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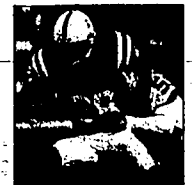
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THE NATION WAITS

'Just one week ago, this court vacated the Florida Supreme Court's November 21 revision of Florida's election code ... Just four days later ... the Florida Supreme Court issued a new, wholesale, post-election revision of Florida election law.'
— Theodore Olson, beginning oral arguments



Supreme Court hears Bush vs. Gore



'I think there is a uniform standard, The standard is whether or not the intent of the voter is reflected by the ballot. That is the uniform standard throughout the state of Florida.'

— David Boies, responding to a question about counting the ballots

Florida lawmakers move to name electors for Bush

The Associated Press

Holding nine crucial votes in America's election saga, U.S. Supreme Court justices quizzed campaign lawyers Monday about a muddle of Florida recount laws and the judicial branch's power to settle Bush v. Gore — the case that may determine the 43rd president.

"We'll await the outcome," Texas Gov. George W. Bush said, and the nation joined him in suspense after 90 minutes of historic oral arguments.

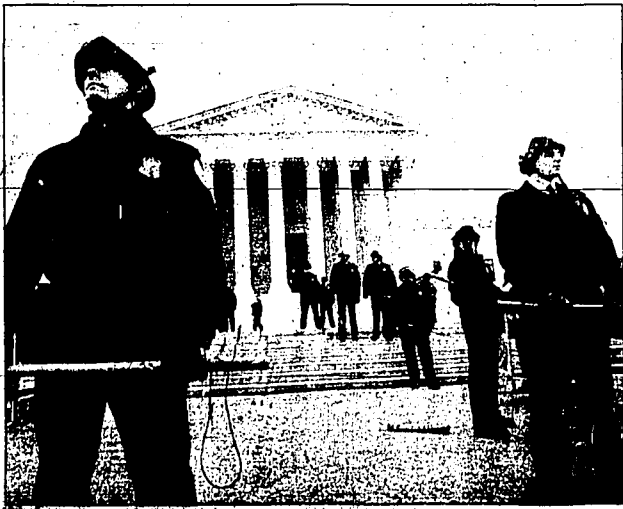
No timetable was set for a ruling that could end Democrat Al Gore's quest for the presidency or throw open the state to recounts, jeopardizing Bush's officially certified, razor-thin lead. Florida's 25 electoral votes would put either man in the White House.

In case the court rules against Bush, Florida's GOP-led Legislature moved closer Monday to naming its own slate of electors loyal to the Texas governor. Separate House and Senate panels recommended the GOP slate after a constitutional scholar told lawmakers "the buck stops here."

The Supreme Court rushed against a deadline today for states to select presidential electors. The Electoral College meets Monday, and Congress will count electoral votes Jan. 6.

If left untested for much longer, the 2000 presidential election could split into a GOP-controlled Congress, where House Majority Whip Tom DeLay vowed that Republicans would "stand up and do our constitutional duty."

The candidates wated from afar. Bush, who has been certified the victor by 537 votes out of 6 million cast, talked to his legal



Capitol police officers stand guard in front of the U.S. Supreme Court building Monday in Washington, D.C., during arguments on an appeal by Texas Gov. George W. Bush to stop the hand recount of presidential ballots in Florida.

The scene outside the court building; lawsuit rundown; Do O'Connor and Kennedy hold the key? — A5

team from Texas and said the lawyers were cautiously optimistic.

"If they are, I am," he said.

Gore was at his official residence in Washington, while three of his children — Karna, Kristin and Albert III — attended the session. His boss, President Clinton,

cast the arguments in far-reaching terms: "One way or the other, it will be a historic decision that we will live with forever."

Chief Justice William Rehnquist gavelled the session open: "We'll hear argument now in number 00949, George W. Bush and Richard Cheney v. Albert Gore et al."

And off they went.

"Where's the federal question here?" Justice Anthony Kennedy asked Bush attorney Theodore Olson less than two minutes into arguments over the Gore-sought recounts ordered by the Florida Supreme Court on Friday. In a 5-4 decision on Saturday, the U.S.

Supreme Court halted the counting.

Justice David Souter, who voted against the Saturday stay, seemed to ponder the ground rules for a possible resumption of the recount. "Why shouldn't there be one subjective rule for all counties?" he asked.

Some justices who made up Saturday's majority seemed skeptical of a recount, under any standard.

Justice Sandra Day O'Connor warned of a "big red flag" in election law that seemingly requires courts to defer to the legislative

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Aquifer project would raise water rates

By John T. Huddy
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — City leaders might have to dip into reserves to pay for a multimillion dollar aquifer replenishing project — a move that would increase residents' water rates.

City Manager Tom Courtney said Monday that \$200,000 was budgeted for 2000-01 to pay for a groundwater recharge project feasibility study and the first phases of the project's development.

The council already approved

TF budget lacks the funds for full-scale recharge, city manager tells council

spending \$115,421 for the feasibility study, leaving ... at \$84,570.

The project's total price tag probably will be at least several million dollars.

"If we move towards a full-scale project it definitely will impact water rates," Courtney said. "I don't anticipate that the study will cause an increase in the water rates. But depending on the

cost of the pilot project, it may impact the water rates."

Courtney was not sure how much water rates could increase.

"Until we complete the study and they determine the best location for a project, we won't know how much it's going to cost," Courtney said.

The groundwater recharge project is the latest installment in an

ongoing city water program.

Local officials, including experts from Brockway Engineering LLC, have been working on several projects to maintain the city's water supply. Four new wells have been built south of the city, and all new city subdivisions are mandated to use a pressurized irrigation system.

Engineers with Brockway and J. U-B Engineers gave the City Council a project update Monday. The Twin Falls groundwater

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Winter hits Midwest; kids cheer while travelers moan

The Associated Press

CHICAGO — The Midwest's first big storm of the season blew in Monday with cold and heavy snow, snarling air travel around the country and giving thousands of children a day off from school.

"I used to like snow and ice skating and stuff like that, but this is crazy," John Alan said on a Chicago corner, a black fur hat with ear flaps almost concealing his face.

More than 10 inches of snow had fallen in parts of the Chicago area by evening with 30 mph wind gusts expected to cause whiteout conditions in parts of

northern Illinois. National Weather Service meteorologist Mark Ratzler said.

Forecasters warned of blizzard conditions in what was the biggest storm in the Chicago area since the city was buried by 21 inches of snow in January 1999.

And behind the storm: bitterly cold temperatures approached. Wind chills of 30 to 40 degrees below zero were expected.

Blizzard warnings were posted elsewhere in the region, with 20 inches of snow possible by this morning in northern Indiana and southwestern Michigan, the National Weather Service said.



Gerald Perkins clears sidewalks for Kennedy Elementary School students Monday in South Bend, Ind. He later worked on himself.

Pair face arson charges

Church burglaries may have been motive, police say

By Mark Heinz
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — A pair of Twin Falls men charged with setting a fire Friday at a church day-care center apparently went into the church in search of petty cash and other small items, according to investigators' reports.

Travis G. Estep and David Allen Albert LaBrie, both 18, were each arraigned Monday on two counts of burglary and one count of first-degree arson, court records say.

Both were held Monday on \$100,000 bond and face preliminary hearings Friday in Twin Falls County Magistrate Court.

The charges stem from a fire at the Immanuel Lutheran Church at 2055 Filer Ave. in Twin Falls, and a break-in and theft Wednesday at the Ascension Episcopal Church at 210 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. in Twin Falls, court records say.

An affidavit was filed with court documents, giving this account of events leading to the arrests of LaBrie and Estep.

Investigators at the site of the Immanuel Lutheran fire — which destroyed the church's day care — discovered matches there and concluded that the blaze had probably been set on the second floor of the day care.

Acting on tips given Saturday by an anonymous caller, detectives went to LaBrie's home and found a Japanese sword and other items matching the description of items reported stolen from Ascension Episcopal Church.

When questioned later by detectives, LaBrie said he and Estep had gone into the churches looking for cash and small items to steal, the affidavit says. LaBrie told detectives that on the night

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DNA test slows probe in Jerome

By Mark Heinz
Times-News writer

JEROME — Police might have hit a wall in their investigation of a case involving an estimated \$10,000 in vandalism damage to an elementary school.

Part of the issue involves testing a blood sample found at the scene.

Jerome police say a state crime lab has not tested the blood sample, which could place a suspect at the crime scene. But a state forensic expert said Monday that there might yet be hope.

"My problem is I have circumstantial evidence, but I have very little direct evidence," Jerome police Sgt. Dan Chatterton said.

Vandals last month broke into Central Elementary School and in a late-night spree damaged or destroyed computers, classroom doors, windows and other school property. The school had to be closed the next day.

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FORECAST FOR MAGIC VALLEY

IDAHO ALMANAC

Idaho Extremes Yesterday:

High 44°
Hollister Low 8°
Stanley

22°

Missoula 14/1
Pocatello 28/18
MCCam 18/4
Salmon 18/4
Twin Falls 22/23
Pocatello 20/17

Two Falls through 6 p.m. yesterday

Temperature

High/Low 30°/18°
Normal high/low 38°/20°
High/Low last year 39°/21°
Record high 61°
Record low 6°

Precipitation

Rounded to nearest .10" in 1972
24 hours ending 6 p.m. yest. trace
Month to date trace
Normal month to date 0.44"
Year to date 7.47"

Humidity

Normal year to date 9.81%

Barometric Pressure

Yesterday at noon 84%

Pollen yesterday in Twin Falls

Grass Absent
Weeds Absent
Trees Absent
Mold Absent

Source: Asthma and Allergy of Idaho

Shows 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
A few flurries, then occasional sun.	Partly cloudy and cold.	Partly sunny and cold.	Chance for a little snow.	Snow, ice and rain possible.	Cloudy with the chance of snow.
▲ 32°	▼ 24°	▲ 32° ▼ 24°	▲ 36° ▼ 24°	▲ 36° ▼ 28°	▲ 38° ▼ 28°

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today 7:59 a.m.
Sunset tonight 5:05 p.m.
Moonrise today 8:45 p.m.
Moonset tonight 9:18 a.m.

Last New Moon: Dec 17
First Full Moon: Dec 25
Next New Moon: Jan 2
Next Full Moon: Jan 9

CANADIAN CITIES

City	Today	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
Calgary	10	-16	1	-13	1
Edmonton	5	-21	2	-20	2
Halifax	10	6	15	5	1
London	10	10	10	10	10
Ottawa	10	10	10	10	10
Regina	-2	-20	0	-16	0
Saskatoon	-2	-23	0	-20	0
St. John's	10	10	10	10	10
Vancouver	36	22	34	23	20
Victoria	30	22	31	25	22
Winnipeg	0	-20	0	-17	0

REGIONAL WEATHER

Southern Idaho: Cold today with clouds and occasional sunshine; a few flurries will move across the area, mainly in the south. Partly cloudy and cold tonight. Clouds and some sunshine tomorrow; perhaps a snow shower.

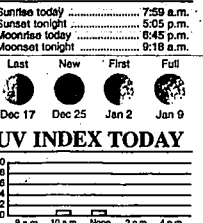
Boise: Cold today; mostly cloudy this morning with a few snow showers, then breaks of sunshine in the afternoon. Partly to mostly cloudy and cold tonight. Clouds and times of sunshine tomorrow.

Northern Nevada: Mostly cloudy and cold today with a few snow showers. Partly cloudy and cold tonight. Cold again tomorrow with a mixture of clouds and sunshine.

Northern Utah: Mostly cloudy and cold today with snow at times; several inches will accumulate above the mountains. A couple of snow showers early tonight, then partial clearing. Partly sunny and cold tomorrow.

Northern Idaho: Very cold today with a mixture of clouds and sunshine. Partly to mostly cloudy tonight with the chance for a few snow showers. Cloudy to partly sunny and cold tomorrow; a few flurries, mainly early.

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WORLD CITIES

City	Today	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
Acapulco	81	72	81	72	81
Auckland	59	45	59	45	59
Bangkok	82	71	82	71	82
Buenos Aires	53	46	53	46	53
Calcutta	84	72	84	72	84
Chicago	32	22	32	22	32
Hong Kong	67	54	67	54	67
Johannesburg	54	40	54	40	54
London	55	45	55	45	55
Moscow	73	43	73	43	73
New Orleans	62	52	62	52	62
Paris	54	43	54	43	54
Rio de Janeiro	81	69	81	69	81
Rome	52	42	52	42	52
Sao Paulo	28	19	28	19	28
Sydney	92	78	92	78	92
Tokyo	52	42	52	42	52
Warsaw	48	39	48	39	48
Zurich	52	45	52	45	52

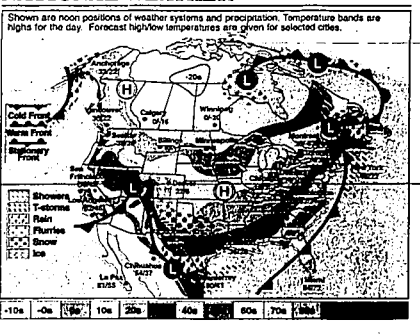
REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
Boise	32	18	30	22	18
Bonners Ferry	19	7	18	10	7
Burley	31	21	32	18	16
Coeur d'Alene	22	8	20	12	8
Elko	31	8	29	16	16
Eugene, OR	42	30	40	34	34
Hagerman	31	20	32	19	19
Idaho Falls	23	7	25	12	8
Kalispell, MT	14	-4	14	8	8
Lewiston	28	18	28	18	18
Malden	29	18	29	15	15
Matta	-2	-21	6	-11	6

NATIONAL EXTREMES

High 84° in Corpus Christi, TX Low -27° in Flag Island, MN

NATIONAL WEATHER



Randy Hansen AUTO PLEX

Poleline At Blue Lakes North

Cell phone service for sale

Companies are set to bid Tuesday on new wireless licenses at a Federal Communications Commission auction. With the added airways space, businesses could improve their cell phone service in high-traffic areas like New York, Los Angeles and Seattle.

Source: Federal Communications Commission

Auction could help meet demand for wireless service

WASHINGTON (AP) — Those dropped-calls and network-busy signals that infuriate American cell phone users — who have more than tripled in number to 97 million in the last five years — could be alleviated by a government auction of valuable airwaves this year.

The 422 licenses that go on the auction block cover areas including much of the East Coast, large pockets of California, Texas and the Great Lakes region. That could help big carriers, like Verizon Wireless, AT&T Wireless and Sprint PCS, handle traffic in high demand areas and during peak calling hours.

Americans also might see new choices for cell-phone service in smaller markets, as companies snap up licenses in places they don't now cover, as well as more two-way messaging and wireless Web access.

"Everyone who uses a wireless phone knows the frustration of a dropped call," said William Kennard, head of the Federal Communications Commission. The auction would help address that problem and encourage innovation in offering new services, he said. "Consumers will see the immediate benefits."

The auction, expected to last several weeks, is shaping up to be the most competitive in the agency's history, with 87 companies participating and more than \$1.8 billion in early payments collected. Analysts estimate the auction could bring in \$10 billion to \$18 billion for the licenses, found in the 1900 MHz range.

Clinton signs Everglades bill

WASHINGTON — While the nation's focus was on one Gov. Bush and whether he would move into the White House, another Gov. Bush slipped into the Oval Office Monday to witness the signing — by President Clinton — of legislation intended to restore the Everglades.

Gov. Jeb Bush of Florida, the brother of Gov. George W. Bush of Texas, and about 20 other people stood behind Clinton in the Oval Office as the president used a series of pens to sign the measure.

The restoration plan is expected to take 35 years to complete at a cost of \$7.8 billion.

The Florida governor had played an important role in the bipartisan coalition that supported the plan, a favorite of both Clinton and Vice President Al Gore, and was invited to the ceremony.

Jerome

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Police later targeted four juvenile suspects.

One juvenile was charged with burglary in connection with a shoplifting incident at a Jerome store which police suspected was related to the vandalism. But a Jerome court clerk said there was no record of an arraignment involving this juvenile.

The four vandalism suspects — boys ranging in age from 12 to 16 — have not been charged, and they've all told police they didn't do it, Chatterton said.

But Chatterton said one vandal admitted to a nut while breaking a window, and investigators collected blood samples from the school and from a car thought to be connected to the spree.

The Idaho State Police crime laboratory in Meridian has refused to test the blood samples because they aren't related to a violent crime, Chatterton said. The police department can't afford to have the samples tested at a private laboratory, and without test results, Chatterton said he has no solid evidence placing any of the suspects at the crime scene.

The crime laboratory has been using an older, time-consuming method of testing DNA samples from blood, said Maj. Ralph Powell of the ISP's forensic services group. To prevent a massive case backlog, the crime laboratory has had to turn away evidence.

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"They were very aggressive in their investigation, and it looks like they did a great job in finding suspects," Cobble said.

If a criminal case falls through, the district might consider a civil case, he said.

"We will reserve the right to do that," he said. "We're interested in seeing people who destroy school property prosecuted."

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Water

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recharge project would divert water from the Low Line Canal near Twin Falls, spread it over 40 to 50 acres and then let it seep into the local aquifer, part of the Snake River Plain Aquifer.

Preliminary figures estimated the pilot project would cost at least \$3 million.

A feasibility study is scheduled to be completed by Feb. 1, and the project should be running by summer — depending on the study's results.

The pilot project would last at least two years. After that, a more long-term system could follow, depending on the results of the pilot project.

If the project is not feasible, there are alternatives, city officials said.

The city could set up a citywide pressurized irrigation system — a costly venture, local officials said. Setting up such a system would cost at least \$50 million, water company representatives have said.

That breaks down to \$35 million for the irrigation system, about \$5 million for a storm water retention system and about \$10 million for a recharge system.

Pressurized irrigation water, while being used in all new city subdivisions, could be supplied to all of Twin Falls in the next 20 to 30 years, city engineers have said.

But the recharge project should be a success, officials said recently.

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Arson

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of the fire, he and Estep had first tried breaking into the Lutheran church, but then found an open door.

After going through most of the church's rooms, the two tried setting fire to a stairway with lighter fluid they'd found in a storage room, Estep told detectives, according to the affidavit. When that blaze didn't catch, they threw paint on a wall and doused a couch and Grinch character toy with a flammable cleaning solution, the affidavit says.

Estep then told detectives he and Labrie set the couch and the Grinch toy on fire and fled the church with \$5 cash and some Christmas cards, the affidavit says.

At one point in the questioning, an investigator asked Estep why he and Labrie had set the fire.

"Because," Estep said, according to the affidavit.

It might take months for Immanuel Lutheran to recover from the blaze, Pastor Lawrence Vedder said Monday.

Vedder said a two-story burn-out hulk and that's a liability problem," he said.

Church officials had hoped to resume worship services in the church by Sunday, but it looks as though it could take months to repair smoke damage there, he said.

Services will be held in the church gym until the church is fully repaired, Vedder said.

One of the biggest chores will be disassembling, cleaning and re-assembling the church's pipe organ, Vedder said.

"If that gets held up, then the whole process gets held up," Vedder said.

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LOTTERY UPDATE

Saturday, December 9, numbers

POWERBALL

8 10 14 41 42

POWERBALL NUMBER 20

Saturday, December 9, numbers

RollDown

12 13 25 38 42

Saturday, December 9, numbers

WILD CARD

2 17 28 29 35

WILD CARD: Queen of hearts

Monday, December 11, numbers

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Idaho

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Are you still playing Powerball?

Idaho had a \$100,000 winner from last Saturday's Powerball drawing.

SEE US AT WERE DRAWING CENTER FOR MORE INFORMATION. BE THE FIRST OF A DISCREETLY CHOSEN NUMBER OF WINNERS TO RECEIVE YOUR \$100,000. THE DRAWING IS CONDUCTED BY THE STATE OF IDAHO. THE DRAWING IS CONDUCTED BY THE STATE OF IDAHO. THE DRAWING IS CONDUCTED BY THE STATE OF IDAHO.

Feds say doctors must check warnings

WASHINGTON (AP) — One after another, blockbuster-selling drugs are being yanked off the market for killing or injuring Americans. Many were banned because doctors ignored safety warnings and prescribed them to the wrong patients. The government's drug chief issued an unusual warning to physicians: Straighten up or expect even more bans.

But the problems raise a bigger question: Should a savvy patient ever swallow a new medicine until it's been tried for a year? After all, that first year of sales often is when bad side effects are spotted.

"I sure wouldn't," says Dr. Raymond Woosley, a leading drug-safety expert and cardiologist at Georgetown University. "I don't personally, and I don't usually prescribe it unless I have to."

Even the Food and Drug Administration's commissioner urges consumers to be cautious. It's advice Dr. Jane Henney says she'd follow herself: Closely question when your doctor wants to switch to a brand-new remedy.

Ask, "How is this different? Why are you recommending this one over something I'm already taking? If it's just because it's new and let's try it, that's not a good enough reason," Henney said in an interview.

Since 1997, 11 popular prescription drugs have been pulled from pharmacies after causing deaths or serious injuries. The latest, Lorcane, was banned two

weeks ago for causing deadly intestinal side effects just nine months after it began selling. Likewise, five others were withdrawn roughly a year after hitting the market.

Some critics say FDA approves new drugs too quickly. Under congressional pressure, the FDA has sped up. Average review time for new drugs was 14.6 months in fiscal 2000, down from 34.3 months in 1993. Drugs deemed breakthroughs, and drugs whose makers pay special fees to FDA, can get a speedier six-month review.

But few of the recently banned drugs got "fast-track" approval. Instead, increasingly frustrated FDA scientists say the main problem — largely to blame for seven

banks — is that doctors ignored or never read warning labels that could have prevented deaths.

If that doesn't change, "additional effective drugs are likely to be withdrawn, and some drugs may never become available in the first place," warned FDA drug chief Dr. Janet Woodcock in an unusual letter to doctors in the Journal of the American Medical Association.

Consumers should demand that their doctors explain risks and why they choose one drug over another, Henney stressed.

"If you just willingly take that slip of paper out of your doctor's hand and walk off to the drugstore" without questioning, "you don't have enough information yet."

Clinton announces effort to improve immunizations

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton ordered federal officials Monday to study the immunization status of the 5 million children under age 5 who receive government assistance, hoping to increase the rate of American youngsters who are fully vaccinated.

"We need to keep working until every child in every neighborhood is safe for vaccine-preventable diseases," said Clinton, who wants under-immunized children referred to doctors if they don't have all their shots.

"This is a major step forward to try to ensure children enrolled in WIC, some of our poorest children, are protected," said Dr. Walt Orenstein, referring to the federal nutrition program for Women, Infants and Children.

Orenstein heads the national immunization program for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, or CDC, in Atlanta.

"WIC is clearly the place to start on the outstanding challenge," Clinton said.

Clinton was joined former first

lady Rosalynn Carter, Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala and Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman for the formal announcement of the initiative.

"I don't think there anything more important than immunizing our children and preventing unnecessary suffering. We've seen too much of that," Carter said. "It's so exciting now to see immunization rates go up."

The president's executive memorandum requires the Agriculture Department to study the condition of the children participating in the WIC program. Under Clinton's order, children who are behind schedule on their immunizations or who do not have their immunization record will be referred to a local health care provider or public health clinic.

Endeavor lands after triumphant mission

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Space shuttle Endeavour and its crew of five returned to Earth in triumph Monday, ending NASA's most difficult space-station construction mission yet.

Throughout the afternoon, Mission Control had worried clouds or rain might delay Endeavour's homecoming. But the weather cooperated, and the shuttle touched down shortly after sunset, right on time.

The international space station, Alpha, and its gleaming, new solar wings soared over Florida four minutes before Endeavour's touchdown, clearly visible from Cape Canaveral as it streaked through the dark sky. By the time the shuttle landed, the station was just off the Virginia coast, its three residents supposedly asleep.



Commander Brent Jett, left and pilot Michael Bloomfield check out the main landing gear of the shuttle Endeavour Monday evening at Cape Canaveral, Fla. "Outstanding job. Welcome back," Mission Control told Endeavour commander Brent Jett Jr. once the shuttle came to a

safe stop on the illuminated runway.

During their week at the space station, Jett and his crew installed the world's largest and most powerful solar wings. Three spacewalks were required to hook up the 5600 million wings, attach up all the cables and then tighten the slack right wing.

The astronauts also spent one day inside Alpha, helping commander Bill Shepherd and his two Russian crewmates with computer problems and cargo transfers.

Jett, after climbing out of Endeavour, modestly said he and his crew were pleased to have accomplished all objectives. Shuttle program manager Ron Ditmore was much more ebullient, calling Endeavour's mission "a great way to finish the year."

