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State takes the reins

Department of Ag to deal with Haflinger dairy odor problem

By John T. Huddy
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The Department of Agriculture plans an unprecedented step to deal

with a local dairy and its highly scrutinized odor problems — a move the dairy's owner said he welcomes.

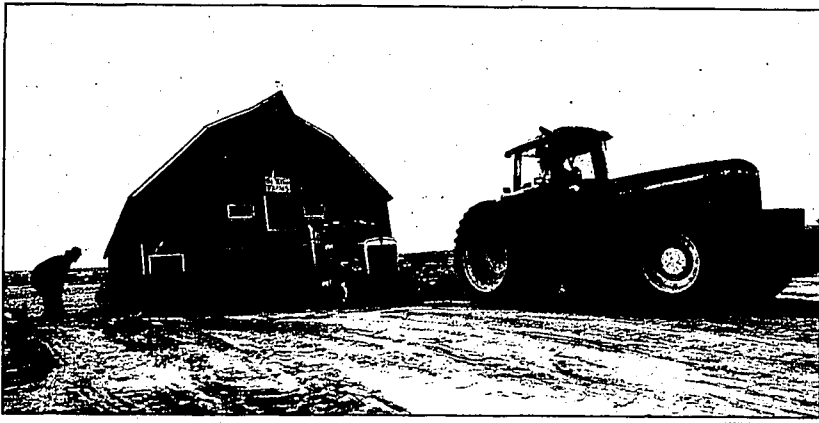
"I'm sure that if the Department of Agriculture is going to get involved, then we'll come to some solutions," said Hank Haflinger, whose large dairy near Filer has been at the center of controversy. "I look forward to working with them."
Pat Takasugi, director of the

Legislature could also take action — C1

state Department of Agriculture, said in a letter Wednesday that the department will work with Haflinger on dairy odor problems. "The department is in the process of scheduling meetings with Mr. Haflinger to evaluate the facility," Takasugi said in a letter

to Steve Allred, director of the state Department of Environmental Quality. The goals of the meetings include determining the main sources of the odor, and helping to develop an odor management plan. "As far as a formal odor management plan, this will be the first one we've done for a dairy," Agriculture Department spokesman Steve Allred said in a letter.

BARNSTORMING



House mover Bruce Miller is guided by 51-Ellen Dairy employee Duane Lalick, while moving a 95-year-old barn east of Jerome Wednesday morning.

Historic Jerome structure hits the road

By Dixie Thomas Reels
Times-News correspondent

JEROME — Talk about your heavy lifting. The historic red barn — some 95 years old and 100 tons, sporting a classic green roof, white trim and weather vane on top — was in the way of some planned dairy corrals. So on Wednesday, it was on the road.

Movers had hoped to complete

Barn basics
Some facts about the old barn:
Size: 50 feet by 60 feet by 60 feet.
Weight: 100 tons.
Age: Built in 1905.
Value: \$170,000.

the barn's quarter-mile trip Wednesday — until power lines got in the way. The barn was

parked at the mill, so workers could wait for Idaho Power employees to move the electric lines.

Bruce Miller, a house mover with more than 40 years experience locally, had the job of making the move. He came into the job with confidence — but also with respect for the weighty task at hand.

"Nobody thought it could be moved because it was so fragile,

but I braced it all the way around the bottom and we will move it," Miller said before the move. "Going uphill is going to be a problem because the barn is top-heavy. There's a dance hall, piano and restrooms on the second floor. Because most of the weight is towards the top of the building and it's an empty shell on the bottom floor the barn will

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Western governors feel heat in energy crunch

The Associated Press

DENVER — Energy Secretary Bill Richardson on Wednesday extended for a week an order requiring Western generators to sell electricity to power-strapped California.

Richardson, who supports a region-wide cap on wholesale electricity prices, also urged Western governors to work together to solve problems that have created power shortages in California and tripled prices for some consumers.

Richardson met with five governors at an emergency meeting of the Western Governors Association.

The five, some of whom were skeptical of the price cap, called for several specific steps to help alleviate the problems, starting with major conservation efforts



in California and other western states.

In addition, they asked President-elect Bush to create a team to work with the governors, while he is forming his Cabinet. They also asked the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

to investigate the cause of California's skyrocketing electricity prices, who benefits from the prices and whether any generating capacity has been withheld.

FERC Chairman Jim Hoecker said he anticipated that informa-

Help for the poor — E9

tion could be given to the governors within several weeks. "We have audit teams looking at this market as we speak," he said.

Hoecker also speculated that a regional price cap would not be much help.

The governors at the meeting represented Colorado, Utah, Oregon, Washington and Wyoming. California Gov. Gray Davis did not attend, staying home to address the crisis.

Oregon Gov. John Kitzhaber supported the proposed cap.

"Naively, perhaps, those of us in the Northwest thought ourselves immune to power shortages, but the energy emergency that started this summer continues and threatens to engulf the entire West," Kitzhaber said.

Bush nominee has big shoes to fill

Choice for treasury secretary surprises many on Wall Street

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Paul O'Neill, the bratny Alcoa executive President-elect Bush has tapped as treasury secretary, may be taking over the toughest job in the Cabinet.

Not only will he be the point-man for a controversial \$1.3 trillion tax cut, but he will constantly be compared with Robert Rubin, widely viewed on Wall Street as the best treasury secretary since Alexander Hamilton. O'Neill, however, made it plain

at his announcement ceremony Wednesday that he is ready to take on the challenge of being the administration's chief economic spokesman.

Seeking to calm restive Republican conservatives unhappy with his previous advocacy of higher gasoline taxes, O'Neill stressed that he fully supported Bush's economic program, including its marquee proposal — an across-the-board \$1.3 trillion tax cut over the next 10 years.

"I believe in the president-elect's policy and program as he's articulated it over the last many months," O'Neill told reporters in Austin with Bush and Vice President-elect Richard Cheney

at his side. In introducing O'Neill, Bush said he had found someone with "a steady voice ... someone, should the economy take a downturn, who can calm people's nerves, calm the markets, calm those who would speculate on the dollar."

Wall Street was taking a wait-and-see attitude about the nomination, which must be confirmed by the Senate. While O'Neill has headed two large corporations, he is not a household name in financial markets.

"O'Neill is a relative unknown on Wall Street and a complete surprise," said David Jones, chief economist at Aubrey G. Lanston & Co. in New York.

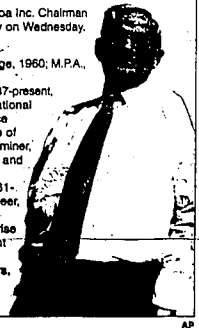
He emerged only Monday as

PROFILE

Paul Henry O'Neill

President-elect Bush nominated Alcoa Inc. Chairman Paul H. O'Neill as treasury secretary on Wednesday.

Age: 65, born Dec. 4, 1935.
Education: B.A., Fresno State College, 1960; M.P.A., Indiana University, 1966.
Experience: Alcoa Inc., chairman, 1987-present; chairman and CEO 1987-98; International Paper Co., vice president, senior vice president, president, 1977-87; Office of Management and Budget, budget examiner, assistant director, associate director and deputy director, 1967-77; Veterans Administration, systems analyst, 1961-66; Morrison-Knudsen, Inc., site engineer, 1955-57.
Corporate Boards: American Enterprise Institute, Eastman Kodak Co., Lucent Technologies, Rand Corp.
Family: Wife, Nancy; three daughters, one son and 12 grandchildren.



Source: Compiled from AP wire reports

AP

Vaccine eases memory problems in mice

The Associated Press

What could be an important step toward preventing Alzheimer's disease is that an experimental vaccine can largely ward off memory loss in mice stricken with a similar disease.

The vaccine is already being tested in people.

"This potentially could be a major breakthrough for us," said Zaven Khachaturian, senior science adviser to the Alzheimer's Association.

But he stressed that treatments that work in mice do not necessarily help people and that the mouse research did not deal with

some key mental abilities lost in Alzheimer's, such as language and judgment.

The vaccine made headlines last year when scientists reported that it largely blocks the formation of protein deposits called amyloid plaques in the brains of mice. Such plaques are a hallmark of Alzheimer's.

But the next step was to find whether the vaccine makes any difference in the animals' mental functioning.

Two studies published in today's issue of the journal *Nature* found that the vaccine does indeed make a difference.

The research was conducted by two independent research teams,

centered at the University of South Florida in Tampa and the University of Toronto in Ontario, Canada.

The studies used strains of mice that develop lots of amyloid plaques in their brains, along with measurable memory deficits, because of the genes they carry.

The researchers used different versions of a procedure in which mice swam until they learned the location of an underwater platform. The animals were then tested to see how well they remembered where the platform was. Alzheimer's patients frequently have trouble remembering locations and how to get to destinations.

About Alzheimer's

- Here are some facts about Alzheimer's disease — a progressive degenerative disease of the brain.
- Alzheimer's affects about four million Americans.
- One out of every 10 people over the age of 65 has Alzheimer's.
- A person with Alzheimer's lives an average of eight years and as far as 20 years from the onset of symptoms.
- The federal government devoted nearly \$500 million to Alzheimer's research this year.

Source: Alzheimer's Association

Clinton issues sweeping new health privacy rules

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton issued sweeping new privacy protections Wednesday that, for the first time, will sharply limit doctors, hospitals and insurance companies from sharing confidential medical information about their patients.

"Nothing is more private than someone's medical or psychiatric records," Clinton said. "If we are to make freedom fully meaningful in the information age, when most of our stuff is on some computer somewhere, we have to protect the privacy of individual health records."

Until now, there's been no federal law protecting medical privacy, even as technology allows personal information to bounce swiftly from one computer to the next.

Clinton said his actions Wednesday were the most he could do to protect individual medical records, and called on Congress to pass more protections.

Nearly a decade in the making, the new rules were intensely debated as privacy advocates sought broad protections and industry officials looked for greater flexibility.

Under the rules, patients could sign a one-time consent form on their first visit to a doctor allowing disclosures for routine matters like billing and treatment.

But they would have to explicitly authorize most all the other uses of their records, said administration officials and some others who have been briefed on the rules.

Government releases organic food regulations

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government on Wednesday released the first national standards for growing and processing organic food, a decade after Congress ordered the development of uniform rules to ease the marketing of the products.

The new regulations, which will replace a hodgepodge of state standards, will use of biotechnology or irradiation in organic products, which are grown without the use of synthetic pesticides and fertilizers.

Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman called the rules "the strictest, most comprehensive organic standards in the world."

Consumers "who want to buy organic can do so with the confi-

dence of knowing exactly what it they're buying," Glickman said Wednesday at a news conference in Washington at a Washington health-food store.

Foods that meet the new federal standards will bear a seal "USDA Organic."

The Agriculture Department first proposed a set of national organic standards in 1997, but withdrew them after farmers and others in the \$6 billion-a-year organic industry strongly objected to allowing biotech crops and irradiation. Sewage sludge also would have been permitted as fertilizer under the 1997 rules.

USDA was required to develop the rules under a 1990 law.

Out of the 10,000 farms nationwide that claim to be organic, fewer than 7,000 are approved by the 88 different state or private certifying agencies around the country.

Nineteen states have no regulations for organic farming. Eleven others, including California, have production standards but no certification process for ensuring that farmers comply with them.

The food industry has been concerned that national standards could lead consumers to think that organic products are safer or healthier than conventional foods.

The National Food Processors Association wanted USDA to

require a disclaimer on organic labels saying that such food was no better in safety, quality or nutrition than other products.

USDA declined to add the disclaimer, but altered the seal so that it doesn't look like the USDA's shield that goes on meat, eggs and other products that are government-inspected.

The Food Processors Association agreed that it was important to have national standards.

"It is in the best interests of consumers, and of food producers, that there be consistent labeling requirements for food products," said Kelly Johnston, a spokesman for the Food Processors Association.

Northwest suspends workers

EAGAN, Minn. (AP) — Three baggage handlers were suspended Wednesday by Northwest Airlines after they were shown on television treating holiday packages like basketballs.

"We were embarrassed and disturbed by their actions," said Northwest vice president Dirk McMahon.

News footage shot by KSTP on Monday showed the three taking packages off a plane at Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport, tossing them over their heads, behind their backs, high into the air and into a bin.

The videotape also showed one of the packages crashing to the ground.



Baggage handlers for Northwest Airlines throw packages around Monday.

KSTP said one of its news crews stumbled onto the new Christmas scene while working on another story.

It said the airline workers were playing with the packages in plain view.

NASA seeks plan for Pluto

WASHINGTON (AP) — The on-again, off-again mission to faraway Pluto may be a go if NASA can do it on the cheap and without imposing long delays on a planned exploration of one of Jupiter's moons.

Ed Weiler, the chief of space science, announced Wednesday that the agency was seeking proposals that would make it possible to send a robot craft to Pluto before the most distant of solar system planets sweeps out of reach.

A launch planned in 2004 to Pluto, the only planet not yet visited by a robot probe, was canceled in June when costs spiraled.

Weiler said at the time that rising expenses for the Pluto-Kuiper Express were threatening the schedule for a higher-priority mission: sending a probe to Europa, a Jupiter moon that may harbor an ocean and possibly life.

Former NYC mayor dies

NEW YORK (AP) — John V. Lindsay, the shirt-sleeved Ivy League leader who led New York City as mayor through the tumultuous late 1960s and early 1970s, is dead at 79.

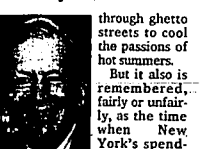
Lindsay died Tuesday night at Hilton Head Medical Center on Hilton Head Island, S.C., of complications from pneumonia and Parkinson's disease, hospital spokeswoman Sue James said.

He had moved to a South Carolina retirement community last year.

Lindsay was a paradox — a liberal Republican, a WASP graduate of Yale who had warm relations with blacks.

His outspoken opposition to the Vietnam War lost him his few friends in the Republican Party, and he left it to become a Democrat.

Today, the Lindsay era is remembered as a time of activism, when a lanky, movie-star handsome mayor strode



John V. Lindsay

through ghetto streets to cool the passions of hot summers.

But it also is remembered, fairly or unfairly, as the time when New York's spending habits got out of hand, setting the stage for the fiscal crisis of the mid-1970s.

"His contribution was infusing a spirit into young people to go into government," said Mayor Edward I. Koch said. "He brought a sense that the government belonged to the people."

"He was a man of high principle, strong integrity and passionate commitment to his city and country," said White House national security advisor Sandy Berger, who worked briefly for Lindsay. "He was a fine public servant and a very good man."

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Correction Ad

In the Goode Motor advertisement that ran in The Times-News on Tuesday, December 19, 2000 the Jeep Wrangler was advertised as a 1998, it was actually a 1988 Jeep Wrangler. We regret any inconvenience this may have caused.

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Report: Giuliani files for divorce

NEW YORK (AP) — Mayor Rudolph Giuliani has filed for divorce from Donna Hanover, his wife of 16 years, the Daily News reported Wednesday.

Unidentified sources told the newspaper that Giuliani, 56, and Hanover, 50, spent several hours negotiating Monday in the chambers of Acting State Supreme Court Justice Judith Siskind.

Representatives for Giuliani and Hanover, a journalist and actress, did not immediately return calls seeking comment.

The couple have long been estranged and have rarely appeared together in public in recent years. Last May, Giuliani acknowledged he had a relationship with Judith Nathan, a pharmaceutical company executive.

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Memories of Babies First Christmas



Caleb Ryan Smit
Age: 9 months
You're Grandpa & Grandma's pride & joy
Mike & Diann



Jonathan D. Bates
Age: 22 months
(Christmas 1996)
Merry Christmas
I love you, Mom



Skylar, Koby & Macy Shane
Merry Christmas to our three angels.
Ho, Ho, Ho!
Mom and Dad



Connor W. Schorzman
Age: 6 months
As cute as can be!
Love you,
Grandma Diane



D. J. Schorzman
Age: 14 months
(1996)
Merry Christmas, Deegee
Love you,
Grandma Diane



Sandy German
Age: 11 months
Merry Christmas to our little angel.
Love you,
Mom & Dad



Sierra D. Johnson
Age: 14 months
My angel for all eternity!
From Mom & Dad



Kayleigh Nicole Walock
Age: 10 months
Merry Christmas to our special girl
Mom & Dad



Kieran R. Green
1998
We love you!
Love, Baboo, Gamma,
DaDa & Dadee
Lalee & Ry



Rocky Velasquez
Age: 8 months
Merry Christmas my little angel.
I love you
Grandma, Grandpa,
Uncles, Mary Helen
Velasquez



Braxtin Snow
Age: 9 months
Merry Christmas Bubba D
Love always & forever,
Mom & Dad



Kyle Scott Campbell
Age: 7 months
Our little angel
Love, Mommy
Grandma & Grandpa



Blaise & Timber Dennis
Age: 10 months
Merry Christmas to our Angels
Mommy & Daddy



Alyse Grace Douglas
Hunter James Douglas
Ages: 5 mos & 3 yrs
We love you!
Mom & Dad



Abi Herring
Christmas 1992
You make each Christmas special
Nani & Papa



Garrett Novak
Age: 6 mos (1999)
We love you.
Mom & Dad
Grandma & Grandpa
Hill



Alexandra Leigh Soran
Age: 1 week
You have filled an empty spot in our heart!
Love you forever,
Grandma & Grandpa



Jerold Ryan Benefiel
Age: 3 months
Our millenium surprise!
Grandpa & Grandma
Gasser



Bryer Dean Monson
Age: two days
You're our pride & joy, little monkey
Dad, Mom, Scout & Shyler



Alan A. Ambriz
Age: 14 months
Merry Christmas!
We love you
Dad, Mom, Ninfa,
Cynthia, Chon



Nic B. Morrison
Age: 5 months
Merry Christmas!
Aunt Donna
Aunt Clara



Allea Spence
Age: 4 1/2 months
The most beautiful precious girl
From Everybody,
especially Grandma



Bennett Daniel Baiamonte
Age: 10 months
Merry Christmas, Mr. Mr.
Grandma & Grandpa



Saxon Noah Enneman
Age: 5 months
You are our second blessing sent from Heaven!
Love, Mama
(Wendy Enneman)
and Grandparents
Lee & Barbara DeVore



Schuyler D. Enneman
Age: 3 1/2 yrs
You are a blessing sent from Heaven!
Love, Mama
(Wendy Enneman)
and Grandparents
Lee & Barbara DeVore



Janessa Horner
Age: 4 1/2 mos (1996)
How we miss you, Precious Girl
Love always, Mommy,
Hannah, Grammie,
Grampie & Uncle Mark



Anthony James Troglia
Age: 3 months
We love you very much!
Gram & Papa



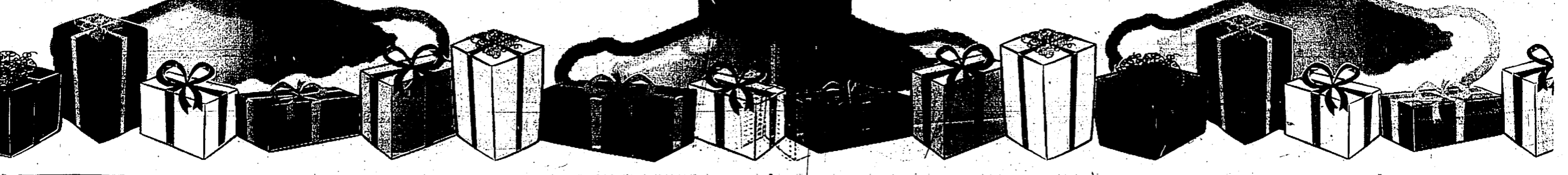
Kylie Moretz
Age: 7 months
Such a joy in my life.
Great Grandma Lou



Harley Dawn Whitaker
Age: 10 months
Mommy I love you. Thanks for all you do for me. XOXO
Love Harley & Grandma Bird



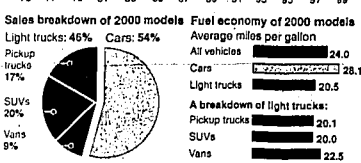
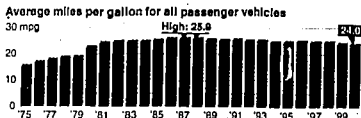
Sarah Ann Kinsey
Age: 4 months
Merry Christmas Little Boo
Mom, Dad, Amanda,
Mary Ann & Ed
Robertson, grandparents
Ann & Robin Kinsey



NATION

Fewer miles per gallon

The average miles per gallon for all 2000 model year passenger vehicles is at a 20-year low. The reason is that light trucks, which get about eight miles per gallon less than cars, now make up almost half of all sales.



As big-vehicle sales soar, gas mileage hits 20-year low

WASHINGTON (AP) - America's love affair with gas-guzzling sport utility vehicles and pickups is keeping national fuel economy at a 20-year low, the government says.

With automakers focusing on the bigger, more powerful vehicles, the Environmental Protection Agency found that average gasoline mileage for 2000 model year passenger vehicles was 24 miles per gallon, the same as last year and the lowest since 1980. The figure had climbed to 25.9 mpg in 1987 and 1988.

The drop in fuel economy corresponds to a surge in sales of "light trucks," which include vans, pickup trucks and sport utility vehicles. Those now account for 46 percent of all U.S. passenger vehicle sales.

Light trucks tend to weigh more than cars and get fewer miles to

the gallon. The average 2000 car gets 23.1 mpg, while light trucks get 20.5 mpg.

"Consumers want cars that have certain performance features," said Gloria Bergquist, spokeswoman of the Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers that lobbies on behalf of 13 automakers. "We sell cars that get 40 miles per gallon, but fewer than 2 percent of consumers buy them."

But Dan Becker, director of the Sierra Club's global warming program, said Tuesday that automakers spend much of their huge advertising budgets pushing SUVs because they are so profitable.

"They have found that the American public will buy a large pile of steel with plush seats and cup holders, despite the fact that they will guzzle gas, pollute the air and roll over and kill people," he said.

10,000 Maniacs guitarist dies at 42

PITTSBURGH (AP) - Rob Buck, lead guitarist for the rock band 10,000 Maniacs, has died of complications from liver failure. He was 42.

Buck died Tuesday night at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, said Blair Woods, the band's publicist.

Buck wrote the music for some of the band's best-known hits, including "Hey Jack Kerouac," and "What's the Matter Here?"

"Rob was a great guitarist and very underrated," band member

Dennis Drew told the Buffalo News. "He had a big influence on other bands. This is a very sad time for all of us."

Buck, who was born in Jamestown, N.Y., started playing guitar at the age of 6 and decided to become a professional guitarist at 16 after seeing "The Jimi Hendrix Story." He formed 10,000 Maniacs with Drew, Steven Gustafson, John Lombardo and Natalie Merchant in 1981, taking their name from the 1984 horror film "2,000 Maniacs."

Twin Falls Canal Company NOTICE OF REGULAR ANNUAL STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING

You are hereby notified that the regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the Twin Falls Canal Company will be held on Tuesday, the 9th day of January, 2001. The meeting will be called to order by the Directors at 9:00 a.m. in the Fine Arts Auditorium at the College of Southern Idaho at Twin Falls.

A Director from District 2 (Twin Falls & South of Kimberly) will be elected for a three-year term and a Director from District 4 (Buhl) will be elected for a three year term.

Petitions for candidacy for Director must have been filed by December 1, 2000. Notice is given that a stock vote will be taken on a By-Law amendment concerning water transfers. An affirmative vote of 2/3 of the stock and proxies voted is required for passage. The full text of the proposed amendment is as follows:

TRANSFER OF SHARES: General TFCC Policy as to Water Transfers

TFCC water may only be used for irrigation, stockwater, and domestic purposes. Said water may be used to recharge groundwater aquifers under TFCC lands for subsequent diversion and use for irrigation purposes by said Stockholder or other TFCC Stockholders as part of an approved mitigation plan of IDWR so long as the proposed use does not result in injury to other TFCC Stockholders as determined by the TFCC Board of Directors. Transfers for other uses will generally be denied.

Other business will also be transacted. There will be reports from the Company's General Manager, auditors and lawyers. There will also be reports concerning operation and maintenance efforts, 2001 water supplies, water quality issues, Snake Aquifer studies, the Endangered Species Act, the SRBA, and other matters of interest.

The corporate books will close for the transfer of stock on December 29, 2000.

The polls shall be open at the offices of the Company at 357 Sixth Ave. West, Twin Falls, Idaho, between the hours of 12:00 noon and 6:00 p.m. on January 9, 2001.

Proxies shall be filed with the Company's Assistant Secretary at the Company office on or before January 5, 2001.

Dated this 13 day of November 2000. Twin Falls Canal Company
Chris Simons, Assistant Secretary

Coroner workers face variety of robbery charges

PHILADELPHIA (AP) - Sixteen people, including 10 city morgue workers, were charged Tuesday with stealing credit cards, drivers' licenses, cash and guns from the dead.

The defendants used the credit cards to buy at least \$90,000 in televisions, computers and other merchandise, U.S. Attorney Michael Stiles said.

