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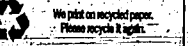
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Two die in blaze

Investigators determining cause of Sunday trailer fire

By Dan Fields
Times-News writer

JEROME - An investigation is under way into the cause of a Sunday morning fire that killed two Jerome residents.

The fire started at around 5:15 a.m. in a single-wide trailer on the 400 block of West Avenue E, Jerome Fire Chief Jim Auclair said.

A man and a woman who lived in the trailer were pronounced dead at the scene, said Dan Chatterton, a Jerome Police Department detective sergeant.

Chatterton said he could not release the victims' names, pending notification of next of kin.

No one else was in the trailer at the time of the fire, Chatterton said.

The fire started in the trailer's living room, but was widespread by the time firefighters arrived, Auclair said.

"About three-quarters of the trailer had flames, and underneath it had flames," Auclair said.

Neighbor Jim Coverdale saw



A Sunday morning fire, that occurred in this Jerome trailer, claimed the lives of the trailer's two residents. The cause of the fire is under investigation. — DAN FIELDS/The Times-News

Help for early arrivals



Dana Miller of Twin Falls looks at her son Carson - born Dec. 14, three weeks early - in the intensive care unit at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls. A new service at the hospital could provide similar local care for premature babies born in outlying areas. — LORNA CANTON/The Times-News

Newborn transport service will provide local treatment

By Brandon Flala
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - He entered the world weighing 2 pounds, 15 ounces.

Alexander Gupton was born Nov. 2, 2000, but his due date wasn't until Friday. Gupton's mother, Gayle Stewart of Twin Falls, was feeding her son recently in the newborn unit at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

A newborn transport service starting in February will make it easier for more babies across the

Magic Valley to get similar local care. The service could handle several newborns per month, from Mini-Cassia to other outlying areas in southern Idaho.

"It's a major convenience," said Stewart, as she fed Gupton a bottle. "It's so nice, I can come in for feedings every three hours, then can go home to my other son."

Sick premature babies born in outlying regions are now sent to hospitals in Boise or Pocatello, because there's no way to get them to Magic Valley Regional.

When the transport service starts, many of these babies can get local care.

"I have a home here, and the thought of having to go to Boise is terrifying even though my mom lives there," said Dana Miller of Twin Falls, whose son, Carson Miller, was born three weeks early. "It has been really great here, much better than I anticipated for such a scary experience."

The transport service is aimed at making a difficult time for

About preemies

Premature babies are born before 37 weeks of a woman's pregnancy have passed. At least 5 percent of all babies born at Cassia Regional Medical Center in Burley are premature, said Julie Crane, the hospital's birthing center nurse manager.

"Many premature babies have no problems, it depends on their development," said Dr. Bernard Boehmer, a family doctor at Cassia Regional.

Bush nominees distress Democrats

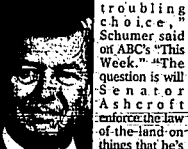
Abortion, gun control views spark concern

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Several influential Democrats said Sunday that they are distressed by President-elect Bush's cabinet choices to date, mentioning attorney general designate John Ashcroft as a particular problem because of his opposition to abortion and gun control measures.

Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., called Ashcroft's prospects at Senate confirmation for attorney general "hardly a done deal" and said he is "truly worried" that Ashcroft would not enforce federal laws banning violence against abortion clinics or laws that restrict gun ownership. In an earlier comment, Sen. Schumer would work to repeal those laws.

"He is far and away the most



troubling choice," Schumer said on ABC's "This Week." The question is will Senator Ashcroft enforce the law of the land on things that he's opposed to."

However, Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, appearing on the same program, said he would be surprised if the Senate does not confirm Ashcroft, the outgoing senator from Missouri who has served as that state's attorney general and governor.

"He is a man of integrity. He is a man of great experience," Hatch said. "I have no doubt, as a former attorney general and hopefully as this attorney general, he will enforce the law regardless of whether he agrees with it

or not."

Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., also expressed concerns about Ashcroft, saying that he and other Democrats intend to ask him tough questions during his confirmation hearings, specifically whether he intends to enforce civil rights laws that protect minorities and statutes protecting equal rights for women.

"He has to convince a lot of his colleagues and a lot of those who are concerned ... that he can do that," Daschle told NBC's "Meet the Press."

Senate Republican Whip Don Nickles of Oklahoma said he doesn't understand why Ashcroft's critics are "making these unfair cracks at him."

"I think some people are looking for an issue. They're looking for a fight," Nickles told NBC. "They want to have a big divisive battle. I think they're picking on the wrong person with John Ashcroft."

Say goodbye to fuzzy math, chad and dot-com

The Associated Press

Chad, be gone.

Not the country or the popular male first name. Just the hanging, dimpled, and pregnant kid that launched the word into Americans' vocabulary this presidential election.

Chad was the year's most nominated critic from the English language on the 2001 Banned Word List, compiled by Lake Superior State University in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

"We've heard it 12 times an hour on the news," said Mike Warner of Anchorage, Alaska. "Chad has gotta go."

Among the other words from the world of politics that wandered onto this year's list: Fuzzy math, unleashed by President-elect George W. Bush.

From the world of business,

dot-com emerged as a popular word to kick out of the vocabulary. Last year, "e" anything made the list.

Kelly Hall of York, Pa., wants "shaken up" - a reference to a sports injury - taken out of sports lingo. "As if athletes were marjins," Hall said.

"Dude, as in the movie 'Dude, Where's My Car?'" made the list, as did "diva."

"I thought it was bad when I heard Madonna described as a 'diva.' Since then, I've seen promotions for shows in 'male divas' and 'transgressive divas,'" said Jennifer McGraw, of Everett, Mich.

Just because words "made the list" doesn't mean people will stop using them. "Road rage" was on past lists, but it's still a popular way to describe angry, aggressive drivers.

Hail, 2001!

World has high hopes for new year

The Associated Press

LONDON - Much of the world welcomed 2001 with fireworks, good cheer and optimism, and even in troubled lands the hope of a better future prevailed.

Yugoslavia's celebrations, the first since the ouster of Slobodan Milosevic, were dubbed "the first free New Year," temple bells rang in Japan and tens of thousands gathered for a carnival in Hong Kong.

In Argentina, police blocked off Corrientes Avenue in Buenos Aires to create space for a New Year's Eve tango-fest.

"What worries? I am just here to dance! Tango is one of the great wonders of Argentina," said Alberto Pajez.

Pakistan's militant Muslims warned against celebrations and deployed extra soldiers to make sure no dancing took place, and authorities in Lebanon and Syria warned celebrants to leave their guns at home.

"Gunfire is an uncivilized phenomenon," said Al-Baath, the newspaper of Syria's ruling party. "Some people think that gunfire and fireworks reflect happiness. ... They are very dangerous."

Lebanese authorities banned firing into the air after the nation's civil war ended in 1990. However, shooting remains a New Year's Eve tradition.

In Paris, thousands of drummers from all over Europe were recruited to beat the countdown to midnight in unison at the Georges Pompidou Center.

Fifteen parachutists from the United States, Europe and Asia landed in Paris, one of the millennium events to the new millennium kicked Sunday, using the world's tallest skyscrapers as a launch pad.

"What a great New Year!" cried an exuberant Ed Trick, 38, a carpenter from Petaluma, Calif., one of the nine Americans who joined in the dive from Malaysia's Petronas Twin towers, each 1,483 feet tall.

The jump started at 15 seconds before midnight, so that when they landed time had moved forward to a new millennium - at least in the view of those who insist that 2000 was the last year of the second millennium A.D.

The jumpers - claiming a world record for most people in one base jump - were helped by perfect weather, shouts of "Happy New Year!" and strains of "Auld Lang Syne" from more than 100,000 people.

FORECAST FOR MAGIC VALLEY

IDAHO ALMANAC

Twin Falls through 5 p.m. yesterday

Temperature: High/Low 23/22, Record high 54/18, Record low 55/1996

Precipitation: 0.4 inch over 24 hr. year, Normal monthly rate 1.10

Humidity: Yesterday at noon 100%, Yesterday at 6 p.m. 30.22 in.

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

Source: Asthma and Allergy of Idaho

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

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FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR TWIN FALLS

TODAY	TONIGHT	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Dense fog and low clouds; some sun.	Mostly cloudy with patchy fog.	Fog and low clouds might break in the p.m.	Low clouds and fog, then perhaps some sun.	Low clouds and areas of fog.	Mostly cloudy; patchy morning fog.
▲ 32°	▼ 20°	▲ 32° ▼ 20°	▲ 36° ▼ 22°	▲ 38° ▼ 22°	▲ 36° ▼ 22°

REGIONAL WEATHER

Southern Idaho: Locally dense valley fog along with low clouds this morning, then a few spots across the region will have some sunshine this afternoon. Areas of low clouds and fog again tonight and tomorrow.

Boise: Low clouds and patchy fog this morning, then there might be a little sunshine this afternoon. Mostly cloudy tonight with areas of fog. Low clouds and patchy fog tomorrow.

Northern Nevada: A tranquil weather pattern will continue across northern Nevada today through tomorrow. A few spots might have fog early; otherwise, mostly sunny today and tomorrow. Mainly clear tonight.

Northern Utah: Fog and low clouds will persist across some of the valleys today and tonight; otherwise, skies will be clear to partly cloudy. Areas of low clouds and fog across the valleys again tomorrow.

Northern Idaho: Areas of low clouds and locally dense fog this morning, then parts of the region will have some sunshine this afternoon. Mostly cloudy tonight with areas of dense fog.

CANADIAN CITIES

City	Today	High	Low	Wind
Calgary	10	10	10	W
Edmonton	11	11	11	W
Regina	5	5	5	W
Saskatoon	17	17	17	W
Winnipeg	2	2	2	W

SUN AND MOON

Event	Time
Sunrise today	8:08 a.m.
Sunset today	5:15 p.m.
Moonset tonight	12:14 a.m.

UV INDEX TODAY

Time	UV Index
6 a.m.	1.0
10 a.m.	2.0
Noon	3.0
2 p.m.	4.0
4 p.m.	3.0

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today	High	Low	Wind
Atlanta	12	12	12	W
Baltimore	35	35	35	W
Boston	35	35	35	W
Chicago	23	23	23	W
Denver	27	27	27	W
Houston	48	48	48	W
Los Angeles	62	62	62	W
New York	30	30	30	W
San Francisco	62	62	62	W
Seattle	50	50	50	W
Washington, DC	32	32	32	W

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today	High	Low	Wind
Boise	33	33	33	W
Idaho Falls	28	28	28	W
Pocatello	28	28	28	W
Salmon	34	34	34	W
Sun Valley	38	38	38	W
Twin Falls	32	32	32	W

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NATIONAL EXTREMES

High 77° in Riverside, CA Low -27° in Devil's Lake, ND

NATIONAL WEATHER



Cities prepare for New Year's celebrations

For purists, it's the turn of the "real millennium." For everyone else, it's an excuse to party.

Everywhere across the country gear up for New Year's Eve celebrations. In the Northeast and southern Plains worked to clean up the messes left by winter storms.

Snow plow drivers in New York City spent Sunday morning clearing about a foot of snow from Times Square in preparation for more than 500,000 people expected for the big New Year's Eve celebration.

While the ringing in of 2001 wasn't expected to be as big as last year's bash, which was attended by 2 million, Mayor Rudolph Giuliani predicted the snow would make it "even more beautiful."

Former heavyweight champion Muhammad Ali was given the honor of pressing the button to start the descent of Times Square's 1,070-pound Waterford crystal ball, which lights up at midnight. Like last year, the manhole covers in the area were welded shut, trash cans were removed as a security precau-

tion, and thousands of police officers were assigned to surrounding streets.

America's official timekeeper, the U.S. Naval Observatory, arranged to mark the new millennium accurately with a celebration for 3,000 people at its Washington headquarters. Under the widely used Gregorian calendar, which started in the year 1, the third millennium begins on Jan. 1, 2001.

Las Vegas and Denver also threw "hundred millennium" bashes, with hundreds of thousands of dollars spent on fireworks, to make-up for fizzled celebrations

Clinton authorizes signing war-crimes tribunal treaty

WASHINGTON (AP) — Acting at the last moment, President Clinton on Sunday authorized the United States to ratify a treaty creating the world's first permanent international war crimes tribunal to bring to justice people accused of crimes against humanity.

The president said his action, taken on U.S. support for justice and individual accountability dating to American involvement in the Nuremberg tribunals that brought Nazi war criminals to justice after World War II. "Our

Premies

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women a little easier, said Candy McMullin, a clinical manager and transport nurse at Magic Valley Regional.

"The real emphasis is keeping families together," she said. "A sick baby is so devastating, and to add separation from family can be even more traumatic."

Ambulance crews will use isolettes, enclosed bubbles that provide oxygen and heat, to transport babies throughout southern Idaho. The isolettes, used on regular gurneys and can be used in any ambulance.

The crews will include two nurses and a respiratory therapist. Crews will also pick up newborn women, said Michele Randall, the hospital's director of maternal-child services.

Officials at outlying hospitals like the new service.

"This is definitely a bonus to our community," said Dr. Bernard Boehmer, a family doctor at Cassia Regional Medical Center.

where surgery might be required.

St. Luke's Regional Medical Center in Boise is level III.

"babies need level III care, we'll always transport them," Scott said.

The expanded capability could be even more important as the population grows. Some hospitals get crowded with babies, and won't take transfers.

"Scott said she isn't board-certified, but rather is board-eligible. Scott declined to say whether or not she has taken the board test before.

