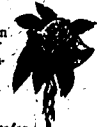




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## Christmas in City Park

The fourth and final Advent-season Christmas in City Park concert will be held at 5 p.m. in Twin Falls City Park. The concert features live choral music by local artists and groups. Admission is free and refreshments are available.



## WEATHER

Today: Very windy with a chance of snow. High, 36. Partly cloudy tonight with less wind. Low, 20.

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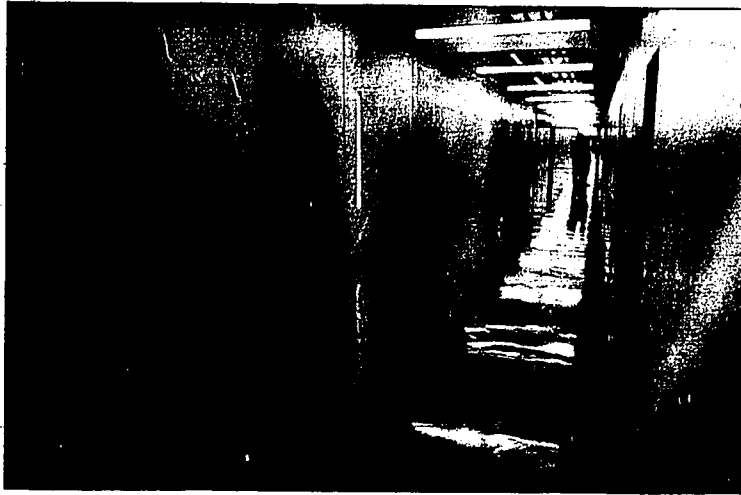
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# Can't do the time



Warden Glen Turner of the Idaho Correctional Center just south of Boise gave a group of lawmakers, reporters and correctional officials a tour of the prison Thursday.

## Idaho's prison population problem is more than just numbers

By Michael Journee  
Times-News writer

BOISE — By the middle of 2001, Idaho prison inmates are expected to outnumber the beds available to them in the state. But well before that, sometime after the 2001 legislative session convenes on Jan. 8, the issue will loom large for lawmakers.

The obvious solution is to build more prisons.

"But that's sort of counterproductive," said Rep. Leon Smith, R-Twin Falls, a member of the House Judiciary, Rules and Administration Committee, which oversees operation of the state's corrections operations.

Most lawmakers seem to want to find other solutions. Simply "warehousing" inmates doesn't address the problem — it simply puts it off for a few more years. History bears that out.

In the mid-1980s, Idaho faced a similar debate, said Sen. Sheila Sorensen, R-Boise, a member of the Senate Judiciary and Rules Committee. The solution settled upon then was to build more beds.

The judiciary committees — chaired by Rep. Celia Gould, R-Buhl, and Sen. Denton Farrington, R-Desha — are hearing the same arguments again.

Currently, 5,256 inmates are

housed in facilities owned and operated by the Idaho Department of Correction, various Idaho counties, and private corporations that specialize in running prisons. Everyone is looking to expand their operations or seeking more state money to help with the costs of the incarceration.

The privately owned Idaho  
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## Loophole lets radioactive waste into Idaho

By N.S. Norkkved  
Times-News writer

**GRAND VIEW** — The federal Nuclear Regulatory Commission last week declined a request to close a regulatory loophole big enough to bring half a million tons of low-level radioactive waste to Idaho.

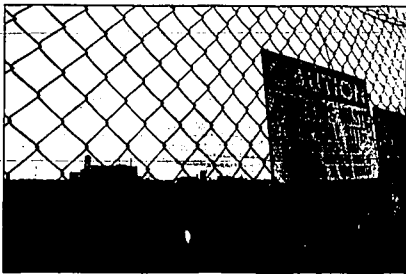
The waste is being dumped at EnviroSAFE Services of Idaho Inc., a hazardous waste disposal site about 10 miles west of Grand View.

The facility is not licensed to dispose of radioactive waste, but the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has been bringing waste from former Manhattan Project sites to EnviroSAFE for the past year and a half.

Environmentalists protested the loophole that lets unregulated radioactive waste into the state to be handled at a facility not designed for radioactive waste.

Through a technicality, the NRC doesn't regulate the material, and therefore the state doesn't regulate it as radioactive waste — even though it is radioactive. If the same waste were produced at a site licensed by the NRC after 1978, it would be considered radioactive and regulated as such.

The Snake River Alliance, a statewide nuclear watchdog group, this summer asked the



State Department of Environmental Quality officials are reviewing EnviroSAFE's permit to continue to operate the existing hazardous waste facility about 10 miles west of Grand View.

NRC to close the loophole.

The alliance is not saying the waste is unsafe, but it would be better if the material were regulated as radioactive waste, executive director Gary Richardson said.

"We just think this stuff should be under NRC jurisdiction," he said.

The NRC disagreed, in a decision issued Wednesday.

In July, an anonymous letter was sent to state regulators when monitors showed a radioactive

"hot spot" in a railroad car of radioactive waste at EnviroSAFE.

The letter might have come from a disgruntled employee, EnviroSAFE Manager Mike Spomer said, but the account is accurate. A load of waste did show up with a "hot spot" — an area with a higher level of radiation.

After the incident, the company changed its radioactive waste handling procedure, and asked the state to make it part of the facility's hazardous waste disposal

## State seeks comment on disposal operation

**GRAND VIEW** — State officials will conduct an informal meeting and a public hearing Wednesday on a proposal to continue operations at EnviroSAFE Services of Idaho Inc.

The hearing will be at 7 a.m. in the auditorium of the Rimrock Junior-Senior High School about seven miles east of Grand View on State Highway 78.

State Department of Environmental Quality officials are reviewing EnviroSAFE's permit to continue to operate the existing hazardous waste facility. EnviroSAFE wants to build a new disposal cell to continue to operate when its existing disposal cell is filled.

In order to permit the new cell, DEC must review the site's license under the state's hazardous waste disposal regulation.

Comments may be submitted during the public hearing. Or they may be sent by Jan. 4 to: John Brock, Waste Management and Remediation Division, Department of Environmental Quality, 1410 N. Hilton 2nd Floor, Boise ID 83706-1255; or they may be e-mailed to: jbrock@ecp.state.id.us

EnviroSAFE's new radioactive waste handling program was

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# Powell accepts

Bush's nominee pledges to pursue a strong defense

The Associated Press

CRAWFORD, Texas — Retired Gen. Colin Powell, a son of the South Bronx who rose to become America's highest ranking military officer, accepted President-elect Bush's nomination as secretary of state Saturday, pledging to strengthen U.S. alliances and stand firm against nations that practice terrorism.

"We will defend our interests from a position of strength," Powell said.

With tears in his eyes, Bush praised his first Cabinet pick as "an American hero, an American example and a great American story."

If Powell is confirmed, as is expected, he will become the first black secretary of state — just as he was the first black to serve as chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Outlining his foreign policy priorities, Bush promised to use America's "unique power and unmatched influence" to further the spread of democracy and peace around the world.

"In this cause, I know of no better person to be the face and voice of American diplomacy than Colin Powell," he said with his nominee and Vice President-elect Dick Cheney standing by his side during the ceremony at a Crawford elementary school.

Bush praised Powell's "directness of speech, his towering

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# Congress concludes session

Lawmakers waged long, partisan battles

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — It was a Congress that began with an attempt to unseat the president, was dominated by both parties thwarting the goals of the other and ended with many major issues unaddressed.

While President-elect Bush promises to bring a new attitude of bipartisanship, the reality of the departing Congress is that it was one of the most partisan in recent history, starting with the impeachment trial.

The 106th Congress also was one of the longest, finally concluding Friday, 10 weeks behind schedule because of tenuous battles over spending levels and issues, from immigration reform

Clinton praises budget deal — A3

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## Snow, wind whip nation's middle

The Associated Press

Thousands of people waited for the electricity to be turned back on Saturday as the latest in a series of storms blew blinding snow and biting cold air across the nation's heartland.

Police urged travelers to stay off the roads in parts of the northern Plains as blowing snow cut visibility to near zero. Highways had been shut down overnight in parts of Wyoming, cutting off access to one town, and wind gusting to 41 mph produced wind chills as low as 47 degrees below zero at Fergus Falls, Minn.

"If anybody gets out on the roads, you're nuts," said South

Dakota Highway Patrol Trooper John Norberg in Sioux Falls.

Rotten weather over the past week had grounded hundreds of airline flights, snarled highway traffic, closed schools and brought down power lines from Texas to the Great Lakes and from the Northwest to New England. The storms were linked to more than a dozen deaths, including nine in Arkansas.

More than 100,000 homes and businesses across Arkansas still had no electricity for heat and lights Saturday. With wind expected to gust to 40 mph, some people might not have power until Tuesday, according to

Entergy Arkansas, the state's

largest utility.

An additional 30,000 customers were still without electricity in northwest Louisiana on Saturday, three days after the region was hit by an ice storm, and 32,000 others remained in the dark in east Texas, said the utility AEP-Svepost.

Because of poor visibility, Wyoming authorities closed a number of highways Friday night, including stretches of Interstates 25 and 80.

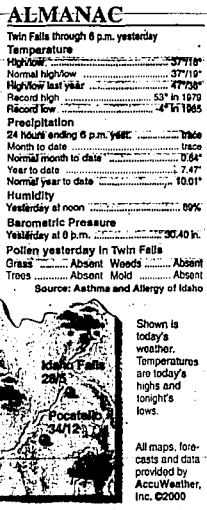
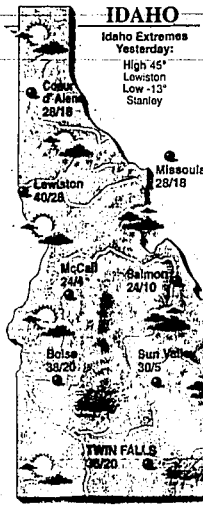
All roads were closed late Friday in and out of Lusk, a ranching community of 1,500 in east-central Wyoming, stranding people who were in town for a basketball game.



Motorists in Springfield, Mo., try to free their cars from a snowy median after sliding off the road Saturday. A cold front brought snow and slick roads just days after another storm dumped 14 inches of snow on the area.

# FORECAST FOR MAGIC VALLEY

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## FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR TWIN FALLS

TODAY	TONIGHT	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
Very windy, a snow shower, then some sun. ▲ 36°	Patchy clouds with diminishing wind. ▼ 20°	Clouds and patchy fog, then some sunshine. ▲ 38° ▼ 22°	Clouds and patchy fog, then some sunshine. ▲ 38° ▼ 22°	Clouds and patchy fog, then some sunshine. ▲ 32° ▼ 18°	Areas of fog, then partly sunny. ▲ 32° ▼ 18°

## REGIONAL WEATHER

**Southern Idaho:** A couple of showers of rain and snow will cross the region early this morning, then very windy the rest of today with some sunbursts. Clear to partly cloudy tonight with diminishing winds.

**Boise:** A rain or snow shower will move through early, then windy today with a mixture of clouds and sunshine. Clear to partly cloudy and cold tonight with diminishing winds; fog is possible late.

**Northern Nevada:** Brisk and chilly today, a couple of spots, mainly in the northeast, will have a rain or snow shower early, then partly to mostly sunny the rest of today. Clear to partly cloudy and cold tonight.

**Northern Utah:** Turning very windy today. Snow showers will end and across most of the west this morning followed by some sunshine this afternoon. Wind will continue, heavy at times, in the mountains today.

**Northern Idaho:** Very windy today with a mixture of clouds and sunshine; a few snow showers, especially in the morning. Also extensive blowing and drifting snow. Partly cloudy, brisk and cold tonight.

## NATIONAL EXTREMES

High 86° in Fort Myers, FL Low -29° in Port of Morgan, MT

## NATIONAL WEATHER



## REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Mon.
Boise	38/20	38/22
Bonners Ferry	27/17	27/23
Burley	36/18	36/22
Coeur d'Alene	28/18	30/24
Elko	37/3	34/2
Idaho Falls	49/32	54/34
Hagerman	31/18	37/15
Idaho Falls	28/5	23/9
Ketchikan, MT	29/13	28/17
Lewiston	40/28	38/38
Malad	25/13	31/18
Matta	39/36	37/36

## REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Mon.
McCall	29/4	22/12
Missoula, MT	29/18	28/20
Pocatello	36/18	36/12
Portland, OR	48/34	46/38
Rickland, WA	42/23	34/25
San Francisco	53/35	53/35
Salt Lake City, UT	38/16	38/15
Seattle, WA	46/36	44/39
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## Congress

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to workplace safety rules.

Assessment of the two-year session, like everything else, differs along party lines.

House Majority Leader Dick Armey, R-Texas, in a year-end memo to fellow Republicans, said that with a thin majority, they had "produced historic achievements that were unthinkable during 40 years of Democratic rule."

Senate Democratic leader Tom Daschle of South Dakota, at a Halloween news conference decorated with gravestones marking failed legislative efforts, said it had become "the Congress of the living dead."

There were a few major accomplishments: modernizing the nation's banking system, normalizing trade relations with China, boosting investment in the nation's aviation system and initiating a cleanup of Florida's Everglades.

On the technology front, Congress successfully passed legislation to validate electronic signatures and make satellite television accessible to more Americans.

Lawmakers increased defense spending, gave service members a healthy pay raise and committed the nation to building missile defense system.

Entering the new age of budget surpluses, the national debt was reduced \$354 billion over the past three years. Meantime, the final budget deal completed Friday contained significant new spending for health and education programs that enjoy broad support from both parties.

But more often, the pattern was the House passing legislation that died in the Senate, or the House and Senate failing to agree, or

President Clinton vetoing GOP bills.

Students' rights legislation stalled in a House-Senate conference over to what extent parents and their families should be allowed to sue insurers and HMOs. A similar fate met gun safety measures attached to a juvenile crime bill after the shooting at Colorado's Columbine High School more than a year ago.

The two parties, while agreeing on general goals, failed to bridge their philosophical differences on how best to provide prescription drug benefits to seniors, or extend the lives of the Social Security and Medicare programs.

Clinton never sent a hostile Senate an international agreement on global warming, and the Senate rejected the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty.

Other Democratic priorities such as campaign finance reform, a minimum wage increase and expanding federal hate crimes protection to homosexuals made little headway.

"This Congress wasted its energy," said Rep. Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif. "It was a tragedy of missed opportunities."

But Armey said it was a victory for Congress that "we didn't do all kinds of bad things." He mentioned patients' rights measures that would enrich trial lawyers, in addition to affirmative action, limits on gun owners' rights and the hate crimes measure.

Republicans scored some major defeats and modest victories on their top agenda items, cutting taxes, Last year President Clinton vetoed a massive plan to reduce taxes by \$792 billion over 10 years.

## Prisons

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The problem is threefold, said Smith, a Twin Falls attorney. Idaho's growing population, the state's crackdown on drug-related crimes, and the state's "indeterminate sentencing" are the main contributors.

There's little lawmakers can do about the first two factors, Smith said. But because a large number of inmates successfully serve out their entire indeterminate prison terms, the state's prisons cannot keep up.

Washington has a "determinate sentencing system" in which inmates do not serve more than a judge's specific prison sentence, Smith said.

For example, an inmate who receives a five-year sentence will likely be out in five years.

"(The inmate) may get out a little earlier than that if he's been a really good boy and paroled early, but he's got five years to do," Smith said.

In Idaho, judges often hand out five- to 10-year sentences; Smith said.

"It's unlikely they'll get out before five years," Smith said.

But getting them in the program is the challenge.

"Some people say we need more counseling. We need to get them in a frame of mind so they will take advantage of it," Smith said.

Case often, they said, they had bad actors in prison, work release escapes or parole violators.

Lawmakers are hoping to see answers from the prisons.

During a tour of the Idaho Correctional Center Thursday, Sen. Cassi DiMarco, R-Idaho, was quite impressed with some of the center's rehabilitation and vocational programs. Designed to give prisoners marketable skills - or even basic social skills - for use after release, such programs reduce the likelihood they'll come back to prison, he said. He said ICC's programs could form a model for the future.

The problem is, inmates don't use the volunteer programs.

"I've toured the prisons and I've looked at what they're doing education-wise," Smith said. "For those prisoners that want an education, they can get one in technology. They can take classes and learn all the reading, writing, and arithmetic they need to be effective citizens and workers."

But getting them in the program is the challenge.

"Some people say we need

## CANADIAN CITIES

City	Today	Mon.
Calgary	11/0	12/1
Edmonton	12/0	13/1
Halifax	21/6	21/12
Manitoba	12/0	13/1
Montreal	12/0	13/1
Ottawa	9/10	8/7
Quebec	12/0	13/1
Regina	44/21	22/15
Saskatoon	22/0	23/1
Vancouver	42/36	41/37
Victoria	24/6	21/10
Winnipeg	22/6	21/10

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 MOONSET TONIGHT 11:01 p.m.  
 MOONSET TONIGHT 1:01 p.m.

Last, New, First, Full

Dec 17 Dec 25 Jan 2 Jan 9

## UV INDEX TODAY

0-1, Minimal; 2-3, Low; 4-6, Moderate; 7-9, High; 10+, Very High. Values indicate the exposure to the sun's ultraviolet rays.

## NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Mon.
Albany	30/20	32/32
Albany, NY	30/20	32/32
Albuquerque	63/29	43/27
Anchorage	41/37	42/27
Baltimore	34/17	27/17
Birmingham	32/21	43/28
Boston	9/33	44/30
Charleston, SC	64/25	48/42
Charleston, WV	46/22	35/32
Chicago	41/37	42/27
Cleveland	37/26	49/20
Dallas	44/18	41/9
Des Moines	12/12	30/30
Denver	54/38	56/38
El Paso	62/30	58/22
Fairbanks	11/17	0/4
Fort Worth	51/34	50/34
Honolulu	78/68	78/63
Houston	50/34	59/30
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## Powell

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national security councils during the administrations of Ronald Reagan, Bush's father and - for several months - Bill Clinton, was treated as a hero after the Persian Gulf War and found his name floated as a presidential prospect.

But despite his star power in the Republican Party, he disavowed interest in partisan politics and in the presidency.

The appointment is the first for Bush's national security team and his Cabinet. On Sunday, he will name Stanford University administrator Condoleezza Rice, who is also black, as his national security adviser, and make other top White House appointments, GOP officials said.

Rice also served under former President Bush, as a Russia specialist on the National Security Council staff.

Reaction to the Powell nomination came from Congress and from Democrats.

Sen. Joseph Biden of Delaware, ranking Democrat on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said he intends to move quickly with committee chairman Jesse Helms, R-N.C., to approve Powell's nomination.

"At present time, I foresee no problems," Biden said, adding that he would work "in a bipartisan manner" with Bush and Powell to achieve U.S. foreign policy objectives.

Senate Majority Leader Trent

## Lottery Update

**POWERBALL**  
 Saturday, December 16, numbers  
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 Saturday, December 16, numbers  
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Lot, R-Miss., called Bush's announcement "a splendid start" for the new Cabinet. He praised Powell as a "tested warrior, devoted to the ways of peace."

British Foreign Secretary Robin Cook said Powell is a distinguished general and politician and I look forward to working with him.

Israel's deputy defense minister, Ephraim Sneh, welcomed the appointment. "We are encouraged by his commitment to the continuity of U.S. policy in negotiating the Israeli-Palestinian peace process," Sneh said. "His military background and especially his leading role in the Gulf War make him aware of the threat rogue regimes in our region."

NATION

Officials investigate plane death

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — A woman who fell 2,000 feet from an airplane into a backyard has left behind a baffled team of investigators who are trying to determine whether her death was a tragic accident or suicide.

Friends and co-workers at Hewlett-Packard Co. described Elisabeth Mathild Otto as despondent, possibly from the stress of moving to the United States and starting a new job. They and her husband had suggested she seek psychological help. The San Jose Mercury News reported Saturday, citing sources familiar with her situation.

"We've ruled out foul play on behalf of any of the passengers," FBI spokesman Andrew Black said.

A source close to the investigation confirmed Saturday that "suicide appears to be the strong likelihood."

The FBI said two passengers who saw Otto plunge from the plane were so distraught that they were unable to tell the pilots what had happened. Police were not notified she was missing until 45 minutes after the plane landed in San Jose on Thursday night. Her body was found Friday afternoon.

FBI investigators interviewed passengers and the woman's business associates.

"We are deeply concerned and are helping authorities to determine what happened," Hewlett-Packard spokesman Dave Berman said. "Out of respect for the individuals involved, we are not providing additional information at this time."

The 15-seat de Havilland Twin Otter, which was operated as a commuter for HP employees, was carrying five passengers and two pilots when it set out on its regular Thursday night flight from the Sacramento area to San Jose.

Soon after takeoff, the plane had to make an emergency landing because a warning light indicated the door was unlocked. The plane landed at 4:48 p.m. at the Sacramento Executive Airport, then took off again at 5:20 p.m. after the door was secured.

Clinton praises budget deal, rewards states for progress

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton, pointing to achievements in his final budget, said Saturday that welfare rolls have fallen by more than 60 percent during his eight years in office. He also announced \$200 million in bonus money as a reward to states where welfare recipients found and kept jobs.

In his weekly radio address, Clinton also said his administration's commitment to fiscal discipline has resulted in "the strongest economy in a generation."

"If we continue to invest in our people and create opportunities for them, if we continue to honor and reward work, our possibilities are truly without limit," Clinton said, one day after Congress approved his final budget.

Clinton said that as a result of welfare changes he promoted, "millions of former welfare recipients now know the dignity of work."

Over the past eight years, he said, welfare case loads have been cut by more than 8 million people. "Last year alone, 1.2 million parents on welfare went to work, determined to build better lives," Clinton said.

"Nationwide over the last eight years, welfare rolls have dropped nearly 60 percent, and now are the lowest in more than 30 years," he said.



President Bill Clinton

The White House said the caseload is at its lowest since 1968 and just 2.7 percent of the population is on welfare — the lowest rate in 37 years.

Clinton noted that when Congress adopted welfare reform legislation in 1996, he insisted on incentives to states to help people moving off welfare find and keep jobs.

The president hoped states would use the bonus money for support programs such as child care, transportation and job training that can make "a critical difference between welfare checks and paychecks."

In response, Rep. J.C. Watts, R-Okla., chairman of the House Republican Conference, claimed welfare reform as a Republican vision.

"Republicans were accused of wanting to starve children and throw grandparents in the streets," he said. "We stepped up to the plate and not only got the job done, but got it done right."

Although many Democrats opposed drastic changes in the welfare system, Clinton campaigned in 1992 to "end welfare as we know it." He has voiced regret in interviews that he did not press welfare reform earlier in his administration, in part as a means of broadening the party's appeal to conservative voters.

The Senate and House voted Friday to approve the year's final spending package, a bill providing \$450 billion for hiring teachers, health research, and for Medicare and other programs. Also included were provisions to help about 1 million immigrants who want to remain in the United States, and a \$25.8 billion, 10-year mix of tax cuts aimed at creating jobs and spurring investment in poor communities.

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# Bush follows in a path of another famous son

By Dan Fesperman  
The Baltimore Sun

He was the son of a former president, sharing his father's first name, although their middle names were different. He had just won the most bitterly divided presidential election in history, losing the popular vote but prevailing after a series of wrenching decisions.

"Follow citizens," he said in his inauguration speech, "you are acquainted with the peculiar circumstances of the recent election, which have resulted in affording me the opportunity of addressing you this time." Less possessed of your confidence in advance than any of my predecessors, I am deeply conscious of the prospect that I shall stand more and oftener in need of your indulgence."

The year was 1825, and the president was John Quincy Adams, but you can call him "Q." And if history has just early repeated itself with the convoluted victory of George W. Bush, then "W" had better hope all resemblances to Q's presidency end here and now.

That's because John Quincy Adams served only one term, suffering through an ineffective four years in which most of his grandiose proposals went nowhere with both Congress and the public. He then lost his bid for re-election to the same Tennessee, a former senator, who'd beaten him the first time in the popular vote. (And while you're pondering that similarity to present events, consider this one: Q's father, John Adams, was a one-termer just like W's, George Herbert Walker Bush. Q's dad lost to Thomas Jefferson, a bright, articulate guy known to have had illicit affairs. W's dad lost to William Jefferson Clinton, a bright, articulate guy known to have had illicit affairs.)

In the election of 1824, Adams became embroiled in a four-way race with Andrew Jackson (the Tennessee), William H. Crawford and Henry Clay. Jackson won the popular vote, with 42 percent, and led the electoral vote total with 99, but fell short of the 131 he needed for a winning majority. Adams finished with 32 percent of the popular vote and 84 electoral votes. Crawford received 41 electoral votes and Clay 37. That left it up to the House of Representatives to decide the contest between the three finishers. Clay threw his support to Adams, and the House voted Adams into office.

But look past their respective elections, and even past their presidential dads, and all similarities between Q and W? Q was a brilliant and widely traveled statesman. Before becoming president, he served as minister to The Hague, emissary to England, minister to Prussia, state senator, U.S. senator, minister to Russia, head of the American mission to negotiate peace with England, minister to England and the U.S. secretary of state. Bush, by comparison, trained for the presidency by working in the oil industry, owning a baseball team and serving as governor of Texas.

Q also was an eloquent speaker. Later in life, as depicted in the movie "Amistad," he argued before the U.S. Supreme Court, successfully defending the captive Africans who'd taken over a slave

ship. But those strengths tended to work against him politically, especially when he ran for re-election against the rough-hewn "Old Hickory" Jackson, who wasn't exactly known for good study habits.

Jackson capitalized on the public's anti-intellectual mood with the winning slogan, "Jackson Who Can Fight, and Adams Who Can Write."

W seems determined to avoid such pitfalls. It was his opponent, Al Gore, who got labeled an insufferable know-it-all during their debates, while Bush cruised along as amiably as a rush chairman at a frat house mixer, saying "resignate" when he meant "resonate," "preserve" when he meant "persevere," and, "I'm fixin' to win" whenever the outcome seemed in doubt.



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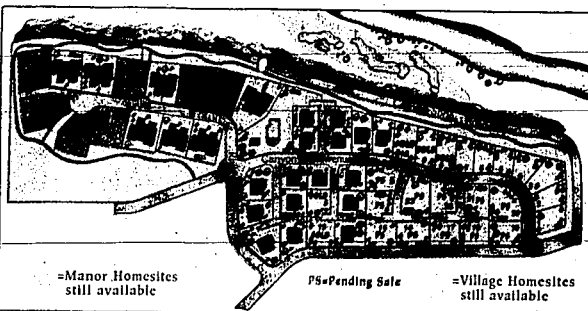
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developed with the help of a consultant and reviewed by officials from the state Department of Environmental Quality and the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory, Spomer said.

The program calls for monitoring the exterior of shipment containers, and sets a radiation limit of 5 millirem per hour. Any readings above that are considered hot spots - which are rare but not unusual, he said.

"This one box did have that above-.5 reading," he said. Workers in protective gear spread the waste, around with shovels until monitoring revealed no radiation above the limit.

If a hot spot is too large or if it can't be located, the shipment is "too hot for us to handle," and it would be sent back, Spomer said. The facility has been taking the waste since early 1999, and only one box contained a hot spot.

Spomer said the program is comfortable with the site and the way workers handle the waste. "We feel this is a fairly good site for hazardous waste disposal under their permit," said Brian Johnson of DEQ's hazardous materials bureau. "They're meeting all the requirements we have."

Those requirements now are enforceable as part of EnviroSAFE's hazardous waste disposal permit. But the law - the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act - under which the permit is issued, excludes radioactive material from the list of hazardous materials it covers.

EnviroSAFE has a contract worth nearly \$400 million to dispose of 20,000 to 500,000 cubic yards of non-hazardous, non-regulated "like waste" over five to 10 years, Spomer said.

The waste is from a program known as "Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program" - USRAP in government shorthand - that handles leftover wastes from the top-secret Manhattan Project, which developed the atom bomb during World War

II. The program was handled by the Energy Department until '97, when Congress turned the project over to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. So far, 150,000 tons of radioac-

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tive "byproduct material" has found its way to EnviroSAFE. Another 350,000 tons is headed for Idaho.

In 1978, Congress passed an law to establish a cleanup program for uranium mill tailings at inactive mill sites, and to ensure adequate regulation of tailings at NRC-licensed sites and the cleanup of those sites after they closed.

The NRC interprets the act to mean it has no jurisdiction over mill tailing sites not under its license before 1978, and this would include the sites that yielded uranium for the Manhattan

Project.

The Snake River Alliance and others say Congress intended NRC to cover all uranium mill tailings.

The NRC, in its denial of the alliance petition Wednesday, noted that when similar tailings are disposed of in facilities under NRC license, those facilities are covered by requirements based on Environmental Protection Agency standards for hazardous waste disposal - similar to standards EnviroSAFE operates under.

"The NRC will continue to refrain from imposing disposal

requirements for the mill tailings generated at FUSRAP sites because this material is outside of the agency's jurisdiction," the decision said.

State lawmakers have considered the issue and recognized there may be deficiencies in state law, but nothing has been done yet, said state Sen. Laird Noh, R-Kimberly.

Still the Snake River Alliance remains skeptical.

"If it's not supposed to be where they are bringing it from, we don't think it should be in Idaho unless there is a proper site for nuclear waste," Richardson said.

Times-News writer N.S. Noh can be reached at 733-10981, Ext. 237, or by e-mail nids@magicalvalley.com

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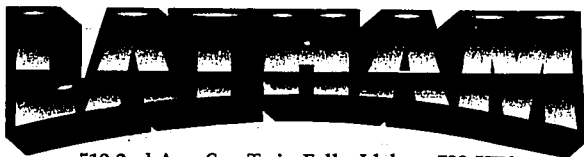
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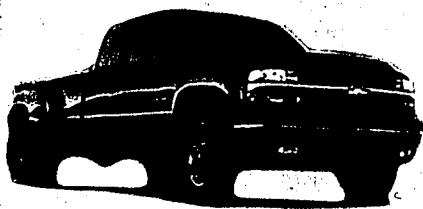
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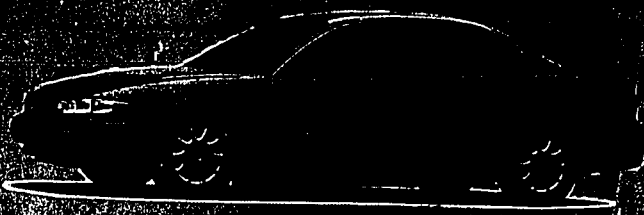
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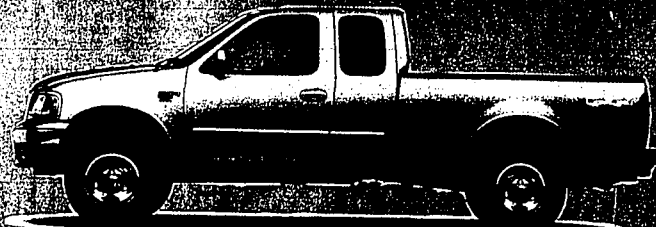


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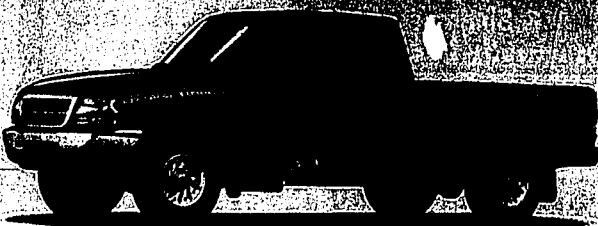


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# Organization grants seriously ill youngsters wish to hunt

## Hunt of a Lifetime group takes dying children on safari

PITTSBURGH (AP) — The Make-A-Wish Foundation has granted thousands of requests from children with life-threatening illnesses, sending youngsters to Walt Disney World or introducing them to their favorite pop stars.

But there are some wishes the foundation won't grant. For the past year, Make-A-Wish has refused to arrange hunting trips. That's where Hunt of a Lifetime has come in.

The organization, formed to grant hunting requests no longer met by Make-A-Wish, has arranged several trips, including a safari with rock 'n' roll wild man and ardent hunter Ted Nugent.

"Make-A-Wish just makes me want to puke my guts out," Nugent said. "Wishes could be more pure than the last wishes of a young child? And to deny that because of political correctness? That's just outrageous."

The Motor City Madman will travel to South Africa in July with Zachary Martin, a 16-year-old from Yreka, Calif., with bone cancer.

"Jeez, going hunting in Africa, and with Ted Nugent. It's been a dream of mine to hunt with him ever since I started watching his shows," Zachary said.

Nugent, the singer of "Cat Scratch Fever," said he and the teen-ager will go bowhunting for zebu warthogs and impalas.

"Let me tell you, when you go hunting with Ted Nugent, there is no Janet Reno around to stop you. There is nothing more beautiful than that," Nugent said this week.

Make-A-Wish has granted 83,000 wishes but put a stop to hunting outings, said Jim Maggio, a spokesman for the charity.

"It's a safety concern, basically with exposing the kids and other participants to the potential for danger from a weapon being handled by someone who is in a weakened state from a life-threatening disease," Maggio said.

Animal rights groups had criticized hunting trips arranged by Phoenix-based Make-A-Wish.

"We see something ironic here," said Heidi Prescott, direc-



Tina Pattison, the founder of 'Hunt of a Lifetime,' sits in her living room in Harborcreek, Pa., Thursday, talking with reporters about the foundation she founded after her son Matt died of cancer.

tor of the Fund for Animals. "They're teaching a child to kill and cause another living being to suffer at a time when that child, we would figure, would be empathetic about the quality of life."

Hunt of a Lifetime was founded by Tina Pattison, a bus driver from suburban Erie, Pa., whose stepson, Matt, died last year during chemotherapy for lymph node cancer.

Before Matt's death, Pattison tried to raise money to send him hunting — Make-A-Wish still allowed such trips but wouldn't help because he was too old at 19. The people of the little town of Nordegg in Canada heard his story and raised money for Matt to fly to a hunting camp by helicopter. He shot a moose whose antlers were 4.5 feet across.

Cash donations made at Matt's funeral were used to start Hunt of a Lifetime, which mostly runs on contributions.

"Some people said the money ought to go to Make-A-Wish, but I don't think that's what Matt would have wanted because it forbids the very thing he was all about — hunting," Pattison said. "I don't want anyone whose child is

sick to have to go through the headaches I did."

