefs in the central Indian Ocean have died and that reefs elsewhere in the world are threatened due to pollution, fishing and other activities by man.

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# Three die in tour bus-truck crash

TIPP CITY, Ohio (AP) — A tour bus returning from a gambling trip crashed into a pickup truck on an icy section of Interstate 75, killing three people and injuring at least eight others.

Miami County Sheriff Charles Cox said the pickup truck appar-

ently slid into the path of the bus. Three of the five people in the truck were killed and the two others were injured.

The Econotravel bus was returning to the Detroit area after a four-night trip to a Tunica, Miss., casino.

# Workers seek damages from tobacco giants

NEW YORK (AP) — The tobacco industry went on trial Monday, with a trust representing asbestos workers demanding billions in damages for a wave of death and disease allegedly caused by a combination of asbestos and cigarettes.

"It really boils down to a simple phrase: Pay your fair share," trust attorney Ed Westbrook told the jury at the opening of the high-stakes trial in federal court in Brooklyn.

The defense countered by accusing the trust of trying to shift blame and costly liabilities from a bankrupt asbestos manufacturer to cigarette makers. The asbestos manufacturer — not the tobacco industry — was the source of deceiving workers about health risks, said Thomas Schroeder, an attorney for R.J. Reynolds.

The trial, expected to last two months, has become the latest battleground for Big Tobacco and those who say it conspired to conceal the dangers of smoking.

It pits a trust made up of blue-collar workers, many of them lung cancer victims, and their heirs against R.J. Reynolds, Philip Morris, Brown & Williamson and other tobacco giants.

Attorneys for the plaintiffs say the civil fraud case could result in damages exceeding \$3 billion and improve chances for a far-reaching settlement of similar lawsuits brought by insurers and other third parties who want the tobacco industry to share the cost of treating patients with cigarette-related illnesses.

The defense contends the case has no legal basis, noting that federal appeals courts have ruled that third-party plaintiffs are too remote to seek damages.

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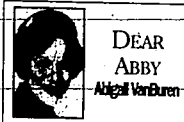
MORNING BREAK

# Dining spoils casual fun of rustic cabin

**DEAR ABBY:** My husband and I were thrilled when his 80-year-old parents decided to transfer ownership of their rustic family cabin to us. We have made many repairs and are responsible for its upkeep. We love it, and because we are teachers, we have the entire summer to enjoy it.

The problem is, my in-laws expect me to be the "chef hostess" when they visit - even if they don't let us know in advance they are coming. I am an excellent cook, but my mother-in-law expects me to serve full meals - meat, vegetable, salad, rolls and dessert. In addition, she expects me to put out butter knives, salad plates and linen napkins. She seems obsessed with the table setting and makes nasty remarks if I don't set the table to suit her. (She doesn't utter a peep when her daughter omits the butter knives and extra plates!)

The unannounced visits and fixation with meals have seriously damaged my relationship with my in-laws. This is not something I can discuss with them, because they are both elderly and set in



**DEAR ABBY**  
Abby Cadabby

their ways. I should add that the cottage has no dishwasher, so everything must be washed by hand in lake water, which we pump in.

Abby, I don't think formality should be the rule in a casual summer cottage. Sometimes a sandwich on a paper plate on the deck is just the ticket. I don't want to be a slave to the kitchen. I have serious projects to work on and have only the summer to accomplish them.

My husband supports me in this, but he knows his parents are too old to change. Even if we tried discussing it with them, my mother-in-law is hard of hearing, and they both seem to have memory problems. Any suggestions?

- PAPER CUPS ON CRYSTAL LAKE

**DEAR PAPER CUPS:** Since your in-laws have memory problems, make up a calendar showing the weeks you will be using the cabin. With a bright pen, circle the dates you would like them to visit. Consider posting your "lazy days" menu so there will be no surprises.

There are nice paper products on the market these days. Select the fanciest, most substantial paper plates and cups you can find, and use them when your in-laws visit. Then say to your mother-in-law, "Darling, I'll cook, but because you set such a lovely table, we'd like you to be the official table-setter, please."

If she refuses, then it's time to ignore their comments, regain control, and make the cabin your own rustic hideaway.

**DEAR ABBY:** I love the "random acts of kindness" letters that appear in your column from time to time. Here's mine: My husband died at work five years ago, leaving me with two teen-age daughters. It was the week before Thanksgiving. My whole neighborhood took

up a collection for us - not just the immediate neighbors; I mean the ENTIRE neighborhood.

In the ensuing weeks before Christmas, all the neighbor kids came to my home, raked the leaves, and even cleared away the dog droppings!

If that wasn't enough, we opened our front door at Christmas to find that gifts, plants, and cards with prayers had been left on our doorstep.

I barely knew some of these neighbors, yet they were there for us when we needed them the most - right down to the littlest toddler. Needless to say, I'm never moving from here.

- MARY IN SMITHTOWN, LONG ISLAND

**DEAR MARY:** The caring spirit of your neighbors is inspiring. However, I know the secret to having good neighbors is being one, and I suspect the outpouring of support you received was deserved.

P.S. Once your letter hits print, I'll wager the property values in Smythtown skyrocket.

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## Taurus: Your popularity will zoom; Gemini may appear

**IF DECEMBER 5 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY:** You are attractive, and restless, have tendency to be involved with people below your station. Gemini, Virgo, Sagittarius natives play important roles in your life. Could have these letters, initials in names: E, N, W. You've heard it was time to move on, to begin a project. During 1999, focus will be on home, family and marital status.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Soon circumstances turn in your favor. Decisions will be made concerning partnership, marriage. Capricorn native figures prominently.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Much that had been hidden will be revealed. You benefit as result. Popularity zooms. Keep resolutions concerning diet, nutrition in future.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Take notes, especially of dreams. Be thorough, be positive concerning details, including proper measurements. Many desires to be fulfilled.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Be could be as wise of the town. Your words will be reviewed, verbal and written. Be careful, someone attempts to stop you. Flirtation becomes serious.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Long distance communication verifies plans. Emphasis on possible change of residence, marital status. Make intelligent concessions in dealing with stubborn Taurus.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Cycle moves up, remain cautious. Legal clearance required, protect reputation. Pisces may not be telling entire truth. Written message contains hidden clues.

**HOROSCOPE**  
Sydney Omarr

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Lie low, play waiting game. Music plays, find your rhythm, dance to your own tune. Big financial deal is upcoming. Capricorn makes declaration of loyalty.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** What was once rejected could now be accepted. You win popularity with subjects considered out of bounds. Aries, Libra, persons find ways of helping you.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Let go of past concerns relating to beliefs. Create your own tradition, starting today. Let others follow you if they desire. Make personal appearances.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Decision reached concerning ownership of property. Let others know you will fight for your own rights. Focus on cooperative efforts, marital status.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Highlight versatility, intellectual curiosity. Demand answers to queries, not evasions. Sagittarius plays major role.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** You receive good news. What was lost will be recovered. Revise, rewrite and rebuild. Stick with number 4!

## Millions of people live by dangerous volcano

Do people learn from history? That mountain called Merapi on Java has erupted 70 times in the last 1,000 years, so is said by some to be the world's most active volcano. Just about everybody in Indonesia knows that. Yet nearly two million people live in Merapi's flanking lava lanes.

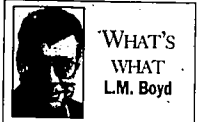
What the Pilgrims so sorely wished they'd brought with them was a plow or two, according to the historical footnotes. Still, they made do without. For 12 years. Until they shaped a few with the tools at hand. And more ships came.

Q. Why does a pelican breathe through its mouth?  
A. No nostrils. Somebody asked Thomas Edison if he ever got any exercise, and he said, "I only use my body to carry my brain around."

A grizzly bear cub does not instinctively know how to catch a salmon. Starts out slapping before it learns to pin down or scoop. The old Pony Express lost money - no, it couldn't make it up in volume - at the rate of \$13 for every item it carried.

If a group conversation goes dead for four seconds, everybody thereat gets nervous. Or so say Harvard researchers. In Asia more than 200,000 years ago lived a species of 10-foot ape that weighed half a ton.

Don't suppose it ever occurred to you that it was one Charles A. Way who invented the snow shovel. A luminescent marine worm with a long name survives in the Caribbean periodically, and glows. It's now thought Christopher Columbus spotted such worms, and was overjoyed, certain he



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L.M. Boyd

knew what they were. He got that wrong too.

Q. How long does it take a really fine artisan to turn out a classical handmade guitar?  
A. A month maybe.

Most flowers dispatched from great distances are sent to dead people. Connecticut, too, has become coyote country, it's reported. No reliable count there yet, but quite a many. Coyotes and crows have a lot in common, I think. They adapt to civilized sites.

## Bruce Springsteen receives NAACP humanitarian award

MIDDLETOWN, N.J. - Bruce Springsteen, who recently wrote a song about the 1999 police slaying of a West African immigrant in a hail of 41 bullets, has received a humanitarian award from the NAACP. "Humanitarian is too big a word for what I do," the rocker said Sunday as he accepted the Humanitarian Community Service Award. Springsteen, who told about 150 people that he felt "empowered" by music when he was a youth, was among a dozen people honored by the local chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People for contributions to the community.

"I want my music to embody some of those same ideals," he said. The 51-year-old New Jersey native has sold millions of records, often focusing on social issues such as AIDS, homelessness and racism. Over the summer, he was criticized by police when he performed a new song about the death of Amadou Diallo, gunned down by New York City police.

## Know the score?

Read The Times-News sports pages to see how your favorite team is doing.

## Comedian suffers from brain disorder

**LONDON (AP)** - Dudley Moore says a rare brain disorder similar to Parkinson's disease has left him with a "short and uncertain future."

"It's totally mysterious the way this illness attacks and eats away at and then spits you out," the 65-year-old comedian said in a BBC interview scheduled to air Monday night.

"There's always this feeling of why did it hit me? and I cannot mix peace with it because I know I am going to die from it," he said. "Yes, I feel angry, that's true. To be reduced to this insignificant version of myself is overpowering."

Last year, the star of "Arthur" was diagnosed as having progressive supranuclear palsy, which attacks brain cells that control balance and eye movements as well as some mental and motor functions.

"A patient who once had hopes of a concert career, Moore said the disease had disabled him to the extent that strangers often think he is drunk."

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## EDITORIAL

# Death at the pound is everyone's fault

Monday's front-page story about killing unwanted dogs and cats was a sobering tale.

Its gist was that the Twin Falls Humane Society shelter - known to many as "the pound" - kills a lot of dogs and even more cats every year. It has to, because space is tight and more animals are arriving all the time.

The shelter's director, Laurie Simonds, advocates a "no-kill" policy - but, almost inevitably, there's a catch. The catch is that more city money would be needed to expand the shelter. Simonds knows it isn't coming anytime soon, so she's resigned to a grim routine: sticking poison-filled needles into animals whose only crime was that somebody didn't love them enough.

Here's a better solution: Everyone, not just Simonds and her staff, should try to reduce the number of unwanted dogs and cats going into the shelter. That means getting your pets spayed or neutered.

Monday's story was accompanied by a heart-wrenching photo of a good-looking Lab cross being led to its death. That was the "before" picture; we chose not to publish the "after" picture. Even so, we got angry phone calls from people whose delicate sensibilities were offended.

Simonds and other shelter employees got similar calls.

That's unfair, because Simonds and her staff are among the most dedicated animal lovers in this valley. They are fiercely attached to their own pets, but when they're doing the city's business there is no time - or money - to be sentimental. If an animal isn't adopted within a few days, it is put to death to make room for another.

That's the way it works when space is tight.

The touch-tone critics are barking up the wrong tree when they criticize the newspaper for publicizing the issue. Would things get any better for these dogs and cats if we simply ignored the issue? Criticizing the shelter's staff also misses the mark, as does criticism of the City Council for not building a bigger shelter.

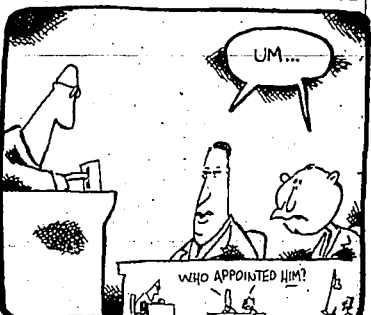
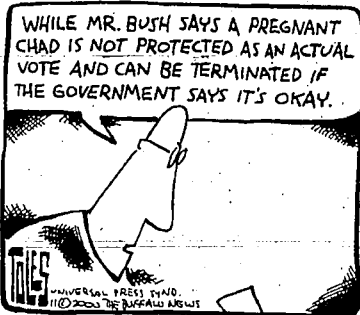
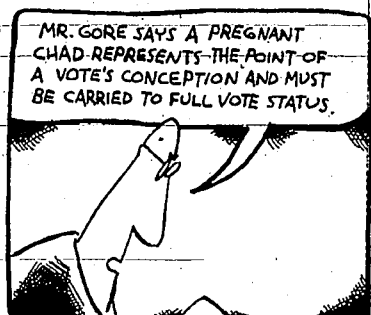
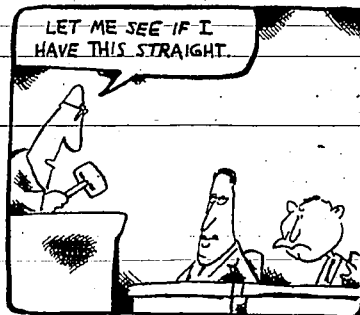
The fault, dear critics, lies not in public institutions - but in the public. As long as people fail to spay or neuter their pets, a never-ending stream of dogs and cats will be put to death in the animal shelter. When supply exceeds demand, the excess supply must be warehoused somewhere - and unwanted animals have a limited shelf life.

Part of the problem is that it's relatively expensive to spay or neuter pets. Another problem is a deep-rooted farm and ranch ethos which - in both town and country - views animals as commodities that come and go.

The former could be solved with money to subsidize spay and neuter operations for pet owners, although it would be questionable public policy. The latter can be solved only when people change their way of thinking.

It's not something that the newspaper or Simonds or the City Council can solve. Everyone who has a pet has a responsibility in this regard.

"I would say animals are more of a throwaway item in this area more than in other areas," Simonds says. She's right, which means local attitudes must change if the daily dance of death at the Twin Falls animal shelter is ever going to end.



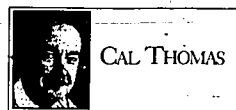
## Bush should avoid 'diversity' in ideas

The scene is one of those "green rooms" where people who are about to go on television salute each other. My companion is the Chairman of the Republican National Committee, Jim Nicholson.

I bring up the subject of the black vote, 90 percent of which went nationally for Al Gore (94 percent in Florida, according to exit polls). I ask the Chairman: "George W. Bush made a better effort to win a major percentage of the black vote than any Republican candidate in recent memory. Was it a waste of time?"

His answer surprises and delights me: "No, it's not a waste of time. And whether you get more blacks voting Republican or not, we ought to stand for the things that will ultimately benefit them."

What a concept - doing the right thing just because it's right, regardless of whether it has immediate political benefits. Governor (or, if you prefer, President-elect) George W. Bush apparently agrees. He's pledged to make diversity a top priority, naming people of varying ethnic, racial and gender backgrounds to high positions in his presumptive administration. It is a good idea, but it can also play into the hands of people who would undermine the effectiveness of a Bush administration if it's not done properly. Liberals have demonstrated in the cases of Justice Clarence Thomas, former Cong. Brian G. Frank of Connecticut, and even Rep. J.C. Watts, R-Ola, that ideology is ultimately more important to them than race. Each of these men has felt the sting of ostracism,



CAL THOMAS

not because of the color of his skin, but because his opponents didn't like the conservative content of his character.

It's the same with gender. Liberal women who claim to want more women in government, actually want only more of their ideological kind in government. Repeatedly we have seen them favor a liberal man over a more conservative woman, giving the lie to any primary concerns about proportional gender representation.

Bush and his transition team can have their racial and gender cake and eat it too. They can begin the lengthy process of turning younger blacks and women away from the aging self-appointed leaders of the past, giving them a real stake in their own and the nation's future.

When they understand that the Republican Party will benefit them far more than relying on state programs and court decrees, they'll begin to favor a liberal man over a more conservative woman, giving the lie to any primary concerns about proportional gender representation. Blacks moved to strong GOP support following the Emancipation Proclamation and remained loyal to the GOP well into the 1920s. It can happen again if Republicans avoid the temptation to throw in the towel on winning the black

vote.

The danger for the Bush people is that they will take diversity too far and undermine any potential for success by naming Cabinet and staff who do not share Bush's views on key social and cultural issues. It's still early, but few, if any, openly pro-life, or "traditional family" people have yet to be associated with a potential Bush administration. As New York Times columnist Frank Rich has noted, Dick Cheney is the first national candidate of either party to flirt with endorsing homosexual unions sanctioned by the government. Andrew Card, Bush's choice for chief of staff, has no record of social conservatism. Colin Powell, the presumptive Secretary of State, favors abortion rights and affirmative action.

True, the election was close, but one can't imagine a victorious Al Gore naming pro-life, anti-gay union people to his administration to demonstrate his commitment to ideological diversity. Only Republicans are expected to water down diversity goals to satisfy the liberal conservative ideas. This is a recipe for disaster and will lead to the loss of support from Bush's base at a time when he will desperately need it.

So, racial, ethnic and gender diversity? Yes. But ideological diversity, at least in the key positions that can make a difference (Health and Human Services, for example) will undermine a Bush administration even before it starts.

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## LETTERS

### Election seems like a joke

Like most everyone else in the country, I'm getting tired and fed up with politicians and this election. First, we have two very mediocre candidates running who wouldn't get a second look if it wasn't for name recognition. Second, as a voter, we had very little if any say in selecting these candidates.