Commuters and the curious help launch fast train

WASHINGTON (AP) — Carrying commuters and curiosity-seekers, Amtrak's first high-speed train sped through eight Northeast states Monday on a trip that launched daily service and raised hopes for rejuvenating rail travel in America.

"It's about time that advanced railway technology came to this country. The Europeans and Japanese have been doing this for years," said railroad buff Paul McCarthy of Stoughton, Mass.,

who took a day off from his job as a respiratory therapist to watch the train arrive at Boston's South Station.

Amtrak's snub-nosed Acela Express train, which hits top speed of 150 mph and seats 309, had 114 people on board when it left Washington's Union Station at 5 a.m.

The train stopped in Maryland, Delaware, Pennsylvania and New Jersey before arriving at New York's Penn Station at 7:47 a.m.

Though three minutes behind schedule, the two-hour, 47-minute ride was 13 minutes faster than the standard trip of the Metroliner, which Acela Express is replacing.

The train made stops in Connecticut and Rhode Island before reaching South Station at 11:41 a.m., 10 minutes late, after a ride of three hours, 38 minutes from New York — about 80 minutes faster than a trip a year ago.

In all, the train covered 457

miles and made 12 stops. It was retracing its path back to Washington late Monday.

All 20 Acela Express trains are scheduled to be operating by next summer. If they prove popular in the Northeast, Amtrak hopes to offer high-speed service elsewhere. The top speed for most passenger trains outside the Northeast Corridor is 79 mph.

Jury finds professor innocent

PITTSBURGH (AP) — A federal jury took less than an hour Monday to rule in favor of a professor accused in a sexual harassment suit of making a remark about necrophilia during a class on death and dying.

Dr. Thornton was vindicated, said Robert Engelsberg, a state attorney who represented Thornton and Indiana University of Pennsylvania. "It's been a nightmare for him."

Rising, 39, enrolled in Thornton's class at the university, 45 miles from Pittsburgh, in the fall 1996 because several of her relatives had died in the previous two years, including her father. She claimed that, in the first two days, Thornton directed inappropriate comments to her.

Christin said Thornton asked students if they had ever kissed a corpse. Rising said that she had kissed her father's corpse, to which Thornton allegedly responded: "And did you stick your tongue down his throat and get it caught in all that muck?" She stuck in there before they saw their mouths shut so they didn't hang open."

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Profits not politics, prospective owner testifies

CEO says church-owned rival newspaper doesn't factor into his pursuit of Tribune

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Settling the historic feud between Utah's two largest newspapers would boost the Salt Lake Tribune's value enough to make it a worthwhile investment, W. Dean Singleton — who has agreed to buy the paper — testified Monday in federal court.

Singleton, the CEO and president of MediaNews Group Inc., wants to purchase the Tribune from AT&T Corp. for \$200 million. AT&T acquired the paper almost by accident when it bought Tele-Communications Inc. in 1997 and has long said it wants to get rid of a nonstrategic asset.

But managers of the Tribune have sued AT&T and MediaNews, claiming they have the right to buy the paper and were in fact negotiating to do so when Singleton made his bid for political reasons.

On Monday, attorneys for all sides presented evidence to U.S. District Judge Tena Campbell, who will consider the Tribune's request for a preliminary injunction to stop the sale. The courtroom was packed with attorneys for both sides and representatives of local and national media outlets.

At the heart of the lawsuit is an agreement that the original Tribune owners signed guaranteeing them a chance to buy back the paper in 2002 and manage the paper in the interim.

Since the MediaNews deal was announced Dec. 1, Tribune officials have argued that Singleton has no intention of honoring that agreement.

They say he has agreed to buy the paper at the best price of his biggest rival, the Mormon church-owned Deseret News — whose publisher used to work for Singleton. Singleton planned to let the Deseret News alter the terms of the joint operating agreement and move the Tribune financially in order to silence its often anti-Mormon voice, they said.

"The changes contained here would ... mean that The Salt Lake Tribune ... would be muted or



Flags fly on the exterior of the Salt Lake building Friday in Salt Lake City.

harmful to the point of extinction," Tribune corporate operating officer Randy Frisch testified. Why else, Tribune lawyers asked in court Monday, would a media mogul sink so much money into a paper — only to sell it back

in 20 months? Singleton replied that he will concede to the management and option agreements. But he figures he might not have to. Tribune managers might not exercise their option, he said. Or

the Deseret News, as partner in the Newspaper Agency Corp., the company that shares responsibility for printing, distributing and selling advertising in the two papers, might be able to block the buyback.

Utah newspaper feud boils over onto front pages

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Utah's two biggest newspapers have been at odds over religion for 130 years. Now they're adding newspaper ownership to their fight, and taking it to the front pages as well as the courts. The long-running feud between The Salt Lake Tribune and the Mormon church-owned Deseret News erupted Dec. 1, when AT&T Corp. announced it was selling the Tribune to W. Dean Singleton's MediaNews Group Inc.

The Tribune responded by suing AT&T and the Denver-based MediaNews. It claimed the sale violated a contract clause giving Tribune managers, including the family that owned the paper for nearly a century, an option to buy back the paper in 2002.

But the real attack came in the Tribune's own stories. The newspaper called Singleton a front

man for the church and said the sale was a plot cooked up by the Deseret News to put the Tribune out of business.

Tribune Chief Operating Officer Randy Frisch accused Singleton of working on behalf of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, which has expressed interest in moving the afternoon Deseret News to morning publication to compete head-to-head with the Tribune.

Frisch said Singleton promised Deseret News publisher John Wald, a former employee at Singleton's Denver Post, that he would share control of the Newspaper Agency Corp., the company that prints, distributes and sells advertising for the two papers under a joint operating

agreement. Singleton, a Baptist who has been on the journalism board for the Mormon church's Brigham Young University, says the purchase

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— John Morton, who runs a media consulting company in Silver Spring, Md.

chase of the paper for a reported \$100 million was purely a business decision. Including the Tribune, MediaNews publishes 48 daily papers and 94 non-daily publications in 12 states.

"This whole idea that we would buy the Tribune just to weaken it

doesn't make any sense," Singleton said. He would not comment on specifics of the lawsuit.

The Tribune's charges have been top news in a city often divided between Mormons and those who fear the church.

"Deseret News demanded changes," the Tribune's front page blared two days after the sale was announced. Inside, a letter from editor Jay Shelley outlined a "conspiracy" to squelch the Tribune's independent voice by squeezing it economically.

The next day, the Deseret News fired back. "Tribune sale — the truth," topped a front page story denying the Tribune's allegations.

The discord goes back decades.

When the Tribune was founded in 1870 by Mormon dissenters, its editor pledged to "oppose the undue exercise of priestly authority." Four years later, tensions ran so high that Deseret News editor John O. Cannon actually attacked Tribune reporter Joseph Lippman on the street and beat him with a whip.

"Both sides consisted of decent people, passionately committed to their beliefs. But their beliefs happen to be completely opposite," said Will Bagley, a historian who contributes to the Tribune.

Not much has changed. "Normally, even though (two papers) may differ — and typically do editorially in a lot of ways in joint operating agreements — it hasn't ever risen to the level of rancor that exists in Salt Lake City," said John Morton, who runs a media consulting company in Silver Spring, Md.

Court kills voucher program

CINCINNATI (AP) — Settling the stage for a possible Supreme Court ruling on church and state, a federal appeals court Monday declared Cleveland's school-voucher program unconstitutional because it uses tax money to send students to religious schools.

In a 2-1 ruling, the 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals said legislation that created the program appears designed to favor religious schools for public funding.

"To approve this program would approve the actual diversion of government aid to religious institutions in endorsement of religious education, something 'in tension' with the precedents of the Supreme Court," the panel said.

Both sides predicted the dispute will go to the high court, which has passed up opportunities to consider challenges to the constitutionality of providing public aid to families whose children attend religious or other private schools.

Black workers win bias suit

WASHINGTON (AP) — Black employees denied promotions in the Education Department won \$4 million from the government to settle a 9-year-old federal discrimination case, the workers' lawyers said Monday.

Some 1,100 black upper-level employees filed the class-action suit in 1991, saying vague job postings and arbitrary decisions shut them out of top-level promotions in the 3,600-person department headquarters.

Education Department officials said this was the first case against the department under a 1991 that allows federal and private workers to be compensated for discrimination. In the agreement, the department neither admitted nor denied wrongdoing.

Ford conclusions will clear workers

ARLINGTON, Va. — Ford Motor Co. and Bregstone/Firestone Inc. are ready to report to government investigators that they have reached similar conclusions regarding tire failures blamed for 148 deaths nationwide, according to USA Today.

According to a report in the paper's Monday edition, the conclusions would clear workers producing the Firestone tires and the Ford Explorer vehicle, to which many of the fatalities have been linked. The paper said the companies were expected to report later in the day.

Ford officials said Monday the company is still researching the cause of the tread separations and has not determined a cause.

NHTSA figures link 148 deaths to separations, blowouts and other tread problems in Firestone's ATX, ATX II and Wilderness AT tires, 6.5 million of which were recalled this summer. Many of those tires were standard equipment on the Explorers.

Boy gets at least two years for school shooting

DEMING, N.M. — A 13-year-old boy was sentenced to at least two years in a juvenile prison Monday for shooting to death a classmate in the school lobby.

"I would just like to say that I'm really sorry for what I did," Victor Cordova told the judge.

He could be released at any time after the initial two years, but could also be held until his 21st birthday. His case would be

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reviewed every year after the first two years. Victor was 12 when he shot 13-year-old Araceli Tena in 1999 at Deming Middle School with a gun he took from home. Cordova fired a single shot, hitting the girl in the back of the head.

The defense and prosecution agreed Cordova suffers from depression and needs psychiatric treatment.

Pennsylvania nuclear plant shuts down following leak

SHIPPINGPORT, Pa. — A leak in a coolant system at a nuclear power plant forced the shutdown of one of the plant's reactors and prompted a low-level emergency Monday.

Authorities said the leak at the Beaver Valley Power Station was contained within the building and there was no indication of a threat to public health or safety.

Reports from the plant, which is about 25 miles west of Pittsburgh, indicated there had not been a radioactive release from the building, said David Smith, director of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency.

Lab hopes to hatch eggs that provide drugs

Drugs by the dozen? That's the aim of a research project that's about to get underway in Scotland.

Scientists at the Roslin

Institute, the birthplace of Dolly the cloned sheep, recently said they would collaborate with an American company to make gene-altered chickens whose eggs will be naturally spiked with therapeutic compounds. The hope is that those compounds, including cancer-fighting monoclonal antibodies, will be cheaper to produce inside chicken eggs than inside genetically engineered bacteria or mice, as they typically are today.

The protein-based compounds would have to be separated from the egg whites, after which they could be formulated into medicines.

Alaska glacier appears headed for meltdown

A massive glacier in Alaska appears headed for disintegration, a new analysis has concluded.

Alaska's Columbia Glacier, which stretches from the Chugach Mountains into Prince William Sound near Valdez, has been shrinking relatively rapidly. Since 1982, it has retreated more than seven miles and thinned significantly, breaking off new icebergs into the sound much faster than it is accumulating snow.

Based on the analysis, the glacier could eventually retreat as far as 15 miles up the valley it has carved out and create a spectacular fjord "to rival Glacier Bay" in Alaska within 50 years, and perhaps in less than a decade.

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Keeping track of the legal battles

By Anne Gieran
The Associated Press
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COURT CASE	WHAT HAPPENED	WHAT'S NEXT
Florida Asking for halt to recount of undervotes ordered Friday	Supreme Court saying it undermines the election process	Court heard oral arguments Monday as to what should count as a legitimate vote for president
Bush: Claims Fla. Supreme Court should not have allowed counties to submit raw vote totals after deadline passed	Dec. 4, the court unanimously sent case back for clarification	Fla. judges will comply with U.S. Supreme Court request to clarify their decision
Fla. Supreme Court Gore: Contests Fla. certification says recounts of Miami-Dade, Palm Beach counties could change election outcome	Friday court ordered manual recount of ballots with no clear vote for president ("undervotes")	Order on hold pending U.S. Supreme Court review of Bush appeal
Bush: Case returned for clarification on earlier ruling requested by U.S. Supreme Court	Has not yet issued clarification	To be announced
Miss. Ct. Circuit Court Democrats: Claim GOP altered absentee ballot applications in Senoia Co.	Judges in both cases rejected claims by Democrats	Appeals are expected
Other cases Democrats: Filed suit against Duval Co. saying it used a confusing ballot, turned away black voters	Democrats asked for hand count of 26,000 ballots from black-majority precincts	To be announced
Republicans: Asked federal judge to include rejected military overseas absentee ballots in second count. Democrats asked court to be dismissed	Republicans want 500 ballots included; Democrats want 2,000 others disqualified	Judges are deliberating

Protesters make last stand outside court

Group includes newcomers, veterans of the recount 'circuit'

The Baltimore Sun



Vice President Al Gore supporter Peter Walgren of Fairfax, Va., yells during a demonstration outside the U.S. Supreme Court building Monday in Washington, D.C.

WASHINGTON — It was Election Judgment Day, and the voice of the Almighty thundered outside the U.S. Supreme Court on Monday morning. In this case, it was a conservative electrical engineer from Sterling, Va., unleashing a partisan tirade for George W. Bush.

"Al Gore, this is God," David Cascio, 38, boomed over a bullhorn. "What don't you understand? Thou shalt not steal!"

Democrats returned fire, chanting "Democracy, not hypocrisy!" and "Trust the people!" Soon, police in riot helmets separated the two sides with yellow metal barricades. As if they could be divided any further.

hoarse voices. As Cascio, now practically a professional protester, put it: "We're near the exhaustion point."

Even so, neither side sounded ready to quit.

"The trouble is, the Republicans have a lot of bullhorns, so you have to pretty much get close to them and yell in their face," said Ben Dixon, 52, a Washington lawyer, raising his voice as Gore forces behind him chanted, "GWB! GWB! How many votes can you steal from me!"

Fewer converged on the Supreme Court on Monday than the last time the election came to the justices, when throngs spilled across the street and jammed the Capitol grounds. Anticipating the weariness of the rank-and-file, activists worked to mobilize the faithful and build a crowd.

Registered Democrats in Washington received recorded phone messages at their homes urging them to demonstrate. And interest groups sounded the alert. About 150 workers at the International Union of Bricklayers and Allied Craft Workers, whose members largely backed Gore, received phone messages from their president urging them to gather outside the court. The union sent two busloads of protesters.

Republicans hoisted "No Buses Needed!" signs as they alleged their opponents failed to match their grass roots activism. Plenty of Bush supporters pointed to the area's advocacy groups, such as Dawson Hobbs, 58, who works for the National Rifle Association. Hobbs and others in the Bush contingent auditioned an arcane new chant: "It's not a democracy, it's a republic."

"The founding fathers said direct democracy is their greatest fear," he said. "It leads to mob rule. The Constitution was set up to protect us from that."

Bush voter Susan Clark, 58, was more blunt. "A democracy is for thugs," she said. "A republic is when the people follow the rules."

Such arguments so enraged people such as Pauline Fichtmaster, 70, that she left her couch in The Woodlands, Texas, just to argue back.

"We're not wild-eyed people. But I don't think I've ever been this upset about something political," she said. "I've never seen anything so undemocratic. What the Republicans are doing — it's just not the American way. Just standing here, I'm already feeling better."

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branch. With Republicans controlling the Florida Legislature and Congress, Bush's legal team has raised the same issue.

Justice Anthony Kennedy, who along with O'Connor is a frequent high court swing vote and sided with the majority on Saturday, asked pointed questions about standards that county election boards use in Florida to determine voters' intent on questionable ballots.

"I think it can vary from individual to individual," said Gore lawyer David Boies.

Kennedy sounded skeptical about recount standards that could vary from "table to table and county to county."

Afterward, Gore's legal advisers putting the arguments in the best possible light — said Kennedy might have been fishing for a way to conduct recounts legally.

The justices pummeled both sides with questions, laying out their skepticism evenly in arguments that covered the full landscape of the 34-day dispute. Obscure legal terms mingled with the popular culture's latest buzz words.

"Were those dimpled or hanging chads, so to speak?" asked O'Connor at one point.

Some Gore advisers were reviewing various contingencies for him to concede the race or suspend his campaign in the event of an adverse ruling. Democratic running mate Joseph Lieberman said if the court ruled in Bush's favor, "that's probably the end of it."

But other Democrats warned that they wouldn't accept defeat easily. The Rev. Jesse Jackson said a Bush victory would "incite a massive civil rights rebellion."

For the second time in two weeks, demonstrators and history-

seekers gathered outside the high-columned Supreme Court building. A teen-ager dressed as Santa Claus shared space with a farmer and his mule and hundreds of folks like Martha Burns, 48, of Washington, D.C.

"I get to see history being made — quite a bit of history," Burns said. Signs nearby read, "Don't Bushwick the USA" and "Five to four, no more Gore."

The latter was a reference to the 5-4 decision Saturday, which came with a concurring opinion by Justice Antonin Scalia who said it "suffices to say ... that a majority of the court" believes that Bush had a substantial probability of success in the final ruling.

Kennedy and O'Connor seemed intensely interested in the question of whether there was a federalist bit of history to decide.

Asked by Justice Stephen Breyer what type of standards should be set for manual recounts, Bush lawyer Olson said the ballot should be punched through.

"Indentations are no standards at all," he said.

Souter asked Boies to explain how a recount could be conducted under different standards without violating the rights of voters to be considered equally.

"What would you tell them? Under what standard would the recounts be conducted?" he asked Boies.

After a long pause, Boies said, "I think that's a very hard question."

The heavy weight of the issue at hand gave way at times to humor. Joseph Klock, representing Florida Secretary of State Katherine Harris, misidentified two of the justices before Scalia presented a question with: "Mr. Klock, I'm Scalia."

Laughter eased the tension of the packed courtroom, at least for the moment.

Pair of justices often hold key to majority

By Anne Gieran

The Associated Press



Justice Sandra Day O'Connor Justice Anthony Kennedy

WASHINGTON — The day's first questions came from the two people who may have the last word in the presidential election, Supreme Court swing voters Sandra Day O'Connor and Anthony Kennedy.

The two justices, both appointed by former President Reagan, hold the court's middle ground, the same territory George W. Bush and Al Gore labored to capture in the long, indecisive political campaign.

O'Connor and Kennedy joined the court's three most conservative members to bring the historic case back before the court, which was a major victory for Republican Bush.

Now that their votes are tantamount to putting Bush in the White House, there is no guarantee that either Kennedy or O'Connor will vote the same way.

"They are the traditional swing votes," said New York University law professor Stephen Gillers, and although he does not rule out a change of heart from Chief Justice William Rehnquist, "Kennedy and O'Connor are the most likely to cross to Gore's position."

The court split 5-4 Saturday to stop Florida hand counts along a line that was ideological if not plainly partisan. All five in the majority were named to the court by Republican presidents, while the four dissenters included two named by Republicans and two by President Clinton.

Without more recounts, Gore cannot erase Bush's tiny lead in Florida. A Supreme Court decision before the end of the day

would be a partial victory for Gore.

No doubt aware that the court's integrity and independence are on the line, all the justices seemed on good behavior Monday. Kennedy and O'Connor, particularly, seemed to go out of their way not to indicate that their minds were made up, said Georgetown University constitutional scholar Richard Lazarus, who was in the courtroom.

"They very much wanted to leave the impression they had concerns about the argument being made by both sides," Lazarus said.

Lazarus sees this as a window-dressing to pretty up what many would inevitably see as a starkly partisan vote, though he too said a legacy-minded Rehnquist might change his vote to avoid tarnishing the court.

The court startled even many of its closest students by agreeing to set vote-counting standards. That

tem plain enough.

O'Connor called Gore lawyer David Boies on the carpet on a similar issue.

"I'm sorry. You are responding as though there were no special burden to show some deference to legislative choices in this one context," she said. "Not when courts review laws generally, for general elections, but in the context of selection of presidential electors, isn't there a big red flag up there. Watch Out?"

Kennedy had already jumped on Boies, cutting him off after only a few words of introduction to ask the same question he had posed first to Olson: Does the Supreme Court have jurisdiction?

Kennedy also quizzed lawyers about what standards should be used for recounts.

If the court is looking for a way out of the case, the justices might decide to send the case back to Florida courts with instructions to set vote-counting standards. That

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Worker's college degree and hard work gets no respect from boss

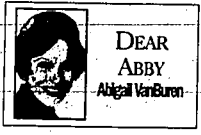
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College doesn't always teach the "practical" aspects of a job. Experience is also a great teacher. Learn, absorb and weigh everything your managers have to say. They would not be at the level to which they have risen had they not earned the respect of their employers.

DEAR ABBY: Twenty years ago, my high school civics teacher gave us a choice for a project: Write a research paper or perform 20 hours of volunteer work and report on the experience. For not completely altruistic reasons, I chose the volunteer experience because I thought it sounded more interesting - not to mention easier!

That was one of the most memorable high school experiences I had. I didn't come from a perfect background (does anyone?), but it was good for me as an impressionable young person to see how those in true need lived. I will never forget rocking a baby who was born without eyes because his

Copper strips stop slugs, snails

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Another nautical phrase still in the old-timer's lingo is "gone by the boards." To your granddad, it meant "finished." To his granddad, the sailor, it meant "over the side."

It was barbed wire that forced history's more modest warriors to invent the military tank.

Q. Navajo babies learn to walk earlier than other babies. Why?

A. They spend much of their first year strapped to their mothers' backs. Navajos say the tugging against cradleboard bindings develops muscles. Their mothers' muscles, too, no doubt.

Q. Scholars seem to agree "the will to survive" is Desire No. 1 for all people in normal frames of mind. What's No. 2?

A. The desire to be wanted, according to various experts quoted in our Love and Woman's files.

Q. Where's zero latitude at zero longitude?

A. "In the middle of nowhere," so described in the reference at hand. In the Gulf of Guinea off the western coast of Africa about 400 miles from Ghana, the nearest land.

Q. You said a postage stamp without a country's name on it has to be British. Why?

A. Britain is the only nation not compelled by international agreement to print country of origin on its stamps.



WHAT'S WHAT?
L.M. Boyd

Capricorn: People may talk about you in a good manner

IF DECEMBER 12 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You have delightful sense of humor, possess intellectual curiosity. Important to keep resolutions concerning exercise, diet, nutrition. Gemini, Sagittarius persons play major roles in your life, could have these letters, initials in names C, L, U. During January of 2001, you could be talk of the town. Emphasis next year in marital status - most memorable months: March and December.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You get settled. You'll be rid of burden you should not have carried in first place. You will be dealing with a individual from a foreign land.

HOROSCOPE
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CANCER (June 21-July 22): Moon in your sign represents high cycle. Judgment, intuition will be valid. Don't be afraid to try something different. You will be well-loved.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Be aware of fine print. Look behind scenes, someone may be following you. Taurus, Scorpio persons will play meaningful roles. Correct mathematical errors.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Scenario highlights necessity for keeping plans flexible. Filtration serious, whether or not you admit it. Trip out of town may be necessary. Gemini represented.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Attention revolves around where you live and with whom. Focus on possible change of residence, marital status. Music plays, dance to your own tune.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Someone means to deceive you. Don't give them that satisfaction. Psychic impression proves accurate. See people, relationships in realistic light.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You asked for more responsibility and now you get it. You are overdue for promotion; you will have it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):

People talk about you, mostly in favorable manner. Time on your side, play waiting game. Marital status figures prominently - don't duck basic issues.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You might be wondering if this is deja vu. Scenario features familiar places, faces. Make new start, take charge of your destiny. People beseege you for predictions.

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WORLD

Albright praises Bostwanan singer for revealing her AIDS infection

GABORONE, Botswana (AP) - In this African nation where about a third of all adults are infected with HIV - the highest rate in the world - Secretary of State Madeleine Albright hugged a singing star and praised her bravery Monday after the entertainer revealed she was infected with the deadly virus.

The gesture was a potent one in a nation where AIDS infection brings shame and social ostracism, and acknowledging infection is taboo.

Magress Molefi-Mochangana, one of Botswana's most celebrated singers, told Albright and a small group of women meeting inside a prenatal clinic that she learned of her infection from a recent HIV test and she urged other women to find out whether they have the deadly virus.

"I'm living a happier life, and working and still a musician," said Molefi-Mochangana, a traditional singer who records with her brother as Sister S.

In a later speech, Albright praised Molefi-Mochangana's bravery in confronting the stigma against the disease.

"She is a wonderful example of what we can accomplish when we confront life's daunting challenges with courage," Albright said.