"It is needless to say, sickening and shameful to steal from the dead," Stiles said.

In one of the most "goulish and macabre" thefts, as described by District Attorney Lynn Abramson, a former employee in the medical examiner's office stole about \$800 in change that was kept in glass jars in the basement of one of the deceased.

The man allegedly loaded the coins into body bags to carry out of the house, spilling change in a trail leading out of the house. The victim's brother alerted police.

In two cases, workers allegedly stole handbags from the houses of dead people.

Among those charged were two former supervisors, two coroner's investigators and six forensic technicians, who were hired to take bodies from crime scenes to the morgue.



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SPORTSQUOTE

I can be sitting there and all of a sudden just kind of phase out if you're not careful.
-Sharon Kemp, who blamed a new diet for the Portland Trail Blazers practice he slept through Tuesday

TRIVIA

QUESTION: Sports Illustrated recently gave its first Legacy Award to John Wooden, who was the magazine's sportsman of the year in 1972. Two of Wooden's players have been SI sportsmen of the year. One is Kareem Abdul-Jabbar (1985). Who is the other?
ANSWER below

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

- Girls' high school basketball
Filler at American Falls, 4:15 p.m.
Sho-Ban at Hansen, varsity at 6 p.m.
Highland at Twin Falls, 6 p.m.
Shoshone at Dietrich, 6 p.m.
Jerome at Blackfoot, 6 p.m.
Skyline at Minico, 6 p.m.
Murtaugh at Raft River, 6 p.m.
Pocatello at Century, 7:30 p.m.
Boys' high school basketball
North Gem at Oakley, 5 p.m.
High school wrestling
Mt. Home at Twin Falls
Burley, Jerome, Poky at Highland Quad, 6 p.m.
Firth/South Fremont, Wendell at Declo, 6 p.m.

IN BRIEF

UI signs seven JC players
MOSCOW - Tom Cable admitted his University of Idaho football team had some pressing needs when he and his assistant coaches hit the recruiting trail at the end of the 2000 season.
On Wednesday afternoon, Cable was able to release his first round of good news with the signing of seven junior college players - four offensive linemen, one defensive back, one receiver and one linebacker.
Joining sophomore returning starter Jake Scott on the line are Ariel Bellofio (from Pasadena City College), Robert Mitchell (from Chaffey College in California), Ray DeAnda (from Riverside Community College) and Jonathon Kennard (from Long Beach City College).
"Whatever we created some competition among these guys and the guys coming back," Cable said. "And they give us some size and experience."
The Vandals also picked up Chaffey College linebacker James Staley, described by Cable as one of the best players ever recruited to Idaho. Citrus Junior College wide receiver Andrew Hill and Long Beach defensive back Sergio Robledo.
The Vandals open their 2001 season Sept. 1 with a home game against Washington State.

Correction

The Burley High boys' basketball team's conference record was incorrectly listed in Wednesday's paper.
The Bobcats are unbeaten in conference 1-2-0. The Times-News regrets the error.
Compiled by staff and wire reports

TRIVIA ANSWER:

Rafer Johnson, the 1958 Sports Illustrated sportsman of the year. Johnson played for Wooden for two seasons, one as a starter, before retiring to concentrate on the death.

CSI basketball to be televised on PAX 55

By Kevin Hall
Times-News writer
TWIN FALLS - Local television station PAX 55 will air five College of Southern Idaho men's basketball games live beginning Jan. 20.

All five games will be rebroadcast a day later on KTWT-UPN Channel 43 at 7 p.m., except for the team's Feb. 8 contest, which will be shown on Feb. 10.
This isn't the first time Golden Eagles' games have been televised, but it is a first for PAX 55, said general manager Bill Mogensen. The station will also broadcast five Boise State University men's basketball games next year.
"The whole reason for carrying CSI's games is it's great for the community," he said. "It's good (exposure) for the basketball program for people who haven't actually come to games."

Live on 55
Five CSI men's basketball games will be televised on Channel 55 in Twin Falls this season:
Jan. 20 (Saturday) vs. Colo. NW, 8 p.m.
Feb. 2 (Friday) vs. Dule St., 8 p.m.
Feb. 3 (Saturday) vs. Snow, 8 p.m.
Feb. 8 (Thursday) vs. TVCC, 8 p.m.
Feb. 24 (Saturday) vs. NIC, 8 p.m.

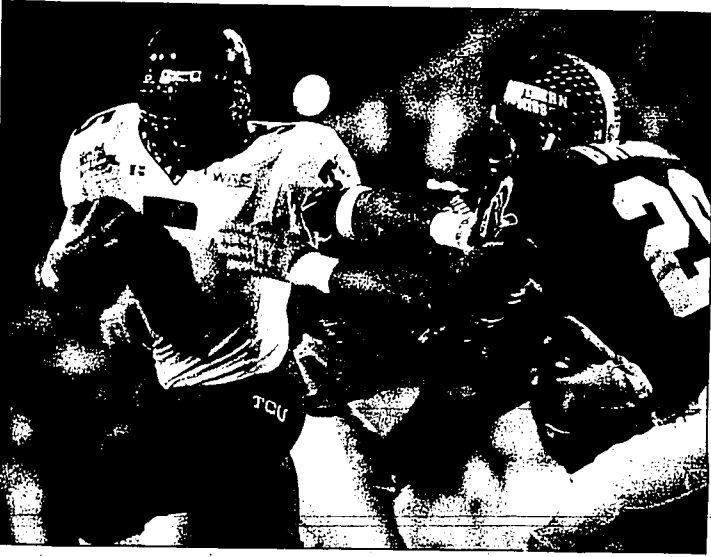
Current CSI women's radio announcer Ken Simmons will do play-by-play. There will be no color commentary on the broadcasts, but the show is slated to include five cameras for "a high quality production," Mogensen said.
Viewers can expect instant replay, graphics and short pregame and postgame discussion.
"We're really committed to this," Mogensen said. "They deserve the best quality broadcast because it's such a high-caliber program. It'll be something they can be proud of."

Mogensen said PAX 55's signal reaches 40,000 homes in Twin Falls, Gooding, Jerome and parts of Cassia, Lincoln and Minidoka counties. The local affiliate has been broadcasting out of Twin Falls since May 1998.
CSI athletic director Jeff Duggan said he doesn't expect attendance to decline at the televised games.
"I've tracked this back to the early '90s and (television) doesn't hurt the gate one bit," Duggan said. "It's a great event."
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No love for LaDanian

Late heroics lift Southern Miss at Mobile

The Associated Press
MOBILE, Ala. - Jeff Kelly's 29-yard touchdown pass to freshman Kenny Johnson with eight seconds left lifted Southern Mississippi to a 29-21 victory over No. 13 Texas Christian in the Mobile Alabama Bowl on Wednesday night.



Texas Christian running back LaDanian Tomlinson tries to avoid the tackle of Southern Mississippi's Leo Barnes, right, in the first quarter of the Mobile Alabama Bowl in Mobile, Ala., Wednesday.

In the first major bowl game of the season, TCU tailback LaDanian Tomlinson ran for 118 yards, his lowest total of the season. The Heisman Trophy finalist carried 28 times and scored two TDs in the third quarter.
The Golden Eagles (8-4) got a second chance after a fourth missed field goal, and trusted their senior quarterback instead of the shaky kicking game.
With 33 seconds left, they took over at the TCU 43-yard line after Mobile native Eric Pruitt got a hand on Mark Haulman's punt.
Kelly threw two incompletions, then scrambled 14 yards for a first down. On the next play, he lofted a perfect strike over the middle just above safety LaVar Veale's outstretched arm, victimizing the nation's top defense.
The Horned Frogs (10-2) endured a December coaching change and uncertainty over who would lead them into the game. In the end, former defensive coordinator Gary Patterson replaced

Dennis Franchione on the sidelines.
Franchione left for Alabama Dec. 1 and was initially expected to coach the bowl game. TCU officials decided late last week to allow the Patterson era to begin a season early.
Franchione watched from the press box.
Kelly had a big fourth quarter.

He was 7-of-15 for 40 yards after three quarters.
Then, he hit LeRoy Handy on a 56-yard TD strike with 7:24 left, tying it at 21. Kelly also hit Handy on a 9-yarder in the third quarter, finishing 11-of-23 for 159 yards.
Tomlinson, the nation's leading rusher the past two seasons, had a previous low of 119 yards against Tulsa.

Southern Miss had two chances for a go-ahead score with just over two minutes left. For the fourth time, Brent Hanna kicked a low line drive, this one a 32-yarder that failed to clear TCU's defensive line.
It was the second block of the night for the junior, who was 12-of-18 in the regular season.
TCU couldn't get a first down

against the nation's second-rated defense, which held the Horned Frogs to 265 yards and set up a pair of TDs with interceptions.
Leo Barnes returned the first pickoff against Casey Printers 50 yards into the end zone in the first quarter. Rory McGee's interception at the TCU 15 set up Kelly's first TD pass to Handy two minutes into the second half.

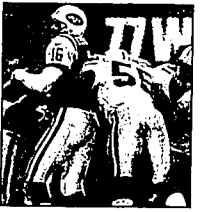
Lions live large

Detroit quietly overcomes woes

The Associated Press
PONTIAC, Mich. - The Detroit Lions could have packed it in for the year and sought refuge in excuses:
* Coach Bobby Ross quit in midseason.
* Injuries have ravaged both the offense and defense.
* Charlie Batch is one of the NFL's lowest-rated quarterbacks.
Instead, the Lions have dealt with all of those hindrances and

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quietly moved into position to make the playoffs - and knock out the Super Bowl champion St. Louis Rams in the process.
Detroit (9-6) just has to beat Chicago (4-11) Sunday at home to qualify for postseason play for the third time in four years.
If the Lions win Sunday, the Rams will miss the playoffs.
James Stewart, sixth in the NFC with 1,127 yards rushing, thinks the coaching change from Ross to Gary Moeller is a major reason the Lions have turned



Detroit Lions linebacker Allen Aldridge sacks New York Jets quarterback Vinny Testaverde in the Lions' 10-7 victory over the Jets last Sunday.

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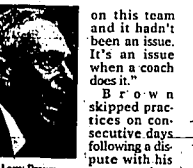
Brown's break

Sixers coach says he needed timeout from basketball

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PHILADELPHIA - Larry Brown explained his two-day absence by saying he just needed a break - from himself, from basketball and from his team.
After missing two days of practice, Brown returned to the Philadelphia 76ers on Wednesday and coached against the Utah Jazz.
Brown, whose team has the best record in the NBA (18-8), denied any rift with star guard Allen Iverson.
"I feel good. I needed it. I'm OK," Brown said before the game. "I've given guys personal days off

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Larry Brown

Iverson.
Brown assailed his players in a 30-minute meeting after an 18-point loss to Dallas at the First Union Center last Friday.
The next morning, during a team meeting in Chicago before a game against the Bulls, Iverson angered his coach by telling him he's treating the players as if they were losing.
The 76ers beat Chicago 99-91 behind 33 points from Iverson, but Brown appeared withdrawn on the bench. Brown and Iverson have had a contentious relationship since the coach arrived in Philadelphia four years ago. Both
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Bruins cruise to Region victory over Spartans

By Holly Keyt
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Twin Falls High maintained a spotless home record, defeating rival Minico in Region III boys' basketball Wednesday.
The Bruins (4-2 overall, 2-1 in conference) cruised to a 81-47 victory for their third home win of the season.
"I'm pretty happy," said Twin Falls coach Dan Vogt. "The team fell into the groove and just kind of clicked."
The Bruins started off strong defensively, holding the Spartans to two points through the first three minutes of the game, while on the other end of the court draining 13 points.
Minico's Chuck Fleming and Ryan Hopworth sunk two 3's within 20 seconds, pulling the Spartans within three points with four minutes left in the period.
But Brian Matt Lyden answered with a 3-pointer of his own, then assisted Leigh Castillo on a shot to make it 18-10.
Lyden added another assist to Colt Jones for the first of Jones' game-high 19 points to end the first quarter 25-15.
"We really took advantage of them ... and clicked well on offense," Vogt said.
Twin Falls extended its lead with a 26-point second quarter. Brandon Nielsen grabbed a steal and layin to start the period. Daniel Miller followed with a pair of free throws, Jones

swished two 3-pointers and it was 47-24 with two-and-a-half minutes on the clock.
Hopworth had a 3-pointer for the Spartans, but Castillo dunked it with a Minico defender at his back - boosting Twin Falls' spirit and quieting the Spartans. Castillo pulled down a rebound and put it back 20 seconds later to make the halftime score 51-29.
The Bruins shot well from the line throughout the contest, finishing 22-of-27.
"We're doing a lot of quality foul shooting," Vogt said. "We were bigger inside and more physical. When you do that, you draw the fouls."
In the third quarter, the Bruins pulled further ahead. Jones had a couple of inside shots and Castillo chipped in three points, making it 66-29. Minico's Travis Noble scored the first Minico points in the period with a little over a minute on the clock.
Jones had eight points in that period. Brian Keith had five points and Nielsen four, bringing Twin Falls to a 37-point lead at 73-36 going into the fourth period.
"We didn't do a very good job tonight of competing," said Spartan coach Mike Graefe. "We just didn't respond very well."
In the last quarter, Minico held the Bruins to eight points, but it was too late.
"The issue was decided by then," Graefe said.
Hopworth added five points to

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New Jersey bedevils Belfour, Stars

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) - Patrik Elias had a goal and three assists in the opening 10:29 of the New Jersey Devils' drive of Belfour to the bench and defeated the Stars to win the Stanley Cup.

Kirk Muller scored early to prevent Dallas from being shut out for the second straight game.

Sharks 2, Red Wings 0

DETROIT - Evgeni Nabokov made 31 saves for his third shutout and San Jose won its fifth straight game.

The victory was just the Sharks' second ever in 19 regular season games at Detroit's Joe Louis Arena. The last time they won in Detroit was January 2, 1998, a 4-1 win.

Wild 2, Senators 2

ST. PAUL, Minn. - Darby Hendrickson scored two goals as Minnesota rallied from a two-goal deficit to snap Ottawa's four-game winning streak.

Hendrickson tied the game with a power-play goal early in the third period, beating Patrick Lalime with a chip shot into the upper corner of the net.

Oilers 3, Canucks 2

EDMONTON, Alberta - Anson Carter scored on a power play at 2:41 of overtime to cap the Edmonton Oilers' comeback from behind 3-2 victory over the Vancouver Canucks on Wednesday night. Carter took a perfect return pass from Ryan Smyth and shot the winner past goaltender Bob Essensa.

Coyotes 4, Flames 2

PHOENIX - Keith Tkachuk broke the longest scoring drought of his career with three goals, and the Phoenix Coyotes beat Calgary 4-2 Wednesday night to extend their unbeaten streak over the Flames to 13.

Jeremy Roenick had a power-play goal and an assist, and Claude Lemieux had two assists for the Coyotes, on a 9-0-4 run against Calgary.

Blues 6, Rangers 3

NEW YORK - Pavel Demitra tied career highs with three goals and five points and Roman Turek stopped 20 shots as St. Louis extended its unbeaten streak to 10 games.

Demitra, the Blues' leading scorer last season, has rebounded from a slow start to register six goals and eight assists in a five-game point streak, and 12 goals and 13 assists in 15 games.

Sabres 2, Capitals 2

WASHINGTON - Buffalo's Miroslav Satan scored with 14:57 left in the third period, and the Sabres survived a flurry of Washington scoring chances late in overtime.

Satan tied the game when he knocked a blind pass from J.P. Dumont past Washington goalie Olof Kolzig from in front.

Predators 3, Maple Leafs 1

TORONTO - Robert Valicevic scored a tiebreaking goal with 1:31 remaining as Nashville Predators beat Toronto.

Yanic Perreault scored for the Maple Leafs, who have lost three straight for the first time this season.

Panthers 2, Penguins 2

SUNRISE, Fla. - Milan Kraft scored a short-handed goal for Pittsburgh in the third period, but the Penguins had to settle for a tie with Florida when Alexei Kovalev's apparent game-winner was disallowed in overtime.

Kovalev skated in on Trevor Kidd and wisted a high-riser into the net for the apparent game-winning goal with 1:10 left. However, Florida's Andrei Kabanov had slid into Kidd and inadvertently unlodged the goal morningers. After a review, the officials waved off the goal.

INDEPENDENTS/7 (DOWNS)

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Edmonton	1	0
LA	0	0
SEA	0	0

FOOTBALL

NFL Standings

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SPORTS

BOWLERS STRIKE OUT

Key players will sit out big games

The Associated Press

The reasons are different, the results the same: Players are getting knocked out of bowl games before they even take the field.

Florida State's Marvin "Snoop" Minnis was declared academically ineligible Wednesday, knocking out the All-America receiver out of the Orange Bowl. The third-ranked Seminoles (11-1) will meet top-ranked Oklahoma on Jan. 3 in the BCS national championship game.

Minnis was Heisman Trophy winner Chris Weinke's favorite target during the season, catching 63 passes for 1,340 yards and 11 touchdowns. Athletic director Dave Hart said was nine hours from graduation but did not satisfy the semester's requirements.

"My one desire at this point is that he does what he has to in order to earn the degree, which we all anticipated he was on track to complete," Hart said. "We all feel badly for him."

Earlier in the day, Ohio State receiver Reggie Germany was declared out of the Outback Bowl on Jan. 1 against South Carolina because of academic problems.

Buckeyes athletic director Andy Geiger did not elaborate, but The Columbus Dispatch reported Germany missed classes. The senior was Ohio State's second-leading receiver with 22 catches for 366 yards and a touchdown.

Germany has plenty of compa-

ny on the sidelines.

Among others who won't be around for kickoff are:

- Florida reserve defensive lineman Thad Bullard and reserve offensive lineman Tommy Hillard. Bullard was declared ineligible for the Gators' Sugar Bowl matchup against Miami on Jan. 2 for undisclosed reasons. The senior played in 10 games with 17 tackles. Hillard quit the team last month after his third concussion.

- Clemson defensive ends Marcus Lewis and Nick Eason. Eason, who led the Tigers with seven sacks, has an Achilles' heel injury. Lewis, a freshman with 10 tackles who was set to replace Eason, has a torn ligament. Clemson plays Virginia Tech in the Gator Bowl on Jan. 1.

- Michigan backup safety Justin Fargas and cornerback James Whitley. Fargas, the former highly touted running back said he's transferring and won't be with the Wolverines when they play Auburn in the Citrus Bowl on Jan. 1. Whitley, Michigan's senior captain, was kicked off the team following his recent arrest on a concealed weapon charge.

- Boston College running back William Green and senior defensive back D.J. Sutton. Both were suspended for unspecified rules violations and will not play in the Aloha Bowl on Dec. 25 against Arizona State. Green, a sophomore, led the Eagles in rushing with 1,164 yards and 14 touchdowns.

- 13 Minnesota players missed a school telephone access



Helmeted trophy winner Chris Weinke, center, joins other FSU quarterbacks in drills during the team's first post-season practice Friday. FSU will face Oklahoma in the Orange Bowl Jan. 3 for the national championship without key receiver Marvin 'Snoop' Minnis.

code and must replay a total of \$420 before they will be allowed to leave on Friday for the Dec. 28 Micrompc.com Bowl.

And, five Purdue freshmen, including free safety Stuart Schweigert, were cited for underage drinking last week by West Lafayette, Ind., police. Three of

these players red-shirted this season, but coach Joe Tiller said Schweigert and cornerback Deante Ferrell will be allowed to play in the Boilermakers' Rose Bowl game against Washington on Jan. 1. Schweigert was the Big Ten's freshman of the year with 75 tackles and five interceptions.

UNLV rebound runs Rebels to bowl

LAS VEGAS (AP) - Randy Black remembers watching as a redshirt freshman while UNLV lost its first game of the year to Tennessee by 50 points. He has painful memories of a 0-11 season as a sophomore, part of a 16-game winless stretch.

Arkansas vs. UNLV
Today, 6 p.m.
TV: ESPN2

No wonder the UNLV safety is so excited about finishing his college career in the one spot he never figured to be - playing in the Las Vegas Bowl today against Arkansas.

"I'm not sure you guys understand how big this is to me," Black said. "Going through what we went through, this is a real big deal to me."

Black, a hometown product, is the inspirational leader of a UNLV defense that has come a long way from his redshirt season, when the Rebels gave up an average of 50 points a game.

This year's defense was more than four touchdowns better - allowing 21.8 points a game - as the Rebels continued an improbable rebound under second-year coach John Robinson by winning just enough to get into the Las Vegas Bowl.

"I took the 62-3 loss (to Tennessee) as a freshman so I know about those things," Black said. "To be able to play at Arkansas, well, that in itself says it all."

UNLV (7-5) gets a chance to show just how far the program has come under Robinson when it meets the Razorbacks (6-5) in a bowl game it was invited to only after winning its last three games

and only because it is the hometown team.

The selection process matters little to the long-suffering UNLV players though.

"We're so happy to be able to play in this bowl. I'm just speechless," said tackle John Groce, a former walk-on who, like Black, is playing his last game for UNLV. "It's amazing the turnaround we've had. Coach Robinson brought an attitude that we're winners and we will be winners."

Winning hasn't done much, though, to turn the football Rebels into an attraction like the university's basketball team, years during its prime.

UNLV was forced to cut the price of tickets last week to try to rally local fans to the game, the first bowl appearance for the Rebels since they were in the 1994 Las Vegas Bowl. With disappointing sales to Arkansas fans added in, a crowd of only about 15,000 is expected.

"That hasn't dampened the spirits of the UNLV players and their coaches, however," said John Groce as a test of a fledgling team against an established power.

"We're anxious to test ourselves against a very classy team," Robinson said. "We're looking at a team that represents a conference that probably has the best athletes in the country."

Griese stands poised to retake role

Knight Ridder News Service

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. - Brian Griese wouldn't know for sure how his shoulder felt until he practiced. Mike Shanahan couldn't tell for sure if his quarterback would be able to play Saturday until he practiced.

Then Griese practiced.

"Brian looked pretty good," Shanahan said. "He took about half the reps. It looks like there was no setback and he should be ready to go."

Shanahan wouldn't let the pronouncement go without a disclaimer. "If he's feeling all right Thursday."

Griese tested his throwing shoulder Wednesday in ways he hadn't since suffering a severe separation against the Raiders on Oct. 2. The Broncos hope Griese starts the regular-season finale against San Francisco so that his first start doesn't come in Denver's playoff game. That will likely be next weekend, with a small chance it could be the weekend of Jan. 7.

Griese, who has missed the past

five games, threw some short lobs two weeks ago, then put more zip on the ball last week.

"There's always that question mark over a few weeks, and there's always going to be some rust," Shanahan said. "That's why you'd like to get him to play in this game, obviously, his first comeback not being in a playoff game. But there's that question mark over you. You don't want to throw him out there too quick where he goes out there and reinjures his shoulder."

Griese didn't talk to reporters after practice, but sounded somewhat confident during his weekly press conference a couple hours earlier. "I think I know (I'm ready) right now, but I have to convince other people," he said, referring to Shanahan. "I have thrown all of the throws. It's not a question of whether I can't throw one of the things that we have in our offense. If that were the case, then I wouldn't play."

Griese has had three right-shoulder injuries the past two seasons. Surgery corrected a torn labrum in January, but Griese suffered another, unrelated tear

in the labrum against the Raiders on Sept. 17. That forced him to miss one game. When Oakland linebacker Elijah Alexander chased him down and dragged him to the ground in November, Griese suffered the separation.

When Griese was asked if he had a Christmas wish list, he said: "I'll take a new right shoulder, if you've got one." Knowing that wasn't going to happen, he added "puppy dog" to the list. For professional, he will wear bigger shoulder pads than he has worn. He admits he might as well have a target painted on his back.

"I don't think there is any malicious intent on the part of anybody," Griese said, before a no-so-hidden reference to the Raiders. "Well, actually, there are a few people, but we might be seeing them again, so I ain't telling you."

"The quarterback is always going to get hit, and that's probably the biggest question for me, is when I get in there and I get knocked around a little bit, is it going to hold up? That's the bigger question than if I can throw the ball downfield."

Chief medical officer for 2002 Winter Games rebuffs criticism of supplements

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - The chief medical officer for the 2002 Winter Games says a federal law authored by Sen. Max Baucus may have the unintended consequence of disqualifying Olympic athletes who take common dietary supplements.

Four athletes banned from the 2002 Winter Games in Sydney last summer for using performance drugs say they took only U.S.-made food supplements.

The group includes American biathlete C.J. Hunter, who blamed iron supplements for flunking four tests for steroid use last summer.

Their complaints take the form of a letter, with an opinion from Dr. J. Charles Rich, a Salt Lake City neurologist surgeon.

Rich wrote a "friendly heads-up" to Hatch in October on Salt Lake Organizing Committee stationery, saying the nutritional supplements, many of them made in Utah, do not list all of their ingredients.