So far, five youths have hunted for free through arrangements made by Hunt of a Lifetime. Comedian Jeff Foxworthy will take a 20-year-old cancer patient from Delaware deer hunting early next year.

Pattison said the Nebraska and North Carolina chapters of Make-A-Wish agreed to refer young people to her. Nugent, Foxworthy and other hunting guides donate their services.

Christine Manning of Penn Run, Pa., said she watched Hunt of a Lifetime work wonders for her 14-year-old son, Andrew, who had seven operations in seven months this year and grew depressed with a disease that makes blood vessels grow rapidly in his right thigh. Last month, Andrew shot a 700-pound bull elk.

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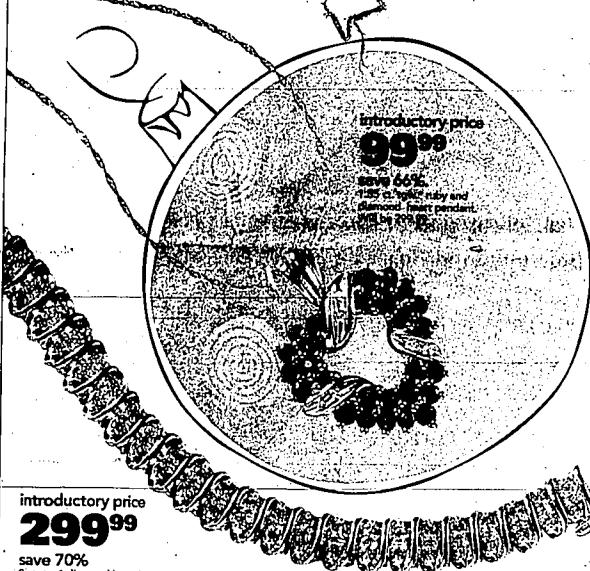
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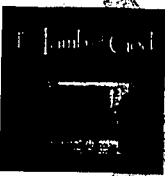
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# Wholesale power suppliers reap profits

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The six companies that bought power plants in California when the state deregulated its utilities have seen profits rise dramatically as the state copes with power shortages and skyrocketing prices.

The companies' incomes for July, August and September, when wholesale prices were rising, rose from 37 percent at Houston-based Reliant Energy Inc. to more than 221 percent at Minneapolis-based NRG Energy Inc., according to third-quarter statements.

A seventh non-utility company that operates power plants in California saw profits rise 243 percent in the third quarter.

Together, the seven account for nearly 40 percent of the power generated within California, according to the California Energy Commission.

The financial documents provide a glimpse of how lucrative the state's fledgling and much troubled deregulated electricity market has become for the companies supplying the power. Wholesale energy prices are averaging \$330 per megawatt hour so far this month, 11 times higher than December 1999.

Critics of deregulation say soaring profits for wholesalers are proof that the process has worked—wildly-out-of-control—benefiting a handful of power companies at the expense of ratepayers and utility companies.

"It looks obscene," said Michael Stames, executive director of the San Diego-based Utility Consumers Action Network.

Deregulation of the state's \$220 billion power industry was intended to drive down rates through competition. So far, however, it has led to higher energy prices, put residents on alert for rolling blackouts and prompted bankruptcy warnings from utilities.

The 1996 law required utilities to sell off some of their power plants to wholesalers. This summer, when San Diego Gas & Electric became the first to fully deregulate, customers saw their bills double and triple.

California's two largest utilities, Southern California Edison and Pacific Gas and Electric, are operating under state-imposed rate freezes as they move toward deregulation. They say they have lost about \$6 billion because of wholesalers' prices and want to pass along the rate increases to their customers.

The two utilities and Gov. Gray Davis were negotiating a compromise that could allow a 10 percent rate increase but would leave the utilities responsible for the rest of the increased costs, the San Francisco Chronicle reported Saturday. Details could be released as soon as next week.

But power companies said they are not to blame and instead said the state failed to make accurate predictions about the enormous demand for electricity and the supply problems when it deregulated.

"We are being vilified as the ones who are causing all of the problems in California," said Lynn Lednicki, senior vice president at Dynegy. "Rather than trying to deal with the volume of electricity in California, people are trying to attack the price end of the equation."

Energy wholesalers said their increased profits are not just from California and can be attributed mostly to decreased supply and increased demand.

Reliant Energy officials said about a third of the company's third-quarter net income came from California.

## Florida man gets OK to retrieve son from Cuba

Knight Ridder News Service

MIAMI — Barring any last-minute hitch, the Homestead, Fla., father seeking to bring his 5-year-old son back to the United States from Cuba will leave on a flight to the island

Sunday night. The go-ahead came from the U.S. State Department and the Cuban government.

His problems began in early November when his ex-wife, Arletta Blanco, 29, the target of an embezzling investigation, left Key

Largo for Cuba. She took their Miami-born son, Jonathan, without his permission.

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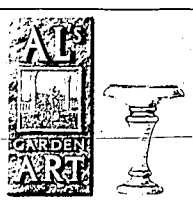
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# Police push back protesters in Vatican City

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Police firing tear gas pushed back demonstrators trying to march to St. Peter's Square Saturday to protest Pope John Paul II's meeting with an Austrian right-wing politician known for anti-immigrant views.

Several thousand leftists shouting "Nazi!" and "Fascist!" gathered at Castel Sant'Angelo near the Vatican to protest Kerner's visit, which has provoked an angry reaction from Jewish groups.


At the gate, Haider has raised some Nazi policies, though he later apologized for the comments.

John Paul held a private audience earlier with Haider and an Austrian bishop. Though the Vatican had hinted the pontiff might upbraid the politician for his hardline stances, John Paul voiced no criticism in brief public remarks, and Haider said he received a "warm welcome" from the pope.

The confrontations in the street came afterward, during a ceremony in St. Peter's Square to light the Christmas tree donated to the Vatican by the Austrian region of Carinthia, where Haider is governor — the reason for his visit to the Holy See.

Several hundred protesters, many garbed for battle in helmets, tried to force their way up the broad avenue leading to the square. They carried a big sign bearing a picture of the Nazi death camp Auschwitz and the words: "Never again."

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# Residents ignore volcano

SANTIAGO XALINTZITLA, Mexico (AP) — As Mexico's Popocatepetl volcano rumbled, residents in nearby towns largely ignored calls to evacuate Saturday, strolling in open plazas to watch the cone spout plumes of smoke and ash.

Government officials rang church bells and drove through the streets to alert residents after 14,000 people in 11 towns at the volcano's base were called on to leave the area in the first evacuation order since 1994.

The volcano, which has had an most active weeks in two years, continued to spew ash, smoke and vapor Saturday. Officials compared the mountain to a blocked pressure cooker, saying they feared unprecedented seismic activity inside the cone could be signs of a pending eruption.

The 17,885-foot volcano, which has been shooting out ash and rock intermittently since December 1994, is visible from Mexico City, the largest metropolis in the Americas.

Yet a full-blown eruption at the volcano, 40 miles southeast of Mexico City, would likely only dust the metropolitan area's 20 million residents with ash. At higher risk are the small communities lining the volcano's base — like Santiago Xalintzila, which could be directly in the path of lava or debris if an eruption struck.

On Saturday, however, residents seemed unconcerned, watching curiously as officials drove through the streets, calling for them to evacuate "for your own good, and for the good of your families." The volcano's activity had dropped off noticeably on Friday.

Soldiers peered from the second-floor balcony of the town hall while drums and trumpets from wedding celebrations echoed across the city plaza.

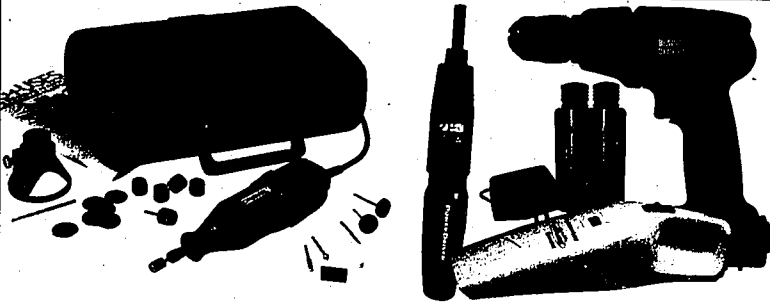
Dressed in a white sport coat and jeans, Rosario Aquino, 33, waited in a church courtyard for a wedding to begin, accustomed to the activity of the volcano locally known as "Popo."

# Yugoslavs may take action

BUJANOVAC, Yugoslavia (AP) — The governments of Yugoslavia and of Serbia, its main republic, threatened tough action Saturday unless NATO peacekeepers and United Nations officials running Kosovo clamp down on ethnic Albanian militants in southern Serbia.

The warning, issued at an emergency meeting of the two governments in Bujanovac — at the edge of a tense demilitarized zone abutting Kosovo — came as the Yugoslav army said it had intelligence reports that rebels were planning an offensive later this month.

Yugoslavia demands the U.N. Security Council "set a shortest possible deadline for measures for an urgent pullback of (ethnic) Albanian terrorists," the governments said in a joint declaration.



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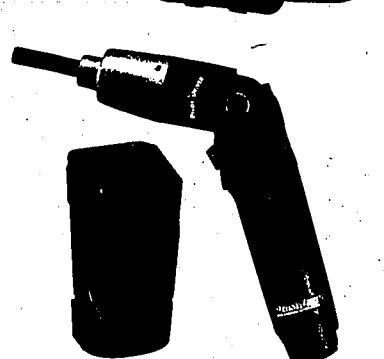
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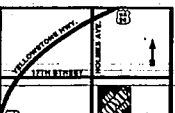
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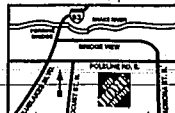
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# Colin Powell: Soldier-statesman

Future cabinet member rises to prominence

By Calvin Woodward  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - The operation bore Colin Powell's unmistakable stamp: Think hard before you act, act decisively when you do and finish quickly.

It worked like a dream. Within an hour, a pesky vice blocking the view of Washington monuments from his home on a Virginia military base was gone, stump and all, before anyone had a chance to object.

"Surprise, stealth, and swifts have historically been key elements in successful campaigns," Powell, then chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, noted with satisfaction.

As in warfare, so, too, in life. Powell, nominated Saturday to become President-elect Bush's secretary of state, has risen to prominence - soon to be unmatched by any black American in government - with hesitation before every step, then full-bore action if he decides to proceed. As a military strategy, that approach is known as the Powell doctrine.

The question now becomes whether a soldier-statesman who has accepted the label "reluctant warrior" will be a reluctant diplomat.

Powell, a former national security adviser to Ronald Reagan with Washington experience dating to the Jimmy Carter administration, will bring his celebrated charm and integrity to the job if confirmed, as everyone believes he will be.

"He'll be the subject of enormous expectations, in part by his status as one of America's most popular figures and the distinction the son of Jamaican immigrants will hold as the first black secretary of state.

And yet, paradoxically for a man so strong of personality, he may be "low key" in his conduct of foreign policy, said retired three-star Marine Gen. Bernard Trainor, who knew Powell from the early Ronald Reagan years and wrote a book partly critical of his role in the Vietnam Gulf War. "He'll be very cautious," Trainor said. "This is the man's nature."

"You will see a very circumspect secretary of state, a very persuasive secretary of state, who knows the instruments of power domestically and internationally and will play them very discreetly."

**The dream candidate**

Colin (pronounced coe-lin) Luther Powell, 63, is one of the few Americans who could be named secretary of state and still be considered an underachiever.

For Republicans, the party he's supported since voting for Reagan in 1980, he's been a clear but complicated blessing, giving them star power yet overshadowing their politicians when it came time to start picking a presidential candidate.

Polls - and the rapturous wel-



In a February 1993 news conference, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. Colin Powell discusses the military's future.

come he gets from crowds - have made obvious at least since the Gulf War that many Americans see in him the mettle to be president. In a nation hungry for a hero, Democrats have been drawn to him, too.

"He stands for all the right things," North Carolina Gov. Jim Hunt, a Democrat, said when Powell enlisted his help in America's Promise, a group that encourages volunteerism on behalf of children.

Powell has made a small career out of disavowing interest in the presidency. He has recognized that the public's high esteem for him never faced the test that can diminish heroes when they become politicians.

"That number you always see is a popularity number - it's not a political number," he said of the polls in a speech this year to newspaper executives. He went on to talk about patriotism and needy children.

A man who refers often to America's legacy of racism, he is also one to talk beyond the American preoccupation with race.

As is typical, his speech that day turned his audience into admiring goos.

**The diplomat**

Trainor said Powell's skill with people could go a long way in foreign affairs if there is a solid policy behind it. This, he said, could mark a productive change from the bluntness of Secretary of State Madeleine Albright.

"Being blunt and direct works with very few cultures other than our own," said Trainor, senior fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations. "That's not the way of the Far East and it's not the way of the Middle East. People talk

around subjects to get to a bottom line."

Powell, he said, is "a marvelous salesman. His is going to be a more seductive approach."

Powell's approach may be different in other ways, too.

He says he opposes the demoralization of U.S. adversaries - the way Noriega in Panama, Saddam in the Gulf War and Slobodan Milosevic in the Balkans campaign were each cast as the "devil incarnate" to build U.S. support.

**The general**

As chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Powell was key in assembling a force of astonishing strength in freeing Kuwait from Iraq in the Gulf War. Once committed, he was deeply committed.

In his autobiography, Powell recalls lingering in the first hours of the air war over an appropriate "sound bite" to describe the campaign against the occupying Iraqi army. He came up with "First, we are going to cut it off, and then we are going to kill it."

But Powell, before and after, exhibited familiar hesitation. He favored continuing sanctions longer than some others in George Bush's administration did. The fact that elevated his reputation ended with Saddam Hussein still - to this day - in power.

Before the Gulf War, Powell did not favor intervention when a brewing but short-lived coup in Panama gave the United States an early chance to get rid of Manuel Noriega, perhaps without the invasion that eventually followed.

Powell was hesitant about U.S. involvement in Bosnia and, in Somalia in the early months of the Clinton administration, he

did not favor a stepped up military presence that some analysts say may have protected U.S. soldiers from a firefight that killed 18.

Time and again in his book, "My American Journey," Powell turns to his mantra. "Have a clear political objective and stick to it," he says. "Use all the force necessary, and do not apologize for going in big if that is what it takes."

But if the objective is not clear or worth it, don't do it. Called a "reluctant warrior," Powell said, "Gulity War is a deadly game, and I do not believe in spending the lives of Americans lightly."

Some hope he will be more activist as a diplomat than his military background suggests.

"If the so-called Powell doctrine literally means you'll only move with overwhelming force anywhere in the world, I think that's a prescription for disaster," says Sen. Joseph Biden of Delaware, senior Democrat on the Foreign Relations Committee. "It means basically you won't move anywhere."

**The mechanic**

His passion is fixing old Volvos. "My idea of a good time is to disconnect every wire, tube, hose, cable, and bolt of an engine," he says. "I enjoy best working in solitude."

He's had precious little of that in his rise through the bureaucracy as a military and national security aide. At times he wished he could "have Washington forget about me" and he periodically returned to Army troop commands, only to be summoned back before long.

Even as chairman of the joint chiefs, he was used for tokenism by the very department he is soon to lead, according to his book.

# Bush cultivates bipartisan friendships

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) - George W. Bush governed Texas for nearly six years with an amiable style, carefully cultivated friendships with top Democrats and a limited legislative agenda.

As president, Bush has promised a bipartisan approach to move beyond "the politics of division."

Whether that can be accomplished - especially after nasty legal feuds over the presidential election - remains in question as the Republican president-elect heads for a meeting Monday with GOP and Democratic congressional leaders in Washington.

"Building a bipartisan consensus could prove far more difficult for Bush as president than it was for him as governor."

"Bush recognized early on that the Legislature is not as partisan as Congress in Washington and that loyalty has a lot more to do with it," said Tony Proffitt, a former aide to the late Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock.

So the resourceful Bush befriended the powerful Bullock, a Democrat, in 1994 as Bush was about to win his first term as governor.

Many believe that making an ally of Bullock, nicknamed "Bully" by Bush, was crucial to the governor's political success. In Texas, the governor's office is constitutionally weak, and power is divided among six statewide elected officials. The lieutenant governorship, the state's second-highest office, is widely considered the strongest because the occupant presides over the state Senate and sits on key government boards.

Shortly after taking office, Bush began meeting with Bullock and Democratic House



President-elect George W. Bush

Speaker Pete Laney for breakfast every Wednesday during the 1995 legislative session. They usually had biscuits, gray and eggs and, my favorite, papercakes," Bush wrote in his autobiography, "A Charge to Keep."

"We had some indignation and it wasn't always because of the food. We were strong-willed people who sometimes had strong differences. But we met and we talked. We kept each other's confidence and our commitments, and gradually we built trust and friendship," Bush said.

Bullock endorsed Bush in his 1998 re-election bid, and Bush became the first Texas governor elected to back-to-back four-year terms.

Though Bush had run-ins with some liberal Democrats, the Texas Legislature tends to have a centrist coalition comprising members of both parties. Bush found ways to compromise.

"Politics is about the art of the possible, and Governor Bush realized that very well, and he is not hampered or crippled by dogma or ideology," said Republican state Sen. Teel Bivins. "He is a very adept reader of the political tea leaves."

It also helped that Bush stuck to a few issues important to him and rarely squandered political capital when support for a proposal waned. The Texas Legislature meets for only 140 days every two years, so lawmakers making time is limited.

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# Young aviators circle Earth

22-year-old pilots fly a 43-year-old plane

ROCHESTER, N.Y. (AP) — There were adventures aplenty: Waiting for a sleeping radio operator to clear them to land on Christmas Island. An emergency one-engine landing in Egypt. Flying a mere 10 feet above the waves off Samoa.

"We saw the full spectrum — we're still trying to take it in," said Dan Dominguez, one of two 22-year-old pilots who returned Friday after circling the globe in their Eisenhower-era plane "Dreamcatcher."

Dominguez and Chris Wall set off Sept. 13 aboard the 1957 Aero Commander 560E. Along the way, they documented their 30-country odyssey with diary entries and photographs displayed on the Internet.

The pair from El Paso, Texas, who both picked up pilot licenses at age 17, would like to earn a mention in the Guinness Book of Records for being the youngest flight crew to circle the globe.

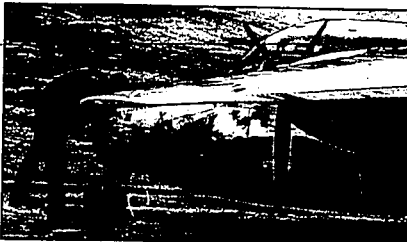
However, records of the more than 160 noncommercial flights around the world since 1924 usually do not mention crew members' ages. And Dominguez and Wall play down the "youngster" aspect of their World Flight 2000.

"Most round-the-world flights have been taken either by daring fliers, people in military service or wealthy folks, and you don't get into that realm without having some age under your belt," says Job Conger of Airchive, a history-of-flight repository in Springfield, Ill.

The youngest pilot to fly around the world was Tony Foy Wright, a San Juan Capistrano, Calif., who did it at the age of 11 in 1931, accompanied by his father. Flight record attempts by children were banned after 7-year-old Jessica Dubroff was killed in 1996 while trying to become the youngest person to fly across the United States.



Pilots Chris Wall, left, and Dan Dominguez, center, both of El Paso, Texas, shake hands with Matthew Richards, 8, at the Rochester International Airport in Rochester, N.Y., on their return from World Flight 2000 on Friday.



Chris Wall kisses the 1957 Aero Commander 560E, after exiting the plane at the Rochester International Airport.

Dominguez, who graduated in May from the University of Rochester, said their biggest thrill has been encouraging others to dream big. "You're only young for so long," he said.

Through their Web site — <http://worldflight2000.org> — chil-

dren were able to track Wall and Dominguez on excursions to volcanoes, reefs, temples and marketplaces from Oman to Indonesia to Hawaii.

The pair plan to discuss their adventures in school visits nationwide over the next few

months. They bought the twin-engine plane with a \$15,000 loan in 1998. It's the same model of aircraft once used to ferry President Dwight Eisenhower to his Pennsylvania farm.

Wall, an engineering senior at Rice University in Houston, can still clearly picture "the green, lush Nile River valley in contrast to the desert" as they flew across Egypt.

Arriving over Christmas Island around dawn on Dec. 2 also was memorable. They had to circle the mid-Pacific atoll until someone came on the radio.

"They get one airplane a week," Dominguez said. "There's no television, no radio, no advertising on the island. It's just people living simply. We've never seen happier people."

In contrast, the Middle East was "the biggest culture shock," he said. "Everywhere you turn in Cairo, you can't see a soldier in white with a machine gun."

# States give more than they get from Capitol

WASHINGTON (AP) — Billions of tax dollars flowed from Northeastern and Great Lakes states to the South and West last year, according to an annual Harvard University study of federal spending released Friday.

Generally, Southern states received billions more dollars from the federal government than they paid in taxes. States in the Northeast and around the Great Lakes, along with Nevada and California, were the biggest losers.

The 10 largest "donor" states had a combined outflow of \$93 billion in fiscal year 1999, up from \$87 billion the year before, the report found. Overall, 31 states gained and 19 states lost.

The 24th annual report was prepared by professors at Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government. It analyzed data from fiscal year 1999.

States that fared the best tended to be lower-income states where residents did not pay as

much in taxes, the study's authors said.

"The drumbeat in the background of all this is taxes," said Jay Walder, a lecturer in public policy at the Kennedy School and one of the study's authors. States that saw a decline in income saw a decline in taxes and so sent less cash to Washington, he said.

The authors also said deep cuts in defense spending were also key. Those cuts had concentrated military spending in some states that now benefited disproportionately. States that saw a steep drop in defense spending did not see other spending on mandatory programs like Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid increase to fill in the gap.

This year's report showed few shifts. Connecticut again fared the worst, with a per person deficit of \$2,840 and a total deficit of \$9.3 billion. Connecticut has ranked last since 1993.

# Alabama twisters injure at least eight

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. (AP) — Tornadoes destroyed homes and overturned cars in several areas of Alabama on Saturday and more than two dozen people were reported injured.

At least one person was killed in Tuscaloosa, said Debbie Watson, spokeswoman for the Tuscaloosa County Emergency

Management Agency. Twisters struck just before noon in the state's rural southeastern corner, then hit Tuscaloosa and the northern part of the state.

The Tuscaloosa twister struck a subdivision, Watson said. The National Weather Service said there was extensive damage.

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# Police probe impersonation accusations

FAIRFAX, Va. (AP) — A teenager, aspiring to be a doctor, allegedly gave medical directions to nurses and prescribed medication and minor medical procedures for patients without being challenged, officials at a suburban Washington hospital disclosed Friday.

Officials at Inova Fairfax Hospital said at a news conference that the 17-year-old high school student is being investigated for allegedly impersonating a physician. No charges have been filed.

Using a hospital pager, the teenager allegedly intercepted faxed and telephone messages intended for one of the hospital's doctors. He then is accused of calling in medical prescriptions and even ordering minor medical procedures for the patients at the hospital, Inova Fairfax, officials said.

Dr. Russell Seneca, chief of surgery, said no one was injured or harmed as a result of the youngster's actions and that his orders — surprisingly to some of the doctors — "were appropriate for the circumstances."

In all, the teen-ager called in medical directives — including ordering blood tests and direction that oxygen to be administered — for 12 patients during the Dec. 7-8 overnight shift at the hospital. Janice Moore, a hospital spokeswoman, said that all of the dozen directives were carried out by hospital personnel, except for the last one when officials became suspicious.

"This individual allegedly spoke with nurses and gave medical orders" over the telephone, hospital administrator Steve Brown said, adding that the youth's voice and manner appeared to raise no suspicion from nurses.

Hospital staff only became suspicious when a doctor noticed the resident physician whom teenager allegedly was impersonating over the phone on the night of Dec. 7 actually was not on call at the hospital.

Hospital officials said they are not sure whether similar impersonations might have occurred before Dec. 7, or how many patients might have been affected.

# Actress scares off pair of thieves from hotel room

ROME — Don't mess with Cameron Diaz.

The actress managed to scare off a pair of thieves from her Rome hotel room Friday night.

She didn't put her "Charlie's Angels" martial arts training to work, though. "She screamed — and the men fled."

Diaz, in Rome to shoot Martin Scorsese's new gangster film "Gangs of New York," is staying at the luxurious Grand Hotel de Russie.

Police said the two men fled and escaped after Diaz walked in on them. On their way out, they dropped two leather jackets and a laptop computer. Another guest was robbed of money and jewelry.

'Ally McBeal' star recovers after fainting on set

LOS ANGELES — 'Ally McBeal' star Calista Flockhart discovered this week from dehydration and exhaustion after fainting on the set of the hit television show.

A publicist for the actress said Flockhart's ultra-thin physique had nothing to do with her collapse.

"It was dehydration and exhaustion — one thing had nothing to do with the other," Melissa

# People in the news

Kates said Flockhart was treated at a hospital for about six hours Wednesday, then spent Thursday recuperating at home, Kates said.

The actress returned to work Friday for the last taping of the Fox show before a two-week holiday break. "Life is back to normal," Kates said.

# Folk singer offers reward for return of his guitar

BURBANK, Calif. — Folk singer Peter Yarrow of the group Peter, Paul and Mary is offering a \$500 reward for the return of his guitar.

Yarrow, 62, said the John Larrivee six-string guitar has an irreplaceable part of the group's musical legacy.

He lost the guitar on a Delta Airlines flight from Washington, D.C. to Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. about two weeks ago, said Alisse Kingsly, spokeswoman for Warner Bros. Records.

The instrument was in a black case with Yarrow's name on the outside, Kingsly said.

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## EDITORIAL

### Local delegation can influence key issues

Seven of southern Idaho's 18 lawmakers will run legislative committees during the 2001 session. That's 389, an impressive batting average. And it doesn't count the presence of House Speaker Bruce Newcomb, R-Burley, and Senate Majority Leader John Sandy, R-Hagerman.

The valley's legislative delegation will swing some heavy lumber at the 2001 session. And it's a good year to pack a little extra clout. This Legislature has more than a quarter of a billion extra dollars to fight over, and some quality-of-life issues to settle.

Here's how we'd like to see our committee leaders play it:

**Tax cut - Sen. Dean Cameron and Rep. Maxine Bell can make sure Idaho taxpayers get a nice little present from their Legislature, when they convene Idaho's budget-writing committee.**

*The valley's legislative delegation will swing some heavy lumber at the 2001 session. And considering what's at stake, it's a good year to pack a little extra clout.*

the state help local governments absorb the impact.

Electricity - It's hard to think of an Idaho lawmaker better suited to understand the complexities of electric deregulation than Sen. Laird Noh.

Good thing, too, because Noh, chairman of the Senate's Resources and Environment Committee, will be at the heart of the second round of the Legislature's deregulation debate.

Noh has been concerned from the start over an October federal court ruling that threatens Idaho's regulated and cheap power. The state's economy hinges on protecting its low power rates.

Dairies - Despite all the time legislators spent on livestock regulations in 2000, their work might not be done.

Rep. Doug Jones' House Agriculture Committee needs to figure out whether state laws give the agencies the power they need to regulate confined animal feeding operations.

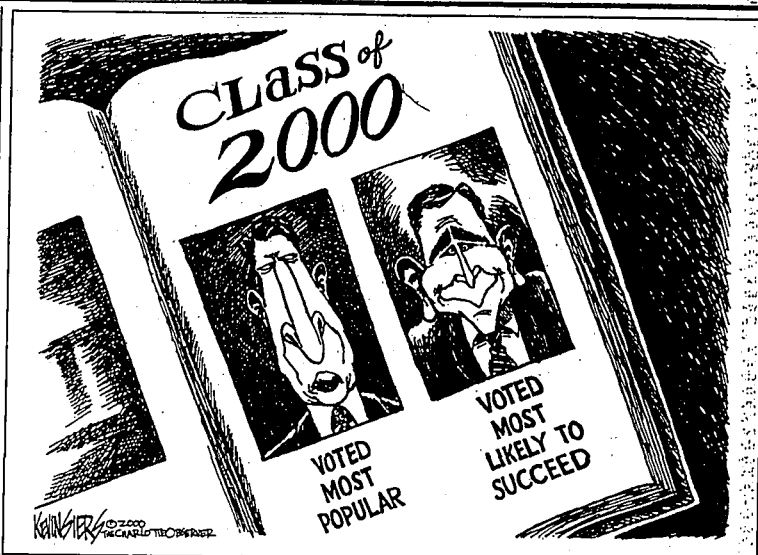
It's a gray area. Twin Falls County officials have asked the state to enforce environmental rules at the county's largest dairy, the Hank Haflinger operation near Filer. State officials have indicated that they can't easily define what makes for a rules violation.

Jones, a Filer Republican, counts Haflinger and the dairy's disgruntled neighbors as his constituents. If he takes a leadership role on this issue, his colleagues will listen.

Highways - Rep. Jim Kempton's House Transportation and Defense Committee has a different problem on its hands. The challenge: staying the course.

Easier said than done - especially when a big surplus is floating around. Idaho's highway system does not need a big public-works fix. What is being done now is working fine.

Magic Valley residents have an experienced-and well-connected-legislative delegation working the issues. But now is the time to suggest what they ought to do. And January is the time to start watching to see how they do it.



### Clinton still searches for a legacy

PHILIP TERZIAN

President Clinton went to Ireland last week, burnishing his legacy. I wish him luck. One of the curious features of this last year of Bill Clinton's tenure in the White House has been his search, sometimes his anxious search, for a legacy.

Until Clinton entered his second term, I did not realize that presidents consciously pursue a legacy, or know that any president controls such judgments of history. But apparently they can, and do. And since the failure of his and Mrs. Clinton's attempt to nationalize health care in 1993-94, the president has pursued some legacy, any legacy, but with mixed results.

This all seems a little naive to me. Legacies are something posterity confers, not presidents. As Abraham Lincoln once said, "I claim not to have controlled events, but confess plainly that events have controlled me." To pursue a "legacy" in so many ways is very nearly all Clinton's White House acolytes discuss these days - seems to miss the point that presidents do their jobs, for good or ill, and leave their legacies to fate.

Remember Jimmy Carter? He tried to claim the legacy of Franklin Roosevelt by defining televised "fireside chats" on pertinent issues, just as FDR used to do. Carter even took the trouble to deliver his talks wrapped in a cardigan sweater, while seated beside a White House fireplace, with crackling logs. The only problem, of course, is that FDR delivered his fireside chats behind a desk and a bank of microphones. The "fireside" referred to his listeners, who were sitting in their parlors tuned to the radio. And of course, to paraphrase another famous Democrat, Jimmy Carter was not Franklin Roosevelt.

Presidential legacies are not so obvious to contemporaries. When Lyndon Johnson left office, a wise analyst would have guessed that LBJ was driven from office by the Vietnam War, which was bound to influence his place in history. Yet while time has not erased the catastrophe of Johnson's war, and will not, it has recognized his enduring legacy in the size and scope of the federal government. When LBJ took office, the U.S. budget was still less than \$100 billion a year. We now live in a trillion-dollar universe.

Legacies are often deceptive. When Dwight Eisenhower came home to Gettysburg, he was rated poorly by leaving historians as a lazy executive, overshadowed by his young, dynamic successor, John F. Kennedy. Now, of course, Ike's eight years of peace, prosperity and domestic progress look very different when compared with the Bay of Pigs, the Berlin Wall and Judith E. Harty. Harry Truman, who crawled back to Independence under a cloud of scandal, is revered now for his (small) republican simplicity, and smart decisions in the early Cold War.

Bill Clinton's legacy, perhaps, is the search for a legacy. His two primary home-grown achievements - the passage of NAFTA and welfare reform - were really Republican initiatives he ultimately endorsed. And the Clinton-Gore prosperity, now looking slightly shoptown, had its origins in the Reagan-Bush years.

When presidents are frustrated by domestic failure, they turn to foreign affairs for relief. But as he leaves office, Bill Clinton cannot be too sanguine about the state of the world. The Northern

Ireland "peace process" is not quite the shambles the Middle East "peace process" has become, but it's looking rather tenuous all the same. Clinton's sponsorship of Jean-Bertrand Aristide in Haiti has merely traded one form of despotism for another. The Russian oligarchs with whom Clinton and Al Gore formed personal relationships have since been revealed as thieves, or hopeless incompetents. And his cultivation of the Chinese-communist hierarchy not only failed to reduce tensions between the two nations, but yielded a series of troubling questions about foreign influence (and cash) in U.S. elections.

Then, the other evening, Clinton's legacy revealed itself. There was Larry Davis, the official White House spin doctor during the Monica Lewinsky year, talking on television about the U.S. Supreme Court. Did you know, said Davis, that Justice Antonin Scalia's son is a member of the same law firm that employs Theodore Olson, who was arguing George W. Bush's case in the Supreme Court? It was, at a point, beside the point. All the justices are themselves or have friends and relations, somehow connected to the combatants in Bush v. Gore: It's a small world in Washington.

But Davis did his job. If you cannot wish an argument on the merits, the next best thing is to impugn the motives of your adversary, and besmirch his name and honor being. It's a process begun with Robert Bork and Clarence Thomas, and perfected at the expense of Billy Dale, Kenneth Starr, Linda Tripp, and many others. It's not much, but it's a legacy.

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## LETTERS

### PRO-West doesn't keep promises

Dr. Kurt B. Stevenson is the director of the Medicare Health Care Quality Improvement Program for Idaho, and I am responding to a letter of his in The Times-News, Oct. 23.

I haven't responded sooner because I was at the tail-end of a six-month battle with an organization he praises, PRO-West.

PRO-West is an organization with several responsibilities - one is the screening of persons for surgery, and it is here that I part company with Dr. Stevenson, because I was treated most unprofessionally and cruelly by PRO-West.

Because of a debilitating illness and a deteriorating lower back, I was placed on reduced SSI and Medicaid (I had three major back surgeries during the 1980s).

More than two years ago, I began once again to have serious "problems" with my lower back but was reluctant to have a fourth surgery. I endured point-of-pain and epidural injections, swallowed anti-inflammatories and pain pills and did special exercises.