Board certification is a nationally recognized standard in a medical specialty.

"I'm well-trained and I have completed a three-year neonatology fellowship," Scott said. "Level II care can be done by

Machete-wielding men kill nun

CASTRIES, St. Lucia (AP) — Machete-wielding men stormed a Roman Catholic church during a service Sunday, hacking worshippers and setting some on fire with a blowtorch and fuel. A nun was killed and at least 12 others were injured, police and witnesses said.

More than 400 people were

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Daniel Walcott, circulation director

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than 100,000 spectators below.

Omar Aljehani, 34, who runs a parades school in Elay, Ariz., said jumping was the "ultimate expression of freedom."

"As a Muslim, as someone from Saudi Arabia, I dedicate this jump to the children of Palestine and Israel, and I hope that they enjoy the same kind of freedom," Aljehani said.

Russians marked the holiday with gift-giving and decorating homes with images of the Santa Claus-like Dedy Moroz (Grandfather Frost) and his sidekick Snegurochka (Snow Maiden). Christmas, an official holiday since the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991, is celebrated on Jan. 7 on the Orthodox calendar.

"We are leaving behind another year, a year of happy and tragic events, a year of difficult decisions," Russian President Vladimir Putin, marking the end

Fire

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lights from the fire trucks before he realized what was happening. He went outside and saw firefighters going into the trailer, trying to put out the fire.

"I went in there and tore it apart," Coverdale said. "There were still flames shooting out everywhere. (The flames) went straight up from the windows."

The trailer's two residents were well-liked within the community, Coverdale said.

"It was just wonderful people," Coverdale said. "Everybody liked them."

Jerome's police and fire departments and the state fire marshal are investigating the cause of the blaze.

Dan Fields is the Times-Herald's Mini-Gossip editor. He can be reached at 677-4042 or by email at dfields@magicvalley.com.

Women's issues become Albright legacy



Madeleine Albright

WASHINGTON (AP) — The first woman secretary of state in U.S. history reflects near the end of her four-year tenure that women's issues became a significant component of her approach to foreign policy and she's proud of that legacy.

"We have made women's issues not something peripheral, but central, and central for a number of reasons," Madeleine Albright said in a taped interview broadcast Sunday on ABC's "This Week."

"If women ... are well placed and are

able to be part of the economy, it makes those countries more stable," Albright said. "So we have tried very hard through development programs and micro-enterprises to do more for women."

Albright, sworn in as the 64th secretary of state in January 1997, also said that in many ways being a woman has worked to her advantage on the job.

"I flirt a bit and, you know, it's not so hard for some foreign minister who is mad to send me roses and then kiss me on both cheeks and we move right along," Albright said. She related a story

from Middle East peace talks in Paris this year — "something like out of a movie" — in which she chased down Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat and convinced him not to leave the summit, "all in high heels and hoping that I wouldn't fall on my face."

Albright said she is pleased that her successor is Colin Powell, the first black nominated to the position. "It is the most amazing symbol of America that the first female secretary can be followed by the first African-American, and I am very, very glad that he will do that."

Campaign donors get their say

WASHINGTON (AP) — After giving their money, some donors to President-elect Bush's campaign now get the chance to advise him on how to restructure the federal government.

Campaign finance-watchdogs say naming donors who helped Bush build his record \$100 million campaign war chest to the "transition advisory teams" amounts to political payback, and sends a message the public has to pay up to be heard.

Bush aides counter the 474 advisory team members will not be paid, include many non-donors from diverse backgrounds, and will have no access to government agencies or non-public documents.

Either way, the practice is not unusual during a presidential transition, said Charles Lewis, executive director of the Center for Public Integrity, a government watchdog group.

"Having given money to the campaign and party helps assure that they will be at the table to be heard," Lewis said Saturday. "That's how the process works in Washington ... the Bush team isn't different in that regard."

An Associated Press review of campaign finance records found that donor names on Bush advisory teams included: Kenneth L. Lay, chief executive officer of the Houston-based energy giant Enron Corp. once in the running to be Bush's treasury secretary; California venture capitalist E. Floyd Kvamme; and Michael Carvin, the lawyer who represented Bush during the recount case in the Florida Supreme Court.

Enron and its employees have given more money to Bush's various campaigns than anyone else, according to the Center for Public Integrity. Lay is on the energy advisory committee.

Kvamme gave \$1,000 to Bush's campaign, Federal Election Commission records show. He and his wife donated \$50,000 each this year to the Republican National Committee's state elections committee.

Carvin, a former deputy attorney general in the Justice Department during the Reagan administration, gave \$1,000. He and two other attorneys from Carvin's Washington-based law firm, Cooper, Carvin & Rosenthal, PLLC, were named to the Justice advisory team.

"This is the candidate who raised the most money ... so of course, you'll have those powerful forces coming around," Lewis said. "Donors were making an investment in the future for their interest groups. This is payback time."

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Data analysis offers 20th century insights

WASHINGTON (AP) — The numbers are in on the 20th century, and the crunchers don't agree on much except this: the future may be brighter than you think, and one of the reasons is the great legacy of the last 100 years: number crunching.

The folks who gather and analyze data say that the peculiarly American phenomenon of picking out trends and forecasting their development has enhanced democracy to an immeasurable extent.

"When you set up a constitution that starts with three words, 'We the people,' you better find out how many are there, and what they want," said Ben Wattenberg, one of the authors of "The First Measured Century," an account of the last 100 years viewed with the help of the statisticians' slide rule.

1920s and 1930s. He followed up in 1974 and 1999.

Their work shows how turn-of-the-century scholars at the University of Wisconsin and at Columbia University who sought to climb the end of the frontier and the beginning of massive immigration — and ended up providing Americans with a way of keeping officials accountable.

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— Ben Wattenberg, one of the authors of "The First Measured Century"

The result is an immensely readable — and often surprising — walk through American history. What is often most shocking is what was taken for granted at the time.

The spectacular drop in infant mortality — one in six children to die before their first birthday in 1900, to one in

141 today — comes home in a photo of a 1915 Chicago exhibit warning mothers about the perils of alcohol. Out of every 100 mothers who are alcoholics, the exhibit posters warn, between 33 and 72 will lose their children before they turn three. To bring the point home, the posters note the rate among sober mothers: a 24 deaths out of 100, acceptable then and whopping now.

Each author confessed to having preconceptions shaken.

For Wattenberg, who often voices the conservative line on TV, it was the pervasiveness of official racism toward immigrants from the turn of the century until the 1920s. Government officials relied on such questionable data as skull measurements and culturally biased intelligence tests to determine immigration levels, and to allot employment.

"The racism was unbelievable," said Wattenberg. "It almost made me a liberal."

Survivalists say they had last laugh

Knight Ridder News Service

MIAMI — Their stockpiles drew snickers. They were dismissed by some as paranoid, or held up as poster children for the millennium jitters. But one hurricane season later and a year wiser about emergency preparedness, many of the so-called Y2K survivalists found that in the end — though it wasn't THE end — they had the last laugh.

As news accounts and Internet articles about the much-dreaded Y2K bug intensified last year, Lolita Kadala of Plantation, Fla., did not take any chances. She

stocked up on water and canned food. She even learned how to make a solar-powered oven through the Joseph Project, a Christian-led effort to help communities prepare for Y2K problems. Her efforts, she said, were far from a panicked millennium frenzy.

Last New Year's Eve, Kadala watched on television as midnight came and went in Australia and Rome.

"Once I saw that nothing happened, I went and partied," she said. "I'm not about doom and gloom."

Along the way to Y2K, Kadala learned much from harnessing solar power to performing CPR. Today, Kadala, who sat back as others made the annual march to supermarkets and hardware stores during hurricane season, looks at the world differently.

"We take a lot of things for granted," she said. "From the ready-made food we consume to the professionals we rely on to keep us healthy, the intricate social network between human beings came into focus with the prospect of losing daily amenities, Kadala said.

Jerome Harold, a chiropractic physician, also stocked up on supplies and attended lectures on topics related to Y2K by the Joseph Project. For him, New Year's Eve last year was a night of watching and waiting as the Times Square ball made its descent at midnight. Although he admits the night was a "little bit" embarrassing, Harold said that looking back, all the work and expense was worthwhile because it pushed other businesses and government agencies alike to take a hard look at their readiness for Y2K.

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Cleanup begins after record storm

The Associated Press

Cities and towns across the Northeast on Sunday began shuffling off the crippling effects of the first major blizzard to sweep through the region in five years.

In Philadelphia, Mayor John Street lifted an order that had allowed only emergency vehicles into the downtown area.

By mid-morning, all the major airports in the New York City area had one runway open, although there were still a significant number of canceled flights, said Allen Morrison, spokesman for the Port Authority for New York and New Jersey.

"It will probably take another day to get back to normal," said Bob McHugh, a spokesman for Continental Airlines, which has a hub at the Newark Airport.

About 700 people stayed overnight at the Continental terminal, McHugh said. New York TV stations showed rows upon rows of travelers sleeping overnight on cots in LaGuardia airport.

Airport workers, meanwhile, kept up their snow-removal marathon.

Clearing snow from the tarmac is a tedious, multistep process, said Larry Rider, the manager of airport operations at LaGuardia.

"We're moving mountains of snow around," Rider said. "And as soon as we build a big pile, we have to do something with that pile."

By Sunday morning, bus service in and out of Manhattan's Port Authority had resumed and NJ Transit trains to Manhattan were running again.

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Partisan biases foretell census gridlock

The Orlando Sentinel

ORLANDO, Fla. — The 2000 population figures were barely out of the box before the partisan bickering began over whether those numbers needed to be adjusted through statistical sampling.

Democrats contend adjusted figures compensate for people historically missed by the Census, mostly minorities, children and the rural poor.

Republicans charge that statistical sampling invents people who aren't really there. Started because the federal government has been quietly using statistical sampling and adjusted population figures throughout the 1990s for everything from crime rates to school funding.

Statistically adjusted figures are used for every aspect of government — except redistricting political boundaries.

Other than the census, virtually every other statistic the country produces is based on a sample, said Steve Jost, U.S. Census spokesman.

Moreover, by the end of the 1990s most federal agencies were using adjusted population figures to determine funding levels for programs. U.S. Census Director Kenneth Prewitt said Thursday after releasing the 2000 Census figures.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics started using adjusted statistics in 1994 when it found its employment figures did not jibe with the Census Bureau's population figures based on the official 1990 Census statistics.

The bureau was followed by just about every other federal agency. Poverty rates are based on adjusted population figures and 30 is the consumer price index.

Many of those figures translate into the distribution of federal dollars. As a result, the nation's population numbers are increased when it comes to handing out money, but when it comes to drawing the lines of political power.

Democrats argue that's just what Republicans want — count blacks and Hispanics for funding but not for political representation. "It's going back to when African-Americans were counted as three-fifths of a person," said U.S. Rep. Carolyn Maloney, D-N.Y., ranking Democrat on the House Census subcommittee.

Undersecretary for Economic Affairs Robert J. Shapiro calls the use of adjusted population figures "one of the real civil rights issues of our time."

Everett M. Ehrlich, a member of the Census Monitoring Board, said statistically adjusted figures are the only way to assure that everyone shares in both the money and the power that flows from the census every 10 years.

"The money given out and the political power allocated go to the point of everybody being counted, and whether the folks missed get to be in the family picture with everybody else," said Ehrlich, a former undersecretary for economic affairs.

One of the Republican members, David Murray, said he sees no problem with using adjusted figures for funding purposes while using unadjusted population statistics for drawing political boundaries.

"When it comes to local schools, hospitals, fire and police, it makes sense for funding purposes to use adjusted figures. There's no downside to adding a few more people," said Murray,

director of the Statistical Assessment Service, a Washington nonprofit organization.

But when it comes to drawing lines for congressional, legislative, county and city districts, Murray said, it's important to use figures based on real people. Instead of "virtual" people created by statistical sampling.

"The boundaries have to be drawn where the people are. The question is, where do you put the people the Bureau didn't find?" Murray said. "We might end up trading found people for a set of virtual people that the computer says must exist somewhere."

Murray is not alone. The idea of using one set of numbers for funding and another for redistricting has been endorsed by Virginia's Republican governor and Rep. Dan Miller, the Florida Republican who chairs the House census subcommittee.

Getting the numbers right has long-range implications. Until the minute the 2000 Census figures were announced, the Census Bureau's own population clock said there were 276 million people in the United States — based on the unadjusted 1990 Census numbers. That number turned out to be off by 4 million people.

"The census is the platform upon which all other surveys, public and private, are calibrated," Prewitt said.

Crash stumps officials

JACKSON, Wyo. (AP) — The pilot of a plane that crashed landed with actress Sandra Bullock aboard may have failed to turn on the runway lights, the Federal Aviation Administration says.

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Cadet finds 75-year-old woman in car

The Gazette

COLORADO SPRING, Colo. — Air Force Academy cadet Dan Yousey was logging on a remote snowmobile trail near his parents' home in upstate New York Wednesday when he came across a remarkable sight: a Mercury Tracer parked sideways in the snowy trail.

Yousey found Leona Roberts beside the 75-year-old woman had spent 22 hours marooned after she had somehow gotten lost on a five-minute drive to her bingo game. Yousey ran for help, and within the hour, Roberts was in her way to the hospital.

"I feel glad I found her," said Yousey, a 22-year-old senior in college on holiday break. "I was a little awestruck to find this lady in the car in the middle of the woods."

Roberts, who was expected to be out of the hospital by today, declined to talk about the incident.