SLOOC spokeswoman Caroline Shaw said the opinion of the Games' medical officer was his own.

The "so-called health foods," Rich said, may contain substances banned by the International Olympic Committee, such as muscle-building steroids that "have no place in over-the-counter" supplements.

An alternate theory, now being studied by the Drug Enforcement Agency, is that chemical foods contain other chemicals a body can metabolize into steroids.

In any event, Rich called for rigorous oversight and enforcement in the health-foods industry and strict labeling. He urged Hatch to lead the effort.

Hatch is a longtime champion of Utah's dietary supplement industry and the sponsor of the 1994 Dietary Supplement Health and Education Act. For those reasons, he came in for harsh criticism Dec. 12 at an IOC medical meeting in Lausanne, Switzerland.

Hatch fired back that he was "tired of this childish finger pointing," IOC members and athletes, he said, are no experts in food and drug law.

Critics can be especially pointed given that Hatch consistently ranks among the top recipients of campaign donations from makers of pharmaceutical drugs, health products and dietary supplements.

Hatch received \$325,826 from those sources during the past two years, according to Federal Election Commission filings analyzed by the Center for Responsive Politics, a watchdog group in Washington.

But Hatch rejects the criticism. He is particularly upset with allegations that his legislation bans substances make their way into health foods.

"We keep trying to make this point and it somehow just gets lost. It's complicated," Hatch spokesman Chris Roche said.

Nothing in the Hatch bill prevents the Food and Drug Administration from cracking down, Roche said, and just because the IOC bans a substance doesn't mean it's dangerous or illegal.

"The IOC can ban orange juice if it wants to," he said.

But Rich says he's been asked time and again to explain why steroids require a doctor's prescription while health foods can contain similar substances or have similar effects.

"There is no satisfactory, convincing answer to that question," Rich wrote Oct. 2 in a letter obtained by The Associated Press. Rich didn't return repeated calls over several days for comment.

Hatch responded Nov. 22 with a letter saying his Dietary Supplement Health and Education Act authorizes the FDA to pull off store shelves any product that contains dangerous chemicals or an incomplete list of ingredients.

"I do not understand why we need to limit the availability of dietary supplements to American consumers because athletes should not use them," Hatch replied.

Hatch said he wasn't inclined to change U.S. law to suit the IOC, "particularly when the IOC itself could act to ban such supplements for Olympic athletes."

Surprise, surprise

Survey says baseball salaries have skyrocketed

NEW YORK (AP) - Even before Alex Rodriguez's record payday, baseball players had a boom year at the bank.

The average salary soared 17.5 percent to \$1,895,630, according to the annual survey released Wednesday by the Major League Baseball Players Association.

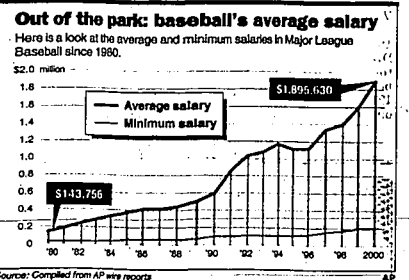
The New York Yankees had the highest average salary for the second straight year and the sixth time in seven seasons. A year after becoming the first team to break the \$3 million barrier, the Yankees averaged \$3,056,542 as they won their third straight World Series title, up from \$3,215,660 in 1999.

Three other teams topped \$3 million: Los Angeles (\$3,141,883); Atlanta (\$3,127,992) and the NL champion New York Mets (\$3,115,549).

Minnesota had the lowest average at \$601,680, with Montreal 29th at \$767,420 and Kansas City 28th at \$798,242. The Royals had the lowest average in 1999, \$534,460.

Texas, which last week agreed to a record \$252 million, 10-year contract with Rodriguez, had the biggest payroll drop this year, falling from second at \$2,825,735 to 15th at \$1,870,723.

St. Louis, which won the NL Central, rose from 17th at



Source: Compiled from AP wire reports

\$1,515,094 to seventh at \$2,390,042.

The average salary increased 17.7 percent from 1999's revised average of \$1,611,166, the second-biggest rise since 1992, trailing only a 193 percent hike in 1997.

This winter's signings, led by Rodriguez's deal, Manny Ramirez's \$160 million, eight-year contract with Boston and Mike Hampton's \$121 million, eight-year agreement with Colorado, should push the average over \$2 million next season, just nine years after it topped \$1 million for the first time.

First basemen were the highest-paid players, averaging \$4,996,933. They were followed by outfielders (\$3,480,792), designated hitters (\$3,366,872), second basemen (\$3,158,200), starting pitchers (\$3,064,021), catch-

ers (\$2,767,726), shortstops (\$2,504,993), third basemen (\$2,484,428) and relief pitchers (\$1,220,412).

Just four teams among the top 15 payrolls had losing records - Detroit (79-83), Baltimore (74-88), Tampa Bay (69-92) and the Chicago Cubs (69-97) - and the teams with the eight highest payrolls all had winning records.

Only five clubs among the bottom 15 payrolls had winning records: the Chicago White Sox (95-67), Oakland (91-70), Cincinnati (85-77), Anaheim (82-80) and Colorado (82-80).

Players with 2-3 years of major league service who were not eligible for arbitration averaged \$474,617, while those with 2-3 years of major league service who were eligible averaged \$1,337,145.

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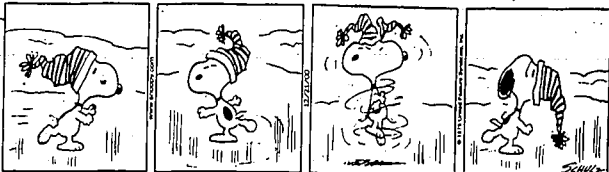
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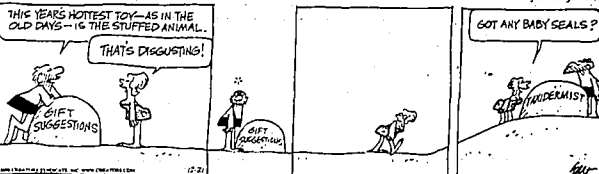
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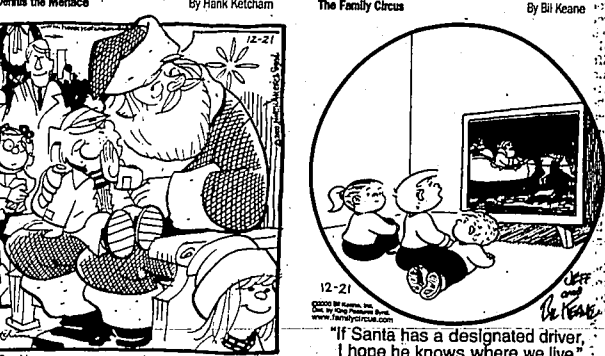


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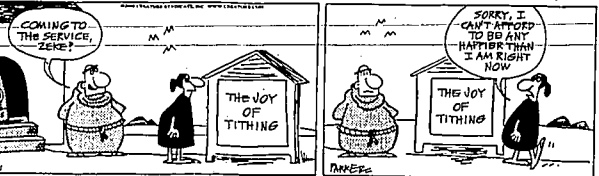
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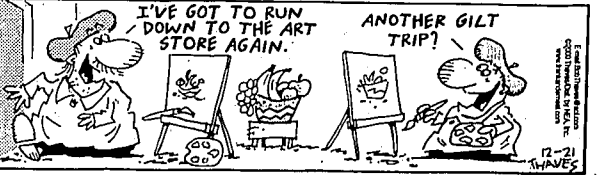
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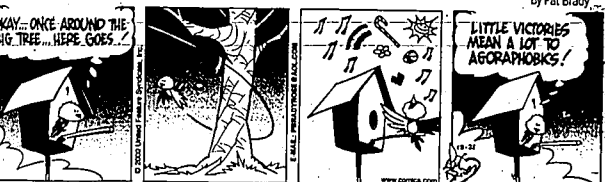
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THANK YOU LETTERS

Churches give faith
During time of grief, churches help give family faith
We want to publicly thank the Assembly of God Church and the 2nd Ward of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Hazelton. After our son's (Jeremy Kienzle's) death, members of both churches gathered around our family in order to give us strength and support. We still feel their kindness and are warmed by their actions. Both churches also generously volunteered their resources and facilities when we needed them. At a time of unimaginable grief and pain, you helped give us faith: faith in good friends, faith in a good community and faith in a good way of life.
Thank you!
**STEVE AND COLLEN LAKEY
KERRM AND KAY DOUGLAS
Hazelton**

Gifts of Love helps others
Gifts of Love campaign helps care center residents give to others
I want to share with you our success.
To The Times-News:
I want to share with you our success.
Gifts of Love thanks you for the wonderful reporting. All of you were easy to work with. Right on in how we felt and what we needed. So many people called. The gifts were priceless. We had enough to supply four care centers, residents gifts for family/friends. The look on their faces was wonderful. You could see their anticipation to give to others or themselves. It was a great success.
"Life can be kind of rough. The reports on TV and paper can bring down spirits during the year, but Christmas represents goodness, and it has been shown to all of us. The generosity of others and their time was exciting.
It is my hope that you can find the people who helped with the project and give them our sincere gratitude. Each of them deserves at least that."
**RIM SOMREK
Gifts of Love
Twin Falls**

Bridge thrives in community
Women appreciate couple's work for bridge players
I would like to publicly thank Rene and Harold Bulcher. It is through their efforts that the Magic Valley Bridge Center on Falls Avenue in Twin Falls came to be.
The game of bridge is thriving in this community. Many people who otherwise could spend many

lonely hours have a "bridge house" to go to. There are at least five games a week scheduled, sometimes more, and anyone who plays bridge is welcome.
Christmas Day is Rene's birthday, and I would like to wish her a happy birthday and thank her and Harold once again for all they do for us bridge players all year long.
Happy Birthday, Rene.
**BETTY FRANTZ
Twin Falls**

Creches draw crowds
More than 300 creches on display at annual event
Charity Anywhere Foundation would like to thank all who attended the Celebration of the Nativity at the Boys and Girls Club during the Thanksgiving holiday. We had 327 creches displayed by 26 owners. We appreciate the hard work of our volunteers and the owners of the creches.
We appreciate the donations and help of the following businesses: The Times-News, KMYT, all radio stations, the Boys and Girls Club, The Quad, AmeriPride, National Guard Armory and Professional Driving School.
We look forward to our fifth annual Celebration of the Nativity Christmas event at Thanksgiving time.
**GORDON CARTER
Charity Anywhere Foundation
Twin Falls**

Thank you for coming
Mini-Cassia Head Start Winterfest is called a big success
On behalf of Mini-Cassia Head Start, we would like to thank everyone who attended our Winterfest. We would also like to thank all the parents and staff who gave their time and effort to make the evening a success. And, to the following area businesses and individuals for their generous contributions to our raffle, we would like to say a big thank you:
Albion Telephone, Andersen Trees, Cathy's Ceramics, Dickson's Oil Co., Doe's Pizza, Ed's Office Supply, George K's Restaurant, His Promises the Clown, Nordin, John's Market, Marsh Creek Inn, Oak Connection, Owen Crockett, Pomerelle Ski Resort, Project Mutual Telephone, Racquetiers Tennis and Fitness, Redder's Shokwasz, Rolland John Potatoes, Ryan Thomas Photography, Sherry Hedges, Skagg's Furniture, South Idaho Press, Stokes Thrift - Sun Valley Potatoes, The - Joak Store, The Buzz/EAR, The - Mayfair, The Cellar, The Times-News and

Who's Who includes local residents
Area students were included in the 34th Annual Edition of Who's Who Among American High School Students, 1999-2000.
Students are nominated by high school principals and guidance counselors, national youth groups, churches and educational organizations based upon students' academic achievement and involvement in extracurricular activities.
Students included were: Rogena, Maria E. Luna; Elko, Nev., Brian E. Bassier; Forest, Boise, Samantha Cavender; Cindy DeLeon, Dusty Farrar; Landon Harris, Ashley R. Hyde; Kristen Lakeman, Jose Marin; Elena McMullen, Nathalie Roman; Tara M. Stanbrough; Melissa Ann Sudweeks; Lisa Taylor, Jessica M. Tsu, Harlen Woodson, Alison Bettes, Kristy Brooks, Diamond Chapman, Sarah K. Dyer, Cori Funderberg, Brett Hoffmann, Micah Jones, Paula

Students do well in forest products essay contest
Christine Gardner of Jerome Middle School was one of four essay winners in the fifth annual Forest Products Week Essay Contest.
The winning students will receive a certificate and \$100 U.S. Savings Bond and \$200 for their classrooms.
McKensley Murray from Murtaugh Elementary and Kate Applewhite and Jenna Bubak of Jerome Middle School won honorable mentions.
In their essays, students wrote about one or more forest products and the importance of those products to themselves and society. They also shared their ideas about how forests should be cared for to provide not only tangible products, but also clean air.
Senator announces 2001 service academy nominees
Local students were among the 40 young people who were appointed to military service academies for 2001, Idaho Senator Larry Craig announced.
Nominees were selected based on their academic record, class standing and potential for leadership.
U.S. Military Academy
Nathaniel Loomis, Mountain Home
U.S. Air Force Academy
Christopher Boutin, Jerome
Adam Jussel, Twin Falls
Kyle Paslay, Heyburn
David Lee Peterson, Mountain Home
Joseph Peterson, Burley
Brett Skates, Mountain Home

Local coin collectors club donates money to charities
BURLEY - The Empty Pockets Coin Club recently donated \$200 to local charities with money left over after a club fund-raising event in May.
The club, which started in 1996, held a white elephant sale and coin raffle in May to raise money for the organization. Extra money that was raised was donated to local non-profit organizations.
Members say the club gave \$100 - to the Mini-Cassia Christmas Council, \$50 to Helping Hand Mission in Burley and \$50 to the Community Ours Outreach center in Rupert.
The club, which now has 28

Gooding Duplicate Bridge Club announces winners
GOODING - The Gooding Duplicate Bridge Club winners for Dec. 15 for north-south were: first place, Riley Burton and Mary Cook; second place, Lola Remaklus and Howard Tucker and third place, Susan Faulkner and Carol Bennett.
Winners for east-west were: first place, Lonnie Burns and Beverly Reed; second place, Lucy Gustafson and Cecil Davidson and third place, Don and Lorna Bard.
Winners of the money drawing were: Carol Bennett, Dolores Robinson, Isa Hyton and Louise Smith.
Refreshments and Christmas treats were served. A birthday cake was served for Lucy

Community events
Gustafson, Mary Steele and Jodi Faulkner.
members, is always interested in new members. For information on joining, send your telephone number to The Empty Pockets Coin Club, Box 789, Burley, ID 83318.
Pocket change buys shoes for children
BURLEY - Pocket change dropped into green jars in local businesses over the past six years has purchased a new pair of shoes for more than 400 children in need.
This year, Barclay Mechanical Services in Paul has already sent a donation of \$250 to help needy area children, say organizers of the Quarters 4 Shoes 4 Children campaign. Radio Services on Oakley Avenue in Burley has made yearly contributions and

Parks department offers craft day

By Heather Abel
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - Tuesday is Craft Day.
The city of Twin Falls is teaming up with the Twin Falls Senior Center to offer craft day at 12:45 p.m. the first and third Tuesday of every month at the senior center, 616 Eastland Drive.

The program, which started in September, is a chance for the Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Department to make its programs more diverse, says Chris Miller with the city office.
"We don't do a lot with this population," Miller says. "We're trying to come up with something to service this population. Eventually, I'd like to line them up with the kids' (craft days)."
The seniors have been enjoying crafts with rubber stamps and making Christmas cards. Some of the older residents are hesitant to get started, but once they do, they enjoy it, she says.
"We're hopeful that more people start coming," Miller adds.
For more information, call the center at 734-5084 or at the parks department at 736-2265.



Nancy Simonds works on a craft at the Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Department craft day at the Twin Falls Senior Center.

Donors make raffle a hit
Magic Valley Astronomical Society thanks donors for raffle
The Magic Valley Astronomical Society wishes to thank these sponsors for donating to our wonderful Astronomical Raffle and Fun Night at the Herrett Planetarium on Dec. 9. We had a wonderful and delightful time.
Barnes & Noble, Child's, Deb Hartwell (Dairy Queen), Elmer's, Everybody's Business, First Federal Savings Bank, Herrett Center, Hollywood Video, Imagination Station, Kurt's Hallmark, Molly's Bagel Bakery and Shari's.
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Volunteers help kitchen
Many help make St. Edward's soup kitchen party an abundant blessing
To all of those who helped make the St. Edward's Soup Kitchen Christmas party an abundant blessing, I thank you.
Steve and Barbara Johnson, Paterson Dental, Joyce Brady, Linda Holyoak, Stephanie Osborne, Tim and Shawna Owenchain, Stan and Reta Devencher, Larry and Kathleen Truscott, Gary Bond Construction, Richard Stivers, Joe and Kathy Allison, Betty Davis, Ray Bremner, Mal's Oak Warehouse, Danny Benner, Charlotte Meyer, Rick Parks, Magic Valley Regional Medical Center education department and St. Edward's community.
Thank you!
**ANGELA PARKS
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Students Britt'nel McGree, Amanda Gidney, Sannee Thirskul and Ashlee Richardson work together as part of the new Tribes program, which focuses on a student's uniqueness and inclusion in the community.

"Tribes" focuses on uniqueness
TWIN FALLS - Although called "Tribes," a new program at Rupert Stuart Junior High School focuses on a student's uniqueness.
Stuart staff members say the goal is to engage teachers, administrators, support staff, students and families to work together as a learning community.
Tribes builds a learning community with:
Recognizing the value and uniqueness of each person, resolving conflicts that naturally emerge due to the differences and offering feedback that encourages growth.
Paying close attention to one another's expression of ideas and feelings; letting others know that they have been heard and checking for understanding.
Showing each other kindly and stating appreciation for unique qualities and helpful contributions, at the same time avoiding negative remarks, name-calling, hurtful gestures and behaviors.
Having the right to choose when and to what extent students participate in non-academic group activities and learning that voluntary participation enhances



Students Britt'nel McGree, Amanda Gidney, Sannee Thirskul and Ashlee Richardson work together as part of the new Tribes program, which focuses on a student's uniqueness and inclusion in the community.

Jeffrey is an easy child to love

Personality: Jeffrey is an easy child to know and to love. He is very friendly and likes to give compliments. Described as full of life, Jeffrey approaches new experiences with apprehension at first, then quickly adapts. He is very obedient and willing to please his foster parents and teachers.
He helps out with daily chores around the home, especially when he receives little prompts. His foster parents utilize lists, which allow for more independence.

Interests: Jeffrey enjoys watching videos, playing computer games and riding his bike. He likes to play with pets. He feeds several stray cats and the neighbor's dog when they come by his foster parent's home.
For the past 18 months, Jeffrey has participated in weekly Scouting and LDS church

Thursday's Child



**Jeffrey
Age 10**

activities with his foster parents.
Needs: Jeffrey responds to structure, consistency and affection. He needs a single parent or couple who has flexible expecta-

tions and who will build on the developmental and social progress he's made in his present placement. In a regular school setting, Jeffrey receives special services for reading, language and math. He also receives speech therapy services.
His adoptive parent(s) will need to maintain regular weekly contact with teachers to monitor homework assignments and follow-up on academic progress.
Jeffrey would do well in a family with older children, but he is also comfortable playing with children in the age range of 7 to 8-years-old. He is eligible for Adoption Assistance and support for needed services.
"Thursday's Child" profiles children awaiting adoption. For more information about this child or others, call the Idaho CareLine at 1-800-926-2588.

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Cheney influence mounts in Bush administration.

WASHINGTON (AP) — When President-elect Bush announced that Paul O'Neill would serve as his treasury secretary, O'Neill volunteered that he and Dick Cheney "go back many years" together to their days in the Ford administration.

When Bush sat down to breakfast with Alan Greenspan, the Federal Reserve chief's longtime friend Cheney was right there at the table.

When the government handed over keys to the presidential transition offices, it was Cheney who gladly accepted them.

Americans are seeing a lot more of Dick Cheney and his crooked smile than they ever did of past vice presidents-elect, even the notably visible Al Gore.

Bush's appointment of O'Neill was only the latest sign of Cheney's extraordinary influence in the work-in-progress Bush administration. Another candidate backed by Cheney, former Sen. Dan Coats of Indiana, is seen as the leading candidate for defense secretary.

"It's unbelievable, really," said Paul Light, a Brookings Institution scholar who has written a book about the vice presidency. "Al Gore had an amazing vice presidency — he really upped the ante for future vice presidents. Dick Cheney has already broken every precedent that Al Gore set. He has extraordinary range of authority."

Almost by definition, Cheney's role is broad. He is simultaneously wearing three hats as chief of Bush's transition operation, vice president-elect and future president of an evenly divided Senate where he will hold the tie-breaking vote.

Even a heart attack two weeks after the election didn't slow Cheney down for long. He has worked long hours and weekends on "Bush's transition," wielding a phalanx of cell phones from his home in the days before a transition office was established.

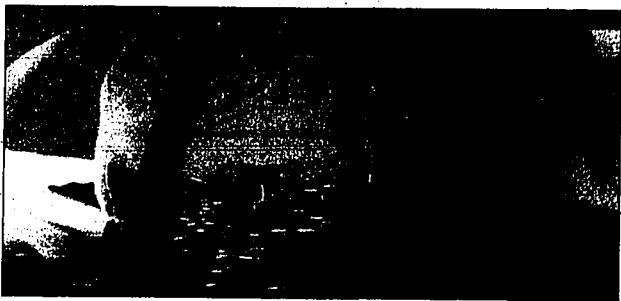
Bush and Cheney interview job applicants together and Cheney plans to join Bush whenever there's a personnel announcement.

Beyond all that, Bush has demonstrated that he is personally comfortable working with Cheney, ever since putting him in charge of his vice presidential search operation and then deciding that Cheney himself would be the best choice.

Light said even highly effective vice presidents like Gore and Walter Mondale had limited roles early on as their relationships with the president were still developing.

Gore, for example, got slapped down in his early efforts to take a leading role on health care and welfare overhauls, settling instead for the Reinvigorating Government program to streamline the federal bureaucracy.

Cheney, by contrast, "has already passed through that portal," said Light. "It's as if there were no trial period in the world. George Bush trusts him."



Republican vice President-elect Dick Cheney is setting a precedence in vice-presidential authority. His influence over administrative appointments and his role as chief of Bush's transition operation show the extraordinary influence Cheney has already developed in Bush's work-in-progress administration.

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Environmentalists file suit to protect fish

BOISE - Two environmental groups have filed three lawsuits challenging water diversions in salmon, steelhead and bull trout streams near Challis.

The lawsuits allege violations of the Endangered Species Act and seek to halt irrigation practices that trap fish in irrigation ditches, block migration and dry up streams.

The Idaho Watersheds Project and the Committee for Idaho's High Desert filed the lawsuits in federal district court in Boise. The two groups sent out more than 50 notices of intent to sue under the Endangered Species Act about two months ago.

The three suits filed this week are the first of several the groups expect to file, Watersheds Project President Jon Marvel said.

The lawsuits challenge diversions on the Mahogany Creek, in the Pahsimeroor River basin; Lake Creek in the East Fork Salmon River drainage; and Otter Creek, a tributary to Panther Creek and the Main Salmon River.

Salmon, steelhead and bull trout are protected under the Endangered Species Act, which prohibits harming them by modifying their habitat.

HOPE program offers free calls for the homeless

TWIN FALLS - U.S. Cellular has teamed up with two local agencies to run its HOPE (Homeless Outreach Phone Effort) program which provides the homeless and disadvantaged with a way to talk to their families and friends during the Christmas holidays.

Homeless and disadvantaged individuals will be allowed to make free long-distance calls to family members and friends anywhere in the continental United States from noon to 1 p.m. Friday at the Salvation Army dinner at 348 Fourth Ave. N., and from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at St. Edwards Church community dinner at 152 Seventh Ave. E. in Twin Falls.

Sheriff's office hosts dinners for seniors

JEROME - The Jerome County Sheriff's Office will host Christmas dinners in area senior centers today and Friday.

Dinner will be served at noon today at the Silver and Gold Senior Center in Eden.

Another dinner will be held at noon Friday at the Jerome Senior Center.

Troopers, deputies will watch for drunk drivers

TWIN FALLS - Magic Valley law enforcement will beef up patrols for drunk and drugged drivers this holiday season, an Idaho State Police trooper said.

"If you get caught driving drunk, plan on going to jail," trooper Keith Thompson said.

Law officers nationwide are observing "Three-D" month in December. That stands for "drunk and drugged driving," he said. Studies show December is the worst month for DUI, he said.

The newest studies available to the ISP - from 1997 - show that auto accidents killed 259 people, injured 14,133 and cost more than \$1 billion that year, he said. About 40 percent of those accidents were alcohol or drug related, Thompson said.