The Democrats didn't have much choice; tradition dictates that you give the nomination to the vice president. The Republicans thought the public was so disenchanted with Clinton that they were lining up with checkbooks in hand no matter who was nominated. Well, it appears they got scared.

Gore carried the popular vote, and I doubt if we will ever know what happened in Florida.

Just as I was getting depressed about the whole thing wondering if in 60 years of voting maybe my vote was never counted, I read the front page of the Dec. 1 Times-News. I haven't had that good of a chuckle in a long time. Here was our senior county commissioner and his wife on the steps of the county courthouse holding a rally, calling for Gore to concede. According to The Times-News, there might have been 15 people present (some were in the building). I'll bet when Gore hears about this, he will step right up and concede, then bang his head in shame because the commish's wife accused him of having "temper tantrums."

In reality, I think both sides will continue the political dance and posturing with

Gore fighting for political survival and Bush out on the ranch re-enacting another episode of "West Wing."

If we weren't trying to elect a leader of the most powerful nation in the world, it would be the joke of the century.

KENNETH R. COLLIER  
Twin Falls

### The American people have spoken

You would think that the American votes counted! Al Gore is in pain because the American people didn't think that he and his Jewish partner should win the election - quit being a poor loser and give it up! No one wants a president that has a sidekick that every day thanks God that he is not a woman or a minority!

I have nothing against different religions; there are enough of them in my family, yet I will not tolerate ignorance in the minds of women and minorities. People in this world have been fighting every day for freedom. I seriously doubt that Al Gore and his choice for vice president will do the job.

People every day are wondering why it is taking so long for the presidency to be solved. It is not the voters' problem because the American people have chosen George Bush. Please, if you are of Jewish descent or otherwise, do not write me. I have Jewish family also.

My problem is with the way Lieberman has made his quotes, not with religions or otherwise.

ALEXIS TURNER  
Gooding

### Don't forget to smile

To all those hard-working individuals that work in the retail stores of Magic Valley, I ask you, where do those smiles and thank you's come from?

I have worked in the retail field for 42 years, and as a store manager at a large drug store in Twin Falls for 16 of those years. I was taught that my pay check came from the customers that we served, and if you smiled to them and said thank you, they would come back to shop at your store and help to pay for more pay checks. However, if you acted like you didn't care if they were there or not, they probably would go somewhere else to shop. Hence, without customers, no more pay checks for you.

Some clerks enjoy being nice to their customers, and others have to be reminded every day who pays their wages and those that enjoy their work will find that their work will be around for a long time and enjoy self-satisfaction along with their pay checks; those that find it difficult to smile and say thank you will spend their days alone in their

unhappy world and with little satisfaction of being nice to anyone but themselves. Their pay checks will stop soon, and they will have no one to thank but themselves for who they are and how they treated the customers that makes it all work for everyone.

Open your eyes, smile and be happy you have a customer to say thank you to. You will feel better about yourself, and the customer will remember you in a positive way and probably be back to see you again. If you just can't do that, find another job where smiles and thank you's don't matter to anyone that pays your salary.

ROY DIXON  
Twin Falls

### Hats off to Gore for his tenacity

Oh, enough about whining Democrats and being in denial! I've heard a fair share of whining and complaining coming from the Republicans as well.

Let's face it. We all know if the tables were turned - if the Republicans were trailing by the closest amount of votes in American presidential history and one of

Gore's immediate family was in the governor's seat of the very state where most of the confusion is centered - you'd be hearing them with similar concerns and complaints.

Hang off to the Gore people - to their perseverance and tenacity in pursuing, investigating and exhausting every means available to ensure that the man who serves as president earns the honor fairly and that people's wishes are heard. And I would expect the same from any other candidate that found themselves under such circumstances.

It isn't a matter of recounting until they win, it's a matter of never having found 3 ourselves in this situation before, so let's stop whining and denying that fact. We need to learn from this to allow the system to be worked.

By continuing to deny others to feel strongly about what they believe, you run the risk of losing the right yourself. That's what denial is, and I'm not whining. I'm just stating it the way I see it!

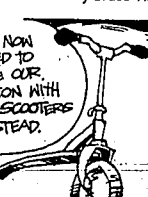
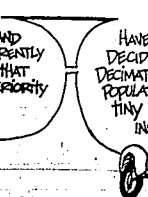
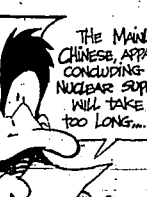
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# Slum with the new rich

DINESH D'SOUZA

Something very strange is going on with rich people in America. I was recently at a conference of high-tech entrepreneurs. Most of these guys are worth millions, and some of them have net worths that compare favorably with the gross national product of Third World countries. And yet most of these people didn't look rich and they didn't act rich.

Many of them wore faded jeans and crumpled shirts. One dot-com multimillionaire wore a baseball cap facing backward. Looking at him, I thought of Bill Gates in his oversized sweater and Jeff Bezos of Amazon.com, who shows a distinct preference for alligator shirts. These are people who might drive Lexuses or Porsches, but they wouldn't be caught dead in Rolls Royces. Some of them, like investment tycoon Warren Buffett, enjoy boasting about their modest houses and their old cars.

What a strange country where everybody wants to be middle class. For a long time, we have known that the poor want to move up and enjoy the benefits of a middle-class life. That's understandable. But now, apparently, even the rich and the super-rich aspire to be middle class.

What's going on here? In the past, business people were not the least bit embarrassed about mak-

ing money. Moreover, once they got it, they were eager to display it. Conspicuous consumption has historically defined the behavior of the affluent. In his classic work "The Theory of the Leisure Class," Thorstein Veblen noted that the distinguishing characteristics of the wealthy were idleness and waste.

But not now. Leisure is almost a dirty word in today's tech culture; the prevailing ethic is work, work, work. This is even more unusual when you consider that many of these guys don't have to work another day in their lives. Moreover, unlike Veblen's aristocrats, today's affluent class even in their indulgences emphasize the bourgeois concerns for health, longevity and utility.

Some people, such as economist Robert Frank, author of "Luxury Fever," dismiss the middle-class image of the new rich as rank hypocrisy. "They're trying to assure the rest of us that they haven't succeeded from the population," Frank says. In this view, the rich are simply pretending to be middle class to avoid that most powerful of hostile sentiments, envy. After all, we know that behind tall gates, many of these Silicon Valley types and Wall

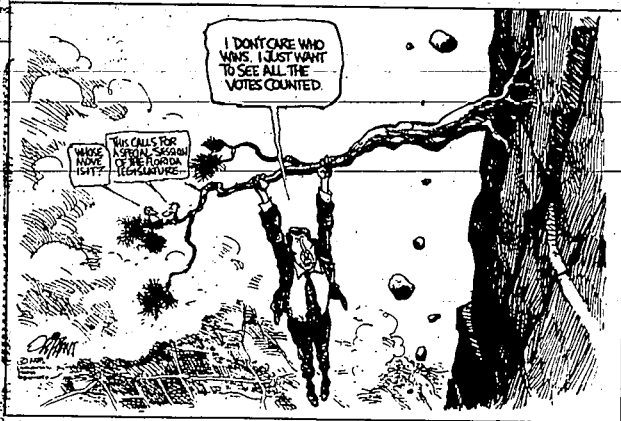
Street types and Hollywood types live fabulously well. We've read about Gates' \$50 million mansion outside Seattle.

Despite these few examples of extravagance, I think the middle-class style of the new rich is not just a social pose, not mere hypocrisy. Many of these guys grew up middle class; that's how they see themselves. They may now be worth "two commas" (as in \$1 million) or even "three commas" (as in \$1 billion) but they still prefer to hang out with the guys they met in college. They genuinely prefer spare ribs and beer to caviar and champagne. And they want to preserve the bourgeois virtues of self-discipline, hard work and frugality that made them so successful.

Even more important, they want to cultivate these virtues in their offspring. Many self-made entrepreneurs have said that they aren't going to leave the bulk of their fortune to their children; they don't want to raise a generation of lackers.

I don't know how long this ambivalence about wealth will persist in the minds of the new rich. But at least for now, in the minds of its most successful citizens, America remains a classless society.

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# When winners end up as losers

JAMES M. KLURFELD

I know no one really wants to hear this, but this dramatic, historic, unprecedented and now tiresome engagement to Campaign 2000 has turned into the beginning of Campaign 2002 and even Campaign 2004.

This is less true for the two antagonists, Gov. George W. Bush and Vice President Al Gore, because of their own particular weaknesses as candidates. But it's certainly true for activists of both parties, especially the Democrats.

What has become increasingly clear as Gore and Bush have engaged in their dance to the death is that the party that comes out the winner could wind up being the loser in the long run and the loser the winner. How can this be?

First, whoever finally makes it to the White House is not only going to face a divided country and a divided Congress, but likely a weakening economy and a bunch of messy foreign-policy problems that outgoing President Clinton has just kicked down the road.

If it's Bush, he will face the country knowing that he is not only the first president in 112 years to win the office while losing the popular vote, he will also have to live with the legacy of resorting to a down-and-dirty strategy in Florida of preventing legitimate votes from being counted.

The best example is the extra 215 hand-counted ballots in Palm Beach County favoring Gore that Florida's Secretary of State Katherine Harris would not count because they came in two hours late Sunday. Bush could have told Harris - his campaign co-chair in Florida - to take the high road, to be magnanimous. He did not, and that says something about him.

But part of the Democratic strategy now is to give Bush all the rope he needs, including allowing the Republican-controlled Florida Legislature to appoint its electors regardless of the final vote. House and Senate Democrats know that Bush may be going to the White House. But the more he does to undercut his own legitimacy the better chance the Democrats believe they have of capturing the Senate and the House in 2002 and of making Bush a one-term president come 2004.

Democrats are going to be burn-

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ing with indignation at how the election was stolen. Because they will be out of power, they will not get the blame for a slowing economy or even a coming recession.

It's not as clear that is the case for Gore.

You might expect that if there is a feeling the election was unfairly taken from him, he would be the odds-on choice for 2004. But many members of the party are so deeply disillusioned with him as a candidate that they are saying there is no way Gore will get another chance.

For the Republicans, the equa-

tion is somewhat different. They have a chance to control the White House and both houses of Congress for the first time since the 1952 election.

If Gore does somehow win, Republicans will make life miserable for him as president, claim he stole the election and look for vindication.

For Bush, however, this is a grudge match - getting even with Bill Clinton for beating his daddy in 1992. The Bush clan wants to win any way they can - as they have demonstrated. They don't seem to understand that the White House in 2000 might be the booby prize.

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## AROUND THE VALLEY

### Health department gets limited vaccine

**TWIN FALLS** - The South Central District Health Department has received four small batches of flu vaccine, which it is giving to people most at risk, including people 65 or older and those with long-term health problems.

"About 2,670 doses of our requested 6,500 doses of flu vaccine have arrived so far this season," Linda Frazier, the health department's immunization coordinator said in a news release.

"We expect the remainder of our requested vaccine to arrive sometime over the next month. As we receive vaccine, we will schedule and notify the public of all flu shot clinics," Frazier said.

The health department is still waiting for the bulk of its influenza vaccine to be delivered from national manufacturers.

Delays in delivery of the vaccine are being experienced across the country.

Public health officials are expressing concern that individuals who are at highest risk for complications if they catch the flu are not being immunized first because of distribution patterns.

For information about future flu shot clinics, call 734-5900, Ext. 275. Influenza vaccine costs \$10 or less based on income.

### Environmental quality department discusses odor

**TWIN FALLS** - Odor will be the focus of discussion at a state Department of Environmental Quality tonight.

Steve Allred, the director of DEQ, will be explaining the department's new odor guidelines to the public.

Public comment on those guidelines ended in November. Doug Howard said several questions will be answered, including: Why are these procedures and not rules, why are odor complaints referred to other agencies and do odors affect people's health?

The meeting will start at 7 p.m. at the Health and Welfare Building, 601 Pole Line Road, general conference room.

### Police investigate robbery outside grocery store

**TWIN FALLS** - Police are investigating a possible robbery outside a local grocery store.

A man told police he was robbed of \$35 after leaving Smith's grocery store at 11:08 p.m. Saturday, Twin Falls Police Detective Scott Smith said.

Police have a couple of suspects, but are also investigating the man's credibility, Smith said.

No weapons were used, and there were no threats. Police responded quickly but found nothing, he said. There were no eyewitnesses. The man described the robber as 6 feet 3 inches tall, with long blond hair and wearing jeans and a T-shirt.

The man said the robber grabbed his wallet, took the money, then ran off, Smith said.

### Driver hits canal bridge near Filer on Monday

**FILER** - A driver was injured by hitting a canal bridge Monday.

At about 10:20 a.m. Monday, a person driving on 4100 N., 2100 E. near Filer hit a canal bridge.

The person was taken from the car and taken to Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, SIR-COMM dispatch said.

The driver's name was not available Monday. Twin Falls County sheriff's deputies responded to the call.

### Council agenda includes well-water briefing

**RUPERT** - The Rupert City Council will get an update tonight on a new well recently dug on the city's west end.

The meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. at City Hall, 624 F St.

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# BLM releases recreation strategy

## Agency proposes vehicle management on public lands

By N.S. Nokkervirt  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** - A proposed strategy for managing motorized recreation on public lands is available and open for comment.

Though half a month later than expected, the Bureau of Land Management Monday released its draft off-highway vehicle strategy, which the agency says is intended to promote environmentally sound

**C**opies of the strategy are available on the BLM's Internet site or at BLM offices. Submit written comments by Jan. 3, 2001. They can be mailed to BLM.

motorized recreation on BLM-managed public lands.

The agency will take public comment on the draft strategy through Jan. 3, 2001. Though it doesn't make any new regulations, the strategy identifies some areas that may need changing.

The Blue Ribbon Coalition, a motorized recreation group,

## Want to comment?

OHV Strategy, U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, 1849 C St. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20240.

Or they may be sent electronically

from the BLM's Internet site - click on "Draft National OHV Management Strategy" and then click on "comments" - or send comments by e-mail to: ohv\_comments\_manager@blm.gov.

praised parts of the strategy and questioned other parts.

"The BLM's draft strategy contains action items that will improve OHV recreation, items that cause us concern, and items that will require serious thought and study," said Adena Cook, the coalition's public lands director.

The draft strategy offers man-

agement guidance and recommends numerous actions aimed at creating a local framework for reviewing and resolving motorized recreation issues, the document says.

Those issues include current designations; signs, maps, and other public information; existing regulations; route inventories; effects on resources; road

and trail design, maintenance and restoration; management of wilderness study areas; monitoring; public and staff education; and law enforcement.

The coalition praised the strategy for broadening the scope of off-highway vehicles covered.

"The BLM has suggested expanding the types of vehicles covered by the strategy to reflect new equipment, changing technology, and broadened recreation interests," said Cook, who called this a needed change.

The coalition also praised the agency for recognizing the importance of access, noting that

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# AFTERMATH OF AN ACCIDENT



A Twin Falls firefighter hoses down a section of Idaho Highway 74 after a collision between a sludge truck and a sport utility vehicle. Enough sludge spilled onto the roadway to close the highway in both directions.

## Utah man suffers injuries from crash

The Times-News

### Victim's car slams into sludge truck

**TWIN FALLS** - A 39-year-old Logan, Utah, man suffered several broken bones Monday morning when the 1998 Dodge Durango he was driving slammed into a tanker truck near Twin Falls.

Jim Brooks and his wife, Tomomi, 29, were westbound on U.S. Highway 74, behind a sludge truck from a potato processing

The driver's side of the

Durango was impaled on a large pipe protruding from the truck, said tow truck driver Carter Killinger, who recovered the wrecked Durango and works for Highway 30 Garage in Twin Falls.

A significant amount of sludge was spilled on to the road and inside the Durango.

Jim and Tomomi Brooks were

both wearing seat belts, and Tomomi Brooks escaped serious injury, Howell said.

Jim Brooks was taken by ambulance to Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls, and was scheduled to undergo surgery late Monday, Howell said. The name of the sludge truck driver, who was unhurt, was not available, she said.

No citations were issued.

## TF City Council approves two new towers

By John T. Huddy  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** - Against the recent recommendation of city planners, the City Council approved two new communication towers Monday, opening the door for more cellular service and personal carrier systems locally.

NewCom Wireless LLC, won the council's approval to build two 90-foot communication towers in the city - one at 2404 Addison Avenue East, the other, at 458 Victory Avenue near the Southpark area of Twin Falls.

The council voted 5 to 1 for the sites. Councilman Trip Craig dis-

sented in both votes. Councilman Howard Allen was absent from Monday's council meeting.

The Addison Avenue site will belong to NewCom Wireless for its personal carrier service. NewCom will build the Victory Avenue tower, but the city will own it and lease it to NewCom and any other cellular or personal carrier system companies that want to co-locate on it.

The Victory Avenue tower will add to the city's communication system. NewCom will pay the city \$1 for the first seven years of the tower's use and \$3,000 each additional year.

The \$1 fee will offset NewCom's tower construction costs.

The city Planning and Zoning Commission denied both sites earlier this year, citing concerns with the location and lack of information.

NewCom appealed the denial to the City Council.

Frank O'Leary, of NewCom Wireless, said Monday that both sites were in ideal locations, and there was enough information to warrant approval.

A four-month moratorium on cellular telephone towers also could have played a role in planning and zoning's denial, city leaders and O'Leary said

Monday. But NewCom's requests were submitted to city staff before the moratorium was imposed in September.

"We think that (the Addison Avenue site) is compatible with the property," O'Leary said. "We think that it is non-intrusive, and it's a reasonable request."

Dave McAlindin, the city's economic development director, said the Victory Avenue site not only was in a great location, but also an outstanding bargain for the city.