Authorities were not sure how Roberts got lost. She was headed to her regular, nearby bingo game Tuesday when she started turning down different roads. She told Yousey a car with bright lights was following her and she panicked.

She ended up a mile down a former logging road now used as a snowmobile trail. Roberts told rescuers she kept the car running for warmth until the gas ran out. She endured a night of temperatures near zero, wrapped in blankets and extra clothes. She had a couple of doughnuts, but no water, said West Glens Falls Assistant Fire Chief John Cariveau.

Wednesday afternoon, Yousey, a member of the academy Nordic ski team, was finishing a 12-mile run near Queensbury — about 50 miles north of Albany — when he decided to pound up a West Glens Falls snowmobile trail, a club he usually does only once when he is home for break.

He saw tire tracks in the foot of snow and followed them, and soon spotted Roberts' car.

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Bush must strike his balance in the middle

From The Salt Lake Tribune

the only thing partisans seem to be able to agree on is the fact that there's always plenty of room in any legislation for pork.

Bush has started looking for this middle ground in some of his early choices for his Cabinet. He is wisely creating a snapshot of America as he crafts his list of those who will run the federal government. He must also pull some candidates from the Democratic Party, for he has no huge majority of the electorate

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to lean on if he wants to steer the ship too far to starboard. And he needs to understand — as the media recount of the controversial undervote in Florida unravels — that his entrance visa for the White House may have been penned on a tissue-thin piece of paper by the U.S. Supreme Court, five votes he could probably count on no matter what his conduct of the office turns out to be.

But his ability to get anything done in the next four years — much less hold on to the office for the full eight he is allowed by law — will rest on the truthfulness of the course he plots in the next four weeks. He is the president of all the people — and all the people will be watching to see if he reflects understanding of that concept in what he proposes.

Some time between now and Jan. 20, 2001, President-elect George W. Bush needs to come to understand the nature of the mandate he won in an election that showed the nation split right down the middle. It is not clear that he has mastered this concept just yet — especially when he stubbornly sticks to a plan for a \$1.3 trillion tax cut at a time when the chairman of the Federal Reserve, Alan Greenspan, wants a large portion of the tax surplus applied to paying down the nation's debt.

The only command that the electorate gave to Bush is one to steer the ship of state down the middle, don't take the country too far out to sea and for God's sake don't pile her up on the rocks. It was not the political right that gave Bush the Oval Office; it was the middle. It was not the political left that chipped away at any significant vote he might have mustered; it was the middle. And the middle expects him to produce on his promise to bring compromise and agreement out of the kind of partisan bickering that has brought most of America to cast sidelong glances at Washington, D.C., where

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Bush reaches the Nader of appointments

BRENT BLACKWELDER AND MARK W. HELM

When it comes to the environment, George W. Bush still has a rare opportunity. Pursuing an agenda that recognizes global warming and aims for increased fuel efficiency could turn some much-needed public support in his favor. At the very least, it would help fade the shadow that will fall on his presidency if he fails to do a better job of distancing himself from his old pals in the oil and gas industry.

Picking pro-choice and pro-big business Gov. Christine Todd Whitman of New Jersey (whose environmental record is a mixed bag) seems a neutral move at best.

While Whitman has been relatively strong on land protection, she slashed her state's environmental protection budget by 30 percent. Enforcement fines have dropped by 75 percent under her watch; not a record that's likely to impress environmentalists. Didn't Bush learn anything from the Nader factor?

After all, a strong case can be made for blaming Al Gore's loss on his failure to win over voters who wanted a stronger environmental, social and labor-oriented agenda. Ralph Nader stepped up to the plate and delivered enough votes to help usher Dubya into the White House. Now is a good time to pay those voters back for helping to make him Mr. President.

Remarkably, Bush can accomplish this without alienating his conservative base. Polls of Republicans consistently show that most are very concerned about the environment. Polls also suggest that when politicians stray away from clean air and water, they are likely to incur

the wrath of large numbers of voters. Bush ought to seize an opportunity to make an America nappy about something we all care about: the environment.

One way to address environmental concerns is to put forth a positive agenda on energy that can command broad support among the American people. This could be done with five broad initiatives that are cost-effective, environmentally sound and socially beneficial and that would solve both domestic problems and global warming:

Electricity: An aggressive push for highly efficient motors, lights and appliances can decisively reduce our reliance on highly polluting coal.

Transportation: Promotion of the new hybrid (gas-electric) autos and a larger federal budget for passenger rail and mass transit can greatly reduce our dependence on foreign oil.

Sprawl: Stronging the federal government subsidies of urban sprawl fits with conservative policy, for example, agencies like the Small Business Administration promote sprawl through subsidized loans to businesses locating on the fringes of major metropolitan areas. That would stop.

Foreign aid: Instead of U.S. foreign aid facilitating more fossil fuel development, taxpayer dollars, if used at all,

should be spent funding renewable energy options abroad.

Renewable energy: The Federal Budget and tax code need to reflect renewable energy as a priority by ceasing to subsidize fossil fuels and initiating strong incentives for solar and wind power and better building design.

It's up to Bush to decide. Will he make sound choices on appointments and pursue some of these initiatives, or will he begin his tenure as president by trying to open up the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge for oil drilling? Bush's statements last week to Alan Greenspan, warning of an impending energy crisis, seem to indicate the latter. We can only hope he isn't already making cynical moves aimed at justifying more oil exploration and drilling.

If Bush repeats the kinds of appointments Ronald Reagan made 20 years ago (James Watt for Interior and Ann Gorsuch Burford for EPA), he will set the environmental movement on fire. Investigate the Green Party, and help ensure a turnover of Congress to Democrats in 2002.

But if he's smart, he's learned a lesson from the Nader factor. A few bold choices and a sound energy agenda could put an early shine on a Bush presidency and win support from an enormous block of voters: every American who cares about the environment.

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LETTERS

We don't know what human life is

Kelly Walton must have an elastic mind because his letter of Dec. 24 attempts to show a connection between the supposed worker shortage in the United States and the estimated 40 million abortions he claims our generation has responsibility for.

Walton goes on to say that, because of abortions, "Social Security will fall... into an abyssal state of affairs..." and that "the gun (what gun?) will be aimed back at our generation with this agonizingly familiar argument. We can't afford them. All senior citizens with zero private retirement funds should be euthanized." What sententious frontentry!

Has anyone heard of such arguments? I keep my ears close to the ground and have never heard anything resembling this argument. We can't afford them. All senior citizens with zero private retirement funds should be euthanized." What sententious frontentry!

Walton's propositions and arguments have always had that element of elasticity to them, making them untenable to most people. He has never explained to us what life is and how and when human life begins. I believe he believes that life comes from God in the form of individual spirits and that at the instant a sperm pen-

etrates an egg, God sends a spirit (whatever that is) into the beginning zygote.

But those propositions are unverifiable and, in reality, have very serious problems.

First, not all fertilized eggs are able to mature and are flushed from a woman's body. Has a life been lost? Should we mourn? But because most of these "flushings" take place without a woman's knowledge, how could she possibly know that a life has been lost?

Second, many fertilized eggs do not become mature zygotes. Instead, they become hydrantion moles and show up on the body of a supposed-to-be twin.

Third, every fertilized egg, during the first five days of growth, could split into twins. Does this mean a life has been torn apart? Does God keep a watchful eye and, in such cases, quickly send another spirit? Unless we can with certainty determine what human life is and how it begins for the millions of the world, any abortion, natural or otherwise, will be the killing of a baby. These inexorable, immanent propositions are what divides this country and provides for the election of despots and bigots.

JOHN WALSH, Bunley

Why target one nominee for public flogging?

THEODORE B. OLSON

All the early signs point to a nasty senatorial confirmation process for President-elect George W. Bush's nominee for attorney general, Sen. John Ashcroft. The same individuals, groups and alliances that defeated Supreme Court nominee Judge Robert Bork in 1987 launched angry denunciations and expressions of dark concern last week when the Ashcroft nomination was announced.

Pundits, who regularly deplore over what they uniformly describe as the "politics of personal destruction," were seen on Sunday's television interview show railing over the prospect of the first blood-letting of the new presidency. What, one might ask, has Ashcroft done to deserve this peculiarly American honor?

Presidents are customarily given great latitude in selecting members of their cabinets, and the Senate historically accords special deference to nominees from its own inner circle. Moreover, this is one senator who seems to have manifested none of the personal weaknesses that helped defeat former Sen. John Tower, the first President Bush's choice for secretary of Defense, in 1989. Tower is the only Cabinet nominee to be rejected by the Senate in recent memory.

The nation's chief law enforcement official should be a person of integrity and principle, one who will be sufficiently strong in judgment and character to ensure that those who serve in the administration

respect the Constitution and the rule of law. By those criteria, Ashcroft is a superb choice. After receiving degrees from Yale and the University of Virginia Law School, he served for eight years as Missouri's attorney general, followed by eight years as governor.

Ashcroft's integrity, convictions and commitment to principle also appear to be beyond question. The son of a Pentecostal preacher, he is a deeply religious person who cherishes a strong family. Actions are stronger than words, of course, and last month, Ashcroft demonstrated his depth of character and leadership in the most personal and difficult crucible for a public figure. When he received slightly fewer votes for reelection to the Senate than his opponent, who had perished in an airplane crash shortly before the election, Ashcroft immediately and graciously conceded rather than mount what many regarded as a meritorious legal challenge.

So why submit this honorable, decent and experienced public servant to a televised flogging in the Senate before he is allowed to become our attorney general? Because, it seems, he is too conservative. His lifelong opposition to abortion and his stance supporting the death penalty have been singled out for particular castigation. The complaint that seems to underlie

much of the campaign against Ashcroft is that his religious convictions will cause him not to support the needs and wishes of people who hold different views. But there is absolutely no evidence in a long and distinguished public career that Ashcroft will fail to uphold our nation's Constitution and laws faithfully and conscientiously.

Just a short while ago, Vice President Al Gore was widely applauded for speaking as a running mate Sen. Joseph L. Lieberman, an outspoken and deeply committed Orthodox Jew. The same groups that now threaten to oppose Ashcroft because he harbors strong religious views did not oppose Lieberman, who could easily have been described in the same terms. The difference, of course, is that Lieberman is a liberal and Ashcroft is a conservative.

The groups opposing Ashcroft have acknowledged that they are unlikely to defeat him. They do, however, hope to energize their political base. It seems to shame that they will attempt to tarnish an outstanding senator and prospective Attorney general to accomplish these objectives — and will in the process perpetuate the politics of personal destruction that they pretend to deplore.

Theodore B. Olson, an attorney specializing in constitutional law, signed an official brief of President-elect Bush before the U.S. Supreme Court. He wrote this commentary for the Los Angeles Times.

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Two political stars begin to rise

The year that ended might have given us one of the most remarkable political stories of our lifetimes. It also elevated two politicians to near cult-figure status.

No, I don't mean George W. Bush and Al Gore. Or even Katherine Harris and David Bonior. In fact, the two people I have in mind had nothing to do with the postelection battle for the presidency.

They are, or will be, found in the U.S. Senate, on each side of the partisan aisle. In the year 2000, one strove mightily to escape that institution, the other to gain entrance. Both have the chance to loom large in the years to come.

On McCain and Hillary Rodham Clinton.

For the first two months of the year, McCain was the nation's dominant political figure. Portraying himself (with some hint of self-mockery) as Luke Skywalker taking on the Death Star, the senator from Arizona spanned Bush in the New Hampshire and Michigan presidential primaries, nearly spoiling the plans of a Republican establishment that had coalesced from the outset around the son with the famous name.

McCain had a lot going for him: His non-discriminate brand of conservatism, his unpredictability, and what came across as straight-talking authenticity.

His advocacy of campaign finance reform, an issue not high on the national agenda, seemed to capture some vague but real public desire to make American politics more ennobling.

At his peak, the former Vietnam prisoner of war was the most popular politician in the country. If he'd been more popular with Republicans, as opposed to independents and Democrats, he might have been the fellow appointing would-be Cabinet members last week.

His moment, though, came and went. Since he is 64 years old, it

LARRY EICHEL

is unlikely to come again, which may not be such a bad thing. His mercurial personality may not have been well-suited to the Oval Office.

But McCain has a national constituency now, and he'll be a potent third force in the Senate, unlikely to be cowed into submission by the new administration. He has already promised to push campaign-finance reform through Congress whether the Bushes like it or not, which they don't.

And he'll get almost as much attention as the incoming senator from New York.

Yes, Hillary Clinton was lucky. She was given her party's nomination for the asking, despite her little carpebagger problem.

Her toughest Republican rival, New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, bowed out for reasons of physical and emotional health.

And her ultimate opponent, Rep. Rick Warren, never became his boyish, lack-of-gravitas looks and his overzealous puppy dog demeanor. When he invaded her space during a televised debate in September, demanding that she sign a pledge to swear off soft money, he destroyed what chance he might have had.

But the most glamorous candidate imaginable — no first lady had ever sought elective office — won by running an unglamorous, almost plodding sort of campaign.

After a series of early gaffes, she settled into the campaign grind, acquiring expertise on such meat-and-potatoes subjects as utility costs, library revitalization and the economics of upstate New York.

By Election Day, Clinton had transformed herself into a credible New Yorker and was rewarded with a comfortable win.