A 200-pound man who drank three beers in an hour would be "right on the borderline" of going over Idaho's legal blood-alcohol content limit of .08 percent, he said.

Thompson also offered some general safety tips for holiday driving.

- Use common sense. "Don't overestimate your driving ability or the driving ability of the people around you."
- If the weather is extreme and roads are bad, don't drive unless you really need to.
- Keep extra clothing, blankets, food and water in your car. If your vehicle breaks down or runs out of gas in an isolated area, stay with it. It will be much easier for emergency personnel to find you, and your chances of survival in extreme weather will be much greater.
- Slow down.
- Seat belts and child safety restraints are "the most important thing of all," Thompson said.

Compiled from staff reports

Flu shots become available

By Aaron Brock
Times-News writer

RUPERT - The South Central District Health Department is now offering flu shots to the general public.

Until last week, only high-risk people - those over 65 years of age or people with chronic health conditions - had been able to get a flu shot, said Mary Belle Anderson, a public health nurse in the Gooding office.

There hasn't been a big increase in vaccine brought into the Magic Valley, but most of those at high risk have been treated, said district public relations coordinator Monie Smith.

"It looks like we've vaccinated as many of the high-risk people as wanted to be vaccinated," Smith said. "We are now opening our doors to everyone."

At this point, the district is confident that it has enough

More Information

South Central District Health Department flu shot schedule:
Burley: 4 to 6:30 p.m. today
Gooding: 2 to 4 p.m. Tuesday, or by appointment
Halley: 1 to 4 p.m. Tuesday
Jerome: 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 3:30 p.m. today
Rupert: 2 to 4 p.m. Thursday
Shoshone: The date for immunizations hasn't been scheduled
Twin Falls: 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Wednesday by appointment, and from

1 to 6 p.m. Wednesday.
For information about the availability of flu shots in your area, or to set up an appointment, contact the South Central District Health Department office in your area.
Burley: 678-8221
Gooding: 934-4477
Halley: 788-4335
Jerome: 324-8838
Rupert: 436-7185
Shoshone: 886-7663
Twin Falls: 734-5900

vaccine to immunize everyone who wishes to be treated, she said.

With the exception of the Shoshone office, where the next vaccination date hasn't been scheduled, all the area offices are giving flu shots during the next week.

Smith said now is a good time

to get immunized because the next few months are the peak of the flu season and it typically takes about two weeks after receiving the flu shot to build up an immunity.

"A flu vaccine is considered helpful, even if you get it as late as January of February," she said.



Joanne Judd, left, gets a flu shot from public health nurse Lisa Klamm Wednesday in Rupert. Branches of the South Central District Health Department are now administering influenza vaccinations to anyone who wants them.

There was great demand for the flu shots earlier this month, said Lisa Klamm, a public health nurse in Rupert. She said that in one session in early December, she gave 116 flu shots in just over an hour. But most of the people who

really want one or need one have been treated, she said. She said only 31 people were immunized at a flu shot clinic in Rupert Wednesday.

"I think basically we've hit the high-risk (people)," Klamm said.

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Michael Young, emergency services administrator for the Red Cross in the Magic Valley, Blaine County and the Jackpot area, dressed up as Santa Claus Wednesday morning and delivered presents to families staying at the Super 7 Motel in Twin Falls after losing their homes in fires. Above, Young delivers gifts to Brenda and Dale Finley and family. The Finleys lost their home in Shoshone in a fire a week ago.

Committee helps determine future of Twin Falls hospital

By Brandon Fiala
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - A citizens committee will consider whether the county's hospital should sever ties with the county and become a private nonprofit organization.

The committee will consider the effects of changing Magic Valley Regional Medical Center to a 501(c)3, a nonprofit organization recognized by the Internal Revenue Service.

The move could make it easier for the hospital to negotiate with other hospitals, but could limit public discussion of some hospital operations.

"What we recommend is probably what will happen," said Dr. Craig Bennett, a committee member and former Magic Valley Regional hospital board chairman.

The 13-member committee was appointed by county commissioners, based on recommendations from the hospital board and commissioners, said Shawn Barigar, the hospital's spokesman.

The committee will make a recommendation to the hospital board. The board will deliberate.

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Craig urges investigation into Idaho's energy prices

By Megan Scully
States News Service

WASHINGTON - As Idaho residents brace themselves for harsh winter weather and even harsher heating bills, Sen. Larry Craig and other Republican senators are urging the administration to prevent further natural gas price hikes.

In Idaho, natural gas prices are estimated to have increased by between 10 and 30 percent over the last year, making it difficult for families on limited budgets to adequately heat their homes, Craig's office said.

"The problem developed through the country and is placing a very large strain on Idaho," Craig spokesman Will Hart said. "Now, we are in the midst of a cold winter and it is hitting the pocketbooks of folks on fixed incomes."

Craig and other Republican members of the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, who have long been at odds with the current administration's energy policy, penned a letter to President Clinton last week imploring him to put an end to escalating

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Council revises noise ordinance

By Karen Bossick
Times-News correspondent

KETCHUM - Ketchum tourists and residents will be able to sit out on the patio this summer and listen to the crickets chirping instead of the clanging of a pile driver.

The Ketchum City Council revised its noise ordinance this week, cutting noise from construction off at 7 p.m.

The city's 1980 noise ordinance allowed construction activity

from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays.

The revised ordinance allows hammering from construction to take place from 7:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday and, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday. Especially noisy machinery, such as pile drivers, are permitted between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. on weekdays only.

The idea was to give residents and tourists an opportunity to enjoy summer evenings without the banging and hammering that

accompanies Ketchum's busy construction trade.

Allowing it to start a half-hour earlier is a concession to construction workers. It's also hoped that the revision will prompt construction workers to travel to Ketchum earlier in the morning, alleviating some of the Highway 75 gridlock during the morning commute.

"We're trying to keep the breakfast and dinner hours

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The Ketchum City Council originally extended its noise ordinance into evening hours to accommodate the short building season in the mountain community. But now construction continues through the winter.

Legislature sniffs out bad odor

By Michael Joume
Times-News writer

Dairies stink and something needs to be done about it. That's what the milk industry will hear when the 2001 Legislature convenes this spring.

It's not news to the industry. Dairymen know there's a problem. They've heard the complaints from neighbors for years. But now instead dragging their heels on finding a solution, they want lawmakers to give them a year to find a solution - one that won't break dairymen.

But Lewis Eilers, lobbyist for the Idaho Dairymen's Association, recognizes it may be too late to hope for a reprieve to solve the problem themselves.

Dairy stink has become a hot political football in the valley - one that almost ousted an incumbent Twin Falls County commissioner and could become an albatross around state lawmakers' necks if they fail to act.

In November, environmental activist Bill Chisholm nearly beat incumbent Republican Gary Grindstaff for a seat on the Twin Falls County Board of Commissioners wielding the furor created by western Twin Falls County's high concentration of dairies as his main plank.

Grindstaff said the commission was unable to do anything about the problem. The state held all the cards in dealing with unruly dairies, they argued.

Just exactly who can regulate dairies, and by what measure you judge them, has become the central issue. Local leaders are looking to the Legislature to straighten the mess out in 2001.

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Crime rate rises in Boise

BOISE (AP) - The number of serious crimes in Boise is on the rise this year, according to new FBI statistics. Crimes such as aggravated assault, arson and theft occurred at a higher rate in the first six months of this year than in the same period during 1999. Between January and June 2000, there were 447 more serious crimes reported than during the same time period in 1999, according to the report compiled by the FBI on all cities with populations of more than 100,000. Boise Police Chief Don Pierce

said he suspects the crime rates have risen to 1998 levels after an unusually low year in 1999. "The shorter period of time you look at, the less meaningful those statistics are," he said. "The study looks at murder, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny/theft, motor vehicle theft and arson. Boise showed an increase in all those categories except murder and robbery, with the biggest gains in aggravated assault and arson, which almost doubled. "I don't think we have done much that would have caused

those stats to change as much as they have, but I think there are a number of possibilities why the aggravated assaults are up," said Pierce. He cited the department's emphasis on enforcing the state domestic violence laws. If someone is injured in a domestic dispute, a felony is charged. He also said another factor may be an increase in the number of "after hours" clubs operating downtown, where minors and over-21-year-old patrons are mixing in the same environment after alcohol sales are cut off at 2 a.m.

Council annexes 160 acres

By Dixie Thomas Reale Times-News correspondent JEROME - The Jerome City Council Tuesday annexed around 160 acres in city limits, despite residents' objections. And controversy continued to simmer around one annexation. Residents of 16th Avenue East, opposed to annexing 82 acres northeast of the city, Monday asked the planning and zoning commission to stop the council from annexing the ground. And when planners turned them down, the residents appeared again at the City Council public hearing Tuesday. Planning and zoning commission chair Eric Steiger and chairman Bill Allred told the standing-room-only crowd that planning and zoning had no authority to stop the annexation, and could only deal with zoning issues related to the proposed annexations.

The parcel is bordered on the west by North Lincoln Street and on the east by North Davis Street and North Fillmore Street. The parcel is bordered on the north by 16th Avenue East and on the south by Mountain View Drive and Teton Drive. Residents did get some concessions - aimed at minimizing the costs of annexation and preserving the area's use. A \$1,500 sewer hookup fee is being waived for one year from the date of annexation. Area residents - such as Tamara Katzer, 322 16th Ave. E. - questioned whether residents could come up with the estimated \$5,000 needed to install pipes and hook up to the city sewer system. Travis Rotherwell, Jerome's assistant city administrator, said the annexed land would be zoned according to current use, and the grandfathered rights

would cease only if the language changes. Residents such as Chuck Warren, 519 16th Ave. E. - placed livestock on the open, undeveloped parcel and worried whether land use would be grandfathered. Warren's horses on his acre in the summer, and his children raise 4-H lambs for the fair. Attorney John Lothgath questioned whether the city could legally waive sewer hookup fees or larger without the owner's permission. The council excluded those contested acreages more than five acres in size from annexation, until the legal question could be resolved. A meeting has been scheduled for 5 p.m. today, to discuss the issue. Times-News correspondent Dixie Thomas Reale can be reached in Jerome at 324-3670.

SERVICES

Maria Goitandia of Ketchum, Mass of Christian burial at 11 a.m. today at Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church.

Harriet Bernice Clibborn of Twin Falls, services at 11 a.m. today at the Howe-Robertson Funeral Home in Jerome.

Martin Bud' Gorton of Jerome, memorial services at 1 p.m. today at the Farnsworth Mortuary Chapel, 1343 S. Lincoln in Jerome.

James S. Martin of Pocatello and formerly of Twin Falls, Mass at 1 p.m. Friday at St. Anthony's Parish in Pocatello (St. Donald's Hansen Funeral Home in Pocatello).

Croela Pearl Core of Thornton,

Colo. and formerly of Burley, graveside service at 2 p.m. Friday at the Pleasant View Cemetery in Burley (Payne Mortuary in Burley).

Dorothy Colleen Hruza of Rupert, services at 11 a.m. Friday at Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel. Friends and family may call from 6-8 p.m. today and one hour before services on Friday at

Darwin Neibaur RUPERT - Darwin Neibaur, 73, of Rupert, died Wednesday, Dec. 20, 2000, at Cassia Regional Medical Center in Burley. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 23, 2000, at

the chapel.

Mickla Delgado, infant daughter of Julene and David Delgado of Burley, graveside services at 1 p.m. Friday in Boise.

Mabel Bonnie Lee Austin of Wendell, memorial services at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Demaray Funeral Chapel, 164 E. Main in Wendell.

DEATH NOTICE

MAGIC VALLEY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER Some names are omitted at the patient's request Admitted Anna Stone of Jerome, Clarence Tews of Jerome, Valerie Whitehead of Twin Falls, Kaye Gussenhoven of Bulli Dismissed Rachel Vega of Bulli

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the Paul LDS Stake Center. Burial will follow in the Paul Cemetery. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. at Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel and one hour before the services on Saturday at the church.

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OBITUARIES

DECLO 19 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren and five siblings, Larry (Shirley) Stevens of Saracruz, Utah, Deco Burton of Los Angeles, Calif., Jonnes (DeVaux) Anderson of Pocatello, Karen Stevens of Declo and Rose Stevens of Declo. He was proceeded in death by his father Robert L. Stevens and one grandson. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 23, 2000, at the Declo Stake Center with Bishop Neil Harger officiating. Friends and family may call Friday evening from 6-8 p.m. at Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel, 321 E. Main and one hour prior to services at the church. Burial will follow at the Declo Cemetery.

RUPERT Ernest 'Ernie' B. Pasborg Ernest 'Ernie' B. Pasborg, 88, of Glens Ferry, died Sunday, Dec. 17, 2000, at a Boise care center. Memorial services will be held at 1 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 21, at Our Lady of Limerick Catholic Church in Glens Ferry. Inurnment will follow at the Glens Ferry Cemetery. Arrangements under the direction of Summers Funeral Homes; McMurry Chapel in Mountain Home. Ernie was born on May 30, 1912, in Lamar, Colo., the son of James A. and Emma (Zeeman) Pasborg. He married Ina Josephine Rice in 1934, they had 66 wonderful years together. They raised their six children in the same home they bought right after World War II. Ernie and Ina had bedrooms as the family grew. Ernie was a freight conductor for the Union Pacific Railroad until his retirement in 1975, following nearly 40 years of faithful service. He enjoyed the outdoors and spent his spare time hunting, fishing, and working with wood. He had a special gift with the lathe - a hand carving tools, and he created the massive altars at Our Lady of Limerick Catholic Church in Glens Ferry amongst other pieces of furniture. Ernie is survived by his loving wife, Ina J. Pasborg of Glens Ferry; sons, Ernest A. Pasborg and his wife Bonnie of Minneapolis, Minn., and Ernest R. Pasborg of Boak Spring, Wyo.; daughters, Patricia K. Crisico and her husband Michael of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Jill M. Wood of Boise; a brother Francis Pasborg of Hartford, Conn.; two grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers.

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Robert A. Stevens Robert A. Stevens, a 62-year-old Declo resident, died Dec. 19, 2000, at the Cassia Medical Center in Burley, Idaho. He was born May 25, 1938, in Los Angeles, Calif. to Iris Mahala Shupley, and Robert Lavon Stevens. He family moved from California in 1946, where he has lived ever since. Robert graduated from Declo High School in 1956, and went to Utah State University for one year. He later attended the national meat cutters school in Toledo, Ohio, and shortly afterwards managed the meat department for the Economy Cash Store in American Falls. He married Bonnie Darrington, and they were later divorced. Bob farmed with his Dad, and worked at the Amalgamated Sugar Firm. He was involved in 4-H, and was the state farmer in FFA. He enjoyed chariot and horse racing and cutting racing, and won many trophies. He had been a state finalist and County horse races for many years. Island Park was his favorite get-away where he enjoyed fly fishing. Bob was also very good at leather work and created many beautiful belts and wallets. Robert was active in the LDS church and was a counselor in the high priest group. He had been a scout master and Sunday School and mutual teacher. He loved spending time with his grandchildren and family. He is survived by his wife, Judy Stevens of Declo; his mother Ina Stevens of Declo, and one daughter Dorothy (Kevin) Burgess of Hurricane, Utah; 11 step-children, Shawn (Jill) Zollinger of Oakley, (Jill) Elizabeth of Oakley, Jerry (Sara) Zollinger of Oakley, Jo Dean (Ed) Foreman of Rupert, Jackie (Graham) Omoh of Gooding, Tara Loveland of Declo, Stacy Allred of Ketchum, Steve Anderson of Ketchum, Greg Anderson of Ketchum, Sherry (Kirk) Southern of Malta, and Kyle Knopp of Japan;

Lorin Dee Walker Lorin Dee Walker, 60-year-old Rupert resident, passed away peacefully in his sleep Sunday, Dec. 17, 2000, in Castro Valley, Calif. He was born Sept. 11, 1940 in Aecquia, Idaho, the son of Kenneth E. and Dorothy M. Walker. Our special Lorin was one of those rare individuals who was liked by everyone whom he came in contact with. He worked all of his life as a carpenter, at the time of his death he was working for Agri Systems in Madera, California. He was a very loyal and dedicated employee and foreman for Agri Systems. He was a avid fisherman, a lover of all sports and a Jack of all trades. He was always ready for any mental challenge. He was a member of the United First Methodist Church in Rupert. He was a loving husband and partner of Dolores Walker for twenty-five years. Lorin was a cherished grandfather. We will miss you sweetheart, dad, grandpa, great-grandpa. He is survived by his wife Dolores of Rupert; one son, Monte Wade Walker of Madera, Calif.; one daughter, Melody Rawson of West Linn, Ore.; two brothers, Lewis Walker a twin brother of South

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Glens Ferry Ernest 'Ernie' B. Pasborg Ernest 'Ernie' B. Pasborg, 88, of Glens Ferry, died Sunday, Dec. 17, 2000, at a Boise care center. Memorial services will be held at 1 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 21, at Our Lady of Limerick Catholic Church in Glens Ferry. Inurnment will follow at the Glens Ferry Cemetery. Arrangements under the direction of Summers Funeral Homes; McMurry Chapel in Mountain Home. Ernie was born on May 30, 1912, in Lamar, Colo., the son of James A. and Emma (Zeeman) Pasborg. He married Ina Josephine Rice in 1934, they had 66 wonderful years together. They raised their six children in the same home they bought right after World War II. Ernie and Ina had bedrooms as the family grew. Ernie was a freight conductor for the Union Pacific Railroad until his retirement in 1975, following nearly 40 years of faithful service. He enjoyed the outdoors and spent his spare time hunting, fishing, and working with wood. He had a special gift with the lathe - a hand carving tools, and he created the massive altars at Our Lady of Limerick Catholic Church in Glens Ferry amongst other pieces of furniture. Ernie is survived by his loving wife, Ina J. Pasborg of Glens Ferry; sons, Ernest A. Pasborg and his wife Bonnie of Minneapolis, Minn., and Ernest R. Pasborg of Boak Spring, Wyo.; daughters, Patricia K. Crisico and her husband Michael of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Jill M. Wood of Boise; a brother Francis Pasborg of Hartford, Conn.; two grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers.

Dog attacks on cats anger residents

By Lorraine Cavener Times-News correspondent SHOSHONE - A Shoshone man was awakened in the middle of the night last week by what he could only describe as a "blood-curdling scream of death" coming from his cat. By the time Bill Trapp ran out into the snow, brandishing a pistol, it was too late, he told the City Council Tuesday. His cat was dead and the dog, which he said belonged to one of his neighbors, was gone. "I don't want to kill somebody's dog, but I would have Thursday morning," he said. Packs of dogs running loose in the middle of the night have been terrorizing neighborhood cats for some time now, Trapp said. "The dog went in my garage and slaughtered them," he said, his voice choked with emotion. "He ripped little Blackie to pieces."

More Information A public hearing to discuss kennel fees and fines for owners of dogs running loose will be held at 7 p.m. Jan. 2 at Shoshone City Hall. Planning and zoning variance application fees, conditional use application fees and water and sewer connection fees will also be discussed.

actively. Fines for dogs running at large could go up as high as \$300 and owners could receive jail time, Haught said. "We need to enforce it," he said. The dog issue will be discussed again in a public hearing Jan. 2. Also Tuesday, the City Council discussed the problem of abandoned vehicles. Shoshone resident Phillip Vaught said he has been trying to sell a house owned by a relative at Third and Beverly streets. He said a prospective buyer decided not to buy the house because of the number of abandoned cars in the neighborhood. Haught said the problem of abandoned cars is so out of control that criminal charges might be filed. Vaught said he's talked to a number of people and told them if the vehicles were not moved the city would tow them. Some people who are issued warnings simply move the cars from the street to their yards, said Councilman J.R. Churchman. In other business Tuesday, the city and the Wood River Fire District signed a two-year contract to commence sharing a building. The fire district will look into other facility options during the next two years. Times-News correspondent Lorraine Cavener can be reached at the Mini-Cassia Bureau at 677-4042.

Trapp wasn't the only resident who has lost a pet. "They got my cat right by the back door," Shoshone resident Carol Lewin. Councilman Dale Sluder said one of his cats he is attacked on the same night. "We're going to have to do something drastic," he said. "I'm like a dog on the prowl." He suggested offering bounties to reward dogs at large. Mayor Kenneth Haught suggested an ordinance be passed to allow people to shoot the dogs with pellet guns.

The police have not been doing their job," Haught said. But Police Chief Robert Quiroga said the police are trying to do what they are letting their dogs out at night. "We think we know who these dogs belong to," he said. "We have not been able to catch up to them." Once police are able to find out who the dog's owners are, citations will be issued, he said. One woman has already received a citation and will have to appear in court, he said. Quiroga said some of the dogs running at large were dumped off in Shoshone by their owners. "I've seen a dog on the street and a part-time dogcatcher who was paid \$300 a month, Haught said. He suggested the city advertise for a new part-time dogcatcher. Facilities for keeping dogs, which consist of a couple small pens, are inadequate, he said. "It's a real concern about having a facility at one time, but no decision was made. He told Quiroga to purchase a couple more pens and to have officers enforce the dog ordinance more

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Traffic light might go up at school

By Dixie Thomas Reale Times-News correspondent JEROME - The intersection in front of Jerome High School might get a traffic light. The City Council on Tuesday approved Sunrise Engineering of Boise to do a \$3,000 warrant order for the intersection of East Main Street and Tiger Drive. City Engineer Scott Bybee said the study will be completed in 90 days and will determine if a light is needed at the intersection. If so, the city will be put on the Department list to get a traffic light. Traffic lights cost about \$150,000 and if the ITD approves the light, it will share the cost. Fire Chief Jim Auclair said the school is occupied until midnight many nights of the week so traffic is a concern after hours as

well as during school hours. The council was talking about having a crossing guard or police officer direct traffic at the intersection during the busy times of the day. Police Chief Bill Reid said the traffic flow in the area of the school was a problem. "If it needs to be redesigned," Reid said. "Three traffic sources are all trying to merge into one lane of traffic." The school parking lot has two exits and the subdivision across from the school has an exit road, Reid said. Also Tuesday, the council approved the lease of three 2000 Ford Crown Victorias for use as police patrol vehicles. The three automobiles will cost \$26,175 a year for three years. At the end of the three years the city can purchase the vehicles for \$1 each.

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Opponents organize against religion law

BOISE (AP) - Eight months after Gov. Dirk Kempthorne signed his year's most controversial bill into law, opponents are trying to repeal the Free Exercise of Religion Act or at least amend it to death before it takes effect. Religious leaders and politicians have profound disagreements on what the new law will allow and how it will be enforced. Opponents will not be settled before the Legislature convenes Jan. 5. Supporters say Idaho's version of the law, like those passed or being considered in other states, only restores First Amendment rights to such "compelling government interests" as protecting basic civil rights. Opponents say the new law will allow violations of civil rights under the guise of exercising religious belief.

"We'll have legislation to repeal it," Senate Education Committee Chairman Gary Schroeder said. Senate Health and Welfare Committee Chairman Grant Ipsen, one of the bill's lead sponsors, said opponents lack the votes to kill the bill. The Boise Republican said critics represent little more than a "religion-based" political agenda. "It's taken us 200 years to get where we're at with regard to equal protection regardless of skin color and whatnot. My philosophy with regards to civil rights is that I'm not willing to go back. Not one inch," Schroeder said. Ipsen denied any rights would be lost. He said the law would not condone trampling on civil rights, and the courts would never allow it. "If there is any problem with this law, you can't sue it. It will be the first to lead the charge to change it," Ipsen said. He hasn't caused any problems in other states, we don't think it will cause any problems here."

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WATCH YOUR HEAD



Joe Ottiga, left, and his father, Luis Martinez, build storage rooms Thursday in the attic of the Head Start office in Burley.

Cassia prosecutor names new deputy

By Ruth Streeter
Times-News writer

BURLEY — It took Blaine Cannon less than two years as a Mini-Cassia public defender to make his way into the Cassia County prosecuting attorney's office.

Cannon will be stepping into big shoes, those of departing deputy Howard Smyser. In January, after 20 years as prosecutor, Smyser will become a 5th District magistrate judge in Twin Falls.

But Cassia County Prosecutor Al Barrus is confident that

Cannon's experience and enthusiasm qualifies him for the job of prosecuting felonies.

"He's excited about being a prosecutor and he's got the skills we're looking for," Barrus said.

Cannon, 31, sees the position as an opportunity to grow in his profession and the looks forward to watching the wheels of justice turn from the other side.

"I think I was just looking for new challenges and new opportunities," Cannon said about his desire to seek the post.

Originally from Shelley, Cannon spent one year as Minidoka County's deputy public

defender, then six months as a part-time deputy public defender on both sides of the Snake River. Only in August did he become a full-time deputy public defender for Cassia County.

Cannon was one of six candidates to apply for the job, and one of three Burley finalists to snag an interview. Barrus selected Cannon for the job last week and county commissioners approved the decision.

Cannon's \$37,000 annual salary will increase to about \$40,000 when he takes over Jan. 2, 2001.