I had an MRI and a discogram - talk about pain - and everything pointed to surgery. I consented to an anterior interbody lumbar fusion (two surgeons work through the belly to repair the spine and use bone from the hip to fuse it).

PRO-West approved and Medicaid paid for the testing to ensure that I was a suitable candidate for surgery and, then, one hour before leaving for surgery, they reneged.

What followed was six months of appeals, increased pain and greater doses of morphine. The surgeon was permitted only one appeal, and then I was on my own. I was turned down each time and told that "this and that" needed to be done. But in actuality, the "this and that" had been done and was explained in the surgeon's initial report. PRO-West simply

just wanted me to give up, go away.

I requested a face-to-face interview and was stonewalled for five weeks. Whenever I called PRO-West, I got the royal run-around. I was, by now, very ill and looked like something the cat had dragged in.

Finally, acting on a tip from my friend, Red McKenna, I called Sen. Crapp's capable administrative person in Twin Falls. She called PRO-West, and in less than five days, I was approved for the much-needed surgery - which has been successful.

So much for Dr. Stevenson's promise for timely, quality care for all Idahoans.

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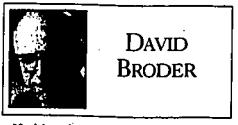
### President-elect starts with unsteady footing

No majority. No mandate. Not even broad public agreement that he deserved the prize that fell into his hands when the Supreme Court, itself deeply divided, ordered that the ballot recounts in Florida must halt. This is not the way George W. Bush hoped - or planned - to come to the presidency.

Fourteen months ago, in October 1999, when I interviewed the governor at his office in Austin, the subject of majorities and mandates was already on his mind. He talked about the frustration of watching his father's legislative program stymied by what Bush called "the partisanship" of congressional Democrats, and he said he would hope to establish a less-polarized atmosphere in Washington, as he had in the state capital. He also spoke enviously of the example of Ronald Reagan, who had his way with Congress after defeating President Jimmy Carter in 1980.

Reagan, said Bush, "spent his capital wisely and was able to bring the mandate of the people into the halls of Congress and pass his measures through a Democratic House and a Republican Senate."

Bush knew even then what his priorities would be - education reform, an overhaul of Social Security and Medicare, and major tax cuts. If he won, he said, he would go to Congress and say, "Here's what I was elected" to do, and I expect you to - I hope you will - support me on these measures. After all, the people spoke for him when he was elected. Unfortunately for Bush, they didn't, so he enters the Washington power struggle shorn of the strongest weapon any president can have in dealing with Congress - a healthy fear on the part of lawmakers of defying his wishes.



DAVID BRODER

Nothing rings more hollow on Capitol Hill than a threat from a president, who does not have the power to carry it out. You may remember President Clinton's 1994 State of the Union address, when he told a Democratic Congress that if they tinkered too much with his health care plan, "you will force me to take this pen, veto this legislation, and we'll come right back here and start all over again." Clinton had won with 43 percent of the popular vote, trailing most members of Congress, and his threat was so empty that his fellow Democrats didn't even bring a health care bill to a vote.

Bush enters office even weaker than Clinton - who, after all, defeated Bush's father by 6 percentage points, with Ross Perot taking 12 percent. But he is not Perot taking 12 percent. He is not Perot without tools that will be useful. One is his personality. Like all successful politicians, Bush is highly competitive and confident in his own abilities. But his self-assurance leaves him unthreatened by having bright, able people around him, so long as he is sure of their loyalty. More important, he is willing to share successes with other politicians, so they can satisfy their own ego needs. He doesn't hog the limelight. Whatever he lacks in intellectual depth, he is skilled in human relationships. He educates his hands in the Texas Legislature has given him a shrewd understanding of the potential benefits of political compromise. A veteran of Congress who traveled occasionally with Bush during the campaign told

me last week that he found "his thinking on pursuing bipartisanship both sincere and sophisticated." Bush was surprisingly knowledgeable, he said, about the legislative implications of the fight for the chairmanship of the House Ways and Means Committee and the possible impact of Bill Frist's acceptance of the chairmanship of the Senate Republican Campaign Committee on the Tennessee senator's ability to be an honest broker with Democrats on health care issues. Bush talked a great deal in the campaign - and in his first address to the nation Wednesday night as president-elect - about his ability to work with Democrats. But the Democrats he deals with here will have their eyes on the prize - winning the few seats they need in 2002 to recapture control of the House and Senate.

What's really intriguing is how Bush will deal with the unreconstructed conservatives who dominate the Republican leadership on Capitol Hill. At the time of our 1999 interview, he had just had a run-in with the House GOP leaders over the plan to delay Treasury payments to low-income families, which Bush decried as an effort "to balance their budget on the backs of the poor."

House Majority Whip Tom DeLay, the most outspoken of the hard-right gang, had shot his name with the governor's got a lot to learn about Congress. But Bush did not back down. When I asked him what he'd learned from the incident, he said, "I learned it's important to speak my mind clearly so people can understand where the next president will be coming from. Strong talk. Let's see if he means it."

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OPINION

# It isn't Christmas, it's just another holiday

**A**s noted on last week's edition of "60 Minutes" by Andy Rooney, who's never been one to let his religious enthusiasm run away with his judgment, the world holiday seems to have replaced the word Christmas in most advertising. When these ads aren't talking about the "holiday," they're talking about the "season" or some other equally bland and inoffensive term—but very little about Christmas. The situation is reminiscent of the blighted land of Narnia in C.S. Lewis' "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe," where it was "always winter and never Christmas."

It's been bad enough over the years to listen to the many attempts on TV shows and specials to explain "the real meaning of Christmas." Linus, reading from the Bible on the classic "A Charlie Brown Christmas" (still a ratings winner after all these years), was about the only one who ever got it right: "Everyone else had some vague idea that Christmas is all about 'family,' 'giving,' or 'tradition,' which are all great things but have very little to do with Christmas' actual meaning. Of course, if you ask the marketers, 'the holidays' are 'all about getting what you want.' One of them even dared to say exactly that in a radio advertisement this year. With sentiments like that, it's no wonder they don't like to use a term derived from the name of Jesus Christ, the most selfless human being ever born. So we have 'holiday sales,' 'holiday specials,' and 'holiday concerts.' Some people go to ludicrous lengths to avoid the word Christmas. On one television commercial, jolly old Santa calls out, 'Ho, ho, ho! Happy holidays!' He sounds almost as silly

**GINA R. DALFONZO**

as Scrooge on a radio commercial last year, shouting to a little boy, "Hey, lad! Is it still the holiday?" Very few of these ads and shows sound realistic—when was the last time you heard someone say he was going "holiday shopping" or ask, "Honey, what do you want for the holidays?"—but they do sound politically correct, and that, apparently, is what counts.

The generic greeting "happy holidays," of course, was begun to make sure that no one felt left out.

But for most in the media, it has become an excuse not to think about what we're celebrating—be it Christmas, Hanukkah, Ramadan or Kwanzaa.

And even in contexts that clearly relate only to Christmas, as in TV commercials with Christmas trees in the background, the word holiday is still substituted.

The disc jockeys at Washington's classical station, for instance, have fallen into the habit of introducing Christmas carols as "holiday music." But it's greedy to their credit that they play Christmas music at all—especially hard-core stuff like "Silent Night," "Good Christian Men, Rejoice," and selections from the Messiah. Based on the music selections of most other area radio stations, one might think it was the middle of August.

What does it mean when an entire nation annually goes insane with stress planning for a holiday, that so many are afraid to name?

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A lot of people complain about the "commercialization" of Christmas, but how many would know what to replace the glitzy trappings with if we all suddenly decided to give them up? It would be silly to have a holiday about nothing, so in some ways it's no wonder that those who don't understand or care about Christ's birth try to fill the void with the adrenaline-powered excitement of incessant shopping, traveling, and partying.

Perhaps all this, surprisingly, has to do with what the birth of Christ really means. The idea that God would be born into our world as a helpless infant, is awe-inspiring, earth-shaking, and perhaps a little intimidating. It demands something of us that we're not always prepared to give, especially in this commit-

ment-shy era. And besides, wasn't it terribly politically incorrect of God to think that we might need a Savior?

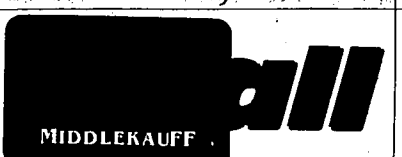
But the truth is that no amount of giving, or getting, or even time with family members can bring the joy and peace found by those who look for the real "real meaning" of Christmas, that Child in the manger. All attempts to create a satisfying "holiday" without Him end up in frustration and burnout.

This year, try to forget about the "holiday" stress for at least a little while. Get a Bible, sit down—with family, or even alone—and spend some time reading the story in the second chapter of Luke that explains how the holiday got its name.

Perhaps then you'll feel more like wishing someone a merry Christmas.

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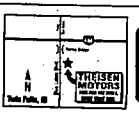


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**Take some blame, T-N**

Regarding the Dec. 12 editorial:

For many years, I have observed, as probably everyone has, that you slant toward the GOP, especially during election time. We have long heard that absolute power corrupts.

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In your endorsement, you indicated that both candidates were about of equal worth but that you were endorsing the Republican. In that case, you definitely should have kept your mouth shut.

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## LETTERS

**Firearms are a right**

Attention firearm owners: Inalienable rights are endowed by our creator and not subject to majority rule. At some point, we must acknowledge that, democracy notwithstanding, no cannot lawfully withhold rights from one—may their elected representatives.

It doesn't matter how many polled them to need gun-storage laws or licensing or registration or bans based on appearance, performance, materials, or size. It doesn't matter if the foolish and misled among us quail at the prospect of people going about their business armed and free.

At some point, we must recognize that there are law-biding citizens do not register nor turn in their firearms when mandated to by arrogant mandarins and constitutionally repugnant laws but instead show allegiance to the supreme law of the land, and the answer to anyone demanding that we do otherwise must always be a resounding "no."

**KEN CLUER**  
Twin Falls

**Take responsibility for pets**

I, too, am an advocate for spaying and neutering your pets. Please take responsibility in the care of your animals. Yes, it was a sad sight to view the dog in the paper being taken to his death.

It is also a sad sight to see a wandering, emaciated, pregnant dog searching for food on a cold winter day.

God help us all!

**PATTY KNEFEL**  
Twin Falls

**Good Job, Boy Scouts**

This letter is in response to Julie Thilmoney's Dec. 12 letter. She stated that it's a sad day when diversity to Magic Valley's Boy Scout Council means just another Mormon from another state.

"I'm sorry she feels that way because it is truly a sad day when we worry more about assuring 'diversity' than we do about accepting honest, upright, outstanding individuals as role models! Who cares what religion

**Time to liquidate?**

Use The Times-News Marketplace classifieds to turn possessions into cash.



**Tigers on the loose:**  
Two baby tigers were reunited at a Utah zoo.  
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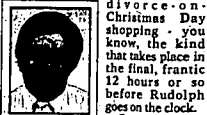
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Section B

## High midnight: Why shop 'til Dec. 24?

Editor's note: Steve Crump is on vacation this week. Here's what he had to say on Dec. 21, 1997:

A couple of years ago, I wrote a news article about last-minute, white-knuckle, can-my-wife-really-file-for-divorce-on-Christmas-Day shopping. You know, the kind that takes place in the final, frantic 12 hours or so before Rudolph goes on the clock.



**DON'T ASK ME Steve Crump**

Got a scornful letter in reply from a fellow named Chance (Last Chance? I couldn't say).

A n y w a y, Chance called me a Johnny-come-sooner and implied that I wouldn't know truly desperate power shopping if it slid down the chimney and landed on my chestnut.

"You call yourself a procrastinator?" he wrote. "Hahl! You're practically organized."

Meet me at the Circle K at 11:30 p.m. on Christmas Eve and we'll see what's what."

Lamentably, I got the letter on Dec. 26.

Notwithstanding, I'm gonna go Chance one better this year. As of this morning, I had done no Christmas shopping. Zero. None.

As of Wednesday morning, I'll be able to make the same boast. Same with Wednesday afternoon. And evening.

Fact 1, I won't start until 11:48 p.m. Wednesday night, which gives me until midnight to get it done.

Get it, Chance? The 12 minutes of Christmas.

• 11:48 p.m. - I'll start at the gum counter. Cinnamon is kind of Christmasy.

• 11:49 p.m. - From there, I'll ashay over to frozen burritos. With apologies to Mel Torme, that's what we're roasting on an open fire this year.

• 11:50 p.m. - Anything wrapped in aluminum foil looks festive, so I'll grab three rolls and look around. Hmmm. I could probably wind those starter cables around the Christmas tree and light up the holiday, but I don't know if I want to keep the truck running all day.

• 11:51 p.m. - Batteries, which represent the entire profit margin of the convenience store industry, are next. Let's do AAs and B-volts, and some Ds. (Size-D batteries, as you know, don't power any consumer electronics manufactured before 1974, but they make really effective space-eating stocking stuffers.)

• 11:52 p.m. - Next I'll pick up some eggs - all that I can carry. Eggs are the first item that convenience stores run out of on Christmas morning, so I'll hang around the parking lot until sunrise and sell them out of the back of the van for \$40 a dozen.

• 11:53 p.m. - Champagne. Hey, it's Christmas.

• 11:54 p.m. - Windshield de-icer, the #1 best-seller. It's for the youngest kid - in case he licks the front-porch railing again this Christmas morning.

• 11:55 p.m. - Free plastic mugs (the kind that you carry around on the dashboard and that topple over onto your best pants as you pull into the parking lot at work every morning). Come on, the family doesn't have to know they were free.

• 11:56 p.m. - Kitty Litter. We don't have a cat, but the stuff's just great for putting under bald tires if you get stuck. Plus it comes in 50-pound sacks, which make for impressive packages if you stick a bow on them with a wad of gum.

• 11:57 p.m. - Jiff Peanut Butter. It sells for \$9.12 for a 8-ounce jar at convenience stores, and this qualifies as a luxury item.

• 11:58 p.m. - Twenty gallons of high-test gasoline. It's practical, goes anywhere, and my wife probably won't mind siphoning it out of my gas tank since hers is empty.

• 11:59 p.m. - Wrapping paper. Hey, fella, you through reading that National Enquirer?

## Democrats turn eyes to rural West

By Megan Scully  
States News Service

WASHINGTON - The West has long been a Republican stronghold, but Democrats in the House of Representatives are eyeing the rural West as their key to becoming the majority party in 2002.

And to get there, Democrats might be willing to rethink their stance on gun control.

As they licked their wounds

from the 2000 election, which won them two more seats in the U.S. House but not the majority, House Democrats recently discussed several strategies to lure conservative, rural voters from Republicans in such Western states as Wyoming, Idaho and Colorado.

But Republicans have become territorial about their hold on the West, saying Democratic success in the region is unlikely.

"Rural voters want to be left

alone. Any intervention on the part of the government threatens their liberty," said Elizabeth Schwarzer, spokeswoman for Rep. Helen Chenoweth (Hage, R-Idaho). "The Democratic party would have to fundamentally change what they stand for" to attract the rural vote.

In a series of closed-door meetings called by House Minority Leader Richard A. Gephardt, D-Mo., members of the Democratic Caucus considered several policy

changes, including loosening the party's tight grip on gun control reforms.

Such reforms, which gained momentum in the wake of the 1999 Columbine High School shooting, include a push within the party for longer waiting periods and tougher regulations on handgun sales at gun shows.

The move toward tougher gun control, led largely by Gephardt,

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## Twin Falls police arrest juveniles on drug charges

The Times News

TWIN FALLS - Fourteen juveniles were arrested early Saturday morning on drug charges, according to Twin Falls police Sgt. Chuck Dudley.

The arrests occurred at 459 Ash St. N. in Twin Falls.

Police were still investigating and no other details were available at press time Saturday.

# No wooden nickels

## Nickel toy sale helps make holidays happy

By John T. Huddy  
Times-News writer

GOODING - They didn't take any wooden nickels and raised \$70.

By 9 a.m. Saturday, a line of parents stretched down the street. By 11 a.m., the Nickel Toy Sale scheduled to last until 6 p.m. was over - the words "sold out" written in black marker on the signs taped to the round building's doors on the Idaho School for the Deaf and Blind campus in Gooding.

"This was the biggest year ever," said Donna Morton, Nickel Toy Sale chairwoman. "Every year it gets bigger and better."

The sale was started eight years ago by the youth group at United Methodist Church in Gooding.

The idea is to buy brand new toys with money donated from residents and local businesses and sell them for a nickel.

Parents may choose up to three gifts for each child in their family. Those buying toys must bring proof of relationship such as their child's Social Security card or birth certificate.

Morton said she raised \$3,000 this year to buy more than 1,000 toys. About \$70 was raised at Saturday's sale. That money will be used to buy toys for next year's sale, Morton said.

"We've had so many touching stories of people that were laid off work," Morton said. "I've had people come back and grab me and cry because without this they wouldn't have had a Christmas at all if it wasn't for us."

By 11 a.m., about 110 families had left with toys. The sale is for Gooding families only.

Other toys, including sporting equipment, baby pajamas and sleeping bags were also sold at the sale.

"The sleeping bags really went out the door this year like no other," Morton said.

Times-News staff writer John T. Huddy can be reached in Twin Falls at 735-3259 or by e-mail at [jhuddy@magicvalley.com](mailto:jhuddy@magicvalley.com)



Monica Lagunas, 16, helps her family pack up toys at the Nickel Toy Sale Saturday morning in Gooding.

## Man works to get Vietnam memorial

By Ruth Streeter  
Times-News writer

BURLEY - Outside the Burley Municipal Airport, there's an empty space between the fighter jet that flew over Korea in the 1950s and the M-4 Sherman tank that stormed across Europe in World War II.

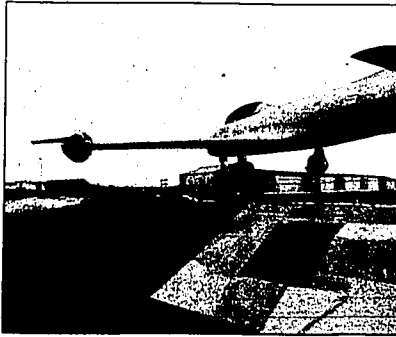
Now, a Vietnam veteran is spearheading an effort to put up a memorial for his fellow soldiers who were killed or remain missing in the most controversial bloodbath of the 20th century.

George Brislin of Rupert has created a non-to-scale model of how the entrance to the Burley Municipal Airport would look with a UH-1D helicopter, or "Huey," between combat equipment that represents World War II and the Korean War.

Brislin was a door gunner on a Huey during his last seven months of duty in 1969 and 1970 with the 114th Aviation Division. He sees the memorial as a way to recognize Mini-Cassia veterans, many of whom haven't found recognition for a war that left such bad feelings.

"I'm just trying to give the Vietnam veterans some recognition," Brislin said. "I actually think if we can get it up and say, 'We're recognizing you for a job you did,' it might help a lot of them."

Brislin said he has received support for the project from Burley Mayor Doug Manning and state Sen. Denton



Rupert's George Brislin wants to find a surplus 'Huey' helicopter, used for troop transport during the Vietnam War, to place alongside this jet from the Korean War. The chopper would be accompanied by a marble memorial carrying the names of Mini-Cassia soldiers who died or remain missing in the Vietnam War.

Darrington, R-Declo, and hopes to secure a surplus chopper from the Idaho Army National Guard in Boise.

"Now it's just a cross-out-fingers-and-wait game," he said. Brislin has been kicking around the idea for 3 years. A similar memorial went up at the Georgia Veterans Memorial State Park in Cordele, Ga., where a black granite slab carries the names of those killed or



DeeAnn Brower, right, and Joseph Bushem, prepare one of the daily meals at the Community Oasis Outreach center in Rupert. The center is having its Christmas dinner today at 4:30 p.m.

## Shelter raises money for new dining room

RUPERT - The stockings are hung in the basement with care, with the hope that the hungry, cold and lonely won't be forgotten the rest of the year.

Those who run the Community Oasis Outreach center in Rupert see the area's generosity come alive at Christmas. But when the bell-ringers go home, people tune out to the needs of the needy.

"I know that people like to get (involved during) Christmas time, but this is 24-seven, 365 days a year," said Carma Hepworth of Hansen, who volunteers at the center. "We'd be able to do more for people if we had the resources."

It's a place where people go when they're down on their luck. It's a place where Christmas, Please see SHELTER, Page B3

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MAGIC VALLEY

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.

BUHL



**Emma Melvina Thompson**

Emma Thompson, 80, died Thursday, December 14, 2000, at her home in Buhl.

She was born June 16, 1920, in Castletford, to Paul and Ida Neumann. She graduated from Castletford High School in 1938 and married James O. Thompson July 14, 1939. Emma had a son, Jimmy, in 1939 before moving to Rio Tinto, Nevada, where Jim worked at the Copper mines. They later moved to Fairport Naval Station and Mt. Home Air Force Base, where Jim worked construction, and finally back to Rio Tinto. Their second son, John, was born there. While Jim was in the war, Emma lived with her sister and parents in Buhl. After the war Jim and Emma lived in Sacramento, California, and Fremont, Utah, before moving back to Twin Falls, where they lived for 10 years. Emma died in 1982. Emma worked for the Twin Falls Bank and Trust for 27 years. She retired as supervisor of the note department.

Emma and her husband retired to Buhl in 1983, where they spent their time golfing and enjoying their grandchildren and many friends.

Her parents and two brothers, Paul and Don Neumann, preceded her death. She is survived by her husband; her sons, Jimmy (Jan) of Blackfoot, John (Wilma) and Ron (Maria), both of Buhl, a sister, Helen Spradling of Buhl; six grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held Tuesday, December 19, 2000, at 2 p.m. at the Farmer Funeral Home in Buhl.

BURLEY



**Nelma 'Sunnie' Rappleye**

Nelma Rose 'Sunnie' Rappleye, 72-year-old Burley resident, died Friday, December 15, 2000, at the

Parke View Care & Rehabilitation Center.

She was born on June 14, 1928, in Everton, Arkansas, the daughter of Dent and Anna Davis Turney Faugh. She attended school in Heyburn and Burley. Following graduation, she went to beauty school in Boise. Upon completion of beauty college she returned to Burley, where she began her beautician career. Being employed in a busy shop, customers soon came to know her capable hands and skill, to appreciate her warm and cheerful disposition and to insist on her for personal beauty services. By 1954, her personal clientele had grown substantially. She was the most popular and wanted beautician in the area. At the encouragement of her customers, she opened an independent shop in a portion of her residence. This venture grew and expanded until by 1958, she was employing four other operators and training up to 25 students in a modern beauty college. She took a leave of absence in 1964, due to the illness of her daughter Susan. Early in 1967, Sunnie again opened her own shop in Burley and later started the Purple Poodle Beauty Studio, that was a successful school and beauty shop.

Sunnie enjoyed traveling, loved to garden and do canning, and was an outstanding cook.

She is survived by her children, Jess Quinn of Katsifep, Montana, Tena Chappell of Fallon, Nevada, and Bill Sowers of Burley, Idaho; two brothers, Lowell Faugh of Twin Falls, Idaho, and Walter Faugh of Shoshone, Idaho; ten grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, a daughter, Susan Sowers, and three brothers.

The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, December 19, 2000, at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 East 16th Street, Burley; with Pastor Mike Gill officiating. Friends may call at the Rasmussen Funeral Home on Monday, December 18, 2000, from 6 until 8 p.m. and on Tuesday from 1 until 1:45 p.m.

JEROME

**Elizabeth M. Walz**

Elizabeth M. Walz went to be with her Lord on December 14, 2000.

Elizabeth was born to Philip and Dorothy Wintertoller in Billings, Montana, on December 17, 1919. She attended the first grade in Billings and then moved to Jerome with her family, where she has resided since. She attended Appleton grade school and at the age of 80 determined she would earn her high school diploma. No stranger to hard work, Elizabeth quickly and faithfully studied (no short cuts for her) for two years. At the age of 82, she achieved her goal and received her high school diploma. She married Irvin Walz on March 5, 1945, and together they raised three daughters. Irvin passed away in 1973. For 55 years, Elizabeth faithfully attended the First Church of God in Jerome. Through many of those years she taught Sunday School, served as Secretary/Treasurer of the Woman's Missionary Society and is remembered by many as a gently encourager.

Elizabeth's priorities were these: her God, her family, her friends. May each of us treasure our unique

memories of her and that special part of her that belonged just to you that part with only your name on it.

She is survived by three daughters, Anita Walz, Paulette Walz and Phyllis (Wayne) Sheppard, all of Jerome; one granddaughter, Tanya (Larry) Clear of Hazelton; one grandson, Chad Sheppard of Nampa; one great-grandson, Brayden Clear; one sister, Sophia Kinney of Salem, OR; three brothers, Carl (Irene) of Filer, Fred (Betty) of Jerome and William (Irene) of Kimberly; and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; two brothers, Henry and Phillip; and three sisters, baby Sophia, Dorothy and June.

Funeral services for Elizabeth will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, December 18, 2000, at the Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel of Jerome, with Pastor Eloy Weixel officiating and Pastors Norman Archer and Ken Goslin assisting. Friends and family may call at the funeral chapel Sunday evening from 6-8. Interment will follow at the Jerome Cemetery.

PAUL



**Rowena Beitz**

Rowena Beitz, 84-year-old Paul resident, went to spend Christmas with her heavenly family on December 13, 2000. She was a patient of the Park View Care Center.

Rowena was born June 15, 1916, in American Falls, Idaho, to William and Martha Bethke Nowgny. She married Alexander Beitz on October 30, 1936, in American Falls. They moved to Rupert after they were married and then moved to Paul in 1954, where they lived until August of 2000, when they moved to the Warren House. Alexander and Rowena have been married for sixty-four years. She was a lifetime member of the Trinity Lutheran Church and a member of the Dorcas Society.

She is survived by her husband. She was preceded in death by her parents, one son Conrad Beitz, and two brothers.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, December 19, 2000, at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Rupert. Pastor L. G. Mielzner will officiate. Burial will follow in the Rupert Cemetery. Family and friends may call at Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel from 6 to 8 p.m. on Monday evening and one hour prior to the service at the church. In lieu of flowers, memorial may be made to the Trinity Lutheran Church fund or a charity of choice. Arrangements are under the direction of Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

BOISE



**Gertrude Leora Maughan**

Gertrude Leora Maughan, 84, of Boise, died Wednesday, December 13, 2000, at a Boise hospital.

Graveside services will be conducted at 2 p.m. Monday, December 18, 2000, at the Morris Hill Cemetery in Boise. Services are under the direction of the Summers Funeral Homes, Boise Chapel.

Gertrude was born on April 6, 1916, in Baker City, Oregon, to Fred and Lillian Worley. She was educated in the Magic Valley in Idaho. She married Robert "Hank" Blue in September of 1932. To this union, three children were born. This marriage ended in 1959. She married Verland Maughan in the early 1960s. Gertrude was educated as a LPN and she worked as a nurse for various hospitals and doctors' offices.

She is survived by her children, Jean and Chuck Baxter of Hagerstown, MD, Arlene Koblitzsch of Boise and Bud and Reba Blue of Post Falls, ID; seven grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; a sister, Alberta Chidester of Boise; and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, Verland; a granddaughter, Connie Morrison; and three sisters.

Memorials may be made to the Community House, 575 S. 13th, Boise, ID 83702. Friends may call at the Summers Funeral Home on Sunday from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. and on Monday from 8 a.m. to noon. She will be missed and loved by all who know her.

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Mildred May Benson Matthews of Twin Falls, Ore.

at 11 a.m. Monday at White Mortuary Chapel in Twin Falls. Friends may call from 4-8 p.m. today at the funeral chapel.

Verneta May Appleby-Kee of Longview, Wash. and formerly of Twin Falls, service at 1 p.m. Monday at the Haakinson-Groulx Mortuary, 215 C St. E. in Rainier, Ore.

Mickla Delgato, infant daughter of Julene and David Delgato of Burley, viewing from 3-6 p.m. Monday; graveside service at 1 p.m. Friday in Boise.

Janice Seagraves Robinson of Halley, service at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Community Baptist Church in Hailey (Wood River Chapel).

Friday, Dec. 15, 2000, at her home.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Alsip and Persons Funeral Chapel in Nampa.

**Creola P. Core**  
THORNTON, Colo. - Creola Pearl Core, 87, of Thornton, Colo., and formerly of Burley, died Saturday, Dec. 16, 2000, at the Elmshaven Nursing Home in Thornton.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Payne Mortuary in Burley.

DEATH NOTICES

**Theodore Coonts**  
TWIN FALLS - Theodore Coonts, 88, of Twin Falls, died Saturday, Dec. 16, 2000, at the Twin Falls Clinic & Hospital.

The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls. Friends may call from 3-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral chapel. A complete obituary will appear at a later date.

**Olive F. Orr**  
BUHL - Olive Fern Orr, 78, of Buhl, died Saturday, Dec. 16, 2000, at her home.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by the Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl.

**Harriet Claiborn**  
JEROME - Harriet Claiborn, 83, of Jerome, died Saturday, Dec. 16, 2000, at Chaparelle House in Twin Falls.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by the Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

**Oda H. Stevens**  
NAMPA - Oda Hazel Stevens, 71, of Nampa, died

Released  
Lisa Klassen of Twin Falls.



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# Ranchers under fire for not paying fee

# Judge rejects lawsuit against stopping electors

**SHEPHERD, Mont. (AP)** — Bothered by the way a national livestock group was spending some of the money raised from a federally mandated fee on cattle they sold, Steve and Jeanne Charter refused to pay it.

They say they were trying to make a point — and never believed their small protest might one day threaten their livelihood.

Three years after the eastern Montana ranchers first refused to pay the \$1-per-head "checkoff" on 247 cattle, they face \$12,000 in civil penalties and an expensive legal battle. They're among a handful of ranchers involved in civil lawsuits filed by the government for refusing to pay the fee that is used to fund beef promotions and research.

"It's wrong for people to treat us like common criminals," Jeanne Charter said at her ranch home near the small town of Shepherd, north of Billings. "It's just our own economic self interest as independent producers we're trying to protect."

Backers of the fee say producers like the Charters benefit from the checkoff without paying their fair share.

"I'm sure you can find people that are sympathetic to (the Charters), but I think you'll find a lot of people that aren't," said Larry Switzer, a rancher near Richley.

"They are trying to destroy the checkoff because they don't support the policy," he said. "I think they're taking an erroneous track in reaching their ultimate goal."

The Charters and others who have refused to pay say the National Cattlemen's Beef Association uses the money to champion its own agenda — one they say favors large meat packers and producers over family ranchers.

One of the most recognizable efforts the checkoff has funded is the "Beef, It's What's For Dinner" advertising campaign. Funds also are used for research into food safety and raising better, healthier beef.

The Cattlemen's Beef Promotion and Research Board, which collects part of the fee, says everybody must pay.

"Everybody pays because everybody benefits in the long run," said Steve Charter, director of collections and compliance for the board.

When the Beef Promotion and Research Act was passed by



Jeanne and Steve Charter say their livelihood has been threatened after they refused to pay the National Cattlemen's Beef Association a \$1-per-head "checkoff" fee on their 247 cattle. The Charters said they refused to pay it because they think the association uses the money to promote the interests of large meat packers.

Congress in 1985, it contained a refund provision for people who didn't want to pay, but producers did away with that three years later in a national vote.

State beef councils keep 50 cents of every dollar of the fee, which is collected each time cattle are sold. The promotion and research board gets the rest, and most of that share goes to the National Cattlemen's Beef Association.

The checkoff generated about \$88 million in the last fiscal year, Barratt said.

Besides the handful involved in lawsuits, about 100 others who have refused to pay are in negotiations in efforts to avoid lawsuits, Barratt said. That's out of more than 1 million dairy and beef producers nationwide.

Some producers suspect they have been singled out because of their vocal opposition to the checkoff and their disdain for the association.

"They'll get me, make an example of me and frighten everybody else. They want to buy our silence," said Wallace McRae, a prominent eastern Montana rancher who faces legal action for failure to pay.

The Charters have resumed paying the fee but are challenging its constitutionality in federal court, arguing that it violates their right to free association and free speech as independent producers.

"We thought somebody had to call them on this," Jeanne Charter said. "This time, we're bettering they're going to lose. We took them to court because we think we'll win."

People who don't comply with the checkoff can face a civil penalty up to \$5,500 per transaction, plus interest on unpaid checks. Administrative law judges have interpreted the penalty to mean per each animal.

The Charters point to a case involving a checkoff on mushroom farms that the U.S. Supreme Court has agreed to address. The 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled the tax violated the First Amendment. Mushroom farms are not regulated by USDA and growers cannot be forced to pay for generic advertising, the court said.

The Charters' attorney, Kelly Varney, said if the Supreme Court upholds the appeals court ruling it could force USDA to review all its checkoff programs.

A USDA spokeswoman declined to comment on the pending legal cases.

The agency last year received petitions carrying the signatures of 126,000 producers asking for a nationwide vote on whether the checkoff should continue. The agency recently asked an outside firm to validate the signatures.

Surveys for the Cattlemen's Beef Board over the past six years show support for the checkoff has not fallen below 60 percent, Barratt said.

**CARSON CITY, Nev. (AP)** — A lawsuit aimed at stopping Nevada's presidential electors from casting their ballots Monday for Republican president-elect George W. Bush was rejected Friday by a federal judge.

U.S. District Judge David Hagen of Reno ruled against attorney Carter King, who had argued Nevada's "winner-take-all" electoral system is unconstitutional.

The Reno lawyer said Nevada's four electoral votes should be split between Bush and Al Gore because the Democratic vice president won in the state's 1st Congressional District, based in Las Vegas, while Bush won in the 2nd Congressional District, encompassing the rest of the state.

But Hagen said Nevada law states that the electors are to vote only for the presidential candidate who got the most votes statewide — even if the results within the state's two congressional districts differed.

While he trailed in one of the districts, Bush got 45.9 percent of the statewide vote and Gore got 45.9 percent.

"In the November 2000 election, the ticket of George W. Bush and Dick Cheney prevailed and, therefore, the four Nevada electors must vote for them," Hagen said.

Hagen cited a 1969 federal court case, involving Virginia's electors, that said a similar "unit rule" in that state didn't violate the one-person, one-vote doctrine or constitutional equal protection guarantees.