She enters the Senate as the champion of liberal Democratic hopes, and the embodiment of

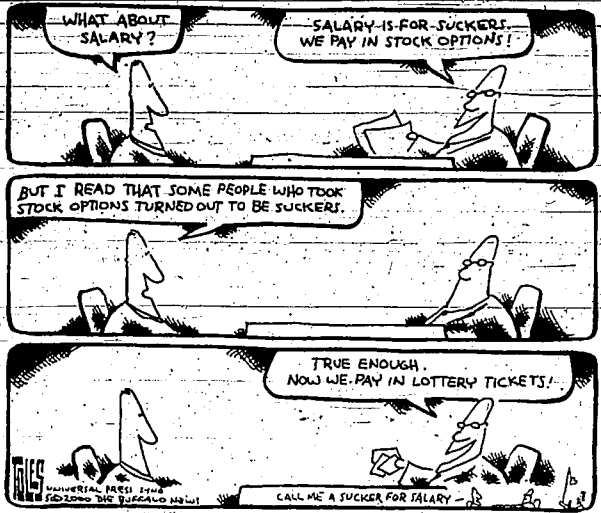
conservative Republican fears that the Clintons will always be with us. She also carries with her (in addition to an \$8 million book contract) a buzz that no woman has ever carried after winning a single election, the buzz of a potential president.

Like McCain, she may never get there. She says she won't run in 2004, and if that year produces a Democratic president, then her chances will all but disappear. But it's hard to imagine that she will ever be seen merely as the junior senator from New York.

Hillary Clinton and John McCain have something else in common besides the status that 2000 brought them: Their fates depend on the man in the White House.

If George W. Bush gets off to a successful start to his presidency, he can make both of them fade into the background. He can make himself a more compelling political figure than either one, unique appearances to the contrary.

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you to the customers of the Magic Valley area for returning those smiles and thank you's to the friendly clerks. They enjoy a friendly face, too.
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Odor signals bigger problems
There is a lot of talk about the confined animal feeding operation odor problem and what the solutions might be, but the truth is that the solution to the odor problem and the long-term survivability and viability of the dairy industry rests with the well-being of the milk cows themselves. Over-concentration, hot diets and the stress of overproduction are not only tough on the cows, it is at the heart of the odor issue, the overproduction of milk and low milk prices.

Throwing good money after bad is not going to solve the problem, more technologies are not going to correct what is basically a biological problem. An ounce of common sense and good animal husbandry will go a lot further than a ton of capital intensive technology. Where there is smoke, there is fire, and where there is a serious issue of odor, there are deeper underlying problems.

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Some buildings close for New Year's Day

TWIN FALLS - New Year's Day is today.

Here's a list of agencies and businesses that will be closed for the holiday.

- City, county, state and federal offices will be closed today, and will reopen Tuesday.
- The U.S. Postal Service will only deliver express mail today. Normal operation will resume Tuesday.
- PSI Waste Systems Inc. will delay trash collection by one day. Trash regularly collected today will be collected Tuesday. Crews will work through Saturday and be back to the normal Monday through Friday schedule beginning Jan. 8.
- The Twin Falls Public Library will be closed today and open Tuesday.
- Banks will be closed today and open Tuesday.
- College of Southern Idaho offices will re-open Tuesday after Christmas vacation. Classes won't begin until Jan. 15.

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TWIN FALLS - Have a news tip today?

Need to reach a reporter?

If you need to speak to a Times-News reporter today, dial 735-3238, and ask for staff writer Mark Heinz.

School children resume classes this week

TWIN FALLS - School children will return to classes this week after a break for the Christmas and New Year's holidays.

Some schools will start classes Tuesday, while other students still will have one more day of vacation before returning to studies Wednesday.

Check your school calendar for your local start date.

Public television to air Kempthorne address

TWIN FALLS - Idaho Public Television will air live broadcasts of Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's State of the State address set for 1 p.m. Jan. 8.

The governor's legislative Budget address also will be aired at 11 a.m. Jan. 10.

The governor delivers both speeches to a joint session of the Idaho Legislature. Each program will be broadcast through the IPTV series, "Idaho Reports."

The State of the State broadcast will air again at 7 p.m. Jan. 8, and the budget address will air again at 10 p.m. Jan. 10.

Sawtooth Forest officials recruit new employees

TWIN FALLS - Sawtooth National Forest officials need to fill aviation, fire and fuel management jobs.

"We are doing this in response to the severe fire season of 2000 and recent legislation signed by President Clinton," Randy Richter, a Sawtooth fire and aviation manager, said in a news release.

"Over the next several months, the Forest Service will be hiring approximately 3,500 employees in firefighting positions," Richter said.

"There will be more than one round of hiring. Applications for the first round are due no later than Jan. 19, Richter said.

The Sawtooth will fill 31 jobs during the first round.

Most of these are for people with specialized skills, but there are a small number of entry-level jobs.

Job openings include fuel technicians, fire prevention technicians, fire engine drivers, heli-squad leaders, fire ecologist and others.

Pay ranges from \$7.47 to \$15.52 per hour.

All applicants must be U.S. citizens and at least 18 years of age or older.

Applications and information are available at Sawtooth Forest offices in Lewiston, Ketchum, Fairfield, Twin Falls and Burley.

Compiled from staff reports

Community services get grants

School districts, libraries, skate parks to benefit

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - Grants will provide money for Magic Valley library materials, firefighting equipment, skate park support and other programs.

The Idaho Community Foundation has reported awards totaling nearly \$450,000 for 128 southwestern Idaho, Wood River Valley, and Magic Valley, non-profit organizations. Thirty-three organizations in Blaine, Cassia, Elmore, Gooding, Lincoln, Minidoka and Twin Falls counties will receive nearly \$140,000.

"While we were unable to fund a number of worthwhile projects, we were pleased that we were able to help with such projects as the efforts of Buhl High School to provide after-

school tutoring at the high school library for all high school students," Alice Hennessey, Idaho Community Foundation president and executive director, said in a news release.

A number of Idaho foundations and philanthropic funds provided the dollars for the grant program.

Here's a rundown of recipients.

Blaine County

Blaine County Senior Council Inc., Hailey: \$5,000 for Meals-on-Wheels.
Hailey Public Library: \$5,000 for seating, study area and work

space improvements.
Hailey Ski Team: \$3,950 to provide locker room space at the Warm Springs base of Bald Mountain.

Ketchum/Sun Valley Historical Society Heritage and Ski Museum: \$18,500 for the Natural Science/Natural History Education Teaching and Learning Center.

Valley Historical Society: \$5,000 to renovate the interior of the west warehouse in Forest Service Park.

Sawtooth Community Garden Project Inc., Sun Valley: \$4,000 to develop-and-install interpretive signs and individual plant

markers at the Sawtooth Botanical Garden.

Sun Valley Center for the Arts: \$4,280 to implement an after-school bilingual arts education program targeting the Hispanic community.

The Crisis Hotline, Ketchum: \$1,650 to meet the expenses of an annual volunteer training program.

Cassia County

Burley Junior High School: \$1,200 to buy up-to-date print reference materials for the media center.
Oakley Valley Historical Association: \$4,000 to buy office equipment.

Raft River High School, Malheur: \$2,500 to fence a tennis court and establish an outdoor sand volleyball court.

Elmore County

Glenns Ferry School District: \$22,484 for a districtwide, after-school tutoring program.

Gooding County

Gooding County Memorial Hospital Foundation: \$4,000 to repair the nurse call station.
Gooding Rural Fire District: \$4,000 to buy a thermal imaging camera.

Lincoln County

City of Richfield: \$1,000 to buy

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Shop owner prepares for official role

Dan Teeter to be sworn in as a Minidoka County commissioner January 8

By Aaron Brock
Times-News writer

RUPERT - A new Minidoka county commissioner will take office early this month, and the returning commissioner's confident the newcomer will be well-suited for the job.

Dave Teeter, a Rupert auto body shop owner, was elected in May to replace John Remsburg, who is stepping down after serving eight years.

Teeter will be sworn in at the Jan. 8 meeting.

"I think (Teeter) will do fine," said board chairman Larry Harper. "He seems to be a pretty level-headed guy."

Teeter was elected to a four-year position, which comes with a paycheck of \$10,000 per year. Teeter, 58, has lived in the Rupert area since he was 9 years old.

"I've been here long enough," he said. "I should know about the community."

Commissioner Donald Handy, who called Teeter "civic-minded," said that he was impressed with what he had seen so far from the new commissioner.

"I think he'll be very easy to work with," Handy said.

Looking back at his eight years of service, Remsburg remembered that it was a very educational experience.

"I think Dave is quite capable," he said. "He is going to be able to move into the position and begin the learning process himself."

Constantly navigating state statutes and public opinion, Remsburg said it can be difficult to bring many changes as a commissioner.

Teeter said he doesn't have any agendas and simply plans to bring an open mind to the position and to the problems that are brought before him.

In short, he is willing to learn.

"All I can do is listen and go from there," he said.

While Handy and Harper are preparing to welcome Teeter, they both said Remsburg's knowledge and sharp mind will be difficult to replace.

"We just got a lot of wisdom when it comes to the problems that are brought before us," Handy said. "He'll be missed."

Remsburg said he was happy with his eight years as a commissioner, and said that he did not regret not running for re-election.

"I served eight years," he said. "When I ran for the position, I kind of had that in mind."

A long-time area farmer, Remsburg, who turns 60 on Tuesday, said he may use the spare time to hone his fly-fishing skills and may pursue some other hobbies as well.

"There's 10,000 things to do," he said. "I'm not at all short of projects."

Times-News writer Aaron Brock can be reached at the Mini-Cassia Bureau at 677-4042, ext. 110, or by e-mail at abrock@magicvalley.com.



Mike McMullen, 10, tries out his new scooter at City Park in Twin Falls. McMullen got the scooter for Christmas.

You're not being watched

Traffic cameras can't ID cars

By Ruth Streater
Times-News writer

HEYBURN - Despite how it may seem, the electronic eyes of the law are not watching you.

Cameras perched like alert antennae have been going up on new traffic lights around the state, including lights at the intersection of 21st Street and Idaho Highway 24.

But state transportation officials said they're not for nabbing lawbreakers. They're just new traffic sensors to replace the ones that traditionally go underground.

"We're not doing any Big Brother stuff," said Joe Schachap, a project development engineer for the Idaho Transportation Department's Shoshone office.



Traffic cameras, like this one located on top of a traffic light at the intersection of 21st Street and Idaho Highway 24 in Heyburn, are popping up around the Magic Valley. The cameras are used for detecting traffic patterns and not for identifying cars for traffic tickets.

The cameras cost a little more than the magnetic loops that run underground, and the life expectancy is about the same. But the loops cost more to repair. Please see CAMERAS, Page B3

Aspens slowly disappear

The Associated Press

KETCHUM - Fluttering aspen trees are dwindling as people continue to change the environment around their groves.

Quaking aspen tree populations are in decline across the West.

"Over the last 150 years or so it is estimated that thousands of acres of aspen forest in Idaho have been lost," Sawtooth National Forest biologist Deb Bumpus said. "This loss can be attributed to some of our land management practices, primarily the exclusion of fire."

The agency wants to try reversing the trend on the forest and Sawtooth National Recreation Area. Biologists are drafting an environmental analysis.

A Forest Service study on the Wood River aquifer found aspen trees cover less than 1 percent of the landscape. Historically, 10 percent or more of the land was blanketed with "quakes."

Aspens are a "pioneer species," meaning they grow more vigorously when their root systems or branches are regularly disturbed, forest biologist Robin Garwood said.

When the West was settled, people began using fires and introduced livestock to the aspen trees. As a result, coniferous trees are moving in.

"You'll see a lot of (Douglas) fir taking over with small aspens sort of mixed in throughout," Garwood said.

Beyond aesthetics, aspen play an important role in ecosystems. "It's a desirable species," Garwood said. "Elk and deer, particularly, eat young aspen."

By learning why aspen stands are healthy when subjected to distress, forest managers are helping to stimulate their regeneration.

Aspens produce two different hormones under stress.

Auxin is a growth inhibitor and ensures that other species do not compete with a tree or grove for nutrients.

Aspen primarily reproduce through suckers, so auxin can inhibit growth of a new aspen, called a clone.

Studies show disturbances such as cutting roads can reduce the flow of auxin. Another growth-inhibiting hormone called cytokinin has a similar effect as auxin.

In 1998, the Forest Service authorized projects in Pole, Fourth of July and Champion creeks in the White Cloud Mountains. In which roots around aspen trees were "ripped" using a tractor.

"We haven't gotten a huge response," Garwood said. "We got a little suckering around the edge."

When asked if aspens are really phasing out in the West, Garwood answered quickly.

"It's a long process, but it's currently happening as we speak. It's a real problem. I feel it's urgent, but I don't know if it's something well able to solve in our lifetime."

The Forest Service wants any written comments submitted by Jan. 15.

MAGIC VALLEY/WEST

ON THE AGENDA

CSI TODAY

Tuesday Ketchum City Council, 6 p.m., 8:30 a.m., courthouse
Albion City Council, 7 p.m., city office
Blaine County commissioners, 8:45 a.m., courthouse
Burley City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall
Cassia County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse
Filer City Council, 7:30 p.m., courthouse
Friedland Memorial Airport Board, 5:30 p.m., courthouse
Gooding City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall
Hagerman City Council, 7:30 p.m., City Hall
Hatley Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., Hatley Zoning Center
Jerome City Council, 7 p.m., council chambers, 100 E. Ave. A.
Jerome County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse
Oakley City Council, 7 p.m., city office, 200 W. Main
Twin Falls County commission...