There are few challenges more daunting than AIDS in Botswana, where the United Nations estimates that more than one-third of adults are infected.

Of the 62,000 babies born every year, 8,700 are infected with the disease, according to Health Minister Joy Phumaphi.



U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, left, talks with Botswana's Health Minister, Joy Phumaphi, in Gaborone on Monday.

The government provides a rigorous course of AZT for HIV-infected pregnant women to prevent them from transmitting the virus to their babies during childbirth and gives them baby formula to protect the child from the mother's infected breast milk.

But in the country's small villages, women seen with formula are immediately suspected of being infected and ostracized. The stigma against HIV is so overwhelming that many pregnant women are simply too frightened to take advantage of government programs.

"The rate of mother-to-child transmission in Botswana continues to grow, particularly in rural areas, where women are not able to benefit as much from public education," Phumaphi told guests at a ceremony outside the maternity clinic, one of the busiest in the country.

On Monday, Albright announced a U.S. government donation of 200 trailers to be used as HIV counseling centers across the vast, sparsely populated country. The donation includes 200 televisions and video recorders to play a new video to teach pregnant women how to prevent transmitting the virus to their children. Molefi-Mochangana's hand recorded the video soundtrack.

NATO arrests two in Kosovo's tensest city

KOSOVSKA MITROVICA, Yugoslavia (AP) - NATO peacekeepers arrested two ethnic Albanians after an explosion early Monday in Kosovo's tensest city, a NATO spokesman said. No one was injured.

The blast - most likely caused by a hand grenade - went off in the front yard of a Serb cafe in an ethnically mixed neighborhood of the northern city of Kosovska Mitrovica shortly before 1 a.m.

It left a crater some 20 inches across and was followed by several machine-gun bursts, said NATO spokesman Col. Yves Kermorvant.

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U.N. indicts 11 of war crimes

DILI, East Timor (AP) - The U.N. administration in East Timor indicted an Indonesian army officer and 10 other suspects on Monday for war crimes in a series of killings around the end of last year's independence referendum.

Chief prosecutor Mohamed Othman said 10 militiamen and an Indonesian special forces officer, identified as Lt. Sayful Anwar, are the first suspects to be charged with crimes against humanity in the province.

They are accused in the murders of five clergymen, two church workers, an Indonesian

journalist and a teen-ager in the eastern district of Los Palos, Othman said.

Militias organized and commanded by the Indonesian army laid waste to much of East Timor after its people voted to end Indonesian rule on Aug. 30, 1999. Hundreds were killed, and about 250,000 fled the region.

The violence came to a halt after international peacekeepers - who now number 9,000 - arrived in September 1999. The United Nations is administering East Timor during its transition to full independence, expected in early 2002.

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Trim stress this holiday season

By Mike Langberg
Knight Ridder News Service

This is a great year for gadgets, with all kinds of exciting new electronic products tempting holiday shoppers.

My job is reviewing the latest technology, trying to figure out what's hot and what's not, so it's no surprise I have some recommendations for your gift list.

To begin, some important advice: Shop around.

With that in mind, here are some suggestions for an electrifying holiday:

• **DVD:** Movies on DVD look and sound so much better than videotape that everyone should make the switch, especially now that DVD players cost as little as \$99. There's not much improvement in video or audio quality with more expensive models, so you need to spend more than \$250 only if you want fancy features such as a three-disc changer.

One of the most exciting aspects of DVD is the Dolby Digital soundtracks found on many discs, which come to life when you have a six-speaker surround system encircling your sofa. For the person who doesn't yet have DVD or surround-sound, a perfect gift would be the Sony Dream System, model DAV-S300, at \$599, that combines a DVD player and Dolby Digital receiver in one box, along with a full set of surround speakers. The speakers aren't powerful enough for a concert hall, but they'll do fine in the average living room.

• **Personal Video Recorders:** Another reason VCRs are quickly becoming obsolete is the arrival of Personal Video Recorders, which use a hard disk instead of tape to store television programs. Hard disks are so fast that you can perform near-miracles, such as "pausing" a live broadcast while you take a phone call or "raid the fridge," and get a big enough to hold hours and hours of shows that you want to watch.

Two companies - TiVo and Replay - dominate the market for separate PVRs, with models starting about \$500. But it makes far more sense to put a hard disk into the same unit that provides both TV programs; either a cable box for a direct satellite receiver. The iSeries-like cable industry isn't yet offering set-top boxes with hard drives, but the two major direct satellite operators - DirecTV and Dish Network - both have combination receivers.

I reviewed the Dish Network DishPlayer 500 a year ago and I need it so much that I bought one after returning the loaner unit; the DishPlayer now sells for \$399. DirecTV has teamed with Philips and TiVo to create the DSR6000, selling for about \$500.

• **Television set:** The best image quality you can get in a standard television set is the Vega, produced "vega" line from Sony. The perfectly flat picture tube gives a bright, distortion-free image that can't be matched by TV sets with curved screens, and easily outdistances the blurry and poorly illuminated picture on most big-screen projection TVs.

Vega sets range in screen size from 13 inches to 36 inches. The top-of-the-line XBR version, available at 32 inches for \$2,000 and 36 inches for \$2,500, are capable of displaying full high-definition TV programs, if you purchase a separate D receiver. Such receivers aren't yet widely avail-

able, but the XBR Vega is a good choice for future-proof gift-giving.

• **Internet appliances:** At least a half-dozen "Internet appliances" have been introduced this year - inexpensive devices for electronic mail and Web browsing intended for neophytes who don't want the hassle of buying and setting up a personal computer.

None of these newcomers, in my opinion, have outclassed the 4-year-old veteran in the field: Microsoft Corp.'s WebTV. The simplest version of the product, WebTV Classic, costs just \$150 with optional keyboard; monthly service is \$21.95 a month. For my opinion, you can get WebTV Plus, which adds electronic television program guide.

• **Digital camera:** Film is dead! Not really, but digital cameras are so much fun that they make a perfect gift for anyone interested in photography.

Kodak is my pick for ease of use, offering the one-megapixel DC2000 at \$199 and the three-megapixel DC4000 at \$499 and the three-megapixel DC4600 at \$799. Photo hobbyists will appreciate the extra features - and won't mind the extra complexity - in two- and three-megapixel models from the Nikon and Olympus, my other two digital camera makes of choice.

• **Digital video:** Camcorders, too, are going digital. By converting pictures and sound into digital data, stored on tape, digital camcorders provide sharper images and better audio than analog camcorders. What's more, digital video can be flawlessly copied from one tape to another and easily transferred into a computer for editing.

All the major camcorder manufacturers now offer digital models under \$1,000. Perhaps the coolest in appearance is the Canon ZR10 at \$899; it easily fits in one hand and weighs only 1.5 pounds. I also like the Digital 8 line from Sony, which uses more affordable Hi8 tape cassettes rather than mini-DV cassettes required for other digital models; the D8 line starts at \$799.

• **Digital music:** There's a revolution under way in the record industry, as more and more people share music through the Internet. One of the most important technologies supporting this revolution is the arrival of inexpensive CD "burners," otherwise known as CD-RW drives, that turn any personal computer into a music printing press.

For the music lover on your list with a PC but no CD-RW drive, easy-to-install external CD-RW drives cost as little as \$200. For those who already have a CD-RW drive, a package of blank CD-R discs is an affordable gift; it's not hard to find 25 or more CD-Rs in a bundle for under \$20.

• **Personal music:** Another important technology contributing to the spread of digital music is MP3 players, portable gadgets that play tunes in the popular MP3 format. I don't recommend most MP3 players, which cost \$200 to \$400, because they hold only 30 to 60 minutes of music. To hear more, you have to buy another memory card - spending \$100 to \$125 for just an extra hour of listening time.

Tracking cell-phone users raises concern

Knight Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON - Tired of telemarketers during dinner time or pop-up ads while surfing the Web? Then beware of the new marketing plan of attack - technology that allows tracking of a wireless phone user's whereabouts.

Imagine walking into the local mall during the peak Christmas shopping season and your phone rings - it's a 20 percent discount coupon for T-shirts at the Old Navy store on the second floor by the food court. While the idea may seem far-fetched today, new cell-phone location tracking technology will be in place by the end of next year, opening the door for companies to send such targeted ads.

E-commerce companies are salivating at the commercial possibilities, but the federal government and consumer groups are wary over the potential privacy implications. The Federal Trade

Commission recently held a two-day workshop on the issue, with the aim of examining the possibilities and pitfalls of the technology for consumers.

New location technology "can be profoundly pro-consumer, but there are risks involved," FTC Chairman Robert Pitofsky said at Monday's workshop.

For instance, a shopper may not want the Limited to send special coupons to her phone when she's in the neighborhood, but she may not want the company compiling a detailed profile of her shopping habits and selling the information to another store. Consumers have a right to set limits on the use of their personal information.

Over the course of the two-day gathering, the FTC is bringing together privacy experts, advertisers, e-commerce companies and analysts to discuss and debate issues surrounding the opportunities for advertisers, protecting consumers' privacy and industry self-regulatory initiatives.

"The FTC is clearly signaling that they are quite interested and concerned," said Brett Haan, a senior manager in KPMG Consulting's mobile-commerce practice. "They want to make sure consumer interest is paid attention" by the companies, he said.

Companies began pondering commercial applications of tracking technologies after the Federal Communications Commission adopted rules requiring wireless phone companies to have technology in place by October 2001 to locate cell-phone users making emergency 911 calls. The technology will be most helpful for stranded motorists who don't know their whereabouts.

Since the phone networks and devices themselves will be equipped to locate users for emergency calls, companies began pondering the additional mobile-commerce applications. A few companies, including London-based iProx, displayed their services at the FTC Monday.

iProx allows users to preselect a buddy list, after which a notice pops up when a friend is in the neighborhood. The service then suggests a nearby gathering spot, such as the neighborhood Starbucks. It's being tested by the United Kingdom's four largest wireless carriers, according to the company, and will be in the U.S. by the end of next year.

Program may not help with picky eaters but it does teach

By Noah Matthews
Knight Ridder News Service

My sons were picky eaters. Give them a pretzel and a cup of apple juice and they would be set for the day.

Every once in awhile they would indulge in a bowl of Cheerios and a banana. That lasted until they were about 14.

Now I have a house full of teenagers and the grocery bags hardly make it inside the house. In fact, we've put our garbage cans out-front so we can skip the middle garbage can in the kitchen. Yet, they remain as thin as rails.

This is why "D.W. the Picky Eater," now appearing on our out bins, attracted my attention. This Windows and Macintosh CD-ROM educational game for kids ages 3 to 7 features the pickiest of eaters, who has many ways to avoid yucky food. But her adventures fighting parsnips and the like are secondary to the learning games.

Play House features a two-story house where your junior interior decorator can arrange every stick of furniture (except, perhaps, the food processor). Save the Garden pits your budding agronomist against a carrot thief.

Family Picnic helps kids learn the difference between fruit and vegetables, dairy and meat, and yummy vs. yucky food. Story Maker features great works of fiction featuring - you guessed it - food. And Sticker Fun helps kids develop reading skills.

This is the kind of CD you'll want to have your youngsters play while you're doing holiday things. You'll get your work done, and they'll learn word recognition, new vocabulary words, reading, sentence building and the rudiments of nutrition.

I installed the CD on my teenagers' computers, hoping it would have some effect, but all I heard was, "What's for dinner?" Oh, for a bowl of Pabulum in my face again.

Software review

These are reviews of programs for Windows and Macintosh computers. Educational programs are available from Internet Web sites such as <http://www.download.com>

For a copy of "Picky Eater" for Windows PCs or Macintosh computers, send \$20, plus \$3 for shipping, to Shareware, P.O. Box 17356, Long Beach, CA 90807. Credit card orders: (800) 395-7197. E-mail: share@mindspring.com

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EDITORIAL

Idaho GOP should follow the donkey

The Idaho Legislature's few remaining Democrats did the right thing last week. House Democrats announced they will open their caucus to the press and the general public. It isn't clear if the Senate's three Democrats will follow suit, but there would be plenty of room in the broom closet if they do.

Maybe the House Democrats are afraid of loneliness, but whatever their reason, the decision to open their caucus was an act of statesmanship. It also was an implicit challenge to the GOP - which thoroughly dominates Idaho politics - to do likewise.

For the good of the party, it's a challenge the GOP should take. Continuing to make important decisions behind the closed-doors of the GOP caucus suggests the party is becoming distant from the people it purports to serve. Left unchecked, this could lead to the party's erosion.

There's nothing in Idaho law that precludes either party from holding closed-door meetings in their own caucus room. Indeed, the practice has a long and honorable tradition.

But members-only strategy sessions are only needed when the division of power is delicately balanced. That's not the case now, with Republicans riding high and Democrats at ebb tide. The upshot is that decisions made in the GOP caucus are final decisions simply awaiting the formality of a public vote.

That's not the way business should be

done in the big tent of Republican politics.

The Idaho Republican Party has worked hard to get where it is today. It bestrides state government like a colossus, so it must be tempting to wield such absolute power absolutely.

But with no external rival to challenge its authority, the Idaho GOP's greatest weakness is from within. The party cannot continue to do the public's business in private without suffering a few cracks in its public image.

Opening the doors of the GOP caucus, at least when public policy issues are being discussed, would assure all Idaho residents that the public's business is open to the public.

Here's one for the road

On Jan. 1, a new state law will require young drivers to fulfill a detailed sequence of requirements before they can become licensed drivers. Such graduated licenses, as they're known in other states, are a good idea here.

Parents can learn about the new program with a training pamphlet titled, "The Road to Skilled Driving: Supervising Driver Practice Guide."

Young drivers are involved in a disproportionate number of accidents, so society is well served when they are well educated. That's why Idaho's Graduated Driver License law makes sense for everyone.

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LETTERS

We owe pets responsibility

The photograph on the front page of the Dec. 4 newspaper was appalling to me. However, I know that people need to be aware of the Humane Society's problem of finding homes for unwanted pets.

First, let me say that I want to thank the staff at the Humane Society for their very difficult and unpleasant job that they perform for our community. I know some of the people that work at the Humane Society, and they are loving and kind human beings. It gives me peace to know that these animals are in their hands in their final days of moments of life.

To our community, I urge all of you to consider the fact that when you take an animal you take it for its life. If you are unable to fulfill your commitment to the animal, then you owe it to them to find them an alternative home.

Last but not least, if you do have animals, I believe it is your responsibility to have them spayed or neutered. We already have far too many unwanted pets.

I know the dog on the front page of the newspaper is in a better place now. But that photo will haunt me for a long time.
JAN OLSON
Jerome

Americans' freedom dissolves

In response to Tom Peters' letter of Dec. 3:
In many ways, you are on the right path but not quite on the straight and narrow. First and foremost, let me set this straight: We are not a democratic republic for that is a type of democracy. We are, as our founders seem fit to make us, a constitutional republic.

I don't want Al Gore in office any more than you do, but Bush is no constitutional

ist either.

We have not lived in a free country for a long time now, and anyone who believes these United States of America are still free, they are the ones that have been blinded. Freedom is not free; it must be continually fought for.

As to the direction our country is taking, it's already taken. The death of our constitutional republic has been going on for years, with the president, Congress and the court judges all usurping powers not given to them!

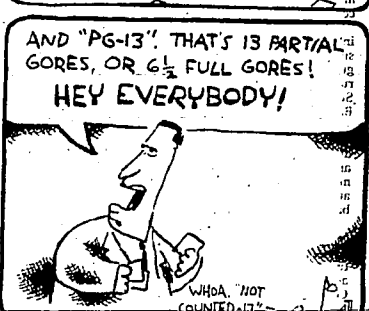
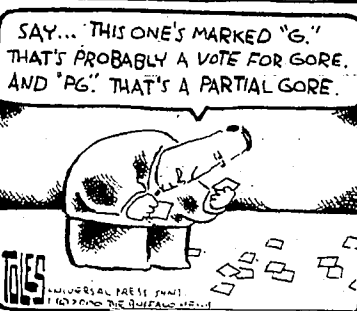
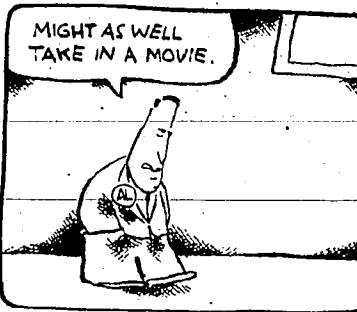
In closing, the only road left for our people and our beloved country and constitutional republic is that we pray to almighty God, as he alone can return these powers back to the people. But first people must turn back to him!
VALERIE PAINE
Twin Falls

Do Mormons hold monopoly?

Can only Mormons speak about character?

After reading the front-page article in the Sports section of the Dec. 7 edition of the Times-News, featuring Cleveland Browns quarterback Ty Deemer, I couldn't help but wonder what criteria the Boy Scouts of America Snake River Council uses when selecting its keynote speakers. It certainly isn't so misguided as to believe that only Mormons can speak to character, being a quality person and good husband, is it? However, considering the selections mentioned for next year's sports breakfast, Steve Young and Rulan Gardner, perhaps it does indeed believe just that.

What a sad day it is when diversity to Magic Valley's Boy Scout Council means just another Mormon from another state.
JULIE THILMONY
Twin Falls



Respect for politics erodes away

Until recently, I had regarded the prolonged contest for the presidency as the ideal news story. It was a daily melodrama that repeatedly plumed new depths of human posturing. If the spectacle reflected poorly on everyone, it was engrossing and entertaining. Better yet, it did not involve any small or large tragedy. People weren't dying, children weren't starving, sooner or later, someone would win. The loser and his supporters would experience disappointment, not genuine suffering. The country would move on. The adverse impact on American society, I thought, would be modest. Things have changed.

The central question is no longer who gains the White House but how this brawl affects public opinion. The latest twists and turns - the Florida Supreme Court's 4-3 decision ordering new recounts and the U.S. Supreme Court's 5-4 stay of the recounts - are several twists and turns too many. I do not say this because the rulings favor either Bush or Gore. Given my large reservations about both, I am indifferent to which prevails. But the struggle has now risen to a level of intensity and absurdity that threatens lasting damage.

People talk about a "constitutional crisis" or a cloud over the "legitimacy" of the next president. Perhaps these unsavory possibilities will occur; I don't know. Regardless, what I fear is something less identifiable and more corrosive - a spreading contempt for national leaders of both parties, a growing belief that no one is in a position of power (including a judge or Supreme Court justice) can rise to defend some larger concept of national interest.

Almost everyone who has touched this struggle has been cheapened by it. No one will ever regard Warren Christopher



ROBERT J. SAMUELSON

or James Baker (both ex-secretaries of state) as wise men. They are merely aging political gunslingers. The narrowness of the decisions by the Florida and U.S. Supreme Courts leave the impression that, despite the high-minded legal justifications, the rulings simply veil individual or party choice.

Of course, intense political partisans on both sides now regard the other as having tried to "steal" the election through legal or administrative maneuvers. Although one side will win, both will retain bitter memories. But the larger problem is the effect on mild partisans and independents. They may well conclude that their opinion of the nation's political leaders, however low, was too high.

This struggle mainly involves personal ambition. Few great principles separate Bush and Gore. Each has a tax plan, a Medicare drug plan, an education plan. The differences involve details which are bound - given the closeness of the new Congress - to be narrowed. But both Bush and Gore want to be the nation's CEO, and each would grasp at any legal device to reach his goal. To many Americans, the very relentlessness of their personal pursuit - to the exclusion of larger interests - grows that neither deserves to be the president.

From the start, the close Florida vote required a political solution. The problem was not simply to determine who won but to arrive at the result through a process - some sort of evenhanded recount - that supporters of the loser

would regard as fair. What ballots were to be counted? By what standard? The decisive arena was public opinion. If Bush had won the popular vote nationally, his moral claim to Florida would have been stronger. If Gore had shown voting fraud (not just uncertain ballots), his demand for large-scale recounts would have been stronger. Some process had to reassure average Americans.

It was always an illusion to think that the courts could satisfy public opinion. The adversarial system meant the courts were bound to favor one side or the other. The recount procedure had to come from a negotiation between the Bush and Gore camps and both would have had to bless the procedure, which the courts could have implemented. This might have happened in the first week after the election. It would have represented high politics: resolving social conflicts through compromise.

It didn't happen. Gore made a feint in this direction, mostly as a public relations gesture. Bush rejected it. Having missed their opportunity, Bush and Gore transformed the dispute into a national crisis. The Supreme Court may end the fight, but it cannot provide a resolution. Doubts and resentments will remain. This would be self-inflicted. It is a triumph of low politics: winning at all costs.

No one can know the ultimate consequences. It is said that Americans have much patience and common sense, that they have a deep faith in democratic values and that the system has weathered far graver lapses. Here, we're told, lie the real defenses against the frailties of human nature and the demons of ambition. All true. But it is also true that the system requires popular respect, and this has been needlessly wasted.

Robert J. Samuelson is a Newsweek columnist.

LETTER

Craters decision isn't land grab

In your Dec. 1 editorial, you express great fear (even certainty) that the recently expanded Craters of the Moon National Monument will attract so many new visitors that they will destroy the area. You even liken this feared devastation to actions taken in Vietnam during that war. Your editorial staff and Sen. Craig have been spreading this kind of fear to the public for months now. The public has even been led to believe that the federal government was making a massive land grab by greatly expanding the monument acreage. The fact is that every acre involved in this expansion was already

federal land, owned by all of us.

One thing is certain. The impacts of any amount of increased use on these lands by the public won't compare to the damage being done to virtually all public lands every year by private cattle or sheep on our federal public lands is enjoyed by a very small percentage of ranchers. They pay us \$1.35 per animal unit month to graze our land. Would you let a cowboy or a large bull for an entire cow or calf or a large bull for an entire month on private land you owned for just \$1.35? Hardly! The going rate is more like \$12-16 per month. And we are talking many thousands of cattle and sheep.

Of course, we should accept providing this form of welfare, since the vast majority of livestock being grazed on our public lands are owned by needy family ranchers like J. R. Simplot and Hewlett-Packard.

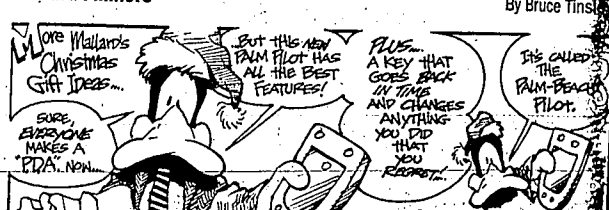
We not only get this great income from our land, but we get side benefits like eroded and denuded streams, polluted water, loss of wildlife and fish, and noxious fumes. Let's write our hands over something real and serious.
DONALD G. OMAN
Twin Falls

(Editor's note: Donald G. Oman is a retired district ranger and cooperator with the Sawtooth National Forest.)

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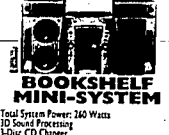
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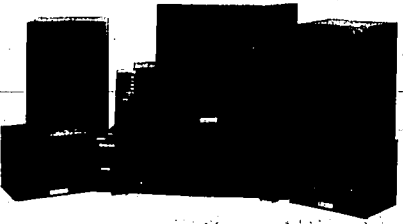
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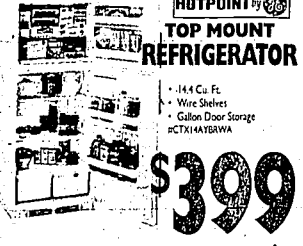
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AROUND THE VALLEY

Deputies arrest two after drug buy, chase

FILER - Two men were arrested Monday after Twin Falls County sheriff's narcotics officers made a controlled drug buy that led to a car chase, sheriff's office spokeswoman Nancy Howell said.

Rudolfo Elviro-Martinez, 36, of Mexico, and Ramon Larios-Guzman, of Bliss, were involved in a controlled drug buy near the canceled Rock Park, Howell said.

Larios-Guzman fled the scene in a car and deputies gave chase, Howell said. Larios-Guzman was stopped by a Filer Police officer near Filer, she said.

Both men were still in custody late Monday, and more arrests were expected in connection with the case, Howell said. It was not known late Monday what charges Larios-Guzman and Elviro-Martinez would face, she said.

Dietrich School Board will discuss contracts

DIETRICH - The School Board today will review policies governing the issuance of teacher contracts.

The School Board will meet at 7:30 p.m. at Dietrich High School.

Other items on the agenda include the senior trip, junior high athletic program, school property, drivers education, the Idaho Rural Schools Association and the gifted and talented student program.

TF School Board plans to appoint committee

TWIN FALLS - The School Board today is scheduled to appoint an 11-member long-range facilities planning committee.