King said he wanted to study the case law further before deciding whether to appeal to the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals. He added any decision wouldn't occur before Monday's voting by the Nevada electors.

His lawsuit also sought a ruling to block Nevada's electoral process in the 2004 presidential elections, even if this year's voting remained on schedule.

If an appeal isn't likely to succeed in the courts, King said he'd join in any efforts during the 2001 Legislature to amend the state law governing Nevada's presidential electors.

The lawsuit named Secretary of State Dean Heller as defendant. But Hagen said Heller, who will oversee the electoral voting in his office, doesn't actually vote and should be dismissed from the case.

The electors are Bill Raggio, a state senator from Reno; former Assemblywoman Jane Ham of Las Vegas, and longtime GOP activists Trudy Hushbeck of Carson City and Tom Wiesner of Las Vegas.

## Democrats

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alienated not only the conservative National Rifle Association, which attacked the national party's efforts to establish obstacles to gun purchases, but also its legion of supporters throughout rural states.

Rep. Earl Pomeroy, D-N.D., a conservative-leaning Democrat in a predominantly Republican state, said that many in the Democratic Caucus don't share Gephardt's views on gun control, but rather measures such as child safety locks on guns and background checks for gun purchases.

"This isn't particularly controversial," Pomeroy said. "I didn't have a problem with that in North Dakota."

Pomeroy said he does not think the party will "run from the issue of child safety locks." But, to gain votes from the West, it might be necessary to make it clear that the strictest gun control advocates "do not get support from me or most of us."

Carolyn Boyce, chairwoman of the Idaho State Democratic Party, said the national party's stance on gun control often differs from that of Western Democrats.

"Democrats are portrayed as being for gun control, but in these states they're not," she said. "If you look at Democrats in Western states and the national policy, there is some disagreement."

Gun control, Pomeroy said, was one of many issues that established a rift between rural voters in the West and the national Democratic Party. Other issues included continued fallout from the Monica Lewinsky scandal and a general feeling that the party is not in tune with the values of rural voters.

"What may play on the East and West coasts may not resonate

in the heartland," Pomeroy said.

To reconnect with rural voters, Pomeroy also urged his colleagues during last week's meeting to focus on family values and pocketbook issues such as tax relief and retirement savings.

"As we look at trying to connect with middle-income families, we should focus on tax relief and not emphasize issues at odds with their personal values," Pomeroy said.

In Idaho, where 40 percent of timber jobs have been cut in recent years, Boyce said the party must look to voters' pocketbooks if the Democratic Party want to surface as a player in the West.

Republicans, who have been trying to capture the urban vote in recent years, said Democrats need to do a better job at defining their platform and pushing their issues in rural states.

"Every seat is important, and Democrats have to go for rural America; seats just like Democrats have to go for urban seats, Rep. Mike Simpson, R-Idaho, said.

According to Simpson, Democrats need to focus on elections for the state legislature before they can gain ground in federal elections.

"They need to start by electing people at the county level and building the base back up," Simpson said. "They have lost track of their base in building the farm team."

Since Pomeroy joined the House in 1992, Democrats lost 12 seats in the Rocky Mountain region. Had they kept half of those seats, Democrats would have control of Congress.

Democrats, who lost the majority in the House in 1994, gained two seats in the 2000 election, leaving the Republicans with 221 seats in the Democrats' 212, with two independents.

## Shelter

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music pours onto the street two nights a week, and where seating is more than 50 people for dinner every night is a regular occurrence.

That's not to mention the occasions when the shelter sees upwards of 90 guests, or even the 75 that are anticipated for today's 4:30 p.m. Christmas dinner.

So the shelter is trying to scrounge up more than \$12,000 10 times the monthly operating costs — for a new 1,500-square foot dining room to keep pace with its growth. An account has been set up at D.L. Evans Bank in Rupert, into which people can donate money.

The shelter, like many others, gets by with only donations, and refuses government help because of the restrictions placed on prayer and Christian-themed decor, said shelter coordinator DeeAnn Brower.

"We're not going to deny those

things just to get government funds," Brower said.

Local department stores, grocery stores, restaurants, processors, organizations and individuals have donated food and gifts to the shelter this Christmas. On Thursday, students with the East Minico P.naissance Committee donated filled stockings and gifts to the youth and children who pass through the shelter.

Donations continue to come in throughout the year, but money is often harder to find.

"The community's been good with blessing us with food," Brower said. "You can have all the food in the world, but if you don't have the electricity to cook it with ..."

But since its inception in 1991, the shelter, under Brower's leadership, has pulled through year after year. It's survived thousands of dollars in fire-safety improvements, and the \$1,200 a month it takes to operate some-

how always trickles in.

"I've learned to not let it stress me. Of course I'm coming from a Christian attitude. I figure, somehow it comes through," Brower said.

She's had years of experience operating shelters, and was on the crew that started Burley's Helping Hand Mission when it was still called the Lighthouse of Love. Brower says it's her calling to take the needy under her wing, and she hates to see people, especially children, on the street.

That's why Brower says she won't turn away anyone who wants a night's rest in one of her 18 beds and won't limit their stay "as long as they're trying to improve their situation." She's taken in pregnant women who are only days from delivering, and, according to Hepworth, has earned the title "mom" from people regardless of their age.

Brower said she appreciates

## How you can help

Christmas dinner is being served at 4:30 p.m. today at the Community Oasis Outreach center in Rupert. The shelter is located at 102 Second St. Donations to the Community Oasis Outreach center's dining room expansion project can be taken to any branch of D.L. Evans Bank.

everyone who donates to the shelter, especially those who give toys and gifts for the less fortunate children that pass through her life.

"I tell you, to see the little kids' eyes light up is about the biggest blessing there is," Brower said.

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He's not yet sure how many names the Mini-Cassia Veterans Memorial will include, and it will be a challenge finding them all. With the help of local veterans, Brisbin hopes to raise money and get the names of every Vietnam veteran who was killed or remains missing.

"I think it's a great idea," said Burley City Council member Al Thaxton, a veteran of World War II and the Mini-Cassia veterans service officer.

To Thaxton's knowledge, no one has tried to build a Vietnam memorial in Burley.

"If the people could see a Huey helicopter up close ... and see what it was used for, it would kind of enlighten the area residents and give the veterans the recognition they deserve," Brisbin said.

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# Two baby tigers reunite at Utah zoo

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - Two baby tigers - a brother and sister - have been reunited at the Hogle Zoo.

The first tiger was reportedly prowling along the side of a Millard County freeway on Thursday. Sheriff's Deputy Brett Nielson said it's unclear if the eight- to 10-week-old male cub found near Delta was abandoned or escaped.

Then on Friday, deputies received a call from a dairy farmer who said the tiger was his. Deputies went to the farm and found a second tiger which was also confiscated and sent to Hogle Zoo.

"You just grab them by the back of the neck and they tense up like a house cat does," said Nielson. "They're a little more feisty and a good deal bigger."

It is illegal to keep tigers without a license from the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources, and the zoo has the only license in the state to house the exotic animals.

Nielson said the farmer claimed to be taking care of the tigers for a relative in Kansas who was ill and in the hospital. He was cited and the case has been turned over to the county attorney, although Nielson said it's unclear whether the county attorney will pursue the charge.

Zoo spokeswoman Cindy



Veterinarian Tracy Thompson, left, gets help from assistant Jean Buckley as she examines a tiger cub Friday at Hogle Zoo in Salt Lake City.

Andrews said the zoo will care for the tigers while the government agencies decide what to do with the cubs.

The 14-pound tiger found Thursday is in fairly good condition after an examination Friday at the zoo. Andrews said the tiger had an intestinal parasite, but it was not serious.

She said zoo officials are worried about people who were reportedly bitten by the tiger, including the young man who reported finding the tiger on the side of the road. Andrews

described the tiger as "very feisty."

The second tiger, a 15-pound female, arrived at the zoo Friday evening. Andrews said that, according to the veterinarian, the tigers were obviously litter mates because "they definitely did recognize each other."

Hogle Zoo veterinarian Tracy Thompson said tigers can be relatively easily purchased, legally or not, and are sometimes even sold on the Internet. Some states, including Idaho and Texas, do allow them to be kept as pets.

"People don't realize what they're getting into," said Thompson. "They can't eat cat food forever."

Grown tigers can easily consume 10 to 12 pounds of meat each day. Thompson predicts the little cub will grow to 80 pounds or more in just six months.

The zoo will have to conduct DNA tests to determine what breed the tigers might be. Andrews said it appears that they are Bengal tigers, which normally live in the jungle.

In Utah's climate and without food, "the probably would not have survived if he'd been left out longer," she said.

"They just get weaned at about six weeks when they're with mom in the wild and they stay with mom for two years - while she teaches them how to be a tiger."

Andrews said the cubs will be quarantined to make sure they don't have any other illnesses and to let them recover from the stress of the move.

## Congress OKs snowmobile ban delay

CHEYENNE, Wyo. (AP) - Congress approved a measure to delay a snowmobile ban in national parks Friday, although an environmentalist said he doubts Yellowstone and Grand Teton parks would be affected.

U.S. Sen. Craig Thomas, R-Wyo., said Congress approved postponing until July 31 an effort to phase out snowmobile use to give President-elect George W. Bush a chance to block the ban.

Thomas is seeking alternatives to a ban on snowmobiling. He wants the next administration to enact noise and emissions standards to encourage manufacturers to develop cleaner, quieter machines.

Mike Clark of the Greater Yellowstone Coalition said while he has not seen the final language of the measure, he does not believe the delay will affect Yellowstone and Grand Teton national parks.

The ban in those two parks is already law, he said. To overturn the ban, a Bush administration would have to undertake another lengthy environmental review.

Other parks may be more vulnerable because they may have yet to reach a decision on whether to ban snowmobiles, Clark said.

"It's a series of amazing maneuvers by a lame-duck Congress, but I'm not sure that anybody knows what it means," he said.

Dan Kunsman, spokesman for Thomas, said Congress approved the measure as part of a huge budget bill Friday before adjourning for the session.

The measure was bipartisan and applies to all national parks where snowmobiling has been allowed, including Grand Teton and Yellowstone national parks, Kunsman said.

President Clinton is "100 percent" expected to sign the budget bill because the bill was negotiated between Congress and the White House, he said.

"It's a done deal, as done as things in Washington are," he said.

In June, the National Park Service announced it was ordering national parks to look into banning snowmobiles, saying the machines violate federal rules. In November, Yellowstone and Grand Teton banned snowmobiles through a gradual phaseout over three winters, ending in 2003-2004.

The House approved the budget measure by 292-60 and the Senate passed it by voice vote.

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# Under fire, company agrees to new terms

SPokane, Wash. (AP) — Kaiser Aluminum Corp., accused of taking unfair advantage of the West's energy crunch, says it will give more power to the Bonneville Power Administration and provide additional compensation to 5,500 workers through January.

The company was criticized after it announced Sunday that it would stop production at its Lead smelter at Spokane, lay off more than 400 employees and offer \$52 million for this month by reselling unused electricity to BPA.

Washington Gov. Gary Locke and U.S. Energy Secretary Bill Richardson weighed in against the company profiting from the sale while workers suffered. The resale is allowed under Kaiser's power contract with BPA, the federal power marketing agency.

Kaiser will sell 190 megawatt hours of unused power back to the BPA in January for about \$280 a megawatt hour, netting \$36 million, Kaiser spokeswoman Susan Ashe said.

That is well below the going market rate of \$550-\$600 a megawatt hour, and below the \$550 per megawatt hour Kaiser sold power for in December, BPA spokesman Ed Mosey said.

Kaiser paid about \$23.50 a megawatt hour when it bought the power and locked in the price five years ago.

As part of the agreement reached with BPA Thursday, all United Steelworkers of America-covered employees affected by curtailments at the Kaiser smelter since November — about 545 hourly workers — will receive 100 percent of their base pay through Jan. 31, Ashe said Friday.

The hourly employees will continue to receive full dental and medical benefits, she said.

In addition, smelter employees who don't qualify for the compensation package, such as those who don't have enough seniority, will receive a \$1,000 holiday bonus, the company said.

Previously, the company agreed to pay only 70 percent of the workers' base pay through Oct. 1. Ashe said that level was called for in contracts with the Steelworkers, so any additional compensation needed to be negotiated.

"We are pleased that we are able to reach a new agreement with the Steelworkers regarding additional compensation for our employees," Ashe said.

# Congress approves bill to protect Black Rock Desert

WASHINGTON (AP) — A 120-mile stretch of the Gold Rush trail across Nevada, flanked by snow-capped mountains and sprawling desert plays, will get federal protection against development as part of a congressional budget compromise approved Friday.

The bill by Sen. Richard Bryan, D-Nev., to protect about 1.2 million acres in northwest Nevada was included in the budget that the House and Senate approved Friday and that President Clinton is expected to sign.

To keep the landscape unmarred, the Black Rock Desert-High Rock Canyon Emigrant Trails National Conservation Area bill would protect about 800,000 acres administered by the Bureau of Land Management. Conservation areas offer protection a notch below national monuments and parks.

The bill also would designate 11 wilderness areas, some of which overlap the conservation area, to protect an additional 400,000 acres. The wilderness areas have been studied for 20 years without allowing new roads or mining, but the legislation would make that status permanent.

The bill would prohibit most mining, geothermal activities and new roads across the land. Grazing, hunting and recreational activities could continue

on existing roads and trails.

"This is wonderful news," said Roger Scholl, a member of Friends of Nevada Wilderness in Reno. "This action will grant lasting protection to the historic trail, the vast scenery, the amazing silence and the wide-open wilderness lands of the Black Rock for the benefit of all Nevadans."

Wagon ruts and axle-grease drawings survive from the trail. But conservationists fear that without greater protection, new mining could chew up the landscape and off-road vehicles could obliterate the trail that emigrants took to seek their fortune in the West.

Bryan, who is retiring this year, made the legislation his final act after efforts to protect the land began with a 1962 National Park Service report calling the area "one of the great sights of Western America." Several efforts to create a historical landmark or conservation areas failed over the years.

Ranchers and off-road vehicle enthusiasts opposed the plan, worrying about losing access to the region. All but one of Nevada's 17 counties opposed the bill at a Senate hearing. A rancher representing the Nevada and California Cattlemen's Associations agreed with trail preservation, but not with conservation for "random, idealistic, science-fiction reasons."



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# Federal judge pulls killer off death row

BOISE (AP) — A man convicted in 1985 of murdering a Blackfoot woman has been removed from Idaho's death row following a ruling by a federal judge.

Chief United States District Judge B. Lynn Winmill overturned Richard Leavitt's death sentence for Danelle Elg's killing. Winmill also ordered state prosecutors to set the man free if no new trial proceedings are initiated in the next 60 days.

Elg, a former Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory employee, was sexually mutilated after she was snatched in her Blackfoot home July 17, 1984.

In the 25-page order issued this week, Winmill based his decision on an instruction given to the jury in Leavitt's 1985 murder trial in Bingham County. The instruction said it was the duty of a jury to acquit the innocent.

Winmill wrote that there was a

"reasonable likelihood" the jury did not presume the man innocent during the trial. He also said he believed the jury may not have understood that prosecutors had to prove Leavitt guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

At trial, then-Bingham County Prosecutor Tom Moss said the death scene was grisly, and police

found bloodstains on bedroom walls and Elg's bed. Prosecutors contended Leavitt's blood was found on Elg's clothes. They argued it got there when she tried to fight her attacker.

Leavitt, 41, has maintained his innocence since his arrest. He has appealed through state and federal courts.

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## Aryan Nation's land sale goes before judge

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — A bankruptcy trustee is asking a judge to approve the sale of the Aryan Nations grounds and Richard Butler's personal property.

In a motion filed on Friday, trustee Ford Elnesser asks that the sale proceed on Jan. 30.

If the courts approve the sale, Victoria and Jason Keenan will start the bidding at \$250,000.

The Keenans were awarded a \$6.3 million judgment in September against the Aryan Nations leader and three of his followers. A jury found Butler 90 percent responsible for an attack on the Keenans by Aryan Nations security guards.

Butler filed for bankruptcy protection on Oct. 30.

The Keenans propose to assess

\$155,000 of their bid against the judgment, but they would have to come up with \$95,000 cash to cover any outstanding debts and trustee costs.

Anyone else who wants to bid will have to raise the ante to \$275,000. Beyond that, bids would be entered at minimum increments of \$5,000.

Keenan attorney Norm Gissel said on Friday there are no tax liens on the property, although he did not know how Butler's income tax liability will affect the sale.

Butler said on Monday that he has not paid state or federal income taxes since he moved to Idaho from California in 1973 and the Idaho State Tax Commission subsequently issued a \$66,474.66 notice to the 82-year-old white supremacist.

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## LDS church leader dies

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Hugh W. Pinnock, a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints' First Quorum of the Seventy, died Friday following a brief illness. He was 66.

Pinnock was named a member of the First Quorum of the Seventy in 1977. At the time of his death he was serving as the second counselor in the North America Southwest Area Presidency.

Pinnock earned a bachelor's degree in management from the University of Utah. He served as a member of the Granite School District board of education and served on a number of business and community service boards and committees.

He is survived by his wife, Anne, their six children and 21 grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday.

## Four sentenced in Moscow heist

BOISE (AP) — The four men who pleaded guilty to participating in covering up the April theft of \$104,000 in \$20 bills from a First Security Bank automated teller machine in Moscow were sentenced this week.

Tory J. Gosnell, 20, of Moscow was sentenced in United States District Court in Coeur d'Alene to 12 months of incarceration followed by three years of supervised release. Gosnell, who was arrested in Orlando, Fla., pleaded guilty in September.

His brother, Daniel R. Gosnell, 22, and Richard Seth Roder, 20, both of Moscow, earlier admitted possessing the money with Tory J. Gosnell when it was taken from Moscow to Phoenix, Ariz. Both were placed on probation for three years and are required to serve periods of home detention.

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# Boise area faces huge bill it can't afford

BOISE (AP) — The Boise area is looking at a \$1 billion bill that it cannot afford for new roads, parks and schools by 2015. Representatives of cities, school districts and transportation agencies met on Friday to discuss the sobering news to a study group of the Boise Metro Chamber of Commerce. The chamber called the meeting to update on the progress made since the Boise Metro Future Foundation warned in 1999 of the need for \$2 billion in improvements. The foundation was a group of 100 business and government leaders who studied the growth.

## Officials project continued growth

Current funding will cover about half of the projected need. Without new revenues from taxes or other sources, leaders fear the region could be looking at clogged and broken highways, crowded and crumbling schools and a lack of parks and ball fields. "We can kind of see a collision course in 2010 or 2015," said Nancy Wunstorf, chamber president. "We need more people to understand the impact." The needs arise from the area's explosive growth, which is projected to continue for the next 15

years. The Boise-Nampa area now has more than 400,000 residents and ranks as the fourth fastest-growing of the nation's 276 metropolitan areas, according to U.S. Census estimates. One of every three Treasure Valley residents today did not live here a decade ago. During the next 20 years, the combined population of Ada and Canyon counties is expected to increase 40 percent, jumping to about 550,000. A major area of concern for the future is roads, particularly in

Ada County. The Future Foundation estimated a \$200 million shortfall in road funding by 2015. The Ada County Highway District's annual budget is about \$59 million, \$25 million of which is spent on building roads and bridges. The funding gap is not limited to road construction, said Jim Hall, director of Boise Parks and Recreation. Despite an aggressive acquisition program, that has added 907 acres for future parks in recent years, the city has a \$50 million backlog in park development and \$7 million in undone repair and maintenance, Hall said.

# Idaho tribes get grants to aid women

BOISE (AP) — Native organizations in Idaho have received \$139,879 in federal grants to help women who are victims of domestic and sexual abuse. The grants were announced by the Justice Department as part of a \$6.35 million program to 82 tribal organizations in 12 states. The money comes from funding authorized by the Violence

Against Women Act, with five percent of the funds set aside for Native women. In previous years, four percent of the money was allocated to Indian programs. Since 1995, according to the Justice Department, more than \$36 million has been distributed to tribal organizations to help police, prosecutors and victim services for women.

# Potato giant plans to build a new plant in Canada

BOISE (AP) — The J.R. Simplot Company plans to build a new potato processing plant near Portage La Prairie, Manitoba, Canada. The \$80 million plant will employ about 200 people. Construction is set to begin next summer. The facility is expected to open during the summer of 2002. "This location will enable us to deliver competitively priced potato products to our eastern customers," Jim Munyon, president of Simplot Food Group said. "The

area also has a reliable and expandable base of raw potatoes." The plant's initial capacity will be about 300 million pounds of French fries and other frozen potato products. Annually, the facility will require about 20,000 acres of potatoes. The plant will be the 12th potato processing plant owned and operated by Simplot. There are four in Idaho, two in Washington, two in Australia, one each in Oregon and North Dakota and one in China.

# Teachers attend Holocaust workshop

POCATELLO (AP) — More than half of the applicants to last week's workshop at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington D.C. were from Idaho, so instructors will schedule another session to take place in Boise in March. The workshop, sponsored by an anonymous donor, pays 24 teachers a stipend to travel to the nation's capital and learn to prepare age-appropriate lesson plans that involve students in talking about and reacting to the Holocaust. Educators from Idaho, Washington, Colorado, Arizona and Alaska attended the two-day workshop, including Pocatello seventh-grade English teacher Karen Knox.

Knox said the museum affected her three levels: sight, sound and smell. "There's one room full of shoes; there's a certain smell of leather, deterioration," she said. "But the smell, a lot of people found, made something again, more real."

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# Students buy beef for some needy families

BOISE (AP) — About 120 eighth-graders at North Junior High School raised money to buy 1,200 pounds of beef on the hoof that will be slaughtered and given to needy families through the Salvation Army. The meat is part of more than 18,000 pounds of food students brought to school as part of a holiday food drive. The students are part of an educational team called the Spitfires. The group challenged themselves to buy a cow after their math teacher said they should consider doing something different to help needy people. The students raised \$270 and bought an animal — at a greatly reduced price — from a feed lot in Parma. But there was some controversy. Some kids at school opposed the idea of slaughtering a live animal to feed hungry people. But team members went forward with the plan anyway. "If you were hungry, would you rather have potatoes or protein that's in a T-bone steak?" asked Mackie Welch, 13.

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## MORNING LINE

### SPORTSQUOTE

“This team is in disarray.”  
—Dan Wilkinson, defensive lineman for the Washington Redskins, whose 24-3 loss to Pittsburgh Saturday eliminated them from the playoff hunt

### TRIVIA

**QUESTION:** What NHL coach has won Stanley Cups with three different franchises?  
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### IN BRIEF

#### Chargers want Mike Riley back as coach

**SAN DIEGO** - Mike Riley will be back as coach of the San Diego Chargers next season, with a mandate to avoid repeating the worst season in franchise history. Chargers president Dean Spanos ended weeks of speculation Saturday when he said during a team meeting in Charlotte, N.C., that Riley will be back in 2001.

Spanos said the Chargers, who are an NFL worst 1-13, were "very happy" after he assured them Riley would be back.

"I basically said, 'Look, there's been a lot of questions as to the status of our coach,'" Spanos said in a telephone interview from Charlotte, where the Chargers play the Carolina Panthers on Sunday. "He's going to be here."

#### For Idaho, TO sparks loss to Lewis-Clark

**MOSCOW** - The University of Idaho women's basketball team clacked nearby NAIA power Lewis-Clark State Friday, and found out why the Warriors are ranked fourth in the latest polls.

LCSC scored seemingly at will in grinding out a 90-71 win. The Vandals did not handle the LCSC pressure well, turning the ball over a demoralizing 28 times. Lewis-Clark improves to 10-1, while Idaho fell to 3-8.

"It's hard to win a game when you don't execute offensively or defensively," Idaho head coach Hilary Becknor said. "They played well, but we didn't do what we had to do to win the game."

The Vandals will play only twice more in the next month, travelling to Morningside, Calif., for the St. Mary's tournament on Dec. 29-30. Idaho then opens conference play almost two weeks later in Boise against Boise State on Jan. 12.

#### BYU Cougars squeak by Utah State

**PROVO, Utah** - Makell Wesley scored 22 points, including two free throws with 7 seconds left, to lift BYU to a 69-67 win over Utah State on Saturday.

Utah State (6-2) led by as many as 6 points in the second half before BYU (5-2) snatched back to tie the game at 63-63 with less than 3 minutes to play.

The Cougars took their first lead of the second half on the game-winning free throws from Wesley, who recovered after scoring just 5 points by Southern Utah on Thursday.

Transfer Travis Whiting, playing his first game for BYU, also scored 22 points.

Compiled from wire reports

### TRIVIA ANSWER:

Scotty Bowman - with the Canadiens, Penguins and Red Wings

# BOBCATS HANG ON

## Burley wins on free throws down the stretch

By Dex Dutton  
Times-News correspondent

**BURLEY** - Rookie Minico boys' basketball coach Mike Graefe isn't likely to forget his first game against Burley.

"Everyone tells me it is a really heated, intense rivalry - I'm looking forward to it," Graefe said before his team took the court.

"This is going to be a lot of fun."  
Coaching his squad against its cross-country rival proved a daunting task - and lived up to Graefe's expectations - as the Spartans lost a 51-47 squeaker to Burley Saturday night.

Trading free-throw shots in the final seconds of the fourth period, Burley managed to fend off a Spartan team that seemed to give the Bobcats all they could handle.

"These guys (Spartans) gave us a really tough game," Burley coach Matt Harr said. "(Kam) Redder and (Jonathon) Barker are our best free-throw shooters and it was our plan to have them at the line at the end. We are not usually a great free-throw shooting team."

Harr's duo came through hitting six of eight attempts in the final two-and-a-half minutes of the game to give the Bobcats the win. With Barker sent to the charity stripe three times in the final 15 seconds, the Spartan crowd tried to rattle the junior guard.

But Barker didn't rattle. Going 5-of-6, Barker sealed the Burley win.

Showing their quickness early, the Bobcats opened a 7-4 lead midway through the first period. Josh Garn sparked the Bobcats with three field goals and three steals in the first period.

Garn's forced turnovers led Burley to an 11-10 lead to end the first.

Kam Redder opened the second with a quick bucket, followed by a three-pointer, widening Burley's lead to six. But Minico "came back" on the



Burley High's Skyler Adams fights Minico's Ryan Hepworth for the ball during Saturday night's cross-river showdown at Burley High. The Bobcats won, 51-47.

strength of a pair of field goals by John Fennell and Ryan Hepworth, with Taylor Duncan adding two free throws to give the Spartans a 19-18 cushion with two minutes remaining, until intermission.

Burley scored the final field goal of the half to take a tenuous 20-19 lead to the locker room.

Opening the second half with a 11-3 run, Burley seemed bent on running away with the game.

The Bobcats led 31-22 three minutes into the period.

But Minico answered with strong inside play from the 6-foot-7 Fennell, who scored six points in the period en route to a game-high 17 total. Teammate Ryan Hepworth added 12.

Playing to a tie in the final period, the two teams traded field goals until the final minute of the game, but the Bobcats' held tough to the final buzzer.

"They played really well and

had us on our heels," Graefe said. "I'm proud of our guys coming back - they could have folded up but they hung tough."  
Burley improves to 4-1, while the Spartans drop to 1-5 with the loss.

"It seemed that the longer the tournament went on, it seemed the stronger our kids got," he said. "We wish we would have had a better performance with our supporting cast, but we have room for improvement and we are happy with the outcome. It's a feather in our program's hat."  
Though Minico suffered its first-ever team loss in the varsity tournament's five years, the Spartan junior varsity captured the JV tournament, held at Twin Falls High.

And with the varsity tournament's traveling trophy held in virtual permanent lockdown at Minico, Spartan coach Brad Cooper said perhaps the time had come to share the hardware.

# Beavers bag Bear-Cat

By Kevin Hall  
Times-News writer

**JEROME** - At least it didn't come down to a pregnant chad. But a points dispute did emerge during the semifinal rounds Saturday at the fifth annual Bear-Cat Invitational Wrestling Tournament, and officials recounted by hand points scored by leaders Minico and American Falls, a la the recent presidential election.

As it turned out, however, American Falls made the determination for them.

Crowning five of a possible six individual champions, the Class A-2 Beavers, who finished fifth at the 2000 state tournament, won their first Bear-Cat title Saturday, dethroning four-time defending champion Minico 182.5-170.5 at Jerome High School.

High Falls (141.5) placed third in the 17-team event, Pocahontas (141.0) finished fourth and Mountain Home (121.5) came in fifth. Among local teams, Declo (114.5) placed sixth, followed by Buhl (72.0, seventh), Kimberly (52.0, eighth), Twin Falls (52.0, 11th), Wood River (49.0, 12th), Jerome (37.0, 14th), Wendell (25.0, 15th), Burley (20.5, 16th) and Valley (11.0, 17th).

A jubilant Jim Guillo, coach of the Beavers, said it was his team's powerful performance and conditioning on the mats that earned the championship.

"It seemed that the longer the tournament went on, it seemed the stronger our kids got," he said. "We wish we would have had a better performance with our supporting cast, but we have room for improvement and we are happy with the outcome. It's a feather in our program's hat."

Though Minico suffered its first-ever team loss in the varsity tournament's five years, the Spartan junior varsity captured the JV tournament, held at Twin Falls High.

And with the varsity tournament's traveling trophy held in virtual permanent lockdown at Minico, Spartan coach Brad Cooper said perhaps the time had come to share the hardware.

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# Grizzlies go down

## Georgia Southern rolls to sixth title

The Associated Press

**CHATTANOOGA, Tenn.** - Another year, yet another Division I-AA championship for Georgia Southern, and this time the Eagles gave coach Paul Johnson his own piece of history. Adrian Peterson rushed 23 times for 148 yards and two touchdowns as the Eagles won a record sixth title Saturday by

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edging top-ranked Montana 27-25, making Johnson the first Division I coach in over 100 years to win 50 games in his first four seasons.

It wasn't easy for Georgia Southern (13-2) despite playing in the title game for a third straight year. Montana (13-2) rolled up 487 yards total offense compared to 390 for the Eagles, who had just 72 yards in the second half. The Eagles led 20-3 at halftime,

but Montana scored 20 unanswered points to get back into the game after losing their All-American quarterback Drew Miller to an injury in the first quarter.

Yohance Humphrey's 2-yard run put the Grizzlies up 23-20 early in the fourth quarter when Peterson took over. He scored on a 57-yard TD run with 11:29 left for a 27-23 lead the Eagles wouldn't lose.

Georgia Southern made it interesting by managing just 19

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# Comeback climb is steep for Street

The Associated Press

**ST. MORITZ, Switzerland** - For Picoabo Street, the climb back to her former heights is slow.

After racing in her first downhill since shattering her left leg and shredding right knee ligaments at the World Cup finals in Gans Montana, Switzerland, in 1998, she knows it's not going to get any faster quickly. "It gets better every time I go down, but it's going to take a while," said Street, who placed 24th in Saturday's downhill after having finishing 34th in her comeback race, a super-G at Val d'Isere last week. "I'm just building on my confidence and soon I'm hoping to get to a place where I'll do all the little things that you have to do right to do well in the downhill."

"I know what those things are, but I'm not able to work on them yet because I'm not confident enough. I'm excited for the day to come where I can work all the little things out."

Though her accident occurred in Switzerland, Street apparently did not fear returning. She chose



Picoabo Street of the United States powers past a gate during the World Cup Women's Super-G in Val D'Isere, France, Dec. 8. Street is making her long-awaited comeback after a two-year injury layoff.

to race her first downhill - in the same discipline that nearly

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Oakland's Marquez Pope and Anthony Dorsett slide into the end zone for a Seattle safety after recovering a fumble by Seattle's Ricky Waters during the fourth quarter in Seattle Saturday. The Seahawks won 27-24.

# Seattle plays spoiler

## Bizarre late call turns tide on Raiders

The Associated Press

**SEATTLE** - The Oakland Raiders claim they were robbed on a disputed safety. The officials insist they made the right call with 2:24 remaining.

Then Jon Kitna threw a 9-yard touchdown pass to rookie Darrell Jackson with 28 seconds left as the Seattle Seahawks beat the Oakland Raiders 27-24 Saturday.

Kitna's winning TD pass was set up by the safety on a bizarre play. The Seahawks' Ricky Waters had a 53-yard run before Pro Bowl cornerback Charles Woodson knocked the ball out of

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his hands at the Seattle 25.

Marquez Pope recovered the ball at the 2, but slid into the end zone, where he was touched down by Seattle's James Williams for a safety that cut Oakland's lead to 24-21.

"It was a fumble and I recovered it," Pope said. "Down me where I got the ball, I call it a touchback. If I thought they were going to call a safety, I would have got up and run."

Defensive tackle Roderick Coleman used stronger words.

"It's ridiculous," Coleman said. "You give them a safety, then you have to give them the ball back, punting into the wind."

"There should be fines for referees the same way they fine us for dumb stuff."

The officials saw it differently. The defensive player (Pope) Please see SEAHAWKS, Page C2



Pepper, Inkster pace match play at Hyundai

NEWPORT COAST, Calif. (AP) - Dottie Pepper and Juli Inkster, seeking their fourth straight LPGA title, beat Grace Park and Kelli Kuehne 4 and 3 on Saturday in the Hyundai Team Matches. Pepper and Inkster will face Sweden's Annika Sorenstam and Canada's Lorie Kane in the final today. Sorenstam and Kane beat Meg Mallon and Beth Daniel 2-up in the best-ball event. "This is what we wanted," Sorenstam said. "For us it would have been a successful tournament if we did not get to the finals and play those two. They are the defending champs. We played great against them in last year's final but ran out of holes. It was our belief things will be different."

Steve Flesch and Franca's Jean Van de Velde teamed up to defeat Phil Mickelson and Rocco Mediate 6 and 5. Couples and Calavecchia had nine birdies in 15 holes. "It was a lot more fun than last year," Couples said. "We were both playing well so it was a match we didn't need to rely on each other. I am a little sore. I think it's from riding the golf cart up and down the hills." In the senior division, Nicklaus and Watson beat Gary McCord and John Jacobs 4 and 3, and Bruce Fleisher and Australia's David Grahn edged Dana Quigley and Allen Doyle 2-up. Nicklaus and Watson overcame a hole deficit with birdies on Nos. 5 and 11, and edged birdies on their last four holes. "We work quite well as a team," Nicklaus said of their 10-birdie round. "We don't panic when we get behind. We just wait for our way back." Nicklaus and Watson have never lost a team match event. "I don't think you feel unbeatable," Nicklaus said. "You just have to be unbeatable." Each of the six players on the winning teams will receive \$100,000 and a \$200,000 prize fund. The \$1.2 million tournament is named after Pelican Hill Golf Club's Ocean North Course.