"They construct it, they give it to us, it's our pole," McAlindin

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## Ketchum tightens ordinance for avalanche zone building

By Karen Boselak  
Times-News correspondent

**KETCHUM** - People who plan to build in Ketchum's avalanche zone had better know what they're getting into.

Because now, that's the law. The City Council Monday tightened its avalanche zone ordinance, requiring property owners building in avalanche zones to give written notice acknowledging that they under-

stand the dangers involved. Property owners must acknowledge in writing that fire, police and ambulance protection might be suspended when avalanche risk is high.

Before, only verbal acknowledgment was required.

The ordinance change was a response to avalanche consultant Bruce Smith, of Ketchum-based Alpine Enterprises. He says Ketchum's avalanche zone regulations are too lax.

### What's next?

The Ketchum City Council will hold a special meeting from 9:30 a.m. to noon Wednesday to continue its discussion of the city's comprehensive plan. Agenda items include open space, recreation and heritage, and the avalanche zone language.

Several areas, including heavily populated Warm Springs Road, are prone to avalanches.

Locals are fond of telling stories about an avalanche in the early 1970s that demolished a home, carrying it across Warm Springs Road and sweeping it to the river.

City Planning and Zoning Administrator Lisa Horowitz said the council might want to consider outlawing building in areas "extremely prone" to avalanche activity. The council will review the avalanche portion of the city's comprehensive

plan during a special meeting Wednesday morning.

Blaine County avalanche regulations forbid building in high-risk areas.

Under Ketchum regulations, a lot in an avalanche zone can't be subdivided. Single-family residences are permitted, City Administrator Jim Jaquet said.

The Ketchum Planning and Zoning Commission discussed requiring stricter build-

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# Library district moves forward

By Ruth Streeter  
Times-News writer

**BURLEY** - A six-month trial that would let residents try out a library district is three months away.

The demonstration district isn't a sure thing yet, but the Burley Public Library Districting Committee already has cleared the first hurdle - a preliminary grant approval, committee chairwoman Kathleen Hedberg told the Burley City Council Monday night.

After the final grant application is submitted, the committee will find out in February whether the temporary district - slated to begin March 1 - is a go.

The six-month experiment will expire right when the idea for a library district goes to the voters in August. If voters like the idea of the "Magic Sage Library District" and vote yes, the district would span Minidoka and Cassia counties and would be determined by an elected board of trustees.

The levy amount would be limited by a statutory minimum and maximum. The district-wide levy would eliminate the levies that now support libraries in Burley and Raret.

To give residents in both counties the same idea of what a district would mean, during the trial period, the Burley Public Library and the Rupert DeMary Memorial Library will need to harmonize certain policies, such as the length of check-out periods and Internet policies, Hedberg said.

The committee is taking public comment on these issues at advisory committee meetings, the next of which will be at 5 p.m. Dec. 12 at the Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce in Heyburn.

In other business the Burley City Council:

• Will deliberate on whether to give tournament players a break at the city golf course if the tournament sponsor agrees to rent the course's carts.

If the sponsor for an annual couples tournament will pay for renting the golf course's 64

carts, couples who bring their own carts will pay a daily trail fee of \$10 as opposed to \$17.

The offer would be an incentive for couples to bring their own carts to a tournament with about 108 couples participating, said Bill Morrison, the past president of the Idaho Golfers Association.

• Will continue discussing on a sign ordinance that regulates commercial signs and billboards at the Dec. 18 council meeting.

The ordinance regulates all types of signs, from freestanding to those attached to buildings. Signs within a mile of the Interstate 84 can be no higher than 80 feet and all other signs no higher than 35 feet.

The ordinance prohibits flashing signs except for message centers and signs with time and temperature. It also allows the city's planning and zoning commission to determine whether a sign is dangerous, blocks important views or negatively affects "the visual quality of a public open space."

All signs that don't comply with the ordinance when it's

adopted would need to be adjusted. Only those that are considered a hazard or those that meet certain other criteria would need to be modified.

• Awarded a \$33,040 bid to Advanced Lift-Off-Bountiful, Utah, to build handicapped-access lifts at the Tele-Servicing Innovations, a call center located in a building owned by the city.

The city will be reimbursed with community block grant money that was awarded to the city for remodeling the building, city administrator Mark Mitron said.

• In a special meeting, approved an adjustment to city employees' health benefits. The change would coordinate Medicare with the city's health insurance benefits for any employee over 65, Mitton said.

• Agreed to renew its gasoline contract with Mr. Gas.

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# Hospital works on new fund-raising organization

By Aaron Brock  
Times-News writer

**RUPERT** - Officials are working on a new fund-raising foundation at Minidoka Memorial Hospital, which would allow for tax-exempt donations.

The foundation will be called the Minidoka Health Care Foundation, said hospital administrator Carl Hanson. With a tax-exempt status, the foundation would be more attractive to potential donors, Hanson said.

Tax-exempt status also would improve the hospital's ability to compete for grants, because it is easier for most grant foundations to donate to tax-exempt organizations, he added.

Four people - Elvera Richan, Denny Curtis, Jay McBride and Lorraine Urliugun - have been named to the first board of directors. Seven directors will eventually make up the board.

"The board and the administration have been pushing to get a sound foundation going," Curtis said. "A foundation can do great things for the hospital."

As well as fund raising, the foundation can help promote ser-

vices offered by the hospital, Curtis said.

"We hope that the foundation will be looked to as a benefit to the community and the hospital," Richan said in a statement released by the hospital. "Within a few years, we hope that earnings from the foundation begin to be distributed to help purchase medical equipment and to help pay to educate medical professionals for our area."

The first of two necessary steps toward completing the formation of the foundation, the filing of paperwork with the state and state approval, has been done, Hanson said.

Now, the foundation is in the midst of applying for tax-exempt status with the Internal Revenue Service. It will probably take several months for the IRS to respond, Hanson said.

"It's just brand new," McBride said. "We're just barely getting it off the ground."

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# Jerome officials look at annexations

By Dixie Thomas Reale  
Times-News correspondent

**JEROME** - City officials are looking to annex 120 acres in the northeastern section of Jerome and roughly 76 more acres northwest of the city. Public testimony will be taken at tonight's City Council meeting and at a public hearing scheduled before the city Planning and Zoning Commission at 7 p.m. on Dec. 11 at council chambers.

The council on Nov. 21 heard the first reading of an ordinance to annex the land.

The land that could be annexed includes:

• The Southern Idaho Regional Communications Center dispatch

**Interested?**  
The Jerome City Council meets today at 7 p.m. in council chambers, 100 E. Ave. A. The public is welcome to give testimony on the proposed annexations of nearly 196 acres.

site and the South Central District Health Department office.

• All of Forsythe Park and one row of lots just south of Forsythe Park.

• Land bordered on the east by 100 East, on the west by North Jackson Street, on the north by 19th Avenue East and on the south by 17th Avenue East.

• Land bordered on the north by 16th Avenue East, on the south by Mountain View Drive, on the west by North Lincoln Street and on the east by North Davis Street.

• Adjacent parcels, totaling 76 acres, owned by Tom Richmond, who has requested annexation. Richmond's land, adjacent to the northwest corner of Jerome, is bordered on the east by North Fir Street and extends westward to a jagged boundary line just east of 100 West.

Richmond's land is bordered on the south by 10th Street West and on the north by 100 North. In other business, the council will consider a communications poli-

cy for city staff.

The communications policy was designed to maintain control over the use of city-owned electronic equipment and protection of city information.

The policy would allow employees to spend off-work time improving their skills by exploring the Internet, but the time spent and sites selected would be monitored.

The policy also cautions elected officials to be aware of the potential for Idaho Open Meeting Law violations, if a quorum of City Council members engage in electronic communications and do not make those communications available to the public.

# Newspaper drops restraining order request

**SALT LAKE CITY (AP)** - The Salt Lake Tribune Publishing Co. has dropped its request for a temporary restraining order to stop AT&T Corp.'s sale of the newspaper, according to a federal court clerk.

Attorneys for the paper and the telecommunications giant met Monday in the chambers of U.S. District Court Tena Cambell, said her clerk, Theresa Brown. AT&T attorneys said the sale

would not go forward until at least Dec. 16, Brown said.

"Based on that representation by counsel, Judge Campbell denied the temporary restraining order as moot," she said.

AT&T Corp. announced Friday that it had agreed to sell Salt Lake's largest paper to MediaNews Group Inc., which owns the Denver Post and 46 other daily newspapers around the country. AT&T, which

acquired the Tribune almost by accident when it bought Tele-Communications Inc. last year, said it didn't want to be in the newspaper business.

The Tribune filed a federal lawsuit the same day, claiming that AT&T breached an agreement that promised Tribune management a chance to buy back the paper in 2002 and manage the paper in the interim.

The paper is asking for a jury

trial to determine damages and a preliminary injunction to stop the sale.

A hearing on the preliminary injunction is scheduled for Monday.

Steve Lang of AT&T would not comment on the hearing, but said there are regulatory issues that will take some time to resolve.

Attorneys for the Tribune and managers at the paper could not be reached for comment.

# EPA considers Superfund at St. Maries

**COEUR D'ALENE (AP)** - A parcel of land in St. Maries is being considered for Superfund listing because of a spill that continues to leak into the St. Joe River.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency announced Friday that it was proposing the 4-acre site for a cleanup.

Cresote is a cancer-causing chemical which also can harm fish such as threatened bull trout, said Greg Weigel, the agency's on-scene coordinator. The river and area groundwater also supply the community's drinking water.

Long-term exposure to low doses of cresote can cause skin lesions; long-term exposure to high levels creates the prospect of cancer.

"A listing would allow EPA to fund a cleanup, if responsible parties are unable or unwilling to do a cleanup," Weigel said.

The public has 60 days to comment on the proposed listing. Jim Conerford, Carney Products Co. president, said he hopes a Superfund listing can be avoided. The utility pole company currently leases the site from St. Maries for peeling and storage.

Although the cresote pollution occurred before Carney Products' lease, both the company and the city potentially are responsible for cleanup.

Conerford said he and city officials are negotiating with the former operators, in hopes that

they will take full financial responsibility.

If negotiations are successful, the stigma of a Superfund site can be avoided, Conerford said. "In the long run, what people really care about is getting everything cleaned up according to every environmental rule and regulation," he said.

Weigel said the federal agency was not a party to the negotiations. It has been looking into the potential responsibility of former operators, he said.

Cresote was used as a wood preservative in a pole plant that operated on the site from the 1930s to the 1960s. The city leased the land to a variety of operators.

# Attorney general issues ski warning

**DENVER (AP)** - Just in case skiers and boarders didn't get the message when a jury convicted a reckless skier for criminally negligent homicide, state and local officials issued a new warning Monday.

"Skiers who are reckless can expose themselves to millions of dollars in civil damages, and they can also expose themselves to long prison terms if they injure or kill someone on the slopes," said Colorado Attorney General Ken Salazar.

Salazar issued the warning with Summit County Sheriff Joe Morales and District Attorney Mike Goodbee. Goodbee's dis-

trict is home of Colorado's three busiest ski areas and site of last month's conviction of a reckless skier.

Goodbee persuaded a jury to convict Nathan Hall of criminally negligent homicide in the death of skier Alan Cobb of Denver in 1997. Hall hit Cobb while skiing out-of-control down Vail Mountain at the end of his shift as a lift operator.

Hall was the first skier in the country convicted of causing another skier's death. The former ski racer faces up to six years in prison when he is sentenced Jan. 4.

Salazar said skiers and board-

ers should be aware the Colorado Ski Safety Act of 1979 requires them to ski or board within their ability level, "maintaining a proper lookout so as to avoid other skiers and subjects, and to refrain from conduct which may cause injury to others."

Failure to conform to the rule constitutes negligence without any proof that it was intentional, according to the law.

And Morales warned skiers and boarders "will be held civilly and criminally liable for their actions if they engage in reckless conduct that endangers the health and safety of fellow skiers."

# Strategy

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access to only 10 to 20 percent of public land crosses private land.

"We're glad that the agency will make a priority of pursuing legal access to public land where private parcels are isolated," Cook said.

But Cook also said the strategy appears too enthusiastic about enforcing the Endangered Species Act, either by limiting access or closing areas that are habitat for listed species or species proposed for listing.

With the number of species listed and proposed, that could cover most BLM land, Cook said.

The coalition also is concerned that the BLM proposes to restrict use in wilderness study areas to

roads and trails already inventoried when the areas were designated.

The BLM says the strategy would promote consistent management decisions; highlight needs for additional funding and staff; allow for more motorized recreation; lead to updating existing regulations; reduce conflicts among public land user groups; promote responsible off-highway use and reduce habitat degradation; and provide an opportunity for long-term public involvement in motorized recreation management on public lands.

But Cook said the public needs more time to comment. She asked for 60 days to comment on the document.

"The agency's effort to come up with a strategy that benefits both the public and the environment should not be shortchanged by a hasty 30-day comment period," she Cook.

The draft strategy is available on the BLM's Internet site. Copies of the document also will be available at BLM offices by the end of the week.

At the end of the comment period, the BLM will issue its final strategy on the Internet on Jan. 19, 2001. Printed copies will be mailed out on Jan. 26, 2001.

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ing requirements - such as thicker walls - for single-family homes in avalanche zones.

But residents shot it down, saying it would cost too much, Horowitz said.

coordinator Beth Callister, who said she had 55 inquiries and has heard from 47 people interested in car pooling from Bellevue to Kiley - to Ketchum. She launched the car pooling program in early November.

Callister said she doesn't

know if any have started car pooling. But, she said the response was encouraging - only 50 people registered with a similar program in Pocatello after a year-long effort.

Callister said she plans a New Year's resolution event connected with car pooling.

# Proposed timber site threatens owl habitat

**PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)** - The Bureau of Land Management has proposed cutting old-growth trees on a section of southwest Oregon forest where northern spotted owls nest.

The timber sale would be the first such on the site since a 1994 Northwest forest plan was adopted.

The sale would fulfill the ultimate compromise of the plan - cutting forests with scattered old-growth trees and threatened spotted owls in exchange for

protecting other timber over the long term.

But forest advocates contend the proposal sale illustrates a serious shortcoming of the plan, put together by President Clinton to support wildlife and the timber industry.

At least one pair of northern spotted owls nest within the acreage proposed for logging, according to BLM officials.

The trees cannot be cut during summer months when spotted owls actively use their nests:

But they could be cut after the nesting season and would be unavailable to owls in future years.

Since the 1994 Northwest Forest Plan was adopted, federal foresters have avoided logging where threatened or endangered species still reside on so-called "matrix lands" - areas opened to logging under the plan.

But as other options have run out, they are turning to those areas.

# Towers

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said at Monday's council meeting. "This is a great deal for the city and taxpayers. I don't know what more we can ask for."

Communication towers, including cellular telephone towers, will be the focus of debate in recent months.

Since the moratorium on cellular towers was imposed, city leaders have been working on a new ordinance to regulate towers - an ordinance city planners approved in November.

The ordinance would prohibit

towers in residential areas unless they are attached to utility poles or sit on rooftops. It also suggests cellular companies co-locate on existing towers and place towers on public property when possible.

Approval of the ordinance would end the moratorium.

The City Council has scheduled a public hearing on the ordinance for 6 p.m. on Dec. 13.

As the council's reversal of planning and zoning denials has happened before.

U.S. West Wireless' request to set up three new cellular towers was denied by planning and zoning. But the city later approved the request for two 120-foot cellular poles, one on Addison Avenue West, the other on Deere Street, and one 93-foot pole on Elm Street North behind the Randy Hansen Autoplex.

Those requests also were submitted before the moratorium was imposed.

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# TEACHER'S DAY



Cindy Funcher, left, and Lorraine Urliugun, middle, teachers at Minico High School, are joined by Kimberly Kidd, a teacher at Acequia Elementary School. The three recently received National Teacher Certification recognition. District superintendent Nick Hallett called this the highest honor that a classroom teacher can achieve. Carolyn Hondo, a teacher at Burley Junior High, also earned national certification.

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Children's program flourishes

Enrollment in program exceeds expectations

RATHRUM (AP) - When Charlene Carhart found out her fourth child would be three months premature, she had no idea how she would pay the doctor bills. Carhart's only insurance was a \$600 coverage plan for major accidents. The Children's Health Insurance Program has changed everything. A year later, all Carhart's little ones can see a doctor before catastrophe strikes. And more Idaho kids are joining those ranks - at exceptional speed. The program is a mostly federally funded Medicaid effort that provides insurance for almost any health care service a parent could want for their child. Across the country, the program has struggled to find work-

ing poor parents such as Carhart in the three years it has existed. In Idaho, an estimated 78,000 children are without insurance. But that number is plummeting. Almost 80,000 children now are insured with the Children's Health Insurance Program or traditional Medicaid. The enrollment figures soared past the state's July 2002 goal almost two years early. Extensive outreach efforts, a simplification of application process and a change in the amount of time children could stay eligible get credit for the increase, said Karen Cotton, Kootenai Medical Center's outreach coordinator. "But an estimated 25,000 who could benefit from the program still are not signed up. In September, \$3.1 million in unused money was turned back to the federal government. By its own admission, the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare is slow in getting the word out, fearing that the pro-

gram's spending would outstrip available matching funds. For every \$8 the feds pitch in, the state must contribute \$2. Eligibility is determined by income. People are eligible for regular Medicaid if their family income is no more than 133 percent of what the government considers poverty level. The Idaho Legislature voted to limit eligibility for the Children's Health Insurance Program to those making 150 percent of the poverty level or less. That means parents have to fall between 133 and 150 percent of the poverty level for their children to be eligible. Cotton leads a task force called Healthy Outcomes for Youth in search of people who fit through that narrow window. Its members include Michelle Britton, Health and Welfare director in the Panhandle, and Kootenai Medical Center Chief Executive Officer Joe Morris. The task force has spent the past several months figuring out ways to get more children enrolled.