The traits a good public defender should have to the prosecu-

tor's office is their thorough knowledge of criminal law and their perspective of fairness, Barrus said.

Barrus anticipates some initial conflicts will prevent Cannon from prosecuting certain cases because it would mean prosecuting his former clients. But the prosecutor's office will be able to work through those conflicts, Barrus said.

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Hospital

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When go before county commissioners who will have the final say, Bennett said.

Committee meetings will be scheduled in early 2001, said Doug Vollmer, committee co-chairman.

"We'll probably have at least three meetings to go through the process," he said.
The committee already met once in November to hear a consultant talk about other hospitals, he said.

The committee could reach a decision by May, 2001, said Carl Snow, committee co-chairman.
"It will probably take two or three months to get a good start," he said.

If the hospital were to make the change, the county would regain ownership of the hospital building, which the hospital would lease. The hospital would be governed by a hospital board.
"The lease probably wouldn't be very large, more of a token," Bennett said. "But there wouldn't be potential liability if the hospital ran a deficit."

The hospital is now a 517, a different kind of nonprofit organization recognized by the Internal Revenue Service, Bangar said.

Here are some possible benefits and drawbacks:

• **Benefits** — A change to 501C3 status could improve health care by attracting new doctors. Hospital salaries are in the public domain, which can suppress them, Bennett said.
"We heard about a hospital in Texas that had the same problem," he said. "They wanted to get a certain technician, but were limited how much they could offer because of public knowledge, whereas a private hospital could offer whatever it took to get the person."

• **Drawbacks** — The hospital could get equipment faster.
"Physicians generally have a bad view of public hospitals because they can't get new services and equipment promptly," Bennett said.

Craig

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"We are writing to respectfully urge that you review all remaining executive actions of the administration to ensure that no exacerbate the current problem of skyrocketing natural gas prices," the letter said.

According to committee members, much of the problem lies in the administration's push for increased use of natural gas as a clean fuel alternative. The result, they said, was a demand for natural gas that increased at a rate faster than North American suppliers could meet.

"That imbalance is now reflected in record high natural gas prices for residential and commercial consumers, and may lead to extreme hardship for many Americans in coming months," the letter said.

Noise

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Butler, manager for Lift Tower Lodge, was unhappy that the council had allowed construction workers to start hammering earlier in the morning.

"People pay over \$100 for a room and they don't get to wake up to a jackhammer," he said.
Butler said he lost clients this summer because of the construction taking place behind the lodge. He cited one case where

More information

Members of the hospital citizens committee include:

- Paul Smith — Attorney, former judge, Twin Falls.
- Brad Perkins — Co-owner of Community True Value Hardware Store in Murtaugh, Murtaugh.
- Scott Martin — Sales and marketing representative at Twin Falls Title and Escrow Co., Twin Falls.
- Terry Kramer — Farmer, also works with the Casestoff Quick Response Unit, Casestoff.
- Dr. Craig Bennett — Former Magic Valley Regional hospital board chairman, Burley.
- Haggl Machala — South Central District Health Department community health director, Twin Falls.

- Benny Blick — Farmer, commissioner on the Idaho Potato Commission, Castletown.
- Barbara Gletzen — Buhl Mayor, Buhl.
- Curtis H. Eaton — Banker, member of State Board of Education, Twin Falls.
- Alan Homer — First Federal CEO and president, Twin Falls.
- Doug Vollmer — Real estate developer/insurer, former mayor, Twin Falls.
- Carl Snow — Former school administrator, Twin Falls.
- Dr. David McCluskey — Surgeon, co-owner of Twin Falls Clinic & Hospital, Twin Falls.

If a doctor needs a new piece of equipment, it must be approved by a series of committees, he said.

"In a private hospital, the doctor could demonstrate the cost-effectiveness of the equipment and get it approved much faster," Bennett said.

The hospital also could partner with other hospitals, which are often wary to work with a public hospital, Vollmer said.

Another benefit is a release of financial liability. Since the county owns the hospital, the county must make up for hospital deficits, Bennett said. The hospital hasn't used taxpayer money for about 20 years, but that could change, especially if the hospital gets new competition.

"Many county hospitals throughout the nation have to be subsidized," Bennett said.

• **Drawbacks** — The community might lose some control. The hospital board would initially consist of current members, but the board would start appointing new members. Now, county commissioners appoint members, Bennett said.

"The board would no longer work for the county commission-

ers, who were basically their boss," he said.

The public would no longer have access to some meetings, staff salaries and other hospital business.

But there are many ways to oversee the hospital board, which could be written into a lease agreement. For example, a county commissioner could be appointed a board member, or commissioners could put a clause in the lease allowing them to take back ownership if dissatisfied, Bangar said.

"The board has to answer to someone besides themselves," Vollmer said. "I would prefer to see an advisory board to act as a watchdog over the board."

The advisory board would be made up of people throughout the region, but Vollmer said he didn't know how members would be selected.

"At this time, we're looking at the good points," Snow said. "I don't foresee anything in the future that would be negative, but as we learn more we'll probably find something."

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Craig and other senators said they recognize that a solution to the natural gas shortage will take time and will involve the next administration and the incoming Congress.

"Unfortunately this administration has been asleep at the switch," Hart said. "Most of the things we need to see will come after this administration leaves office."

In an interview Tuesday on ABC's "Good Morning America," Energy Secretary Bill Richardson said the outlook for gas prices is not as stark as the picture Republicans paint.

"Through President Clinton's policies, we now have gasoline prices two cents less than last week [and] 22 cents less in the last month since Halloween," Richardson said.

On the international front,

Richardson said OPEC's production and crude oil prices, which hit a 10-year high in October, have decreased in the last week.

Despite what Richardson considers to be a "positive trend," President-elect George W. Bush told Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan and congressional leaders Monday that the country is facing an energy crisis and that he will move quickly to avoid shortages and price hikes.

Richardson said he was "glad" Bush is focusing on energy and said he encourages him to view the whole picture.

"I think what President-elect Bush needs to do is focus not just on supply, but also on demand — on energy efficiency, on conservation, on ensuring that, yes, we need to drill more oil and gas in the country, in the United States," Richardson said.

college students came up from Boise to spend a quiet weekend away from the dorm studying. They checked out the next day because of the construction noise.

Potters said the ordinance can always be amended later if this attempt doesn't do the job.

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Court says livestock owners have responsibility to motorists

HELENA, Mont. (AP) — In a decision that shatters Old West tradition, Montana's Supreme Court ruled Wednesday that people who graze cattle on the open range may be held responsible for collisions between their cows and passing cars.

Since ranchers and motorists have an equal right to use a highway in areas considered open range, each group has a duty to use roads in a way that does not interfere with the other, the court said.

The 5-2 decision overturned a 1967 ruling by the high court that found the open-range doctrine meant livestock owners had

absolutely no responsibility to motorists.

Justice Karla Gray and Chief Justice Jean Turnage dissented. They said the majority ruling "sweeps away decades of precedent" and ignores open-range laws that specifically absolve livestock owners of blame for accidents.

The ruling came in a lawsuit filed by a woman whose vehicle crashed into a bull on a rural road near Billings more than seven years ago.

Mary Larson-Murphy was driving at night on the county road when her auto crested a hill and slammed into an Angus bull

standing in the middle of the road.

The animal rolled onto the hood of the vehicle and crashed through the windshield into Murphy, severely injuring her.

The bull, which had escaped from two enclosures, belonged to Edwin, Violet and Darin Steiner. They had leased the pasture from August Zancanella.

Murphy sued the Steiners and Zancanella, claiming they were negligent in allowing the bull to escape and in maintaining the property to prevent that from happening. District Judge Diane Barz rejected her case, and Murphy appealed.

Former teacher pleads guilty to drug charges

BOCATTELLO (AP) — Former Blackfoot High School teacher Arfen Coronado pleaded guilty on Wednesday to selling methamphetamine.

Chief U.S. District Judge B. Lynn Winnill will sentence Coronado in March.

Coronado, 30, earlier this week missed his hearing on a

plea agreement. He was reportedly at work in Idaho Falls, unaware that he had to personally appear in court since he had signed the plea bargain last week.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Mike Fica said the government would reduce the charges against Coronado, who currently faces

up to a year in prison, in return for a guilty plea that avoids a trial.

Between August and September, police arranged for a confidential informant to make four drug buys from Coronado, according to court documents. The largest was for \$5,400 worth of methamphetamine in September.

Odor

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will be the answer, but finding out for sure will take time — time Eilers himself recognizes might not be there.

"If they give us a year's time, we can solve how we can build those facilities and make them work," he said. "But I'm not so sure people are willing to wait that long."

The Grindstaff-Chisholm race was a wake-up call not only to Grindstaff, but the traditionally pro-agricultural and the agricultural community itself. Even the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce, which seldom publicly favors regulation of business in the region, is calling for something to be done to curb the problem. The lure of the valley's much touted quality of life is getting a stinky reputation.

"Some legislators have made promises that they will fix the problem," Eilers said. "And we've got the county commissioners in Twin Falls County sitting here frothing at the mouth because they can't do anything until we find some kind of regulation. So the pressure is on."

Rep. Doug Jones, R-Filer, chairman of the House Agricultural Affairs Committee, bears out Eilers' political assessment of the situation.

"I don't think there's a question that it has to be dealt with," Jones said. "I'm not sure the pub-

lic will allow us to hold off for a year as the (dairymen) want. They want something done and they want it now."

Jones said the solution hinges on three things — ensuring the state regulating agency, the Department of Agriculture, has the teeth it needs to punish offenders, finding a measure by which to judge the dairies, and making sure counties are involved in the process throughout.

Currently the Department of Agriculture fines violators of the water quality statutes and rules by taking away so many days of milk production — but that just doesn't provide the incentive some farmers seem to need.

Agencies may need more authority to punish wrongdoers. That could come from new laws or new interagency rules which don't need legislative approval. What will happen is unclear as yet, Jones said.

"There may be enough authority there to determine what it is and when there's a problem but there hasn't been much enforcement authority," Jones said.

Jones said it's possible to use a similar kind of punishment for air quality with the added twist of escalating the punishment for subsequent violations.

Another Magic Valley lawmaker taking a strong interest in the issues is Sen. John Sandy. R-

Hagerman.

Neither Jones nor Sandy want to put dairymen out of business.

"But at some time these intolerable situations have to stop," Sandy said.

But there will be opposition to further regulation of the dairies. The state's business lobby is worried about what industries may be targeted next.

"We're looking for a state solution to a problem that's created on the county level, with planning and zoning," said Brent Olmstead, a lobbyist for the influential Idaho Association of Business and Commerce. With better planning, counties could avoid such conflicts.

Although not outrightly opposed to any legislation, IACI is concerned about what it could mean for the industry, Olmstead said.

"There's so much waste it becomes a very expensive part of doing business to control that odor," Olmstead said.

But a dairy's neighbors have rights too, Jones said. Something needs to be in place to protect them.

"But it's got to have enough teeth to let the rest of the community live as well," he said.

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Cannibal accusations shock community

GREAT FALLS, Mont. (AP) - It was no secret here that police suspected Nathaniel Bar-Jonah in young Zachary Rutz's disappearance four years ago. But the grisly details of investigators' suspicions that emerged this week left the community sickened.



Nathaniel Bar-Jonah

lawyer, Larry LaFontaine, said he would not comment on the case. Cascade County Attorney Brent Light said Bar-Jonah left behind encrypted and incriminating notes deciphered by FBI agents.

According to prosecutors, the former mental patient with a history of assaulting children kidnapped the 10-year-old, raped him, then butchered the boy and fed his remains to unsuspecting neighbors.

Bar-Jonah, in letters this month to a Montana newspaper, denied any involvement in Zachary's 1996 disappearance. He did not enter pleas to murder and kidnapping charges during a hearing Wednesday and was ordered held on \$500,000 bond.

Bar-Jonah's court-appointed

Jonah never held a hunting license, and a search after his arrest found no firearms in his home.

Residents of this wind-swept city of 56,000, a hub of Montana's prime wheat-growing region and home to Malmstrom Air Force Base, were shaken by the allegations. "A friend said this stuff doesn't happen in Great Falls," said Laura Detrick, who lives across the street from the dilapidated apartment building where Zachary lived. "Well, I guess maybe it does. Nobody is exempt."

Detrick still refuses to let her children walk the short distance to elementary school alone. Even with a suspect behind bars, "I haven't loosened the reins at all."

In schools around the city,

teachers and counselors were trying to figure out what to tell students, many of whom heard the news for the first time Wednesday morning.

"There will be some discussions around the supper table and kids will talk to kids," Kuntz said. "We've had staff meetings and talked with teachers and asked them to be aware - if they're seeing changes in behavior, extra stress, quietly make a referral to a counselor."

Authorities say they have strong suspicions there were other victims. Police searching his garage for evidence in Zachary's disappearance turned up tiny bone fragments belonging to a child. DNA tests proved, however, that the bones were not Zachary's. Their identity remains a mystery.

Grant could fund access to water for Idaho residents

ATHOL (AP) - A \$100,000 grant could pay for construction of a co-operated filling station near Farragut State Park for water haulers in rural northern Idaho.

of possible participants, as well as the number of people who would use the station.

Idaho's Department of Environmental Quality and Kootenai County are pursuing the money for the North Kootenai Water District.

Officials will submit the grant application by January. If the state Department of Environmental Quality approves it, construction of the filling station would begin in spring.

So far, though, only 47 of the 80 surveys essential to the grant application have been returned to the Fannhandle Area Council. The surveys outline the income levels

Judy Brownson of Athol said the station would eliminate the need for expensive 30-mile weekly trips to Chilco. She also uses a water-supply service at City Hall in Athol.

Idaho justice favors drug courts

POCATELLO (AP) - Idaho Supreme Court Chief Justice Linda Compton Trout said establishing drug courts in all seven judicial districts is the Supreme Court's highest priority this legislative session.

"Just putting people in jail doesn't work," she told reporters and legislators during a meeting on Tuesday. "We must begin intervening in people's lives before they become entrenched in the system, to keep them out of our overcrowded jails."

Trout said pilot programs in some counties have proven how successful drug courts can be.

A drug court allows judges more control over first-time drug

offenders, sending them through intensive treatment programs to break the cycle of addiction. Supreme Court Justice-elect Daniel Eismann has run the drug court in Ada County during his tenure as a 4th District judge.

Sixth District Judge Randy Smith also expressed support for the courts.

"I know that many of the judges in the court system have felt as if they had very few options for offenders who needed help, not prison time," he said.

"People with drug problems are 90 percent of our case load any more. They are either directly accused because of a drug problem or accused because their

drug problem drove them to break the law." Smith spoke to legislators about the need for state money that could help start and run drug courts in all the judicial districts.

"We're here to get people to change their lives," he said.

"When I came here to be a judge I wanted to do something to help society. My biggest problem is that I keep seeing the same people come through my courtroom."

Trout said the Supreme Court's second priority will be families and children and the creation of programs and assistance within the court system to support them.

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Group says Utah's behind in program

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - While spending by states to better the lives of children under age 6 has grown nationwide by 20 percent since 1998, Utah and three other states made or minimal or no effort, the National Center for Children in Poverty.

The center evaluated new state-sponsored initiatives and spending on programs for children, such as Head Start, kindergarten and day care.

The report said Utah has not funded any new child-development or family-support programs for young children and families during that period.

Roz McGee, executive director of the child advocacy group Utah Children, said, "Utah really needs to take a hard look at this. It's not a big-ticket item, but a lot more effort could go into the child sector and elevate kids higher on the public agenda."

The center, based at Columbia University, said in a report released Wednesday that progress across the states has

been uneven.

Almost two-thirds of the states fund at least one program targeting infants and toddlers and one for preschoolers. States that do not fund any child development or family support programs were Utah, Alabama, South Dakota and Wyoming.

The center used programs as a benchmark because there is a direct correlation between them and success later in school, said Jane Knitzer, the report's co-author and deputy director of the center.

The center, funded by the Ford Foundation and the Carnegie Corp. of New York, said Utah's population profile shows a need for those programs.

There are 234,230 children age 6 and under in Utah. Of those, only 12.9 percent live in poverty, a rate about half that of children in that age group nationwide (23.1 percent).

However, 42.6 percent of Utah children in that age group live in families often referred to as the

working poor - those earning incomes twice the poverty level. Nationally, 46 percent of children are in that category.

Utah has no transition program for children in state-funded Head Start programs and requires school districts to provide only a half day of kindergarten, according to the report. In addition, kindergarten attendance in Utah is voluntary.

Scott Williams, deputy director of the state Department of Health, said a review of welfare and poverty services provided for children from birth to third grade is under way, with a focus on determining what services are available and how they might be more creatively delivered.

The state also provides technical assistance to help the Families, Agencies and Communities Together committee review services to families with multiple health, education and social-service needs that no single agency is in a position to address alone.

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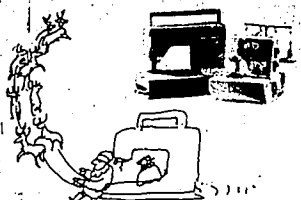
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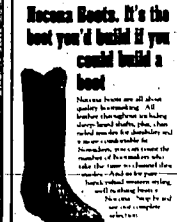
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Spending measure sprinkles money in Idaho, U.S.

WASHINGTON (AP) - When University of Idaho officials wanted help making their jazz history archive available on the Internet, they turned to their state's congressional delegation.

The lawmakers delivered - to the tune of \$700,000 spliced into the massive bill Congress sent to President Clinton before last week's adjournment. And though the amount is a tiny fraction of the bill, which cleared more than \$450 billion in federal spending, it typified a measure that bore hundreds of projects and programs for lawmakers from coast to coast.

"There's nothing new about this," said Carol Cox

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Wait, president of the Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget, which advocates a balanced budget. "We ought to be more frugal."

That's not how the projects' sponsors see it.

The money for the University of Idaho will help make available on the Internet its collection of musical scores, recordings, instruments, clothing and papers of many of the country's top jazz musicians. These include Lionel Hampton - for whom the university's music school and annual jazz festival are named - and other jazz legends Ella Fitzgerald, Dizzy Gillespie and Stan Kenton.

"They are every bit as much a national treasure as collections in such places as the National Archives in Washington, D.C.," said Marty Peterson, assistant to Robert Hoover, the university's president.

The bill was studded with similar projects, such as \$750,000 to refurbish the Turner Joy, the destroyer that reported being attacked in the Gulf of Tonkin in 1964. The incident helped persuade Congress to grant President Johnson broad authority to wage war against North Vietnam. The ship is now a museum in Bremerton, Wash.

Also included is \$213,000 for Marin County, Calif., to study high breast cancer rates in the San Francisco Bay area, and \$6 million to help the University of Tennessee establish a school of government named after former Senate Majority Leader Howard Baker, R-Tenn.

It also carried entire bills that failed to make it through Congress on their own for lack of support or time. These included provisions-letting the Colorado Ute Indian tribes divert water from the Animas and La Plata rivers, and creating a regional agency to spur the Mississippi Delta's economy.

Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., opposed the overall measure in part because he says he counted at least \$1.9 billion in "pork" projects.

"We paved our way home by spending billions of taxpayers' dollars on budget items that never went through a merit-based review process," he said in a written statement.

But Sen. Larry Craig, R-Idaho, defends his project.

"One man's pork is another man's awesome educational tool."

-Will Hart, Sen. Larry Craig, R-Idaho, spokesman

To get the money, school officials worked closely with Craig and other members of Idaho's congressional delegation. Craig is a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee and

one of Congress' most conservative members.

"One man's pork is another man's awesome educational tool, and that's what Sen. Craig believes this program will pro-

vide," said Craig spokesman Will Hart.

Among the masters of the process are Sen. Ted Stevens, R-Alaska, chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, which writes the measures. Stevens' office released a list of several dozen items in the bill worth more than \$200 million to Alaska, including \$500,000 to train Alaskans who have lost timber industry jobs and \$1 million for Bering Sea crab research.

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Transitions team exempt from rules

WASHINGTON (AP) - President-elect Bush and his team are exempt from federal ethics guidelines that keep former senior government employees from doing businesses with their former agencies, two federal offices quietly determined.

The ruling, requested by the Office of Government Ethics and haled down by the Justice Department, determined that to carry out an orderly transition, Bush team members are doing work that is "crucial to the effective operation of our political system" and therefore should be exempt from the rules.

The rules exist to prevent former staff members from influence peddling or monetary gain derived from their relationship with their agency.

Assistant Attorney General Randolph D. Moss who wrote the letter explaining the decision to the ethics office, based the ruling partially on the Webster's Dictionary definition of "candidate."

A candidate is defined by the dictionary as one who is "aspiring to an office." Even after the Senate reads the Electoral College ballots on Jan. 6, Bush will still be a candidate according to the government offices until his inauguration.

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Baltic Sea village celebrates return of long-lost church bell

EMMASTE, Estonia (AP) — The clang of a lone church bell echoes across this forested island hamlet just days before Christmas, not unlike thousands of church bells in towns and cities around the world.

But the sound of this particular bell, which vanished during decades of Nazi and then Soviet rule over Estonia, tugs powerfully on the emotions of Emmaste's 289 residents.

"It's just that we never thought we'd be able to hear it again," said Linda Reinvalta, the 77-year-old widow of the Lutheran Church's pastor, tears welling in her eyes. "It's a miracle that we can."

Today, this village on an island in the Baltic Sea is the picture of peace, with its wooden houses and white-stucco church. An occasional car drives along the street past the single store.

Not so, six decades ago. Estonia, like neighbors Latvia and Lithuania, was overrun by mighty armies during World War II. Soviet troops invaded the Baltic states in 1940. The Nazis, marching from Germany and Poland, threw them out in 1941 and stayed until the Soviets returned, in 1944.

Those were years of genocide, conscription and mass deportations, followed by military occupation. The three small countries



Bell ringer Theodor Pruul, 79, shows the bell tower in Emmaste, Estonia, Sunday.

regained independence only after the 1991 Soviet collapse.

It was in 1943 that Emmaste's church bell disappeared.

The Germans were casting about desperately for anything brass to make into bullets. Car parts, door knobs, even church bells went into the melting pot.

When their bell stopped tolling, villagers assumed the worst. What they didn't know was that six young men had carried out a daring mission to save it.

"We were thinking, 'We just

can't let the Nazis take our church bell,'" said Theodor Pruul, then 21. Now 79, he is one of two survivors of the group.

Telling no one, they crept through a church window, climbed the limestone spire, then pulled, pried and sawed the bell from its wooden frame, Pruul said.

They took care not to strike the bell, which might have alerted Nazi patrols. Anyone caught hoarding brass could have been executed.

Prosecutors seek 10 years for Americans

DARMSTADT, Germany — Prosecutors demanded maximum 10-year sentences Wednesday for three American teenagers facing murder charges in the deaths of two women killed by stones thrown from a highway overpass.

The defendants, all sons of U.S. soldiers stationed in Germany, have been accompanied by the parents in the courtroom during the six days of their trial.

Prosecutor Manfred Vogel told reporters he sought the maximum penalty because the youths kept dropping objects onto passing cars, progressing from a snow shovel and smaller stones to rocks weighing up to 17.5 pounds, and because of the serious consequences of their actions.

The defense delayed its closing statement until Friday to respond to the new prosecution arguments.

Chile's high court throws out Pinochet indictment

SANTIAGO, Chile — Chile's Supreme Court on Wednesday threw out the homicide and kidnapping indictment against former dictator Augusto Pinochet, saying his case was not properly handled.

The five-judge panel voted 4-1 in favor of Pinochet, affirming a

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lower court's decision last week to drop the charges. Justice Humberto Espejo told Radio Bio Bio. The retired general had been charged with organizing the 1973 "Caravan of Death," a military operation that executed 73 political prisoners.

But the decision kept open the possibility for new charges against the 85-year-old former strongman who came to power in a 1973 coup and ruled Chile until 1990.

Dutch parliament legalizes gay marriages, adoptions

AMSTERDAM, Netherlands — The Dutch parliament will begin sifting through tomes of law to expunge phrases like "father and mother" and "man and woman" after legalizing marriage and adoption by gay couples.

Two bills extending equal rights to same-sex couples won endorsement by the upper house on Tuesday after clearing the more powerful lower house in September.

By the time the law takes force next April, the wording of civil codes will be brought into line by

referring to "partners" rather than male-female pairs.

Although several other countries register same-sex couples and some even call them marriages, the Dutch law goes further in eliminating references to gender.

Turkish protesters halt Ferris wheel in London

LONDON — Protesters from Turkey brought the London Eye to a standstill Wednesday by occupying two pods of the giant Ferris wheel, police said.

Police evacuated the Eye of its other passengers as 32 protesters refused to leave the pods. News reports said the protesters were Kurds. Police would not detail their demands.

The Eye, on the south bank of the Thames near the Houses of Parliament, is one of London's tallest structures at 446 feet. It is a popular tourist attraction.