Jagr scores hat trick in draw

MONTREAL (AP) - Jaromir Jagr's eighth career hat trick couldn't spoil Sukai Koivu's return to the lineup as the Montreal captain scored twice to lift the Canadiens to a 4-4 tie with the Pittsburgh Penguins on Saturday night.

The Canadiens ended a six-game losing streak, though they remain winless in eight games (0-6-2) since Nov. 30. Koivu, who missed 28 games after injuring his knee in the Canadiens' fourth game of the season, scored his second of the season - and fourth of the season - at 12:47 to tie the game and bring the crowd of 18,693 to its feet.

NHL two goals and Byron Dafeo made 17 saves in his first start in nearly a month for Boston. Dafeo (2-4-2) has missed 23 games this season because of hamstring and knee injuries. He was playing in his first game since Nov. 21, and notched his first win since a 5-1 victory at Philadelphia on Oct. 7.



Jaromir Jagr of the Pittsburgh Penguins signals to the crowd following his third goal of the game against Montreal Saturday.

Sabres 3, Panthers 2 BUFFALO, N.Y. - Erik Rasmussen had a goal and an assist and J.P. Dumont's goal extended his points streak to five games for Buffalo. Denis Hamel had the other goal for the Sabres, while Dmitri Kalinin had two assists.

Capitals 4, Oilers 0 WASHINGTON - Peter Bondra had a goal and an assist, and Olaf Kolzig recorded his third shutout as Washington extended its home unbeaten streak to nine games. The Capitals, 7-0-2 at MCI Center in that span, also have won four straight overall and are two games over .500 overall for the first time this season (13-11-6-1).

Flames 6, Maple Leafs 0 TORONTO - Valeri Bure scored in overtime as Calgary spoiled Curtis Joseph's bid for his 300th win with a 6-5 victory over Toronto. After going without a goal in his previous 13 games, Bure has three in last three games.

Senators 6, Islanders 0

KANATA, Ontario - Patrick Lalime made 26 saves for his fourth shutout of the season as Ottawa beat the New York Islanders.

Blackhawks 3, Predators 0

NASHVILLE, Tenn. - Jocelyn Thibault made 24 saves for his 17th career shutout as Chicago snapped a five-game losing streak. Eric Daze scored his first goal in seven games, and Michael Nylander and Steve Dubinsky also scored for Chicago, which won for the first time since Dec. 3.

Blues 2, Red Wings 2

ST. LOUIS - St. Louis team-record eight-game winning streak ended in a tie with Detroit. Jochen Hecht scored a power-play goal on the Blues' lone shot of the third period to salvage a tie. The Central Division leaders, 12-1-2 at home, were outshot 9-1 in the third as missed a chance to tie Colorado for first overall in the NHL.

Flyers 6, Devils 3

PHILADELPHIA - Simon Gagne scored twice and Daymond Langkow and Rick Tocchet had a goal and two assists each as Philadelphia beat New Jersey.

It was the first meeting in Philadelphia between the clubs since New Jersey rallied from a 3-1 deficit in last season's Eastern Conference finals - winning two of the final three games on the Flyers' home ice.

Bruins 4, Hurricanes 1 BOSTON - Joe Thornton and Sergei Samsonov each scored

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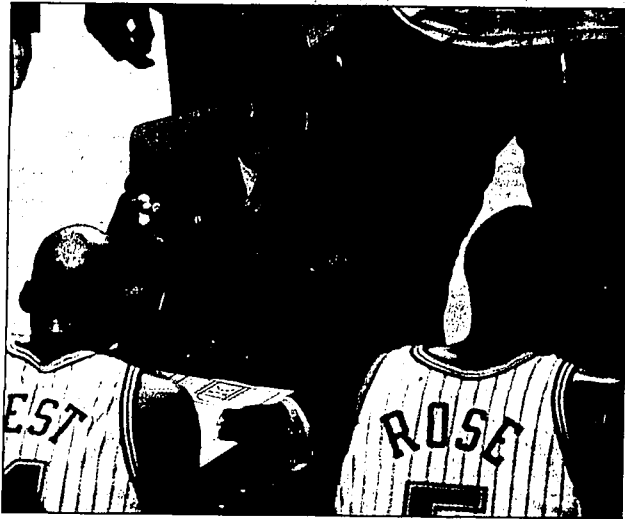
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Pacers net coach that gets involved

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) - The first thing you notice about the new coach sitting in Larry Bird's old seat is that he sits at it. Just as Bird did in his first year.

The next thing you notice about Isiah Thomas is what happens during a timeout, which can only be described as completely unBirdlike.



Indiana Pacers coach Isiah Thomas diagrams a play for Travis Best and Jalen Rose during a timeout in a game against the Dallas Mavericks in Indianapolis Wednesday.

most NBA coaches spend entire games on their feet, Thomas stays seated through almost the entire 48 minutes.

When he does stand up, he doesn't have the same body language as most coaches. Instead of crossing his arms or keeping them stiff at his sides, he tucks his hands into his pockets.

hard, and how other players respected Thomas for his competitiveness even if they didn't like him.

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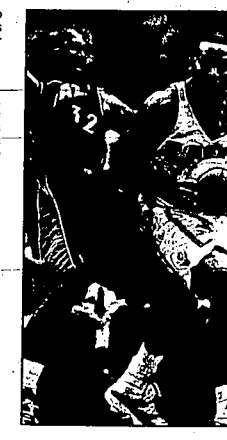
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Surging Cavaliers sink Jazz

CLEVELAND (AP) - Andre Miller scored 22 points and Clarence Weatherspoon had 15 points and 12 rebounds as Cleveland won its sixth straight game, a 99-92 Saturday decision over the suddenly vulnerable Jazz.

After Terrell Brandon made two free throws with 18.6 seconds remaining, Rose missed a 3-pointer at the buzzer.

snapped a two-game skid.



Utah Jazz forward Karl Malone draws an offensive foul from Cleveland Cavaliers Clarence Weatherspoon in the fourth quarter of the Cavaliers 99-92 win Saturday in Cleveland.

Hornets 99, Celtics 87

CHARLOTTE, N.C. - Jamal Mashburn had 20 points and 12 rebounds and all four of Charlotte's starters scored in double figures.

Nuggets 102, Rockets 100

HOUSTON - Nick Van Exel scored 17 of his 26 points in the second half, and Antonio McDyess added 17 points and 20 rebounds as Denver beat Houston 102-100 Saturday to end the Rockets' three-game winning streak.

76ers 99, Bulls 91

CHICAGO - The Philadelphia 76ers are still in first and the Chicago Bulls are still the worst.

T'wolves 113, Pacers 110

MINNEAPOLIS - Kevin Garnett scored six of his 34 points in overtime and had 20 rebounds as the Minnesota Timberwolves beat the Indiana Pacers 113-110 on Saturday night.

Nets 89, Hawks 83

ATLANTA - Kenyon Martin's missed jump with 30.3 seconds left gave New Jersey its third win in four games.

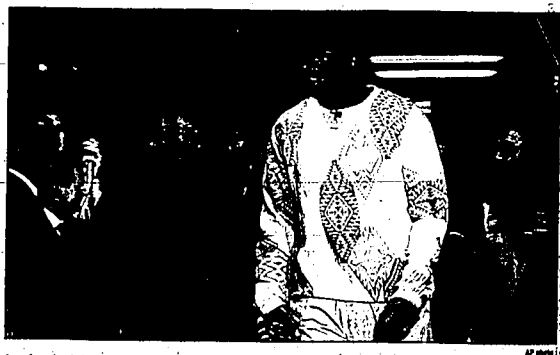
POWER RANKINGS

- 1. Utah (17-6) Even if Jazz can't keep this pace up, hats off to NBA's best.
- 2. Philadelphia (17-6) Best part of it is the 76ers did it while playing 16 games on road.

- 16. Toronto (12-11) In recent loss to Suns, Carter got 35 while other starters totaled 23.
- 17. Houston (13-9) Not bad for second season: If Rockets make playoffs, Francis is MVP candidate.

LSU retires Shaquille's number

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) - It was once a familiar scene at LSU - the capacity crowd chanting "Shaq! Shaq! Shaq!" as Shaquille O'Neal strode onto the court.



Los Angeles Laker Shaquille O'Neal enters Louisiana State's Pete Maravich Center with his mother, Lucille Harrison, before receiving his LSU degree and having his collegiate No. 33 retired Saturday in Baton Rouge, La.

Getting his degree and having his number retired were in the top five events in his life, O'Neal said. Being just the third LSU basketball player to have his number retired was really special.

2015 some kid will ask his father, 'Who was that guy Maravich?' and his dad will say ha, was some tall white guy that played basketball here. Then he'll ask, 'Who was that guy?' O'Neal? And his dad will say, he was some tall black guy that played basketball here and it will be part of this history.



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AMERICAN CONFERENCE

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La'Roi Glover sets high standards on and off the field

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — La'Roi Glover might be downright annoying if he weren't so nice. After all, Glover's built a first-rate NFL career and a charitable foundation while earning his college degree and working with youths.

Quite a turnaround for a guy that plenty of people never expected to do much of anything. "He's such a beautiful person," New Orleans Saints teammate Norman Hand said. "Sometimes I wonder if there's anything he can't do."

A fifth-round draft pick, Glover at 6-foot-1 and 285 pounds was considered too small for the defensive line. The Oakland Raiders wrote him off in 1997 and the Saints picked him up for just \$100.

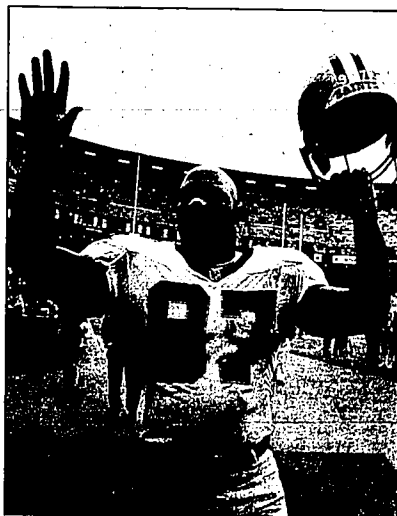
"I wish I could find a few more bargains like that," Saints coach Jim Haslet said.

By 1998 Glover was a starter for New Orleans, playing well enough to make 67 tackles, 59 of them solo, and have 10 sacks — eighth best in the NFL.

Last year, Glover was put at nose tackle, where, despite his size and constant double teams, he had 62 tackles and 8.5 sacks. He attracted enough attention to be selected as a second alternate in the Pro Bowl.

He also played well enough that the Saints signed him to an \$11 million contract.

This year, with the addition of a healthy Joe Johnson, second-round draft pick Howard Howard, and the 310-pound Hand in the middle, the Saints defense has been ranked



Saints defensive tackle La'Roi Glover has built a first-rate NFL career, a first-class charitable foundation and a big-time reputation while also finding time to earn his college degree and spend ample time working with young people.

near the top all season.

Glover has been a big part of it, too.

He's supplemented his pay with another \$2 million in bonuses this year. He's been the NFC defensive player of the week three times — something that's never happened before — and ranks second in the NFL in sacks.

half a sack behind Miami defensive end Trace Armstrong, who has 16.5. He also was selected as a starter for the Pro Bowl.

Glover not only studies his opponents, he studies his heroes, including John Randle, Warren Sapp and Brian Young, among others. "I've devoted a lot of time to

becoming someone who can play in this league," Glover said. "Training, studying the films. All the little things it takes to be a good ball player, I've done them."

Glover makes up for his lack of size with superior quickness, acceleration and strength. He has bench-pressed 540 pounds — close to twice his weight — and squatted more than 700 pounds.

"If you look at the top tackles in the league, I'd say he's one of the top three along with Johnny Randle and Warren Sapp," Haslet said.

And it's not just football that Glover has worked at. True to his promise to his mother, he stayed in school while playing in the NFL and graduated from San Diego State last year with a double major in public administration and sociology.

"That means more to me than all his football awards, and they mean a lot," said Glover's mother, Betty. "That's the kind of person he is. If he gives his word, he does it, no matter how hard it is to do."

And then there's that nice guy thing.

Working through the Giving Back Foundation in Boston, Glover provides a suite and tickets for 20 Children's Hospital patients for each Saints home game.

Glover has also set up two \$5,000 scholarships at Point Loma High School in San Diego, which he attended. This spring he will provide scholarships or donate to a new athletic center at San Diego State is building.

"He does a lot of things just on his own," said Jesselyn Timko, of the Saints' community relations department. "Things that aren't arranged. He just goes and talks to groups or visits kids on his own."

Three Rivers basks in Steeler sendoff

PITTSBURGH (AP) — The Pittsburgh Steelers know how to say goodbye, even if it's the Washington Redskins don't.

The Steelers, playing the final game in the stadium where they dominated pro football in the 1970s, took advantage of numerous Washington headwinds and five turnovers to usher out Three Rivers Stadium with a 24-3 victory Saturday.

Afterward, the Steelers celebrated as if they had just won a championship. They hugged, snapped locker room pictures of each other, then took a victory lap during an elaborate postgame ceremony.

Fifty former Steelers — Hall of Famer Franco Harris stood a few yards away from where he made his famed Immaculate Reception in 1972 — looked on as the team an emotional life in a game that had little significance other than the stadium closing.

"To me, it was like the last playoff game at Three Rivers," said linebacker Levon Kirkland said. "This was an opportunity to add to the history of this stadium, and I'm real proud of it."

Rookie Hank Potrat highlighted a 17-point second quarter with a 53-yard punt return touchdown, and a Richard Hunt kick, who had scored only once previously this season, had two touchdowns as the Steelers (8-7) maintained



Pittsburgh's Jerome Bettis gets by Champ Bailey of the Washington Redskins in the second quarter of their game in Pittsburgh Saturday. Bettis led the Steelers past Washington 24-3 in the last game at Three Rivers Stadium.

their very faint playoff hopes.

Two months before Three Rivers is imploded, the Redskins (7-8) did. They lost their sixth in seven games in a dispirited performance that eliminated them from the postseason and couldn't have helped interim coach Terry Robiskie's chances of returning.

The Redskins have been outscored 56-16 by the Cowboys and Steelers since Robiskie replaced Nor Turner, and didn't mount the semblance of an offense on a rain-soaked field Saturday.

"This team is in disarray," defensive lineman Dan

Wilkinson said. "It's sad, very sad. It's like an avalanche, and it keeps piling on, and getting bigger and bigger."

Even when the Redskins apparently got into the end zone, on backup quarterback Brad Johnson's 30-yard completion to Stephen Alexander in the fourth quarter, they couldn't score. Alexander fumbled just before he crossed the goal line and the ball went out of bounds for a touchback.

Potrat had earlier given the Steelers a 10-3 lead, fielding Tommy Barnhardt's punt on the run and streaking to his right on a 53-yard return score at 3:35 of the second quarter.

"It was designed to be open in the middle, but I saw an opening to the right and I took it," Potrat said. "I almost got tripped up but once I got by that, I knew I was off."

It was the Steelers' first punt-return touchdown in five years but the second against the Redskins' low-rated special teams this season. Washington has a \$100 million roster loaded with former Pro Bowl players, yet has allowed three kick return scores.

"Obviously, we still have problems with special teams," Robiskie said. "They're killing us."

Saturday's NFL summaries

Summary table for Saturday's NFL games, including SEAHAWKS 21, RAIDERS 21, PITTSBURGH 24, REDSKINS 3, and various other game results and scores.

Miami eyes clinch at Colts' expense

By Dave Goldberg AP Football writer

Have Wannstedt saw what happened last week when Jay Fiedler tried to play in a downpour with a sore left shoulder: three interceptions and a fumble in a 16-13 loss to Tampa Bay.

So Damon Huard might be at quarterback today for the Miami Dolphins as they try to clinch a playoff berth — and perhaps the AFC East title — against Indianapolis.

"It makes me nervous," Wannstedt said. "I'm seeing Fiedler who has a slightly ram runner cut in his non-throwing shoulder. We've got to be sure he can take a hand throw accurately."

Huard's only start this season was three weeks ago in Indianapolis, where he engineered an 85-yard drive in the final three minutes that gave the Dolphins a 17-14 win.

The Dolphins (10-4) are a game ahead of the Jets in the division. But New York has beaten them twice, so if this two finish in a tie, they win the title.

have known the season would have been over," said Edgerrin James. "You'd just have to fulfill the schedule."

"All the playoff slots could be filled this weekend, although not necessarily the division titles.

Four AFC teams are in — Tennessee, Baltimore, Denver and Oakland. The Dolphins and Jets need only to win to complete the field.

In the NFC, only Minnesota and Philadelphia are in.

But the New York Giants will clinch the NFC East if they beat Dallas tonight, and could have a playoff spot before then if any one of several teams lose. New Orleans can clinch the NFC West if it beats Atlanta at home and St. Louis loses in Tampa Monday night. Secure the Rams and Saints can secure at least wild-card berths with wins.

Pittsburgh (8-7) stayed mathematically alive for an AFC playoff berth Saturday by beating Washington 24-3. That eliminated the Redskins (7-8) who had entered the season as one of the NFC favorites.

The Seattle (6-9) rallied to upset Oakland 27-24, leaving the Raiders (11-4) in jeopardy of losing their lead in the AFC West. Oakland already has clinched a wild-card berth in Carolina, Atlanta at New Orleans, New England at Buffalo, Jacksonville at Cincinnati, Tennessee at Cleveland, Green Bay at Minnesota, Chicago at San Francisco, and Baltimore at Arizona.

Kicker lifts Mount Union to title at Stagg Bowl

SALEM, Va. (AP) — Rodney Chenos told Mount Union's seniors he wouldn't fall them if the Amos Alonzo Stagg Bowl came down to a field goal.

After falling on his first try, he made good on his promise with a 20-yarder with one second on the remaining 10:47 victory over St. John's in the NCAA Division III national championship.

"I knew I was going to make the first one," Chenos said. "I placed-kicker said of his 35-yard try with 9:39 left, which was blocked by Brad Beyer.

"I didn't even think twice about it," Chenos said. "We have such an explosive offense, I knew they were going to give me another shot."

And on a day when the Raiders' offense was held below 17 points for the first time in 88 games, and was held 39 points below its average for the season, Chenos got that shot with 304 remaining on the clock.

"I was ready. I was prepared," he said. "Last night, I told the seniors I was going to be the man if it came down to it, and it did."

The Purple Raiders (14-0),

College football

who hadn't scored since their opening drive early in the first quarter, survived a final kickoff and claimed their fifth national championship, and the fourth in the last five years.

The victory was Mount Union's 68th in its last 69 games, the only loss a stunning upset in last year's national semifinals. And it gave coach Larry Kehres a 28-6 record in the playoffs in his 15 years as coach.



Georgetown 20, N.W. Okla.: St. O

SAVANNAH, Tenn. — Cody Brown caught three long touchdown passes as Georgetown College defeated Northwestern Oklahoma State 20-9 Saturday to win the NAIA championship and

end the Rangers' 31-game winning streak. The victory by the Tigers (14-0) avenged last year's championship game loss to Northwestern Oklahoma (13-1). This year's rematch was played in a steady downpour that saturated the turf and made footing difficult.



SPORTS

# Winners and losers

## Baseball deals reach billion dollar mark

NEW YORK (AP) — Baseball's billion-dollar offseason spending spree has brought a few teams closer to the New York Yankees in payroll.

Whether any of those big-ticket buys can dethrone the three-time defending World Series champions remains to be seen.

In less than two months since the World Series ended, teams committed \$1.043 billion to the first 52 free agents to sign major league contracts this offseason, including \$539.2 million on 25 free agents during the winter meetings. But \$890.85 million — 84 percent — has been spent by six teams: Texas (\$266.4 million), Colorado (\$179.55 million), Boston (\$170 million), the Yankees (\$96.75 million), the New York Mets (\$90.65 million) and Los Angeles (\$77.5 million).

The rest of the teams are slipping even farther behind in what could be the last season before the next work stoppage.

Here are the winners and losers, so far, during baseball's offseason:

### WINNERS

**Boston:** Spent \$160 million on Manny Ramirez, perhaps the best slugger on the market, to add offense to a team that finished 12th in the league in runs scored. The signing also frees up the possibility of trading Trot Nixon or Troy O'Leary for more pitching than Hideo Nomo. Also, two teams that beat Red Sox out in wild card race in Seattle and Cleveland. — *Just their top hitters to free agency: Alex Rodriguez and Ramirez.*

**Texas:** Set a signal to rest of league with record \$252 million contract for Alex Rodriguez. Also upgraded lineup with Ken Griffey Jr., Andres Galarraga and Randy Velarde. Traded former shortstop Royce Clayton for pitching prospect Aaron Myette. But still needs more arms to improve worst staff in the majors last year (\$52.9K).

**New York Yankees:** Beat out division rivals Baltimore, Boston



Workers take down a 32-foot by 27-foot poster of former Seattle Mariners All-Star Alex Rodriguez late Tuesday at Safeco field in Seattle. Rodriguez signed Monday with the Texas Rangers.

and NL champion Mets for Mike Mussina (\$88.5 million), giving World Series champions the best rotation in the league. Healthy Ramiro Mendoza will be counted on to replace departed Jeff Nelson in the bullpen. Still might need to bring in a hitter to upgrade aging lineup that was sixth in league in scoring last season.

**Colorado:** Used \$172 million to lure two top pitchers to Coors Field in Mike Hampton (\$121 million) and Denny Neagle (\$51 million). Whether they succeed in the high altitude is uncertain.

**Los Angeles:** Kept Darren Dreifort (\$55 million) and added Andy Ashby (\$22.5 million) to give

Dodgers one of top rotations in the league. Now the Dodgers need to shed underachieving ways of last few years.

**Toronto:** Accomplished No. 1 goal of keeping Carlos Delgado (\$68 million) for four more years. Big moves by Yankees and Boston make winning AL East even more difficult.

### LOSERS

**New York Mets:** Went into the offseason with heavy goals of keeping Hampton and signing Rodriguez. Hampton spurned New York for the Colorado lifestyle. Mets dropped out of Rodriguez

bidding because of worries about off-field perks that Texas didn't even give the shortstop. Signing Kevin Appier (\$42 million) and Steve Trachsel (\$7 million) represents a step back from last year's rotation. Still could make a play for David Wells or Matt Lawton on trade market.

**Atlanta:** Also targeted Hampton and Rodriguez only to come up empty on both fronts. Subbing Rico Brogna for Galarraga isn't the answer. But with John Smoltz returning and the Mets trading water, Atlanta should remain the class of the NL East.

**Baltimore:** Lost ace Mussina to division-rival Yankees, and owner

Peter Angelos has been unable to get anyone to take his money. Appier, Nelson, Turk Wendell all turned down the Orioles. Baseball's model franchise of the '70s has become a laughingstock.

**Cleveland:** Made a strong effort to keep Ramirez but couldn't match Boston's money. Ellis Burks will fill some of Ramirez's void in the lineup, but Indians missed out on adding a free-agent pitcher.

**Seattle:** Again lost its best player in the offseason. Making up for Rodriguez's departure should be harder than Ken Griffey Jr.'s last season. Still has deep pitching staff, but need at least two bats to make up for Rodriguez.

**Chicago Cubs:** Targeted Hampton, but settled for Jason Bero on rotation. Tom Gordon and Jeff Fassero add depth to bullpen, and Todd Hundley is a quality bat even if he struggles behind the plate. Also, lost two possible destinations to trade Sosa when Texas and Boston filled holes with free agents.

**Detroit:** Moved into new stadium last year amid much optimism of a rebirth for struggling franchise. Juan Gonzalez was a major disappointment and team never contended. With worries about high bills for Comerica Park and a possible industry shutdown on the horizon in 2002, owner Mike Ilitch is trying to cut — not add — payroll.

There is some potential upside to trade with Houston, despite losing leader Bra Austerus. Mitch Meluskey could develop into strong hitting catcher and Roger Cedeno is a competent leadoff hitter.

**Philadelphia:** GM Ed Wade made perhaps the two worst signings of the offseason: Jose Mesa (one save last season) for \$6.8 million over two years and Rheal Cormier (no career saves) for \$8.75 million over three.

**Pittsburgh:** Maybe there's something in the Pennsylvania water. GM Cam Bonifay's move to give \$9 million over two years to an aging and struggling Derek Bell rivals the Phillies for worst signing.

**Oakland:** The contracts given to Ramirez and Rodriguez will make it even harder for low-revenue team to keep MVP Juan Giambi, who is eligible for free agency after the 2001 season. Also lost Appier, Velarde and Matt Snairs.

## D'Amico agrees to one-year, \$2.3M deal

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Milwaukee Brewers pitcher Jeff D'Amico agreed Saturday to a \$2.3 million, one-year contract about seven times his \$325,000 earnings this year.

D'Amico, a 24-year-old left-hander, had an eight-game winning streak last summer and finished 12-7 with a 2.66 ERA, third in the NL behind Kevin Brown and Randy Johnson of Arizona (2.64).

The Brewers' ace, who had been eligible for salary arbitration, was selected NL pitcher of the month for July, when he went 5-0 with a 0.76 ERA in six starts.

D'Amico, the Brewers' first-round draft choice in the 1993 amateur draft, has a 27-20 career record in 64 games, all with Milwaukee.

He got his first hit, a home run, at County Stadium on July 30 against Colorado.

### Revisions could be made to New Fenway

BOSTON — The Boston Red Sox will seek revisions in the Fenway Park legislation enacted in July in an effort to make it easier to obtain private financing for a new stadium, according to The Boston Globe.

The Red Sox want to remove the team's liability for cost overruns, limit its real estate taxes, and increase new tax revenues available for the project to ease the concerns of lenders skeptical about giving the Sox financing, the Globe reported Saturday, citing unidentified sources.

Red Sox officials did not immediately return messages left by The Associated Press.

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# Sweet package deals

## Fifty years of bubble gum and trading cards

The Associated Press

Originally, it was an innocent enough marketing plan by the Topps Company. Buy the pink bubble gum covered by a thin layer of powder and it would come with five baseball cards.

Such a deal. Fifty years after Topps began packing those cards in with its gum, they are important collectibles, handled with utmost care, often worth thousands of dollars.

The money is nice. The memories are better. There were wonderful things to do with those cards.

Maybe attach them to the spokes of a bicycle to produce a cool "click-click-click" sound. Or trade them with friends like some big-shot general manager, moving players around on a whim. It took several Bill Fischers, maybe with a Bob Feller included, to get one Bob Feller.

Sometimes you'd flip them with friends, a way to add to collections if your cards sailed farther. Or maybe you'd just arrange them by number, wrap them in a rubber band and store them for safekeeping, until your mother discovered the treasure trove and discarded them in a burst of spring cleaning.

The rubber band strategy caused Andy Paiko to become a cult hero with the collectors. Paiko, a good player, wound up as the image on Card No. 1.

The Topps people have no idea why that happened, but it meant Paiko was on the top of the pile when the cards were put in numerical order and the rubber band was applied. The damage inflicted reduced the number of mint Paiko cards in existence and resulted in one of the survivors selling for \$83,870 last year.

That is more than Paiko made in any season as a player. Broadcaster Bob Costas still



carries a Mickey Mantle card in his wallet. He wrote to his childhood hero. The suspicion is that others of his generation lucky enough to own one do the same thing.

It was not always easy to acquire the Mick, though. Plenty of those change were spent on wax paper-wrapped packages, which all too often yielded Willie Miranda instead of Willie Mays and Hank Aguirre instead of Hank Aaron. Maybe that's why a Mantle rookie card was sold at auction for \$121,000 in 1997.

When Topps launched the baseball-card strategy, company accountant Sy Berger was chosen as its point man. The first year, 1951, was a disaster. "The finish smelled like kerosene," Berger

said. The cards were redesigned for 1952 with Berger sketching them at his dining room table. He signed players, offering cash or premiums. Typical payoffs were toaster ovens, TVs and luggage.

"I'd come into the clubhouse and players would say, 'Hey, Sy, where's the check?'" Berger said. "I see old players today and they still say that."

The card contract was then and remains today every ballplayer's first endorsement deal, a very special milestone. The operation was new for the chewing gum people.

"We were absolute neophytes," Berger said. "The 1952 series went like hot cakes. We came to the conclusion that we needed a second series. By the time it came out, it was World Series time. We learned that kids don't buy baseball cards at World Series time because football is starting."

"We had a lot of cards left over, packed in boxes in our ware-

house. We couldn't find anyone to take them off our hands. So, we decided to destroy them."

Berger hired a garbage boat, had the cards loaded on board and rode with them as a tugboat pulled them off the New Jersey shore. In a flash, the cards were dumped into the Atlantic Ocean.

"I don't know how many cards there were, but it was enough to make you a millionaire," he said. "We didn't know."

The romance of the cards diminished for some when they became so valuable. By 1991, Topps was forced to stop including bubble gum in the packages because it was damaging the collectibles — not to mention the teeth of the customers.

Now the good news. As part of the 50th anniversary celebration, Topps is issuing a heritage series with current players in the classic designs of a half-century ago.

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# Officials release Olympic bribery files

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - Nearly 10,000 pages of confidential files in the Olympic vote-buying scandal reveal Salt Lake's now-indicted bid executives might have taken a page from organizers of the Nagano Games.

The files organized A-Z by International Olympic Committee delegates were released to The Associated Press on Saturday by the Salt Lake Organizing Committee.

They show Tom Welch, the bid chief, and Dave Johnson, his deputy, chased their Olympic dream by doing everything from consulting fortune tellers to rushing emergency cash to IOC members' wives.

The documents include new allegations Japan paid \$100,000 per vote when Nagano won the 1998 Winter Games over Salt Lake City,

which was widely recognized as having the better technical bid. Salt Lake eventually won the 2002 Games.

But in March 1991, Welch received disturbing news from Ireland's Olympic chief in a letter underlined "strictly private and confidential."

Patrick Hickey, quoting Italian Olympic sources, said "certain IOC members have entered into a contract with Nagano to vote for them for a fee of \$100,000."

And on June 14, 1991, the day before Salt Lake lost his first bid, Welch fired off an angry letter accusing IOC President Juan Antonio Samaranch of trying to sabotage Salt Lake's bid.

"The word is spreading among your colleagues by those close to you, in your name, and being attributed to you personally, that

"We cannot let the Games go to Salt Lake City or the press will eat us alive," Welch wrote.

The AP was unable to reach Samaranch for immediate comment.

A bitter Welch, who considers himself a scapegoat for the Olympic vote-buying scandal, has no doubt Japan bought the Games in 1991.

"You had a lot of things to play," Welch said Saturday. He accused the Japanese of locking up the IOC

vote with a \$15 million pledge for an Olympic Museum, then paying a day after the IOC vote.

Welch says the bid-committee documents can help prove he and Johnson did nothing criminally wrong. Both men were indicted last summer on 15 conspiracy, fraud and bribery counts for doing out \$1 million in cash, gifts, travel and scholarships to IOC delegates and their families.

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## Indian duo set for title matchup

BANGALORE, India - Leander Paes and Mahesh Bhupathi defeated Rick Leach and Ellis Ferreira 6-3, 7-5 Saturday to advance to the final of the World Doubles Championship.

In today's best-of-5 championship, Paes and Bhupathi face Donald Johnson and Piet Norval, who defeated Simon Aspelin and Johan Landsberg 6-4, 5-7, 6-3 in the first semifinal at the Kerala State Lawn Tennis Association.

## Argentina's Dabul wins two titles at Orange Bowl

MIAMI - Brian Dabul of Argentina won three matches and two titles Saturday at the Orange Bowl International Tennis Championships.

Dabul then teamed with Juan Monaco to win the boys' 16 doubles title. The unseeded Argentinians eliminated No. 2 Tom Pucok and Matthew Smith of Britain 6-2, 6-3 in the semifinals, then beat No. 8 Komlavi Logio of Togo and Lamine Ouahab of Algeria 6-1, 6-4 in the final.

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# Husker spikers win NCAA title

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) - Greichaly Capero woke up one morning with a pre-season promotion: Nebraska was going to win with the NCAA women's volleyball tournament.

The vision came to her during a team trip to China earlier this year. "I just knew we would win the national championship," said Capero, selected as tournament MVP after her team rallied from a 2-1 deficit to Wisconsin to take the championship by winning three of five matches.

"We had the people and the chemistry. We were committed to work hard and believe in each other," Capero said.

Her team never doubted - including coach John Cook, who closed out his first year with the Cornhuskers after leaving Wisconsin.

"It was hard," he said. "My hat's off to Wisconsin. They stressed us like no other team this year."

The Cornhuskers finished 34-0 to become the second team to go undefeated and win the tournament.



Nebraska volleyball team members Angie Oxley, Amber Holmquist, Greichaly Capero and Jill McWilliams celebrate after defeating Wisconsin 3-2 in the final of the NCAA women's volleyball tournament in Richmond, Va., Saturday.

The Badgers finished 33-4. "Obviously, we're disappointed," said Wisconsin coach Pete Waite. "We ran out of gas a little bit. We were passing, digging and

sagging defensively. We tried to make people chase us at the block."

Despite losing Claudia Rodriguez due to injury in the first game, and with Megan Kohlen playing at 85 percent, Waite said his short-handed team made a "gutsy effort."

"Nebraska is a great team. They pose a lot of problems," he said. "We just struggled with ball control."

Laura Pilakowski had 23 kills, including the match winner.

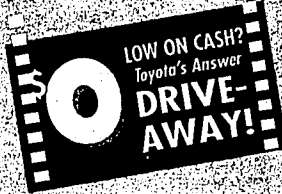
In the fifth game, Nebraska scored the first four points, two on kills by Pilakowski. The Cornhuskers never trailed and scored six of the last nine points to win 15-9.

Nebraska took the opening game 15-9, scoring five of the last six points. The Badgers took the next two games 15-9 and 15-7, before Nebraska rolled to a 15-2 win in Game 4.