Estate tax windfall pushes state's surplus

BOISE (AP) - A \$21 million windfall in estate-tax collections helped Idaho's state cash surplus to about \$300 million for the current budget year. The October numbers, helped along by interest earnings on state investments that exceeded expectations by \$3.6 million, increased the state's general tax collections for the first four months of the budget year to more than \$612 million, or almost \$22 million more than analysts had predicted. The figures were included in the latest revenue reports from the Kemphorne administration's Division of Financial Management and the Legislative Budget Office. The estate tax windfall, along with individual income tax collections that were \$4.2 million higher than expected, helped state receipts overcome lower corporate and sales tax revenue during October. It was the first estate tax collection credited to the general fund. Until a change by the Legislature last winter, that revenue always went to the Water Pollution Control Fund. Analysts said the bump in individual income tax receipts to \$76.7 million was due to a combination of higher-than-expected filing payments and withholding

collections and lower-than-expected refunds. The October figures boosted individual income tax collections for the first four months of the fiscal year \$12.2 million higher than expected. Paycheck withholding for the budget year was up 14.8 percent through October. Corporate income tax collections of \$6 million were lower than expected for the fourth month in a row, but October's shortfall of \$900,000 was the smallest so far this fiscal year, according to the report. Sales tax collections of \$57.3 million were \$3 million lower than expected, bringing year-to-date collections to a level \$3.2 million below the predicted amount. October was the second month the sales tax has come in below expectations during the budget year, and analysts said weakening residential construction activity was primarily to blame.

Officials search for ways to cap mining waste site

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) - Federal managers trying to cap northern Idaho's biggest pile of mining waste with native topsoil have raised questions about the ethics of repairing one environmental wasteland by creating another. There is not nearly enough soil left over from local construction sites to cover 260 acres in the Bunker Hill Superfund cleanup site, so contractors struck deals with several landowners to scrape their fields. It left Shoshone County struggling to enforce zoning rules against topsoil removal along the scenic North Fork of the Coeur d'Alene River. State officials also are exploring alternative materials for stabilizing the Silver Valley's piles of metals-tainted rock. "Creating environmental problems elsewhere is not how we should be doing business, said Geoff Harvey of the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality, which did not object to the federal insistence on topsoil at Bunker Hill. Next summer, the state will

begin testing various organic recipes on a rock pile at Muller's Success mill site. They could include wood waste from logs, sludge from sewage plants and industrial furnace boiler fly ash. All of them have been used successfully to make compost. Timber industry consultant Ron Mench said it could be an increase in funding but will have second thoughts about it now," said Sen. Howard A. Stephenson, president of the Utah Taxpayers Association. The UEA voted Thursday to stage a one-day walkout to protest perceived shortcomings in education funding. A plan drafted by a legislative task force calls for spending \$30.6 million on textbooks, putting aside \$10 million annually for school construction and giving small districts incentives to boost taxes. UEA leaders say the enrollment won't cover the anticipated enrollment growth in the public school system. Stephenson, R-Draper, said the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel told him that a teacher walkout would break state law.

Lawmakers question walkout

PROVO, Utah (AP) - The Utah Education Association's one-day walkout planned Tuesday isn't winning a lot of friends in the Legislature. "I think there were a lot of legislators who were willing to go out on a limb for them to increase funding but will have second thoughts about it now," said Sen. Howard A. Stephenson, president of the Utah Taxpayers Association. The UEA voted Thursday to stage a one-day walkout to protest perceived shortcomings in education funding. A plan drafted by a legislative task force calls for spending \$30.6 million on textbooks, putting aside \$10 million annually for school construction and giving small districts incentives to boost taxes. UEA leaders say the enrollment won't cover the anticipated enrollment growth in the public school system. Stephenson, R-Draper, said the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel told him that a teacher walkout would break state law.

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FOR THE RECORD

TWIN FALLS - Recent activity in 5th District Court in Twin Falls County included the following: Misdemeanor sentencing: Twin Falls County: Patrick David Brown, 40, 1115 Filer Ave., Twin Falls, disturbing the peace; pleaded guilty, \$63.90 court costs, 90 days jail time, suspended; Magistrate Judge Mark Beebe. Felony sentencing: Twin Falls County: Jesse Jesus Romquillo Jr., 39, 2028 Highway 30, Buhl, murder II; pleaded guilty, \$17.50 court costs, 10 years penitentiary; District Judge Albert Mechi. Christopher Albert Green, 24, 470 Borah, Twin Falls, possession of controlled substance/methamphetamine; pleaded guilty, \$750 fine, \$17.50 court costs; five years' penitentiary, three years' determinate, two years' undetermined; District Judge Roger Burdick. Juvenile appearances: Trent Frowbridge, 11, 1075 Wierwag, Twin Falls, 1st, unlawful entry, count 2, grand theft; pretrial Dec. 9; released to parents in lieu of detainer agreement under strict house arrest. Joshua Evans, 14, 424 Walnut St., Twin Falls; count 1, unlawful entry; count 2, grand theft; public defender appointed; pretrial December 9; released to parents in lieu of detention agreement under strict house arrest. Justin Jackson, 12, 1078 Filer Ave., W. Twin Falls, public defender appointed; pretrial Dec. 9; released to parents in lieu of detainer agreement under strict house arrest. Carson, 12, 137 Fawnbrook, Twin Falls; count 1, unlawful entry; count 2, grand theft; public defender appointed; pretrial Dec. 9; released to parent in lieu of detention agreement

under strict house arrest. Juvenile sentencing: Clifton Elarter, 17, 720 Sawtooth No. 2, Buhl, statutory rape; pleaded guilty, 180 days' detention, with 48 days' suspended; 36 months' probation; Magistrate Judge John Varin. Justin Smith, 17, 5077 Addison Ave., W. Twin Falls, count 1, battery, count 2, petty theft; pleaded guilty, 180 days' detention, with 48 days' suspended; Magistrate Judge John Varin. Jamie Shores, 16, 354 Orchalara No. 2, Twin Falls, theft by receiving/possessing stolen property; pleaded guilty, 90 day detention, with 80 days' suspended; six months' probation; shall submit to search and seizure, no association with anyone on probation; shall not possess or use drug, alcohol, or any other intoxicating substances; Magistrate Judge John Varin. Curtis Pullin, 15, 3543 C. Highway 93, Twin Falls, possession of marijuana; pleaded guilty, 90 days' detention, 10 days' discretionary, 80 days' suspended; nine months' probation; 20 hours community service; shall submit to search and seizure, no association with anyone on probation; shall not possess or use drug, alcohol, or any other intoxicating substances; Magistrate Judge John Varin. C' II filings: Lynnwood Shopping Center vs. Verl Yorgenson. Seeking judgment against the defendant for an amount to be shown through affidavit; for all costs in connection with defendants default as will be incurred; for additional late fees; for plaintiff's attorney's fees, costs and expenses incurred in the prosecution of this action; for all such other and further relief as the Court deems necessary and proper. The defendant failed to perform conditions and covenants of a commercial lease as a result of which Lynnwood Shopping Center has been damaged. David and Bonnie Hamilton vs. Tracy Silveria and Vic Rolfe. Seeking judg-

ment against the defendant that the Court find the defendants are in default, for failure to make the payments as required by the agreement; that an order show cause be issued, requiring the defendants to appear and show cause; that an immediate restraining order be issued against the defendants; that the plaintiff be allowed possession of the real property; for attorney's fees, costs. On April 2, 1999, the plaintiffs entered into an agreement with the defendants to sell the property known as El Banchito, and the defendants have failed to make the payments on the said property. Child Support Cases: State of Idaho, Child Support Services vs. Anthony Paul Murrell. Seeking \$782 monthly support; \$330 attorney's fees and costs. State of Idaho, Child Support Services vs. David Stewart. Seeking \$601 monthly support, plus 69 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance; \$363 attorney's fees and costs. State of Idaho, Child Support Services vs. Richard D. Clubb. Seeking \$451 monthly support; \$363 attorney's fees and costs. State of Idaho, Child Support Services vs. Serfin R. Donate. Seeking \$404 monthly support; \$330 attorney's fees and costs. State of Idaho, Child Support Services vs. Robert Warren Stearns. Seeking \$287 monthly support; \$330 attorney's fees and costs. Divorce: Shean R. Stewart vs. Peggy Sue Stewart; Steven Boyd Swafford vs. Michelle Catherine Swafford; Richard Rivera vs. Heidi Ann Rivera; Kimberlie Pressnall vs. Jesse Pressnall; Gertrude Ann Heck vs. David Perry Heck; Melissa R. Harrington vs. Sean B. Harrington; Laurena L. Schoessler vs. Trent Carl Schoessler.

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**For Better or For Worse** By Lynn Johnston

LET'S NOT TALK ABOUT THIS UNLESS YOU'VE ANYMORE. I'VE GOT TO MOVE TO TORONTO!

MY JOB AT THE HOSPITAL DON'T START UNTIL THE 15<sup>TH</sup>. I'VE GOT A FEW DAYS LEFT TO PACK.

IT'S NICE OF MY AUNT TO GIVE ME A ROOM. WITH THAT BEING WHAT THERE ARE, DON'T YOU WANT AN ALTERNATIVE?

YOU COULD MOVE IN WITH ME! YOU KNOW... AN ALTERNATIVE.

**Walt** By Scott Adams

JURY DUTY

WHAT EXCUSE ARE YOU PLANNING TO USE?

I'M HAPPY TO SERVE. IT'S MY CIVIC RESPONSIBILITY...

INSANITY, GOOD ONE.

**Blonde** By Dean Young & Stan Drake

THE BOSS INSULTED THAT I HAVEN'T BEEN PAYING ATTENTION LATELY! CAN YOU BELIEVE IT?!

WELL, WHAT DID YOU SAY IN YOUR OWN DEFENSE?

WHY FENCE?

**K.C.** By Johnny Hart

NOW WHAT?

AN OUTHOUSE FOR NUDISTS.

**Pickles** By Brian Crane

I CAN'T GET MUFFIN TO EAT HER FOOD SHE'S GETTING MORE FINICKY ALL THE TIME.

WHY DON'T YOU TRY FEEDING HER? CAN YOU BELIEVE IT?

OKAY.

HELLO, MY NAME IS EARL. I'LL BE YOUR WAITER THIS EVENING.

OUR SPECIAL TONIGHT IS A GIANT SERVING OF TAKE IT OR LEAVE IT.

**Sherlock** By Jim Davis

SNOW ALWAYS MAKES IT FEEL MORE CHRISTMAS...

WELL, FAY LAH LAH LAH LAH...

**Dennis the Menace** By Hank Ketcham

"HI, MR. WILSON. MEET MY INVISIBLE FRIEND, MAX."

"COME IN, MAX. BYE-BYE, DENNIS."

**The Family Circus** By Bil Keane

"Okay, I'll take a healthful snack if that's all we've got."

**Hi and Lois** By Chance Browne

IT'S ANOTHER ONE OF THOSE LONG LETTERS FROM THE NICKS ABOUT ALL THE WONDERFUL THINGS THEY DID THIS YEAR!

DOES ANYONE EVER READ THOSE?

JOAN! I DIDN'T KNOW YOU WENT BACK TO WORK!

DIDN'T YOU READ OUR CHRISTMAS LETTER?

**Rose Is Rose** By Pat Brady

"GONE WITH THE WIND"

**The Wizard of Id** By Brant Parker & Johnny Hart

A MESSAGE FROM SIR ROBERT AT THE FRONT LINES.

WHAT DOES IT SAY?

HE SAYS WE ARE WINNING.

IT MUST BE IN CODE.

**Zits** By Jim Borgman and Jerry Scott

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SHAME!

HOW CAN YOU CRITICIZE MY HAIR WHEN YOU KNOW WHAT THESE MAGAZINES ARE TELLING THEIR READERS?

**Hagar the Horrible** By Chris Browne

HOW DID YOU LIKE MY SONG?

I THINK IT JUST MADE MY BEER GO FLAT!

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GIVING UP BOYS IS A GLENDOR IDEA. I WANT YOU TO ENJOY OTHER ASPECTS OF YOUR LIFE.

EXACTLY!

I DID PRECISELY THE SAME THING AT YOUR AGE. SURVIVE BANGING BOYS FROM MY LIFE. THAT DECISION MADE ME THE WOMAN I AM TODAY.

I DEVELOPED A PASSION FOR CELTIC MUSIC. ARTICLE THIMBLES 18TH CENTURY PORCELAIN...

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I CALLED YOU TWO IN BECAUSE OF YOUR CONSTANT FIGHTING.

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AN ETERNITY LISTENING TO KATHIE LEE GIFFORDS CD... DOES THAT ROCK OR WHAT?!

WORST-CASE SCENARIO OF THE AFTERLIFE

**The Born Loser** By Art Sansom & Chip

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I DID PICK UP THE CHECK.

YES, BUT YOU PUT IT BACK ON!

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NATION

# U.S. gets conflicting reports on oil

## U.N. says Iraq is not loading crude

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States has responded cautiously to a declaration by Iraq that it would resume oil exports to fulfill its existing contracts.

In fact, U.N. overseers report Iraq is not allowing loadings into tankers, the State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said Monday.

"There are conflicting reports about whether Iraq has resumed its oil exports. We are trying to verify it," Energy Secretary Bill Richardson said in Albuquerque.

Iraq said Sunday that it would

resume its oil exports to honor existing contracts, backing away from a halt it called two days earlier in a dispute with the United Nations over pricing.

"Given that it is Iraq and what we've seen in the past, we don't want to count our chickens before they hatch," Boucher said. "We don't have independent confirmation that Iraq has resumed its exports."

Iraq, the third-largest producer in the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries' cartel, stopped production on Friday. It blamed the United Nations for refusing to authorize a new payment arrangement.

"Iraq is permitted to export oil despite a decade of sanctions, pro-

vided the profits go into an escrow bank account that is used to buy food, medicine and humanitarian goods and to pay reparations for Iraq's invasion of Kuwait in 1990.

On Sunday, announcing the reversal, Iraqi oil minister Amer Mohammed Rashid said "the Iraqi oil policy has been always aimed at stability of the world oil market. Iraq has absolutely no intention to terminate or hinder the exports of its crude in the world market."

The United States has said it would top its reserves to counter any Iraqi cutoff, and Saudi Arabia, OPEC's largest producer, hinted it could do the same, citing a need to keep the market stable.

# Researchers find evidence of water on Mars

WASHINGTON (AP) — Photos from a satellite orbiting Mars suggest the Red Planet was once a water-rich land of lakes, strengthening the theory that the conditions needed for the evolution of life.

The photos, taken by the Mars Global Surveyor spacecraft, show massive sedimentary deposits, with thick layers of rock stacked one on top of another in miles-deep formations.

"Some of the ... images of these outcrops show hundreds and hundreds of identically thick layers, which is almost impossible to have without water," said Michael C. Malin,

first author of a study being published Friday in the *Journal of Science*.

Malin and his co-author, Kenneth S. Edgett, both researchers at Malin Space Sciences Systems in San Diego, said the photos show clear views of horizontal deposits of rock, a characteristic of sedimentary rock, in the walls of craters and chasms cut into the surface of Mars.

Such layered rock structures are common on Earth where there were once lakes. Sediments can settle to the lake bottom and, over geologic time, form sheets of rock, one on top of the other like pancakes in a stack.

Malin and Edgett said such layered rock can be formed by wind or volcanic activity, but the prevalence of sedimentary outcrops on Mars suggests strongly the action of water.

J. William Schopf, head of UCLA's Center for the Study of Evolution and the Origin of Life, said the study gives strong support for theories that Mars billions of years ago was wetter, warmer and potentially more friendly to life.

"This is the strongest evidence yet for what appear to be sedimentary units (rock formations) on Mars," said Schopf. "If we saw these things from Earth orbit, we'd know" they were formed by water.

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## Web kid

### Student leads school into cyberspace

By Lorraine Cavener  
Times-News correspondent

RUPERT - Minico High School is sharpening its image in cyberspace, thanks to the efforts of one web-handy student.

Senior Erica Jackson has put the school's calendar on the Internet, giving students and parents an efficient way to keep tabs on events online. Teachers use personal passwords to access their individual calendars.

The online schedule is a time saver for school secretary Sandra Clayville, who fields fewer questions about events.

"They can look themselves instead of asking," she said.

There's another benefit for Clayville: instant electronic access to the list of students excused for school events.

The school district has had a web page for several years, but this is the first year the high school calendar page has been updated on an ongoing basis, Clayville said.

Jackson learned web design over the

#### School web site

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summer from her brother, Kent Jackson, who is the school district's computer technician.

"I had to learn what linking and everything involved in web page-making was like," she said. "Then, it was easy."

Jackson hopes to learn more about graphic design, to make the web calendar pages more appealing.

She hasn't picked a career, but knows that whatever she does, her Internet skills will come in handy, she said.

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Erica Jackson, a senior at Minico High School, reviews web page tips with Minico High School secretary Sandra Clayville.

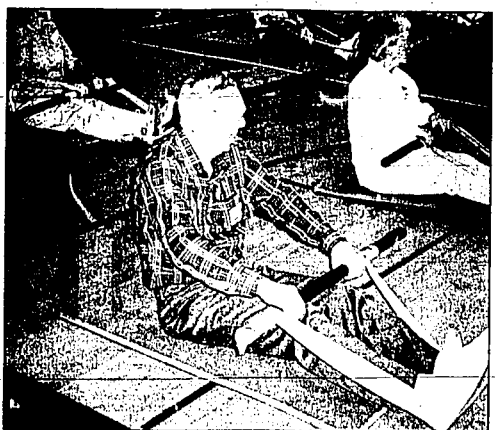


## ENCOURAGING WORDS



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The Wendell Optimist Club hosted the district membership chair at its Nov. 21 meeting. Club President Ilene Rouseff welcomes Wayne Bohm of the Twin Falls Optimist Club to the evening meeting at Cavazos Restaurant in Wendell. Bohm spoke about the Wendell club's many projects and how the club members give 100 percent to helping children in their area. He also suggested to members that a great gift to give a person is asking them to become an Optimist.