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Mexican volcano quiets after large eruption

CHOLULA, Mexico (AP) — The Popocatepetl volcano outside Mexico City settled into a quiet slumber Wednesday after its biggest eruption in more than a millennium, and volcano experts said the worst appeared to be over.

But a spokeswoman for Mexico's president wouldn't confirm the scientific report, and officials said they would likely keep residents of towns on the volcano's slopes in shelters at least through Christmas.

Shelter directors were making arrangements Wednesday for Christmas celebrations, asking for donations for gifts and pinatas for the children. Evacuees did

their best to turn school classrooms into temporary homes.

"It would be nice to go home to celebrate the birth of Jesus with our families, but at least we are calm and safe here with our children," said 38-year-old Dominga Luna, one of more than 1,000 evacuees from San Nicolas de los Ranchos, a village in the shadow of the volcano.

At the Miguel Aleman School in Cholula, 65 miles southeast of Mexico City, children played on seesaws and monkey bars in a thick, sun-illuminated haze caused by falling ash. Women draped in shawls scrubbed clothes in aluminum wash tubs,

hanging their laundry on makeshift clotheslines and available bushes. Others mopped the floors of their small rooms.

Soldiers manned roadblocks around the villages nearest to the volcano to ward off looters and to keep evacuated residents from returning home too early.

The 17,886-foot Popocatepetl (pronounced poh-poh-kah-TEH-pet-il) sprayed a fountain of hot rock and ash on Monday and Tuesday in the biggest eruption in 1,200 years — a burst that convinced even the most skeptical residents that it was time to flee.

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Seeing the light in the darkness

Human beings have never done darkness well. We use darkness as a symbol for all that is not well in our world.

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And remember the Dark Ages? Not the best few hundred years for humanity.

I've been thinking about darkness because today is the winter solstice, the shortest day of the year. For a lot of us, it marks the end of a long downward spiral into darkness and the beginning of the gradual return of daylight. A pivotal day.

The incremental return of light brings hope and lifts spirits. Winter seems less oppressive, the cold a little less invasive. Light is coming. We're going to make it.

While I welcome the lengthening daylight hours, I'd like to make a case for darkness. Some of the best moments I've had in the outdoors have occurred at night.

I remember running sled dogs with my friend Lloyd Gilbertson on Cherokee Lake one winter night. We had made camp in a grove of cedars and had supper. We took the dogs out for a night run down the lake. We were each driving our own team, and I was following Gilbertson. We were running with our headlamps on until suddenly I lost Gilbertson in the night ahead of me.

He turned on his runners and yelled, "Turn off your headlamp and feel it."

I switched my lamp off. Instantly, the world was larger, no longer defined by a narrow beam of incandescence. Larger and blacker.

But Gilbertson was right. Now I was forced to rely on senses beyond sight. I was aware of every change in the runners, the way the hiss changed as we moved from soft snow to wind-sculpted hardpan. I could feel every subtle rise and fall as the sled rode undulations in the snowpack. I felt liberated, intensely alive and aware.

The secret was in embracing the night, not remaining tethered to the world of artificial light. I thank Gilbertson for revealing that to me.

One of the reasons that darkness is more impressive in the outdoors is that often the night is so much darker. Sixteen miles out on Lake Superior, camping on Stockton Island in the Apostle Islands a few summers ago, I remember looking up and seeing the arc of the Milky Way across the night sky. In our well-lit cities and towns, we rarely get to see that subtle swoosh of stars.

I was talking that night with Ted Gephart, a sailor from Bayfield who charts trips in the Apostles. Gephart said many of his urban clients see the white band that arcs across the top of the sky and mistake it for the northern lights.

"I tell them, 'That's the Milky Way. Take a look at it. That's the galaxy you live in,'" Gephart said.

In lighting up our nights with searchlights and casino searchlights and security lights, we have forgotten our address in the universe.

So many other good nights come to mind. Paddling across pot-hole ponds on the way to duck blinds, looking down into reflected stars. Riding rifles and during seminars on the Black Bull River. Driving a dog team into Fort Rae, Northwest Territories, under an arch of northern lights. Stepping out of a snow house on a January night when the stars seemed low enough to pluck from the sky.

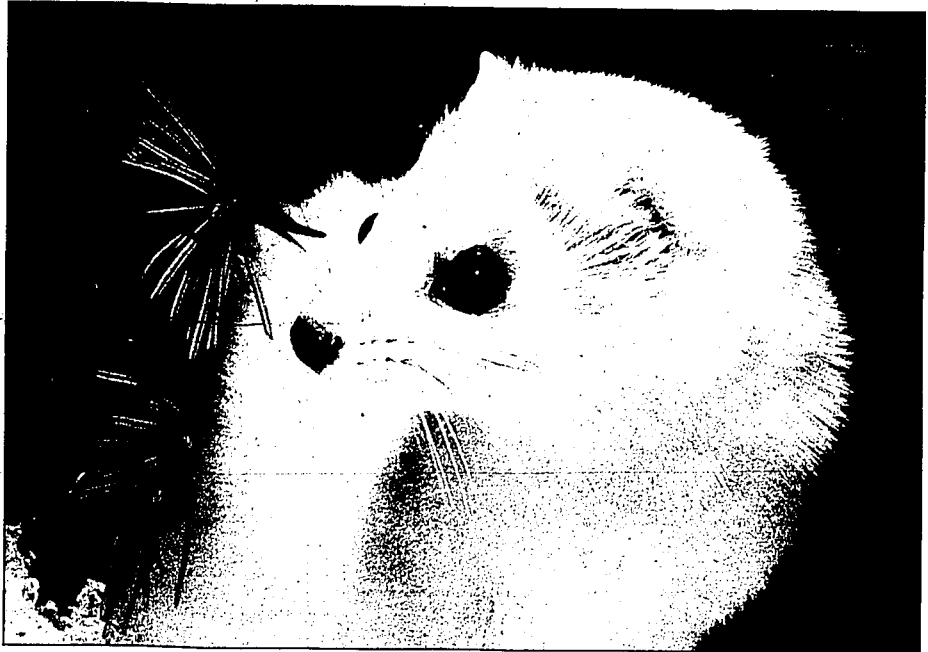
Gilbertson was right all those years ago. In all of those scenarios, my partners and I had turned off our lights and fully engaged the darkness.

Once we commit to it, the darkness does not seem such a foreign environment, a negative force. When we open our senses to it and take it on its own terms, the darkness enhances our experiences in ways we cannot anticipate.

All we need to do is shut off our lamps and feel it.

Sam Cook is an outdoors writer for the Duluth News Tribune in Duluth, Minn.

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Ermine pelts have been esteemed for centuries by kings and other nobility.

Some of Nature's children turn white in winter

By Stu Murrell
Times-News correspondent

It's said that a leopard can't change his spots, but many other animals can dramatically alter their appearance from one season to the next.

Take the snowshoe hare, for example. This creature, also known as a varying hare, will turn from brown to white when winter sets in — even if it's confined in a heated room! Scientists believe this change is triggered by the dwindling amount of daylight that portends the winter solstice.

Changing clothes by the calendar, this north-country hare is superbly equipped for deep snow and cold weather. Its black eyes and dark ear tips are the only things that clash with its snow-white camouflage. The hare's big feet give it the run of the forest in a season when most animals bog down in soft snow drifts. Hence the name "snowshoe hare."

Snowshoe hares are classed as a game animal in Idaho, with the most liberal season extending from Sept. 1 through March 21, 2001. The daily bag limit is eight. These 4-pound animals can be found throughout Idaho's forested and mountainous areas. Few hunters pursue them, but cross-country skiers often see their spoor and a sharp observer can detect their black eyes against a snowy backdrop.

They greet the first blush of spring with wild courtship rites that are, almost literally, as "mad as a March hare." Males battle furiously and pursue females in riotous chases. A little more than a month later, females bear two to seven fully developed young covered with hair and their eyes open. Rabbits, on the other hand, bear hairless babies

with closed eyes.

Snowshoe hare populations rise and fall cyclically. Examination of Hudson's Bay Co. records for lynx pelts suggests a roughly 10-year period between the hare population's highs and lows. The peak lynx popu-

jackrabbit. It is the largest member of Idaho's hare-rabbit family, weighing up to 8 pounds.

White-tailed jackrabbits can be found in many of the foothill regions of southern Idaho, particularly around Fairfield. They are classed as

related to the European hare, which has long been prized by cooks.

During the spring mating season, rival males often stand toe-to-toe and slug it out with their forefeet, vicious biting is another form of combat. As a result, some males have badly tattered ears.

Females bear an average of four young after a gestation period of 40 days. Within moments of birth, the little fur balls are able to hop, run and dodge frantically. Soon, they learn to stand stock-still, baffling pursuers by blending with their surroundings.

You weasel, you

Yet another Idaho animal that changes its winter coat to white is the weasel — also known as ermine in winter. As a small predator, it uses its white coat for camouflage prior to launching an attack. The white coat also comes in handy for protecting it from predators, such as the horned owl.

This smallest member of the weasel family weighs only 2 to 5 ounces, but it makes up for its lack of size with unmatched fierceness. Long and thin, weasels will fearlessly pursue much larger rodents into their burrows.

Weasels are amusing creatures. Here in southern Idaho, they will pop out of a lava crevice, emit a squeak, then disappear — only to reappear and squeak again.

After adults breed, there is a delayed implantation of eggs in the uterus — so baby weasels are born up to 10 months after the mating ritual. A single female can give birth to as many as 13 young.

Ermine pelts have long been used to trim the garments of kings, nobles and judges. More than 50,000 skins have been used for a single British coronation.



One of Nature's quick-change artists, the snowshoe hare turns white in winter.

lation lags about two years behind the peak hare population. As prey numbers decline, so do predator numbers. The deeper lesson here is that prey species actually control predator numbers, rather than the other way around, as many people believe.

White-tailed jacks

Another Idaho hare that turns white in winter is the white-tailed

predator in Idaho, which seems a little incongruous, given that they are a favorite food of many larger predators.

When pressed, they use their big rear legs to cover ground in a hurry. Because white-tailed jacks turn white in winter, many people confuse them with snowshoe hares — but the key difference is size. In addition to being big, white-tailed jacks are pretty good eaters; they are closely

White-tailed deer doesn't give up without a fight

Knight Rider News Service

WILD RIVER STATE PARK, Minn. — Of the unusual and dramatic stories that will be told few will rival Curt Klein's experience while he hunted in the state park near North Branch, Minn.

Klein, 66, successfully bagged his 7-point white-tailed buck, but not before the battle between man and deer hung momentarily in the balance.

The Stillwater man was standing in a grove of oaks; his rifle ready, when the buck ran by. Klein shot three times and wounded the deer but found himself out of

bullets. Without reloading and thinking the deer was nearly dead, Klein decided to approach it.

That's when the wounded buck jumped up and charged him, driving an antler tine partly into the hunter's hand. Thrown off balance, Klein said he had no choice but to whack the charging buck over the head with his empty rifle twice, thus breaking his .30-30-caliber lever-action Marlin in half.

Two tours of Vietnam and 25 years in the armed services, he said, "and this is the first time I had to go hand-to-hand combat with a deer."

Moments later, another deer hunter, who heard the commotion, walked over and dispatched the deer for Klein. Klein was still shaking his head in disbelief as he retold the story to me just a few minutes later. He held the two broken halves of the gun, his palm bleeding badly.

Luckily, word spread quickly about the incident and within minutes, DNR conservation officer Brad Schultz found Klein in the oak grove and administered first-aid to the puncture wounds in his palm and thumb.

"That's a pretty bad wound," Schultz said, examining the palm wound. "You

better go into town and get some stitches." Schultz volunteered to field-dress Klein's deer while the shaken hunter used a cell phone to call his wife.

"Yes, I'm here in the woods and I'm OK," Klein said into the phone. "Yes, yes, I'm OK. I got the buck, too. It's a 7-point."

After field-dressing the buck, Schultz loaded the deer in his pickup and gave the injured hunter a ride back to the state park headquarters. Klein said he was headed for town to seek medical attention for his hand. "I never expected this to happen," he said.

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A snowboarder walks through a new plaza at the base of the Kirkwood Mountain Resort near South Lake Tahoe, Calif., in this Jan. 19 file photo. The area's new Mountain Club, which includes shops and a restaurant, can be seen in the background. Ski areas nestled around the Lake Tahoe Basin are emerging from decades in the shadows of resorts in Utah and Colorado with a billion-dollar makeover centered on their namesake Jewel.

Colorado ski panel looks to new energy

Youth advisory board may be answer to industry gap

DENVER (AP)—Take a look at the ski ads touting Colorado resorts in the ski magazines: a few folks resting in a hot tub; some skiers schussing down a groomer; dinners, shopping, relaxing fun. It's everything that turns off a 17-year-old snowboarder, whose parents are eager to squeeze just one more family vacation out of their soon-to-be-independent kid.

Now scan a snowboarder magazine, or one of the new freestyle skiing magazines: California resorts promoting riding on handrails along the stairs and ripping up a half pipe.

The Colorado Ski Country USA board did and decided it's time to tap into some of that new energy. Recognizing that a youthful perspective may be lacking in its representation of the Colorado ski industry, the board on Wednesday announced the creation of a youth advisory board, made up of 13 skiers and snowboarders in their 20s.

While the Ski Country board isn't a bunch of geezers—most of the 13 members are a few years north of 50—there's no lack of wrinkles in the boardroom. For about a year the board has been soliciting nominations for its youth advisory board, the first of its kind for Ski Country.

"It's not that they are old per se, but they do realize that it is impossible for a 40-year-old to relate to a 14-year-old GameBoy-slugging snowboarder," said Ben Friedland, the 26-year-old spokesman for Copper Mountain, who will serve on the board. Friedland and his fellow 20-somethings know the kinds of things that appeal to the baggy-pants crowd—and that's what Colorado Ski Country is hoping to capture with this new board.

"We are pretty understanding of the challenges that the ski industry is going to face in the next decade," said Bill Jensen,

chief operating officer at Vail, who also serves on Ski Country's board. "A lot of our future lies in our ability to attract both families and the echo-boomer generation. This is an omission by the board that we ought to be more closely connected to that generation group."

This is hardly the first recognition by the board that the younger generation is the key to reviving the terminally flat ski industry, an industry that has grown in terms of skier numbers a scant 3 percent in the past 20 years. Years ago Colorado Ski Country created the Fifth Grade Passport program, which provides free skiing to the state's fifth-graders in order to ignite the spark in the skiers of tomorrow.

Friedland said that's a great start. "We all feel there is a ton of work to be done in order to see the industry grow," he said. "That issue is much bigger than Mrs. Jones' fifth-grade classroom."

Ski Country is certainly not abandoning the baby boomers, the bread and butter of today's ski industry and the same group who essentially created the industry back in the roaring '70s. But back

there behind the Gen Xers are those echo boomers, a sleeping giant in terms of sheer numbers that could revive the red-hot skiing world of the '70s.

"The new board is aiming to blow on the smoldering ski coals and see if they can't re-ignite the proverbial ski fire under the fan-fannies of today's youth and tomorrow's vacationers."

"We just want to get that youthful perspective back into the ski industry and get the younger generation excited about skiing," said 20-something Leigh Pezicarra, a communications manager at Vail, who will serve on the board. "I have noticed that some of the 10- to 16-year-olds have not really been reached, so it's going to take some creative work to get them and get that market."

While it's important to reach kids on their level, the message remains the same as it was 30 years ago, said David Perry, president of Colorado Ski Country. Snowing is about staying young, vibrant, active and fun.

"I think anyone who skis, our snowboards is young at heart," Perry said.

Experts call for wrist guards on the slopes

The Washington Post

Kneepads for in-line skaters? Sure. Helmets for scooter riders? Maybe. But this time they've gone too far. Wrist guards for snowboarders? Whom do they think they're talking to?

Not Bryan Marshall, who manages the snowboard school at Snowshoe in West Virginia, one of the region's largest resorts. No matter that wrist injuries are the sport's most common hazard, or that a new study in the American Journal of Sports Medicine found that wearing wrist guards cut the risk of fracture by half.

"I don't wear them," Marshall says. "In my experience a very small portion of the industry wears them—mainly people getting into it for the first time." They're also not talking to Roger Roediger, a sales rep for a wrist-guard maker, no less, who snowboards at Mount Hood in Oregon. "They are a bit inhibiting," he says.

And they certainly aren't talking to competitors in last week's end-of-the-year Triple Crown of Snowboarding in Breckenridge, Colo. Those athletes, said Breckenridge spokesman Jim Felton, numbered "120, and not a single set of wrist guards to be found."

Researchers who studied snowboarding injuries in

Colorado found that children and teens were twice as likely as adults to sustain a wrist injury. The groups most prone to wrist fractures—beginners, women and youngsters—were also those most likely to wear wrist guards. That's the good news. The bad news is not just the attitude of the bulk of snowboarders but the realities of the marketplace, where snowboard wrist guards vary in composition and price.

A pair from Da Kine, for instance, cost \$18; from Climbing Gear, \$47. Price, according to Jonathan Chang, orthopedist at the University of Southern California, may not be an indicator of protective value. While the researchers gave their blessing to newer, high-density thermoplastic wrist guards, Chang says there has not been sufficient testing to recommend these products over metal alternatives. "Grannie's medical wrist brace probably would do a better job," he says.

But in a sport where the average enthusiast is said to be a 17-year-old rad dude, attitude may be the biggest problem.

Admitting as much, the researchers noted that when snowboarders were asked in a recent survey to list "negative aspects" of their sport, they placed "risk of injury" ninth. What ranked first? "Getting stuck in the flats."

Holiday crowds head to the slopes as ski resorts cheer new snow

WINTER PARK, Colo. (AP)—Holiday crowds are heading back to ski areas from New England to the Sierra, rising hopes they can make up some of the money they lost last season to the wacky weather created by El Niño and La Niña.

A year ago it was raining in some high mountain areas in mid-January, and the Y2K scare kept many visitors away even at resorts that did have ample snow.

There are a lot of people who feel robbed about last Christmas because the Y2K paranoia wouldn't let them travel. This year they want that winter vacation," said Joan Christensen, spokeswoman for Winter Park. The resort's skier numbers are up 49 percent from last season. Mammoth Mountain in central California set a record for November.

"The conditions are wonderful. It's perfect. The snow is great and the sun is out," said Matthew Beck, visiting Telluride, Colo., from Washington D.C.

Greg Garrett, a Telluride resident and snowboarder, agreed.

"The conditions are great, a vast improvement from last year," he said.

Last year Telluride had a mid-mountain base of 13 inches. This year it is 37 inches.

"We were able to have the Plunge and some of our other steepest runs open for opening day, Nov. 21," said resort spokeswoman Kelly Ludyga.

Sugarbush in Vermont only had 49 trails open for the holidays last season. This year it will offer at least 85.

"We're looking at having a great Christmas. Our reservations are up substantially," said Sugarbush spokeswoman Veronica Markel.

"We're a month ahead of last year in snowfall totals," said Connie Marshall of Utah's legendary powder capital, Alta. "This is the best start we have had in the 29 years Snowbird has been open," said Fred Rollins,



Randall 'Squench' Stone carves his way through Pete's Bowl on a snowboard, Friday for the opening of Blue Sky Basin in Vail, Colo. Holiday crowds are heading back to ski areas from New England to the Sierra, raising hopes they can make up some of the money they lost last season.

spokesman for the Utah resort. Jackson Hole, Wyo., plans to have most of its steepest terrain open by Christmas.

Winter Park has already received about 130 inches of snow, more than twice what it had last year at this time.

"Most days it is snowing so hard you can get untracked powder at 11 a.m.," Christensen said.

Steamboat Springs, Colo., has picked up 144 inches so far, its best start in 15 years, and the skiers and boarders are already coming.

"We're busy right now," said Mike Lane, spokesman for the Steamboat resort.

Many California-Nevada resorts are ahead of last year, although they haven't benefited from heavy snow in recent weeks, said Karja Dahl of Squaw Valley.

"Things are great," she said. "Skiers and boarders have been patient, and it is paying off."

In Colorado, Aspen had to delay its 24 Hours of Aspen endurance

Avalanche danger runs high in the Rockies

Knigh Ridder News Service

Dec. 20—As schools close for the holidays and thousands of American families head to the mountains for recreation, backcountry safety experts have sounded an alarm: If you're venturing into the backcountry, use extreme caution.

Avalanche danger all across the intermountain region of the western United States is precariously high and taking its toll. At least seven people have lost their lives to avalanches this season and conditions are ripe for more death.

"We had three weeks of clear weather," said Bruce Temper, director of the U.S. Forest Service's Utah Avalanche Center in Salt Lake City. "That turns the entire snowpack into mush, turns it into very weak, poorly bonded, large grained crystals called depth hoar, or faceted snow."

The series of storms that rolled in from the Pacific Coast

last week dumped several feet of fresh snow on this weak layer of sugary snow, which avalanche experts liken to a pile of cards or stack of champagne glasses.

Loaded with the weight of the new snow, most regions of the intermountain West were placed on a "high" avalanche hazard on Dec. 14. A slide claimed two snowmobilers Sunday in mountains south of Glacier National Park in Montana.

As of Tuesday, avalanche reports indicated that the natural avalanche cycle from this storm had ended and that the backcountry had begun to settle down. However, human-triggered slides are still likely and safe backcountry travel is urged.

"There are still a lot of them (potential avalanches) hanging in the balance," said Temper. A skier on a 33-degree slope, for example, could easily trigger a very large avalanche.

"Snow is like people, time heals all wounds," he said. "The snowpack will adjust to its

load, it just takes a long time. If it stops snowing, then usually by a week most of the avalanches, have come down."

To families about to embark on a vacation in the mountains, Temper offers a firm warning: If they go out of a ski area boundary and into the backcountry, they are stepping into the Stone Age.

Backcountry travelers are urged to carry an avalanche beacon and shovel and know how to use the rescue gear. Temper recommends practicing safety measures before heading into the backcountry, perhaps at an avalanche course.

"In 95 percent of avalanche accidents, they are triggered by the victim or someone in the victim's party," he said. "That means, avalanches are a matter of choice, not chance."

Current avalanche conditions and safety information can be found at www.avalanche.org.

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Hunters worry about image as grizzly bear deaths increase

JACKSON, Wyo. (AP) — Hunters are starting to worry about their public image as grizzly bear deaths escalate in and around Yellowstone National Park.

Chris Servheen, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service grizzly bear recovery coordinator, said hunting advocacy groups have contacted him with concerns about public perception.

So far this year, 11 of 19 grizzly bear deaths have come at the hands of hunters in Wyoming. Last year, six deaths were

reported in the greater Yellowstone area.

And Servheen said hunters could face a public backlash if they do not take steps to reduce grizzly bear deaths.

"This is indeed a threat to hunting," he said.

The Yellowstone Ecosystem Subcommittee, a panel to the Interagency Grizzly Bear Committee, has already agreed to look into ways to reduce hunter-caused bear deaths.

Conservationists want hunters to take

bear education courses and all backcountry users to carry pepper spray in grizzly bear country.

About 32,000 people hunt elk in the greater Yellowstone area, according to an interagency study team. Of those, about 17,500 hunt in Wyoming.

Outfitter Tim Doud, who helped develop a course on how grizzlies should be handled, said voluntary hunter education is working. In two years, the course has been offered to more than 400 hunters

and outfitters, he said.

The increase in grizzly bear deaths stems from an increasing number of grizzly bears, he said, at a time when drought has reduced the bears' natural food.

"If you have more bears, you're going to have more problems and more confrontation," he said. "We see bears and run into bears on a daily basis."

Yellowstone National Park reduced human-grizzly bear conflicts to less than a dozen this year. Outside the park, more

than 100 conflicts have been reported in Wyoming alone.

Park Superintendent Mike Finley said reducing conflicts is expensive.

Surrounding national forests will need more money from Congress to accomplish the task, he said.

Park efforts include patrolling backcountry campsites frequently, requiring backcountry campers to take a bear education course and picking up garbage daily.

HAVING FUN YET?



Rod Chase and Christine Hayes ski cross-country at Mountain View Park in Moscow Tuesday. Hayes said her first time cross-country skiing was going well, since she had fallen fewer times than Chase.

Sam is a different kind of climber

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — Colorado boasts 54 mountains more than 14,000 feet high. Sam has climbed to the summit of 49 of them.

He found the other five trouble-makers, with areas requiring ropes, treacherous rock fields or impassable snowfields.

Sam isn't your ordinary climber. He takes no gear, has no special training regime and isn't much of a conversationist when he's working his way to the top. He's not even allowed on Longs Peak, a fourteen-er in Rocky Mountain National Park.

But still, he's Steve Bremner's favorite hiking companion.

Confused? Sam is a dog — part Malamute, part husky, part wolf. He's a huge, thickly furred creature with eyes the color of a Colorado sky and a neck as thick as an Olympic weightlifter.