"Nebraska came out strong," said Wisconsin's Lizzy Fitzgerald. "It was hard to come back down 4-0. Everything didn't fall in place." The all-tournament team was

comprised of Nebraska's Pilakowski, Capero and Amber Holmquist. Wisconsin placed Fitzgerald and Sherisa Livingston on the team. Hawaii's Lily Kahumoka rounded out the squad.

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## Italians sweep past Herminator

VAL D'ISERE, France (AP) - Alessandro Fattori won his first World Cup race Saturday, leading an Italian sweep of the top three places in a downhill.

Fattori covered the sun-drenched Orellier Killy course in 1 minute, 52.25 seconds, followed by Kristian Ghedina in 1:52.57 and Roland Fischnaller in 1:52.66.

Fattori's best previous finish in the downhill this season had come at Val d'Isere last weekend, where he placed 20th. The event was run a second time in the French Alpine resort because of lack of snow in Val Gardena, Italy.

Fattori, 27, called it an "impossible victory."

"When I was at the start, I knew that Ghedina was quick, and I thought the course was getting slower, so I knew I had to attack," he said. "It's a long time, but it's better late than

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never. It's the best day in my life."

Ghedina placed 34th in Val d'Isere last weekend in his first downhill race of the season. He was fourth in the overall standings last season, injured two vertebrae in Chile during summer training while doing aerial somersaults off a jump.

Hermann Maier, who had won the two previous downhills, tied for 16th with Austrian teammate Josef Strobl in 1:53.89. Last weekend, Maier led an Austrian sweep of the top four places in the downhill last weekend.

Swede skis to third straight Nordic win

BRUSSON, Italy - Per Elofsson of Sweden won his

third straight event in the Nordic World Cup, taking Saturday's cross-country combined event by 31.1 seconds over defending World Cup champion Johan Muehleleg.

Vincent Vittoz of France finished third in the 10-kilometer freestyle event, rallying 19 places from the opening 10-K classical style portion to finish 47.1 seconds off the lead.

Elofsson, who had a winning combined time of 46 minutes, 46.3 seconds, strengthened his lead atop the World Cup standings, with 330 points. Vittoz moved into second at 176.

Bente Skari-Martinsen of Norway won the women's 10-kilometer classical style race in 22:55, 26.6 seconds ahead of Olga Danilova and 31.1 seconds ahead of Larissa Lazutina.

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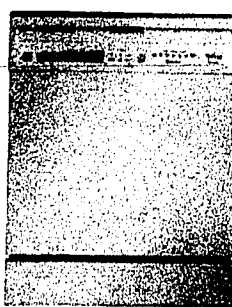
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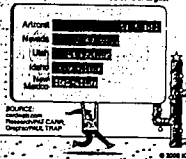
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**Champion could close outlets, expects loss**

**AUBURN HILLS, Mich.** — Housing manufacturer Champion Enterprises Inc. said it expects a net loss in the range of \$3.02 to \$3.04 per diluted share for the fourth quarter ending Dec. 30.

The loss consists of an estimated \$1.1 to \$1.3 cents per share from operations, before nongoodwill asset impairment charges of 8 cents and goodwill impairment charges of \$2.63.

For the three months, revenues are expected to be about \$390 million. In fourth quarter 1999, the company said, it had revenues of \$568 million and net income of 12 cents per diluted share.

Champion's website says the company has retailers Homes America and Oakland Homes in Twin Falls and Westwind Homes in Elgin.

Champion said it continues to be affected by lower industry retail sales, which were off 29.1 percent in the third quarter and 32.7 percent in September alone. This trend continued in the fourth quarter, with lower consumer traffic affecting sales at company-owned stores and independent retailers. The company made more reductions in the number of sales locations and inventory levels.

Due to lower retail traffic and sales volume in the fourth quarter, the company expects to close or consolidate 25 sales centers, and officials have said earlier that some in Idaho could be on the list. Those closings will bring total retail closures to 54 locations in the last half of the year.

Included in the quarter's loss from operations is about \$1.5 million for pretax lease termination costs from retail store closings and \$2 million of pretax losses related to the company's efforts to reduce inventories at company-owned stores.

**Con Paulos dealership puts on chamber event**

**JEROME** — The Jerome Chamber of Commerce's Business After Hours will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday at Con Paulos Chevrolet Pontiac GMC, 901 S. Lincoln.

The gathering is a business-to-business networking event. For information about hosting a Business After Hours, call the Jerome chamber at 324-2711 or send e-mail to jchamber@northrim.net.

**Construction association elects officers for 2001**

**BOISE** — The Idaho Associated General Contractors elected its officers and directors for 2001 at a general membership meeting Dec. 2.

Steve Heaton, president of Western Construction Inc. in Boise, was elected Idaho AGC president. First vice president is Kim Hall, president of Bateman-Hall in Idaho Falls, and second vice president is Harvey Neef, owner of Inter Systems of Boise. Mike Greiner of Owyhee Construction in Boise was elected secretary-treasurer.

Elected to the board of directors were Torry McAlvain of McAlvain Construction in Boise, Rusty Woodall of Nelson Construction in Boise, Ron Klein of Bannock Paving in Pocatello, Greg Sloan of Sloan Inc. in Pocatello and Ralph Hartwell of The Hartwell Corp. in Idaho Falls.

Idaho AGC said it is a professional trade association that has represented the construction industry in Idaho since 1934. The chapter has more than 800 members statewide and operates offices in Boise, Twin Falls, Idaho Falls and Hayden Lake.

— compiled from staff reports



Ann Brewer, cashier at the Traveler's Oasis in Hansen, hands Charles Solace of Eden his Kickback card after using it. The card allows customers to redeem discounts for future purchases.

## 'Building alliances'

**Businessman introduces 'village card'**

By Julia Ponce  
Times-News correspondent

**TWIN FALLS** — How does a local business stay competitive in an increasingly consolidated world of national chains?

Twin Falls businessman Dan Willie was pondering that question last spring, while on a flight home from a convention. He kept wondering how the frequent-flyer mile concept could work in his Magic Valley chain of Oasis Stop 'N Go convenience stores.

"I started thinking maybe we should reward our customers," he said. "Let's face it, every day of the year in business is about figuring out how to get ahead of the competition. So I put it in my brain-trust (management-level employees), and we couldn't find anyone in our industry that was doing that sort of thing."

Soon Willie and his seven managers were meeting almost daily from March until October to come up with a way to keep old customers and win new ones.

"It was no easy task," he said. The task amounted to designing a program somewhat like the old savings-stamp programs of the 1950s and '60s. It was different than S & H Green Stamps, though, because customers would be awarded points that represented savings, instead of stamps to be redeemed for prizes.

The group hired an advertising agency, designed a name and a card with a magnetized strip, created an Internet page and designed brochures and other in-store advertising, Willie said.

"The biggest thing to do was to work out the data processing to capture the

**How it works**

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• Costs to merchants include an \$80 setup cost. That covers \$50 worth of magnetic plastic cards, which customers present to merchants, and the first month's lease of the data device that works with the cards. After that, it's \$30 a month to lease the data device, while the cards cost the merchants 10 cents each.

• The benefit to merchants is expected to come in the form of customer loyalty.

According to a Harvard Business Review report, even a 5 percent increase in loyalty can produce a 25 to 85 percent increase in profits.

To pay for this program, a business with a 15 percent gross profit margin must increase sales by 4.5 percent. A merchant with a 50 percent profit margin needs only to increase sales by 1 percent.

points earned by each customer," he said. Willie and the managers knew the program would work better if they included other businesses.

"One of the latest marketing techniques being talked about at all the conventions is to market through other businesses by sharing ideas and building alliances," Oasis CEO Pat Lewis said.

So other local business owners were invited to join the "KickBack Points" program that went into effect in November. But there was a stipulation: Competitors were not included. The KickBack Card that customers use in Oasis convenience stores cannot be used in other local convenience stores. However, it can be used in one partic-

**Dan Willie: Auditor turned entrepreneur**

By Julia Ponce  
Times-News correspondent

**TWIN FALLS** — A 1967 graduate from Utah State University, with a degree in accounting, Dan Willie came to the Magic Valley after working for the government, private industry and owning a small bookkeeping business.

His first job out of college was with the U.S. Department of Agriculture as an auditor.

"I was on the road 100 percent of the time," Willie said.

With an accountant's understanding of the value of money, he said living on the road at that time was great.

"I could live on per diem and save my salary," Willie said.

His territory covered the West Coast and Hawaii, but after a couple of years

he moved on to do internal auditing for Georgia Pacific Corp., working in the Midwest and the East.

Next he went into business for himself when he bought a bookkeeping firm for the service station industry in Pocatello, not far from his native Malad. Willie wound up in the Magic Valley when he expanded that business into Twin Falls.

He bought the Traveler's Oasis near the Hansen Bridge in 1979 with partner Mike Hunzeker.

The two expanded business at a steady pace, and in 1992 had seven businesses to divvy up when they split. Since then, Willie has added eight more businesses to the three he took out of the partnership, and has been partners in several other businesses from time to time.

patting steak house, one hair dresser, one Italian eatery, one Mexican food restaurant, one dry cleaner and so on.

"It's pretty hard to build an alliance with your competitor," Lewis said.

And Willie made the rule that no national chains are allowed.

"What it really comes down to is what I like to refer to as a 'village card,'" Willie said. "It's a card you can use throughout the community on a regular basis for things like gas, food, laundry, hardware-store stuff. You get it just like a credit card. ... You carry points that are accumulated, and then at some point you trade them for a service or a purchase."

Another incentive is a monthly drawing for \$250. The year-end prize is a four-wheeler.

From the beginning, Mr. A's Dry Cleaners owner Dave Anderson was on board.

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**CSI provides free tax help**

The Times-News

**TWIN FALLS** — Senior citizens and low-income individuals may take advantage of free tax help that will be available for three months beginning Jan. 4.

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance is a federal program overseen by the Internal Revenue Service. It is administered locally by the College of Southern Idaho business department. A tax consultant will be available from April 2 to 4 p.m. Thursdays, Jan. 4 through April 12, in Room C93 of CSI's Evergreen Building.

Anyone needing assistance may bring their records to CSI during those times. The consultant will help the individual figure his or her taxes and file the return electronically from the college.

For more information on VITA, call the CSI business department at 733-9554, Ext. 2450.

**Weekly watch**

Here's how a few companies with Magic Valley locations, or other local ties, fared in the stock market during the week

Symbol	Description	Friday's Close	Previous Friday	Weekly change	52-week high	Annual Yield
ABS	ALBERTSON'S	34 1/4	34 1/4	0	39 1/4	3.77
ASCA	AMERISTAR	5 1/2	5 9/16	-1/8	6 5/8	NA
CNG	CONGIANT	22 7/8	22 7/8	0	22 7/8	3.77
COBT	COBUST	34 7/8	33 1/4	1 5/8	60 1/2 - 25 15/16	NA
DEPT	DEPT	30 11/16	34 1/4	-3 3/8	53 7/8 - 21	NA
HNZ	H J HENZ	43 1/8	43 5/8	-1/4	47 1/16 - 20 1/16	3.92
HDI	HARLEY-DAVIDSON	37 15/16	43 15/16	-6	50 5/8 - 27 7/8	0.20
HD	HOMER DEPOT	41 1/8	41 1/8	0	43 1/8 - 19 1/8	0.58
IDA	IDACORP	40 7/8	40 1/16	-2 3/16	53 - 25 15/16	NA
JCP	J.C. PENNEY	9 3/16	9 9/16	-1/4	22 1/2 - 8 3/16	6.37
JPR	J.P. REALTY	6 5/16	6 5/16	0	18 15/16 - 15 5/16	12.10
KEY	KEY CORP	26 1/4	28 15/16	-1 1/8	27 1/2 - 11 9/16	4.27
KM	KIMBERLY	38 1/16	38 1/16	0	32 1/4 - 10 1/8	NA
KR	KROGER	28 1/2	24 5/8	1 3/8	27 7/16 - 4 1/16	NA
LW	LABOR REPLY	2 7/8	2 15/16	-1/16	14 5/8 - 2 1/2	0.22
LYB	LYB	31 1/4	31 3/16	-1/16	39 3/16 - 21 1/16	0.70
MCD	MCDONALD'S	31 1/2	29	2 1/2	43 5/8 - 20 3/8	0.67
MSB	MSB BANCORP	38 1/8	34 1/16	4 1/8	67 1/2 - 28 1/16	0.58
OMX	OFFICEMAX	1 3/4	1 11/16	1/16	7 9/16 - 1 1/2	0.45
PHX	PHARMACIA	59 5/8	59	5/8	64 - 33 3/4	0.81
Q	QUEST	38 15/16	38 11/16	-2/16	68 1/16 - 26 1/2	1.80
RAD	RITE AID	2 1/2	2 5/8	-1/8	13 1/4 - 2 7/16	18.40
SEARS	SEARS	33 2/8	35 1/16	-1 1/8	43 5/8 - 25 1/2	2.77
SKO	SHOPOK	4 7/8	4 7/8	0	50 3/4 - 22 1/4	0.32
SKWY	SKYWEST	50 31/64	49 7/8	3/8	60 3/4 - 22 1/4	0.32
TET	TARGET	31 1/4	31 1/4	0	39 3/16 - 21 1/16	0.70
UNP	UNION PACIFIC	45 3/8	40 1/16	1 1/16	50 5/8 - 34 1/4	1.78
WBS	WALBANCORP	28 3/8	28 7/16	-1/16	27 3/8 - 18 7/8	3.28
WMT	WAL-MART	49 7/8	54 7/16	-4 1/8	70 1/4 - 41 1/2	0.45
WFLS	WASH FEDERAL	25 5/16	28 9/16	-1 1/4	27 - 14 5/8	3.85
WWSG	WASH GROUP	8 11/16	8 11/16	0	12 3/4 - 8 1/2	1.80
WFC	WELLS FARGO	60 7/16	49 7/16	11	80 9/16 - 31 7/16	1.80
ZION	ZIONS BANCORP	67 7/16	60 3/4	6 3/4	80 9/16 - 31 7/16	1.80

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## CAREER MOVES

**TWIN FALLS** - Horizon Broadcasting Group, Southern Idaho announced two management positions:



Jerro Fender



Shannon Rinehart

Jerro Fender was named station manager and is responsible for day-to-day operations of Horizon's Twin Falls property (KTIX). A native of Filer, Fender has been involved in radio broadcasting in the Magic Valley since 1985.

Shannon Rinehart was named general sales manager and is responsible for the sales staff of Horizon's properties in Twin Falls and Boise. Rinehart, who has worked in radio sales since 1983, services local and agency accounts. She has 30-plus years in the Magic Valley.

cancer-related organizations, has approved more than 1,480 cancer programs in institutions across the country. Twenty-two percent of the hospitals in the United States have cancer programs approved by the Commission on Cancer, and 82 percent of newly diagnosed patients are treated in these institutions, the release said.



Karen Pierce

Pierce is a native of Gooding and the daughter of Harold and Lois Wartluft, owners of Gooding Green Chop. She and her husband, James, an auctioneer and truck driver, have twin daughters. In addition to her real estate training, she has received 35 hours of training for personal property appraising. She is qualified to appraise horses, farm equipment and livestock.

**CASTLEFORD** - Justin Mink, agriculture teacher at Castleford High School, attended the 52nd annual convention of the National Association of Agricultural Educators held Dec. 26 in San Diego, Calif.

More than 400 agricultural education professionals from all 50 states, including teachers, teacher educators and state staff, gathered for a national meeting that provided professional development opportunities to strengthen local educational programs. Highlights included sessions on partnerships between agricultural educators, agribusiness leaders and local, state and national policy makers.

Conference attendees also participated in workshops on current issues related to teaching improvement and technical agriculture - on topics including using public relations to strengthen agricultural education, using land measurement and surveying to reinforce math standards, high-tech horticulture, risk management in American agriculture, e-commerce in agriculture, career opportunities for students, grant proposal writing, pork quality assurance standards and reducing microbial risks in fruits and vegetables.

**BUHL** - Richard Hill, superintendent of the Buhl School District, was appointed president of the Buhl Economic Council by the Buhl Chamber of Commerce.

Hill assumes the responsibilities of the Buhl with the resignation of Dan Pehrson. Hill will fulfill the remaining term for 2000 and the customary term for 2001-2003.

## BSU workshop attendees can soak up management skills, Elkhorn activities

The Times-News

**SUN VALLEY** - The College of Business and Economics, Center for Management Development, at Boise State University is offering a workshop for managers, supervisors, employees and professionals in May in Sun Valley.

The Program for Management Development will be held May 13-18 at Elkhorn Resort. The schedule includes program activities planned for all day and into the evening except for May 14, 16 and 17, when participants have free time.

Organizers said the PMD has a practical, action-oriented approach to learning. Sessions are developed around discussion exercises and business simulation.

Participants may share their expertise through discussion and networking.

The program is designed for new or experienced managers who need to develop a broader-based understanding of different business functions and how they work together, such as functional department managers, engineering and other technical managers, and production and operations managers.

Organizers said the PMD will help participants:

- Understand how various organizational functions are interrelated.
- Grasp critical changes affecting the business environment today.
- Practice business decision-making.



Examine their management and leadership strategies.

• Network with other participants and faculty.

The fee is \$3,395, which includes a private room in the lodge May 13-18, all meals following registration on May 13 (except the free evenings) and all instructional materials and simulation support.

Application and payment are due April 16. Complete applications and full fee payment received before April 1 will qualify for a \$100 discount.

The Elkhorn Resort features a health center with hot tub and sauna and outdoor activities such as golf, tennis, bicycling, in-line skating, ice skating and hiking. Participants may wish to bring recreational and sports apparel and equipment.

A 360-degree leadership inventory will be conducted as a special feature of the Management/Leadership Skills Assessment session. A survey requesting feedback from participants, their bosses, subordinates and peers will be sent out as soon as participants are accepted for the PMD. The survey is due April 16.

For a full brochure or registration information, call the Center for Management Development at (208) 426-3861 or send e-mail to [cmdinfo@boisestate.edu](mailto:cmdinfo@boisestate.edu).

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- Promotions and staff changes.
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- Charitable business activities.
- Other business news.

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**FILER** - Members of the Twin Falls County Fair Board and fair staff recently attended the Rocky Mountain Association of Fairs annual convention in Billings, Mont.

At this year's convention, Twin Falls County Fair Manager John Pitz was recognized as the association's "Man of the Year." Association membership is comprised of fairs from

Canada, Colorado, Idaho, Kansas, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wyoming. The 2000 membership was 95 fairs, in addition to service members which include carnivals, talent agencies, entertainment, fair supply services, concessionaires and consultants.

Under Pitz's direction, the local fair board and staff have developed a program to involve more service groups in the fair. The 2000 Twin Falls County Fair included the operation of 23 service and youth groups to earn \$202,600 for their various programs. He also developed a \$700,000 long-term maintenance plan to ensure the grounds' usability for the enjoyment of Magic Valley residents for many years, a press release said.

Pitz constantly markets the fairgrounds facilities for off-season usage. During the past year, the fairgrounds hosted 153 events that utilized the facilities for 223 days, the release said.

The 2004 county fair involved 19,700 man hours and cost \$535,000 to produce. The fair does not receive tax support and operates entirely on revenue generated from the fair and interim events, the release said.

**TWIN FALLS** - Dr. Mark Kelly McKain of Twin Falls recently received a three-year appointment as cancer liaison physician for the hospital cancer program at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. The Cancer Liaison Program is part of the Commission on Cancer of the American College of Surgeons.

McKain is among a national network of more than 800 cancer liaison physicians who provide leadership and support to the approvals program and other Commission on Cancer activities.

McKain, who has interest in diagnosis and treatment of patients with malignant diseases, provides leadership to the cancer committee at his institution in order to maintain its commission-approved cancer program or assist it in seeking approval for a new program, a press release said. He is a volunteer at the division or unit level of the American Cancer Society to develop cancer-control initiatives.

Established in 1922, the Commission on Cancer, which is composed of Fellows of the College and Liaison members representing more than 37 other

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**MONEY**

# Holidays open hearts, wallets to many charities, some scams

Experts recommend checking before writing that check

The Dallas Morning News

Stuffed amid the Christmas catalogues in your mailbox this time of year is likely to be an appeal from a charity.

After all, the season revives the spirit of giving.

Unfortunately, it also brings forth the deceptive intent of others who prey on your generosity.

While there are certainly legitimate charities asking for donations, shadowy ones can creep into the mix — and do.

But you shouldn't let altruism cloud your good judgment or you could find their donation lining the pockets of a scam artist.

"There are so many scams out there, and this is the time of the year for them," said Tom Riley, director of research at The Philanthropy Roundtable in Washington, D.C., a national association of individual donors, corporate giving representatives and others in the charities business.

"People feel a lot more generous. You're used to being hit up this time of year."

To protect yourself, do some homework before donating to charity.

"A donor should consider that they have rights to information when 'investing' in a charity," said Teresa Mueller, associate director and chief financial officer of Northwest Assistance Ministries in Houston, a multiservice social agency. "A donation is an investment and therefore, as in other investments, should be investigated."

The most important rule is to find out who's really getting the money.

"That's the single biggest problem," Riley said. "A lot of times, there are charities that sound like the charity you want to give to, but they're not."

It happens very often with organizations that have "Cancer" or "Heart" in their names, said

Jeannette Kopko, senior vice president of the Better Business Bureau of Metropolitan Dallas and director of the organization's Philanthropic Advisory Service.

You should understand the charity's activity. And make sure the organization's appeals clearly identify the charity's program. You should also ask the organization for written materials.

Those documents should include the charity's annual report, said Jan Pruitt, executive director of the North Texas Food Bank in Dallas, which distributes food and grocery products through a network of nonprofit organizations.

"Look at the board of directors and look for recognizable names," she said. "That gives credibility."

*A charity with a vague description of its program should raise a red flag.*

If you recognize someone's name and you know that person, call him or her and ask about the charity's activities.

"Make a visit," Pruitt said. "If there's the least bit of doubt, they ought to get in the car and go and see where the work's done."

A charity with a vague description of its program should raise a red flag.

"The appeal should clearly disclose the nature of the program's activities," said Bennett Weiner, director of the Council of Better Business Bureaus' Philanthropic Advisory Service in Arlington, Va.

"If they say they are helping the homeless, how are they helping them? Through food? Through shelter? Through medical assistance, vocational training? And where is that assistance taking place? These are facts that should be prominent in the appeal."

Part of investigating a charity includes ensuring that it actually is a tax-exempt organization registered with the Internal Revenue

Service. Those groups also are known as 501(c)(3) organizations, named after part of the Internal Revenue Code that gives tax-exempt status to charity, religious and educational organizations.

Donations to 501(c)(3) organizations are tax-deductible. Consumers may check on the tax-exempt status of an organization by going to the IRS' Web site at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) or asking their library if it carries IRS Publication 78, also known as the Cumulative List of Organizations.

That publication lists entities with tax-exempt status.

A key document to obtain is the charity's IRS Form 990, which tax-exempt organizations file each year with the IRS.

Religious institutions, such as churches, and certain church-affiliated charities aren't required to file a 990 form.

Organizations that do file a 990 form are required to provide a copy of the form to anyone who requests it, said Phil Beasley, IRS spokesman in Dallas.

The form, also known as Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax, is a gold mine of information on a charity.

Organizations that do file a 990 form are required to provide a copy of the form to anyone who requests it, said Phil Beasley, IRS spokesman in Dallas.

It lists the organization's officers, directors, trustees and key employees. It also provides information on revenue, expenses, changes-in-net-assets-or-fund-balances, and balance sheets of an organization.

So take a look at how much money is going to charitable activities vs. administrative expenses. You can find that information in the "Expenses" column of the 990 form.

You want more money to go toward actually helping people. At least 50 percent of an organization's expenses should be program expenses, said Michelle Monse, program director at the Dallas Foundation, the oldest community foundation in Texas.

"That would be the minimum acceptable range, but it depends on the age of the charity," she said. "New agencies might spend more on fund-raising than others. Older charities have spent years accumulating mailing lists."

Survey says Americans want less materialism

The Associated Press

With the commercialization and hype for the holidays on the rise, a growing number of Americans are starting to dread the season. A new poll by the Center for a

New American Dream shows that 84 percent of Americans want a less materialistic holiday season.

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MONEY

# E-mail might be too easy, too fast

## Office notes can touch off powder keg of misunderstandings, hurt feelings

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The e-mail seemed so innocent. "Betty, hi," he remembers cheerfully typing to his colleague. "I haven't been successful reaching you by phone, so I'll try e-mail instead." And so Bill Lampton — then an employee of a large hospital — dashed off the rest of his note on some trivial office matter and hit the send button.

Betty never got past the greeting. "I have no idea what you mean about my not returning phone calls," Lampton recalls Betty firing back. "To have you accuse me of ignoring your calls is unthinkable and inexcusable. ... As to the purpose of the e-mail that you sent me, I prefer not to respond, as I dislike dealing with anyone who assumes the worst of me."

Lampton had learned the hard way — as have many managers and workers — that there can be serious downsides to relying on exchanges over the ether. The same qualities that made e-mail

"We have millennia of history in learning how to manage an impression in person," said Patricia Wallace of the University of Maryland, author of "The Psychology of the Internet." "We know how to soften what might seem like an abrupt remark with a smile or a wink ... but we are clumsy with the new tools online, and people are making blunders all over the place."

The absence of conversational cues is especially problematic at work, where the stakes are higher than in a friendly exchange. If someone misreads a comment from a buddy as accusatory, he can pick up the phone to ask what gives. That same comment from a boss can leave an employee covering in his cubicle.

That's what happened when small-business owner Jessica Lipnack sent what she thought was a simple request to her head of training, Carrie Kuempel, who had helped her put together a slide presentation for a venture-capital conference.

Just before heading out the door one afternoon, Lipnack said she got a call from her lead investor saying that he didn't like a phrase in one of the slides. Lipnack dashed off an e-mail to get the message along these lines: "Hey here's some feedback from Bruce. Just one person's opinion, but he thinks (this phrase) looks too

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— Patricia Wallace, author of "Psychology of the Internet"

behave — to office efficiency, the air of informality, the speed with which someone can compose and click — are often the cause of e-mail-induced misunderstandings that can stall team projects, turn co-workers against one another or their bosses, and twist simple negotiations into months-long gripe sessions.

Although research firms are just beginning to study the effects of e-mail-induced disputes, some of the same companies that vigorously promoted e-mail use are now taking steps to limit it. Some personnel managers, for example, have asked employees to e-mail only utilitarian information, such as scheduling requests, according to Vault.com, a workplace research firm in New York.

Companies such as Cisco Systems Inc. have tried to build more face time into the workplace by designing workspaces that encourage employees to mingle and communicate directly.

In a recent survey of 1,000 workers, Vault found that 51 percent of respondents said that the tone of their e-mails is often misperceived — as angry, or too casual or abrupt, for example. One survey respondent said, "I wrote a question to (my boss) one day; she thought I was being insubordinate by the tone. I almost lost my job!"

The problem, say those who have studied online communication, is that the rapid-fire e-mail message arrives without all the facial expressions, body language and vocal cues that richly color most human conversation. Humor, sarcasm and double entendres — best delivered with a smile, a raised eyebrow or smirk — often fall flat or are taken literally in e-mail exchanges.

# YOUR BUSINESS

## CONTRIBUTIONS

■ Welcome Neighbor owner Roy Dixon and his sons recently made visits to the children's floor at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, the Heritage-Woodstone Retirement Home and the Immanuel Lutheran school and church, all in Twin Falls, to provide some Christmas cheer. They took a gift to each of the children at the hospital and candy treats to residents of the retirement home. At the school, they helped with the Christmas play and talked with the

preschool students.

■ The Mutual of Enumclaw insurance claims office in Twin Falls donated three microwaves and three large containers of laundry soap to Valley House, a homeless shelter in Twin Falls. Mutual of Enumclaw is headquartered in



Enumclaw, Wash., covers the states of Idaho, Washington and Oregon and is now in Utah. Every year, the company said, it donates throughout the communities it serves.

■ Stan Nuttle for Starr Corp. presented the Twin Falls Optimist Club with a check for \$200, an Optimist Club representative said. The construction company's employees donated the money for "Coats for Kids."

## MILESTONES

### Southern Idaho building projects garner awards

BOISE — Eight Idaho construction firms claimed the first Awards for Construction Excellence Dec. 2. Developed to honor the top commercial construction projects around the state, the new awards were presented by the Idaho Associated General Contractors.

The winner for top building project in the Magic Valley was construction of the Wood River Medical Center in Ketchum, managed by St. Luke's Regional Medical Center's



architecture and construction department. The 109,000-square-foot project began in 1994, said a publication by award sponsors. Site work, about five miles south of Ketchum, was completed in 1998, and construction began in spring 1999. Builders had to go about a mile north of the site to get utilities and, to reach the hookups, had to pass through the Big Wood River by boring. "I thought the job was impossible," construction manager Tim Austin said of the project that cost less than \$700,000. The challenge was the large boulders that had to be bored through at six to eight feet below the bottom of the riverbed.

Starr Corp. of Twin Falls, owned by Glenn Arrington, was named a finalist for three top building projects.

• The Cesco Rentals Inc. store south of Jerome. Cesco General Manager Mark Canfield provided design ideas, and Twin Falls architect Roger Laughlin created a building with an "open" feel, the award sponsors' publication said. The new \$1.2 million store features John Deere construction equipment.

Arrington said Cesco wanted an artistic, professional-looking appearance with the economies of a metal building. The project features a railing and banister that look like equipment on a bulldozer. The exterior has custom-made steel pieces that create the appearance of a covered walkway, and the retail showroom has high glass windows and high ceilings. Outside work includes a wash rack for large equipment that takes care of the environment. The project began in August 1999 and was completed in February.

• Highland Medical Park in Pocatello. The project was started in late September 1999, and

Pocatello had its first snow within a month. Starr used tents to keep the nearly 20,000-square-foot project moving. Structures about 8 to 10 feet wide and 16 feet long were covered with tough plastic. These structures were placed over the concrete footings to protect the concrete and heat it for curing during the cold. The winter concrete work concluded in January, taking about a month longer than a summer job would.

Arrington said his company landed the job after the project's owners witnessed Starr's job with dialysis centers in Twin Falls and Pocatello in 1999.

• Renovation of Sawtooth Surgery Center in Twin Falls. The \$700,000 project, done while the center was open, covered about 18,000 square feet. It began early this year and was completed in September.

The building was completed in 1990 as a facility for ear, nose and throat treatment. Following a retirement, the remaining doctor sold it to a group of 25 doctors in 1998. The new owners wanted to update the center because of technology changes, including lighting and surgical tools. Starr gutted the exam rooms and turned them into recovery rooms that provided access for nurses from a central corridor. A third operating room and more storage space were added. The main entry now features a gas fireplace with surrounding oak and a 175-gallon freshwater aquarium.

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The Times-News

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# Earnings forecasts dominate market, drive down stocks

NEW YORK (AP) — Investors who thought the resolution of the presidential election would set off a rally on Wall Street found themselves instead in the midst of a huge selloff.

The negative reaction had nothing to do with the election of George W. Bush. Instead, analysts said, the market's plunge this past week was all about disappointing earnings predictions, particularly one from Microsoft, and investor fears about the economy.

"The fundamental problem is that people are very concerned about the possibility of a recession in 2001, although I don't see one happening," said Jack Shaugnessy, chief investment strategist at Advest Inc.

"But all this bad news from computer stocks has affected a lot of people. Of the retail clients I advise, I'd bet a third to a half of their assets are in technology stocks, so these warnings have really hurt them."

Wall Street has been fixated on earnings since Labor Day, when it first appeared that the economy was moderating.

That news was initially greeted warmly — even if it meant companies might not make as much money as they had during the previous year. After six interest rate increases by the Federal Reserve to slow unsustainable

economic growth and stave off inflation, investors were optimistic that more hikes might not be necessary.

But a series of warnings, first about companies' third-quarter profits and in the past few weeks, about fourth-quarter results, has spawned a series of selloffs. High-tech was hit first, but the seemingly more durable consumer and financial stocks have suffered as well.

The market's drop this past week surprised many analysts who had believed that the worst was over. Many of the most high-profile stocks continued their slide, including Intel and Microsoft.

Analysts now believe Wall Street's fears have been exacerbated by the fact that while the Fed is widely expected to cut interest rates, it's unclear when that will happen. And it took six months for the effects of interest rate cuts to work their way through the economy; no one knows how long it will take for the reverse to be felt.

Moreover, the bad earnings news has kept coming, and from a broader range of companies. Companies are reducing their predictions for 2001, saying they expect the economic slowdown's effects to be felt well into the spring and summer of next year.

"What Microsoft's warning did was end up making people feel

that a hard (economic) landing is a definite possibility and that companies are going to have a harder time than expected," said Michael Mann, senior portfolio manager of AXP Mutual Fund. "Now people are not talking about a moderating economy, but a severe slowdown."

Mann is hopeful the Fed will relax its stance against lowering interest rates at its meeting Tuesday. Although he believes the market has already factored that change in what's known as the Fed's bias, it would be a precursor to a rate cut early next year.

"There is definitely earnings risk in the marketplace right now," Mann said. "But the offset to this would be a Federal Reserve decision to cut rates. It would give people a glimmer that the Fed will not allow the economy to go into a recession."

Shaugnessy, the Advest strategist, is also bullish about the market, predicting growth of at least 10 percent in 2001 in the Nasdaq composite index and Dow Jones industrials. But he acknowledged that getting through the rest of the month may be tough.

He thinks January stands to be better than expected for several reasons, including the inauguration of a president predisposed to tax cuts and the release of fourth-quarter results, which he believes won't be as bad as Wall Street fears.

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## New Internet site helps Idaho businesses

BOISE (AP) — A new Internet site will enable Idaho's small-business owners to cut through the confusion over the government regulations influencing their livelihoods.

The Idaho Small Business Solutions Web site has been launched to provide information about reporting requirements, forms, fees and more. A feature called the "Business Wizard" offers customized replies after the entrepreneurs answer five questions about their enterprise.

Visitors to the site can e-mail questions to Idaho State Library reference librarians, who do research and provide prompt, confidential responses.

"It will make it easier for companies to get the information they need to do business in the state, and give them 'one-stop shopping' for licenses, permits and forms," said Gov. Dirk Kempthorne, who helped launch the site on Friday. "Government should offer assistance, not resistance to business owners looking to grow our economy."