Among the building issues that the Twin Falls School District says need to be addressed are heating and air conditioning systems in the schools and planning for efficient use of space.

The School Board also will be asked to seek bids on roof repair for I.B. Perrine Elementary School.

Other business includes an update on school district irrigation water shares, an update on national legal issues faced by public schools, and information on Bonneville School District's decision to postpone the high school's daily start time by 30 minutes.

The board also will consider approval of proposed changes to attendance policies, so that the policies will match those adopted by attendance court judge Magistrate John Varin.

The board meets at 7 p.m. in the district office at 201 Main Ave. W.

Share your holiday photos in T-N contest

TWIN FALLS - Dec. 19 is the entry deadline for the fifth annual Times-News holiday photo contest.

We're looking for snapshots or slides of holiday themed photos, no Polaroids or digital camera images, please.

First-place winner will receive a \$50 gift certificate. The runner-up and third-place winner will get \$25 and \$15, respectively. This contest is strictly for amateur photographers; no professional photos - no photos that have been published elsewhere.

Photos must be received no later than 5 p.m. on Dec. 19. Mail them Features Department, The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls 83303. e-mail them to crump@magicvalley.com, or drop them by The Times-News/Twin Falls office.

And if you'd like the pictures returned, please indicate that on your entry and we'll get them back to you after the first of the year.

The contest will be judged by the Times-News features staff.

Compiled from staff reports

Officials present rim plan

Proposal would establish separate recreation areas

By N.S. Norkentved
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Mostly it's covered with cheatgrass and tumble mustard, interlaced by trails pounded to dust by motorcycles and randomly dumped and bullet-riddled junk piles.

That might soon change. Most of the people who use the 8,000 acres of public land along the north rim of the Snake River

Want to learn more?

An open house on the North Rim Project is slated for 3 to 8 p.m. today in the Messersmith Building at the Jerome County Fairgrounds. Officials will present alternatives and take comments on proposed management plans for about 8,000 acres on the rim of the

Canyon agree it could use some management.

Local, state and federal officials have developed a plan to do just that. Monday they presented four alternatives for developing the land - most of it east of U.S. Highway 93 and

Snake River Canyon. Written comments on the plan should be sent by Jan. 12, 2001 to Debbie Kovar, realty specialist, or Bill Baker, field manager, Shoshone Field Office, Bureau of Land Management, P.O. Box 29, Shoshone, Idaho, 83352.

stretching to the Hansen Bridge.

The proposed plan would establish separate areas for various recreation activities, to reduce any potential conflicts, accommodate all users and protect the area's resources. It's something Jeanne

Bortinger, past chairman of the Idaho Back Country Horsemen, has envisioned for 25 years - since the first time she saw the area.

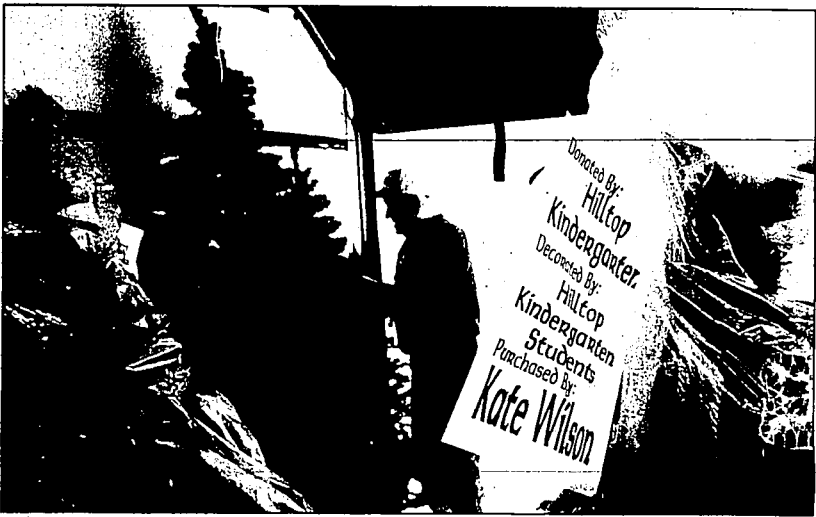
"I think it's fantastic," said Bortinger, who said the area needs to be protected and used, instead of abused.

Like many others, Bortinger says there's something special about Devil's Corral, much of which would be included in the proposed park. The area's history and Indian photographs should be preserved, though Bortinger said the poison ivy could go.

The area gets a lot of use, and

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SPECIAL DELIVERIES



Norm Skinner secures a tree to the wall of a moving van. Skinner is a member of the Lions Club and was delivering the decorated trees bought at the Festival of Trees to their new owners. Attendance numbers, and a breakdown of money raised at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Foundation fund-raiser, will be available later this week.

Magic Valley Regional sees rising patient numbers, funds

By Brandon Fiola
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Business keeps booming at the county's hospital.

Magic Valley Regional Medical Center saw higher patient and financial numbers than expected during the start of its fiscal year, finance committee Chairman Rich Stivers told the hospital board Monday.

Patient numbers have increased in the past year. The average number of patients treated each day at Magic Valley Regional is 93.3, well above the 80.8 projected in the budget, according to a hospital news release.

"These figures include the census report from Pediatrics and Canyon View, which were not included in the past," Stivers said in the release.

"The hospital's year to date operating income is \$1,054,509 above projections, the release said.

"Finances are very good," Stivers said. The hospital has a cash reserve of \$21,129,000, which is used for capital projects, early debt retirement and other uses.

It takes about \$100,000 a day to run the hospital, according to a hospital official. The hospital's fiscal year runs from Oct. 1 through Sept. 30.

Two major decisions are on hold until at least January.

Magic Valley Regional is trying to buy or lease the hospital at Twin Falls Clinic & Hospital, and has yet to decide on an air ambulance provider.

Twin Falls Clinic and Magic Valley Regional officials will meet in mid-January. A decision is expected after the meeting, clinic attorney Randy Stamper of Spokane, Wash. said.

Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise also is interested in the Twin Falls hospital.

Air ambulance agreements are on hold until Twin Falls Clinic makes a decision.

"There are currently no discussions about air ambulance service," said Shawn Bariger, the hospital's spokesman.

Life Flight, operated by Saint Al's, and Access Air of Boise are competing for a deal with Magic Valley Regional. For now, Life Flight continues to operate at the hospital.

In other business, the hospital board:

• Saw patient survey results rating hospital performance over the past year.

• Most departments, such as the emergency room, improved. But outpatient services is dropping, said Rhonda Bright, the hospital's marketing manager.

• "Some departments in outpatient services didn't get enough surveys returned to get statistically reliable results," she said.

• Overall, patient satisfaction scores increased.

• Recognized Cheryl Juntunen, who resigned from the board, for her years of service.

"We should look at it more as a retirement considering her 11 years of service to the board, the hospital and the community," Board Chairman Terry Schultz said.

Juntunen was presented with a plaque and gifts.

"It has been a blast serving on the board," Juntunen said.

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Land Trust gets OK to move into building

By Karen Bossick
Times-News correspondent

HAILEY - The Wood River Land Trust got the go-ahead Monday night to move into a historic building on the east side of downtown.

Executive Director Scott Boettger said the organization hopes its restoration and use of the 108-year-old building will inspire others to restore the Wood River Valley's older buildings.

"I think it's a wonderful idea," Hailey resident Joan Davies said. "I think they will be a wonderful neighbor."

The Land Trust hopes to start work on the house after it closes the deal Wednesday.

The house, at 119 E. Bullion Street, was built in 1892. It was built over a log structure - possibly a home, barn or stable.

Boettger said the Land Trust plans to strip away two layers of siding that have been added over the years. It also plans to restore the historic porch, and the house's large windows and doors.

It plans to have offices on the bottom floor for its two full-time employees, and a third worker it

hopes to add shortly. Employee housing will be provided

by the city. The Hailey City Council changed the zoning of the lot from general residential to transitional to allow the deal to go through.

City Planner Kathy Grotto said using the building for offices is incompatible with the city's comprehensive plan. The plan preserves part of historical Hailey and buffers a residential neighborhood from the commercial downtown area.

Sen. Denton Darrington, R-Deer, who faced opposition only in May's primary election took in \$18,985.94 for the year.

Reps. Jim Kempton, R-Albion, and

• The council approved buying a \$147,000 fire truck to replace a 20-year-old fire truck. The 330-horsepower truck has 950 pounds of torque and a 1,000-gallon water tank.

The truck gives the department three trucks, including a reserve truck. It's necessary to have all three to keep insurance rates from going up, said Mike Chapman, the city's fire department liaison.

Casey had offered to purchase the older truck.

• Planning and Zoning Commissioner Greg James was appointed to a second three-year term.

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Extra time allows for Minidoka schools levy re-evaluation

By Aaron Brock
Times-News writer

RUFERT - With the Minidoka County School District plan facility levy action delayed until May, advisory committee members now have a little more time to re-evaluate how to present an estimated \$16 million levy to voters.

The committee will tour sever-

al of the facilities that are high on the school board's list for repairs on Monday.

The levy election had been set for Feb. 6. For a February election, the board would have had to set the requested amount no later than Monday.

Another meeting will probably be scheduled during the tour, but the need for the committee to

reach an immediate conclusion about what to recommend to the board has been lifted.

"I don't know how soon we're going to put something before the board," committee member Paul Duncan said.

With the election now scheduled for May 22, the board needs to complete the proposal by early March, district Superintendent

Nick Hallert said.

But the committee may be able to bring something to the board before then.

"It would be nice to know exactly what they're looking at," said board vice-chairman Greer Copeland - he hopes to have a recommendation from the committee within a month.

No decisions have been made

about how much the board will ask for, but the several preliminary building plans examined have worked with a budget of around \$16 million.

"I think that asks, in (committee members) do the tour, they'll understand that (\$16 million) is our needs," Copeland said.

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MAGIC VALLEY/WEST

Utah mother criticizes molester's sentence

ST. GEORGE, Utah (AP) — A St. George woman is angry that the man who molested her daughter may be paroled after

only a short time in jail. Glavice Gore pleaded guilty to lewdness involving a child and was sentenced to one year in jail.

Gore had a review hearing Monday in 5th District Court and another hearing Wednesday to discuss possible probation.

OBITUARIES

For obituary rates and information, call 733-0931. Ext. 278, between 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Deadline is 4:30 p.m. for next-day publication. Death notices are a free service and can be placed until 5 p.m. every day.

TWIN FALLS



Elsie Bernice Sebring Shaw
Elsie Bernice Sebring Shaw, 66, of beloved "mother," grandmother or on the evening of December 9, 2000 went to be with our Heavenly Father.

Elsie was born Sept. 14, 1935, in Logan County, Guthrie, Okla. She was born to Carl and Dolcie Williams Sebring and raised with two sisters. Elsie moved to Burley, Idaho, in 1955. She married Martin Shaw of Guthrie, Okla., Aug. 22, 1953. She was a housewife and enjoyed a career of being a nurse. She worked at L&F market in Sevierville and APP Potato Plant in Burley. She worked at the Burley Hospital as a nurse. She and her husband Martin owned and operated the Arctic Circle in Boxem, Idaho. Elsie was a loving mother to a lot of young people in the Twin Falls area. She was always there to listen, laugh, and care for others.

Elsie is survived by her loving husband, Martin Shaw. Also four loving children: Lonnie Shaw of Rupert, Idaho, Bonnie Zulauf of Belgrade, Mont., Robert Shaw of Twin Falls, Idaho, and Dewayne Shaw of Idaho. She was the grandmother of ten grandchildren: Gary Shaw, Tony Shaw, Orlando Shaw, Tanner Chesnut, Christina Mitchell, Haynie Shaw, Rhianna Mack, Melissa Hack, and Alicia Shaw. She was the great-grandmother of 11 great-grandchildren. She is survived by her mother, Dolcie Vargas and sister, Irene Martin located in Phoenix, Ariz.

She was preceded in death by her father.
Visitation for Elsie will be held Thursday, Dec. 14, 2000, from 4-7 p.m. at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road. A vigil service will be held Thursday, Dec. 14, 2000, at 7 p.m. at the funeral home. Mass of Christian Burial will be held Friday, Dec. 15, 2000, at 11 a.m. at St. Edwards Catholic Church in Twin Falls. Cremation and services are under the direction of Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls.

BURLEY



Marcia Foust
Marcia LaFae Foust, 61-year-old Burley resident, died Saturday, Dec. 9, 2000, at the Cassia Regional Medical Center in Burley. She was born March 27, 1939, in Burley, the daughter of Ivan and Lucille Anderson Carson. She had received her LPN training at the Mindoka Memorial Hospital. She had worked in several nursing homes and hospitals and she always enjoyed caring for those who were in need. Marcia was a member of the Sweet Adelines and various other societies. She will always be remembered as a loving and devoted mother, grandmother, and daughter.

Survivors include three children, Don W. (Sue) Foust of Heyburn, Scott Foust of Caldwell, Tammi (William) Larson of Eagle; a brother, Ike Carson of Melba; her parents, Ivan and Lucille Carson of Burley; seven grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by a

son, Robert Foust. Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 14, 2000, at the Pleasant View Cemetery, with the Rev. Al Trachsel officiating. Friends may call at the Payne Mortuary, 221 West Main St. in Burley on Thursday from 10-10:45 a.m. prior to the funeral on Thursday.

WENDELL

Harry A. Holm Jr.
Harry A. Holm Jr., 71, a resident of Wendell, died Sunday, Dec. 10, 2000, at his residence in Wendell.
Harry was born April 8, 1929, in Oakland, Calif. The son of Harry A. Sr. and Estmer Holm. He was raised and educated in Oakland, Calif. He married June Converse in Filer, Idaho, Sept. 3, 1949. They have resided in Wendell of a number of years.
He is survived by his wife June; son Michael E. Holm of Waveland, Miss.; brother Dennis (Theresa) Coleman and their daughter Stephanie of Portland Ore.
He was preceded in death by his parents.
At Harry's request no service will be held.
Cremation is under the direction of Demary's Wendell Chapel.

RUPERT



Donna Faye Goodwin

Donna Faye Goodwin entered into the peaceful rest of her Heavenly Father's arms on Thursday, Dec. 7, 2000, after a long battle with emphysema.
She was born on June 29, 1926, to the fourth child of Lyle May Balley and William Guy Johns. In Ogden, Utah, where she lived during her early childhood. She moved to San Francisco, Calif., with her mother after her parents divorced. She graduated from George Washington High School, where she met Robert E. Smith. They were married in June 1945 and had three children: Jeffrey, Cherie and Curtis. They divorced and she married Harold Pinter, who helped her raise her children in Mountain View, Palo Alto and Scotts Valley, Calif. They divorced in 1967. She met the true love of her life, George Goodwin, and they were married and moved to Santa Rosa, Calif. They enjoyed their lives together until 1979, when George passed away. She moved to Idaho in 1998 to live with her daughter, Cheri Wardell (and son-in-law, Daniel).

She is survived by her daughter, Cherie, and two sons, Jeff Smith and Curtis Smith (and wife, Anna) of California; ten grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.
She was preceded in death by her husband, George; two sisters; a brother; her parents; a grand-daughter; and two great-granddaughters.
—The funeral service will take place at 1 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 14 at White Mortuary Chapel with Bishop Danny Crane conducting. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park. Friends may call at White Mortuary Wednesday from 4-8 p.m. and on Thursday one hour prior to the services.

Cleo J. Winn
Cleo Jean Zahaska Winn, 72-year-old Rupert resident passed away Sunday, Dec. 10, 2000, at her home in Rupert, after a courageous battle with cancer.
She was born Oct. 28, 1928, in Rupert, the daughter of Rudolph Carl and Genevieve Hansen Zahaska. Cleo graduated from Paul High School in 1946, with a class of 16 students. She later graduated from the Albion State Normal College with a degree in Education in 1947. This class was the last graduating class of her kind. She started her teaching career at the Hazelton Elementary School at the age of 18. She later taught the first and second grades at the Russell Lane Elementary School near Eden from 1948 to 1952.
She married her high school sweetheart, Melburn Winn on Aug. 10, 1947, at their home in Paul. Three sons were born to this union. Cleo retired from teaching in 1990, after a total of 32 years. She enjoyed her many students and associates she came into contact with during her career. Cleo enjoyed much of her time traveling, camping, and fishing in the outdoors. After retirement she spent her days with her husband, Melburn of Rupert; three sons, Stacey (Barbara) Winn of Twin Falls, Kevin (Pat) Winn of Jerome, and Scott (Tammy) Winn of Rupert; 17 grandchildren; Brian Winn of Boise, Adam Winn of Moscow, Erin Winn of Twin Falls, Wesley Winn of Grandview, Amy Royco, Kevin Winn Jr., Jenni Winn, Shyla Winn, Haley Winn, and Janica Vosika; and Daron Vosiker; all of Rupert; Spencer Winn, Sara Kelsey, Amber

Wade, and John Pratt, all of Grove and Grandt Winn and Kaleb Winn, both of Branson, Mo.; and four great-grandchildren.
—She was preceded in death by her mother, Genevieve in 1981; her father, Rudolph in 1982; and one brother, Rudy in 1985.
Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 14, 2000, at the Payne Memorial Chapel, 221 W. Main St. in Burley, with Bishop Brian Roth officiating. Burial will be in the Paul Cemetery. Friends may call at the Payne Mortuary on Wednesday from 5-8 p.m. and from noon to 12:45 p.m. prior to the funeral on Thursday.

KIMBERLY



William Rogers
Rupert — William Rogers, 72, of Rupert died Sunday, Dec. 10, 2000, at Cassia Regional Medical Center in Burley.
Services are pending and will be announced by Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

Miekla Delgado
BURLEY — Miekla Delgado, infant daughter of Julene and David Delgado of Burley, passed away Dec. 3, 2000, in Boise.
A viewing will be held from 3-6 p.m. Monday, Dec. 18. Graveside services will be held at 1 p.m.

Recently launched program promotes reading as a family

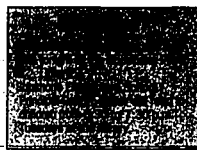
By Lorraine Cavener
Times-News correspondent

SHOSHONE — Getting families together to read is one of Gary R. Miller's main goals.

Miller, principal of Shoshone Elementary School, has always stressed the importance of reading with children. His taking the message beyond school by launching a family reading night at the Shoshone Public Library.

"I know it is difficult to find time to read with children," he said. "Reading is essential as far as their success and also for their emotional growth — how they feel about themselves."
Several of Miller's teachers say the program will be a positive experience.

"The impact of (Miller) reading to children is powerful," teacher Kathie Bolan said. "It also forms bonds with children as you read. Notice how the children settle into the relationship with you, the story and life as you are read."



ing to them."
Parents are not reading to their children, teacher Monica Coombs said.
"They love one-on-one time," she said. "They also love their principal, so if he is modeling reading, they will follow."

The family nights also contribute to goals of the Idaho Reading Initiative, a program that measures reading skills in kindergarten through third-grade students.

Participating in reading nights also earns students one-half point on the Accelerated Reader program. If parents attend with the

child, the student receives a full point, Miller said.
Last year the school started late in the Accelerated Reader program and easily met Miller's 2,000-point goal.

"This year I'm challenging them with 12,000-point goal," he said. "They already have 4,134 points."

Pat Hamilton, director of the Shoshone and Gooding libraries, is hoping for a good turnout.
"I really hope to get parents to come in," she said. "Some just don't take the time, but education and reading are important to the entire community."

The reading night will help introduce people to services, which include new computers — one for Spanish-speaking users and one for English-speaking users.

"A lot of people haven't been in for a while, and may not realize the variety we have to offer," she said.

Court resolves court fight over allotment

BOISE (AP) — Litigation between the U.S. Bureau of Land Management and two environmental groups over livestock grazing on public land in the Sycutor Creek area of Owyhee County has been resolved in federal court.

The U.S. District Court determined the bureau would manage the allotment before the next grazing season, and must consider an alternative which includes reductions in the total permitted livestock use.

The construction of five reservoirs and development of springs there is blocked pending the new guidelines.

The 14,000-acre allotment is in the environmentalists' proposed 2.7 million-acre Owyhee-Brunau Canyonlands national monument. In 1989 the bureau issued a grazing permit to Baltor Cattle

Co. But in 1997, the agency determined the grazing practices there violated "fundamentals of range-land health."

When the bureau failed to take action by this past spring, the U.S. District Court ordered the violations, the Committee for Idaho High Desert and the Idaho Watersheds Project filed suit.

The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in the summer of 1999 determined the agency needed to take action by this past spring. The bureau also was directed to prepare an environmental assessment with different options to reduce grazing damage.

The bureau went with an alternative which eliminated grazing during the hottest periods from most streamside pastures, divided the allotment into four pastures with fencing for rotation grazing, and provided for the springs development and reservoirs to lure stock away from the riparian

zones.
The environmentalists were not satisfied, in large part because the option did not mean reductions in actual grazing, and filed suit against the alternative plan.

"In its second stab at revising management in the area, the BLM developed a shortsighted environmental analysis that depended heavily on land-scraping water projects, and avoided making necessary cuts in livestock numbers," said Katie Fitt of High Desert.

Jenna Whitlock, Owyhee field manager for the bureau, pointed out the assessment it released, was predicated on a 1981 environmental impact statement and resource management plan. A month or so after the assessment was released, the BLM updated the documents to 1999, the court said.

DEATH NOTICES

William Rogers
RUPERT — William Rogers, 72, of Rupert died Sunday, Dec. 10, 2000, at Cassia Regional Medical Center in Burley.
Services are pending and will be announced by Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

Friday, Dec. 22 in Boise.

Marguerite Hogg
BURLEY — Marguerite Hogg, 84, of Burley died Monday, Dec. 11, 2000, at her home in Burley.
Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Payne Mortuary in Burley.

Norma L. Glock
TWIN FALLS — Norma L. Glock, 94, of Twin Falls passed away Monday, Dec. 11, 2000, at Birchwood Retirement Center in Twin Falls.
Services are pending and will be announced by Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home.

Lester L. Reinke
TWIN FALLS — Lester L. Reinke, 78, of Twin Falls died Monday, Dec. 11, 2000, at St. Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise, Idaho.
Services are pending and will be announced by Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

SERVICES

Verl Blacker of Burley, service at 11 a.m. today at the Rupert 2nd Ward LDS Chapel. A viewing will be held on hour before the service today at the church.

James Raymond Mum of Twin Falls, service at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Rock Creek Community Church, 131 Grandview Dr. N. in Twin Falls. Friends and family may call from 4-8 p.m. today at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Phoebe Kathleen Henderson "Kathy" McCoole, of Phoenix, Ariz. and formerly of Twin Falls, a gathering to celebrate her life will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday at Rock Creek Community Church, 131 Grandview Dr. in Twin Falls.

HOSPITALS

MAGIC VALLEY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER
Some names are omitted at the patient's request

Dismissed
Ivan Borraro of Jerome

MINDOKA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
Some names are omitted at the patient's request

Admitted
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Dismissed
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Alcohol sales hit commission's agenda

Amendment makes Sunday sales OK

By Ruth Streeter
Times-News writer

BURLEY - County officials Monday took a look at whether county bars and taverns can sell beer on Sundays, then discovered a document that says proprietors have been operating in the right all along.

The confusion centered on a 1983 county ordinance, excluding Burley, which prohibited Sunday beer sales. Sometime later that decade, it appeared, bars outside Burley city limits began selling beer on Sundays anyway. The county bars began doing so after Burley started allowing Sunday beer sales. Prosecutor Al Baruss said, and the law was never enforced.

So commissioners scheduled a public hearing Dec. 22 to see whether the 1983 law should be enforced. But they enacted a moratorium on enforcing the law until after New Year's Eve,

which falls on a Sunday. County clerks Monday afternoon located an amendment to the 1983 ordinance. The April 1988 amendment effectively rescinded the Sunday prohibition.

As a result, commissioners reversed their earlier decision. The supposed ban came to the county's attention after Jay Carrick, owner of the Riverside Bar, approached commissioners about obtaining a Sunday hard liquor license for New Year's Eve.

Commissioners denied the request because the county ordinance has no provisions for granting a special liquor permit, Baruss said.

In other county business: • Officials discussed building a public restroom in Almo, since only three public restrooms are available between the Connor Creek Store and the Almo Creek Outpost restaurant, the last stop before City of Rocks National Reserve.

The county could receive state money designated for scenic byways, but a local entity would have to commit to maintaining

the restroom to be eligible, county administrator Tim Hurst said.

Construction on the City of Rocks Scenic Byway is expected to begin at the start of 2002 and take 18 months.