Tuesday Campus offices are closed for New Year's Day.
Wednesday Jorgensen and Welch Music annual piano sale, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Fine Arts 121 and 133.
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Friday Jorgensen and Welch Music...

Fog, air pollution cloud New Year's

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - A thick fog settled along the Wasatch Front this weekend, trapping air pollution, grounding helicopters and making for at least one difficult landing at the Salt Lake City International Airport.
At about 8:30 a.m. Saturday, a Delta MD-90 landed short on its approach to the airport. No one was hurt, but a few runway lights were crushed, said airport police...

Senator says schools shouldn't lose to redevelopment projects

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - School districts would no longer give up their profits from tax increases to redevelopment projects, under a bill state Sen. Howard Stephenson plans to propose.
During the past two decades, Utah schools have lost out on approximately \$213 million in taxes to community economic projects.
That money could have paid for thousands of teachers, hundreds of textbooks or the rebuilding of decaying schoolhouses, education officials say.

SERVICES

Velva E. McBride Rount of Twin Falls and formerly of Burley, service at 10 a.m. Tuesday at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.
Aurora R. Gonzalez of Rupert, funeral-Mass of Christian Burial at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the St. Nicholas Catholic Church, rosary at 7 p.m. today at the church (Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel).
Bernard 'Ben' Lewis Egelor of Gooding, service at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Demaray's Gooding Chapel. Family and friends may call from 4-7 p.m. today at the chapel.
Michael 'Mickey' Frank Knight of Filer, memorial service at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Filer Baptist Church on Highway 30 in Filer. Viewing will be from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday at Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl. The family will greet friends at the service in the Fellowship Hall at the church.
Kelvin B. Payne of Kuna, ser-

Medical examiner's office identifies body as a missing mail-order bride

EVERETT, Wash. (AP) - A body found in a shallow grave near the Tulalip Indian Reservation was identified Saturday as the missing mail-order bride of a Mountlake Terrace man.
The Snohomish County medical examiner's office identified the woman as 20-year-old Anastasia Soloveva King, who was last seen at the Seattle-Tacoma International Airport in September.
Indle King, Jr., 39, was arrested Friday for investigation of first-degree murder. He remained in Snohomish County Jail without bail.
Police were led to the body by an anonymous phone tip. An autopsy is scheduled for Tuesday.
Anastasia King was Indle King's second mail-order bride. She was 18-years-old when they were married.
Friends and family reported she was missing in September after she didn't return from a three-week visit to her parents in Kyrgyzstan, part of the former Soviet Union. Indle King told police they had argued in the airport in Moscow and she told him she planned to stay in Russia.
Investigators say they both returned to the United States on the same flight and passed through Customs one minute apart.
Indle King told police he didn't know she was on the flight. He filed for divorce on Aug. 21. According to court documents, he claimed his wife was hiding from him to avoid being served with divorce papers and being deported by immigration officials.
Court documents say Anastasia King claimed she was the victim of domestic violence and had taken steps to obtain a divorce.

DEATH NOTICES

Pamela Kaye Hill are pending and will be announced by Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls.
Reynold Dennis Smith RUPERT - Reynold Dennis Smith, 83, of Rupert died Sunday, Dec. 31, 2000, at Cassia Regional Medical Center in Burley.
Funeral services are pending and will be announced by the Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

Judge dismisses land-purchase suit

OGDEN, Utah (AP) - A judge has dismissed a suit that sought to annul the 1997 sale of 160-acre of mountainous terrain to former Denver Broncos and Utah State University football player Rulon Jones.
Five Ogden residents, including former state legislator Haynes Fuller, sued the commission, County Attorney Mark DeCaria and Jones in 1999. They alleged Weber County Commission failed to offer proper public notification or to consult with the county planning commission prior to the sale.
In a decision released late Friday, 2nd District Court Judge Michael D. Lyon said that at the time of the sale, Weber County had no law requiring it to consult with the planning commission or notify the public before selling non-public-use land.
Lyon also noted the statute of limitations for opposing such a sale, which is 30 days had long expired prior to the suit's filing.
"The court is sympathetic with plaintiffs' position that it is desirable that sales of publicly owned real property occur openly through meaningful notices and hearings to the public, and perhaps that is a matter that the Legislature ought to review," Lyon wrote.
However, he said the court could not substitute its judgment for the Legislature's.
Jones acquired the land for \$32,000 or \$200 per acre.
He now uses the area, near Powder Mountain ski resort, as part of a private hunting preserve.
Critics of the sale complained Jones received a sweet deal, primarily because the public wasn't notified.
Since Jones' 1997 purchase, the county has noticed its law and now gives public notice of all land sales, even those that involve non-public-use land.
In addition to Haynes Fuller, the plaintiffs in the suit were Ben Toone, Kent Fuller, Robert Fuller and Roger Cannon.

OBITUARIES

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



Ila S. Bott, 84-year-old Rupert resident, died Saturday, December 30, 2000, at the Mindoka Memorial Hospital.
Ila was born January 28, 1916, in Malad City, Idaho, to John and Ora E. Shelton Larsen. She attended schools in Utah, Malad and Sprindale, Idaho. She married Herman Paul Bott on June 20, 1931, in Elko, Nev.
They have resided in Mindoka County, where she has been the wife of her husband on the farm for many years until his retirement. She cooked for the farm hands who worked for them and many would tell her what a great cook she was. Her family was very fortunate that they had a mother who did not "worry" about "what" she would do when they came home from school. A special treat would always be waiting for them. She loved knitting, sewing and crocheting.
Family and friends will be held from her home, 6555118 from her home, Ila loved music and working in her flower garden, which was admired by many people in and out of the community. People would travel to see her flower gardens and at one time the newspaper ran a story on her flower garden.
She was a great cook and shared many of her baked goods. One of her favorite things to do was going to eat with family and friends. She was a talented writer, and wrote numerous poems about family and life. Herman and Ila loved to play bridge. She was a member of the St. Nicholas Catholic Church and a member of the St. Ann's Altar Society.
She served at many dinners for church activities. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her.
Ila is survived by her husband, Herman P. Bott Sr., a son, Herman (Sonnie) (Gerry) Bott Jr., 61, Rupert, daughters - Lois - (Dorothy) (Joel) Seaman of Burley, Barbara (Gae) Seale of View.
Judy Mackley, of Idaho Falls; and Laurel (Wayne) Olmsted of Baker City, Ore. Sisters Doris (Fred) Maier, of Rupert and Elma Timmons of Salt Lake City, 24 grandchildren, 59 great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren.
She was preceded in death by one daughter Ileen Rich, four daughters, one great-granddaughter and one great-grandson. Mass of Christian Burial will be recited at 11 a.m. Wednesday, January 3, 2001, at St. Nicholas Catholic Church. The funeral will follow in the Rupert Cemetery. Rosary will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, January 2, 2001, at Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel with a viewing from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. in lieu of flowers memorial may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 4696 Overland Road #482, Boise, ID 83705. Arrangements will be under the direction of Hansen Mortuary, Rupert, Chapel.

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TWIN FALLS: Pamela Kaye Hill Pamela Kaye Hill, 59, of Twin Falls, died Saturday, Dec. 30, 2000, at her home after a 1 1/2-year battle with breast cancer.
Pam was born Aug. 3, 1941, in Alhambra, Calif., the second daughter of Ralph and Mildred Bissett. She moved with her family to Portland, Ore. in 1954. In June 1958, she married Charles Boyd. They later divorced.
In 1971, she moved to Idaho and married Richard Webb. He passed away in 1978.
She then married William Woolston and they owned and operated the Four Hugs in Twin Falls until his death in 1982. She then married Kenneth Hill in 1984, that same year she began working at Moore Business Forms in Jerome where she worked until her death.
She was a very supportive and loving wife, daughter, friend, mother, and grandmother and great-grandmother. She was also very active with her American Cancer Society Relay for Life team.
She is survived by her husband Ken, children, Cindy (Keith) Karkhanavich of Jerome, Ed (Cathy) Boyd of Roy, Utah and Gary (Charlene) Boyd of Jerome; parents, Ralph and Melva Bissett of Twin Falls; and sisters, Norma Martinez, Angela, grandchild, Stephanie, Angela, Andrew, Austin, Naomi, Ryan, Crystal, Larry, Virginia, and Dawnie; great-grandsons Taylor and Alan. She was preceded in death by her mother Mildred and husbands Richard and Bill.
Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m. Wednesday, January 3, 2001, at White Mortuary Chapel, with Rev. Bruce Stevens, officiating. Cremation will follow. Services, with private family interment, will take place later at Sunset Memorial Park. Friends may call at White Mortuary on Tuesday, January 2, 2001 from 4 to 6 p.m. The family suggests memorial be made to American Cancer Society, Moore's Cancer Agency, Relay for Life Team; c/o Jeanette Ward, 40 W. 100 S., Jerome, ID 83338.

Idaho offers loans to help residents pay utilities

BOISE (AP) - Idaho residents who cannot pay their utility bills may have a solution via a low-interest energy conservation loan from the Idaho Energy Division.
Five-year loans are available at 4 percent interest to pay for energy saving products such as new energy efficient windows, extra insulation, upgraded residential wood, water heating systems and wood pellet or gas stoves.
Loans can range from \$1,000 to \$10,000.
The loan program is also offered for commercial, industrial and government buildings, agricultural projects, renewable resource projects and schools and hospitals.

Police arrest teen after family is found dead

ADDY, Wash. (AP) - A 16-year-old boy was arrested Saturday after sheriff's deputies found the bodies of his parents and two siblings left on a rural road near this community about 60 miles north of Spokane.
Five-year loans are available at 4 percent interest to pay for energy saving products such as new energy efficient windows, extra insulation, upgraded residential wood, water heating systems and wood pellet or gas stoves.
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PSI WASTE SYSTEMS PSI Waste Systems will be closed Monday, January 1st for New Years. We will resume work one day behind schedule on Tuesday, January 2nd, also working Saturday, January 6th. We will be back on schedule Monday, January 8th. Thank You, PSI Waste Systems

Condemned battle for spiritual guidance

Director says that the Y2K preparation proved useful

California says visits with advisers present safety risk

SAN QUENTIN, Calif. (AP) — In his last hours on Earth, California death row inmate Thomas Thompson fought to stay alive and, falling that, yearned to be with his spiritual adviser until the last moments.

He lost the first battle and won a compromise — a 20-minute visit to his cell, staying in a cell adjacent to the Rev. Margaret Harrell until about twenty minutes to midnight. Later, he was able to gaze at her face through the glass windows of San Quentin State Prison's death chamber.



Guards mobilize near the front gate of San Quentin Prison in preparation for the scheduled execution of Thomas Thompson in July 1998.

The state maintains that such visits with spiritual advisers pose too much of a safety risk to argue some inmate advocates find hard to believe.

"What are they going to do, hit someone with a Bible or the Koran or something?" asks Robert Bryan, a defense attorney who is not involved in the case but represents several death row inmates.

On Jan. 4, the issue goes before the California Supreme Court, where Harrell's attorneys will argue that spiritual advisers should be removed at the last feasible moment before executions, which in California can take place anytime after midnight.

San Quentin prison spokesman Lt. Vernon Crittenden says allowing someone like Harrell to stay after 6 p.m. means an outsider is present as the execution team

begins preparations. "Those folks turn around and they now know the identity of the individuals carrying out the ultimate punishment on behalf of the citizens of California and that may cause some concern," said Crittenden.

The state-employed prison chaplain may remain with the inmate longer, if so requested. However, even the official chaplain must leave well before the prisoner is led into the death chamber.

It's not the first time the state has argued that the safety of people who carry out executions is endangered by outsiders.

In July, a federal judge ruled that media and witnesses may view executions in their entirety,

overturning California's prison policy of allowing people to watch lethal injections only after the deadly chemicals begin flowing.

Former San Quentin wardens Arthur Calderon and Daniel Vasquez and the current warden, Jeanine Woodford, said allowing reporters to see more of the procedure would increase the chances that guards would be identified. But limiting witness observation "is an exaggerated response," U.S. District Judge Vaughn Walker ruled in the suit brought by news organizations, including The Associated Press.

Some question whether murderers are entitled to religious support.

"Do they also feel that the vic-

tims that they murdered should have a priest there with them, or a spiritual adviser?" demands Janice Keson, whose daughter, Darlene Paris, was beaten and stabbed to death in 1990. "I'm sure that my daughter, as she cried out, 'Oh God, help me,' I'm sure that she would have loved to have had something like that."

Death row inmates take into prison their First Amendment right to freedom of religion, but there is no national standard for access to spiritual advisers, said Robert Lynn, immediate past president of the American Correctional Chaplains Association, the religious arm of the American Correctional Association.

even after people stocked up on survival material. Fisher credited the hard work of engineers and administrators for avoiding catastrophe.

Fletcher said Utah, which replaced its financial system in the early 1990s, had a head start. The Department of Transportation started working on its system in late 1994, and by 1997 technicians statewide were preparing in preparation for the Dec. 31, 1999 deadline.

In addition to the working relationships formed between private businesses, government and state utilities are "paying dividends in future planning, like with the Olympics."

Overall, Fletcher gives the state an A-minus for its Y2K performance. There were a few glitches, including some at the Tax Commission and the Health Department, plus some "serious" problems at the Department of Commerce. "I knew how much people had worked together to make it happen," he said. "It was a neat experience to go through."

Study says Southern California could be at greater quake risk

Study: Southern California could be at greater risk of quake damage

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A new picture of the ground beneath Southern California shows one of its most populous areas could be at greater risk of earthquake damage than previously realized.