He's 3 years old, and for nearly all of those three years, has accompanied Bremner on his mountain adventures: climbing Colorado's sky and a neck as thick as an Olympic weightlifter.

And Sam's ability to scramble up steep rock faces, negotiate scree slopes and cross raging streams has made him something of a legend. Bremner keeps an extensive Web page (www.crosswinds.net/TLD/stevebremner/outreenters.htm) where other climbers have read of the pair's adventures.

Bremner, 37, is an Air Force captain who works at the Air Force Academy. In his 16.5 years in the service, he has been stationed all over the world. Besides speaking fluent Japanese, German and French, he speaks Sam's languages — dog and a little wolf.

Together, Bremner and Sam have explored the high points of Colorado, working their way up trails and mountainsides in all seasons. They camp, hike, climb, and run, and Bremner says winter is their favorite climbing time. Also

a marathoner, Bremner figures he's covered more than 2,500 miles over the years. Along with his quest to climb the Colorado fourteeners, he's a dedicated high-point-er — he's climbed to the highest point in 28 of the 50 states.

Bremner hasn't kept track of Sam's miles, but the dog accompanies him each week as he trains on Barr Trail. Together they've done many 20-mile runs. His first mountain was Algonquin in New York State.

"He doesn't really like the long runs," Bremner says. "But he stays with me anyway."

Sam's lineage shows in how he attacks a hike and relates to others on the trail, Bremner says.

"He's loyal and a good companion and keeps up with me when we run."

"He's great company, and he is so much more tuned to the elements than a person or than other dogs. It could be the wolf in him, I guess — he hears things we don't hear, smells things we don't smell. He always knows what's out there — other animals, other dogs."

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"We were climbing one day in the Chicago Basin area, and a guy we didn't know came down the trail and said, 'Hey, is that Sam the wolfdog?' He had read about our climbs on the Internet," Bremner says.

He keeps Sam on a leash unless

they're climbing a route by themselves.

But that doesn't mean there aren't dog-to-dog encounters.

On a recent late-afternoon hike on Barr Trail, a woman walked toward Bremner and Sam.

Her dog, a small-brown puppy and a full-grown poodle — were loose.

Even though Sam was about twice the poodle's size, it approached him.

"Sam doesn't like poodles," Bremner warned. The woman had no leashes and scowled dourly as she pulled her dogs past the lunging Sam.

"He's different than other dogs, and I don't think some people understand that," Bremner says. "I think it's the wolf."

Sam rarely barks, but can howl admirably, Bremner says. And if he isn't exercised regularly, he gets wild.

Like most wolf/dog hybrids, he hasn't really responded to obedience training, although he's accustomed to being on-leash on crowded trails.

And Sam's massive neck and shoulders can come in handy, Bremner says. "I've realized how much Sam pulls me up the mountain until I hand his leash to someone else."

Sam rarely barks at a mountain trail, but he will hesitate on rocks, Bremner says. "He's best on snow — he has built-in crampons — but occasionally, he'll refuse to cross a rock field."

"Sometimes, if I'm near the summit, I'll leave him there to wait for me. But most of the time, I'll reach the top, turn around, and there's Sam."

Texas breeds more than just cattle — the Lone Star state is famous for duck hunting as well

The Dallas Morning News

COLEMAN, Texas — Gray clouds rolled across the big country south of Abilene, promising rain that would be delivered in a torrent 12 hours later. As daylight crept down, the sun tried to light up the eastern horizon and was successful for a few minutes. Then the blanket of clouds regained control and the silver of light illuminating the small valley turned the color of molten lead.

"Don't anybody move," cautioned Casey Cox. "We've got a flock of ducks coming in from the left."

I moved — just my eyes — and saw the unmistakable shape of widgons flying right down the bank toward our decoys. The south wind was steady over our right shoulders at about 15 mph.

When the widgons were hanging 10 yards away, Cox called the shot and it was ridiculously easy. Before Will Christopher could send his golden retriever for the fallen ducks, another flock appeared from the north and a pair of blue-winged teal buzzed past point-blank range.

We held our fire until the second flock of ducks did exactly the same thing as the widgons. The second flock was gadwalls. Later, we dropped a couple of bluewings, three or four green-winged teal and three pintails. They were all shot over the decoys at very close range.

Yes, it was opening day of the Texas duck season, and the birds were not the least bit wary, but our four-man hunting party was sitting on a rock ledge beside the five-acre lake. We had no blind, in which to hide, just full camouflage to help us blend into a grassy backdrop.

Rusty Cox, Casey's dad, was holding down the spot on my left. The Coxes live in Carrollton and spend most weekends fishing or hunting somewhere in Texas. Will Christopher is a high school senior at Coppell. He and Casey Cox have weekend jobs as duck guides for the Coleman County Bird Hunting Company.

The CCBHC was formed 12 years ago by CISD Superintendent Skip Casey, retired principal Charles Kidwell and local businessman David Hill.

weekend quail-hunting business," said Casey, who admits that being the local superintendent can be a double-edged sword when it comes to leasing hunting property from landowners. "The quail are so undependable that we've come to rely more on doves and turkeys."

Coleman County, a little more than a three-hour drive west of Dallas, is a hot spot for doves and turkeys, and it's also a good deer-hunting county. Most of the ranches cover several thousand acres, and progressive ranch owners have built an increasing number of small lakes, intended as a water source for livestock.

The lakes, called tanks in West Texas, are a magnet for ducks. Ducks have always been plentiful in the Coleman area, said Casey, but none of the local residents bother to hunt ducks.

"We've got access to lots of good duck tanks on about 10,000 acres in Coleman County," said Casey. "We never hunted the ducks at all until Sherry Johnson's boys started hunting them."

Johnson is a Rowlett physician who grew up with Skip Casey and is a regular customer of CCBHC. He and his sons, Jeff, of Commerce, and Chance, of Dallas, were hunting on a bigger tank several miles from our opening-day location.

As usual, the Johnsons filled their limit of ducks. In fact, Jeff Johnson, a retriever trainer and a serious waterfowl hunter, later said that he cannot remember a Coleman County duck hunt that did not produce a limit.

Though ducks didn't come to our tank in the opening-day waves we hoped for, most of the ducks that came by wound up hanging over the decoys.

"We don't have very many ducks in the area this early," said Casey. "It'll get good in

November, and there will be plenty of ducks through the remainder of the season."

Texas is famous for great duck hunting. In fact, Texas is second only to Louisiana in number of total ducks harvested each season. The Texas coast is the best-known Texas waterfowl area, but North Texas and East Texas also receive well-deserved recognition.

Quietly scattered across the state are unheralded hotspots like Coleman County, where there are lots of ducks and few duck hunters. CCBHC has a distinct advantage because they only hunt on weekends.

"We have enough places to hunt that we don't plan to hunt the same tank two days in a row," said Casey Cox. "Some of these tanks are historically good for ducks, and some are not. It's hard to know why the ducks prefer one tank to another one that looks the same to us."

"When you leave a good tank alone on weekdays, the weekends are very consistent. Our average shot is about 20 yards, and many shots are closer than that. When the ducks are not hunted hard, they really decoy well. This is a good situation for youth hunters because the shots are close enough for a 20-gauge shotgun."

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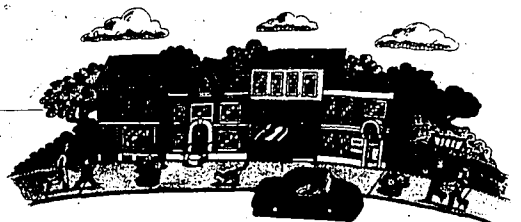
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BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Agency to offer loans for broadband services

TWIN FALLS — Rural Idahoans might get some help bringing better telecommunications to town.

Loren A. Nelson, Idaho director for the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Rural Development, announced a new loan program and the availability of money for construction and installation of broadband telecommunications services in rural America.

The U.S. president and Congress have made \$100 million in treasury rate loan funds available through a one-year pilot program to encourage telecommunications carriers to provide broadband service to rural consumers where such service doesn't exist now.

The program will provide expedited loans to communities of up to 20,000 residents "to ensure rural consumers enjoy the same quality and range of telecommunications services that are available in urban and suburban communities," USDA Rural Development said.

Loans are available immediately, and applications will be processed and approved on a first-come, first-served basis throughout fiscal year 2001 until the appropriation is used up.

For information on how to apply, contact Telecommunications Program, Rural Utilities Service, 1400 Independence Ave. S.W., Mail Stop 1590, Washington, D.C. 20250-1590; or call (202) 720-9554.

SEC chairman to step down after eight years

WASHINGTON — Securities and Exchange Commission Chairman Arthur Levitt said Wednesday he will step down by mid-February, paving the way for President-elect George W. Bush to name a successor.

Levitt, who has been the nation's top securities regulator since President Clinton appointed him in 1993, said he has not decided what he will do next.

Under Levitt's leadership, the SEC has prohibited companies from selectively leaking market-moving information to Wall Street analysts, required corporations to use plain English in prospectuses for investors and advanced regulations that would require companies to disclose whether the outside auditors who serve as their financial watchdogs are also selling them consulting services.

Levitt had sought tougher restrictions on such consulting arrangements, which he argued could mislead the auditors. In the end, he avoided a potential showdown with lawmakers by compromising with accounting firms.

In recent years, Levitt has waged a battle against "managed earnings," the corporate practice of manipulating financial results to meet Wall Street expectations.

Nampa chip maker lays off workers, restructures

NAMPA — ZILOG's Nampa computer chip manufacturing plant is laying off 11 employees, the company announced this week.

The company that makes chips used in television remote controls and answering machines is laying off nearly 100 employees and restructuring the corporation.

Kimberly Malanczuk, director of public communications, said ZILOG is committed to avoiding any additional layoffs in the future.

Malanczuk would not comment on the specifics of the restructuring but said the company plans several new product announcements in the new year. The company has not abandoned its plans to go public, she said, and will continue to evaluate when it will do so.

IRS grant helps College of Law provide tax assistance

MOSCOW — The Internal Revenue Service has awarded \$100,000 for legal assistance to low-income taxpayer clinics to the University of Idaho's College of Law.

The agency is distributing \$6 million nationwide.

The Low-Income Taxpayer Clinic program, now in its third year, helps organizations provide minimal cost legal assistance to eligible people who need to resolve tax disputes.

"We're pleased to see more and more interest in a program that reaches an important group of taxpayers," IRS Commissioner Charles O. Rossotti said. "The growth of interest in the Low-Income Taxpayer Clinic program moves us one step closer to getting tax help to people at all income levels."

— compiled from staff and wire reports

Idaho Housing touts results in Magic Valley

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — More than 800 Magic Valley families in the past year received rental assistance through Idaho Housing and Finance Association's Twin Falls branch office.

The association also produced 204 mortgage loans for first-time homebuyers in the valley in fiscal year 2000, invested in

About Idaho Housing and Finance Association

- With \$3.5 billion in assets — basically a mortgage loan portfolio — the association is one of the state's larger financial institutions.
- The quasi-governmental entity uses no state-level tax dollars. It was formed by the state in 1972 and has an oversight board whose members the governor appoints, but IHFA must be financially self-sufficient. A small amount of its proceeds from bond sales finances its operation.

- Housing policy issues in Idaho are handled by the association, which assesses what is needed around the state and finds resources to supply the needs.

- IHFA finances homeowner loans by selling bonds in national capital markets, and it contracts to administer certain federal money allocated to Idaho.

Sources: IHFA's president and executive director and its acting chairman.

services for the homeless and helped bring new affordable-housing units to the Magic Valley.

But that activity doesn't get a lot of attention, the association's leaders say. "Idaho Housing is an entity that's large-

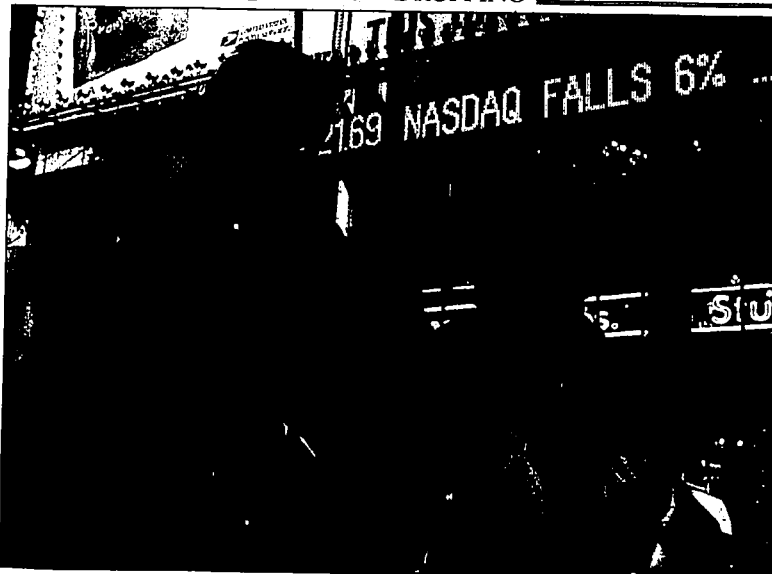
ly taken for granted," Twin Falls accountant Dave Cooper said. He is vice chairman and acting chairman of IHFA's board and is waiting to hear whether Gov. Dick Kempthorne will appoint him chairman.

The problem, he said, is that IHFA's leaders haven't done enough talking about what it accomplishes around the state.

So on Wednesday, he and three Boise-based association officials started a series of visits around Idaho, stopping first in Twin Falls to address a small, invitation-only gathering of community leaders. Next time they come to town, government

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WINDOW DROPPING



Two men stop to look into the windows of the Nasdaq MarketPlace to check current stock figures Wednesday in New York. The Nasdaq began falling at the opening bell and finished down for the seventh straight session. Find more on stock trends on page D5.

Micron Technology reports weaker profits

The Associated Press

BOISE — Weak sales and prices for its semiconductor products resulted in first-quarter earnings for Micron Technology Inc. that were down slightly from a year earlier and 6 cents per share below Wall Street expectations.

The Boise-based company Wednesday reported net income of \$352 million or 58 cents per diluted share on sales of \$1.8 billion during the three months through November. That compared with earnings of \$341 million or 60 cents per share on sales of \$1.6 billion during first quarter 2000.

Industry analysts surveyed by First Call had projected earnings of 64 cents per share. Micron Technology closed at \$25.81 per share Wednesday, down almost \$4.94 or 14.2 percent. It peaked at over \$95 per share last summer.

"The market's going to be

tough for the next couple of months. Things are going to get worse before they get better," said Eric M. Ross, a senior research analyst with Thomas Weisel Partners LLC in San Francisco.

But Ross said Micron's stock price shouldn't fall below \$25 because of such fundamental strengths as low production costs and a growing market share for dynamic random access memory and its new-generation 128-megabit chips.

Steve Appleton, Micron's chairman, president and chief executive officer, said the company had borne up relatively well under the recent market slump, and the deterioration was continuing.

"Since quarter end, market conditions for our primary products have continued to weaken resulting in significant declines in average selling prices and higher inventory levels,"

Appleton said. "Micron is well positioned with leading edge process technology, low-cost manufacturing expertise and strong financials. Moving forward, we will continue to focus on reducing costs and servicing our customers."

Micron said it shipped about 25 percent less computer memory than a year earlier, and average sales prices were about 10 percent below first quarter 2000. Meanwhile, the company said it was paying more for memory products purchased under joint venture supply arrangements.

Ross said weakness in the personal computer market was resulting in less demand for memory during a period when growth in production capacity, by Micron and others, was increasing chip supplies. But he said there was good reason for Appleton's optimism about the future.

"These guys are in the best

position in the industry. I sense that there's going to be more and more, over the next couple of years, uses for memory," he said, citing the market potential for such items as high-definition television and personal digital assistants.

Appleton told shareholders at Micron's annual meeting late last month that the company plans to spend \$2.3 billion to upgrade its plants and equipment during fiscal 2001, and expects chip sales to increase about 35 percent — roughly half as much as last year.

"They're doing it about right considering the market's falling apart on them," Ross said. "They're forcing their competitors to build, forcing them to spend money when they least have it."

Fiscal 2000 was Micron's most profitable year ever, with earnings of over \$1.5 billion or \$2.56 per diluted share on more than \$7.3 billion in revenue.

Potato plan gives farmers hope

Some of Idaho's bumper crop might be held off market

The Associated Press

IDAHO FALLS — A farmer-owned cooperative formed to take surplus potatoes off the market and boost prices has a chance to succeed, if only because prices this year are so dismal, producers say.

"We're practically down to barely nothing now," said Rexburg grower Gary Ball, who was one of more than 200 people attending a meeting about the cooperative. "We've got nothing to lose."

Tom Holm of Idaho Falls, who farms potatoes near Roberts, said the Potato Management Co.

plan has potential if enough producers from Idaho and other states choose to participate.

Blair Walker, a grower-shipper in Idaho Falls, said the market is only paying producers about \$1 per hundredweight for potatoes that cost \$4 to \$5 a hundredweight to grow.

"I think you'll see these farmers stick together and throw away potatoes," Walker said Tuesday. The cooperative wants producers to pledge at least 10 percent of their potatoes as fertilizer and livestock feed, paying \$500 up front and 2 cents per hundredweight to join the co-op.

The idea is that they will raise the market enough to more than make that money back on their remaining crop, said Keith Esplin, president of the Potato Growers of Idaho Blackfoot, which proposed the cooperative.

The co-op organizers want to have everyone on board by Jan. 15.

Walker's brother, Rollie, also a grower-shipper in Idaho Falls, said producers did something similar with the Idaho Potato Farmers Association in 1995. They banded together to help raise the price of potatoes significantly, he said.

"We did something that had never, ever been done," Rollie Walker said. "We stood together long enough to see we could do it."

Producers will almost certainly end up dumping some of their potatoes this year no matter what. There is no market for all of them, he added.

Idaho's record production was an extra 19 million hundredweight. Nationally, record output came to nearly an extra 41 million hundredweight.

Qwest, labor union reach tentative deal on contract

The Associated Press

DENVER — Qwest Communications International has reached a tentative contract agreement with the labor union that represents 1,500 employees of Qwest's Dex phone directory division.

The two-year contract extension, which would take effect at the expiration of the current contract next October, calls for a 3.5 percent pay raise in the first year and a 5 percent raise in the second.

The agreement concluded two days of contract negotiations described as amicable by Lew Ellington, bargaining agent for the Communications Workers of America.

Ellington said that in addition to the pay raise, Dex salespeople

will receive an average 7.73 percent increase in their pensions over the two-year term.

"These are probably the highest (increases) we've ever received," he said.

The CWA has asked its Dex members to vote on the contract extension by Feb. 16.

Qwest confirmed the tentative agreement but refused to comment further Tuesday. The Denver-based company, which offers local phone service in much of the Magic Valley, said it might address its labor relations publicly in a month or two, after contract reviews have progressed further.

Qwest also has entered contract-extension talks with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, which represents 300 Dex workers.

Chamber will contract out annual picnic

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — By the time the chamber of commerce's annual Hot August Nite picnic and auction rolls around each summer, chamber staffers and volunteers have worked up a sweat for months.

But no more. It's time to cool down summer-time stress levels at the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce office, the chamber's board decided this week as it set its 2001 budget.

The board set aside money to contract out some of the work.

One to run the fund-raising picnic and auction and will start looking for that coordinator in January, said Just.

Just, the chamber's executive vice president, said "It's a wonderful event, but it's just eating up way too much staff time," Just said.

Money for the contract is budgeted in the "employee and office expense" category, but he declined to say just how much the board set aside.

"We're covered. We're sure we're going to be able to hire somebody," Just said, adding that the chamber wants contract help to come up with their own price proposals. "We'll have to see what kind of possibilities are out there. I'll cost us a few thousand dollars to do that."

Next year's picnic and auction are set for Aug. 16 in Twin Falls City Park, but the work will start long before. "We'll have to start with who ever we start with will probably get going as early as February," Just said, adding that work will be heaviest in the last six weeks or so before the event.

The chamber probably won't require the contractor or contractors to be chamber members.

The business organization Wednesday released its 2001 budget. Here are the details.

Planned revenues of \$464,750 — which the contractor or contractors to be chamber members.

• \$186,000 — membership dues.

• \$130,700 — general revenues, such as those from publications.

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Accolades

Hopes for rebound dim

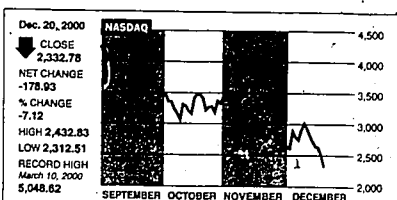


AT&T Cable Services, formerly TCI Cable Vision of Idaho Inc., at 406 E. Fifth N. in Burley, announced AT&T home digital Internet by holding a ribbon cutting. The new service provides more speed, digital sound and cable connection, which means never waiting for a dial-up connection, the company said. Pictured are Pat Campbell and Lax Kansas holding the ribbon as Burley AT&T store manager Russ Young cuts it. They are accompanied by other members of commerce members and AT&T employees.

About this feature

Accolades is a Times-News production photo feature that highlights special business honors. We'll run submitted photos of ribbon cutting, grand openings, honorees, employees and the like. Send photographs and information explaining their significance, to Accolades, The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303-0548. Or for more information call business Editor Virginia S. Hutchins at 733-0931, Ext. 242.

NEW YORK (AP) - Investors' hopes for a happy end to Wall Street's most dismal year in a decade are vanishing in a seemingly unending string of stock selloffs. The Dow fell sharply, closing down 65.44 at 10,318.93, according to preliminary calculations. The Nasdaq composite index finished down for the seventh straight session, falling 178.93 - or 7 percent - to 2,332.78. It was the Nasdaq's lowest close since March 23, 1999 when it ended at 2,332.84. The tech-focused Nasdaq also is down about 43 percent so far this year and has fallen more than halfway from its record close of 5,048.62 set on March 10, 2000. With an interest rate cut now ruled out until January, the market isn't likely to find a catalyst for a sustainable rally until early 2001, many experts believe. "We're talking bounces if anything, not a rally," said Richard Dickson, a technical analyst with Scott & Stringfellow Inc. "It's going to take a long time, in my



opinion, to repair the psychological damage that is being done and has been done to tech stocks." That's not to say the stock averages won't move higher during the six remaining trading days in 2000, when low volume of trading around the holidays can exaggerate gains or losses. It just means that short of a miracle, 2000 is slated to be the worst-ever year for the 29-year-old Nasdaq composite index. The technology-focused gauge is down more than 50 percent from its high for the year. The Dow Jones industrials, down 13 percent from its year-high, and S&P 500 are also suffering. This week's spectacular sell-off, including the Nasdaq's seventh consecutive decline on Wednesday, haven't kept the market while it may take a snap back to last a little bit.

Chamber

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the annual auction, an annual banquet and trade fair.
• \$148,000 - revenues from committee events and projects, such as the agriculture committee's banquet, a leadership training program and sales at the Buzz Langdon Visitor's Center at the south end of the Perrine Bridge.
• Planned expenses of \$462,625 include:
• \$231,500 - employee and office expenses.
• \$96,130 - membership expenses, such as those for meetings, publications, relocation packets and the August picnic and auction.
• \$116,995 - committee and project expenses.

• \$18,000 - reserve and building fund.
That leaves a net \$215 in the budget.
The chamber has more than \$40,000 in its building fund and adds to it each year, anticipating an eventual move for its office, Just said.
The 2001 budget doesn't reflect any major shifts in where chamber money comes from or where it goes, he said.
"We're cognizant that our organization, our chamber, is probably one of the few that really depends really highly on other than membership income," Just said.
A new year also brings a flurry of chamber planning and publications to be distributed to members in January:

the updated Twin Falls Guide, a community information piece and chamber membership directory given out for free; a membership poster; the organization's "2001 Action Plan"; its five-year strategic plan, which leaders have said will emphasize work-force development and workforce retention and the chamber's annual report, to be released Jan. 15.
Just wouldn't say what's on the front burner for 2001, because the board wants to reveal its action plan at the annual banquet Jan. 15.
The chamber is accepting reservations for that evening event, at \$40 per person or \$75 per couple, with a limit of 256 seats at the Turf Club. The dinner meeting will feature

awards and speeches and is the official changing of the guard ceremony. President Terry McCurdy steps down and Jody Tremblay takes the helm for 2001.
Tremblay and the rest of the new executive committee received their official appointments from the chamber board this week. They are: Jim Olmstead, president elect; Marc Asher and Sue Ann Jones, vice presidents; J. Francis Florence, treasurer; Lisa Donnelly, assistant treasurer; and Just, executive vice president.