• Commissioners will schedule a meeting among emergency services personnel and Jackson-area residents to discuss the problems of having Minidoka County coordinates in that part of Cassia County.

Occasionally, police, firefighters or ambulance services are dispatched to the wrong address. People in emergencies are often confused when dispatchers ask which county the coordinates are in, and cell phones don't automatically give dispatchers accurate grid coordinates.

Commissioner Paul Christensen said residents strongly opposed the idea of changing to Cassia County coordinates five years ago when rural route numbers were changed to the grid system.

• The county fair board will look at the possibility of finding Hispanic entertainment for the Cassia County Fair and Rodeo, in

light of the area's growing Hispanic community.

Applications are also available for two four-year terms on the fair board, which start Jan. 15. The positions of board members Dan Knopp and Bruce Bowen are up for reappointment. Both intend to reapply.

• Heyburn resident Rudy Castro complained to the commissioners about a vendor selling racist bumper stickers and Confederate flags at the Cassia County Fair. Castro said he had notified fair officials, but said the material was still there the following day.

Board member Dan Knopp told Castro fair officials had taken his complaint seriously. It took a couple days to find the vendor, but he cooperated and took the bumper stickers down.

"We do want to set a standard for our community," Christensen said.

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Deadline nears for best 2002 Olympic tickets

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - Tickets to the 2002 Winter Games are going fast.

Buyers already have ordered 620,000 of 760,000 tickets available to the U.S. public, Mitt Romney, president of the Salt Lake Organizing Committee, said Monday.

And midnight tonight MST is the deadline for a chance at getting into the most-popular Olympic events. Sales since Oct. 10 have shown that the hottest tickets are for figure skating, hockey, ski jumping, freestyle aerials, snowboarding, bobsledding and downhill skiing.

Many of those events already are oversubscribed, Romney's term for events where getting a ticket will be dicey, but people can still order a ticket Tuesday and hope they get lucky in February's lottery of the available seats.

More than a year before the Games, Romney says \$142 million of \$180 million in tickets have been ordered or set aside for foreign visitors, Olympic sponsors and VIPs. Foreign spectators have to buy tickets through their national Olympic committees.

U.S. fans hoping to see the most popular events must order and pay for their tickets now, but they will not know until February whether they have a ticket. That is when the committee notifies successful applicants that they have won an available ticket.

Those not drawn in the lottery will get a refund or the choice of another event.

U.S. buyers have ordered \$635 million of \$68 million in tickets available for them. Refunds on some orders for oversubscribed events will reduce the amount the organizing committee keeps, but officials will try to steer buyers

Tickets list

Here are the most popular Olympic events according to ticket sales for the 2002 Winter Games. These events are likely to sell out as of Tuesday's deadline, with tickets then distributed among applicants by lottery in February.

- Bobsled
- Downhill skiing
- Freestyle aerials
- Figure skating
- Goalie station
- Ice hockey
- Luge
- Freestyle moguls
- Opening ceremony
- Snowboarding
- Super-G
- Ski jumping
- Station
- Skeleton
- Speed skating

These events are not predicted to sell out as of Tuesday's deadline, meaning tickets will be available for free purchases.

- Biathlon
- Cross-country skiing
- Combined station
- Curling
- Nordic combined
- Closing ceremony

bumped from one event to another.

Less-popular events such as cross-country skiing, curling and biathlon technically are subject to the same Tuesday deadline, but from a practical standpoint they are not. That is because there are expected to be fewer applicants than tickets. Many events, in fact, are not expected to sell out even on the day of competition.

Republicans disagree with mayor's nod to Clinton

BOISE (AP) - Idaho Republican leaders are displeased with Mayor Brent Coles' nomination of President Clinton to receive the U.S. Conference of Mayors' Distinguished Service Award.

Clinton is the first president to receive the nomination in the award's 51-year history. Coles, in Boston Saturday to address a meeting of the National League of Cities, said the nomination was not a cere-

monial duty he had to complete as president of the U.S. Conference of Mayors.

Coles, a Republican, said he joined Denver Mayor Wellington Webb, a Democrat, in making the nomination because of Clinton's efforts to reduce crime, provide affordable housing, and for the administration's openness with the nation's mayors.

"His administration has been the most open to mayors," Coles said.

Police fire officer who took initial call about abductions

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) - Police Chief Roger Bragdon Monday fired the officer who responded to an initial report that two Japanese college students had been abducted.

An internal investigation found that Officer Bradley Linn committed "gross neglect," Bragdon said.

Two people charged in the Oct. 28 abductions of the two Eastern Washington University students

are also charged in the Nov. 11 abductions of three other Japanese college students, two of whom were raped.

Court documents contend the assailants are involved in a bondage and sadomasochism ring.

Linn "violated the most basic functions of a police officer's role" in his response to the Oct. 28 abductions, Bragdon said in a news release.

Money

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and Leon Smith, R-Twin Falls, had relatively modest contributions with \$3,975 and \$2,850 respectively.

The only incumbent with an inactive campaign account for the year was Sen. Laird Noh, R-Kimberly, whose standing balance of \$207.71 remained the same through the year.

A rundown of fund-raising in contested races during the final reporting period of the election cycle (between Oct. 28 and Dec. 7) follows:

• District 21 House, Seat B (Blaine, Camas and Lincoln counties; portions of Elmore and Gooding counties): Rep. Tim Ridinger, R-Shoshone, continued aggressive fund raising and spending for the final reporting period. He gathered \$2,210 from contributors who might be worried about Ridinger's run in District 21's strong Blaine County Democratic base. Democratic

challenger Dick Andreassen, also of Shoshone, was able to scratch together \$200 in the same period. Ridinger spent \$6,918.85 in the final stretch of the election, most of it on campaign advertising. Andreassen spent \$1,200.

Ridinger, the only Republican in the District 21 delegation, took in \$15,805 for the year and spent \$18,984.74. He had \$2,859.78 coming into the year, leaving him with a final balance of \$392.04.

Andreassen gathered \$1,200 and spent it all.

• District 22 Senate (portions of Twin Falls and Gooding counties): Assistant Majority Leader John Sandoy, R-Hagerman, gathered \$750 for the final reporting period - a much more modest number than in previous reporting periods. Democratic challenger Carol Stennett of Buhl has refused to take any money, saying she has no chance to beat the well-entrenched Sandoy. Her campaign account shows no activity.

For the year Sandoy gathered \$22,079.42, spending \$17,284.92. With a carry-over balance from the previous year of \$5,691.73, Sandoy has an ending balance of \$10,486.23.

• District 22, House Seat A: Rep. Celia Gould, R-Buhl, a possible successor to Lt. Gov. C.L. "Burch" Oster who won a congressional seat, brought in \$1,750 in the election's final stretch. She spent \$476.09 for the same period.

Altogether Gould took in \$19,502.75 and spent \$12,906 in her campaign against Libertarian Jonathan A. Stump of Filer.

Stump took in no contributions for the year no spent any money on his campaign.

• District 23, House Seat B (portions of Twin Falls County): Republican nominee, and eventual victor George Swan, a former Rogerson rancher, received no contributions nor had any expenditures for the reporting

period.

On the year, Swan took in \$1,450 and spent a total of \$564.38.

Constitutional Party candidate Chuck E. Chapman, Swan's opponent, had no contributions or expenditures for the entire year.

• District 24, House Seat A (Jerome County and portions of Minidoka County): Rep. Bert Stevenson, R-Rupert, gathered \$856.91 for the reporting period, and spent \$698.53.

For the year Stevenson took in \$5,031 and spent \$3,836.91.

His Democratic challenger, Peter Snyder of Jerome, took in \$373.05 during the election's home stretch and spent \$633.08. On the year Snyder had \$773.05 in contributions and spent it all in his campaign against Stevenson.

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Canyon

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as that use grows, so does the potential for conflict among user groups. Uses include rock climbing, off-road use, shooting, horseback riding, running, hiking, mountain biking and livestock grazing, said Neil King, vice chairman of the South Central Idaho Tourism and Recreation Development Association, which is heading the planning effort.

But there are concerns. The proposal sounds like planners are trying to gather the American West into 8,000 acres, said Bill Suedabaker, director of the Outdoor Adventure Program at the College of Southern Idaho.

The area would include all the things people like to do in the West - shooting, horseback and motorcycle riding, climbing, hiking - in a small area, he said. It's just like a Western theme park.

In Twin Falls County Commissioner Gary Grindstaff, who has participated in the planning effort, said his grandfather used to own Devils Corral and raised fish in the river.

A local recreation area could draw people from other areas, and people might decide to stay a few days longer when they visit.

"It could be a real positive thing for the community," Grindstaff said.

The park would be a partnership between the BLM and Jerome County, but King said he didn't know yet who would pay for it all - or how. Planners are hoping to establish some user

cooperatives, various user groups would come up with a plan for their recreation activity, conduct fund-raising, and maintain it.

BLM would oversee the project. Jerome County would like to pay for the project, but it has pledged not to spend tax money, King said.

The use of about 1,600 acres of public land west of Highway 93 - a holding area - remains to be determined. But it could include residential development or some sort of recreational facility, such as soccer fields or a BMX track, said King, who also manages the Hagerman Fossil Beds National Monument.

A feasibility study is planned "to determine the most viable use" for the area. Until the study is completed, the area would be managed as a conservation area with only non-motorized uses allowed.

Les Hazen of Twin Falls, who worked on an advisory committee for the project, said the plan adds to local recreation opportunities, and blends well with other trails being developed in the area.

"A lot of people don't realize the opportunity," he said.

Private lands within the park would be purchased only if the landowners offer it. No private land would be condemned.

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Levy

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not our wants." The tour will include Minico High School, West Minico Junior High, the Special Services building, the Mini-Cassia Opportunity Center and Acoquia and Heyburn elementary schools.

"We'll make decisions after (the tour)," committee co-chairman Max Twiss said. And the

committee will explore options for how to decrease that amount. Hallett agreed.

"I hope we can reduce it," he said. "That's our goal, to reduce that down as much as we can."

In most districts, plans usually include some room for student population growth. But with enrollment in Minidoka County declining steadily over the last

few years - plus a bubble of students moving through the high school - the district has taken conservative approach to building plans, Hallett said.

"If anything, we'd like to err on the conservative side," he said. "That is different from a typical district."

That means in theory the district could make improvements

and still be overcrowded, he said. But the feeling in the community is that this is a better option, given the area's economic hardships.

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Cassia County

MUKLEY - Recent activity in 5th District Court in Cassia County included:

Misdemeanor dismissals

David P. R. Martinez, 39, 800 W. 479 S., Heyburn, invalid driver's license; Michael R. Goodrich, 47, 11845 W. Ramond Drive, Boise, motor carrier safety violations, amended to driving offense by crash owning vehicle; \$125 fine; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Robert P. Garcia, 40, 100 S. 190 E., Burley, driving to carry driver's license; James Wayne Gooden, 25, 1419 Elba Ave., Burley; failure to wear seat belt, 3rd offense, possession of drug paraphernalia, intent to use, carrying a concealed weapon without a license; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Freddie Charles Gutzman, 44, P.O. Box 814, Paul; possession of a controlled substance, invalid driver's license; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

Francisco J. Rivas, 22, 337 E. 200 S., Heyburn, invalid driver's license; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Irvin Tilley, 55, 2045 Fairmont Ave., Burley; public nuisance; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Daniel R. Wakefield, 41, P.O. Box 682, 304 E. Main St., Hart Mountain; domestic violence; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Jose Luis Gardo, 40, P.O. Box 823, Paul; driving with an open container; \$50 fine; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Misdemeanor sentences

Guataw Salazar Rodriguez, 18, Malta; possession of an alcoholic beverage by a minor, tampered, providing false identity to officer, found guilty; \$100 fine, \$63.50 court costs, 90 days' jail, time credited; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Nancy Nicholas Rapana, 18, 2119 E. Fifth St., Malta; driving without a license; \$50 fine, \$63.50 court costs, 30 days' jail, time credited; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

Heath Moon, 23, 702 S. 500 S., Heyburn; failure to carry driver's license on person; pleaded guilty; \$150 fine, \$63.50 court costs, Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

Leazar Cepa Arzaga, 622 W. 200 S., Paul; reckless driving, invalid driver's license, \$63.50 court costs, 30 days' jail, 30 days suspended, one year's probation, time credited; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Larry A. Budley, 37, 511 Malta Ave., Burley; driving vehicle with no property, pleaded guilty; \$30 fine, \$63.50 court costs, 60 days' jail, 57 days suspended, one year's probation, \$150 restitution due to victims, time credited; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

Rachel Marie Finley, 413 13th St., No. 9, Heyburn; felony insufficient check fraud, amended to misdemeanor insufficient check fraud; pleaded guilty; \$30 fine, \$63.50 court costs, 10 days' jail, 10 days suspended, one year's probation, time credited; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

Martin J. Benson, 19, 200 N. Laverkin, Utah; restriction of vehicle/boat; pleaded guilty; \$10 fine, \$63.50 court costs.

Jerome Lee Heald, 20, 208 W. Jerome Ave., Jerome; exceeding allowable weight loads; pleaded guilty; \$41 fine, \$63.50 court costs.

Charles W. Mann, 30, 1463 S. Edison, Salt Lake City; exceeding allowable weight loads; pleaded guilty; \$29 fine, \$63.50 court costs.

Drunk-driving sentences

Nathan J. Peterson, 25, 1981 Hillcrest, No. 47, Burley; misdemeanor, pleaded guilty; \$90 fine, \$30 court costs, 30 days' jail, 26 days suspended, one year's probation, 90 days driver's license suspension, time credited, two days Mini-Casita Work Program; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

Mitch James Doid, 23, 1318 Malta Ave., Burley; misdemeanor, found guilty; \$400 fine, \$70 court costs, 90 days' jail, 20 days suspended, two years probation, one year driver's license suspension, time credited; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Juvenile sentences

George L. Sanchez, 17, 831 Yale Ave., Burley; misdemeanor driving without privileges, driving; misdemeanor, reckless driving; pleaded guilty; \$136.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs, 10 days' jail, 10 days suspended, one year's probation, time credited; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

Twanda L. Romner, 17, 726 Yale, Burley; misdemeanor, driving without privileges, driving; misdemeanor, reckless driving; pleaded guilty; \$13.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Minidoka County

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

Misdemeanor dismissals

William C. Carter, 21, 1335 Malta Ave., Burley; possession of drug paraphernalia with intent to use; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

Leonardo Estrada Lugo, 18, 140 S. 400 W., No. 24, 180 days suspended, one year's probation, two days Mini-Casita work program; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

Roberta R. Guillen, 23, 140 E. 400 W., No. 9, Paul; invalid driver's license; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Robert R. Guillen, 23, 501 E. 16th St., Burley; criminal contempt of court, dismissed; invalid driver's license; pleaded guilty; \$50 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge L.R. Duff.

John Cervantes, 18, 200 S. 1st St., No. 3; one count invalid driver's license; pleaded guilty; \$25 fine, \$63.50 court costs; one count inattentive driving; pleaded guilty; \$60 fine, \$63.50 court costs.

Reul Farfan Sanchez, 39, Route 2, Box 362, No. 72, Rupert; disturbing the peace; pleaded guilty; \$58.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge L.R. Duff.

Mary C. Stoker, 19, 309 E. Idaho Highway 81, Burley; misdemeanor, amended to inattentive driving; pleaded guilty; \$66.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs, 10 days' jail, 10 days suspended, one year's probation; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Jose G. Lamas Martinez, 25, 806 12th St., Burley; misdemeanor, driving without privileges, one count driving without privileges, one count dismissed, one count driving without privileges; \$78.50 court costs, 30 days' jail, 28 days suspended, one year's probation, 90 days driver's license suspension; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

Jon Elmer Danic, 22, 83 W. 305 S., Rupert; two counts driving without privileges, one count dismissed, one count driving without privileges; \$123.50 fine, \$78.50 court costs, 30 days' jail, 28 days suspended, one year's probation, 90 days driver's license suspension; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

Tim A. Atkins III, 39, 910 Second St., Rupert; two counts battery, pleaded guilty; \$100 fine, \$150 suspended, \$63.50 court costs, 180 days' jail, 24 months probation, time credited, suspend balance of jail time; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

Freddy S. Castro, 43, 424 Second St., Rupert; possession of controlled substance; pleaded guilty; \$50 fine, \$63.50 court costs, 30 days' jail, 30 days suspended, one year's probation; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

William John Baker, 44, 1063 Scholastic Ave., Burley; driving on divided highway; pleaded guilty; \$30 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Larry R. Duff.

Robert Wayne Park, 38, 330 Laramie, P.O. Box 564, Paul; trespassing; pleaded guilty; \$150 fine, \$150 suspended, \$63.50 court costs, two days' jail, one day suspended, four months in minimum, time credited; Magistrate Judge Larry R. Duff.

Maria M. Huercio, 35, 349 N. 350 E., Burley; invalid driver's license; pleaded guilty; \$68.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs.

Isidro G. Juarez, 25, 413 Second St., Burley; invalid driver's license; pleaded guilty; \$300 fine, \$63.50 court costs, 10 days' jail, eight days suspended, six months probation, two days Mini-Casita work program in lieu of jail; Magistrate Judge Larry R. Duff.

Manuel "Tito" Medina, 30, 3483 Bothwell Loop, Nampa; driving under the influence, amended to inattentive driving; pleaded guilty; \$100 fine, \$50 court costs, five days' jail, 28 days suspended, 24 months probation, driving without privileges; pleaded guilty; \$136.50 fine, \$78.50 court costs, 30 days' jail, 28 days suspended, 90 days driver's license suspension, two counts criminal contempt of court, limited, one count domestic violence; pleaded guilty; \$136.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs, 180 days' jail; one count violation of a protection order; pleaded guilty; \$75.50 court costs, 180 days' jail, 170 days suspended, 24 months probation; one count malicious injury to property; pleaded guilty; \$63.50 court costs, 180 days' jail, 170 days suspended, 24 months probation; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

Douglas Thomas French, 33, 2124 Hedge Pointe, Boise; criminal contempt of court; pleaded guilty; \$50 fine; Magistrate Judge Larry R. Duff.

Tamela Matthews Young, 41, 1024 E. 1000 S., Albion; driving on divided highway

restricted access; pleaded guilty; \$30 fine, \$63.50 court costs.

Lilla Shaw, 25, 257 Normal, No. C8, Burley; felony no account check fraud, amended to misdemeanor insufficient funds check fraud; pleaded guilty; \$36.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs, 30 days' jail, 30 days suspended, one year's probation, \$11.48 restitution due to victim; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

Roberto G. Garcia, 26, P.O. Box 24, Minidoka; one count criminal contempt of court, two counts invalid driver's license, one count dismissed, one count pleaded guilty; \$68.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs, 10 days' jail, 10 days suspended; one count driving under the influence; pleaded guilty; \$300 fine, \$78.50 court costs, 180 days' jail, 177 days suspended, 24 months probation, 90 months driver's license suspension; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

Terry Allen Birch, 37, 1510 S. Malta, No. 3; battery, driving without privileges; pleaded guilty; \$100 fine, \$150 suspended, \$78.50 court costs, 10 days' jail, eight days suspended, six months probation, one year's probation, two days Mini-Casita work program; Magistrate Judge Larry R. Duff.

Tina M. Hamilton, 28, P.O. Box 82, Heyburn; criminal contempt of court; pleaded guilty; \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

Aljandino Polanco, 21, 313 Lindon St., Rupert; criminal contempt of court; pleaded guilty; \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

Rebecca Ramirez, 27, 409 Maple St., No. 3; Rupert; criminal contempt of court; pleaded guilty; \$152 fine; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

Armando M. Teller, 26, 116 E. First St., Rupert; one count driving without privileges, dismissed, three counts criminal contempt of court, two dismissed, one found guilty, \$10 fine, \$63.50 court costs, five days' jail; one count battery, amended to disturbing the peace; pleaded guilty; \$63.50 court costs, 10 days' jail, 10 days suspended, one year's probation; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

Francisco Alencastro, 22, 121 Williams St., Ketchum; one count invalid driver's license, dismissed, one count driving under the influence, pleaded guilty; \$300 fine, \$80.50 court costs, 90 days' jail, 66 days suspended, two years' probation, 90 days driver's license suspension, then release to border patrol; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

Jerome Sanchez Zaccaria, 22, 514 Fifth St., Rupert; invalid driver's license, dismissed; driving under the influence; pleaded guilty; \$200 fine, \$78.50 court costs, \$50 defender fee, 90 days' jail, 52 days suspended, 24 months' probation, 90 days driver's license suspension; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

Roberto V. Arzaga, 62, 623 First St.,

Rupert; misdemeanor, pleaded guilty; \$121.50 fine, \$113.50 court costs, 30 days' jail, 28 days suspended, one year's probation, 180 days driver's license suspension, two days Mini-Casita work program; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Robert W. Walton, 45, 446 W. 300 S., Heyburn; misdemeanor, pleaded guilty; \$71.50 fine, \$78.50 court costs, 30 days' jail, 29 days suspended, one year's probation, 180 days driver's license suspension, time credited; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Roberto R. Guillen, 23, 140 E. 400 W., Ap. 9, Paul; one count invalid driver's license, dismissed; misdemeanor driving under the influence, pleaded guilty; \$200 fine, \$200 suspended, \$78.50 court costs, 180 days' jail, 131 days suspended, two years probation, one year driver's license suspension, credit for 49 days served; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Felony dismissals

Jaun L. Sowers, 22, 1941 Grandview Lane, Burley; manufacturing a controlled substance; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Bill Sowers, 47, 1941 Grandview Lane, Burley; manufacturing a controlled substance; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Felony sentences

Merrill Emory Mastfield, 35, 321 Second Ave. N., No. 6, Twin Falls; probation violation; pleaded guilty; one year six months determinate penitentiary time, two years six months indeterminate penitentiary time, time credited, probation revoked, sentence remainder imposed; District Judge J. William Latt.

Duane Harrington, 21, 2021 16th St., Heyburn; two counts probation violation, pleaded guilty; probation revoked, remainder of sentence imposed; District Judge J. William Latt.

Juvenile sentences

Nathan S. McGowan, 16, 133 W. 200 S., Rupert; misdemeanor reckless driving, pleaded guilty; \$50 fine, \$183.50 court costs, 90 days' jail, 85 days suspended, two years probation, 200 hours community service; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

BOISE (AP) - The U.S. Supreme Court has agreed to hear the state's appeal in an ownership dispute between Idaho and the Coeur d'Alene Tribe over part of the southern third of Lake Coeur d'Alene.

Attorney General Al Lance said he was notified of the decision on Monday. The state filed its petition in July for the high court to review rulings by U.S. District Judge Edward Lodge and a three-judge panel of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

Lance contends those decisions contradicted past rulings of both the U.S. and Idaho supreme courts, upsetting more than a century of state management of Lake Coeur d'Alene and the St. Joe River as public resources.

The issue is one of sovereignty, he said, based on the ownership of waters granted to states upon admission to the union.

"It is important to Idaho, in fact to all of the Western states, that the Supreme Court finally resolve the conflicts between its submerged land decisions and this decision of the 9th Circuit," Lance wrote in his petition.

Spokesman Bob Cooper said oral arguments are not expected to be scheduled before April.

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Jerome Sanchez Zaccaria, 22, 514 Fifth St., Rupert; invalid driver's license, dismissed; driving under the influence; pleaded guilty; \$200 fine, \$78.50 court costs, \$50 defender fee, 90 days' jail, 52 days suspended, 24 months' probation, 90 days driver's license suspension; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

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Judge refuses to force Delta pilots to work overtime

ATLANTA (AP) - A federal judge on Monday refused to force Delta Air Lines pilots to work overtime, but he warned the pilots' union that he saw evidence of an ongoing and illegal concerted effort by the pilots to avoid overtime flights. The nation's third largest airline has blamed its pilots' refusal to fly overtime for hundreds of flight cancellations and delays. It sued the union on Dec. 5 in an effort to force the pilots restore the "status quo" in their overtime requests.

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HAPPY B-DAY FROM THE OTHER ONE

The play's the thing

Buhl High thespians spoof a holiday classic

By Dare Jensen
Times-News correspondent

BUHL - A spoof of a Christmas classic will be presented by the Buhl High School Drama Department and Phantom Pic Productions at a dinner theater at the Eighth Street Center in Buhl.

"The Fandale Avenue Housing Estate Towns Women's Guild Dramatic Society's Production of a Christmas Carol" is directed by David Blaszkiewicz and was written by David McGillivray and Walter Zerlin Jr. as a spoof to the Charles Dickens' classic, "A Christmas Carol."