MARY LOU POTTS/The Times-News

Dave and Roanne Stoddard work out during a fitness class for senior citizens at Buhl High School.

## Classes help seniors get fit

By Mary Lou Potts  
Times-News Correspondent

BUHL - Keeping fit and healthy is a goal for everyone, but sometimes exercise is more of a challenge as people get older.

But the College of Southern Idaho, in partnership with local school districts, is offering classes in the communities for people age 60 and over. One such class is offered regularly at the Buhl High School gymnasium.

Jan Mittelreiter, founder of the outreach programs, has found success in the low-maintenance stretching exercise for the older generation.

Instructor Mary Martinant takes the participants through standing and sitting stretches for the legs, arms, knees, feet and hands. Using large rubber bands and poles, participants can stretch muscles slowly and at the person's own strength.

#### Want to join in?

Exercise classes are held at 10:30 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday at the Buhl High School gymnasium. They last one hour.

Additional classes are held from 9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. at the Filer Middle School. Classes are also held in Jerome, Gooding, Shoshone and Twin Falls.

Opening soon will be classes in Rupert and Burley. Those interested may call CSI at 733-9554, Ext. 2475.

When the sessions are over, participants stand in a circle and massage the back and shoulders of the person in front of them. This relaxing back rub helps the participants' cool down before going home, organizers say.

Although the classes are focused on older people, younger people are also welcome.

## Collecting stamps proves exciting

By Heather Abel  
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - "There's just so much to stamp collecting. It's fabulous," says Richard McCracken, member of the South Central Idaho Stamp Club.

McCracken says people who think stamp collecting is dull are just not collectors. He loves to learn about the history of stamps and says that stamp collecting is for "anybody interested in history."

"The whole history of the United States is on a stamp, which makes this (stamp collecting) very educational," McCracken says.

McCracken started collecting stamps 20 years ago and now has thousands, including a stamp that has been in space.

The stamp rode on the infamous Space Shuttle Challenger that exploded soon after takeoff.

McCracken mostly collects old stamps. He says the more rare the stamp is, the more valuable it is, but he's not in it for the money.

"It's for the interest," the collector says.

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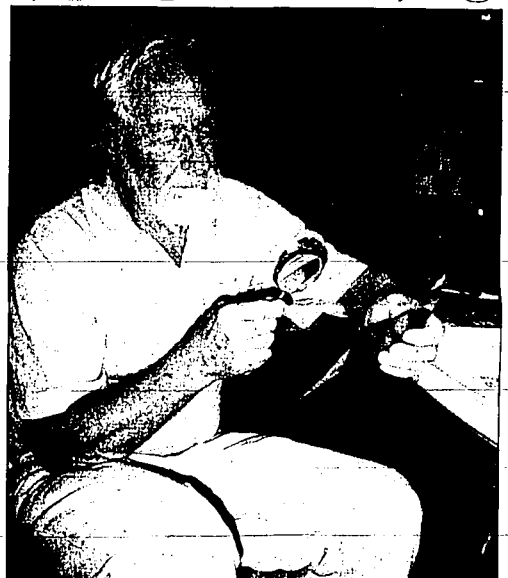
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Richard McCracken of the South Central Idaho Stamp Club studies stamps from his collection. He says stamps reflect history.

able. "Some people are continually looking for those odd balls, because they're worth a lot more," McCracken says. "There are all sorts of things out there, it's just so interesting."

McCracken enjoys meeting with other stamp collectors in the area and hopes that others will join them in their hobby and the club.

"It's fun to get together," he says. "Our club is very informal."

## There he goes ... Mr. Twin Falls

By Jamie Huber  
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - It was an evening full of glitz, glamour and guys in tuxedos.

Organizers of the annual Mr. Twin Falls High School Pageant, held recently in the Roper auditorium, call the event a big success.

For 16 straight years, the pageant has been assembled by the Business Professionals of America club.

"This will be my last year helping with the pageant," said Carol Bearup, club adviser, "but I hope it will continue to be such a big success."

Joel Brown won the title. He was escorted by Ashley Dills.

Other contestants were Sean Edmunds, escorted by Keesha Olander; Christian Kolouch, escorted by Bree Crandall; Joseph Machala, escorted by Stephanie Slane; Daniel Miller, escorted by Kristal Eastman; Brandon Nielsen, escorted by Amber Thueson; David Roy, escorted by Tara Bolton; Corey Smalley, escorted by Juli Benson; Dan Smith, escorted by Kelsey Olander; and Tyler White, escorted by Danielle Mingo.

They competed in a number of events, including evening wear, sportswear, a talent competition and each contestant was asked a different incomprompt question.

In the evening wear competition, Brown chose a tuxedo that for the sixth



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year in a row has been worn by the winner of the pageant.

This year's pageant also hosted a number of different talents. The winner of the talent competition was Joseph Machala, who played his violin.

Brown put on his dancing shoes and performed a ballroom dance to the song "Footloose" with his older sister, Emily. He has won several awards for his ballroom dancing at national competitions.

"I think this year's competition had one of the best array of talent and sportswear choices," Bearup said.

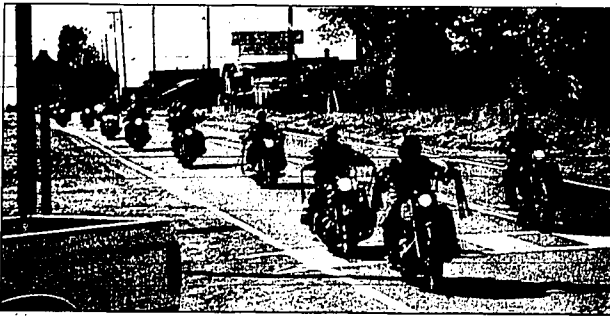
Audience members responded to the events with great enthusiasm by cheering and applauding for their favorite contestant.

"The pageant is fun and entertaining," junior Julie Hurlbut said.

Other awards of the evening were Mr. Personality to Smatthey, who wore a fun-nescent orange tuxedo; People's Choice, voted on by the audience, went to Kolouch; second runner-up went to Nielsen; and first runner-up was White.

# TWIN FALLS AREA COMMUNITY

## TOY RUN



Right, donations are totaled by Nancy Wallace, Laute Hofmeister, Ramero Martinez, Cecile Griffith and Bill Hopkins. This is the third year a group of local cyclists has ridden throughout the area collecting toys and donations for the East End Providers Christmas program. This year, the group collected \$2,210 and one and a half pick-ups full of toys for needy families.

Above, more than 70 cycles drove into Hansen to deliver a truck full of toys donated to the group for their third annual Drive for Toys for Magic Valley Kids.

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## ENJOYING CRAFTS

Chris Miller, standing, helps Mandra Carter make fall crafts at the city of Twin Falls Parks and Recreation class on Oct. 21. The department holds seasonal craft days for children grades 1-6. About 13 children attended this year's "Falling into Crafts" event. They completed four different projects, including a Halloween wall hanging and beaded pumpkin.

The next craft day will be Saturday. The cost is \$12. For more information, call Chris Miller at the Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Department.



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## SENIOR CALENDAR

### Filer Senior Haven

222 Main St., Filer  
Dinners served at noon on Tuesday and Thursday and at 6 p.m. on Friday. Suggested donation is \$2.50 for seniors. Home delivered meals available each meal time.  
Tuesday: Sliced ham  
Thursday: Spaghetti w/ meat sauce

### Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center

616 Eastland Drive  
Dinner served from noon to 12 p.m. Suggested donation is \$3 for seniors. The cost is \$4 for non-seniors under 60 and \$2.50 for children under 12.  
Tuesday: Lasagna, green beans, tossed salad, French bread, pineapple cake  
Wednesday: Baked potato bar  
Thursday: Chicken noodles, corn, cole slaw, biscuits, fruit cup  
Friday: Fish or chicken, au gratin potatoes, winter vegetables, beet salad, muffin, dessert  
Monday: Swiss steak w/ brown gravy, potato, spinach, cottage cheese, rolls, cobbler  
Active  
Library, Pool Room, and Bargain Center with cards, games, child television, puzzles and movies. Open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Tuesday  
Blood pressure from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.  
Craft class at 12:30 p.m.  
Exercise class  
Wednesday  
Quilting 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.  
Elks club card at 7 p.m.  
Thursday  
Pinochle at 1 p.m.

### West End Senior Citizens Inc.

1010 Main St., Buhl  
Noon meals served Monday through Friday. Buffet meal at 1 p.m. on Sunday.  
Evening meals served at 5:30 p.m. - Monday - and - Thursday - Suggested donations for meals is weekdays \$2.50, Sundays \$3.50, non-seniors \$4.25 and children under 12 years-old \$2.50. Meals can be delivered Monday through Friday. Call 543-4577 for more information. Free bus service to and from meals is available Monday evening, Tuesday at noon and Thursday noon and evening. Please call 543-4577 by 10 a.m. to arrange a ride. Coffee and cinnamon rolls each morning at the Center, everyone is welcome.  
Tuesday: Chicken broccoli casserole, tater tots, corn bread, muffins, peaches, dessert  
Wednesday: Macaroni and cheese, ham, vegetable, salad, muffins, dessert  
Thursday: Pork steak, potatoes and gravy, salad, mixed vegetables, rolls, Jell-O  
Friday: Fish, tater tots, salad, corn bread, fruit, cookies  
Sunday: Buffet: Roast beef at 1 p.m.  
Monday: Spaghetti, green salad, garlic bread, dessert  
Activities

### Thrift shop open every day.

Quilting 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Tuesday  
Exercises from 7-8 a.m.  
Treasure Tuesday  
Crafts from 2-4 p.m.  
Energy Assistance  
Wednesday  
Exercises from 7-8 a.m. and 10 a.m.  
South Hills trip, bus leaves at 5 p.m.  
Thursday  
Exercises from 7-8 p.m.  
Foot clinic from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Bingo from 1-3 p.m.  
Friday  
Exercises from 7-8 a.m. and 10 a.m.  
Saturday  
Buhl Kiwanis chili feed from 5-7 p.m.  
Parade of Lights at 7 p.m.  
Monday  
Exercises from 7-8 a.m. and 10 a.m.

### Ageless Senior Citizens Inc.

310 Main N., Kimberly  
Wednesday: Oven fried chicken, potatoes, gravy, peas, tossed salad; bread and butter, banana bread, coffee, milk  
Friday: Salad bar, peaches, pudding, coffee, milk  
Monday: Sausage, eggs, hash browns, pancakes, syrup, juice, apple sauce, coffee, milk  
Activities  
Wednesday  
Foot clinic at 10 a.m. for \$5, sign up  
Thursday  
Crafts at 1 p.m.  
Friday  
Bingo at 11:55 a.m.  
Pinochle at 1 p.m.

## LEADERSHIP TRAINING



Family, Career and Community Leaders of America students from Twin Falls High School and Robert Stuart Junior High participated in a weekend leadership training conference Oct. 27-29 in Albuquerque, N.M. Advisers Judy Schroeder and Missy Wignall accompanied the group. Students heard Jason Dorsey, founder of the World Institute to End School Violence, and attended workshops sessions to learn more about FCCCLA opportunities. Members attending included, left to right, top: Shannon, Siegel, Nicole Marsh, Marsha Hebb, Cori Sterling, Nicole Saboske, Christina Colvin and Valerie Foster; front: Stephanie Packham, Maggie Ekstrand and Stacy Schrock.

Photo courtesy of FCCCLA

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### Daughters of the American Revolution sets meeting

TWIN FALLS - The Daughters of the American Revolution will meet at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Maureen Williams' home. For more information, call 733-8415

### West End Ministerial Association collects food

BUHL - The West End Ministerial Association is collecting food for families in need. "Request for Christmas Baskets" forms are available at the Buhl Chamber office at 716 East U.S. Highway 30. Forms should be returned to Pastor Art Freund or the chamber by Monday.

Donations of non-perishable food items and money will be accepted at the chamber and the First Christian Church until Dec. 18. Delivery of the baskets will be Dec. 21. For more information, call Freund 543-5965 or the chamber at 543-6682.

### Twin Falls woman celebrates 80th birthday

TWIN FALLS - Sue Griffith will celebrate her 80th birthday from 2-5 p.m. Saturday at the Twin Falls Reformed Church Social Hall on Pole Line Road and Eastland Drive. The family requests no gifts.

### Liberty-Christan-Academy holds pancake breakfast

JEROME - The Liberty

Christian-Academy will hold a pancake breakfast from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Saturday at 821 E. Ave. H in Jerome.

A craft show will also be held during the breakfast.

The breakfast is \$3 per person and all proceeds go towards the students.

The academy is also selling 2001 calendars for \$6.50.

### SAFE KIDS Coalition offers car safety seat checks

TWIN FALLS - The Magic Valley SAFE KIDS Coalition will hold car safety seat checks from 4-7 p.m. Friday and Dec. 15.

The first check will be held Friday at the Festival of Trees at the former Calvary Chapel at 241 Main Ave. W.

The Dec. 15 check will be held at Bonanza Motors at 325 Overland Ave. in Burley.

Safety seat checks are also available by appointment at the SAFE KIDS office located just north of Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

For more information, call 737-2430.

### Buhl Arts Council announces events

BUHL - The Buhl Arts Council announced the following upcoming events:

"Cabaret Cafe" will be held at 7 p.m. Friday. The cafe will include sketch comedy and improv with a menu of quesadillas, fritattaras, soups, salads, moccas, Italian sodas and root beer floats. Entry is \$2 per person and reservations are suggested.

"Kids Creating Crazy Cookies" will be offered for ages 6-10 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Saturday. Space is limited to 15 children and parents are asked to make reservations early. The cost is \$5 per child.

"Holiday Fiesta dinner and

drum session" will be held Dec. 19. Dinner will be held from 5-7 p.m. with the drumming at 7 p.m. The dinner will include blue corn vegetarian tamales and posole. The drumming is free and all types of rhythm instruments are welcome. The dinner is \$8 and all proceeds will benefit the ESCAPE Youth Art Program. Those attending are asked to bring their own beverage.

For more information, call 543-2888.

### Christmas light parade, chili feed start Saturday

BUHL - The "Christmas Memories" light parade will be held at 7 p.m. Saturday.

The Buhl Kiwanis and senior citizens chili feed will be held from 5-7 p.m. at the Buhl Senior Citizens Center.

The cost is \$3.50 for adults, \$2.50 for children age 6-12 and children 5 and under are free.

### Circle of Women holds annual Christmas drive

BUHL - The Circle of Women will hold its annual community Christmas drive Saturday before the night light parade.

Contestants can buy squares for a horse drop contest. Squares are \$25. Prizes are donated by local crafters and businesses and all money collected will help families in the West End.

A raffle drawing will also be held at 7 p.m. Monday at the Grandstands Sports Grill.

### Festival of Trees kicks off Thursday with gala

GOODING - The Gooding Festival of Trees will be held Thursday through Sunday in the Idaho School for the Deaf and Blind round building at 207 14th Ave. E. in Gooding.  
Auction night and wine tasting will be held from 6:30-10 p.m.

Thursday, a luncheon will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Friday and the festival is open to the public from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday and 12-5 p.m. Sunday.

Tickets for the auction are \$5 at the door and admission for Saturday and Sunday is a \$1 donation. To buy tickets for the luncheon, call Ruby Jenkins at 352-4260.

### 'Operation Wish Book' allows people to donate

TWIN FALLS - Anthony Wilson has chosen "Operation Wish Book" program for his Eagle Scout Project.

Operation Wish Book is sponsored by Magic Valley Reading Council a program that collects new and used books in good shape to be delivered to Salvation Army, then distributed to the less fortunate children in the Magic Valley.

Books may be dropped off at the following locations in Twin Falls: KMTV at 1100 Blue Lakes Blvd., McDonald's at 305 Blue Lakes Blvd. and 1485 Pole Line Road E., Belle Books at 761 2nd Ave., Banana's at 761 E. Main or Hastings at 870 Blue Lakes Blvd. Books may also be dropped off at McDonald's at 3005 S. Lincoln in Jerome. All books will be turned over Salvation Army Dec. 15.

For more information or to make other arrangements, call Wilson at 733-1648.

### Lazy homeowners host holiday gathering

TWIN FALLS - The Lazy J Homeowners Association will hold a holiday gathering at 6 p.m. Thursday.

Pizza and coffee will be furnished. Participants should bring a salad or dessert and table service. There will be a short business meeting and surprise Christmas program.

### Women meet at church to make quilts for needy

TWIN FALLS - A group of women meet Tuesday mornings

to make quilts for people who need more bedding for their families at First Christian Church, 601 Shoshone St. N. Call 733-2209.

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# COMPUTERS AND TECHNOLOGY

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## Giving idle computers a purpose

### Project aims to put home machines to work

The Baltimore Sun

Your home computer is a lazy bum. Most of the time it just sits there, fanning itself, barely breaking a sweat as it shuffles e-mail, balances your checkbook, defeats you at chess.

But its loafing days might soon be over.

During off a long-buried idea from the annals of computer history, a group of Internet entrepreneurs is aiming to put idle home computers around the world to work. Soon, while you're on the job or in bed, your computer could be helping researchers find a cure for cancer, or could be earning a little extra cash by, say, creating digital special effects for some Hollywood studio.

This, at least, is the vision of people such as Steve Armentrout, who left his job in

the financial industry last year to start Paragon Computation in Fairfax, Va.

"Your computer is yawning at you right now," says Armentrout. "We're going to let it be put to use all the time."

The logic behind what he and others are trying to do is that there are roughly 100 million Internet-connected home PCs in the United States, most of them using a tiny fraction of their increasingly powerful microchips.