A basin of soft sediment beneath the San Gabriel Valley, just east of downtown Los Angeles, is about 3 miles deep — 1.5 times deeper than previously estimated. That could lead to more surface shaking during an earthquake, according to a study appearing in January's issue of the *Journal of the Geological Society of America*.

Such basins shake "like big bowls of Jello," said Gary Fuis, a seismologist with the U.S. Geological Survey in Menlo Park, who was the study's lead author.

"The potential damage is greater because we found that the basin is deeper," but specifics will have to await computer modeling of the new data, Fuis said.

The study used data from a series of test explosions in 1994 which created shock waves that were picked up by seismographs as they bounced through underground rock and soil. The area mapped, to a depth of about 12 feet, stretches about 100 miles from Seal Beach through the San Gabriel Valley and across the San

Andreas Fault to the Mojave Desert.

Egill Hauksson, a seismologist at the California Institute of Technology in Pasadena, said having a detailed picture of the subsurface is important for understanding earthquake hazards.

"I don't think anybody is going to run out and build a stronger building because of this paper, but it will help the earthquake engineer do better modeling," he said.

The study also suggests the presence of an immense, ramp-like crack stretching under the San Gabriel Mountains that could be the deep generator of earthquakes along several Southern California faults.

The fault, called a décollement, rises from 12 miles deep near the San Andreas Fault to about 8 miles as it moves south. It connects the faults that caused the Whittier and the San Jacinto quakes of the late 1980s and early 1990s.

"If the discovery is confirmed, it could help scientists make better guesses about where future quakes might occur in the region, based on the structure from the San Andreas Fault is clearly unexpected. We had no good idea of where the machinery down there driving earthquakes looks like," Fuis said.

Cabbie's campaign might expand moral

SEATTLE (AP) — This town already looks like Tomorrowland to tourists, with its Saturn-ringed Space Needle forever readying for blastoff and the elevated Monorail humming into a new day.

Both are holdovers from the "Century 21" World's Fair of 1962. Now, the futuristic kitsch may get richer, as a cab driver's mission to expand the monorail appears to be succeeding despite the best efforts of some public officials to derail it.

"People have looked up for years and seen this thing working and flying above their heads. They never hear the monorail reported in traffic reports or disaster reports, and they've said, 'Why not extend this thing?'"

said Dick Falkenburg, who drives a Red Fox taxi by night and sits on the new Elevator Transit Committee, which will oversee a \$6 million monorail study ordered by a citizens' initiative that passed last month.

The initiative campaign was run on less than a shoestring budget, with most signatures collected at unstaffed petition boards on street corners with the message: "We Said Monorail!" — a reference to the City Council's repeal this year of a 1997 initiative which ordered a monorail expansion but was vague about paying for it.

"People were so angered by the arrogance of the city government saying we didn't know what we had voted for. That was one of

the reasons we worked so hard and did everything we could to get on the November ballot," said Peter Sherman, who headed the new initiative campaign while Falkenburg fought a losing battle for the X-shaped, 40-mile monorail route ordered in 1997.

The current monorail is almost exclusively a tourist attraction. It runs for 10 miles of a mile through a downtown shopping plaza and the Seattle Center. On the way, it zooms over rooftops and increasingly startled traffic, cuts through the heart of the multi-thused, curved-metal Experience Music Project and halts in the shadow of the Space Needle.

"It's awesome," Britta Yolk, a Washington, D.C., high school student writing a term paper on

transportation, said after making her first trip. "It was neat to look down on the city. And it couldn't get into accidents or anything."

"It's a lot faster than I thought it would be," said David Latherton of Gloucester, England. "It's nicer and a lot less crowded" than London's Underground subway system.

Judy Nicastro, a City Council member and one of the few early supporters of Falkenburg's idea, said, "The monorail is exciting technology. It's above ground, which I like because I'm a woman and I'm always concerned about being underground. I gets people off the roads. Nothing is competing with car traffic or buses or bikes."

Sportsmen plan coyote hunt to thin numbers

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Contending coyotes are killing too many deer, a group of hunters is organizing a coyote contest that awards prizes to whoever brings in the most ears and tails of dead coyotes.

The "First Annual Predator Control Survey" is organized by Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife, a coalition of hunters from throughout the state, and is partly sponsored by American Fork bullet manufacturer Barnes Bullets.

In Utah, coyotes are classified as "non-protected" wildlife, or "minta-It's illegal to hunt them year-round without a state license or permit."

The contest in Vernal is the first of many the organization plans to hold in Utah to "count" the state's coyote population. Winners will take home prizes of up to \$2,000.

Animal rights activists are outraged by the hunt, contending it is just a way for hunters to get some use out of their rifles at a time of year when no state-sanctioned big-game hunt is underway.

"This is nothing more than killing for killing's sake," said Gene Baerschmidt of the Utah Humane Society. This event is just one of a bunch of guys standing around showing off their tails and ears as trophies.

He argues that the state hasn't seen fit to regulate the coyote population, so why shoot anyone else.

Baerschmidt called it hypocritical to kill coyotes when the state is planning to welcome the world for the 2002 Winter Games with a coyote as one of its Olympic mascots.

On one hand, we're holding them up as a symbol of the Old West and, with the other, we're slaughtering them," Baerschmidt said. "What will people think?"

Brooks contends the deer population has shrunk despite a cut in the number of deer-hunting licenses from 250,000 to 97,000.

"No one else was going to count the coyotes but this was to be done," Brooks said. "This was the best way we could figure out how to do it."

Brooks' wife is one of the seven gubernatorial appointed members of the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources board that regulates game hunting in Utah.

Mike Bodenchuck of Wildlife Services, a joint state and federal effort to control predators, says there are areas of the state with depleted deer populations such as the Book Cliffs, near the Uintas Basin.

To boost deer population in such spots, Bodenchuck said Wildlife Services removes "territorial" pairs of coyotes, which are more likely to prey on deer and elk, before mating season begins.

However, the coyote hunting contest is not likely to affect either deer or coyote populations in the Book Cliffs, Bodenchuck said.

"By taking things into their own hands, they may save a few individuals deer here and there," he said. "They'd maybe do some good if they got up high into the mountains but not down on the range, where it's easy to kill coyote."

Appeals court overturns research ban

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A federal appeals court panel has ruled unconstitutional an Arizona law prohibiting the use of fetal tissue in medical research.

The decision Friday from the three-judge panel of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals wipes out the nation's last ban on such practices.

The 1984 Arizona statute was too vague for doctors to know what type of medical experimentation or scientific investigation on aborted fetuses was illegal, the court said.

"Individuals must be given a reasonable opportunity to discern whether their conduct is proscribed so they can choose whether or not to comply with the law," Judge Mary M. Schroeder wrote for the court.

Similar laws have been overturned in Utah, Louisiana and Illinois. Congress listed a ban on federally funded research using fetal tissue in 1993.

Arizona's law barred the use of aborted fetal tissue or embryo for medical experimentation or scientific investigation unless to perform a "routine pathological examination" or to diagnose a maternal or fetal condition that prompted the abortion, the court said.

The law was challenged by the New York-based Center for Reproductive Law and was overturned in 1996 on behalf of two Parkinson's disease patients. Two Arizona affiliates of Planned Parenthood later joined the lawsuit.

Medical studies suggest some fetal tissue transplants can treat the neurological disorder because the issue produces dopamine, a substance that controls motor controls voluntary movement.

The appeals court ruling upholds a similar decision from U.S. District Court Judge William Browning in Arizona.

"We've got judges here making the law, and the state, who is not vague in my opinion," Arizona Right to Life President John Jakubczyk said.

The state also maintained the statute was clear. It argued that it does not avoid violating the law, which carries a 18-month sentence, by not performing any tests or procedures on aborted fetuses.

Cameras

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up and replace, said James Roeder, the city's traffic section in Boise. They are also vulnerable from the wear and tear on roads.

A set of four cameras, one for each direction of traffic, cost less than \$30,000, Schacher said.

The ITD has been putting them up on traffic lights for about five years, Roethig said. Cameras are also located in Twin Falls at the intersections of Pole Line Road and Blue Lakes Boulevard and Ellmore Road and Pole Line Road, and at some intersections in Halley.

intersection of Oneida and F streets in Rupert.

Idaho County Sheriff Paul Fries said the sheriff's department hasn't received any calls from people curious about those looming cameras at the 21st Street intersection.

"I think most people think they are sensors," Fries said.

Even if the cameras do make people nervous, that may be a good thing.

said her office hasn't fielded any inquiries on the nature of the detection cameras.

But Roethig stressed the inability of the cameras to track driving violations. Unlike "red light-running" cameras, which aren't found in Idaho, traffic detection cameras merely sense changes in road movement.

"There's no way these cameras are good enough to read license plates," Roethig said.

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Grant

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a sprinkler system, rent a disabled-accessible port-a-potty, and provide volleyball equipment at a new city park.

Mindokla County
City of Mindokla: \$5,000 to buy a 1978 American LaFrance fire engine.

DeMary Memorial Library, Rupert: \$3,000 to buy additional Spanish/English books, software and videos.

Mindokla County Senior Center, Rupert: \$2,500 to furnish materials and labor needed to install and replace floor tiles.

Twin Falls County
Buhl High School: \$15,500 to provide after-school tutoring for students.

Cattletford School District: \$3,200 to train classroom reading aides and provide for a reading specialist.

ten in Spanish and books about Spanish-speaking countries.

Hanson Free Library District: \$2,120 to update the reference section.

Kimberly School District: \$900 for art instruction in the after-school program.

Magic Valley Reading Council, Kimberly: \$550 to be an author to the Magic Valley to speak to students who win the Young Authors Program contest and to conduct a writing workshop for teachers.

Magic Valley Skateboarders Assembly, \$550. Twin Falls: \$2,500 toward construction of a 10,000-square-foot concrete skate park at Harmon Park.

Magic Valley Symphony Orchestra, Twin Falls: \$2,000 to cover operating expenses and to attract nationally known artists to perform with the symphony.

MECCA Inc., Twin Falls: \$300 to provide cooking equipment and essentials for teen mothers.

Vern C. O'Leary Junior High School, English as a Second

Language Department, Twin Falls: \$1,000 to train teachers to help students learn to write better.

The Salvation Army, Twin Falls: \$3,000 to buy three evaporator coolers for the gymnasium.

The Work Place Inc., Twin Falls: \$1,000 to expand the Employment Resource Center available to unemployed and underemployed workers.

Multiple counties
Canine Companions for Independence, Ketchum: \$2,500 to train a dog to provide services for a disabled person.

Fifth Judicial District CASA Program, Jerome: \$2,500 to implement a program to recruit, train and retain volunteers.

Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers of the Magic Valley Inc., Twin Falls: \$2,400 to help cover expenses, including one full-time employee, office rent, volunteer training and recognition and volunteer insurance.

NATION

Study gives insight into habit acquisition

Knight Ridder News Service

KANSAS CITY, Mo. - With the hope of a new year in a new year, many people target pesky or harmful habits for banishment. Perhaps the time of a bad habit as impulsively doing what you know in your brain you shouldn't do. But that would be letting your brain off the hook.

The brain, it turns out, is an accessory to these habitual times. Researchers are beginning to map what happens in the brain as habits are formed and may someday find the key to breaking bad ones.

In a study reported in the journal *Science* in November 1999, scientists found that brain activity in lab rats underwent automatic change as they learned to find their way through a maze. The discovery may eventually reveal the way habits are acquired.

Therapists and researchers say some people fail in their efforts to dump bad habits because they don't realize all that they're up against.

The brain grows cozy with certain mannerisms or negative behaviors. Over time the brain's chemical impulses - its "wiring" - is actually altered by the repetition of these behaviors. Further sealing the deal: The habit generally brings some manner of pleasure, however temporary. Or it may delay expected discomfort. When the brain's wiring changes, then stealing oneself against temptation, often won't be enough, researchers said. Habit-busters instead should envision a process, perhaps a long-term one, that involves a thorough examination of how the habit functions in one's life, what it triggers and how it might be disrupted.

Often, introducing a new, positive behavior is required to replace the old one.

"Unfreeze, change and refreeze," said Mark Gorkin, a clinical social worker with a popular "Web" site, www.stressdoc.com. That is, dislodge the bad habit, gradually introduce behavior changes and solidify the new behavior with practice.

Gorkin said he found it slow-going to switch from his bad-eating ways - a big slice of cherry pie at bedtime, among other routine treats - to a more nutritious, low-fat diet.

"It felt like a sense of loss," he said.

But Gorkin didn't go cold turkey. He replaced the cherry pie, for instance, with some cereal and fresh fruit, concentrating on what he was getting rather than what he was losing. He started an exercise regimen, even scheduling walks with a friend with similar goals, and added physical and social complements to the new eating habits.

Repetition of a new behavior may, in effect, retrain the brain. In the oft-cited study published in November 1999, Massachusetts Institute of Technology researchers implanted sensors in rats' brains to monitor brain cells as the rats learned a maze.

Sensors were placed in the striatum, the part of the brain involved in the formation of habits in humans.

The neuron-firing pattern changed as the rats became more practiced at the maze. By wiring other parts of the brain, researchers hope to discover next whether one part of the brain is used to learn a habit and another is used to exercise the habit.

Knowing that, they believe, might help scientists find drugs or other therapies to help control destructive habits.

Richard Dubinsky, associate professor of neurology at the University of Kansas Medical Center, said habits come in dif-

ferent categories.

Motor habits are physical mannerisms and movements, from the way we hold our arms when we walk to the moves required in playing sports or a musical instrument. They become easier and more automatic with repetition.