There will be a different cast for each performance. Cast members include: Mrs. Reese: Tia Hosman and Jamie

Larson
The Irma: Lindsay Bolterjack
Ingrid Bailey

Mercedes: Angie Cowden and Becca Lawrence
Gordon: Noah Heck and Evan Hilliard
Felicity: Sarah Jarolnick and Jocelynn Smith

This dinner theater is one of the fundraisers for the drama department, Blaszkiewicz said. The funds raised are used to replace and purchase new equipment and also to make repairs on the auditorium. Donors to the event include Ridley's, Don's Market, R&B, Arctic Circle, Seneca, Green Giant, Clear Springs Foods, Helen Brown, Ray and Dianne Griffin and the Eighth Street Center.

Show times
Dinner is at 6:30 p.m., the show is at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday at the Eighth Street Center. Admission is \$15 single, \$25 couple, with seniors and students \$12.
On the menu is lasagna or trout and you make your request with your reservations. Reservations should be made as soon as possible because there are only 60 seats available each night. Call (208) 543-8292 and ask for David Blaszkiewicz. Tickets must be purchased and picked up before Wednesday.

DAVE JENSEN/The Times-News

Buhl actors Ingrid Bailey, Becca Lawrence, Jamie Larson, Jocelynn Smith and Noah Heck rehearse for the dinner theater presentation this week.



'Annie Jr.' hits stage this week in Wendell

WENDELL - They call it a mini-musical, but it's still a big project for Wendell Middle School students and staff.
An abbreviated version of the musical, "Annie," about the lovable orphan and her adventures will be presented by Wendell Middle School.

The production was made possible by a \$10,000 fine arts grant from the Idaho Department of Education, said teacher Pam Crawford, who also is one of the directors and wrote the application for the grant.

The funds paid for costumes, rights to perform the musical, as well as programs and projects for the middle school fine arts courses, such as new music for the choirs, she said.

Play times

"Annie Jr." will be presented at 1:30 p.m. Thursday for a dress rehearsal, 1:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Friday and at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Wendell High School auditorium. The program is free to the public, but donations will be accepted. The production lasts about one hour and 15 minutes.

The cast and their characters include: Christina Brown, Annie; Leslie Tulle, Molly; Veronica Phillips, Pepper; Alesha Bates, Tessie; Rosalie Rodriguez, July; Natasha Bates, Miss Hannigan; Brady Way, Bundles and Drake; Kallin Hendrix, apple seller; Elizabeth Rivera,

dog catcher; Rachel Lorcher, Lt. Ward; Lindi Matthews, Grace Farrell; Cara Elliot, Cecile; Korney Rueda, Annette; Cynthia Rivera, Mrs. Greer; Amanda Fisher, Mrs. Fugh; James Fox, Oliver Warbucks; Kandie Lessly, star-to-be Shantel Kaleco, man in brownstone; Trisha Stouder, radio announcer; Andrew Coleman, Rooster-Hannigan; Gabby Martinez, Lilly; Kim Draper, Bert Healy; and Heather Quenneville, President Roosevelt.

Understudies will perform at the Thursday dress rehearsal and Saturday. Understudies are Kallin Hendrix, Annie; Kim Draper, Warbucks; Tava Elliot, Miss Hannigan; and Donna Fair, Bertha Healy.

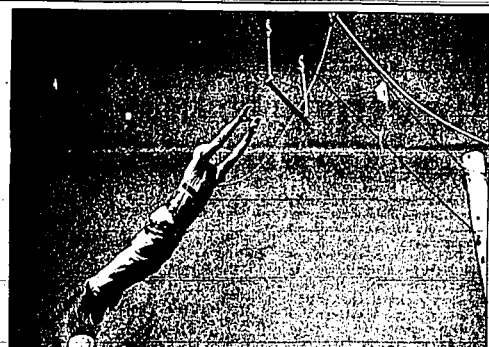


Students get set to perform in 'Annie Jr.' They are, from left, front: Tava Elliot, Kallin Hendrix, Andrew Coleman and Gabby Martinez; back: Christina Brown, James Fox, Natasha Bates and Lindi Matthews.

ON THE ROPES



Left, Rachel Stanger, a Hansen High School senior, climbs the "fidget ladder" while classmates spot her at the College of Southern Idaho ropes course.



Right, Armondo Baeza, a Hansen High School senior, jumps for the trapeze at the College of Southern Idaho challenge course. The purpose of the course is to offer opportunities for leadership training or self-esteem and self-awareness building.

AARP helps seniors live to the fullest

By Corcen Hart
Times-News correspondent

BURLEY - The problems of aging just keep multiplying as Americans live longer. But the American Association of Retired Persons finds solutions.

Just ask William "Bert" Jackson, who's been president of Mini-Cassia AARP Chapter 853 for longer than he cares to remember, he says. He is also the assistant state coordinator.

About the AARP
To join the AARP, you must be age 50 or older. National membership is \$10 per year. Local chapter membership is \$3 per year.

Meetings are on the second Tuesday of every month, except for June and July.
For more information, call Bert Jackson at 436-5738.

"We have monthly meetings," Jackson said. "They're always entertaining and interesting and they're about things that senior citizens like."
Vera Breeding, a nine-year AARP member, is vice president and never misses a meeting if she can help it. The August picnic is a highlight.

"It's a social life as well as helpful," Breeding said. "We had a good session on fraud."

She said membership discounts more than paid her membership fee this year when she visited her son in Arizona.

"Restaurants, motels, all kinds of things," she said. "One meal saved me more than the membership."
Pat Withers, program chairman, used to do the taxes for the group. She said she has enjoyed useful bulletins on telemarketing, exercise, hearing and keeping her home and car safe from burglary.
"Donna Sager said she stays involved because all these professional people who we don't normally associate with



CORCEN HART/The Times-News

For many senior citizens, AARP meetings provide information, socialization and entertainment. Here, Joan Parr, Cassia County Extension Service educator, gives a presentation on food safety. President Bert Jackson said the Mini-Cassia Chapter was formed July 15, 1971.

Members receive a list of good information. Members receive a list of toll-free numbers of discounted services from insurance to legal services.

Membership includes two magazines. Modern Maturity is a glossy number with in-depth articles on celebrities, research into aging and seniors who are making noteworthy contributions to contemporary life.

The AARP Bulletin deals with similar issues. The November edition carried a

report on the effects of paying for high-priced prescriptions, a Wall Street brokerage scam, taming hypertension and a profile of the work of two astronomers.

Chapter 853 boasts 36 members. Jackson says there's room for more. "The best part is that they are very caring people," Withers said.

Times-News correspondent Corcen Hart can be reached through the Mini-Cassia bureau at 677-0402.



ALMEE METCALF/The Times-News

The following participants helped organize this year's Nickel Toys for Girls and Boys sale for needy families: Duke Morton, Sharon Selfert, Cheryl Reed, Liz Cahoon, Myra Bickett, Donna Morton and Pastor Mike Gregor of the United Methodist Church. At the Saturday event, needy families can buy toys for their children for a nickel each.

Nickel toys sale helps needy families celebrate the holidays

By Almee Metcalf
Times-News correspondent

GOODING - The Gooding Nickel Toys for Girls and Boys event is priceless to families who don't have a lot of money for the holidays.

"Gooding is a small town with a big heart," said Donna Morton, chairperson of the annual event.

Sponsored by the Gooding Ministerial Association and Gooding businesses and residents, the nickel sale is for low-income families who are Gooding residents. Parents who are eligible may bring a birth certificate or Social Security card and purchase three toys for each child for only five cents per toy.

The toy sale is in its eighth year and began when Gooding United Methodist young people became concerned about friends who might not have a Christmas because of lack of money. So, they gathered used stuffed animals to sell for a nickel each.

Morton, who is in her fifth year as

Nickel Toys for Girls and Boys

This year's event is being held from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. Saturday at the Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind Round building.

chairperson, begins collecting donations and toys in September; keeping them in her basement until the night before the sale. Volunteers spend that night helping her set up toys and tables.

Morton receives sufficient donations to purchase 1,000 toys, such as basketballs, cameras, sleeping bags and more.

The sale also brings out the best in the community.

"It's a worthy cause. I can't imagine kids not having Christmas," said Ione Garcia, who collected donations at Main Street Pub & Grill Friday night.

Gooding Tai Kwan Do gives a discount on tuition in return for new toys for the sale and were able to donate 45 toys.

"The nickel sale is a great thing," said city council member Sharon Selfert. "The community donates a lot of time to it."

TWIN FALLS AREA COMMUNITY

Organizations make difference

TWIN FALLS - South Central Head Start - along with 11 elementary schools, 35 stores, eight businesses, a library, health clinic, city police, child care center, Jaycees, social sorority, two Girl Scout troops and the AmeriCorps volunteers - all helped make a difference.

For the Make a Difference Day event, sponsored by USA Weekend, magazine and the Points of Light Foundation, a total of 2,130 canned items were donated and 21 community groups were assisted during the month of October.

Through the project, 296 hats and gloves were also given to 13 food banks, five soup kitchens, one mission, the Women's Resource Center and the Boys and Girls Club, Head Start representative says.

Wal-Mart helped with financial support; the Salvation Army, Idaho Youth Ranch, Beacons Moving Company and KMYT donated barrels; K-Mart gave a



Volunteer Stephanie Dudley, Tom Fairchild of Popplewell School, Jennifer Foster with the Buhl Police Department and Susan Kerns, Buhl Old Scout leader, were among the participants in the Make A Difference Day event.

40-percent discount on hats and gloves; and the AmeriCorps the national service program, and Head Start parents volunteered

time, organizers say. Altogether, some 67 groups and more than 1,174 volunteers helped, Head Start reports.

MILKING A LESSON

The I.B. Perrine Elementary first-grade classes of Kenna Arrington and Joan Parrish spent several weeks learning about each of the food groups and their importance. They learned about William Bradford and the first Thanksgiving feast and made themselves pilgrim and Indian costumes. The classes also combined to have a Thanksgiving feast which included one food from each of the four food groups.



Photo courtesy of Kenna Arrington

Television station gathers toys

TWIN FALLS - KMYT Television is once again spearheading Christmas for Kids, a program designed to provide toys for children of families in the area who might otherwise go without a gift.

Donation barrels have been placed at businesses throughout the Magic and Wood River Valleys and anyone interested in participating is encouraged to bring an unwrapped gift to one of the following locations.

The television station will have the barrels picked up by Dec. 20. Area service providers will then prepare the gifts for distribution to the needy.

Barrel locations:
Twin Falls
Caffe Mocha, 591 W. Addison Ave.
King's, 1305 Filer Ave. E.
McDonald's, 305 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.
McDonald's, 869 Pole Line Road
ShopKo, 1649 Pole Line Road
Kimberly Nurseries, 2862 Addison Ave. E.
Oasis Stop 'N Go & Sir Daniel's Smoke Shop, 1310 Addison Ave. E.
Ida-Tran Frt. Sys., 223 Deere St.
Fred Meyer, 705 Blue Lakes Blvd.
Impact Radio Group, Highway 30
Filer

Want more information?
Call Paul Johnson at KMYT at 733-1100, Ext. 3060.

- Williams - Grocery, 130 Highway
- Latham Motors
- Hertz
- Eden
- Travelers' Oasis, Interstate 84, Exit 182
- Hauns du Be, 23 E. Ellis
- Rupert
- The ShowKase Place, 522 E. St. Burley
- Ace Hardware, 2556 Overland Ave.
- McDonald's, 394 N. Overland Ave.
- Times News, 325 1/2 East 5th N.
- King's, 2281 Overland Ave. Shoshone
- First Security Bank, 103 S. Birch
- Sawtooth Foodtown, 904 S. Greenwood
- Bellevue
- Glen's Grocery, 202 S. Main
- Hailey
- Atkinson's Markets, 93 East Cro
- Ketchum
- Atkinson's Markets, P.O. Box 2088
- Fairfield
- The Market Basket, Highway 20 and Soldier Road
- Jerome

- McDonald's, 3005 S. Lincoln Ave.
- Gooding
- Gooding Memorial Hospital, 1120 Montana St.
- King's, 1455 Main
- Wendell
- Simerly's General Store, 280 S. Idaho
- Hagerman
- Snake River Grill
- 1000 & 1 Things Chevron, 351 South State St.
- Bliss
- Bliss Country Store, 299 East U.S. Highway
- Buhl
- Fay's Place, 1000 Burley Ave.

To apply for the toys see the service provider nearest you: Salvation Army, 348 4th Ave. N.; Twin Falls; East End Providers, 291 Borah Ave. W., Twin Falls; Mini-Cassia Christmas Council, 402 W. 100 S., Rupert; Filer Ministerial Association, Rev. Neal and Diane Miller, P.O. Box 94, Filer; Bliss Providers, Dee Foster, 234 4th Ave. W., Gooding; Wendell Christmas Baskets, Louise and Ethel German, P.O. Box 501 Wendell or Rebecca Ashmead, 1601 E. 3600 S., Wendell; Little Wood Head start, Cecil R. Torres Jr., P.O. Box 757, Shoshone; Camas Community Child Care, Diane Fish, P.O. Box 133, Fairfield; and La Posada Ministry, 134 2nd St. E., P.O. Box 1962, Twin Falls.

FOCUS ON PEOPLE

Scout receives Eagle award for work at shelter

Benjamin LeVere, 15, the son of Bill and Nancy LeVere of Twin Falls, earned his Eagle award at a Nov. 11 court of honor at the Twin Falls LDS West Stake Center.

He has completed 32 merit badges and qualifies for the bronze palm. LeVere enclosed a furnace



Ben LeVere

with walls and an access door at the Valley House homeless shelter in Twin Falls so that the remaining room could be used as a bedroom. The total project hours

were 46.5 and four other Scouts assisted. He belongs to troop 103, sponsored by the LDS Church, 14th Ward. His troop Scoutmaster is Shane Barlow.

LeVere is a sophomore at Twin Falls High School and a member of Business Professionals of America.

His interests include computers, sports card collecting, camping and fishing.



Pat Marcantonio



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For the Tuesday page: noon Friday
For the Saturday page: noon Tuesday
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SENIOR CALENDAR

Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center

616 Eastland Drive
Dinner served from noon to 12:30 p.m. Suggested donation is \$3 for seniors. The cost is \$4 for non-seniors under 60 and \$2.50 for children under 12.
Tuesday: Creamed turkey over rice, vegetables, cole slaw, biscuits, dessert
Wednesday: Hot beef sandwich, potatoes, gravy, corn on the cob, tossed salad, bread, dessert
Thursday: Ham and broccoli quiche, beans, muffin, pea-salad, banana pudding
Friday: Fried chicken, potatoes, gravy, mixed vegetables, fruit salad, biscuits, cake
Monday: Chicken coronado bleu, potatoes, vegetables, carrot salad, muffins, pie

Activities
Library, Pool Room, and Bargain Center with cards, games, color television, puzzles and movies. Open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Tuesday
Blood pressure from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Craft class at 12:30 p.m.
Exercise class
Wednesday
Quilling 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Jackpot trip at 3 p.m.
Elks card club at 7 p.m.
Thursday
Pinchle at 1 p.m.
Friday
Blood pressure from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Lunch bingo
Quilling
Monday
Food clinic, make appointment
Bak candy at 9:30 a.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: Cub steak, au gratin potatoes, buttered beans, Jell-O salad, rolls, dessert
Wednesday: Beef stew, cole slaw, rolls, peach cobbler
Thursday: Birthday dinner
Friday: Taco salad, carrot sticks, bread, fruit and brownies
Sunday: Pork chops
Monday: Beans and beans, carrots, green salad, corn bread, fruit, cookies

Activities
Thrift shop open every day. Quilling 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Tuesday
Exercises from 7-8 a.m.
Treasure Tuesday
Board meeting from 1-3 p.m.
Wednesday
Exercises from 7-8 a.m. and 10 a.m.
Thursday
Exercises from 7-8 p.m.
Blood pressure at 11:30 a.m.
Foot clinic from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Bingo from 1-3 p.m.

Cards at 6 p.m.
Fido
Exercises from 7-8 a.m. and 10 a.m.
Saturday
Dance from 8-11 p.m., \$3 pm.
Sunday
Exercises from 7-8 a.m. and 10 a.m.
Evening meal at 5:30 p.m., breakfast
Cards at 6 p.m.

Filer Senior Haven

222 Main St., Filer
Dinners served at-noon-on-Tuesday and Thursday and at 6 p.m. on Friday. Suggested donation is \$2.50 for seniors. Home delivered meals available each meal time.
Thursday: Baked meat loaf
Thursday: Cubed steak

Ageless Senior Citizens Inc.

310 Main N., Kimberly
Wednesday: Spaghetti, green beans, cole slaw, garlic bread, ice cream w/ topping, coffee, milk
Friday: Roast beef, potatoes, gravy, mixed vegetables, pear salad, brownie, coffee, milk
Monday: Potato soup, three bean salad, bread, butter, crackers, apricots, cookie, coffee, milk
Activities
Tuesday
Wednesday
Blood pressure check
Thursday
Cards at 1 p.m.
Friday
Cringo at 11:55 a.m.
Pinchle at 1 p.m.
Monday
Board meeting at 1:30 p.m.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Organic Garden Club holds Christmas potluck

TWIN FALLS - The Magic Valley Organic Garden Club will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Obenchain insurance Building at 264 Main Ave. S. in Twin Falls. Members are asked to enter through the back door. The potluck will also include a gift exchange.

Members are asked to bring their own table service.
For more information, call Theresa at 543-4914 or Edith at 734-8371.

Jerome Optimist Club gathers Coats for Kids

JEROME - The Jerome Optimist Club is holding its Coats for Kids program.
The drop-off barrels are at Ridley's, Kwik Service and Wal-Mart. All sizes are needed and repairs are being made by the student, Jerome High School.
Volunteers for coats may be obtained by contacting the school or an Optimist member.
For more information, call Sheri at 324-4953.

Kimberly Nurseries offers table decor workshop

TWIN FALLS - Kimberly Nurseries will hold a "Christmas Table Decor" workshop at 9 a.m. Saturday in the Garden Cafe.
The cost will be \$15 to cover the cost of materials.
Pre-registration is needed.
The cost must be paid when pre-registering. For more information or to pre-register, go to Kimberly Nurseries at 2862 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls.

Hansen Honor Society collects coats, blankets

HANSEN - The Hansen National Honor Society is collecting coats and blankets for the College of Southern Idaho Refugee Center.
The society will collect coats until Dec. 20.
Donations may be left at the Hansen High School office or given to an honor society member.

High Desert Nordic Association holds meeting

TWIN FALLS - The High Desert Nordic Association will meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Idaho Joe's in Twin Falls.

Jim McCotchey, a representative from the Nordic and Backcountry Skiers Alliance, will talk about what his organization is, what they have accomplished and what they hope to accomplish.
Club-members will also discuss a possible group ski for Saturday.

Liberty Christian Academy offers music concerts

JEROME - The Liberty Christian Academy will hold elementary and high school concerts.
The elementary students will perform "Michael W. Smith Christmas" with performances by the elementary orchestra and Bell Choirs at 7 p.m. Friday.
The high school will perform "Christmas at Home" with performances by the orchestra and Bell Choirs at 7 p.m. Dec. 22.
Both concerts will be held at the academy at 821 E. Ave. H in Jerome.

Two local students perform Wednesday

CALDWELL - Two Twin Falls students will perform in an evening of chamber music at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Langroise Center recital hall at the Albertson Campus. Admission is free.
Albertson College student Kristin Norberry will play viola and Northwest Nazarene University guest student violinist Rachel Griff also will perform.
A reception will follow.

Buhl Public Library receives mini-grant

BUHL - The Buhl Public Library has been awarded a Library Services and Technology Act mini-grant to develop brochures explaining and promoting library services to the community.
The brochures spotlight different areas of service. One brochure in Spanish will offer Hispanics a comprehensive overview of all services, the library reports.
The project costs will come to \$3,818.

In addition, the library will get a table banner for community exhibits, business cards for senior staff and a display case. The library plans to work with community groups to create rotating displays that are informative and educational. The library will also be able to feature books in its collection that tie in to the displays.

Fly fishers group hears from river guide about fire

TWIN FALLS - River guide and photographer Matt Leidecker of Ketchum will present a slide show entitled, "The Middle Fork of the Salmon River - After the Fire" at the Magic Valley Fly Fishers' annual Christmas party. The event will be held Thursday at the American Legion Hall, 447 Senarum St. in Twin Falls. A social hour will begin at 6 p.m. followed by a potluck dinner at 7 p.m. The program will start at 8 p.m. Leidecker's photography captures scenes of the aftermath of the fires which destroyed a half-million acres in the Frank Church River of No Return

Wilderness, organizers say. He also took the photos during a raft trip in October.

LeLivre et La Plume reviews 'Babette's Feast'

BUHL - The LeLivre et La Plume Literary Arts Society will meet Thursday at the home of Beverly Williams in Buhl.
Williams will review the book, "Babette's Feast" by Isak Dinesen. The co-hostesses will be Maureen VanBuren, Valerie Brown and Beverly Williams.
Members are asked to bring the contribution for the Christmas charitable gift.

Cafe Mocha holds fund-raiser for children

TWIN FALLS - Cafe Mocha will hold a fund-raiser to support KMYT's Christmas for Kids program Saturday at Cafe Mocha at 591 Addison Ave. W. in Twin Falls.
All proceeds for the day will be donated to the program, says Cafe Mocha's Butch Nell.
Free merchants have donated merchandise that will be raffled off during the day. Proceeds will be used to purchase toys for the program. Toys are then distributed through at the Magic Valley to Families.

For more information on the Christmas for kids program, call KMYT at 733-1100, Ext. 3060 or 3015.
For more information, call Neil at 736-2003.

Wood River Middle School collects coats for needy

HAILEY - Wood River Middle School is holding a winter coat drive. Those in need of coats should call 788-5733, the Women's Resource Center. Friday is the last day to donate coats.

The Times-News would like to profile your organization. Send your information along with your name, a photo and your phone number to Pat Marcantonio, Community Editor, P.O. Box 548 Twin Falls, ID 83301.

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Grand Targhee caught making own snow

JACKSON, Wyo. (AP) — Grand Targhee Ski and Summer Resorts, which has a slogan that boasts "Snow from heaven not hoses," was caught recently making snow.

Traditionally, Targhee has made its reputation by relying on Mother Nature rather than man-made snow. But ski area officials rented a snowgun to fill in the gaps this season, Targhee spokeswoman Susie Barnett-Bushong said.

The ski area needed snow at lower elevations in order to install the new Magic Carpet lift, which

replaced the rope tow on the beginner slope, she said. Also, the snowgun helped fill in the cross country track, in-erubing park and a chairlift ramp, she said.

"It was never ever intended to be blown on the slopes," she said.

For three years straight, the ski area has not opened prior to the Thanksgiving holiday because of a lack of snow at lower elevations, Barnett-Bushong said.

To avoid those disappointing early-season delays, Targhee officials may consider installing snowmaking equipment in the future, she said. "It's something

we would have to really look at strategically," she said. In addition to studying the costs of snowmaking machinery, the ski area would have to get permission from the U.S. Forest Service, which manages the land.

Targhee does not have permission to blow snow because resort officials and federal land managers assumed the ski area would never need to, said Patty Bates, Teton Basin District Ranger for the Caribou-Targhee National Forest.

Forest officials would have to study potential environmental

impacts before granting approval for snowmaking equipment, she said.

Moreover, the ski resort failed to get forest service permission for the temporary snow-blowing operation this season, Bates said.

The operation would probably have been approved if the resort had asked, she said.

"Other than having to change their bumper stickers, it was probably a very low impact," Bates said of the snowgun, adding that the act was not of the level that the Forest Service would even consider imposing a fine.

Despite lack of proof it works, cloud seeding continues

ASPEN, Colo. (AP) — When a small storm front rolled through the Central Rockies last week, Vail Resorts fired up five of its 14 cloud-seeding machines while the Aspen Skiing Co. struck with its usual practice of hoping for snow.

After the skies cleared the next day, Aspen's ski areas had received 1 inch of new snow while Vail Mountain had 3 new inches.

Nobody can say whether the cloud-seeding operation con-

tributed to Vail's higher total, but Vail is not the only resort operator trying to augment natural snowfall in Colorado.

Beaver Creek, Telluride and Durango Mountain Resort as well as several water conservancy districts regularly "seed" clouds in hopes of squeezing additional snow from them.

"It's somewhat of a leap of faith," said Joe Macy, manager of governmental affairs for Vail Resorts. "And we've been doing

it here for 23 years."