Harness a few thousand of these through the Internet, says Armentrout, and you have the collective number-crunching equivalent of a supercomputer, without the multimillion-dollar price tag.

"We will have the most powerful computer in the world in no time at all," says Armentrout. "And I can deliver it to anyone."

In engineering circles, this concept goes by such labels as "distributed computing," "peer-to-peer computing" and "community computing." Whatever the name, it has become one of the trendiest ideas in the computing

industry.

Paragon and the half a dozen or so other startups trying to develop the distributed computing concept have attracted tens of millions of dollars in venture capital. The technology has also caught the eye of companies such as Intel and Hewlett-Packard, which are looking for ways to exploit the thousands of computers that sit dormant on the desks of their secretaries and engineers after the workday is done.

Dozens of amateur efforts on the Internet offer a glimpse of what distributed computing can do.

More than 15,000 math addicts and their computers, for example, have joined forces in hot pursuit of rare prime numbers and a \$100,000 cash prize in the Great Internet Mersenne Prime Search ([www.mersenne.org](http://www.mersenne.org)).

Organizers say the combined computing power of all these PCs is roughly equivalent to 22 Cray T3E liquid-cooled supercomputers, among the most powerful computers in the world.

Other Internet-based distrib-

uted computing projects enlist home PCs to derive digits of the number pi, explore safer ways to store nuclear waste and analyze global climate conditions.

But by far the most popular — and powerful — amateur distributed computing project on the Internet is SETI@home. Started in 1998 by scientists at the University of California at Berkeley, the project uses PCs to help analyze cosmic radio signals pulled in by the mammoth Arecibo radio telescope in Puerto Rico (the one featured in the movie "Contact," starring Jodie Foster). The goal of SETI@home: to hunt for signs of extraterrestrial life.

As with all distributed computing projects, SETI@home volunteers download a free software program that acquires a small portion of project data when computer owners log on, and crunch it when the computer isn't occupied with something else.

More than 2 million people have signed on, with 3,000 new recruits daily, according to organizers.

## Microsoft donates to children's clubs

NEW YORK (AP) — Microsoft Corp. is donating \$100 million in cash and software to the Boys & Girls Clubs of America.

The computer giant will give \$12.3 million in cash and \$88 million in software over five years.

"It's a great time to be a kid," Microsoft chairman Bill Gates said at a Harlem Boys & Girls Club. "Working together, Microsoft and the Boys & Girls

Clubs are committed to bridging the digital divide and providing all our children with the technology skills to succeed."

Flanked by Sen.-elect Hillary Rodham Clinton, Sens. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., and Joseph Biden, and Charles Rangel, Gates said the donation is designed to bring technology access and programs to more than 3.3 million children across the country.



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## Computing PCs' needs this season

By James Coates  
Chicago Tribune

Well, friends and neighbors, it is that time of year when old Uncle Jimmy trots out his grab bag of advice about what type of computer one should buy for the various people on one's holiday shopping lists.

We can start with one guiding principle: Call the 98 percent of it. It should explain what in today's world of confusing advertisements and breathless pro-technology newspaper stories — many of them written by none other than your humble correspondent.

The 98 percent rule is that virtually any computer that sits on the shelves of virtually any consumer electronics store in America is sufficiently powerful to meet 98 percent of the most advanced computer user.

It is safe to say that about 2 percent of us will ever need the full capacities of a fully loaded Pentium III PC.

Even wonks like me get so confused by all of the specifications, capabilities and promises on the leading-edge stuff for the 2 percent minority that we forget that very few of us have any need to be on that leading edge.

The overwhelming majority of us can find ample excitement and a very rewarding experience indeed simply by lowering our sights a couple of notches below the headline-grabbing, top-of-the-line killer Pentium IV's just reaching the marketplace this month.

The computer for most of us can be powered by an AMD, a Celeron or a Pentium III microprocessor. Intel Corp., spurred by competition from AMD, created the Celeron as a lower-priced alternative to Pentium II and later Pentium III chiefly by skipping on a feature known as the L2 cache, which computer chips use to temporarily store data during high-speed operations.

The Celeron's cache is only one-fourth that of a proper Pentium III.

## COMPUTERS GALORE



A computer technician prepares computers at the press center at Mexico's Congress building recently.

## USB ports can cause troubles with scanning hardware

By James Coates  
Chicago Tribune

I read your column a lot, but either didn't see or don't remember the remedy to this problem, which involves a software problem I bought a Belkin four-port USB hub so I could add a Microsoft joystick as well as a USB scanner and a USB printer. Both scanner and printer worked fine before the addition of the port. Now the printer works, but the scanner does not. From an application program, I'm told the "scanner is not ready." When I go to Control Panel, then System, and look under Device Manager/Imaging Devices/Scanner, I'm told the device is working properly, when it obviously is not. Do you have any ideas?

—Ellen McKeon, Lombard

A: You need to force the computer to restore the small bits. First you need to remove the USB software from the machine and then reinstall each of those peripherals one at a time—the four-port hub, the printer and the scanner.

### Computer Q & A

To deep-six the drivers, start by clicking on the My Computer then open the Control Panel folder. In the Control Panel find the icon called System and open it. Next find the tab for Device Drivers and scroll down to the item for your USB add-on. With USB highlighted, pick the choice Remove.

After you click the OK button you will get the message that you need to restart the computer. Say no to prevent Windows from shut down the machine. Once it is turned off, unplug all of your USB devices and restart the computer. It will restore the USB drivers as they were before you started adding equipment.

Now plug in that hub and let Windows' Plug and Play module recognize it and load the hub drivers. Once the hub is up and running, reinstall the printer and the scanner, and it's all but mortal lock that you'll be printing and scanning with the best of them.

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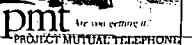
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SPORTSQUOTE

Wilt is one of those legends—such a legend I almost can't fathom it. 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.

Utah guard John Stockton on 16-year Jazz teammate Karl Malone, who with eight points at home tonight against Toronto will overtake Wilt Chamberlain's second-place spot on the career scoring list

TRIVIA

QUESTION:

Who holds the NBA record for free throws made in a season? ...answer below

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

Girls' high school basketball
Declo at Filer, 4:15 p.m.
ISD3 at TFCA JV, 4:30 p.m.
Bliss at Blitch, 6 p.m.
Wendell at Kimberly, 6 p.m.
Shoshone at Carey, 6 p.m.
Buhl at Wood River, 4:15 p.m.
Hagerman at Murtaugh, 6 p.m.
Raft River at Aberdeen, 6 p.m.
Castfield at Hansen, 6 p.m.
Richfield at Ketchum, 7:30 p.m.
Boys' high school basketball
Valley at Buhl, 4:15 p.m.
Glenns Ferry at Gooding, 4:30 p.m.
Raft River at Aberdeen, 6 p.m.
Jackpot at Oakley, 6 p.m.
Camas at Castfield, 6 p.m.
TFCA at O'Leary, 6 p.m.

IN BRIEF

First CSI Junior Eagle clinic is Saturday

TWIN FALLS—Saturday basketball clinics are set for this weekend and 18 through the College of Southern Idaho Junior Eagles Basketball Club. Members will work with CSI coaches and players on ball handling, shooting, rebounding and defense during the instructional sessions. For \$50, Junior Eagle club members receive perks such as a general admission ticket to all home games, an official T-shirt and basketball and team pictures and autographs. Space is limited. For more information, call 733-9554, Ext. 2473.

TF Bruin Boosters meet downtown tonight

TWIN FALLS—The Bruin Booster Club will meet tonight to discuss sports and activities at Twin Falls High School. The meeting is set for 7:30 p.m. upstairs in the downtown Twin Falls First Security Bank building. For more information, call Bob Maloney at 734-9969 or 733-6765.

Haywood's triple-double is Tar Heel first

CHAPEL HILL, N.C.—Brendan Haywood etched his name in North Carolina history. Haywood had 18 points, 14 rebounds and a school-record 10 blocks, becoming the first Tar Heel ever to record a triple-double, as No. 14 North Carolina beat Miami 67-45 Monday night. Haywood became the 13th player in Atlantic Coast Conference history to hit double digits in three categories since the league was founded in 1953-54. No North Carolina player had done it in the school's 2384 games. Compiled from staff and wire reports

TRIVIA ANSWER:

Jerry West of the Lakers, 840 in 1965-1966.

Cougars court Bears' Crowton on Wednesday

The Associated Press

LAKE FOREST, Ill. — Hoping to complete their search for a new head football coach by the end of the week, Brigham Young officials asked Chicago Bears offensive coordinator Gary Crowton to meet with them Wednesday. Crowton will fly to Utah after practice Wednesday, Bears coach Dick Jauron said Monday. "The only thing that we know is that I think we will have a conclusion to the story relatively soon. BYU clearly wants to get an answer," Jauron said. "They

need to meet face-to-face, which indicates they're at a point where they want a decision.

"It also indicates that he's probably one of the top candidates, if not the top candidate, for the job."

Crowton appears to be a perfect fit for the job vacated by LaVell Edwards, who retired at the end of the season after 29 years at BYU.

Crowton began his coaching career as a student assistant at BYU in 1982, serving under then-quarterbacks coach Mike Holmgren. He's been a head coach at the college level before,

leading Louisiana Tech to a 21-13 record in three years. His pro-style passing offense was one of the most potent in the nation, piling up 542 yards a game in 1998. Crowton, a Mormon who hails from Provo, Utah, also is close friends with BYU athletic director Val Hale.

"Not that I'm aware of," Duff Tittle, BYU's associate athletic director, said when asked if the school plans to meet with anyone else. "Not somebody coming from out of state. Maybe some internal candidates."

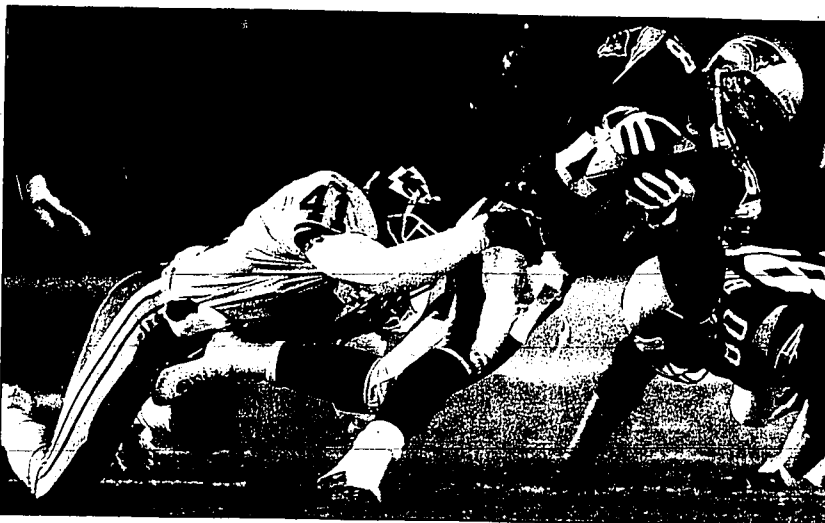
While the Bears still have three games left, speculation that

Crowton is leaving for BYU will be rampant for weeks. Crowton, Jauron and the players are asked about it regularly.

Jauron has even been asked who he'd name to replace Crowton.

"Obviously, there is a level of distraction, because you can't ignore the issue. The issue exists," Jauron said. "But as I said last week, I think Gary and BYU have done a good job of keeping it to as minor a distraction as possible. But it does exist. There's no way I can't think about that to some degree. But I don't think that's been a factor."

ONE FOR THE PATRIOTS



New England wide receiver Terry Glenn drags Kansas City cornerback Pat Dennis as he scrambles for a gain. The Patriots won 30-24.

Chief comeback falls short in Foxboro

The Associated Press

FOXBORO, Mass. — Drew Bledsoe and the New England Patriots won't soon forget one of the season's least meaningful Monday night matchups. They got a rare victory, beating the Kansas City Chiefs, another team going nowhere, 30-24. Bledsoe threw for a season-high 282 yards and Adam Vinatieri kicked three field goals in New England's highest-scoring game of the year.

For a change, the Patriots held on at the end after the Chiefs cut the lead to 30-24 on Elvis Grbac's 19-yard pass to Kevin Lockett with 3:58 left. Kansas City drove down to the Patriots' 11-yard line but had no timeouts and time expired when Tony Gonzalez was tackled in the middle of the field after a 5-yard completion. In their other Monday night game this season, in Week 2, the Patriots gave up two touchdowns in the last 6:25 and lost to the New York Jets 20-19. Two of the previous six Monday night games were decided on last-play field goals, but

the Chiefs (5-8) fell short of ending a four-game losing streak with a last-play touchdown.

They gave up two fumbles after losing just four all season and wasted one on Derrick Alexander, who has three scoring catches of over 80 yards in his career plus an 82-yard TD run.

And it came eight days after they suffered the indignity of becoming San Diego's first and only victim of the season. Grbac missed that game with an injured right index finger.

The Patriots (4-9) treated a chilly crowd — missing 9,964 shows — to their best offensive display of a season in which they often faltered in the waning moments of games. They also entered the game with a 7-18 Monday night record, the worst in the AFC.

Bledsoe, who had thrown two touchdown passes in his previous six games, threw two on Monday — a 17-yarder to Troy Brown and a 1-yarder to tight end Jermaine Wiggins, signed seven days earlier after being cut by the Jets.

Nonetheless, others are a lot closer to the playoffs. Minnesota clinched a berth last week and can clinch both the NFC Central and home field in by winning at St. Louis on Sunday. There are plausible scenarios for eight other teams to clinch playoff berths and even division titles this week: Baltimore, Denver, Miami, the New York Jets and Giants, Oakland, Philadelphia and Tennessee.

But there aren't clinch scenarios this week for the Rams and Browns, who need to start winning, and the Colts, hanging by a thread.

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Running for the Heisman

TCU's Tomlinson among four finalists

The Associated Press

FORT WORTH, Texas — LaDainian Tomlinson played quarterback in his first football game at age 9. He quickly showed that wasn't his natural position.

"He took off running and ran all the way to the end zone," his mother, Lorene Chappell, said.

Now 12 years later, Tomlinson is the nation's leading rusher for the second year in a row and the non-quarterback among the four finalists for the Heisman Trophy. "We knew he was a football player. Besides, he slept with his football every night," Chappell said. "Had that football not gone flat, I believe he'd still be sleeping with it."

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The final four

NEW YORK — Three quarterbacks — Drew Brees of Purdue, Josh Heupel of Oklahoma and Chris Weinke of Florida State — and running back LaDainian Tomlinson of Texas Christian University were announced Monday as finalists for the Heisman Trophy. The award to the nation's best college football player will be presented by the Downtown Athletic Club on Saturday night.

Heisman who's who

The Times-News begins a four-part series profiling each Heisman Trophy finalist. Today, LaDainian Tomlinson of Texas Christian.



Texas Christian's LaDainian Tomlinson ran for over 2,168 yards this season, fourth-best in NCAA history, and is among the four finalists for the Heisman Trophy.

Native arms come home

The Associated Press

DENVER — Denny Neagle is going back to the National League, agreeing to pitch in a ballpark that penalizes pitchers for almost any mistake.

The 32-year-old left-hander and the Colorado Rockies agreed Monday to a \$51.5 million, five-year contract, a deal that includes a team option for 2006.

Neagle and his agent, Barry Meister, had been in serious negotiations with the Rockies since Thursday, when the left-hander and his wife, Jennifer, met with team officials at Coors Field.

The Rockies had an advantage in their dealings with Neagle. His wife is a native of the Denver area, and a year ago the couple made their offseason home in the



Denny Neagle

Denver foothills community of Morrison.

Neagle also received offers from the Boston Red Sox, Los Angeles Dodgers and New York Mets. The Yankees, who acquired him from Cincinnati during the All-Star break, made no offer to re-sign him. Coors Field has proved to be a graveyard for pitchers, but Neagle won three starts there while pitching for Atlanta in 1997-98.

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M's sign Nelson

SEATTLE — Jeff Nelson, who keeps a home a half-hour from Safeco Field, will be in the Seattle Mariners' bullpen with closer Kazuhiko Sasaki, Arthur Rhodes and Jose Paniagua next season. The Issaquah, Wash., resident was traded by the Mariners to the New York Yankees five years ago but returned to Seattle Monday when he agreed to a \$10.65 million, three-year contract. He fills the gap left by Jose Mesa's trade to the Phillies.

In New York, the right-handed Nelson earned four World Series rings. "Jeff is one of the top setup men in baseball and we are excited to bring him back to the Mariners," general manager Ed Gillies said. "He is an outstanding addition to our pitching staff, as he brings a great deal of experience."



Jeff Nelson

Big shoes

LaVell Edwards' successor as head football coach at Brigham Young will have some big shoes to fill. Edwards, who brought innovative passing schemes to what had long been a rushing-dominated game, is by far the winningest coach in school history.

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Coulda, shoulda, woulda

Redskins top list of disappointments

By Dave Goldberg AP football writer

Navy Turner was fired Monday as Washington's coach, the victim of failed expectations. But the Redskins aren't the only team that has failed to live up to expectations as a strange NFL season enters its final three weeks.

Not only are the Redskins and the \$100 million payroll in jeopardy of missing the playoffs, but so are the Colts, one of the pre-season AFC favorites. Most surprising of all, the defending champion Rams are reeling with four losses in five games and battling New Orleans, a 3-13 team last season, for the NFC-West title.

Coach Mike Martz grabbed at straws after Carolina beat St. Louis 16-3 and Kurt Warner threw four interceptions in his return after missing five games with a broken finger.

"Some good news from this is our defense," Martz said. "It was their best performance since I've been here.

Nonetheless, others are a lot closer to the playoffs.