A new mannerism can become firmly entrenched in as little as three weeks, Dubinsky said, as nerve cells in the brain, bombarded with thousands of chemical signals from other nerve cells, find the connections easier to make as a mannerism or action is repeated.

Music teachers and coaches, though, have found that a bad motor habit can take much longer to unlearn, largely because once those neural connections are made, "it's hard to break that pathway," said Dubinsky. "The cells find that that is the easiest way to send the message to the activity. So the nervous system will go for the easiest path."

When it comes to other habits, such as smoking and drinking alcohol, some people become more chemically dependent than others. People who exercise a lot may recognize the natural chemical effects on the brain, the release of endorphins, especially if their habit is interrupted.

"I can think of several people who get a little bit difficult to be around if they don't exercise," said Dubinsky. "It's definitely a physiological withdrawal from natural opiates."

Millennium gets little notice, to purists' dismay

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON - Wandering the shopworn aisles of a post-holiday mall, Andy Fundeneanu was sure he would eventually find a funky banner, an irreverent T-shirt, something, anything, to commemorate the "true millennium," the true dawn of the new century that chimes to a start at midnight Sunday night.

So Fundeneanu strolled the

poster stores, the T-shirt stands, even those many science/new age earth stores that hawk telescopes, World War II model bombers and glossy illustrated books about the sea turtle and Siberian tiger. But not one keepsake could be found that told the truth about this New Year's Eve.

"I look everywhere, and there are no 2001 T-shirts, no buttons, no ornaments or even sunglasses shaped like '2001,'" said

Fundeneanu, of Fairfax City, Va. Apparently, numerical purists don't mass-market New Year's Eve merchandise. Maybe because the true believers are such a small and lonely band this year.

Those few who will celebrate the new millennium this year fall into two main categories: astronomers and science types who tend to be particular about things such as accuracy, the nature of the universe and time,

and those who had to work during the big hoopla, all-out New Year's Eve, "new millennium 2000," last year.

"I will raise my glass to the new millennium this year, for sure," said Peter LaForte, who worked "round-the-clock" last year directing the District of Columbia's millennium celebration and working to keep the city safe from those Y2K woes that never materialized.

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WORLD

Jews cry vengeance over slaying

JERUSALEM - Cries for revenge rang out Sunday as thousands of Jewish settlers thronged the funeral of American-born Benjamin Kahane, son of the slain extremist Rabbi Meir Kahane. Only hours after he and his wife were killed in an ambush-style attack in the dry hills of the West Bank.

As the mourners marched through the streets of Jerusalem, a few hundred of them turned the funeral procession to a display of fury. They smashed windows, chased and beat Palestinians they encountered and shouted "Death to Arabs!"

World in brief Palestinians, meanwhile, accused Israel of carrying out what they called the deliberate assassination of a longtime associate of Yasser Arafat.

The Israeli army said Thabet died in an exchange of fire; Palestinians said he was backing his car out of his driveway when men they believed were special Israeli forces drove past and sprayed him with gunfire. Israel has said it is targeting activists it considers responsible for attacks against Israelis, but made no such acknowledgment in this case.

Six Persian Gulf nations sign first defense pact

MANAMA, Bahrain - A group of six Gulf nations signed their region's first defense pact on Monday, pledging to come to each other's aid in the event of an attack.

The pact comes a decade after the 1991 Gulf War, when the six countries - Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, Oman and the United Arab Emirates - realized that their small armies could not do much alone to ward off an adversary such as Iraq.

The GCC states also discussed an early warning system for possible missiles fired from Iraq or Iran. Kuwait was invaded by Iraq a decade ago, and the United Arab Emirates is locked in a territorial dispute with Iran. The United States has proposed a missile defense system for the region that could identify chemical or biological agents involved in an attack.

British Airways says hijacker was escorted to the plane

LONDON - An airline passenger who wrestled with the crew in the cockpit of a nosediving jumbo jet had been escorted to the Kenya-bound flight at London's Gatwick Airport after he showed signs of nervousness and confusion and had called for the police, British Airways said.

The Boeing 747-400, with 398 people on board, survived two violent nosedives over Sudan during the Friday night attack by the passenger, whom the airline reportedly described as "a madman." The crew and passengers abducted the attacker and bound him, and the aircraft landed safely at Nairobi.

Probable prime minister tours tense border region

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia - The man likely to become prime minister of Yugoslavia's larger republic toured the tense region along the boundary with Kosovo on Sunday, telling local ethnic Albanians that they are equal citizens of the country but must respect its laws.

The visit by Zoran Djindjic to the volatile area comes a day after government officials and ethnic Albanian militants agreed to dismantle checkpoints on a key road and to refrain from violence.

The NATO-mediated agreement reached Saturday has eased some of the tensions in the so-called Kosovo Valley, where independence-minded ethnic Albanian rebels took control of several villages last month. Four Serb policemen were killed.

Taiwan gets ready for peace gesture with China

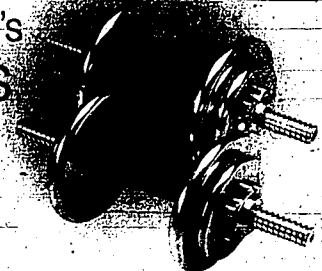
KINMEN, Taiwan - It's Taiwan's most important New Year's resolution and biggest peace gesture yet: today, it is expected to end a five-decade ban on direct shipping and trade links between two outlying islands and longtime rival China.

The move illustrates Taiwan's willingness to lower its guard and temper in an explosive hotspot where a conflict with China's massive military could quickly draw in the United States, Taiwan's longtime friend and most likely defender.

Compiled from wire reports

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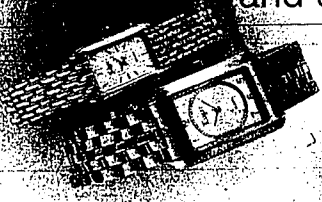
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MORNING LINE

SPORTSQUOTE

There were times when you mentioned 'I played at Oregon State or I'm an Oregon State alumni,' they were crawling underneath a table.

-Oregon State football coach Dennis Erickson, whose news and improved Beavers play Notre Dome tonight in the Fiesta Bowl

TRIVIA

QUESTION:

Nike's "swoosh" logo was designed by artist Caroline Davidson in 1971. How much was she paid for it?

...answer below

IN BRIEF

Division-leading Steelheads roll on

BOISE - The Idaho Steelheads improved to 2-2-2 this season with a late-Saturday pasting of the visiting Colorado Gold Kings, 6-1.

Mike Legg scored twice and goaltender Chad Alban made 26 saves for Idaho, which took a 1-0 lead on a first-period goal by Darcy Loewen, then began racking up points. Colorado's only goal came on a Greg Eisler power play shot near the end of the second period.

Idaho, alone atop the West Coast Hockey League's Northern Division, remains at home Wednesday to host the Anchorage Aces at 7 p.m. Tickets are available at (208) 331-TXSS.

E. Washington nips UJ men's hoop team

MOSCOW - The University of Idaho men's basketball team found the going tough inside late Saturday night, and the result was a 73-66 nonconference loss to Eastern Washington at the Kibbie Dome.

"We knew going into the game they're a team that likes to take the ball to the rack," Idaho coach David Farrar said, "and we didn't do much to counteract that."

That point was underscored by Eastern Washington's efficiency with its inside game - in regard to the scoring of Jason Humbert (15 points) and the rebounding of Chris White (10 boards). All in all, the Eagles dominated the boards 39-22 in addition to striking effectively from the perimeter with 55.3 percent field goal shooting.

The Vandals, now 3-8, was led by Matt Gershefske's 19 points. Chris Monroe added 17, Adam Miller had 15 and Bethuel Fletcher had 12.

Vandal women fall short against LeHigh

MORAGA, Calif. - The University of Idaho women's basketball team fell flat in the consolation game of the St. Mary's Christmas Classic late Saturday, losing to Lehigh University 73-57.

Idaho struggled to hit shots all evening, particularly in the second half, en route to its third straight loss. Lehigh improved to 8-4 with the win, while Idaho dropped to 3-10.

Darci Pemberton scored a team-high 14 points in the losing cause.

Idaho opens conference play Jan. 12 at Boise State.

Compiled from staff and wire reports.

TRIVIA ANSWER:

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Orange crushed

Ex-Bronco helps Ravens return to Tennessee

The Associated Press

BALTIMORE - For Baltimore, the 23-year wait for another playoff game was worth it.

The Ravens' record-setting defense was impervious once more and former Broncos tight end Shannon Sharpe scored a bizarre touchdown Sunday in a 21-3 wild-card playoff victory over Denver.

In winning the first postseason game in this city since 1977, when the Colts lost to Oakland, the Ravens (13-4) earned a trip to Nashville to play the Tennessee Titans, who edged them for the AFC Central crown this season.

Rookie running back Jamal Lewis scored twice for Baltimore, which is the only visiting team to win in the Titans' Adelphia Coliseum.

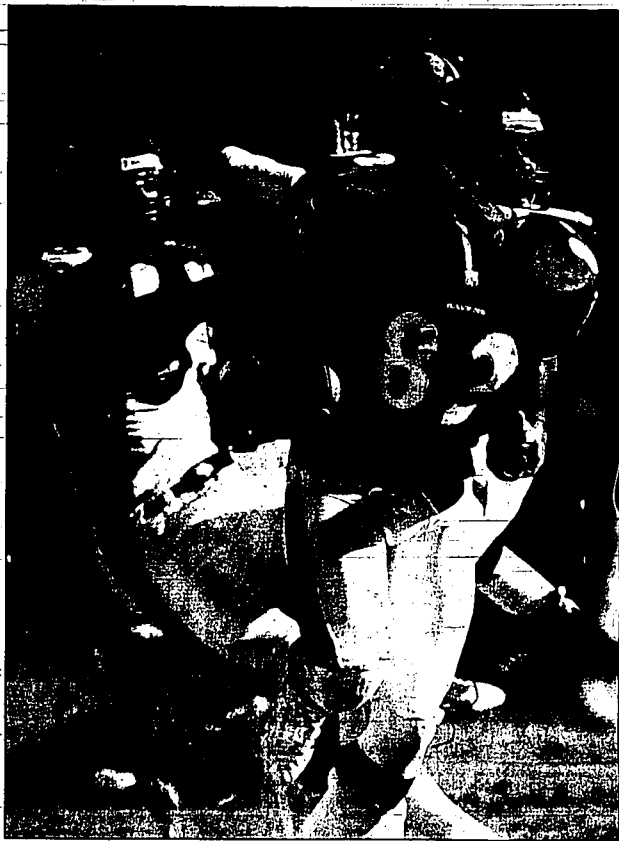
Sharpe's strange touchdown in the second quarter made it 14-3 and effectively ended Denver's chances. Trent Dilfer's pass in the flat was bobbled by Lewis, then glanced off the arms of Denver cornerback Terrell Buckley. Sharpe, who spent the first 10 seasons of his outstanding career in Denver, caught the carom and headed to the sideline.

With crushing blocks by Sam Gash and Patrick Johnson freeing the way, he sped 58 yards for the score.

Combining such big plays with a defense that allowed a record 165 points, the Ravens stayed in control throughout. A PSINet Stadium record crowd of 69,638 was in full throat in support of the team owner Art Modell brought to Baltimore from Cleveland in 1996.

The Broncos (11-6) clearly missed regular quarterback Brian Griese, but it's questionable if even John Elway would have managed the Ravens' defense and the tricky wind that gusts to 27 mph. Gus Ferrette didn't complete a pass until his first attempt of the second quarter, and most of his throws were off target. A half-dozen others were dropped, and he finished 13-for-28 for 124 yards.

Denver's only points were Jason Elam's 31-yard field goal in the first half, when the Broncos gained a mere 107 yards. Rookie Mike Anderson, who rushed for 1,500 yards this season, was held



Baltimore tight end Shannon Sharpe races down the sidelines 58 yards for a touchdown as Bill Romanowski of the Denver Broncos, back, is blocked during the second quarter of the AFC Wild-Card playoff game Sunday in Baltimore. The Ravens won 21-3.

to 40 yards on 15 carries and never was a factor.

His rookie counterpart, Lewis, had a big day - aside from his role in Sharpe's stunning touchdown. Lewis, who rushed for 1,364 yards this season, gained 110 yards on 30 carries Sunday. He scored on a 1-yard dive after his 20-yard dash got Baltimore close to the goal line. Late in the third quarter,

he burst through Al Wilson's tackle and a pile of other players for a 27-yard score, making it 21-3.

From there, the defense did the rest. With Baltimore's defense, that's usually the case, even against such a highly rated attack as Denver's. The Broncos' second-ranked offense had seven three-and-outs and was out-of-synch all day.

It was a bitter finish for a Denver franchise that had won seven consecutive playoff games, leading to two Super Bowl titles with Elway at quarterback, Sharpe at tight end and Terrell Davis at running back. Last year, the Broncos didn't make the playoffs.

The Ravens, winners of eight straight, haven't allowed a 100-yard rusher in 34 games.

Neuheisel was wrong about Tui

By Steve Springer The Los Angeles Times

Rick Neuheisel didn't want Marques Tuiasosopo to play for him.

Not at quarterback, anyway. Which is funny, because with today's Rose Bowl against Purdue still to go, Tuiasosopo has rushed for 2,146 yards and 14 touchdowns, rushed for 394 yards and six more touchdowns, and been named Pac-10 offensive player of the year.