The site was developed by the Reducing Idaho's Bureaucracy Committee, an interagency group dedicated to helping business owners. It is maintained by the Idaho Small Business Development Center at Boise State University.

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*Personal finance*

# Web retailers say 'Charge it'

Online shopping is safe with credit card, experts say

Knight Ridder News Service

ST. PAUL, Minn. - Consumers needn't worry too much about the security of their credit cards this holiday season, and here's why: Online shopping is essentially safe when done with a credit card, experts say.

"We encourage people to pay by credit card. The actual incidence of credit card fraud is actually pretty low," said Steve Salter, project director of BBB OnLine (www.bbbonline.org), the Internet subsidiary of the Council of the Better Business Bureaus in Alexandria, Va.

Although many people worry that a cyberthief will intercept their credit card number en route to the online store, nearly all merchants now use sophisticated encryption and secure servers that scramble the number, making it nearly impossible to hack, experts say.

A pop-up message usually tells you that you've entered a secure site, but if you're unsure, look for a locked padlock in the lower left hand corner of your browser window or check the URL window for an address that begins with "https://," Salter said.

If someone does get your number, the Fair Credit Billing Act limits your liability to the first \$50 charged if you promptly report the theft. Many credit-card companies can also help you by waiving that fee because they fear losing customers to competitors.

Credit-card companies are taking the offensive, too. American Express this fall debuted special cards that use specially designed numbers that expire after every Internet purchase, preventing thieves from using them again. Visa card issuers like Fleet Bank are issuing "smart cards" embedded with tiny microprocessors or chips that encrypt online information that can be decoded only by the right online stores. (Fleet and similar Visa smart card issuers won't have partici-

## Online buying tips

Using a credit card is the safest, most convenient way to shop online for most consumers. Security experts offer the following tips to make it safer.

1. Never give personal information to an unknown source, such as responding to unsolicited e-mails that require you to provide bank account or credit card numbers or an address. Report this "spam" to your Internet service provider.
2. Check out unfamiliar companies by visiting the Better Business Bureau's Web site (www.bbbonline.com) or TRUSTe (www.truste.org). Some sites carry the BBB Reliability or Privacy seals or the TRUSTe seal for privacy, but don't be fooled by "dead graphics" that unscrupulous merchants copy onto their sites. Click on the seal and make sure it links back to those organizations.
3. Read the site's security and privacy statements that tell you whether the site uses security technology and whether the site will share your personal information with

other merchants. If you're not satisfied, don't buy.

4. Review your credit-card statements carefully for unexplained charges.
5. Check warranties and return policies. A lot of the disputes from last year's shopping season centered on restocking charges for returned items or refusals to take returns.
6. Keep records of everything you order. Print and save the e-mail receipts or confirmations from your purchases to make it easier to receive a reimbursement in case your order never arrives.
7. Report suspicious experiences. Contact the Federal Trade Commission at www.ftc.gov or call toll-free (877) FTC-HELP. The Internet Fraud Complaint Center, run jointly by the FBI and the National White Collar Crime Center, also takes complaints at www.IFFCCFBI.gov. You also can complain to the National Fraud Information Center at www.fraud.org or call (800) 876-7060. Sources: CyberSource, Federal Trade Commission, BBB OnLine

pating merchants lined up until the first quarter of 2001, however.

Combating online credit card fraud looks shakier from the sellers' end. "Somebody's going to have to eat that charge. Usually it's the merchant," Salter said.

About 18 percent of online purchase attempts are fraudulent, said Joel Ronning, chief executive officer of Digital River, a Twin Cities firm that manages e-commerce Web sites for companies including Nabisco and Polaris Industries.

That's far below the 40 percent fraud rate that online merchants faced three years ago, Ronning said, but it's still higher than the credit-card fraud that bricks-and-mortar stores confront.

Online retailers try to screen out fraud, and Digital River, for instance, said its software provides 1.5 million profiles to catch thieves. "We catch a lot of bad guys," Ronning said.

But even though fraud is an online retailer's top worry, smaller companies are reluctant to afford to pay for sophisticated prevention systems and may be caught in a bind this holiday sea-

son, according to the marketing research firm Garner Group Inc.

Such screening would cost about \$300 a month for a typical small merchant with fewer than 1,000 orders per month, said Jennifer Jennings, spokeswoman for CyberSource, a company based in Mountain View, Calif., that sells fraud screening services. Many security companies typically charge a minimum of \$500 a month for companies with more than 1,000 orders a month. Sometimes merchants opt to buy an in-house computer server to handle all their own screening, but those machines can run as high as \$50,000, she said.

CyberSource also offers what it calls a "protected buy program" that will allow merchants to use its tools to put a badge on their Web site that tells consumers its level of protection.

The badge also will act like a burglar alarm sticker in the window warning potential thieves to stay away, said marketing vice president William Donahoe. The program is so new, however, that only a handful of companies had signed up as of mid-November.

## E-tailers gear up for holidays

Knight Ridder News Service

SAN JOSE, Calif. - The big test for online retailers is taking place this Christmas. And they have been preparing for it since Dec. 26, 1999.

With online sales projected to set records again this holiday season for online retailers is taking place this Christmas. And they have been preparing for it since Dec. 26, 1999.

Internet merchants must be able to handle hundreds of thousands of visitors bombarding their sites. They need to have enough scooters, robotic dogs, Harry Potter Trivia Games and other hot products in stock to meet demand. They need to be able to get the right gifts to the right places before Christmas Day.

So all year, e-tailers have been focusing on all the mundane-sounding, behind-the-scenes details, stocking up on Celebration Barbies and Let's Pretend Elms, fortifying computer networks, building up customer service operations and adding warehouse space, that shoppers take for granted, until something goes wrong.

The stakes are high. If an online retailer doesn't get it right, it could lose a shopper forever. According to a study by The Boston Consulting Group and Harris Interactive, 96 percent of people who shopped online during the 1999 holiday season said they will buy gifts online again this year, though more than half experienced some sort of problem last year, anything from a site crash to an out-of-stock order to a late delivery. But 25 percent of shoppers who had a bad experience with an online merchant still plan to buy from that merchant again.

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## Loaning out your car can create big headaches

Los Angeles Times

Q: My sister and her boyfriend borrowed my car and drove it out of state. The boyfriend was covered for drug trafficking and the car was confiscated and repossessed by the finance company. All claims and charges against my sister were dropped and the finance company eventually allowed me to get my car back. But now my credit report shows a repossession, which is damaging my once-excellent credit rating. I talked to the finance company, but they refuse to remove the damaging information. Can you tell me how to solve my dilemma without the cost of an attorney?

A: I took your question to several attorneys who specialize in credit problems, and none of them offered much hope. You can get false information removed from your credit report, but true information can stay on for seven years (10 years if it's a bankruptcy). Your car did indeed get repossessed, so the notation on your credit report is accurate.

You can write a 100-word statement that will be included in your credit report, but don't expect it to have much effect. Few lenders read these statements, and fewer still give much credence to them. Your best hope is to try to maintain the best credit possible, because the repossession's impact on your credit rating will fade over time. If you want more information on how credit ratings work, check out Fair Isaac's Web site at <http://www.fairisac.com>.

You learned the hard way that lending your car to anyone is risky business. Even if the people who borrow it are model citizens, you can still wind up paying for anything that happens while they're in control of the vehicle. Best to be a little less generous with the car keys and a little more protective of your financial well-being.

Q: I have set up custodial accounts for my two sons, ages 12 and 14. The mutual funds in the accounts are worth \$35,500 and \$46,500. Is this the best way to accumulate college savings for them? I have heard that they might not qualify for student

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loans with these assets in their names, so the tax savings might not be worth it.

A: Think about that a bit. You want your sons to go into debt, rather than have their educations paid for?

Right now, you've saved enough for both boys to cover most of the costs of a four-year education at a public college. Given a few more years of contributions and good returns, and you might swing private-school educations for your sons.

You could play games with college financial aid offices by not saving in the boys' names. But given the amount you've managed to save already, you probably have too much income, and too many assets to qualify for much financial aid.

Generally, it's people with middle-class incomes or less who should be cautious about using custodial accounts for college

because the savings could hurt their chances for financial aid. Also, people in any income bracket who don't trust that their kids will actually go to college should avoid custodial accounts, because any unused money eventually must be turned over to the child.

Folks in higher income brackets usually should just save as much as possible if they want to give their children a debt-free start.

Q: You recently suggested that a 401(k) only to the maximum matched by an employer, and then use any extra money to fund a Roth IRA. I have always thought that you should fund a 401(k) to the maximum allowed, even if you didn't get a match and even if that meant not being able to contribute to a Roth. Am I wrong?

A: That depends on your situation.

It's almost always best to contribute to a 401(k) at least up to the maximum matched by the employer. Typically, employers give 50 cents for each dollar you


contribute up to some maximum percentage, such as 6 percent of your salary. That match means you get an immediate 50 percent return on your money. You can't beat that with a stick.

For people who expect to be in a lower tax bracket at retirement, continuing to fund the 401(k) to the maximum allowed before contributing to a Roth IRA is probably the better strategy.

But the Roth IRA is an incredibly powerful savings vehicle for people who expect to be in the same or higher tax bracket at retirement, and for those who want to leave an inheritance for their kids. That's because the Roth IRA is completely tax-free when withdrawn in retirement, and it doesn't have the minimum distribution tax requirement of other tax vehicles, including 401(k)s and traditional IRAs. So if you expect to be well-off in retirement, it can make sense to contribute to a Roth IRA after you've set aside the maximum your company will match.

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If he is employed, it may be possible to garnish a portion of his monthly wages until the entire debt and applicable interest is paid. However, since you need a replacement vehicle sooner rather than later, it may become necessary for you to submit the claim to your insurance company and allow the company to collect those expenses from him.

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# Idaho potato growers go it alone

**BLACKFOOT** — A prediction by the Potato Growers of Idaho that opposition from the Washington State Potato Commission would sink a proposed government potato diversion proved all too true two weeks ago at a Las Vegas meeting of grower associations and state commissions.

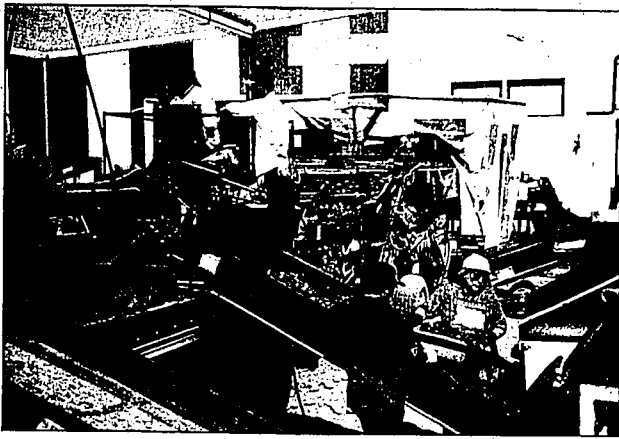
The U.S. Department of Agriculture had expressed initial enthusiasm for the effort, but cautioned it require industry unity before it would approve any kind of diversion. Failing that, USDA pulled its support from the plan.

The Potato Growers of Idaho first began lobbying Oct. 31 for a diversion of surplus potatoes from the food market.

The hope had been to take the 30-million-sack U.S. surplus and sell it to the USDA for use as fertilizer and animal feed. That would not only have inflated prices for this year, but would have kept the surplus from overflowing into the 2001 market, said John Thompson, PGI communication director.

While PGI had reported over-whelming support from growers all over Idaho and several other states, that support waned as opposition from Washington, the second-largest potato state, proved too large to overcome.

As an alternative to a government diversion program, PGI is supporting a grower-run effort to create a voluntary diversion program.



Workers at Schutte Potato Storage in Jerome handle another Gem State harvest. After losing a proposed USDA arrangement to divert potatoes from the over-supplied market, apud growers in the state are attempting to organize their own diversion.

## Farmbeat

**H**ighlights of this week's Magic Valley Ag Weekly, The Times-News' weekly report on agriculture.

### Farm payments rise 50 percent in Idaho

**BOISE** — Low prices are forcing many Idaho producers to depend more on government programs than on crops sales to make ends meet.

Since 1997, Idaho's total farm income has grown at less than the rate of inflation, while farm payments from the U.S. Department of Agriculture Farm Service Agency have grown as much as 50 percent a year.

FSA passes out funds in the form of loan deficiency payments, crop disaster payments, Conservation Reserve Program payments, market loss assistance, conservation cost sharing and producer flexibility payments. Most of the programs were created as part of the 1996 Farm Bill to create safety nets for producers in lieu of federal subsidies.

But for many growers, they've become more than a safety net. They've become a significant part of annual earnings.

In 1999, Idaho's agriculture receipts totaled almost \$3.35 billion, just \$2 million more than 1997. Nearly \$209 million of 1999 farm earnings came from FSA direct payment programs.

The trend is continuing. While estimates on income for 2000 are not yet available, depressed prices are expected to keep growth below inflation, said USDA statistician Brad Early. While income estimates aren't complete, FSA reports it will spend \$317.5 million in direct payments to Idaho farmers this year.

The increase is far from surprising, Early said.

"All commodity prices are pretty poor, especially for crops and milk. When you have that kind of market, you can expect producers to turn to payment programs," he said.

### Bean prices and plantings in Idaho drop like a rock

**HANSEN** — Down, down, down. That's the direction of the dry edible bean market, and production and acreage have followed suit.

Renowned for its quality beans, Idaho's count is down 19 percent from last year's production and U.S. total acreage is down 21 percent, according to the Idaho Agricultural Statistics Service.

"There's no price," said Buck Moore, owner of Moore's Inc. bean warehouse in Hansen and president of the Western Bean Dealers Association. "The price is bad, below cost of production."

Pintos — which account for 37 percent of Idaho's bean crop — are selling at a painful \$16 a hundredweight, and with cost of production here at \$17 to \$18, growers are losing money. The cost of irrigation keeps Idaho's production costs higher than other states, such as North Dakota and Michigan where pintos are selling even lower at \$12 cwt.

"But their quality is not near as good as ours," Moore says.

The bean dealer said prices of \$25 cwt. on the 1998 crop no doubt led to more plantings in 1999, but declining prices last year saw U.S. producers skimming back on acreage. It's a way of correcting the market, and it



usually works, he said.

"But Canada isn't playing the same game," he added. "They increased production."

Nonetheless, Moore thinks acreage in Idaho will increase "just a little bit" next year.

"It's down so much this year," he said. "And prices don't look good in other commodities."

In addition, he said, beans are a good management tool; they're needed in Idaho's crop rotation.

### Potato wart investigation pinpoints source in Canada

**ONTARIO, CANADA** — All tests conducted to date in the potato wart investigation indicate that the area of Prince Edward Island infested with potato wart fungus is localized to a small section of a single field, the Canadian Food Inspection Agency announced earlier this week. However, the agency's counterpart, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, has notified the ban on the shipment of potatoes from Prince Edward Island.

The agency issued a statement saying that its investigators are fully confident that this infestation is not associated with the movement of infected seed potatoes. The results of intensive visual inspection of tubers and comprehensive soil sampling of con-

tact fields indicate that the disease has not been spread through the movement of infected soil.

"This is good news for Idaho," said Dr. Roger Vega, administrator for the Idaho State Department of Agriculture's Division of Plant Industries. "The infestation appears to not be associated with the movement of infected seed."

Since Idaho buys potato seed from Saskatchewan, that is not the source of the seed potatoes associated with the Prince Edward Island infestation, it is most likely we have not and will not introduce the disease into Idaho.

### Farmers consider complaint against Canadian policies

**FARGO, N.D.** — There may be 10 shopping days until Christmas, but only 4 days to file comments in a U.S. trade action against Canadian grain policies.

Charles Hunnicutt, lead attorney for the North Dakota Wheat Commission in a Section 301

trade petition, is urging farmers to supply any suspicious trading deals with the U.S. Trade Representative by noon Dec. 20.

The USTR has a full year to act on investigation of the Canadian Wheat Board, but action should come by spring or early summer, Hunnicutt said.

A new administration — Republican or Democratic — should not have significant impact on the investigation, he said.

Hunnicutt describes the trade investigation as "the best opportunity in years" to stop Wheat Board actions. He said farmers may have contacts with retired grain company officials or others who know about the activity. Instances might include simple undercutting or offering grain interest-free for several months, or with privately negotiated rebates.

"This is how they operate," Hunnicutt said. "They know it. I know it. You know it. And, pretty much, the U.S. government has a good idea about these practices."

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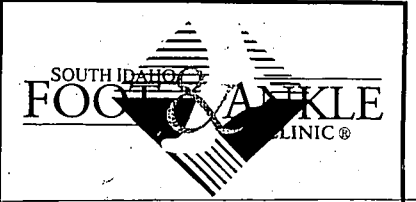
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**Gum-buster finds work just about everywhere**

The Baltimore Sun

BALTIMORE — It's a sticky job, but someone's got to do it. Dwayne Cummins figures it might as well be him.

After all, he'd been in the dry cleaning business for 15 years, coating bloodstains out of pants knees and rust spots off blouses. So it wasn't a huge leap to become an expert — maybe among the nation's first — in chewing gum removal. "I'm a specialist," Cummins said. "I'm a spot cleaner. That's what I do."

When he tells people about his new career, they're shocked to learn he can make a living from de-gumming sidewalks and hotel lobbies, theater seats and restaurant tables.

Cummins' odd line of work takes him just about anywhere people fling or smooch their gum, which, he has learned, is just about everywhere.

Colleges, airports, malls and zoos, from Philadelphia to Tampa, Fla.

Cummins works for GumBusters, a 5-year-old company founded in Holland with offices in England and Japan.

This year, the company opened its first U.S. office, in Falls Church, Va., hoping to rid the country of its discarded gum. The company's goal is to sell up to 300 franchises across the country.

During a recent job at the Hyatt Regency Hotel at Baltimore's Inner Harbor, sporting a white T-shirt with the company's logo of smiling gum splatters, Cummins explained how gum-busting has changed his life.

"I was stuck in a rut," said Cummins, who lives in Silver Spring.

In the dry cleaning business, the science was imperfect and customers weren't always satisfied with the results.

But his new career has a simplicity to it. He does one thing and does it well. The gratification — his and his clients' — is immediate.

And nine months into the job, his clientele is growing fast.

Everywhere he works, lugging a contraption that looks like a vacuum cleaner on steroids, people stop to watch him erase the gum. It's like performance art, and he often draws a small crowd — and potential clients.

"I'm on my second set of 500 business cards," said Cummins, who is one of eight employees and might soon become the company's first franchisee.

As he worked on a pedestrian bridge on the north side of the Hyatt, convention-goers, tourists and a security guard stopped to ask what he was up to.

"I've never seen a machine like that before," the guard said.

Cummins' machine has two tanks, one containing water and one containing a patented chemical formula that dissolves the gum. A long hose attaches to the machine's belly, and there's a brass brush on the end of the hose, which hisses out steam, then gurgles and spits as Cummins scrubs with the brush.

It takes about five seconds to reduce each piece to a fine powder.

The traditional method of gum removal is to scrape it or power-wash it.

Cummins' gummiest job was the cobble sidewalks of Ybor City in Tampa, Fla.

Chewing gum has been around for nearly 2,000 years. The

ancient Greeks chewed mastiche from the mastic tree. The Mayans enjoyed chicle from sapodilla trees. And American Indians chewed the resin of spruce bark.

In the early 1900s, chicle-based gum was mass produced by William Wrigley Jr. Americans spend more than \$1.3 billion on chewing gum and bubble gum each year.

When Cummins began his gum war in January he was surprised at first to see how much of it littered the ground.

"I've learned more about human nature doing this," he said.

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# Bush's first problem: The economy

## Analysts point to slowdown

The Dallas Morning News

WASHINGTON — When George W. Bush reports to work on Jan. 21, he is likely to find the economy is job No. 1.

As now, there will be plenty of reports pointing to a slowing economy. Advisers will huddle to formulate recommendations. And daily news reports will flash warnings of lower corporate earnings, a softer labor market and analysts making odds on a recession.

"The new president will face a very soft economy," said Greg Valliere, managing director of Seabury Washington Research Group.

Sung Won Sohn, chief economist at Wells Fargo Bank in Minneapolis, added, "It will be a tougher situation. The best of times are certainly behind us."

Even as the Texas governor undertakes his energy policy, House transition, he will find that many economists are seeing a rising chance of the first serious downturn in a decade.

Few predict a recession, but they still worry about various dangers: Rising energy prices, tighter credit conditions, falling stock prices and weaker growth overseas.

Analysts say these concerns will make the economy his top priority in governing, alongside his daunting political challenge of soothing the nation's political hurts.

Bush isn't getting much economic cheer from Wall Street these days.

Investors have been buffeted by more than a month of post-election uncertainty, casting a pall over financial markets and consumers' spending during the holiday retail season.

"It is causing people to be a little bit more cautious," said Ray Perryman, president of Perryman Group, an economic consulting firm in Waco.

All of this, analysts said, means Bush's first steps will be watched closely by investors and consumers eager for reassurance.

For Bush, the softening economy offers an opportunity to push his \$1.3 billion tax cut package as a remedy to revive growth. But



President-elect George W. Bush

analysts said Wall Street is looking for other signals of leadership, including cultivating a good relationship with Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan and naming credible appointees to key economic posts.

No president wants to preside over a recession. For Bush, analysts say, the pressure is even greater, because he will want to avoid the historical distinction of being at the helm when a recession may be the nation's longest economic expansion.

That, Valliere said, helps explain the recent comments by Republican vice presidential nominee Dick Cheney.

Cheney told television interviewers this month that the economy "may be on the front edge of a recession."

"They want to make it very, very clear the recession did not begin with them," Valliere said.

After more than a month of legal maneuvering to claim the White House, analysts said, Bush lacks a strong political mandate.

One factor in his favor: Republicans and Democrats in Congress also want to avoid a recession. Bush may be able to find bipartisan support for tax cuts, though he may have to settle for less than he proposed during the campaign.

"The next president will have a tough job, not only because of the tougher economic environment but also because of the split in Congress," said David Wyss, chief economist at Standard & Poor's Inc. in New York.

Challenges such as Medicare and Social Security reforms, analysts say, are likely to be far more difficult than cutting taxes.

"The case for supply-side tax cuts is a lot stronger, because the economy does show signs of

weakening," said Stephen Moore, president of Club for Growth, a conservative political action committee.

Just how bad is the economy likely to get?

No one knows for sure, and even the forecasts vary widely.

Some economists are predicting near zero growth about midway through next year. Others predict the economy will expand at an annual rate of 3 percent or higher — well below the 5 percent range expected for 2000, but still a healthy rate.

Signs of slower growth abound, and even the most bullish analysts are revising their forecasts downward.

In a report to its clients, Merrill Lynch & Co. lowered its growth forecast for 2001 to 3.3 percent, down from 3.7 percent.

Government reports confirm a slowdown already is under way. The Commerce Department reported that economic growth slowed to 2.4 percent in the third quarter, less than half the 5.6 percent pace reported during the previous three-month period.

Other reports show the trend is continuing.

Orders to American factories for big-ticket manufactured goods dropped 5.5 percent in October.

Unemployment rose in November as employers added just 94,000 new jobs, and news of layoffs rose.

As the all-important holiday buying season hit full stride in November, retail sales actually declined compared with their month-earlier levels. The 0.4 percent decrease reported

Wednesday was the first monthly sales drop in seven months.

Paul Kasriel, chief economist at Northern Trust of Chicago, said the economy simply appears to be running out of steam after its exhausting 1990s sprint.

Capital is now harder to come by, he noted. Banks are tightening lending standards. At the same time, he said, businesses and consumers are tapped out: They've loaded up on everything from semiconductors to office buildings, new autos to new homes.

Money came cheap and easy during the expansion because the Fed kept interest rates low during 1997 and 1998 to insulate the U.S. economy from the Asian economic crisis. And investors provided generous sums of capital to the initial public offerings of stock by Internet companies.

What worries economic soothsayers these days is a rising number of unpredictable trouble spots that could combine to turn a slowdown into a classic recession — two or more consecutive quarters in which the economy shrinks.

Past recessions usually were caused by a combination of overly aggressive inflation fighting by the Fed and some kind of outside shock.

Now, economists point to the Fed's latest inflation-fighting campaign, a 17-month period of higher interest rates. They also point to higher energy prices, noting that this winter promises to be colder than recent years. That would increase demand and prices for natural gas and heating oil.

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**Israelis, Palestinians take steps toward talks**

JERUSALEM (AP) - For the first time in 11 weeks of violence, Israelis and Palestinians are talking seriously about relaunching peace negotiations and the coming week is expected to bring high-level contacts largely abandoned during the fighting.

Negotiations were suspended after clashes broke out at the end of September, and infrequent meetings between senior leaders since then have focused on halting the current violence, not the larger goal of a Mideast political settlement.

But now, after 325 deaths, most of them on the Palestinian side, Israelis and Palestinians both say a resumption of negotiations is a possibility - though by no means a certainty.

The sides may meet next week in Washington, the U.S. State Department said. However, Saeb Erekat, a senior Palestinian nego-

tiator, said no format had been worked out and the Palestinians had not received an invitation to go to Washington.

He also said that Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat and Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak were

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Arafat met Israeli Foreign Minister Shlomo Ben-Ami into the early hours of Friday, the highest-level talks in more than a month.

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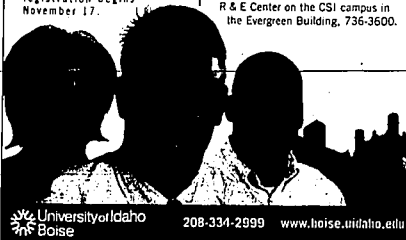
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**Reportedly ill U.S. nurse hides in Nicaragua**

MANAGUA, Nicaragua (AP) - A 70-year-old American nurse hiding in Nicaragua is reportedly extremely ill as officials try to force her from the country for allegedly treating leftist rebels.

Human rights groups described Dorothy Granada's health as deplorable, though they didn't further explain her condition.

Interior Minister Jose Marengo insisted Friday that Granada needed to leave the country or face criminal charges. Officials revoked her residency last week.

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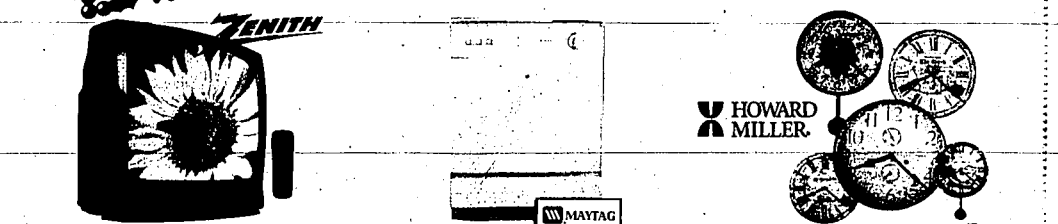
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Cause No. CV 00-04185

**AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF MOTION FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION TWIN FALLS COUNTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY Plaintiff**

vs.

**\$2,914.84 IN US CURRENCY**

Defendant  
STATE OF IDAHO  
County of Twin Falls

Jennifer Gose-Ellis, being first duly sworn, deposes and says:

1. Affiant is the attorney for the Plaintiff in the above-entitled action and is familiar with the facts and circumstances herein.

2. This affidavit is in support of Plaintiff's motion for an order directing that service of the Notice of Complaint IN REM for Forfeiture under Idaho Code §37-2744 on \$2,914.84 in US CURRENCY, by publication in a newspaper of general circulation most likely to give the said respondent(s) notice of this action. The Times-News of Twin Falls, Idaho.

3. The addresses of ROBERT HAUSER is unknown at this time.

4. The Times-News, published at 132 Third Street, Twin Falls, Idaho, is the newspaper most likely to give notice to said respondent because it is a newspaper of general circulation in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, and is published every day of the week.

5. No previous application has been made for the relief sought herein.

WHEREFORE, Affiant prays for an order of this Court directing that service of the Complaint IN REM for Forfeiture under Idaho Code §37-2744 on \$2,914.84 in US CURRENCY be made by publication in The Times-News pursuant to I.C. §16-1607.

DATED This 28th day of November, 2000.

12 Jennifer Gose-Ellis  
Civil Prosecuting Attorney

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# Parents scramble to get kids robot dogs

The Orlando Sentinel

Remember "The Jetsons," the 60s prime-time cartoon about a 21st century family that lived the life of Riley thanks to the wonders of automation and robotic gadgets?

"The Jetsons" lasted but 24 episodes in its original run, yet the futuristic series has proved one of television's more prescient shows. In one episode, for instance, Jane, Elroy and Judy want a dog for personal protection. George, the family patriarch, balks. As a compromise, George buys an electronic dog—a nuclear-powered, trouble-free hound called "Lectronium."

No doubt, the notion of a robotic retriever seemed far-fetched to mid-20th century viewers. But with the dawn of the 21st century—the Age of the Jetsons—we now bear witness to Lectronium's legacy, and the advent of the latest dog toy trend.

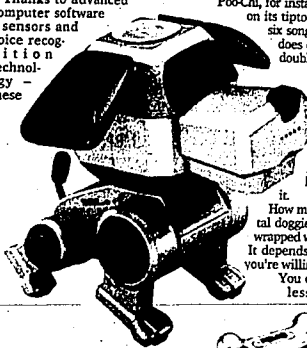
This Christmas season, many of the best friend runs on alkaline batteries and goes by high-tech names such as Tekno, Mega Byte, Cyber, Poo-Chi and Rocket.

These anatomically correct androids have the look of gold steel (octa-silver-plink), though some breeds sport patches of fluorescent blue, pink, and greens or earth tones on their metallic hides.

Nevertheless, the robotic look belies the pains the toy makers behind this pack of cyber-canines took to create mechanized mon-

sters that do everything real puppies do—except breed fleas, leave little surprises on your carpet and chase mail carriers.

Thanks to advanced computer software—sensors and voice recognition technology—these



Friskies in midair, each model does a little something special that gives these Pentium pooches a leg up on Lassie.

Poo-Chi, for instance, can dance on its tiptoes and belt out six songs, while Tekno does card tricks and doubles as a walking metronome. Whenever Tekno needs a nap or sinks into a group of friends, his LED eyes let his owner know it.

How much is that digital doggie in the shrink-wrapped window? It depends on how much you're willing to spend.

You can settle for a less expensive model such as Tiger Electronics' Poo-Chi (\$29.99), Manley Toy Quest's Tekno (\$39.99), or Fisher-Price's Rocket the Wonder Dog (\$129.99), or skip a couple of mortgage payments to own a Sony AIBO (\$2,500), or Neiman Marcus' Barko, which retails for a cool \$6,000.

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This year, lots of children will be getting high-tech toy dogs, such as Poo-Chi.

fully interactive metallic mutts respond to commands, sleep, eat, bark, snore, growl and walk. Sensors enable certain models to recognize touch, changing light levels and their master's voice. Ears spin, tails wag, eyes glow. Although these electronic pups may not fetch sticks or snag

quest's Tekno (\$39.99), or Fisher-Price's Rocket the Wonder Dog (\$129.99), or skip a couple of mortgage payments to own a Sony AIBO (\$2,500), or Neiman Marcus' Barko, which retails for a cool \$6,000. For toy makers, there's a method to this mechanical mongrel madness. "A lot of these sales are being

fueled by the 'tween' market—8- to 12-year-olds," says Bill Jensen, Executive Editor of Playthings magazine, a toy industry trade publication. "Toy manufacturers are really trying to recapture these kids, because they're spending all their money on Brimley Spears' CDs instead of on toys. Now, with the robotic dogs—kids with something that's a combination of a toy and almost a computer. If it starts a trend, the kids want it."

# 'Proof of Life' is too intense for small kids

The Orange County Register

"Proof of Life" (R) - Twin Cinema, Century Cinema of Burley, Magic Lantern of Klamath.

Best for: Mature audiences who can handle an intense plot and offensive language.

What it's about: When Peter Bowman (David Morse) is kidnapped on a mountain road near his dam-building project in South America, a specialist is immediately called in to help his wife, (Meg Ryan) negotiate for his life. Terry Thorne (Russell Crowe) is a professional "K&R" (kidnap and ransom) expert who teams with longtime professional partner (David Caruso) to devise a rescue.

The good: Any scene that has Crowe in it. Likewise, it probably doesn't hurt that he and Ryan have a real-life romance off-screen, because that tension adds to the chemistry between the characters. Crowe's performance is lengthy story. The saga takes place through 144 days of hostage terror, with the story flashing back and forth between the hunters and the hunted. The director skillfully interweaves the characters' lives while showing us the deplorable conditions Peter is held prisoner in. He is treated barbarically, which forces him to become smarter than his captors. There are glorious shots of waterfalls, lush mountains, green hillsides and small villages. To hide an army of boy character transformations the biggest underdog (physically and



mentally) but Crowe's lone-wolf syndrome softens quite a bit by film's end.

The not-so-good: The reason for the R rating is language and violence.

Offensive language: Yes

Sexual situations: None, just one kissing scene

Violence: Men are shot.

Parental advisory: This is an intense story that takes a crisis situation and shows how the characters handle it and grow because of it. It's definitely a story for mature teens to adults, not for kids.

Entertainment value: A-

"Dungeons & Dragons" (PG-13) - Odyssey Theater of Twin Falls.

Best for: Mature teens to 20-somethings. What it's about: Izmer is a medieval world filled with exotic settings, magic and human and inhuman. The good are ruled by a young empress, Savina (Thora Birch), who barely hangs onto her rule, though powers from a magic scepter. Profion (Jeremy Irons) is the villainous magician who wants that power but must possess a magic rod hidden in a secret cave to get it. He sends the cruel lieutenant Damodar (Bruce Payne) to find it and threatens him with a horrible death if he fails. Ridley (Justin

Whalin) and Snails (Marlon Wayans) are young thieves and commoners who break into a magic shop to steal a few things and meet third-year magic school student Marina (Zoe McLellan), and then all are caught and pursued by Damodar. He knows Marina is the map maker which will lead them to the potent talisman, so the adventure begins by hunting for these three. Soon they are joined by dwarf Elwood (Lee Arenberg) and elf Norda (Kristen Wilson).