Minnesota clinched a berth last week and can clinch both the NFC Central and home field in by winning at St. Louis on Sunday. There are plausible scenarios for eight other teams to clinch playoff berths and even division titles this week: Baltimore, Denver, Miami, the New York Jets and Giants, Oakland, Philadelphia and Tennessee.

But there aren't clinch scenarios this week for the Rams and Browns, who need to start winning, and the Colts, hanging by a thread.



SPORTS

Mushers warm up for league opener

FAIRFIELD - The Camas County High School boys' basketball just needed a little time to find its shot.

After being ice cold in the first half shooting just 22 percent from the floor, the Mushers warmed up in the fourth quarter to win their Northside Conference opener at home Monday night, 49-41, over Ketchum.

The turnaround helped eclipse a 23-18 halftime deficit.

"We just started hitting our open shots," said Camas County coach Jon Botz.

Local sports

Tony Krahn led the home team with 15 points before fouling out, and Josh Ivie and Brandon Blodgett added 11 and 10, respectively.

High-scoring honors, though, went to the Community School's Carson Soffro, who poured in 24 Couthroat points.

Comas County (1-1 overall) plays at Castledale today.

Camas County vs. Ketchum at 7:00 p.m. at 11/12/00-01

KETCHUM (1-1) - Shepherdson 2, Campbell 2, McKay 1, Keller 2, KAMAS (0-0) - Schrammer 8, Douglas 10, McCall 10, Quinn 10, Foster 15, 2000 game factbook: (5) Camas County (5) vs. (1) Ketchum (1) at 7:00 p.m. at 11/12/00-01

TFHS JV 64, Dietrich 33

TWIN FALLS - Sophomore forward Andy Coats had 16 points to lead four Bruins in double figures and a 64-33 win Monday night over Dietrich High's varsity.

The Twin Falls junior-varsity improved to 3-0 with the lopsided victory.

"We were able to get up on them in the first half with some full-court pressure," said Twin

Falls coach Stacy Behrens. "I think we wore them down a little bit."

Point guard Chris Maughn was the only Blue Devil in double figures, with 11 points.

Twin Falls (3-0) plays at Hagerman Thursday, then travels to Pocatello on Friday.

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SPORTS IN BRIEF

Police suspect murder in death of jockey

PASADENA, Calif. - The death of star jockey Chris Antley was being investigated Monday as a homicide after his body was found at his home with a blow to the head.

The two-time winner of the Kentucky Derby, who had struggled with alcohol and drugs, was pronounced dead at the scene with "severe trauma to the head," police said Sunday.

An autopsy was pending.

Last year, Antley made yet another successful comeback from struggles with weight and depression to ride Charismatic, a lightly regarded 3-year-old. They missed winning the Triple Crown when the horse finished third in the Belmont Stakes, then pulled up just past the finish line with a broken leg.

Antley jumped off and immediately held the colt's leg until veterinarians arrived.

Blue Devils solidify standing in AP poll

NEW YORK - Duke, which beat two ranked teams last week, held the top spot in The Associated Press college basketball poll Monday, while Michigan State moved up one spot to No. 2.

The Blue Devils (7-0) beat Illinois and Temple after moving to the top of the rankings last week. They received 59 first-place votes and 1,715 points from the national media panel, 107 more than Michigan State.

The Spartans (5-0), who received nine No. 1 votes, moved up one spot after beating North Carolina and Illinois-Chicago last week. The defending national champions play host to No. 8 Florida on Wednesday in a rematch of last season's title game.

Gator ladies climb into poll's top ranking

NEW YORK - Connecticut (4-0) received all 41 first-place votes from the national media panel after beating George Washington 90-63 in its only game last week and held onto the top spot in The Associated Press poll on Monday.

The Huskies had 1,000 points in the voting and have been No. 1 in 24 straight polls, the third-longest streak in the history of the poll. Florida, meanwhile, entered at No. 20, its first Top 25 appearance in nearly two years.

For complete poll results, see Page D3.

Montana coach lands Robinson Award

MISSOULA - First-year Montana football coach Joe Glenn received this year's Eddie Robinson Award, given to the top coach in NCAA Division I-AA, during a ceremony in New York on Monday.

Glenn, 42-1 this year and 110-36 for his career, is the first UM coach to receive the Eddie Robinson Award.

The Grizzlies' Don Read won the Robinson Award in 1995, the year UM won the national championship, but the award that year went to Houston Nutt of Murray State. Only one other coach in the Big Sky Conference, Nevada's Chris Ault in 1991, has been so honored.

Mariners won't move fences for A-Rod

SEATTLE - The Seattle Mariners won't move in the fences at Safeco Field in an effort to re-sign star shortstop Alex Rodriguez.

"We like the ballpark as it is and we're not going to make decisions like that based on one player," general manager Pat Gilroy said Monday.

Rodriguez, a four-time All-Star for the Mariners, last week suggested the Mariners to shorten the distance to the fences in the pitcher-friendly ballpark, which opened in July 1999.

Allan in, Martin left out at PGA Q-school

LA QUINTA, Calif. - Stephen Allan of Australia closed with a 4-under 68, his sixth consecutive round in the 60s, to win the Qualifying Tournament on Monday and earn full-exempt status on the PGA Tour next year.

Allan completed six pressure-packed rounds at La Quinta in 32-under 400 and was among 36 players - the lowest number since 1981 - to earn their tour cards. Casey Martin was not among them. He holed a 25-foot birdie putt on the 18th hole on the Jack Nicklaus Tournament course to finish at 14-under 418, but came up one stroke short of finishing among the top 35 and ties.

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Neagle

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Neagle has compiled a 76-39 record and 3.69 ERA in the past five seasons, including 77 with a 5.81 ERA in 15 starts for the Yankees as they won their third straight World Series title. He averaged three walks and 1.6 homers allowed per nine innings.

Neagle joins fellow lefties Brian Bohanon and Ron Villone and right-hander Pedro Astacio in the Rockies' rotation.

The contract gives Neagle the seventh-highest average salary among pitchers, trailing only Roger Clemens (\$15.45 million), Kevin Brown (\$15 million), Mike Mussina (\$14.75 million), Randy Johnson (\$13.5 million), Pedro Martinez (\$12.5 million) and Greg Maddux (\$11.5 million).

Colorado also is among five finalists in the bidding for free-agent left-handed pitcher Mike Hampton, and are involved in conversations with agents for shortstop Alex Rodriguez and right-handed pitcher Darren Dreifort. The Rockies have targeted starting pitching as their priority in this year's free-agent market, and co-owner Jerry McMorris said the club has the financial means to sign both Neagle and Hampton if it uses some "creative" contract structuring. The team also is negotiating with some of the lesser names on the free-agent market, including outfielders Ron Gant and Reggie Sanders.

Irish eye better Indiana standing

SOUTH BEND, Ind. (AP) - In football, Notre Dame is America's team. In basketball, the Irish aren't even among the top two programs in Indiana.

First-year coach Mike Brey is out to change that.

Brey wants Notre Dame basketball to gain a bigger presence in the state known for basketball. He took a good first step last month by signing Chris Thomas, a 6-foot-1 point guard from Indianapolis Pike High School.

Thomas is the first player from Indiana to sign with the Irish since Jason Williams of Indianapolis signed with the school in 1992.

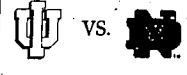
A good second step would be a win tonight over Indiana (3-3).

"Certainly that program is one you've got to attack if you're going to try and have more credibility in the state," Brey said. "For a lot of reasons, that's a huge one on Tuesday night."

The Irish moved into the top 10 for the first time in 15 years on Nov. 27, when they started to gain more attention. With a win over the Hoosiers, the No. 10 Irish would open the season

Indiana at Notre Dame

Today, 7 p.m. (ESPN)



with five straight wins for the first time since 1979 - a team that featured Kelly-Tripucke, Orlando Woolridge, Bill Hanzlik and John Paxson.

The Irish are 19-44 against the Hoosiers, winning just once in the past 11 seasons. Last season, Indiana scored the game's first 17 points en route to a 22-point lead, then let it slip away as the Irish forced overtime, when the Hoosiers scored 15 straight points and won 81-64.

"Indiana came out last year and really got into us defensively," Irish All-American Troy Murphy said. "I remember our offense was backed up to where we were making passes out back toward midcourt. We couldn't even get past the 3-point line, and it took a long time for us to score."

Scoring hasn't been a problem for the Irish this season.

The Irish are averaging 89.2 points a game on 52.9 percent shooting. Murphy said he could tell during summer pickup games that the Irish were going to be explosive.

"Every day guys would be scoring," he said. "You really can't leave anybody open because everyone feels confident in their shooting ability because they can knock shots down."

Indiana has struggled offensively. Interim coach Mike Davis last week challenged the guards to be more active and look for their shots. They responded by making a school-record 15 3-pointers en route to an easy 85-63 victory over Southern Illinois on Saturday. The 15 3-pointers were just two fewer than the Hoosiers had hit in their first five games.

"I think now our guys are starting to understand me and what I want," Davis said.

Davis is confident about his team's chances against the Irish.

"Notre Dame will be a tough task because right now, they feel good about themselves. But I feel like he can do in there and get a win," he said.



Notre Dame's Troy Murphy raises his fist at the buzzer as the Irish defeat Vanderbilt 77-74. Murphy hopes to lead Notre Dame over in-state rival Indiana tonight.

Coaches

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AFB

There's little hope for the outsiders - Buffalo and Indianapolis (7-6) and Pittsburgh and Jacksonville (6-7) - in the AFC's playoff teams should be the Dolphins, Jets, Titans, Ravens, Raiders and Broncos, all with four or fewer losses.

Oakland's loss in Pittsburgh and Denver's win in New Orleans left the Broncos (9-4) a game behind the Raiders (10-3) in the AFC West.

The Broncos would win the division if they tie because they've beaten the Raiders twice. The Raiders have the Jets at home and the Dolphins at Seattle; the Broncos get Seattle and San Francisco at home and are at Kansas City.

The Ravens (9-4) are a game behind Tennessee (10-3) in the AFC Central with complicated scheduling issues. But the franchise can clinch its first playoff berth since moving to Baltimore by beating San Diego (11-2) at home next week.

The Dolphins need one more win to make it, as do the Titans.

And while the Jets have a horrific closing schedule against opponents with a 27-12 combined record - Oakland, Detroit and Baltimore - they could make it as early as this week if they beat the Raiders and the Giants beat Pittsburgh.

The Colts, 13-3 last season, fell to 7-6 when they lost to the Jets Sunday, their third

Coach-hunting 'Cats pick analyst

HOUSTON, Ark. (AP) - After three years as a TV analyst, John Mackovic decided he wasn't through with coaching after he was fired from the resignation of his good friend Dick Tomney, Mackovic jumped at the chance.



John Mackovic.

He was a young offensive coordinator and quarterback coach from 1973-76.

The TV gig was nice, but it's not coaching," he said. "I don't have the same feel of coaching."

Mackovic, 57, returns to the school where he was a young offensive coordinator and quarterback coach from 1973-76.

"It's been a long wait," he said, "but I feel like I'm finally home." Since then, he's had a nomadic career that included head coach at Wake Forest from 1978 to 1981, the NFL's Kansas City Chiefs from 1983-86, Illinois from 1988-91, and Texas from 1992-97. He was coach of the year in all three collegiate conferences, but decided to leave the profession when he was fired by Texas after a 4-7 season. He then worked for ESPN.

No more Norv

ASHBURN, Va. - After the most expensive team in NFL history was booted off the field, Washington Redskins coach Norv Turner was fired Monday for failing to live up to expectations with a team once considered a Super Bowl favorite.

Owner Dan Snyder made the move after watching his \$100 million roster lose Sunday to the New York Giants, 9-7. It was the fourth loss in five games for the Redskins (7-6) and third straight at home, and it moved them close to elimination from the playoff race.

To make the playoffs, the Redskins probably need to win their last three games - in Dallas and Pittsburgh, and home for Arizona. Turner, in his seventh season with the team, leaves with a 49-59-1 record and one trip to the playoffs. He fought back tears as he said goodbye.

Passing game coordinator Tony Robiskie was named interim coach.

straight loss and fourth in five games. The problem is defense.

"We've got to get people stopped," coach Jim Mora said. "We've had three games where we struggled on the road in the first half. It's not a question of not being ready or not trying, it just hasn't worked."

That almost sounds like a concession speech.

NFC

There are a few more openings than in the AFC.

Minnesota (10-2) is in cruise control. The Giants (9-4) and Eagles (9-5) are in unless they totally collapse. The Eagles play the Bengals and Browns and the Giants get Pittsburgh and Jacksonville at home and play at Dallas.

The rest of the equation involves the Rams, Saints, Bucs and Lions (all 8-5) and the Redskins (7-6), who despite their problems are not out of the playoff race.

Most teams that change coaches get emotional lifts for a couple of games, and Washington has three very winnable games left: Dallas at home and Arizona on the road, with a game in Pittsburgh in between.

The Redskins' last division tiebreakers to the Eagles, Saints and a wild-card tiebreaker to the Lions, but a 10-6 record might get them in, anyway.

There's also no guarantee that the loser of the West (New Orleans or St. Louis) will get a wild-card berth.

Both are 8-5 and the Rams play the Vikings this week then visit Tampa Bay, another preseason favorite. The winner of that game will hold any tiebreaker.

The Rams finish at New Orleans, which won in St. Louis. That could decide the West-but there's no guarantee the loser makes the playoffs.

Tomlinson

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While he might not sleep with a football any more, Tomlinson is better than ever at running with one tucked under his arm.

In his only two seasons as the feature back at Texas Christian, Tomlinson ran for 4,000 yards and led the nation both years. His 2,158 yards this year were the fourth-best in NCAA history and came after his 1,850-yard junior season that included a 1-A single-game record with 400.

"He has done everything he had to do to have a chance to win the Heisman," said his coach, Dennis Franchione, who last week accepted the Alabama job. "He was the unfortunate beneficiary in a way of an offense that broke the school scoring record and a defense that was No. 1 in the nation," he said. "So there were some lopsided games and we took him out. Had we left him

in, he might have 2,500 yards today."

TCU's defense allowed just 106 points this season, Tomlinson alone scored 132 with his school-record 22 rushing TDs.

If Tomlinson wins the Heisman on Saturday night, he would be only the second TCU player to do so, joining Davey O'Brien, who won in 1938 when the trophy was awarded for the fourth time. Three other Horned Frogs had finished among the top five in the voting, the last being Kenneth Davis 16 years ago.

Tomlinson is ranked sixth on the NCAA career list with 5,263 yards on 812 carries with 54 rushing TDs, and has broken every major running record at TCU. Going into the Dec. 20 Mobile Alabama Bowl, he has a streak of 14 straight 100-yard games - including six games with at least 200 yards.

Only Tomlinson and Ricky Williams, who won the 1998 Heisman at Texas, had 2,000 yards in a single season and 5,000 in their careers.

But even as he was placing his name among the best college runners in history, Tomlinson's biggest moment didn't come until his last regular-season game. And it wasn't because he broke the 2,000-yard barrier with 174 yards in a 62-7 victory at SMU.

For the first time, his entire immediate family watched him play. His mother, father (divorced from his mother since 1988), older sister and younger brother (LeVar, a freshman defensive end at Sam Houston State) sat together.

It reminded LaDainian of the Sunday afternoons when he was a little boy and the family would gather together to watch football. "It was just really important

for all of them to see me play finally," Tomlinson said. "We grew up that way, as a family watching football together. I wanted to see them watch me doing that."

Tomlinson's plaque for leading the NCAA in rushing last season hangs in the meeting room of TCU's offensive line. After he received the award, he immediately gave it to the group affectionately known as the "Big Ugly" - a line that remained intact this season.

The slogan for the school's "LT for 2000" Heisman campaign put Tomlinson's priorities in the proper order: "He loves his Momma, He loves his Big Uglys and, oh, He loves to run." After having defenders brashly challenged him during pregame warmups, Tomlinson responded with a career-high 49 carries for 294 yards and four TDs.

Even with all of the attention opposing defenses put on him, Tomlinson averaged 196.2 yards a game this year. His lowest output was 119 yards on a rainy night in Tulsa.

More important than the numbers, he's made Momma proud. "Because of his hard work, he's getting back from some, thing he's put so much in," Chappell said. "He was gifted, but he didn't just rely on the gift. He worked hard at it."

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## BRIEFLY IN MONEY

### Farm organization to hold annual meeting

**SUN VALLEY** - The state's largest farm organization, Idaho Farm Bureau Federation, is meeting this week in Sun Valley for its 61st annual gathering, through Thursday.

The organization's President Frank Priestly of Franklin will open the general session this morning with the annual report.

Seminars, panel discussions and workshops are scheduled throughout the week, most of them designed to educate and train members about agriculture-related issues such as the 2002 Farm Bill, marketing, farm safety, the World Trade Organization, food quality and trade with China.

The annual meeting will conclude with election of officers for 2001. Idaho Farm Bureau said it was founded in 1939 and now has more than 50,000 members representing every Idaho county.

For information, call 342-2688.

### Internet company reports growth in biomed services

**KETHCHUM** - CancerConsultants.com, providing business-to-consumer and business-to-business Internet solutions for cancer-service providers, Monday said it had achieved milestones in recruiting physicians to perform online market research for biopharmaceutical, biotech and medical device companies developing cancer-related products.

The company said it has enrolled 1,500 oncology physicians and recently completed its 20th online market research project on behalf of biopharmaceutical sponsors. CancerConsultants.com claims to be positioned to be the leading provider of oncology market research because of its online proprietary technology, database of more than 1,500 cancer specialists and expertise in development and marketing of cancer-related products.

Dr. Charles Weaver, chief executive and a medical oncologist, said: "We are pleased with the rapid rate of physician adoption that allows our customers the opportunity to access the difficult to reach leading oncology specialists. Moreover, our company consists of cancer experts in drug development, clinical trials, physician practice management and patient/physician education, which combined with market research expertise uniquely positions us to be the leader in online oncology market research."