Newspaper to replace strikers

SEATTLE (AP) - The Seattle Times planned to begin hiring permanent replacements for striking workers, and the Seattle Post-Intelligencer said it was considering a similar move.
Workers at the city's two daily newspapers characterized the Times' move as a possibly illegal ploy to break the 1,059-member Pacific Northwest Newspaper Guild, which went on strike a month ago.
"They have to make these threats six days before Christmas," Linda Foley, Guild international president, asked Tuesday.
PI leaders planned a nonbinding vote Wednesday on a contract offer, the PI reported. The Times and PI contracts are negotiated together but differ slightly.
The most recent offers to the strikers came Monday and included hourly raises of \$3.30 over six years.
Guild leaders said the offer would go to a membership vote without return-to-work provisions. Strikers said the Times planned to present the union with return-to-work language by Thursday.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

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Table listing American Stock Exchange stocks with columns: Name, Div, Last, Chg. Includes various financial and industrial stocks.

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Comunidad

Actor hopes for a groundbreaking part



Adam Garcia

NEW YORK — Adam Garcia knows how to dance. But can he act?

"I am still learning," says Garcia, one of the stars of Fox Searchlight's new film "Boatmen," now playing at the Lamphouse Theater in Twin Falls.

"I am still a novice in this art form," says Garcia, 27, whose previous films include "Coyote Ugly" and "Wild." He will also appear in the upcoming "Riding in Cars With Boys."

"In 'Boatmen,' Garcia, who is Australian, plays Sean Okden, who is determined to become a groundbreaking tap dancer and not resign himself to a life eventing in the local steel mill in Newcastle, New South Wales, Australia.

Garcia grew up in the affluent Sydney North Shore suburb of Wahroonga, the son of a stockbroker father and physiotherapist mother.

"For most of his career, Garcia has danced in live performances, including the opening ceremonies of the 2000 Olympics in Sydney."

"Dancing is such a personal space. I find it easy to get up on a live stage and dance or get up on a stage and have somebody film it."

Woman puts Portugal's wines on dinner tables

"Although Portugal's richly fla-

— compiled from wire reports

El Dorado to hold its holiday dances on Sunday

BURLEY — El Dorado, 200 E. Main St. in Burley, will hold holiday dances.

Grupo Caliente of Burley will play from 9 p.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$10 at the door for men and \$5 for women.

Briseyda y Los Unidos from Mexico will perform Dec. 30 from 8 p.m. to 1 p.m.

Also playing is Milar from Blackfoot. Tickets are \$20. On Dec. 31, Gamex, a group from Salt Lake City, will per-

Vida Latina

Billboard's hot Latin tracks

1. "Yo Te Amo," Chayanne
2. "Cuando Seas Mia (Misa He So Bad)," Son By Four
3. "A Puro Dolor," Son By Four
4. "Por Amarte Asi," Christian Castro
5. "Te Quise Ojidar," MDO
6. "Infel," Rocio Durcal
7. "She Bangs," Ricky Martin
8. "Abrazame Muy Fuerte," Juan Gabriel
9. "Cuando," Ricardo Arjona
10. "Poema De Amor," Renan Ammendez Coello

vored vintage port wines enjoy an international reputation, its table wines aren't even on most aficionados' radar screens. Sandra Tavares da Silva wants to change that.

She's the 28-year-old Portuguese-born wine maker at the tiny Quinto do Valle D. Maria in Portugal's famed Douro wine region.

Once a New York-based fashion model, she oversees annual production of 6,000 bottles of native-varietal grape red wine.

The prevailing account is that it was created in exile in Miami by an enterprising homemaker and there is a ring of truth to this.

Tres leches is a dessert of abundance and comfort, made with prized canned, evaporated and condensed milks not as readily available to anyone in the Nicaragua of the 1980s as in Miami.

I always scrape off the meringue, a little too sweet for me, so when I make tres leches at home I simply omit it. Another option, if you insist, is to substitute marshmallow creme. This recipe, the best I have found, is adapted from Steven Raichlen's "Miami Spice" (Workman, \$14.95).

For the cake
1 cup sugar
5 large eggs, separated
1/3 cup milk

form at 10 p.m. Doors open at 8 p.m.

MV students win 'image' scholarships

BOISE — Image of Idaho has announced its 2000-2001 scholarship recipients, with several Magic Valley residents among the recipients.

Image of Idaho says it is a non-profit organization which serves the interests of Hispanics in employment, training, education, civil rights and social issues. The goal of the scholarship program is to promote the educational development of Idaho's Hispanic students.

Last year, Image of Idaho awarded more than \$20,000 in scholarships to Idaho Hispanics in high school and college.

If you need an application for a scholarship or have any questions, please contact: Ramon V. Silva, scholarship chair, Boise State University, New Student Information Center, 1910 University Drive, Boise ID 83725 or call him at (208) 426-3038 or e-mail him at rsilva@boisestate.edu.

2000-2001 Image of Idaho Scholarship recipients from the



Francisco Davila



Rosa Del Toro



Ana Maria Solls



Graciela Calderon



Erika Pedraza



Robert Gaytan

region are: Francisco Davila, Twin Falls High School, earned a \$500 scholarship.

Rosa Del Toro of Rupert, a College of Southern Idaho student, received a \$1,000 scholarship.

Deisy Paredes of Rupert, Minico High School, will receive a \$1,000 scholarship.

Ana Maria Solls of Declo, a CSI student, received a \$500 scholarship.

Graciela Calderon of Kimberly, a Boise State University student, will receive a

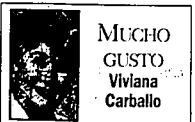
\$1,000 scholarship. Erika Pedraza, a Mountain Home High School student, earned a \$1,000 scholarship.

Robert Gaytan of Mountain Home, a BSU student, will receive a \$1,000 scholarship.

Other recipients are: Gina LaJamba and Luis Perez, both of American Falls; Bezi Baldeon, Evelyn Baldeon, Corina Barrera, Angela Hernandez, Alicia Juarez and Alicia Ross, all of Boise; Ricardo Mendez of Bonners Ferry; Yasmir Morales of Bruneau; Flor Ganna, Lupe Mexina and

Rogelio Valdez, all of Caldwell; Joseph Ronquillo of Eagle; Jesse Calisto of Firth; Leticia Cuevas of Grace; Alvaro Almanza and Ricardo Perez, both of Idaho Falls; Liliana Carreon of Marsing; Myrna Galvan of Menan; Rebekah Rosas of Middleton; Brandy Schmidt and Ray Serrano, both of Nampa; Matthew Cortez of Naples; Araceli Gomez of Payette; Hiram Meching III of Pocatello; Ruben Ortega of Rexburg; Lupe Castaneda and Leonardo Morales, both of Wilder.

Tres Leches is a treat in any language



5 teaspoon vanilla extract
1 cup flour
1.5 teaspoons baking powder
1.5 teaspoon cream of tartar

For the milk syrup
14-ounce can sweetened condensed milk
12-ounce evaporated milk
1 cup heavy cream
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1 tablespoon rum

For the meringue
1 cup sugar
5 teaspoon cream of tartar
3 egg whites
Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
Generously butter a 13-by-9-inch cake pan.

To make cake, beat .75 cup of sugar with the egg yolks until fluffy. Add milk and vanilla; fold in the flour and baking powder.

Beat egg whites with cream or tartar and the remaining sugar. Gently fold into the flour mixture.

Pour batter into prepared pan. Bake the cake until firm and an inserted toothpick comes out clean, about 45 minutes. Let the cake cool in the pan before unmolding onto a large, deep platter.

To make syrup, combine the milks and cream in a heavy saucepan and bring to a boil. Remove from the heat and stir in the vanilla and rum.

Pour the syrup over the cake, spooning the overflow back on top until all the liquid is absorbed.

To make the meringue, place .75 cup plus 2 tablespoons sugar in a heavy saucepan with .5 cup of water. Bring to a boil and cook uncovered to the softball stage, 239 degrees on a candy ther-

mometer. Beat the egg whites to soft peaks with the cream of tartar. Add remaining 2 tablespoons of sugar and continue to beat until stiff peaks form. Pour the boiling syrup in a thin stream into the whites, beating constantly.

Pour meringue onto the cake and spread using a wet spatula. Refrigerate for two hours before serving. Make 10 servings.

Per serving: 498 calories, 12 grams protein, 75 grams carbohydrate, 18 grams fat (10 grams saturated), 31 percent calories as fat, 0.3 gram fiber, 164 milligrams cholesterol, 197 milligrams sodium.

Viviana Carballo is restaurant critic for The Miami Herald.

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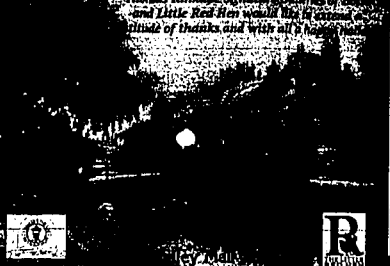


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Letters to Santa

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I want a jewel girl Barbie and a big Jessie doll on Toy Story 2 like by friend Tyler has and a shadow toy. He's a dog and some surprises. I love you.

Elizabeth Quinley, age 7

Hi Santa,

I want a Buzz Lightyear and I want to get a new toolbox and I like Woody.

Steven Butenschoen, age 7

Dear Santa,

I want a talking Augamon.

Chance Clark, age 7

Dear Santa Letters from local residents... All letters have been forwarded to Santa.

Dear Santa, I would like a scooter and horse stuff like blankets and lots of horse stuff. I love you lot. I'm writing for you to come visit me at grandma's house to sing you some songs.
Karsa, Gooding, Age 8

Dear Santa, I want a computer, Pokemon, Digimon, Dinosaurs, and a sled for me to play in the snow. Please bring my baby sister, Audrey a Scooby-Doo play tent and a real baby horse.
Dylan Farman, Burley, Age 5

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Dear Santa, This Christmas holiday I wish for peace among all people & all nations.
Glenda Thompson, Twin Falls, Age 50

Dear Santa, Please bring me a new bike, a Sony Home Maker oven, a unicorn doll, a collar for my kitty Striped, a new baby bottle for my doll and snow on Christmas eve. Thank you.
Katie Fleming, Filer, Age 5

Dear Santa, How easy you? I am good! Will you come visit me & show me your reindeer? I would like a Kelly doll & a new baby, Merry Christmas.
Shanna B., Twin Falls, Age 4

Dear Santa, I would like for Christmas is rollerblades and a bike. Also would like to listen to mom & dad more because they are the Love of my life and my baby brother Rhonda.
Daimean White, Twin Falls, Age 5

Dear Santa, What I really want for Christmas is some boots that I saw in the mall and they are really cool and I wish you can get them for me and I'll be very happy. Please.
Kathryn Jorgensen, Twin Falls, Age 8

Dear Santa, New Barbie Doll, Baby Barbie Doll, Daddy Barbie Doll, Barbie Book, Barbie Movie, Barbie Clothes, New pillow for Mommy & Daddy.
Meghan Jones, Twin Falls, Age 3

Dear Santa, I have been a very good girl this year. I would like a New Born Baby So Real for Christmas.
Jamie Holsyk, Buhl, Age 7

Dear Santa, When you come to my school I want two candy cones - one for my brother and one for me. I go to Nickelton, and Merry Christmas, Nicole Olson, Twin Falls, Age 10

Dear Santa, I would very much like a small t.v. for my bedroom. I also want my brother to come home for Christmas. Have a wonderful Merry Christmas, and a happy new year.
Ocellia Farley, Twin Falls, Age 9

Dear Santa, I want to wish you a Merry Christmas. How are your ches? Where do your reindeer live? How do they live with you? Merry Christmas, and I have a player and some CD's please.
Shelby James, Twin Falls, Age 9

Dear Santa, I hope I get a CD for Christmas! I hope I have a Merry Christmas. I hope you have a Merry Christmas.
Michael Stone, Twin Falls, Age 9

Dear Santa, How is it going up there? It's good down here. It must be hard going around the world in one day.
Levi Eggleston, Twin Falls, Age 9

Dear Santa, I hope you have a very good Christmas. And how are your ches doing and the toys.
Marka Nijonen, Twin Falls, Age 9

Dear Santa, For Christmas I want some N64 games like "Hey You placha", "Taldan Soap", and "Merry Party". I would like a Gameboy color and Pokemon game. And I want 2 race cars, an insector, and Draggly.
Jordan, Twin Falls, Age 9 1/2

Dear Santa, I want a trunka Dragon Ball Z action figure and Golu with the gold hair. And a scooter, and some posters, and a Gameboy color and games and some play station games. Bye.
Joshua Parker, Twin Falls, Age 9

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Dylan Farman, Burley, Age 5

Dear Santa, Thanks for my presents last year. This year please bring me a pookie, dog and a pink and blue Furby baby. I would like something that has Scooby-Doo on it, you choose. I love you.
Jezica Kossborough, Rupert, Age 6

Dear Santa, Please bring me a generation girl and a bike and a dart board and a new clock and a happy family, and a Barbie car. Thank you, Love Stephanie M.
Stephanie M., Twin Falls, Age 7

Dear Santa, I want a saddle and Kelly, A my dog Shadow, Bounce and Betty Doll (Barrett), and a CD. Bounce, I hope you get at least 1 of these. If not thank you!
Sincerely, Jasmine Salazar, Rupert, Age 9

Dear Santa, I want some darts for Christmas and because I want you to be happy and I want you to be happy for me and my baby brother Rhonda.
Cristal Abarto, Twin Falls, Age 10

Dear Santa, Christmas Video Barbie Radio House Purple Piglet Purple cowboy New Barbie Dolls Sierra Mickel, Jerome, Age 2

Dear Santa, My name is Ryker. I am 3. I live in Burley. I would like pony fire truck and a board. I have been a good boy.
Ryker Fenstermaker, Burley, Age 3

Dear Santa, Merry Christmas! How are you? I'm fine. How are your ches? Where are your reindeer? Have a nice one too!
Stephanie Schwann, Twin Falls, Age 10

Dear Santa, I wish you a very happy Christmas this year and every other year. I will try to get you some cookies and milk this year. Hope you like them. Wish you a Merry Christmas.
Danielle Sterner, Twin Falls, Age 9

Dear Santa, All I want for Christmas is a horse. I don't care if it's all I get. It's all I want. Thank you and have a Merry Christmas to all and all a good night.
Ciera Massey, Twin Falls, Age 10

Dear Santa, I hope that I get a CD player, CD's and a clock. I have been very good this year to earn these things. I hope you have a Merry Christmas.
Your friend, Ananda Coggins, Twin Falls, Age 10

Dear Santa, What I want for Christmas is a scooter - very very good. The reason is because I ride my brother's girl/friend's scooter.
Marsia S. Denney, Twin Falls, Age 10

Dear Santa, I really want a CD player and CD's especially Britney Spears and Shania Twain and Christina Aguilera and Backstreet Boys and Hala and 98 Christmas song.
Ashley McCormick, Twin Falls, Age 9

Dear Santa, I wish to have respecting books and I wish to have at least two toys. Please, will you try to?
Ashleigh, Twin Falls, Age 9 1/2

Dear Santa, I really want a scooter, video camera, camera, laptop, CD player, DVD player, Gameboy, 4 in 1 printer, books, video games, electric guitar, and a dirt bike, Gameboy, telephone and a T.V., Edger, Twin Falls, Age 10

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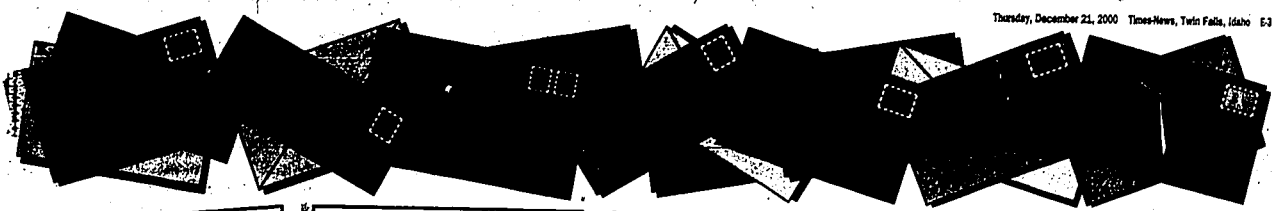
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Kara Hunter, age 7

Dear Santa,

I want a new swimming Barbie and a new Dr. Seuss book "Put Me In The Zoo".

Sabra Cain, age 6

Dear Santa,

My name is Melissa. My friends are: Kara, Addie, Tanner, and AuraLee and Sabra. Snow is coming early this year. Bring me whatever you want to.

Melissa Leavitt, age 6



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I am seven years old and I have 3 brothers! I want a Wedding Barbie and a Barbie clothes with a bed.
Auralee Maicke, age 7

Dear Santa,
I want a scooter. I have 1 sister and 1 brother. Sidney wants a doll and Tyler wants a big truck. My mom wants some perfume and my dad would like a million dollars!
Hayley Steen, age 6

Dear Santa,
I want a skeeter scooter that comes with a bag and a brand new bike with tubes in them and some tubes with them.
Tallon Boston, age 6

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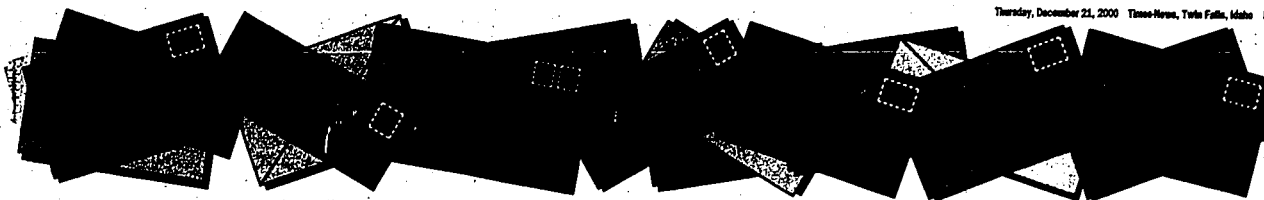
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Dear Santa,

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Dixie Pohl, age 7

Dear Santa,

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Catalina Lopez, age 6

Dear Santa,

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Addie Ahern, age 6



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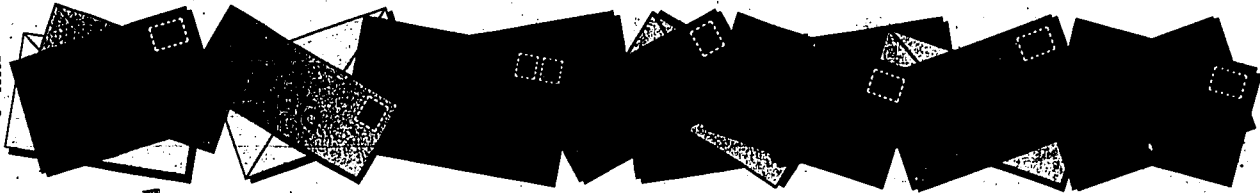
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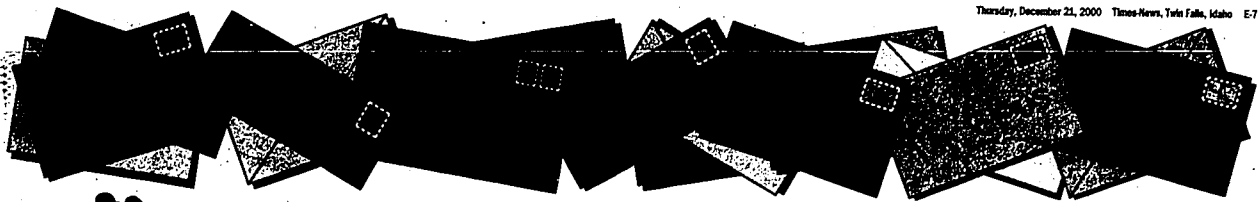
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Utility assistance for poor grows thin

Power crisis makes it hard for programs to help

SACRAMENTO (AP) - Spiking utility costs are causing anxiety at programs that help low-income families pay their utility bills.

One San Diego program is helping 13,000 households - twice as many as before rising natural gas and electricity prices caused a statewide energy crunch. And many other poor families are being turned away for lack of money to help with their bills.

"We always have a waiting list of people asking for assistance," said Arthur Cisneros, deputy director of Veterans in Community Services Inc. of Los

Angeles. "The low-income people are going to be the ones to feel any problems first. They are going to feel it hard."

The power plight spurred President Clinton on Monday to dispense \$155 million to help the poor in all 50 states defray the cost of keeping warm, with more than \$7 million going to California for dispersal through the federal Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program.

The dilemma will likely get worse in this state and across the country as power costs continue to rise, especially if utilities succeed in passing along much of their debt to consumers in the form of higher electric and gas bills.

"The shut-off notices are going to hit a lot of people starting next month and February. We are struggling to help everyone that needs it," said Toni Carrillo, pro-

gram director of Campesinos Unidos Inc. in San Diego County.

The nonprofit group gives out money to those who qualify for LIHEAP, which helps low-income residents pay their utility bills and weatherproof their homes. Every county is covered by at least one nonprofit or government agency that gives out LIHEAP money.

More than \$73 million in LIHEAP money came into California this year - about \$25 million of that as emergency releases above the amount Congress had budgeted.

Climate conditions, family size, income and other factors determine how much assistance a family can receive. Those in immediate danger of having the power shut off can get \$137 to \$363 in emergency aid.

Sacramento County resident Terri Kahikina, 43, has sought

such help for four years. The program pays one of her utility bills, about \$200. Kahikina is unemployed and usually seeks the help in December so she can afford to buy Christmas presents. This year she applied in April.

"I can't afford to pay for a higher bill. It hurts now. I just thank God for this," said Kahikina, adding that 20 percent of her monthly income comes goes to her utility bill.

Kahikina is one of the lucky ones. The Community Resource Project Inc. in Sacramento often turns away clients, said Executive Director Louise Perez.

"We always have money for each month but we don't have enough to help every family that needs it, every one that walks through the door. These are real people in real need and this is certainly a problem," Perez said.

Nez Perce prosecutors drop all charges against racketeers

LEWISTON (AP) - Nez Perce County prosecutors have dropped all charges against Steven J. Taulbee and his sons, Jason L. and Matthew S. Taulbee.

The Taulbees were indicted in a grand jury investigation and accused of racketeering for allegedly selling items they knew to be stolen at their pawn shop, Steve's Secondhand and Loan.

"I think it was a long time coming," the Taulbees' attorney, Jay P. Gaddall, said. "I think probably justice delayed is probably better than no justice at all."

The charges were dropped on Friday in 2nd District Court, when Nez Perce County Prosecutor Jamie Shropshire said she no longer had enough evidence to get a conviction.

The prosecution alleged members of a so-called heroin ring would steal merchandise from several local department stores

and then sell it to the pawn shop for drug money. The prosecution said the Taulbees bought the items but though they reportedly knew them to be stolen.

The Taulbees have maintained their innocence since they were charged almost two years ago after police raided their shop looking for the stolen items. They regularly turned over a list of all the items they purchased and sold to the Lewiston Police Department, as required by law.

Shropshire said she decided to drop the charges after Judge Ron Schilling ruled that she would have to identify which store each item allegedly was stolen from, and the state attorney general refused to seek out an appeal on the motion before the trial.

The case was dismissed with prejudice, meaning those charges can never be refiled against the Taulbees.

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Utah board votes down busing plan to better integrate schools

PARK CITY, Utah (AP) - The Park City School Board has rejected a plan to better integrate schools that opponents said would have meant busing.

"I've probably had as much or more public feedback/comment in the last six months (on this) than any other item I've ever been involved in," said Board Chairman Colleen Bailey.

The 4-1 vote Tuesday was qualified by a promise that the district will eventually consider other changes aimed at mixing the area's population.

In the meantime, administrators will implement boundaries to assign about 300 pupils strictly by geography to the new Trailside Elementary School, which opens next fall.

Children from parts of Park City and throughout much of the largely rural Snyderville Basin will attend Trailside under the policy, amended at the last minute to exclude several families in the Pinebrook area who

had fought to keep their children at Jeremy Ranch Elementary School.

Katherine Adair cast the dissenting vote, contending the district had not done enough to fairly weigh the alternative proposal. The plan that would have ensured greater integration was opposed by many non-minority Snyderville Basin parents, who objected to busing and having children from the same households ending up in different schools.

Adair contended a system that would collect certain grade levels in one place - by devoting one campus to kindergarten and grades one through two, or grades three through five, for example - might be best for Latinos and non-minorities alike.

"If there is a way to improve (schools) for all the kids in the district and throw in a little diversity on the side, it continues to behoove us to look for that," she said.

Family receives \$9 million in case

SPOKANE (AP) - A judge has ordered federal prison inmate to pay \$9 million to a family whose children he sexually abused.

Court Judge Ellen Clark ordered Gregory L. McRea to pay the award in a civil lawsuit brought by the parents of two of McRea's victims.

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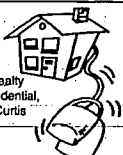
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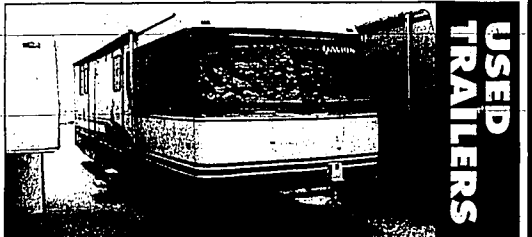
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