The good: The movie is based on the popular fantasy-adventure role-playing game that has been around since 1974 and contains a rather complicated plot. Basically the whole purpose is about making right or wrong choices and depending on each other, rather than trying to achieve glory alone. This game is based on exotic lore steeped in literary roots backed by years of characters, heroic role-playing and imagination. Elves are inclined to haughtiness and don't make friends easily. Dwarves tend to be unfriendly and reserved. The professional thief is not dishonorable, although he is neither honored nor highly respected. Magic users are a fearsome class of people with high levels of ability. The whole struggle in this movie is a political one between generations of old and young, rich and poor, and conflicts between races who have their own biases. The story plays like a medieval Robin Hood/Little John meet Bob Hope/Bing Crosby. But there are

serious moments. The dialogue is curny and camp, some of the actors are weak, and it's almost too adult for young kids but too young for the enthusiasts who want to take it seriously. It's hard to describe other than to say you just have to see it for pure entertainment and nothing more.

The not-so-good: There are numerous fight scenes both with swords and fists, battles with non-human creatures (who mostly wear rubber masks and costumes), special-effect dragons that are huge and very mean, a great creature with suction cups that's planted inside Damodar's head (and tortures him by coming out of his ears), magic spells and fatal sword fights.

Offensive language: Mild

Sexual situations: None

Violence: A young man is pushed off a building to his death, another is stabbed in the shoulder, several people are killed in battle, a dragon eats a man, a man is stabbed in his foot. Parental advisory: This movie has a dark side and lots of sorcery, but it likewise carries a positive message about friendship and depending on others, so it's a mixed bag. Parents may want to talk about several issues afterward, including that stealing is not a noble profession and there is no "honor among thieves," adults are not always against young people, and the "inner force" that gives the teens power and magic exists only in the movies.

Entertainment value: C+

# Don't push daughter to talk about school

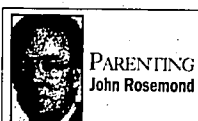
Q. My 6-year-old daughter is in the first grade, and other than the papers she brings home I have no idea what or how she's doing. I realize it's not my job to keep tabs on every minute of her education, but I'm completely out of the loop. Why? She won't tell me I ask her every day what she's doing in class, but I never get an answer other than "I don't remember" or "nothing."

The teacher sends home general information, but I get no specifics from my daughter. She's been tested and falls into the gifted category; therefore, it's important to me that she be challenged in class and learn something significant during the year. The first lesson I'd like her to learn is that when Mom asks what's going on in class that she give me a decent answer. Do you have any suggestions on how I can get her to open up to me?

A. My suggestion is founded on the fact that "nature abhors a vacuum." You've already discovered that badgering your daughter for information yields nothing but passive resistance. As it stands, you have become a slave to your child, all of which are probably unfounded, and are beating your head against the proverbial brick wall.

Create a "vacuum." Stop asking and your daughter will eventually open up. Probably. And if she doesn't, well, the teacher will certainly let you know if something is amiss. No news from school is almost always good news.

My experience leads me to believe that a child who doesn't "open up" to parents about school is either (a) she desires nothing more than to "own" her school experience and is only resisting her parents' well-intentioned attempts at micro-management. I have to believe your daughter falls into the latter



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category. If you agree—and I'm sure you do—I would strongly advise you to count your lucky stars, relax, and back off. Stop asking so much as "how was your day?" Let her tell you, which she will, as she feels like doing so.

The more you pressure her to talk, the more she will resist, simply because you are giving her something to resist against, an opportunity no child can resist.

To the matter of her being "gifted," there is no evidence that a highly intelligent child needs an "ideal" school environment. You already have a good one. Nor is there evidence that the best possible school environment (by some standard) is guaranteed to produce a child who, although highly intelligent, does well in life. The most successful people are self-directed, not necessarily brilliant. Your daughter is obviously self-directed. Conclude: She does not need much direction.

When your daughter arrives home from school, simply ask, "Anything special or awful happened today?" or "How was your smile and say, "You're making my job too easy, kiddo." Give her a kiss and count your lucky stars. Nine out of ten Moms would change places with you in a heartbeat.

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## Grief

Continued from E1  
a clinical psychologist on the faculty of the department of psychiatry at the University of Connecticut Health Center in Farmington.

"Look at your holiday expectations in a realistic manner. Otherwise, you simply set yourself up for disappointment," Ford says. "If a spouse or close friend has died, if your family is far away, or your circumstances have changed significantly, acknowledge that things are just not going to be the same. Give yourself permission to experience the grief that is a natural part of loss."

Next, remember that even if everyone around you is in high spirits and you're not, don't think you are alone. "Don't try to hide your feelings. Even that perfect television family, the Waltons, has times, but to maintain a cheerful front only for an hour."

"For many of us, memories of past holidays are painful," Ford says. "Accept holiday blues when they come. Try to ignore them, but just make things worse. Instead, use the time to reflect on your life and your memories, the good times and the difficult, with the wisdom and perspective age brings."

Accepting and acknowledging loss doesn't mean dwelling on it. Remember that depression feeds on isolation. Plan to spend time and do special things with others, whether it's family, friends or even a beloved pet.

## Divorce

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up my marriage. And my child is in the middle of it."

"And my children might not be together on Christmas Day," her daughter is struggling with the decision.

"I'm trying to let her decide," the mother says. "But I don't know if she wants to make her own decision or to be told. Is she thinking, 'Where do you want me to go and I'll go there?'"

"She's already had many

Christmases where it was one way."

Generally, Shepherd says, although older children and teens can help decide where they will be, younger children likely be told—not asked—about holiday plans.

"If you ask a 5-year-old what they want for dinner, they will say an ice-cream cone," Shepherd says. "If you ask them, they'll say, 'I want Mommy to be really to be together on Christmas.'"

# Sending out cards becomes a chore for some

Suffering from "holiday card guilt"? As much as we enjoy sending and receiving them, holiday cards in these time-challenged times have become a source of angst for many who feel snowed under by the expense and amount of time the tradition can mean. Northwestern University sociology professor Gary Fine, who sends out only a frac-

## Family news you can use

tion of the number of cards his mother did, says, "In essence, it has become a chore."

## Eating on the fly

Here's another good reason to avoid airplane food: New research

suggests that eating before boarding a plane may fend off fainting and even heart attacks while in flight. According to the results of a small study presented at the American Heart Association's recent annual meeting, a preflight meal and sports drink might help passengers' bodies fare better in the low cabin pressure and dry air aboard aircraft.

## Right on the button

Talk about contemplating your navel. In *Teen* magazine's year-end issue, Christina Aguilera, 19, says: "Some people have a problem with me showing my navel; some people praise it. You can't please everybody."

—Compiled from wire services reports

## Shoppers

Continued from E1  
glutinous shopper, that pause just before the cashier announces your total is a tense one.

How do you react when the sum is a couple of dollars points to the right of your checking-account balance—even though you just popped into the store to get Lysol and cat litter? Do you calmly slide your credit card with a I meant-to-do-that stoicism? Or do you freak?

If you're in the latter category, you're not alone.

"I hear that all the time from people," Target cashier Patsy Vance said. "I only came in for one thing and I bought all this." A few days after her splurge, Spalino was back at the Target on East Colonial Drive. Not to return stuff—to buy more. Trying to stay disciplined, she had a list on a Rolodex card: toi-

let paper, photo album, soap, hair spray, moussé.

So far, so good. She resisted some cute metal picture frames and a wall clock.

"We haven't been down the media aisle yet, so the CDs might tempt us," her friend Michelle Wiser, 29, said with a laugh.

Unlike blowing your paycheck at the mall, shopping at places like Target, Kmart or Wal-Mart feels virtuous. After all, they're discount stores. You're running an important errand. You need this stuff for your house, don't you?

Danielle Comly is familiar with that justification.

"It goes from 'I want to I need' very quickly," Comly, 23, said as she and her friend Amy Bausch, 25, erupted in giggles.

"They should have a Shoppers Anonymous," Bausch said.

The women were scrutinizing Target's display of 100 percent cotton, 230-thread-count sheet sets as Comly's husband, Michael, 24, waited patiently with the cart.

Like Sabino, the trio from Winter Park, Fla., had just been Target a week earlier. They spent \$120 more than they planned.

What did they buy?

"Candy," Michael Comly said. "A Gremlins movie. Zebra shoes. Candles. Plastic pumpkins. A Dr. Seuss costume. Decor plates."

"We're like, 'Ooo, I'll just throw it in the cart,'" Bausch said.

"If you can leave without spending \$100, it's a miracle," Danielle Comly said. "Even if you came in for toothpaste."

So, what do people do with all their impulse purchases? Hard to say.

amount of unopened stuff we have, still in bags, in our extra room," Michael Comly said.

Certainly, other discount stores see their share of splurging, as well.

"I'll come in and find little trinkets, like scary movies or video games," Lucas Jewell, 19, of Orlando said as he browsed through Kmart. "Just stuff I don't even need—say that CD holder."

Jewell—wearing a vinyl trench coat and T-shirt that said COSTUME in dripping-blood-style letters (another Jewell buy)—checked out a display of plastic skeletons and rubber Frankenstein heads that sing "The Addams Family" theme song.

"Junk," he proclaimed. But he admitted: "I get my paycheck every Friday, and usually it's gone by Friday."

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# COMMUNITY

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## Bethel celebrates initiation

**TWIN FALLS** - Members of Bethel 56, Twin Falls, International Order of Job's Daughters, performed a "Ceremony of Initiation" at the grand guardian's visit on Oct. 15. New initiates were Ashley Jones, Jessie Jensen, Nicole Patrick and Hailey Everton, all of Twin Falls.

Grand Guardian Sally Giesbrecht and Associate Grand Guardian Tom Herman made their annual visitation to the Bethel and were presented with a donation to the HIKE (Hearing Impaired Kids Endowment) fund by Honored Queen Molly McBride.

Job's Daughters is a leadership organization for young women of Masonic relationship, which teaches love of God, country and family and promotes personal development and community service, the organization says.



From top left, front row, members of Bethel 56, Job's Daughters, with new initiates and Grand Guardian Sally Giesbrecht, Honored Queen Molly McBride and Associate Grand Guardian Tom Herman attended the "Ceremony of Initiation."

Honored Queen Molly McBride, Bethel 56, International Order of Job's Daughters, is shown with Associate Grand Guardian Tom Herman and Associate Grand Guardian Sally Giesbrecht, at a recent visit to the Twin Falls Bethel.



Photo courtesy of ORGY JARDINE

## SERVICE NEWS

### Benson finishes up training at depot

Pvt. Derek Benson of Kimberly has completed recruit training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego, Calif., and graduated Nov. 3.

During recruit training, Benson learned military customs and courtesies, first aid and a variety of military related subjects designed to create the moral discipline required of all Marines.

Benson enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in December 1999.

He is a 2000 graduate of Kimberly High School.

### Zander graduates from training

Coast Guard Seaman Apprentice Jason R. Zander, son of Debora A. and Jeff A. Zander of Elko, Nev., has graduated from the U.S. Coast Guard Recruit Training Center in Cape May, N.J., and was promoted to his present rank.

During the eight-week training program, Zander completed a curriculum consisting of classroom academics and practical instruction on military customs and courtesies, water safety and survival, seamanship, skills, first aid, fire fighting and marksmanship. A major emphasis is also placed on physical fitness and health.

Zander also received instruction on the Coast Guard's core values: honor, respect and devotion to duty and how to apply them in their military performance and personal conduct.

Zander and other recruits were trained in preventing sexual harassment, drug and alcohol awareness, civil rights training and the basic of the work-

life balance, as well as total quality management. Zander is a 2000 graduate of Elko High School of Elko, Nev.

### Kaufman receives Air Medal for mission

U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Larry R. Kaufman, the son of Alice Kaufman of Filer and the late Dan Kaufman, has received the Air Medal.

According to the citation, Kaufman distinguished himself by meritorious achievement in May 1999 while participating as a A/OA-10 combat fighter pilot; 131st Expeditionary Fighter Squadron, 104th Expeditionary Operations Group, 52nd Air Expeditionary Wing, Gioia del Colle Air Base, Italy.

Kaufman, at great personal risk and under extremely hazardous conditions, demonstrated outstanding proficiency and "steadfast devotion" to duty by maneuvering his fighter into a favorable position, enabling him to bomb an enemy surface-to-air missile position in Kosovo, the citation reads. In the face of enemy fire, his performance led to the destruction of the site that was actively engaging other allied force aircraft and was a valuable Serbian defense asset and greatly reduced the risk for future missions to Kosovo.

Kaufman resides in Enumclaw, Wa. with his wife, Karma and their three sons. He is a pilot for Alaska Airlines and active with the Idaho Air Guard, his family said. At the time of his Kosovo mission, he was the A-10 Squadron commander in Boise.

He was raised in Filer and graduated from Filer High School in 1976.

## Community raises funds for WWII memorial

By Loretta Burkhardt  
Times-News correspondent

**TWIN FALLS** - More than \$100 will be added to the national World War II Memorial fund following a fund-raiser held at the National Guard Armory this month.

More than one hundred people attended the anteen-style dance and social hosted by the Community Action Paralegal Services of Jerome.

A \$100 million dollar memorial - now in the making - will be placed between the Lincoln Memorial and the Washington Monument in Washington D.C.

CAPS spokesman Lupe Cisneros-Corgan said that anyone who was part of the World War II effort, whether in battle or on the home front, could register at the door to have their name, or the name of another person, added to the Registry of Remembrance for a \$5 donation.

The registry will list the names of individual Americans to be recorded in the annals of history and kept on public display as a remembrance to the sacrifices made.

The program included the presentation of colors by members of the United States Air force.

Entertainment at the fund-raiser was provided by Julie's Dance Studio, Idaho's Old Times Fiddlers and Joe Rose with his Best of the Big Bands CD's.

Engineering: Chad Thornton Barker, bachelor's of science in computer science; Kathleen Ann Lee, bachelor's of science in computer engineering.

Letters and science: Blake Edward Pedersen, bachelor's of science; Justin Bower Yankey, bachelor's of science in environmental science.

Education: Kody C. Youree, bachelor's of science in agricultural systems management.

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## SCHOOL LUNCH

### BUHL SCHOOL

Breakfast menu  
Milk served every day. Choice of fruit or juice every day.  
Monday: Cereal, toast  
Tuesday: Pancakes, maple syrup  
Wednesday: Bliscuits and gravy  
Thursday: Breakfast pizza  
Friday: No school  
Lunch menu  
Milk served every day  
Tuesday: French butter sandwich, chips, apples, oranges, Teddy Grahams  
Wednesday: Chicken nuggets, scalloped potatoes, buttered peas, hot roll  
Thursday: Pepperoni pizza, French fries, bread sticks, pineapple  
Friday: Burritos, salsa, Spanish rice, celery sticks, fruit snacks  
Friday: No school

### CASTLEFORD SCHOOL

Breakfast menu  
Milk and juice served every day  
Monday: Boughnita, cereal  
Tuesday: Cinnamon rolls, cereal  
Wednesday: Scoones, cereal  
Thursday: Pancakes, cereal  
Friday: No school  
Lunch menu  
Monday: Chicken nuggets  
Tuesday: Soft shell tacos  
Wednesday: Hot turkey sandwich  
Thursday: Corn dogs  
Friday: No school

### FILER SCHOOL

Monday: Tacos  
Tuesday: Spaghetti  
Wednesday: Ham and cheese sandwiches  
Thursday: Chicken nuggets  
Friday: Corn dogs

### HANSEN SCHOOL DISTRICT

Breakfast menu  
Milk served every day  
Monday: Cream of wheat, toast, juice  
Tuesday: Bliscuits and gravy, fruit  
Wednesday: Quesadilla, fruit  
Thursday: Large juice, cereal, juice  
Friday: No school  
Lunch menu  
Milk served every day  
Monday: Chili, cinnamon rolls, fruit  
Tuesday: Chicken nuggets, rolls, fruit, California vegetables  
Wednesday: Baked potatoes, green salad, fruit  
Thursday: Hot dogs, au gratin potatoes, peas, fruit  
Friday: No school

### IMMANUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Choice of milk every day  
Monday: Baked scrambled eggs, tri

### KIMBERLY SCHOOL

Milk served every day  
Monday: Nachos, salsa, bread sticks, peas  
Tuesday: Chili, crackers, cinnamon bread sticks, applesauce  
Wednesday: Hamburgers, later logs, pickles, ketchup, fruit Jello  
Thursday: No school  
Friday: No school

### MURTAUGH SCHOOL

Milk served every day  
Monday: Burritos, salsa, Spanish rice, corn, pudding  
Tuesday: Roast beef sandwich, soup, peas, fruit roll-up  
Wednesday: Corn dogs, au gratin potatoes, peas  
Thursday: Open menu  
Friday: No school

### ROBERT STUART AND O'LEARY JUNIOR HIGH

Breakfast menu  
Milk served every day  
Monday: Cereal, orange juice, bagel  
Tuesday: Pancakes, syrup, sausage patty, peas  
Wednesday: Cereal, apricots, toast, peanut butter  
Thursday: Bliscuits and gravy, fruit  
Friday: No school  
Lunch menu  
Milk served every day  
Monday: Cheeseburger deluxe or rib-cage sandwich or salad bar, lettuce, pickles, French fries, peas, cookies

### VALLEY SCHOOLS

Monday: Bliscuits and gravy, sausage patty, hash brown potatoes, orange wedges  
Tuesday: Soft shell taco, chips, salsa, corn, cheddar  
Wednesday: Chicken and noodles, hot rolls, peas, cookies  
Thursday: Open menu  
Friday: No school

### TWIN FALLS ELEMENTARY

Milk served every day  
Monday: Cereal, orange juice, bagel  
Tuesday: Pancakes, syrup, sausage patty, peas  
Wednesday: Cereal, apricots, toast, peanut butter  
Thursday: Bliscuits and gravy, fruit  
Friday: No school  
Lunch menu  
Milk served every day  
Monday: Chicken wrap sandwich, french vegetables, ranch dip, chilled peas, chocolate pudding  
Tuesday: Nachos, cheese sauce, refried beans, power salad, cinnamon stick  
Wednesday: Christmas dinner, baked ham, mashed carrots, gravy, fruit salad, dinner roll, dessert  
Thursday: Hot dog, ketchup, mustard, tomato, pickles, lettuce, Little Debbie's Christmas treat  
Friday: No school

### TWIN FALLS HIGH SCHOOL

Breakfast menu  
Milk served every day  
Monday: Hamburger bar, and salad bar  
Tuesday: Hot dogs, au gratin potatoes, peas, fruit  
Wednesday: Main line menu varies every day.  
School lunch menus are printed as a public service. To have the lunch menu (breakfast menu included) printed with the menu in Sunday's paper, see the menu at: The Times-News, P.O. Box 288, Twin Falls, ID 83403, or fax: 733-2433, attention: Lunch Menu. Deadline is noon Wednesday for publication Sunday.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### Sons of Norway group celebrates Christmas party

**TWIN FALLS** - The Sons of Norway will hold a Christmas party at 7 p.m. Wednesday at The Royal at 645 Filer Ave. in Twin Falls.

Members are asked to bring a \$5 gift for the gift exchange. Those attending will pay for their own dinners and the lodge will cover the gratuity. For more information, call 733-5944.

### Ridley Pearson visits

**HAILEY** - Ridley Pearson, best-selling crime novelist, will talk about his new novel, "Middle of Nowhere" at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Hailey Public Library.

Copies of the book will not be available and those planning to attend should get the book at a bookstore. The event is free.

### CSI community education center offers classes

**TWIN FALLS** - The Community Education Center at the College of Southern Idaho is taking registration for its spring 2001 enrichment classes.

The center is offering repeat classes including basic home

repair, dog obedience, ballroom dancing and photography. New classes include fly tying, e-mail, yoga and faux painting techniques.

For more information, to receive a complete catalogue of classes or to register, call 733-9554, Ext. 2290.

### Filer Library offers

**Basque, zoning books**

**FILER** - The Idaho Art Archives and Research Center hold its annual meeting Dec. 4 in the Filer Public Library.

"A Guide to Basque Music" book was presented to the library by the center. The Twin Falls County Planning and Zoning Department gave the library a Twin Falls Country Rural Addressing plot plan book.

Both books are available for viewing at the library. A limited number of the "Guide to Basque Music" books are available for \$25 each. For more information, call 326-4143.

### Filer Christmas concert set Monday

**FILER** - The Filer High School Christmas concert, under the direction of Larry Larson, will be held at 7:30 p.m. Monday at the Filer Middle School auditorium. The Madrigals will perform

Christmas selections and two special choirs, the all-female Bel Canto Choir and Concert Choir, will also sing.

The Filer Jazz Band and concert band also will play. The public is invited. Admission is a canned or boxed food item.

The Filer Music Boosters also invite the families of students to bring a special dessert or craft item to the concert. All proceeds will go toward music scholarships for graduating students and for summer camps.

### Camp Rainbow Gold needs van, donations

**KETCHUM** - Camp Rainbow Gold, a camp for children with cancer, is seeking several items. The camp, held north of Ketchum in the summer, is in need of donations to help the camp financially, someone to edit many years of camp videos into one video to view at upcoming events, camp pictures for its website, a disc jockey that would contribute time at a camp reunion in May and a 15-passenger van and moving van to use the week of camp to transport campers and supplies.

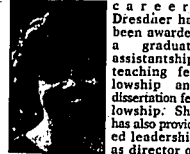
For more information or to donate, call Sharon at 734-2425 or e-mail her at sharon@mvrrc.genid.us

## FOCUS ON PEOPLE

### Dresdner receives Loyola University honor

**Lisa Gerber Dresdner**, daughter of Harold and Phyllis Gerber, received the 2000-2001 Loyola University Chicago President's Medallion award.

Dresdner was selected from among the graduate students in recognition of her outstanding scholarship, leadership and service, noting that her graduate career exemplifies Jesuit ideas of excellence in education and served as a model for others, her family said. During her graduate



Lisa Dresdner

career, Dresdner has been awarded a graduate assistantship, teaching fellowship and dissertation fellowship. She has also provided leadership as director of the Loyola writing centers and English Graduate Student Association.

Additionally, Dresdner has presented numerous papers at national conferences, organized and chaired panels at regional and national conferences and published several articles in journals and reference books.

She attended the Albertson College of Idaho, graduating Magna Cum Laude from the University of Utah. She received her master's degree from Boise State University.

Dresdner and her two children, Sara and Adam Fry, live in Connecticut where she is an assistant professor of English at Norwalk Community College.

## Students graduate mid-year from UI

**MOSCOW** - As many as 582 students have completed degree studies at the University of Idaho and are eligible to walk in the mid-year commencement Dec. 16 in the Little Dome. About 389 candidates will receive bachelor's degrees, 137 master's, 34 doctoral, 17 law and five specialist degrees.

Daniel Goldin, administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and leader of space research and exploration, is the keynote.

The south-central region in Idaho graduates include:

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# ANNIVERSARIES

## THE BURKHARTS

**FOCATELLO** - Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Austin Burkhardt will be honored at an open house on Saturday for their 50th wedding anniversary. Friends and relatives are invited to call from 4-7 p.m. at 330 W. Chubbuck Road, No. 21, in Chubbuck. No gifts, please.

Phill Burkhardt was born and raised in Twin Falls, graduating from Twin Falls High School in 1946, and was a member of the First Baptist Church. Burkhardt and Patricia Ray Davis, both graduates of Linfield College in McMinnville, Ore., were married Dec. 17, 1950, in Freshman, Ore.

After his time in the Korean War, they lived in Laramie, Wyo., and in Nebraska. They moved to Pocatello in 1961 where he was city recreation director. They were employed by the Pocatello



Phillip and Patricia Burkhardt

School District from 1965 to 1981. They retired from the Middleton-Caldwell-Nampa districts in 1992, and then moved to Buhl for a few years. They currently live in Focatello and spend the winters in Casa Grande, Ariz.

The event is hosted by their daughters and families, Linda (Bob) Albano and their daughter, Elma, of Island Park, Laurie (Arent) Smith of Eden, Utah, and Lanah Butterfield of Meteor Crater, Ariz.

## THE CLARKS

**BUHL** - Mr. and Mrs. Ray Clark of Buhl will be honored at an open house on Saturday for their 60th wedding anniversary. Friends and relatives are invited to call from 1-3 p.m. at the Moon Glow Village, 910 Moon Glow Road in Buhl.

Clark and Maxine Mitchell were married Dec. 22, 1940.

They lived in Three Creek until he retired from ranching and later moved to Buhl.

The event is hosted by their four children, Sherry (George) Wells of Buhl, Judy (Don) Wittlake of Boise, Sandy (Rex)



Ray and Maxine Clark

Shaw of Kimberly and Stan Clark of Phoenix, Ariz.

The couple has seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

## LANCASTER-KELSEY

**WENDELL** - Jack and Debbie Lancaster of Wendell announce the engagement of their daughter, Angie Marie Lancaster, to Nicholas Kelsey, son of Allen and Krista Kelsey of Wendell.

Lancaster is a 1997 graduate of Wendell High School and is a senior at Idaho State University, majoring in dental hygiene.

Kelsey is a 1997 graduate of Wendell High School and is a sophomore at the College of Southern Idaho, majoring in biology. He served a mission for the LDS Church in the Missouri Independence



Nicholas Kelsey and Angie Lancaster. He is employed at Papa Kelsey's in Wendell. The wedding is planned for Dec. 29.

## FRY-MAUGHAN

**TWIN FALLS** - Ken and Irene Fry of Eagle announce the engagement of their daughter, Kirsten Fry, to Jared Maughan, son of Grant and Lynn Maughan of Twin Falls.

Fry is a graduate of Twin Falls High School and is currently a senior at Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah, majoring in dietetics. She is employed at the BYU Budget office in Provo.

Maughan is a graduate of Jordan High School in Sandy, Utah, and is also attending Utah State University. He is currently attending the College of Southern Idaho and is employed by Fortis



Kirsten Fry and Jared Maughan. The wedding is planned for Wednesday. A reception will be held Thursday at the LDS Church on Eastland Drive in Twin Falls.

## MORLEY-JENSEN

**BURLEY** - Tony and Jane Morley of Burley announce the engagement of their daughter, Haley Chance Morley, to Robert Scott Jensen, son of Tom and Ina Jensen of Sandy, Utah.

Morley is a graduate of Burley High School and is currently attending Utah State University.

Jensen is a graduate of Jordan High School in Sandy, Utah, and is also attending Utah State University. He is employed by Distinctive Landscaping in Logan, Utah.

The wedding is planned for 8:30 p.m. Thursday at the Logan LDS Temple. A reception to honor the



Haley Morley and Robert Jensen. The wedding is planned for 7:30 p.m. Friday at the Burley West Stake Center, 2420 Parke Ave.

## DAYLEY-SMITH

**HAGERMAN** - Mr. and Mrs. Steve Dayley of Hagerman announce the engagement of their daughter, Karen Lee Dayley, to Jeremy Lynn Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Nelson of Gooding.

Dayley is a graduate of Gooding High School.

Smith is also a graduate of Gooding High School. He is serving in the U.S. Marine Corps in Washington, D.C.

The wedding is planned for Saturday at the Church of the Nazarene in Gooding.



Karen Dayley and Jeremy Smith

## BARBORKA-NIELSON

**TWIN FALLS** - Jim and Julie Crandall of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Andrea Barborka, to Brent B. Nielson, son of Brent H. and Marcia Nielson of Twin Falls.

Barborka is a 1998 graduate of Twin Falls High School and is attending Utah Valley State College in Orem, Utah.

Nielson is a 1997 graduate of Twin Falls High School. After attending one year at Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah, he completed a two year mission for the LDS Church in Salvador, Brazil. He is currently attending BYU.

The wedding is planned for Monday in the Salt Lake LDS Temple. A reception to honor the couple will



Andrea Barborka and Brent Nielson. The wedding is planned for Dec. 28 at the Twin Falls West Stake Center on Harrison Street. The newlyweds will reside in Provo, where they will continue their education.

## THOMAS-PARKER

**BURLEY** - Shelly Ann Thomas and Cole Parker announce their engagement.

Thomas is the daughter of Bette Thomas of Burley and the late Gary Thomas. Parker is the son of Rick and Marilyn Parker of Rupert.

Thomas is a 2000 graduate of Burley High School. She received her certified nursing assistant degree her senior year of high school and is currently taking classes at the College of Southern Idaho in the nursing program. She plans to continue her education in the field of nursing. She is employed as an aide at White Pine Intermediate School in Burley.

Parker graduated through the College of Southern Idaho GED program in 1999. He has attended CSI and plans to return to school in the drafting technology program in fall 2001. He is employed at Tommy's Garage in



Cole Parker and Shelly Thomas

Burley. The wedding is planned for Dec. 30 at the Best Western Burley Inn, 800 S. Overland Ave. A reception to honor the couple will be held at 7 p.m. Dec. 30 at the Burley Inn.

## HURST-GAHOON

**DEULO** - Wayne and Sherrie Hurst of Deulo announce the engagement of their daughter, Heidi Lynn Hurst, to Troy Lee Cahoon, son of George and Marcia Cahoon of Glenwood, Alberta, Canada.

Hurst is a graduate of Deulo High School and is currently attending Brigham Young University, majoring in English.

Cahoon is a graduate of Cardston High School and is also attending BYU, majoring in mechanical engineering. He served a mission for the LDS Church in Louisiana.

The wedding is planned for Friday in the Salt Lake LDS Temple. A reception to honor the



Troy Cahoon and Heidi Hurst. The wedding is planned for 7:30 p.m. Friday at the Deulo LDS Stake Center, 213 W. Main St.

## Richman-Karel engagement - E2

# WEDDING

## VONBERNDT-MICKELSON

**TWIN FALLS** - Lorraine VonBendt and Martin Mickelson were married Dec. 14 at the Twin Falls County Courthouse.

Officiating was District Judge Daniel Mashl.

The bride is the daughter of Monica and Robert VonBendt of Twin Falls.

Parents of the bridegroom are Debi and Ron Blair of Nampa and Mark Mickelson and Denise Mickelson of Anamone, Wash.

Lynn VonBendt, sister of the bride, served as the bride's maid of honor.



Martin Mickelson and Lorraine VonBendt

Anthony VonBendt, brother of the bride, served as best man.

The newlyweds reside in Twin Falls.

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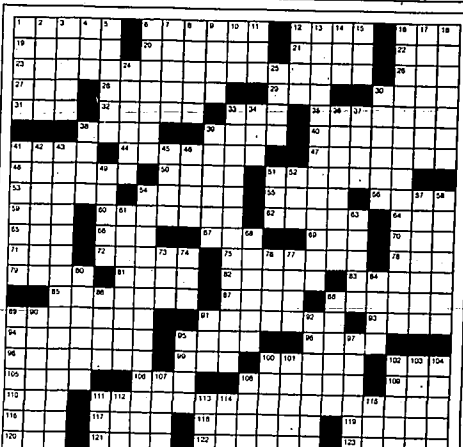
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Account manager may have taken advantage of woman

Q. Our father died early this year leaving our 78-year-old mother, who had never been involved in the family financial decisions and who has always been a little "foggy," desperately lost. Acknowledging that she needed help, my mother appointed my sister and me her agents by a durable power of attorney. She also signed a new will.

Since Dad had dealt with the same financial institution for years, my sister and I (who live in different states) met with the account representative and told her that we expected her to continue to manage mother's account conservatively since her Social Security and her share of Dad's retirement were more than sufficient to take care of her basic needs. We explained that since Mom did not have long-term care insurance, we wanted to make sure that her account (\$250,000) was liquid and that her principal was protected. We were assured that this would be done. We left our power of attorney and our telephone numbers and asked to be called if there were problems.



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Neither of us received any calls from the account manager, and when we talked to Mom, she told us that everything was going fine. However, when my sister and I came for a visit and reviewed Mom's statements, we were horrified. Except for \$25,000, the entire account had been invested in volatile annuities. Because of the stock market has gone down, Mom's account balance was less than \$180,000. To make matters worse, in order to change investments, Mom would be charged a penalty of 7 percent. Mom told us that the account manager had called several times and suggested changes and she went along with the recommendations because she trusted her. When we finally got in touch with the

account manager, she told my sister and I that these investments would "come back" with the stock market, but she would not meet with us. Is there anything we can do to correct this travesty?

A. Your situation is far from unique. In fact, based on communications from our readers throughout the country, we are hearing the same story. Account managers tout variable annuities to elderly couples and individuals as safe investments when the manager knows full well that 1) the principal will rise and fall with the volatile stock market, 2) significant fees will be deducted from the account for management of the funds even while the account loses money, 3) the investor will not be able to change investments without paying a hefty penalty, and 4) the manager will receive a hefty commission for selling the product. In fact, the reason for the 7 percent early withdrawal penalty is to repay the commission.

For years, the evaluation of "fiduciary investment prudence" has been gauged by a standard known as "The Prudent Man Rule," which provides that a fiduciary could be held responsible for the loss in one investment even though the entire portfolio has appreciated if that investment was speculative or risky.

A more recent approach to fiduciary portfolio management is the "Prudent Investor Rule," which basically provides that since diversification of investments is prudent, a fiduciary would not be responsible for individual investment losses if the portfolio, as a whole, appreciates.

Here, it appears that your mother's account manager did not follow your clear directions and took advantage of your mother to earn a larger commission. It also appears that the investment in variable annuities for a 78-year-old woman with no investment expertise is unsuitable and inherently imprudent.

How could this situation have been avoided? You could have given written instructions to the account manager of how the account was to be invested. You could have required that you and your sister receive copies of your mother's monthly statements, and you could have required, with your mother's consent, that no changes in the account be made without the written authorization of both you and your mother.

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Why are we always in a hurry?

In driving on the freeway I am struck by the fact that many, in fact the majority of people, are in a much greater hurry than I am. It is still quite amazing to me that we are allowed to travel at 75 mph, and yet I am sure that there are those who continually abuse that speed and think little about it.



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toward our goals, whatever they may be. It is hurrying toward these goals so important, so vital to our existence, as to be worth making someone angry, causing our own stress level to rise or even threatening lives?

Perhaps we should stop and think as we push ruthlessly ahead and just... slow down. Take time. Be polite. Being calm is a soothing experience, both to you and to those around you. Try it - it may increase the years of your life.

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