Onsurvey.com, CancerConsultants.com's Internet-based market research tool, allows development and distribution of complex market research surveys in a simple format. Utilizing prescreened physician participants, CancerConsultants.com said it is able to achieve an 80-90 percent participant response rate within 48 hours of launching a market research program.

### Buy Idaho sets ribbon cutting for native-built house

**BOISE** - Buy Idaho has set ribbon-cutting and open-house dates for its Buy Idaho Model Home, built by Homco De. elopment Corp.

The ribbon cutting will be at 11 a.m. Friday, with local and state officials invited to participate, as well as Homco and Buy Idaho officials.

The two-story "craftsman style" home is built with Idaho products and materials, as possible, and by members of the Buy Idaho nonprofit association. The model home shows Idaho has "the resources, manufacturers and craftsmen to design, build, furnish and market the finest of homes and landscaping for the new millennium," Buy Idaho said.

"This quality, 2,484-square-foot Buy Idaho Model Home is in 'Ashley Woods,' at Millcreek, just south of Overland Road in southwest Boise. The home is built by Buy Idaho members, to prove again that the quality and cost-effective opportunities we have right here in Idaho," said Bryce Peterson, president of Homco.

The address is 9508 W. Peblestream Drive, Boise. The open house will be noon to 5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, and 4 to 7 p.m. weekdays, Dec. 9-17.

The home is for sale, and profits will be donated to the "Learning Lab" at Boise Public Library to develop family literacy.

Compiled from staff reports

# Restaurant chain moves in

## Outback franchisee gets TF lease, building permit

By Virginia S. Hutchins  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** - A Northwest franchisee of a Tampa, Fla.-based chain of Australian-themed restaurants has settled on a new restaurant site in Twin Falls - making it the first tenant

**About Outback**

Outback's Web site describes the chain's concept as "consistently high-quality food and service, generous portions at moderate prices and a casual atmosphere suggestive of the rustic Australian outback." Restaurants feature uniquely seasoned steaks, prime rib, chops, ribs, chicken, seafood and pasta, plus a full liquor service featuring Australian beer and wine, the Web site says. Outback, founded in March 1988, says its restaurants' interiors have "subtle decor" featuring blond woods; large booths and tables; and Australian memorabilia - boomerangs, surfboards, maps and flags.

in a Las Vegas developer's canyon-rim project. Neilsen and Co. and Bellevue, Wash.-based Evergreen State Restaurant Corp., a franchisee

of Outback Steakhouse Inc., on Monday confirmed their newly signed lease agreement for a prime piece of north Twin Falls.

"We will be starting construction shortly, with an anticipated opening date of Feb. 27," said Marc Drewry, Evergreen's director of operations.

"We're very excited about the addition of Outback Steakhouse to the Twin Falls market," Neilsen and Co. spokeswoman Gillian Silver said.

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# Albertson's falls short of predictions

The Associated Press

**BOISE** - Albertson's Inc. missed analysts' estimates for the third quarter and lowered its aim for the fourth, although company officials said the nation's second-largest supermarket chain is taking essential steps to improve.

For the third quarter, excluding merger costs and one-time charges, the Boise-based chain, with Twin Falls and Burley stores - said income rose to \$187 million, or 45 cents a diluted share, from \$185 million, or 44 cents a share, from the year before.

Analysts had expected earnings of 48 cents a share for the quarter ended Nov. 2. Earnings for the second quarter were \$194 million, or 46 cents per share. "While we have seen some improvement in key areas, overall we are very disappointed with our quarterly results," Chairman Gary Michael said Monday.

"However, we remain focused on three key objectives: increase sales, reduce expenses and increase return on capital. We have developed a very solid strategy to meet these objectives and regain our momentum in sales and earnings."

Albertson's has struggled with earnings and sales lately, a combination of a difficult retail environment, competition from other one-stop stores and integrating American Stores into the company, said analyst Robert Toomp of Dain-Rauscher.

Albertson's has finished its acquisition of the Acme chain, Michael said.

Albertson's, which operates more than 2,500 retail stores in 36 states, earlier this fall announced its intentions to slash operating and interest expenses by \$250 million and reduce capital expenditures by \$500 million over the next 2.5 years.

Sales for the third quarter rose 2.9 percent to \$9 billion. Identical-store sales fell 0.5 percent and comparable-store sales, which include replacement stores, dropped 0.2 percent.

The company said its expects the same comparable-store sales to be "flat to up 1 percent" in the fourth quarter, and to earn about 50 cents a share excluding merger and one-time charges.

Net earnings without merger-related costs and one-time charges were \$24 million, or 23 percent as a percent to sales and \$1.48 per basic and diluted share.

# Thirsty for growth

## PepsiCo agrees to buy Quaker Oats for \$13.4 billion in stock

The Associated Press

**NEW YORK** - PepsiCo Inc. shares rose Monday after it sealed a deal to buy Quaker Oats Co., the maker of Cap'n Crunch cereal, Aunt Jemima pancake mix and Gatorade, for about \$13.4 billion in stock.

Adding the popular Gatorade to its fleet of non-carbonated beverages will give PepsiCo the dominant brand in the \$2.5 billion sports drink category. The company also sells Aquafina water, Lipton teas and Tropicana juices.

"This is one terrific moment in the history of PepsiCo and Quaker," Roger A. Enrico, PepsiCo chairman and chief executive officer, told investors and analysts in a conference call. He said the deal will help PepsiCo grow faster than expected in both revenue and profits.

PepsiCo shares, which had slid 6.6 percent on Friday amid reports it was close to a deal, were up 3.4 percent, or \$1.44 a share, at \$43.81 in afternoon trading on the New York Stock Exchange. Quaker shares also were higher, rising \$2.31 a share to \$90.94.

PepsiCo will offer 2.3 of its shares for each Quaker share in a similar bid to acquire Quaker Oats: the board of Coca-Cola Co. abandoned talks to buy Quaker for a reported \$15.75 billion two weeks ago and French food conglomerate Danone SA backed away from a possible bid.

In the end, PepsiCo beat out its competitors with an offer that essentially mirrored the one rejected by Chicago-based Quaker roughly one month ago. The deal could raise antitrust concerns because of PepsiCo's ownership of All-Sport, a compet-



PepsiCo Inc. Chairman and CEO Roger A. Enrico, left, Quaker Oats Co. Chairman and CEO Robert Morrison, second from left and PepsiCo Chief Financial Officer Indra Nooyi speak to each other at a news conference announcing PepsiCo's plan to buy Quaker Oats Monday in New York.

ing brand to Gatorade, albeit with much less market share. However, PepsiCo has agreed to get rid of All-Sport in order to keep the deal alive.

Pirko said the acquisition of Quaker Oats, and Gatorade in particular, would give PepsiCo a "huge psychological edge" in its competition with Atlanta-based Coca-Cola, the world's leading soft drink manufacturer.

"PepsiCo is building a formidable package of leading brands," he said. Coca-Cola abandoned its pur-

suit of Quaker Oats after the soft drink company's board rejected a deal reportedly worth \$15.75 billion. Only hours after Coca-Cola's announcement, the French food conglomerate Danone issued a statement that it may be interested in making a bid for Quaker Oats. But it also dropped out of the running.

PepsiCo's Pepsi-Cola division is the nation's second biggest soft drink concern with brands like Pepsi, Diet Pepsi and Mountain Dew. Atlanta-based Coca-Cola is the soft drink leader.

# Tyson Foods offers bid on meatpacker IBP

BridgeNews

**NEW YORK** - The future for meatpacker IBP Inc. grew more complicated Monday after Tyson Foods Inc., the largest U.S. chicken marketer, made an unsolicited bid of \$4.2 billion for the South Dakota-based beef and pork processing company with some Mid-Valley shareholders and suppliers.

Tyson offered \$26 for each IBP share, to be paid in equal parts of cash and stock, and said it would also assume IBP's \$1.4 billion in debt.

The bid is worth \$1 per share more than the all-stock offer made three weeks ago by Smithfield Foods, the nation's biggest pork processor. The offer also trumps the definitive agreement IBP has already signed with Rawhide Investment Holdings, a division of Wall Street investment bank Donaldson, Lufkin & Jenrette, which is itself a division of Credit Suisse First Boston.

The Rawhide deal, announced in early October, would give IBP

shareholders \$22.25 per share while essentially serving as a leveraged buyout that would take Smithfield's management, led by Chief Executive Robert Peterson, has touted the Rawhide deal as one that would give IBP the flexibility it needs to maintain its dominance in the changing U.S. beef and pork markets.

However, many IBP investors criticized the Rawhide deal. A special committee formed by IBP reportedly did not seek other bidders before settling for Rawhide's price - a price most food industry analysts claim doesn't fully reflect IBP's value.

As of late last week, the Wall Street Journal reported shareholder buy-in filed 15 lawsuits against IBP's management over the Rawhide deal. IBP or its new buyer would have to pay a \$59 million fee to Rawhide to break the agreement. But that's not a major concern for

either Smithfield or Tyson, and analysts think Tyson's bid will trigger a higher bid from Smithfield. Analysts have said IBP could justify an asking price as high as \$30 per share, and

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those estimates provide more ammunition for shareholders disappointed with IBP's initial deal.

During a conference call with investors and analysts Monday, John Tyson, Tyson's chief executive, and Steve Hankins, chief financial officer, said the company's bid is superior to Smithfield's for a number of reasons.

First, Tyson would finance half of its purchase with a cash pay-

ment in 30 to 60 days, Hankins said. The remaining payment, in the form of stock, would occur in three to four months.

Second, unlike Smithfield's bid, which relies on cost savings to boost future earnings, Tyson executives said its bid would produce a considerable profit increase regardless of merger synergies.

"All of the synergies we find would just help our deal get better," Tyson said. "We don't have to have a funny number in them to justify our price."

... We're not counting on synergies to pay for it." Tyson also said the company's grandfather founded would complete its buyout of IBP quicker than Smithfield can while encountering less antitrust attention. Farm groups concerned about the market power of Smithfield/IBP purchase have lobbied legislators and the U.S. Department of Justice to closely scrutinize such a deal. If Smithfield succeeded in

buying the IBP company, it would control about 35 to 40 percent of the U.S. beef market and 37 percent of the nation's pork processing market.

Tyson, on the other hand, does not have a beef unit and only has a small hog-production division while controlling about a third of the nation's fresh and processed poultry market.

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However, Smithfield and Tyson want IBP for essentially the same reason. As the nation's biggest beef-packer and second-largest pork processor, IBP would offer either bidder more scale in a meat industry that is moving toward offering wholesalers and retailers case-ready meat products.

IBP said late Monday morning its special committee would review the Tyson bid. Tyson said he expects a response in 24 to 48 hours.

# Sherwin-Williams says poor paint sales will hurt profits

BridgeNews

**NEW YORK** - Poor sales and higher-than-expected costs will lower Sherwin-Williams Co., the United States' biggest paint company, with earnings lower than analysts expect this year.

The company, which has stores in Twin Falls and the Wood River Valley - said Monday it expects to earn \$1.90

per share for all of 2000, substantially less than the \$1.95 to \$2 per share it predicted Oct. 19. Analysts surveyed by First Call/Thomson Financial had expected earnings of \$1.95 to \$1.98 per share.

The profit warning is Sherwin-Williams' second this year. In September, the Cleveland company said its third-quarter earnings would fall short of analysts'

expectations because of rising materials costs in its consumer paints business and tough competition in South America.

"We are disappointed with having to lower our expectation of operating results for the year," Christopher M. Connor, Sherwin-Williams' chairman and chief executive officer, said in a statement. "However, we have implemented plans and pro-

grams to move the company forward next year despite a continuing soft environment. We anticipate that 2001 will be another year of increased sales performance and our 24th year of consecutive earnings improvement."

As in the third quarter, rising costs and competition in South America are hurting earnings, the company said. Weak demand

has led some retailers in the United States and the United Kingdom to cut inventories, undermining Sherwin-Williams' sales.

The company said it had expected sales to rise by 4 percent to 6 percent from 1999.

"Although overall sales for the year should still be in the lower part of that range, earnings will be reduced," the company said.

# Delta cancels more flights Monday as pilots refuse to work overtime

ATLANTA (AP) — Delta Airlines canceled more flights Monday because its pilots were refusing to work overtime while contract talks continued between their union and the carrier.

Airline spokesman Russ Williams said he could not say how many flights were affected Monday morning. Delta canceled almost 300 flights during the weekend.

Williams said the airline was contacting as many customers as possible to notify them of flight cancellations and was booking them on other flights. "We'll do the best we can to accommodate our passengers," he said.

Dave Busby, Delta's senior vice president of flight opera-

tions, said Delta normally operates 2,700 flights a day and that on a normal day fewer than two flights are canceled due to crew shortages.

Additional cancellations on Sunday were blamed on snow in the Southeast, said Delta spokeswoman Judy Pate. She did not have any numbers.

The Atlanta-based airline, the nation's third biggest, has been negotiating with the Air Line Pilots Association since September 1999. Many of Delta's 9,400 pilots have been refusing to sign up for overtime assignments since last month when management made a proposal that the pilots consider inadequate.

ALPA officials have told pilots that the union does not

support the no-overtime campaign, but said that under their contract the pilots can decide individually whether to fly extra hours.

"We want our pilots to focus on contract negotiations and achieving a superior new agreement. That is where the union stands," ALPA spokeswoman Karen Miller said Monday.

United Airlines and Northwest Airlines also have recently complained that workers involved in contract negotiations have forced flight delays or cancellations. Unions for both airlines have denied the allegations.

A court hearing resumed Monday in Minneapolis on Northwest's allegations that a

slowdown by mechanics was essential to the nation's fourth-largest airline.

Last week, United, the country's largest carrier, canceled more than 100 flights for two days in a row. Florida officials say United mechanics are defying a Nov. 17 federal court order forbidding an organized work slowdown.

Most airlines rely on pilots to fly overnight hours to staff some regularly scheduled flights. If Delta's pilots continue to refuse to work overtime, it could cause problems during the upcoming Christmas holiday period, Pate said.

"We have said we would consider what our options are, including legal options," she said.

# U.S. economy shows signs of future slowing

NEW YORK (AP) — A key gauge of future economic activity fell 0.2 percent in October, suggesting further slowing for the U.S. economy in the new year.

The Conference Board said Monday that its Composite Index of Leading Economic Indicators declined to 105.5 in October after registering no change in September and dropping 0.1 percent in August.

The index is watched closely because it has an indication of where the overall U.S. economy is headed in the next three to six months.

A related index, which measures current or coincident economic activity, fell 0.1 percent in October. The first decline since a 0.1 percent drop in September 1999, the New York-based business group said.

Also Monday, the Commerce Department reported that sales of new homes moderated in October after surging the month before, providing further evidence the economy is slowing.

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Economic growth slowed markedly in the July-September quarter, with the gross domestic product expanding at an annual rate of 2.4 percent, down from 5.6 percent in the spring quarter. GDP is a measure of the nation's total output of goods and services. The slowing came after the Federal Reserve raised interest rates six times between June 1999 and May 2000 to try to keep the economy from overheating and sparking inflation.

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# Franchisee

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A building permit issued Friday at City Hall lists an estimated value of \$377,155 for the new Outback restaurant to be built at the northwest corner of Blue Lakes Boulevard North and Fillmore Street. The permit is for a 6,089-square-foot restaurant with an additional 803-square-foot covered patio. Plans filed with the department show a one-story structure that looks somewhat like a ranch house.

City building official Marianne Barker said it's the first building permit for Craig H. Neilsen's much-publicized planned hotel, convention center, retail, commercial and professional development on the south rim of the Snake River Canyon, straddling Blue Lakes Boulevard North.

The Twin Falls steak house will be the 30th Outback restaurant opened by Evergreen, which has locations in Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Alaska, Drewry said. With restaurants already in Coeur d'Alene, Nampa, Boise and Idaho Falls, Evergreen will consider southern Idaho well covered with the additional Twin Falls location.

Evergreen will lease the Canyon Park land but erect its own building, Drewry said. Silver said Evergreen can occupy the

land up to 30 years under the current agreement, but she declined to release details of the lease arrangement.

A management team will take up quarters in a trailer office at the restaurant site, 1965 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., to take job applications and to coordinate on-site interviews starting Jan. 8, Drewry said.

Evergreen plans to hire about 80 people locally — half of them for full-time work and half for part-time.

Drewry said pay will vary by job and by individual and declined to name wage ranges.

The restaurant's leaders, how-

ever, would be local hires.

"We've had managers in buying for quite some time on that site. Both of our managers are Idaho residents," he said, adding that one will move from Boise and one from Idaho Falls.

For the Twin Falls restaurant, Evergreen is in the process of buying liquor licenses from another party and plans full-service liquor offerings, Drewry said.

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AA	1.00	14.12	+0.01	+1.00	13.00-15.00
AB	0.50	10.12	+0.01	+0.50	9.00-11.00
AC	0.25	7.12	+0.01	+0.25	6.00-8.00
AD	0.12	3.12	+0.01	+0.12	2.00-4.00
AE	0.06	1.12	+0.01	+0.06	0.50-1.50
AF	0.03	0.50	+0.01	+0.03	0.25-0.75
AG	0.01	0.25	+0.01	+0.01	0.10-0.40
AH	0.00	0.10	+0.01	+0.00	0.05-0.30
AI	0.00	0.05	+0.01	+0.00	0.02-0.15
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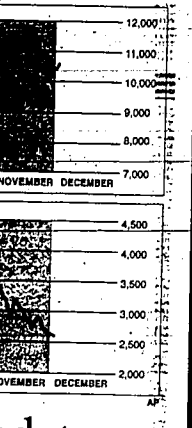
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