Vail Resorts spends about \$130,000 per year on cloud seeding. Macy said it would be much more expensive to conduct scientific research to determine whether seeding works.

"We would rather spend the money on operations," said Macy. The Aspen Skiing Co. seeded clouds from 1990 to 1994, but the results were inconclusive, said Mike Kaplan, vice president for mountain operations.

Telluride resort officials said last year, cloud-seeding operations resulted in a snowpack with 25 percent more water content on the slopes than on adjacent peaks.

The resort splits the annual \$52,000 cost of a five-year "weather modification permit" with the Southwestern Water Conservation District. The district also splits the cost of a separate, \$42,000 program with Durango Mountain Resort.

Idaho's new religion act concerns church leaders

POCATELLO (AP) — Some Idaho church leaders are working to repeal or amend the state's Free Exercise of Religion Act over concerns it would allow people to do harm in the name of religion.

"We know that historically, horrible things have been done in the name of religion," said Father Alex Nagy, the pastor of Trinity Episcopal Church. "We're not looking for another outlet for those things."

The Free Exercise of Religion law is designed to establish a test for courts to use to determine whether a person's religious belief should be accommodated when a government law or action restricts his or her religious practice.

According to the law, the government must prove the law is essential to a compelling government interest and is the least restrictive way to protect that interest.

State Sen. Grant Ipsen, the bill's sponsor, said it was designed to protect the First Amendment.

"The First Amendment rights are very important," Ipsen said. "We simply want religion to receive the same protection as press, speech, assembly and petition."

The bill was overwhelmingly approved in the House and Senate in the last legislative session, but Gov. Dirk Kempthorne signed it with the stipulation it would not go into effect for a year, giving church leaders and legislators time to discuss it.

Nagy said he and others were not given enough time or notice to discuss the bill before it became law. The measure, he said, was pushed through the Legislature too quickly for the religious community to give input.

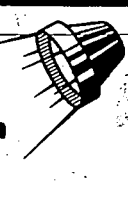
"Some of us didn't even know about it until it went to the House," he said. "No legislators have come to me and asked what I, as a person of faith, think."

But Ipsen said the bill was discussed in committee and on the floor of the Legislature for seven weeks, more than many bills.

Small Business Feature



Spotlight



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PERMANENT COSMETICS by Teri Reid, Registered Nurse

WHO WOULD HAVE EVER THOUGHT I'D HAVE A TATTOO? claim many of the thousands of women who have had their eyebrows, eyeliner or other permanent makeup done over the past years. Most claim "it is the best thing I have ever done for myself. I wish I had done this sooner!"

What is Permanent Make-up? It is the placement of iron oxide based pigment into the dermal layer of the skin using STERILE equipment.

What procedures are available? Eyeliner - Eyelash Enhancement - Eyebrows - Lip Liner - Full Lip Color - Hair Imitation - Areola Repigmentation - Beauty Marks.

Is it really permanent? Yes, because the color is placed in the dermal layer of the skin, and cannot be washed off. However, with any tattoo, lightening or fading can occur over a period of many years.

What about allergic reactions? Less than 0.1% in over 100,000 estimated permanent cosmetic procedures over the last 10 years. If you have concerns, please check with your physician. Allergy patch tests may also be given.

Is it painful? Topical anesthetics are applied before and during the procedure. These are usually very effective in diminishing or eliminating any discomfort.

Can I have a MRI scan? Dr. Frank C. Shellock M.D., a leading expert in regard to MRI patients, this transient slight swelling has only occurred in a few patient safety states that there may be some temporary irritation to the eyelid. "Out of thousands of patients, this transient slight swelling has only occurred in a few patients, and is therefore considered a "minimum risk." There are no reports of "eye damage" due to MRI and permanent make-up.

Choosing the right permanent make-up technician is an important decision. Your first concern should be to find someone who follows proper sterilization procedures and works in a clean environment. Ask about their training and professional background. Decide by appearance and conversation if this is a person you can work with. Do pictures of their work make you feel comfortable? Ask for client referrals and speak to them about their experience. Most clients are more than happy to "show off" their permanent make-up!!!



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Aqua Vie: Alliance could help production

KETCHUM - Aqua Vie Beverage Corp. said Monday it anticipates a formal agreement with The Power Group, a privately held outsource provider of manufacturing and logistics services to Fortune 500 food, beverage and consumer-products companies.

Recent discussions between the two companies outlined an alliance that would enable Aqua Vie to achieve greater control of production and distribution while reducing production and logistics costs as well as the acquisition of specialized equipment and production facilities, said Ketchum-based Aqua Vie, which did not disclose agreement terms.

"Through this strategic alliance, which is based upon a shared vision of the water-beverage category as a worldwide business opportunity, we look forward to achieving greater production capacities and a geographic presence that will enable rapid product deployment and expansion in key markets both domestically and abroad," said Thomas Gillespie, president-and-chief-executive.

Fall in SkyWest shares reflects on earnings cut

ST. GEORGE, Utah - SkyWest Inc. shares fell last week as analysts cut their earnings forecast on the St. George-based regional airline, saying the carrier didn't make as many flights as planned because of weather and traffic-control problems.

SkyWest - a Delta Connection carrier that serves Joslin Field, Magic Valley Regional Airport - was hurt by air-traffic control problems in California, Nevada and Utah, and top-related disruptions in California, according to the report by Raymond James & Associates Inc. analyst James Parker. SkyWest will earn 54 cents a share, down from 59 cents a share, for the fiscal third quarter ending this month, he estimated. Peter also cut his rating on SkyWest to "buy" from "strong buy."

Regional airlines that fly under contract for the major carriers "are still subject to execution risk - basically you fly less, you get paid less," UBS Warburg analyst Jamie Baker said.

Baker also cut his December quarter estimate to 52 cents from 57 cents for similar reasons and also reduced his March quarter estimate to 55 cents from 58 cents.

Well Fargo launches auto services online

SAN FRANCISCO - Saying it will simplify automobile purchasing and financing, Wells Fargo & Co. Monday announced the launch of its Auto Finance Group E-Commerce product lines.

The products include an Internet site for new car purchases, one for pre-owned vehicle sales and a website for auto loans.

Wells Fargo calls its new AutoXpress Lane service a comprehensive shopping solution, providing everything from research tools and comparison shopping to purchasing and auto financing. Wells Fargo customers can access the AutoXpress Lane Internet site through wells.fargo.com.

In September, Wells Fargo launched its Certified Pre-Owned vehicle sales website where customers can also buy or lease pre-owned vehicles from Wells Fargo's inventory of lease return cars, the company said.

Wells Fargo will launch a stand-alone auto financing website shortly, where customers can apply for a new or used auto loan completely online and receive a credit decision in seconds. Once approved, the customer receives a "thank check" in the mail that can then be used at any franchised dealership, the bank said.

Boise Cascade announces dividend, annual meeting

BOISE - Boise Cascade Corp. announced a regular quarterly dividend of 15 cents per common share, payable Jan. 15, to shareholders of record Jan. 1.

Boise Cascade's annual meeting of shareholders will be held at noon, April 19 in Boise, the company said. The record date to determine shareholders eligible to vote at the meeting is Feb. 26.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

Regional group prepares to advertise for new economic-development position

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - A regional effort to bring new jobs to the valley is expected to advance next week, as public and private-sector leaders from the Jerome and Twin Falls areas put

the finishing touches on a job description for a regional economic-development leader.

"It's taking a little longer than some supporters planned. But that isn't a surprise in the creation of a group representing so many public and private interests.

See the job description on Page - C5

"Everybody has a little bit different angle or perspective, so nothing is a simple process. Which is exactly what we anticipated when we started down the road," Business Plus II Chairman Lee Wagner said Monday.

Business Plus II is the Twin Falls Area Chamber of

Commerce's job-creation campaign and a leading player in creation of the Southern Idaho Economic Development Organization.

Another player, the College of Southern Idaho, is taking the lead on putting together the joint marketing entity for the Twin Falls and Jerome areas, to attract new employers in targeted industries, and to encourage existing employers to stay here and expand. College leaders are

reading to search for and hire a director for the new organization, which would be led by a board representing the funding sources and perhaps others.

CSI and other participants then will take the idea to economic-development interests, major businesses and municipalities in other Magic Valley counties to see whether the cooperative marketing group could cover

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Oil prices take a turn

Report: Surging output from non-OPEC sources eases crude prices

The Associated Press

LONDON - Mild autumn weather and a spurt in petroleum output from non-OPEC sources have helped ease oil prices, but there is still a danger of a winter eruption in prices for crude and heating oil, a respected energy agency said Monday.

"We are not out of the woods yet. Who can accurately predict the weather?" the International Energy Agency said in its monthly report.

As if to underscore its warning, crude futures prices rebounded Monday after declining over the previous week. January contracts for light, sweet crude jumped 90 cents to \$29.34 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. North Sea Brent, the European benchmark crude, rose 79 cents to \$27.35 a barrel on the International Petroleum Exchange in London.

The decline in prices over the past two weeks came despite Iraq's suspension of 2.3 million barrels of daily crude exports - a price movement that suggested oil markets were well supplied, the Paris-based agency said.

The IEA, set up by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, represents the interests of the world's wealthiest nations.

In May's rise, crude futures seemed to take a cue from the U.S. natural gas market, which has soared due to severe cold in much of the United States. Natural gas futures settled Friday at \$8.584 per 1,000 cubic feet - a record and almost 30 percent above the previous week's settlement.

Blizzards in the American Midwest, with snow as far south as Texas, have helped crude prices bounce back, analysts said.

So too have comments from OPEC members Kuwait and Venezuela that the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries might need to slash its output early next year to keep oil prices from falling.

That may mean a rise in the



An Iraqi worker operates a valve gear at the Baiji Refinery Dec. 1 northwest of Baghdad, Iraq, decided against raising December oil prices because it would make its crude oil 'noncompetitive,' the decision came a day after the U.N. sanctions committee said oil companies could continue loading Iraqi crude onto tankers until Dec. 8, but couldn't pay for the crude until Iraq proposed prices for December that would be in line with fair market value.

market after recent declines, which saw the price of light, sweet crude futures fall from \$36.27 a barrel on Nov. 27 to \$28.31 on Dec. 8.

The IEA noted in its report that world oil production rose 730,000 barrels a day last month, or almost 1 percent, to 78.9 million barrels. This improvement offered comfort to importing countries that have been struggling to pay the high cost of imported fuel.

Inventories for the world's largest economies increased in October by 7.6 million barrels a day, or 0.3 percent, to 2.56 billion barrels, the agency said. It added

that inventories were still low by comparison with the previous four years.

World oil production surged last month due entirely to greater volumes from North America and the North Sea, especially from Mexico and Norway. Demand was tempered by moderate weather in recent months in Europe and North America.

OPEC's output fell 65,000 barrels a day, Iraq's daily output dropped 205,000 barrels a day in November, more than offsetting increases by Saudi Arabia and others the IEA said.

Iraq suspended oil exports at the end of November in a dispute

with the U.N. sanctions committee over its pricing policy. The committee approved a new price formula for Iraq on Friday, removing an obstacle to the resumption of Iraqi exports.

Some members of OPEC, fearful that demand for oil might wane as winter ends, are advising a production cut to help ensure that prices stay above the targeted floor price of \$22 a barrel.

Kuwait's oil minister, Sheikh Saud Nasser Al-Sabah, said in a report published Monday in Dubai that OPEC would consider curtailing its output by about 1 million barrels a day if oil prices continued to slide.

High-tech goods push state exports

The Times-News
and The Associated Press

BOISE - Continuing strength in the state's high-tech sector pushed Idaho's exports up 43 percent to \$1.5 billion during the first six months of 2000, Department of Commerce Director Gary Mahn said.

Products produced by Idaho's high-tech industry - led by semiconductors, computers, printers and electronic components - accounted for \$1.1 billion in export sales during the period, up 37 percent.

"The high-tech sector continues to fuel our export growth," Mahn said. "The year 2000 may prove to be a record year."

Other top trade products included processed food, cattle, fertilizers and forest products, all of which showed improvements from the first half of 1999, the Commerce Department said Monday.

Mahn said Idaho exports to Asian markets continued to rebound for the second year in a row, following the financial crisis of 1997 and 1998, due to strong demand for high-tech products.

Shipments to Singapore increased 181 percent to \$285 million, making the Asian giant Idaho's second-largest trading partner behind the United Kingdom. Exports to Canada, the third-largest trading partner, (fertilizer, high-tech products, aerospace parts and food) increased 58 percent, while sales to Mexico (high-tech components, wood products and processed food) were up 54 percent, and shipments to Japan and Korea posted gains of 22 percent and 51 percent, respectively, after several years of decline.

Gov. Dirk Kempthorne plans return trade missions to Asia and Latin America in the coming year, and he has said a trade mission to England is possible.

Qwest to open talks

Knight Ridder News Service

DENVER - Qwest Communications International intends to open contract-extension talks this week with the labor union representing roughly 2,000 workers in its Dex directory unit, whose publications include Magic Valley phone books.

The Dex negotiations come slightly more than a month after Denver-based Qwest clinched a two-year contract extension with the Communications Workers of America covering 30,000 workers in its telecommunications and business-resources divisions.

The CWA represents Dex production employees in the 14 states (including Idaho) of the former U.S. West territory, plus Dex salespeople in Washington, Oregon, Minnesota, South Dakota, North Dakota and Nebraska.

The current CWA contract for Dex employees expires in October. Lew Ellingson, a Dex bargaining agent and staff representative for CWA-District 7 in Denver, said the CWA likely is not interested in any extension longer than two years. The CWA intends to focus on wage increases

and salesperson pensions in the talks, he said.

"I don't anticipate any problems," Ellingson said.

At least one observer sees the potential for the Dex talks becoming more complicated than Qwest's recent labor negotiations.

"I think there's a possibility they might be tougher in these negotiations than they were with the (telecom) installers and techs, because it's not clear that paper directories are part of the long-term 'future of Qwest,'" said Tom Friedberg, an analyst with Tucker Anthony Capital Markets in Denver.

"If, in fact, they do decide to sell it at some point, I don't think they want to have an onerous contract dissuading potential buyers. This is pure speculation on my part."

Qwest already has entered contract-extension talks with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, which represents 300 Dex employees, most of them salespeople. Tom Matthews, Qwest's executive vice president of human resources, is participating directly in the CWA and IBEW talks.

Free classes help with tax forms

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - Small-business owners with questions on filling out sales tax and withholding returns can get help from the Idaho State Tax Commission.

Starting this month, one-hour "Right Track" classes will be held the second Tuesday of every month - in

December, that's today - at the tax commission's Twin Falls office, 1038 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., Suite C. Business owners attending the free classes will be shown the proper way to fill out sales tax and Idaho income tax withholding returns.

"We know how difficult it is for people starting a new business to get a handle on all their tax obligations," said Claudia Johnson, outreach coordinator for the tax commission. "This is a way to help them get started

on the right track."

Although the classes are designed for new businesses, Johnson said all business owners are welcome.

"Anyone who needs help understanding their sales and withholding would benefit from it," she said.

The sales and withholding classes will begin at 9 a.m. and last about an hour. There is no cost, but business owners must register in advance by calling the Twin Falls office at 736-3040.

'Mad cow' crisis prompts McDonald's to scale back earnings forecast

Knight Ridder News Service

McDonald's Corp. Monday slightly trimmed its earnings forecast for 2000 as the beef crisis in Europe bit into November sales.

The world's largest fast-food chain said same-store sales at its European restaurants fell about 2 percent, compared with November 1999. About one-

fourth of the Oak Brook, Ill.-based company's systemwide sales - which include restaurants owned and franchised restaurants such as those in the Magic Valley - come from Europe.

"Sales in certain European countries were tempered by the decline in consumer confidence regarding the safety of the European beef supply," Jack Greenberg, McDonald's chair-

man and chief executive, said in a statement announcing the company's November sales.

Based on this performance and the company's outlook for December, McDonald's said it expects this year's earnings per share to grow 10 percent to 12 percent, excluding the impact of the strong dollar. The revised estimate is at the low end of

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 a larger geographic area.
 The impacts? At times-based Lockwood Greene Consulting recently advocated creating a multicounty, professional organization for economic development... with representatives from each city and county and economic development entity... to recruit new businesses in certain targeted industries and help existing industries stay vibrant, profitable and growing.
 Cities, counties, chambers of commerce and other leaders in Twin Falls and Jerome have given the effort a green light. So you're starting small with a two-county coalition.

CSI President Jerry Meyerhoeffer said earlier he hoped to hire an executive director for the coalition by year-end. The college will take the responsibility of hiring the coalition's leader for a three-year commitment and a one-year extension, he says. Perhaps in the range of \$50,000... less than the \$75,000 to \$80,000 Lockwood Greene recommended.
 CSI counts on others to help fulfill that promise.

But the proposed job description recruited several likely contributors to the coalition brought requests for additions to the document. And Meyerhoeffer... who wants all those folks to be comfortable with the results... said Meyerhoeffer doesn't expect the advertisement on the Internet until after a private meeting Dec. 19 of those Jerome and Twin Falls parties.

Meyerhoeffer and others were looking at models elsewhere for the kind of regional economic Magic Valley is contemplating. So, also at the Dec. 19 meeting, a leader of a Boise-area economic development group will tell locals how his entity is run.
 Meyerhoeffer hopes to see a director chosen by February and the job by March. Hiring of another staffer for the Southern Idaho Economic Development Organization will wait for the budget to grow and for the new director to say he or she is ready for

Help wanted
 These are excerpts from the preliminary job descriptions for a newly created director of the Southern Idaho Economic Development Organization.
 The executive director, filling a new position, will provide overall leadership and economic growth by recruiting and generating new business and by retaining and expanding existing businesses. The director will report to the coalition's board of directors, which is to be comprised of about 15 local representatives of the public and private sectors in Region 4.

Some duties include:
 • Research and keep an inventory of buildings and open properties.
 • Assess local business incentives and incentives in a professional and timely manner, including maintenance of a tracking system and monthly reports to the board, respecting confidentiality.
 • Develop and oversee distribution of publications throughout the area.
 • Manage the budget for the board sets. The initial operating budget, including salaries, is about \$175,000.
 • Implement a marketing and promotional plan, which includes attracting businesses from outside the area and retention/expansion of the area's existing ones.

Qualifications for the position include:
 • Baccalaureate degree in public administration, business or related field with a minimum of five years of professional experience.
 • Experience in area development, business development, community development, expansion and retention, finance, grants and loans, handling prospects and site selection.
 • Knowledge of business law and government regulations affecting economic development.
 Source: College of Southern Idaho

help, he added.
 The college has verbal funding commitments from most of the potential contributors in Twin Falls and Jerome counties. New director said Monday he has a pretty good sense of the dollar amounts but isn't ready to break it down to the dollar.

Some groups, including both chambers of commerce, have formally supported the effort.
 The college means while gathering comment on how the new entity's governing board should be structured.

He's starting with the Lockwood Greene consultants' structure, meaning while gathering primary private-sector/business people, even if they occupy seats representing public entities such as cities or counties. The consultants said such a board would operate like a business rather than a political entity.
 "And none of that has been

Develop up-to-date relocation packets for new firms looking for regional information.
 • Maintain a pool of contacts, such as banks, corporations and federal, state and local agencies, to provide financing for expansion, expansion and attraction of new firms.
 • Provide technical assistance to area development groups applying for federal and state grants to aid business expansion.
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answered yet," Wagner said. He's sure about one thing: The board's size would grow if other areas of the valley come on board later.
 "It needs to be structured with that direction in mind," he said. This week's talking to other folks to find out what board structure is likely to fly. Then he'll present a proposal Dec. 19 for discussion and hopefully approval.
 "It's not easy to give birth to something like this."

Groups in Jerome and Twin Falls won't formally commit money to an organization until they know what it is. But what it is reflected in the new board's structure... depends on who gives money.
 "It's kind of a chicken-and-egg thing," Wagner said.

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Stocks rise on hopes of rate cuts

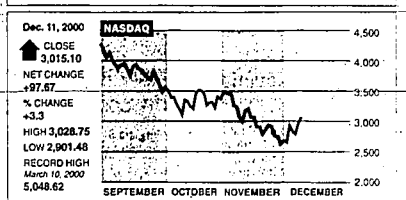
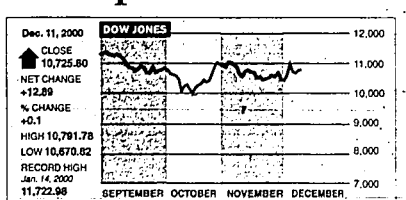
NEW YORK (AP) — The possibility of future interest rate cuts sent tech stocks surging Monday, lifting the Nasdaq composite index above 3,000.
 Blue chips struggled to keep up in light trading as Wall Street awaited a U.S. Supreme Court ruling that could potentially end the month-old presidential deadlock.
 "It's been a real up and down kind of day, subject to the whims of what people hear on TV" about the court ruling, said Scott Bleier, chief investment strategist for Prime Charter Ltd.
 But, he said, "the fact is that the market's entire tone has improved dramatically since the Fed... basically told everybody that the slow-growth economy is not going to be allowed to dive into a recession."

The Nasdaq closed up 97.67 at 3,015.10. The last time the index traded at or closed above 3,000 was Nov. 17; it has also risen more than 20 percent since dipping below 2,500 on Nov. 30.

Blue chips had a rocky day. The Dow Jones industrial average ended the day up 12.89 at 10,755.30, changing direction several times during the course of the day.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 10.31 to 1,380.20. After weeks of shunning the tech sector as too risky, investors have returned buying the stocks, many of which are now trading at less than half their 52-week highs.

McDonald's
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 McDonald's previously stated annual earnings target of 10 percent to 15 percent. Before Monday, the company had expected profit-growth-to-be-in-the-middle of the range.
 The revision did not surprise Wall Street. Several analysts had cut their earnings projections in recent weeks based on concerns that the European beef scare would dampen sales. McDonald's



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NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

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MSFT	+	3.63	58.06	61.69
GOOG	+	2.89	20.00	22.89
AMZN	+	0.25	1.00	1.25
YHOO	-	1.06	33.88	32.82
DIS	+	0.25	25.00	25.25
WMT	+	0.25	25.00	25.25
CVX	+	0.25	25.00	25.25
PG	+	0.25	25.00	25.25
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MARKETS

CLOSING FUTURES

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Table listing various bean types (Soybeans, Lentils, etc.) with their respective prices and changes.

GRAINS

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Baby boomers get an heir-cut

The Washington Post

Americans may not be saving much, the stock market may be going into the tank, Social Security may be headed for trouble - but, hey, not to worry, frugal parents of members of the baby-boom generation are about to bequeath them vast sums that will assure them of a comfortable old age.

Right? Well, some economists and policy-makers seem to think so. Figures as high as \$136 trillion are being thrown around as the baby-boom generation's total inheritance, and financial planners are linking their chops as they contemplate helping thousands of suddenly rich Americans handle their windfalls.

But a new study by two economists who have spent a lot of time looking at "intergenerational transfers" comes to a less-optimistic conclusion: Don't count on it.

In fact, according to Jagadeesh Gokhale of the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland and Laurence J. Kotlikoff of Boston University, when measured as a percentage of their wages, the bequests the boomers will get will be roughly the same as those received by their parents.

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One (1) Stationary and Portable Radiodiagnostic System
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All bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at 11:00 a.m. MST, Friday, December 22, 2000 in the TCU, West Conference Room of the Medical Center.

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General L. Hart
Chief Executive Officer
Date: November 16, 2000

PUBLISH: November 21 and December 12, 2000

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♥ 9
♦ Q J 8
♣ A K J 6

WEST 4-2
♥ K Q J 5 3
♦ 6 5 3 2
♣ 9 2

EAST ♠ J 9 6 3
♥ 8 7 6 2
♦ 10 8 3
♣ 7 5 4

SOUTH ♠ K 8
♥ A 10 4
♦ A K 10 9 7
♣ 7 5 4

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: South

The bidding:
South West North East
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass
2 ♠ Pass 3 ♠ Pass
3 NT Pass 4 ♠ Pass
4 ♠ Pass 4 ♠ Pass
5 ♠ Pass 5 NT Pass
6 ♠ Cue-bid All pass

Opening lead: Heart king
BID WITH THE ACES

South holds: ♠ 4 2
♥ K Q J 5 3
♦ 6 5 3 2
♣ 9 2

North South
♠ 1 ♠
♥ 2 ♠

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SPORTSQUOTE

It's just incredible, 250 (million) came out of nowhere.

Rafael Palmeiro, new teammate of Alex Rodriguez, on A-Rod's 10-year, \$252M contract the 25-year-old shortstop signed with the Texas Rangers on Monday

TRIVIA

QUESTION:

How many baseball teams are worth more than the \$252 million contract Alex Rodriguez signed on Monday?

Answer below

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

- College men's basketball Idaho Stampede at CSI, 7:30 p.m.
High school wrestling Elko/Gooding at Twin Falls, 5 p.m.
Declo, Jerome at Burley, 7 p.m.
Kimberly/Aberdeen at Valley, 6 p.m.
Girls' high school basketball Filer at Wood River, 7:30 p.m.
Valley at Kimberly, 6 p.m.
Gooding at Wendell, 4:15 p.m.
Bliss JV at ISDB, 6 p.m.
Odeley at Hagerman, 6 p.m.
Raft River at Hansen, 6 p.m.
Camas at Dietrich, 6 p.m.
Ketchum at Carey, 4:30 p.m.
Glenns Ferry at Declo, 4:30 p.m.
Boys' high school basketball Richfield at Shoshone, 6 p.m.
Valley at Murtaugh, 6 p.m.
Wood River at Buhl, 4:15 p.m.
Camas at Dietrich, 7:30 p.m.
Ketchum at Carey, 6 p.m.
Bliss JV at ISDB, 4:30 p.m.
Sho-Ban at TFCA, 6 p.m.

IN BRIEF

Stamped sign guard, release three

BOISE - The Idaho Stampede, who play the College of Southern Idaho in a 7:30 p.m. exhibition tonight in Twin Falls, signed 6-foot-4 free agent guard Randy Livingston on Monday.

Livingston was last with the NBA's Golden State Warriors before being waived Nov. 21.

The Stampede, which need to trim their roster down to 10 by Wednesday, also released guards Robert Palmer and Jason Stewart and center Martin Yokum.

Livingston has been waived three times this NBA season. Besides the Warriors, the Orlando Magic and Seattle SuperSonics waived the guard.

Shaq to receive general studies degree on Friday

EL SEGUNDO, Calif. - Shaquille O'Neal has earned a new nickname - The Big Graduate.

The Los Angeles Lakers' star will receive his diploma at Louisiana State on Friday, causing him to miss that night's game against the Vancouver Grizzlies at Staples Center. O'Neal will miss the game with his team's blessing, and won't be docked any of his \$19.28 million season salary. The 28-year-old, who left LSU after three years to turn pro in 1992, will receive a bachelor of science degree in general studies.

O'Neal will go through a graduation ceremony Friday morning, then have his jersey No. 33 retired at halftime of the LSU-New Orleans game Saturday night.

Correction

Tyler Layne's name was misspelled in Sunday's sports section. Layne was the men's 2-mile winner of Saturday's Reindeer Rumble run.

The Times-News regrets the error.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

TRIVIA ANSWER:

LONG GONE

Shortstop agrees to record \$252 million, 10-year contract

The Associated Press

DALLAS - A-Rod has a new nickname: A-Lot. That's what Alex Rodriguez is getting from the Texas Rangers - a quarter-billion dollars in a deal that doubles the previous richest contract in sports history.

The Rangers lured the four-time All-Star shortstop from the Seattle Mariners with a \$252 million, 10-year contract Monday.

"Alex is the player we believe will allow this franchise to fulfill its dream of continuing on its path to becoming a World Series champion," Rangers owner Tom Hicks said.

Hicks paid \$250 million to buy the entire franchise three years ago from the group headed by George W. Bush and Rusty Rose. Now the Rangers have A-Rod and I-Rod - catcher Ivan Rodriguez, the 1999 American League MVP.

"The Rangers are serious about winning," Texas general manager Doug Melvin said. "I know expectations will be high. We're ready for that challenge."

The free-agent contract calls

for a \$10 million signing bonus paid over five years and salaries of \$21 million in each of the first four years - well above the \$15.3 million Minnesota paid its entire team this season.

The 25-year-old Rodriguez gets \$25 million a year in 2005 and 2006, and \$27 million in each of the final four seasons. A total of \$36 million is deferred at 3 percent interest; the money to be paid from 2011-2020.

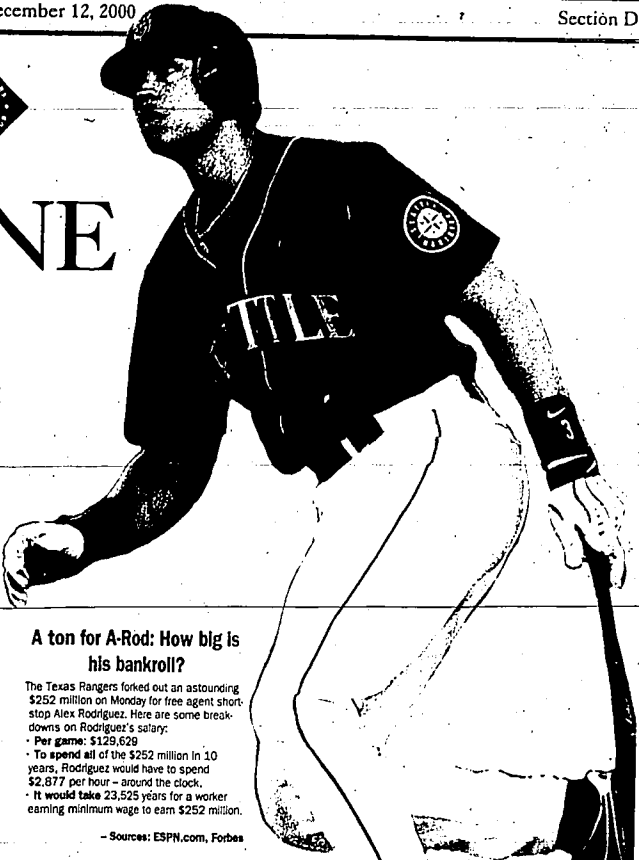
Sandy Alderson, an executive vice president in baseball's commissioner's office, called the deal "stunifying."

"This amount of money spread out over 10 years could probably buy three franchises or so at the bottom end of market value," he said.

"I'm the whipping boy for 'baseball games will destruct,'" said Rodriguez's agent, Scott Boras.

The contract is exactly double the previous record for a sports contract: a \$126 million, six-year agreement in October 1997 between forward Kevin Garnett and the NBA's Minnesota Timberwolves.

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A ton for A-Rod: How big is his bankroll?

The Texas Rangers forked out an astounding \$252 million on Monday for free agent shortstop Alex Rodriguez. Here are some breakdowns on Rodriguez's salary:

- Per game: \$129,609
To spend all of the \$252 million in 10 years, Rodriguez would have to spend \$2,877 per hour - around the clock.
It would take 23,525 years for a worker earning minimum wage to earn \$252 million.

Sources: ESPN.com, Forbes

Pay-scale heavies

Baseball contracts worth \$90 million or more.

Table with columns: Player, club, Year, Salary. Lists Alex Rodriguez, Carlos Delgado, Roger Clemens, Mike Hampton, Kevin Brown, Mike Piazza, Chipper Jones.

Contracts with average annual values of \$15 million or more.

Table with columns: Player, club, Year, Average salary. Lists Alex Rodriguez, Carlos Delgado, Roger Clemens, Mike Hampton, Kevin Brown, Chipper Jones.

Figures include all guaranteed income but not income from potential incentive bonuses. There is no distinction for money deferred without interest.

Source: Compiled from AP wire reports

Colts gallop past Buffalo 44-20

The Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS - It wasn't Peyton Manning, Edgerrin James and Marvin Harrison who kept the Indianapolis Colts alive in the AFC playoff race.

It was Paul Shields, Jeff Burris and Bernard Holsey.

Shields blocked a punt to set up one third-quarter score and Burris sacked Rob Johnson to force a fumble that Holsey returned 48 yards for another touchdown as the Colts beat the Buffalo Bills 44-20 Monday night.

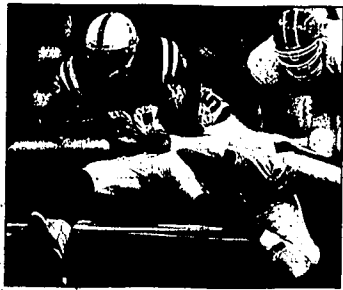
Mustafah Muhammad added a 40-yard interception return for a score in the fourth quarter as the Colts scored 35 points in the second half, 21 by the defense or special teams.

The win kept Indianapolis (8-6) alive for an AFC playoff berth and eliminated the Bills (7-7), although the Colts still need help to make it.

Indianapolis' victory also enabled Denver to qualify for the postseason, joining Oakland, Tennessee and Baltimore with two spots in the conference still open.

This was clearly a victory for the Indianapolis defense, which for two years has played the supporting cast to Manning, Harrison and James.

This time, the offense supported the defense. While Manning was just 13-of-



24 for a career-low 132 yards, the defense sacked Johnson and Doug Flutie nine times after getting six sacks in its previous five games. The two turnovers for touchdowns were among three for the game for a team that entered the game with just 15 takeaways, last in the NFL.

The Colts led 9-6 at halftime after an exchange of field goals by Mike Vanderjagt and Buffalo's Steve Christie.

But Indianapolis came out energized in the second-half, especially on defense.

It stopped the Bills on three plays on the opening series, then Shields, who started four

The Associated Press

DALLAS - When Pat Gillick heard how much money Alex Rodriguez got, he knew the Seattle Mariners never really had a chance.

"There would have had to have been a major hometown discount to get us into the ballpark," the general manager said Monday, shortly after Rodriguez left the Mariners to sign a \$252 million, 10-year contract with the Texas Rangers.

"The Mariners, who have lost Ken Griffey Jr., Randy Johnson and now Rodriguez over the last 2.5 years, offered a contract that would have made A-Rod the highest-paid player in baseball.

But they couldn't match Rangers owner Tom Hicks' staggering bid.

"We couldn't go there," said Gillick, who wouldn't criticize Texas' bid. "Everybody has to

run their own shops. The Mariners run their business the way they want to. Other clubs do what they need to do. We're headed in the right direction."

Agent Scott Boras said the Mariners didn't show the commitment to Rodriguez that Texas did. He said the team's offer was for five years and Seattle could have opted out after three.

"The ownership was not here," Boras said. "It was in Hawaii. It was very clear to us."

Making the departure even more difficult for the Mariners to handle was knowing that Rodriguez would spend the next 10 seasons in their division.

"Fortunately, we will still see him," Gillick said. "Ultimately it will be when he plays against us 19 or 20 times a year. We wish him well."

The Mariners won the AL wild card in 2000 after trading away Griffey before the season. They came within two wins of making

the first World Series in franchise history, but now they must rebuild.

"We can't fill his void," Gillick said. "But we will do what we can to put a winning team on the field for next season."

Carlos Guillen is currently slated to replace Rodriguez at shortstop. Guillen hit 257 with seven homers and 42 RBIs last season - numbers that pale in comparison to Rodriguez's .316, 41 and 132.

Barring any trades or signings, Mark McLemore will be at second base and David Bell will play third. The Mariners could be interested in free agent shortstop Mike Bordick or trade excess pitching to upgrade the offense.

"We have pitching depth we can trade, but we don't want to diminish it significantly," Gillick said. "The backbone of this team is pitching and defense."

Ailing Aikman

Concussion concerns bench Dallas QB

The Associated Press

IRVING, Texas - Cowboys quarterback Troy Aikman probably will miss the team's next game and was questionable for the season finale after the 10th concussion of his career.

So, he might have played his last game for Dallas - and his NFL career could be over, too.

Aikman was hurt Sunday on a first-quarter tackle by Washington linebacker LaVar Arrington in Dallas' 32-13 victory.

The concussion was second this season for the 34-year-old quarterback and 10th in his 12-year career.

Broncos closer to getting Davis, Griese back

DENVER - The Denver Broncos could get Terrell Davis and Brian Griese back in time for the regular-season finale.

Davis will have more tests Friday on his injured leg and hopes the results will allow him to return to practice soon. If the tests show the running back's bone is healing, the protective boot he's been wearing

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will be removed next Monday and he will try to practice, coach Mike Shanahan said.

Quarterback Griese was improving quickly from a separated right shoulder and expected to resume practicing this week.

Not Fin-ished: Miami's Fiedler plays through pain

DAVIE, Fla. - Miami Dolphins quarterback Jay Fiedler hopes to stay in the lineup despite a slight tear in his left shoulder.

Tests Monday showed that Fiedler damaged the rotator cuff of his nonthrowing arm in the 16-13 loss to Tampa Bay.

He was hurt when sacked in the second quarter Sunday and briefly left the game. But he played the entire second half, finishing with four interceptions and a fumbled snap that the Buccaneers recovered.

If he's able to practice, he'll start Sunday against Indianapolis, coach Dave Wannstedt said.

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SPORTS

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Gretzky, Lemieux return to NHL scene

PALM BEACH, Fla. - Wayne Gretzky assumed ownership of the Phoenix Coyotes on Monday...

At its league meetings in Palm Beach, the NHL's Board of Governors unanimously approved the sale of the Coyotes...

The purchase price for the Coyotes is \$87 million. Ellman said his group has already invested \$50 million.

Lemieux officially announced at a news conference in Pittsburgh that he is coming out of retirement at age 35 to play for the Penguins...

"It's ironic that the day I assume ownership that my partner for many years is going back on the ice," Gretzky said.

"We have a great young team," said Lemieux, who will remain chairman and CEO of the Penguins, but will not be as active as before...

Magic activate Grant Hill for game Monday

LOS ANGELES - All-Star forward Grant Hill was activated by the Orlando Magic prior to Monday night's game with the Los Angeles Clippers.

Hill was placed on the injured list Nov. 6 to continue rehabilitation of his left ankle. He underwent surgery on Apr. 28 to repair a broken bone in his ankle.

Jury favors Major League Soccer in case

BOSTON - Major League Soccer scored a victory over its players on Monday when a jury decided that the league was not a monopoly with the power to depress salaries.

The class-action antitrust lawsuit filed in federal court claimed that MLS owners conspired with the U.S. Soccer Federation to eliminate competition for premier soccer players.

But after about a day of deliberation, the jury found that plenty of competition existed - in Europe, in Latin America, and in minor and indoor leagues in the United States.

The players will appeal the verdict, attorney Jeffrey Kessler said.

UNC tabs former Tar Heel as football coach

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. - John Bunting flashed his Super Bowl ring when he was introduced as football coach at North Carolina. The former Tar Heels linebacker had another prized possession with him.

"This ring right here is just as important to me - the 1971 ACC championship ring that I won with a bunch of hardworking guys who had one common goal," Bunting said...

The former New Orleans Saints assistant takes over a program that returns 16 starters from a 6-5 team, but has won only two Atlantic Coast Conference titles since Bunting was the team's co-coach in the early '70s.

Bunting, who resigned as linebackers coach with the Saints, replaces Carl Torbush, who was fired Nov. 20 after a three-year record of 17-18. Bunting was given a five-year contract with a base salary of \$1,600,000, athletic director Dick Baddour said.

The total package is expected to be around \$600,000.

Dayton player found dead in house

DAYTON, Ohio - A.J. Cohen, a senior wide receiver for the University of Dayton and the younger brother of St. Louis Rams linebacker Dustin Cohen, was found dead Sunday after a fire gutted the two-story wooden house near campus he rented from the school.

The 21-year-old economics major from Loveland, was ruled a homicide by the coroner's office on Monday.

Welsh retires after 19 years as Cavs' coach

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. - A tearful George Welsh retired as Virginia's football coach Monday, 19 years after turning the Cavaliers from a laughingstock into a contender.

Welsh, 67, came to Virginia from New York to take over a program so bad its team was mockingly referred to as the "Cavaliers."

He leaves as the winningest coach in Atlantic Coast Conference history, and one whose mark on the university can be seen in the stadium he leaves behind.

When Welsh arrived at Virginia in 1982, the Cavaliers had a 33-121-11 record in the ACC and had never been to a bowl. Since his arrival, they are 85-51-3 and will be making their 12th bowl appearance this month. His career record is 189-131-4.

Former Steeler McGriff dies at 41

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. - Tyrone McGriff, a guard for the Pittsburgh Steelers in the 1980s and one of Florida A&M's greatest football players, has died at 41.

He died Saturday in Melbourne, two weeks after having a heart attack, the school said Monday.

A three-time Division I-AA All American, McGriff played three seasons in the NFL with the Steelers and three more years in the U.S. Football League.

McGriff was a member of the first class of small college players inducted in the National Football Foundation College Football Hall of Fame in 1996.

Sixers guard Eric Snow will have surgery

PHILADELPHIA - Philadelphia 76ers point guard Eric Snow will have surgery on Tuesday to repair his broken right ankle and is expected to miss 6-to-8 weeks.

Snow, who leads the team in assists with 6.6 per game, helped lead the Sixers to a franchise-best 10-0 start. He was averaging 12.2 points, and scored at least 20 points in three straight games in one stretch.

Snow had a CT scan at a Los Angeles hospital last Wednesday, a day after the Sixers lost 96-85 to the Lakers, and was diagnosed with a stress fracture in his right ankle.

Tooley becomes director of USA Basketball

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. - Jim Tooley, USA Basketball's assistant director for men's programs, will become the organization's executive director.

USA Basketball president Tom Jenstad said Monday that Tooley will replace Warren Brown, whose resignation takes effect Jan. 1.

Tooley, who has been in charge of the men's program since 1993, worked for the formerly Denver-based Continental Basketball Association, holding several posts before joining USA Basketball.

Compiled from wire reports

Shoshone tops Lady Tigers 53-17

The Times-News

SHOSHONE - Monica Uhrig dominated inside for the Lady Indians, scoring 18 points as Shoshone (4-0 Northside, 11-0 overall) bombed visiting Richfield 53-17 Monday.

Amber Strunk added 10 points and four steals for Shoshone.

The Lady Indians host Valley on Monday.

Box score for Shoshone JV 49, MVCHS 33. Includes stats for Uhrig, Strunk, and other players.

Local sports

Castelford JV 49, MVCHS 33

CASTLEFORD - Castelford's Malorie Graybeal scored 23 points to lead the Lady Wolves to a 49-33 victory Monday against the Magic Valley Christian Conquerors.

Jessica Alexander led MVC (4-2) with 13 points. The Lady Wolves (4-4) travel to Raft River Friday.

Box score for Castelford JV 49, MVCHS 33. Includes stats for Graybeal, Alexander, and other players.

Boys' basketball

Carey 84, Hansen 57

CAREY - Tony Howard poured in a game-high 19 points and Dustin Olsen added a career-high eight, as Carey defeated Hansen 84-57.

Derek Davis led the Huskies with 13 points.

The Panthers (3-1 overall, 0-0 in conference) host Ketchum today. Hansen travels to Twin Falls Christian Academy Friday.

Box score for Carey 84, Hansen 57. Includes stats for Howard, Olsen, and other players.

Castelford JV 58, MVCHS 54

CASTLEFORD - Robert Comer sank a 10-foot bank shot at the buzzer as the Wolves rallied from an eight-point deficit after three quarters to beat visiting Magic Valley Christian 58-54.

Benji Graybeal chipped in 13 for Castelford (3-1).

Zach Dong led the Conquerors with 13 points and teammate Jared Bell added 12.

Box score for Castelford JV 58, MVCHS 54. Includes stats for Graybeal, Dong, and other players.

NFL

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It's on me: Warner to pay for Rams' dance

ST. LOUIS - Kurt Warner will pick up the tab for the "Bob 'N' Weave."

The Rams' celebration dance, banned by the NFL, was performed twice Sunday in the team's 40-29 victory over the Minnesota Vikings. The players expect to be fined later this week.

"I don't care if it was \$50,000 or if it was \$250,000," the quarterback said after St. Louis ended a

three-game losing streak. "It was well worth it."

Injuries hit Seahawks' King, Kennedy, Bellamy

KIRKLAND, Wash. - Defensive lineman Lamar King could miss the final two games of the season with a dislocated shoulder.

King, the No. 1 pick in the 1999 draft, was injured in Sunday's 31-24 loss to the Denver Broncos. King leads the Seahawks with six sacks and has 48 tackles.

Also injured Sunday were defensive tackle Cortez Kennedy

(torn ligaments in his thumb) and free safety Jay Bellamy (back cramps).

Brown-out: Rookie Northcutt lost for season

BEREA, Ohio - The Cleveland Browns lost another quarterback on Monday - rookie wide receiver Dennis Northcutt.

Northcutt, who along with wide-out Kevin Johnson took snaps at quarterback during Sunday's 35-24 loss to Philadelphia, sprained his ankle and will miss the rest of the season.

Big ouch: George needs boot for sore big toe

NASHVILLE, Tenn. - Eddie George's big right toe is bothering him again.

The Tennessee Titans running back sprained the toe in October and hurt it again in Sunday's 35-3 victory over the Cincinnati Bengals.

Doctors gave George a cortisone shot Monday and he will wear a walking boot for at least a couple of days to rest the toe, Titans coach Jeff Fisher said.

Rodriguez

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And it was finalized 11 days shy of the 25th anniversary of an arbitrator's decision that ended the reserve clause and led to free agency in the Andy Messersmith-Dave McNally case.

Back then, the average baseball salary was about \$45,000. This year, it was about \$1.8 million, leading some owners to call for another overhaul of the sport's economic structure - which could lead to another work stoppage after next season.

The previous high for a baseball player was set just Saturday: a \$121 million, eight-year contract between left-hander Mike Hampton and the Colorado Rockies.

Until then, baseball's largest deal had been a \$116.5 million, nine-year contract agreed to in February by Ken Griffey Jr. and the Cincinnati Reds when Seattle traded the center fielder last February.

"Alex made an owner decision," said Boras, who called Hicks "someone he could communicate with, someone who could put him in position to achieve his goals as a baseball player."

Rodriguez, who can opt out of the agreement after seven years and become a free agent again at age 32, came away with an average salary of \$25.2 million - 48 percent higher than the previous top, the \$17 million Toronto first baseman Carlos Delgado agreed to in October as part of a four-year contract.

But A-Rod fell short of the highest average salary in sports.

Los Angeles Lakers center Shaquille O'Neal will average \$29.5 million in an \$88.5 million, three-year extension that starts with the 2003-04 season.

Michael Jordan made about \$33 million in 1997-98, his final season in the NBA.

"People are talking about the money, but you have to recognize the type of player he is and what he can accomplish," Oakland general manager Billy Beane said. "And he's only 25 years old."

The lanky infielder from Miami - he's 6-foot-3 - was highly prized because he became a free agent at such a young age.

In seven seasons with the Seattle Mariners, he has a .309 career average with 189 homers and 595 RBIs.

This year, he made \$4.25 million in the final season of a \$10.6 million, four-year contract he signed against Boras' advice in 1996.

"Yes, he's special because he can hit a baseball. Yes, he's a special because he can hit it a long way," Rangers manager Johnny Oates said. "We're talking about more than hitting a baseball. We're talking about marketing an area."

Seattle and Atlanta were the other known finalists. The

Braves did not make an offer, one senior baseball official said of the condition of anonymity, saying that it pushed Boras to name a price. The amount of the Mariners' offer was unclear.

"There would have had to been a major hometown discount to get us into the ballpark," Mariners general manager Pat Gillick said.

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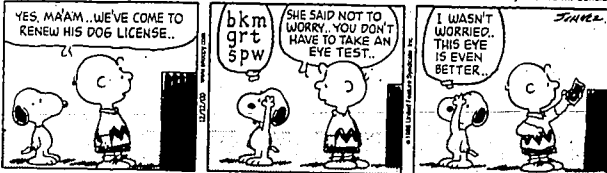
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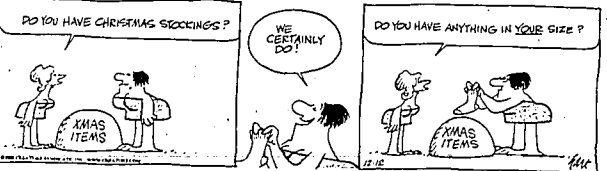
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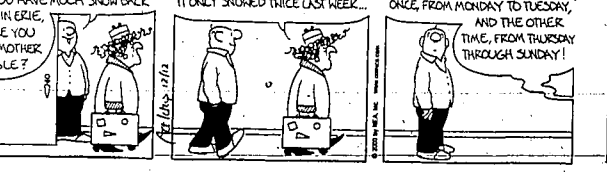
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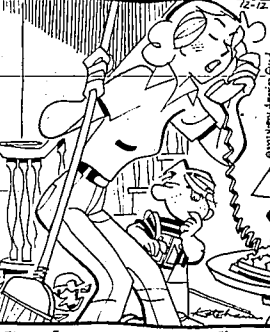
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