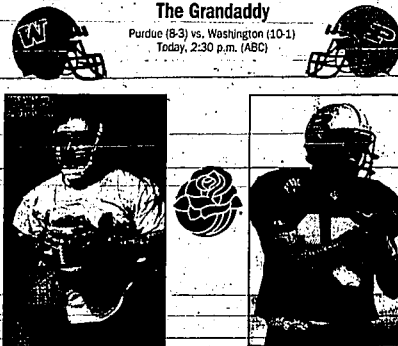
When Tuiasosopo was finishing high school, Neuheisel was then coaching at Colorado, was like so many other coaches across the country. They all looked at the powerfully built kid with the quick-feet and great bloodlines and rubbed their hands in anticipation.

"Every coach wanted a kid who could dunk a basketball in the eighth grade, who once hit a baseball that soared over a wall about 400 feet away and three-quarters of the way up a tree behind it, a kid whose school, Neuheisel had been a defensive lineman, first at UCLA; then for the San Francisco 49ers and Seattle Seahawks.

Marques also has an uncle - Johnny Olszewski - who played in the NFL, as have three of his cousins - Greg, Tom, and Perry and John Tuiasopo.

Yes, every coach wanted Marques; but to do what? Play safety? Probably. Linebacker? Maybe.

Tuiasosopo listened to the scrappers and, politely said, thanks, but no thanks.



Washington quarterback Marques Tuiasosopo and Purdue OR Draw Brees face off in the battle for the roses at the Rose Bowl in Pasadena today.

A two-way football star at Woodville High School in suburban-Seattle, Tuiasosopo was determined to be a college quarterback. So determined that he turned down the Minnesota Twins' bid to pick him in the 23rd round of the 1997 draft. So determined that he found a patently until he could find a coach who would believe in him.

That coach turned out to be Washington's Jim Lambright.

Other coaches hadn't seen Tuiasosopo throw much. That's because he didn't throw much in

The Granddaddy

Purdue (18-3) vs. Washington (10-1) Today, 2:30 p.m. (ABC)

A couple comebacks

Jagr gets into the act in Pittsburgh

The Associated Press

PITTSBURGH - When 4-year-old Austin Lemieux was deciding which hockey jersey to wear to his father's game against Ottawa, he had his choice of several bearing the family name.

Instead, he wore the No. 68 in his favorite player - Jaromir Jagr.

Mario Lemieux smiled at his son's choice, patted him on the back and said, "We've got to get you a No. 66."

Hold on, Dad. The way Jagr is playing since your return to the ice, Austin might want to keep wearing 68 for good luck.

As well as Lemieux has played since ending his 3.5-year retirement, he has made Jagr play even better.

The scorecard after Lemieux's first two games in 44 months: two wins for the Pittsburgh Penguins and 7 points apiece for Lemieux (2 goals, 5 assists) and Jagr (3 goals, all on assists by Lemieux, and 3 assists).

Think Lemieux's comeback isn't having an immediate and dramatic effect on the Penguins, who now consider themselves a prime candidate to win the Stanley Cup?

Just ask Jagr, who is suddenly playing again with the enthusiasm and fun of a school kid and the skill of a three-time defending NHL scoring champion.

Urlacher named top rookie

The Associated Press

NEW YORK - From an early season benching to top rookie, it is an improbable climb. Brian Urlacher of the Chicago Bears did it and was selected The Associated Press NFL Defensive Rookie of the Year Sunday.

Urlacher, the ninth overall pick from New Mexico last April's draft, easily won the award in balloting by a nationwide panel of 50 sports writers and broadcasters who cover pro football. The middle linebacker, who received 27.5 votes, didn't expect it to happen, particularly after his NFL career got off to a rough

start when he was tried on the outside.

"You only get a chance to win rookie of the year once. It means a lot," Urlacher said. "I didn't know what to expect coming into this year, then I started out so bad with training camp, and it was frustrating. But they saw something and moved me to middle linebacker."

"I think I got better and better as the season went on."

He clearly did, finishing with team-leading totals of 125 tackles, 99 solo, and eight sacks for the underachieving Bears (5-11). He also had two interceptions and a fumble recovery.

From sideline to sideline, Urlacher was as active as such All-Pro stars Ray Lewis and Derrick Brooks. He also was strong as a pass defender, a skill he owes greatly to also playing safety in college.

"It's amazing, I'm so happy," said Urlacher, who joined tackle Wally Chambers (1973) and safety Mark Carrier (1990) as Bears players who won the award. "I was sure I wouldn't get it because we didn't have a very good record. I guess not. I guess I played well enough."

Urlacher's most memorable game probably came at Buffalo, where he was in on 16 tackles. It was then that comparisons to Dick Butkus and Mike Singletary began surfacing.

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Pittsburgh's Jaromir Jagr has enjoyed a comeback of his own since Mario Lemieux's return.

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Beavers won't back down to Irish

TEMPE, Ariz. (AP) - Notre Dame is college football's 'Four Horsemen,' Knute Rockne, the Gipper, classic autumn confrontations, and Touchdown Jesus looking on. Oregon State's biggest claim to football fame is the longest string of losing seasons in NCAA Division I history, 28 years of rain-soaked misery that finally came to an end in 1999. So tonight's Fiesta Bowl is David vs. Goliath - except David is favored to win by three points. Don't expect any humility from Oregon State in its second bowl appearance in 36 years. Ten-ranked Notre Dame (9-2) is nothing more than a good team the No. 5 Beavers (10-1) expect to beat. 'We're not playing the name 'Notre Dame.' We're playing the football players that are on that football team. Just players like anybody else,' Oregon State coach Dennis Erickson said. 'That's how our football team is approaching it.'

body can cover him one-on-one. The confident talk has irritated some Notre Dame players. 'They are trying to get their name on a national stage,' wide receiver Joey Gettrall said. 'We can't let that happen, not with the rich tradition Notre Dame has. We can't let a team come over and think they're going to step all over us.' When the season began, Notre Dame was almost as much of a long shot to make a major bowl game as Oregon State was. After last season's 57 showing, coach Bob Davie was under heat. He lost his starting quarterback, Arnaz Battle, and standout defensive lineman Brent Irwin in the second game of the season, an overwhelming loss to Nebraska. Notre Dame started 9-2 and Davie seemed on his way out. But the Irish came fighting back to go 7-0 with poised freshman quarterback Matt LeVecchio. Even though they were ranked 11th in the Bowl Championship Series standings, the Fiesta Bowl selection committee because of the program's national following. Based on history, Notre Dame-Oregon State would seem a mismatch. But Oregon State led the Pac-10 in total offense and defense. The Beavers' lone loss was 33-30 at Washington, a game Oregon State would have sent to overtime had Ryan Cesca not missed a 46-yard field goal with 14 seconds to play. They've won six in a row since. 'The way I look at it, they're a team that's the Pac-10 co-champion, they're coached by a coach who's won national championships and has been an NFL coach, they're No. 1 in the Pac-10 in all of those statistics,' Davie said Sunday. 'You know they're fifth in the country. They're favored to win this game. To me it's kind of silly to say that Oregon State seriously or give them the respect that they would give other teams' I mean, this is about



Oregon State head coach Dennis Erickson, left, speaks with quarterback Jonathan Smith during an afternoon workout. Oregon State (10-1) will face Notre Dame (9-2) in the Fiesta Bowl today.

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Outback Bowl

Ohio State (8-3) vs. South Carolina (7-4), 9 a.m. (ESPN)

Cotton Bowl

Kansas State (10-3) vs. Tennessee (8-3), 9 a.m. (FOX)

Gator Bowl

Virginia Tech (10-1) vs. Clemson (9-2), 10:30 a.m. (NBC)

Citrus Bowl

Michigan (8-3) vs. Auburn (9-3), 11 a.m. (ABC)

Rose Bowl

Purdue (8-3) vs. Washington (10-1), 2:30 p.m. (ABC)

Fiesta Bowl

Oregon State (10-1) vs. Notre Dame (9-2), 6 p.m. (ABC)

TUESDAY

Sugar Bowl

Florida (10-2) vs. Miami (10-1), 6 p.m. (ABC)

WEDNESDAY

Orange Bowl

Oklahoma (12-0) vs. Florida State (11-1), 6 p.m. (ABC)

Holtz plots bright future

The Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. - Lou Holtz is 63 and not showing any signs of slowing down.

The architect of the biggest regular-season turnaround in Southeastern Conference history has a vision of what South Carolina can become and is determined to make it a reality.

The Gamecocks went 7-4 this year after going winless in their first season under Holtz to extend the nation's longest losing streak to 21 games.

Today's Outback Bowl will be another significant step for Holtz's latest rebuilding project, but the coach whose motivational skills rank among the best promises the best is yet to come.

'You ask what keeps you in coaching. As long as you have dreams ... you have energy to get up and go do this,' said Holtz, whose team will face No. 19 Ohio State (8-3) in the Carolina's first postseason appearance since 1994.

'I still believe we can build a Top 10 program. We can build a program as good as any in the country, I think we're on a firm foundation. That's our goal and that's our objective.'

Holtz, who has also led resurgences at William & Mary, North Carolina State, Arkansas, Minnesota and Notre Dame, left a job in television to take over at South Carolina, which lost its last 10 games under previous coach Brad Scott.

Skeptics questioned whether Holtz would have the ability to revive a program that had fallen on hard times in the rugged SEC and pointed to the Gamecocks' 0-11 record in 1999, the longest losing streak in college football.

But Holtz kept preaching hope and his message was eventually heard.

'God gave me the ability to project. He didn't give me the ability to dance. He didn't give me the ability to have a demanding appearance,' the coach said.



South Carolina coach Lou Holtz jokes with his players at the start of practice Wednesday. South Carolina plays Ohio State in the Outback Bowl today.

'I mean, I walk into a room, I'm 5-foot-10, 152 pounds, wear glasses and have a lip. Girls under 12 and over 70 have always loved me. In between those ages there's very little jafutation with me ... But I do have the ability to project my feelings. I wear over a long period of time, and I'm consistent in what I do and what I believe.'

Teach's missing weapon

With the dazzling Michael Vick at quarterback and Lee Suggs and his national-best 28 touchdowns at tailback, Andre Davis has been the missing weapon on Virginia Tech's offense.

Hampered by a high ankle sprain and buritis since late October, Davis struggled against double and triple teams for much of the season, but appears ready to get back into the offensive mix in today's Gator Bowl at Jacksonville, Fla.

'He's done some cuts down here that we haven't seen in about two months,' Hokies trainer Mike Goforth said of the speedy flanker Saturday.

Davis said earlier this week that his ankle was still a little tender, but that it was feeling better every day and his confi-

Early deadline
Due to the 1999-2000 season's record finish, the 2001-2002 season's early deadline is set for Jan. 10.

dence was growing. 'He's not full speed, but he's close,' Hokies coach Frank Beamer said.

Wolverines eye records

It's difficult to make history at Michigan. With so many standout players and successful teams over the years, it's not easy to do something that hasn't been done.

But the No. 17 Wolverines (8-3) and their star running back Anthony Thomas have a chance to set a pair of school records against No. 20 Auburn (9-3) in the Citrus Bowl at Orlando, Fla., on New Year's Day.

Michigan is looking to win a bowl game for the fourth straight season for the first time in school history.

Michigan won its first four bowl games, but they were spread out between the 1902 and the 1965 Rose Bowls.

Thomas needs 106 yards to break the Wolverine's career rushing record held by Jamie Morris-Morris had 4,393 yards from 1984 to 1987.

Punter gets his kicks

Don't forget the role Tennessee punter David Leaverton could have in today's Cotton Bowl.

His leg is the first line of defense against Kansas State's punter/gunner Aaron Lockett, who led the nation with an average 22.8 yards per return.

Leaverton, who has joked that punters should be considered for the Heisman Trophy, averaged 40.9 yards a punt this season and placed 20 of his 59 punts inside the 20.

Challis cruises to Oakley wrestling title

The Times News

Local sports

OAKLEY - The Class A-3 Challis High School wrestling team ran away with the Oakley Invitational Tournament team title, placing 14 wrestlers in the championship round and claiming seven individual titles.

'Challis-112-pounder Rusty' Darrah was named outstanding wrestler from the 103- to 140-pound weight classes, while Kimberly 160-pounder Kaid Gambrel was awarded the honor for the 145- to 275-pound classes.

The combined Oakley-River A-4 team sent six wrestlers into the championship round but came away without an individual title and had to settle for third after being overtaken in the late rounds by Kimberly.

'It was a tough contest,' host Oakley coach Sid Nelson said. 'Kimberly smuck in and got us in the heavier weights.'

Gambrel continued his undefeated season with a win over Challis's K. Jensen for the title, and Clemens Feary's Corey Hall took the 215-pound title from Filer's Donovan Wise on a one-point escape near the end of the match.

'The 215-pound championship was probably the best match of the tournament,' Nelson said. 'The whole thing went well, and I think the kids had a lot of fun.'

Girls' basketball

Wolverines win twice

MCCALL -- The Lady Wolverines picked up two wins at the Mile High Christmas Tournament in McCall over the weekend, beating their hosts 37-32 Friday and Parma 29-25 on Saturday.

Junior post Kristine Hill paced Wood-River in the McCall game with 13 points, and the Wolverines beat Parma the next night in a game decided at the free-throw line. Wood-River led 5-0 after one quarter, but a 16-point third period by Parma - and the loss of a key Wolverines player - made the game much closer late.

'Laurel Williams, our point guard, she's one of our big scorers,' said Wood River coach Brent Carduff. 'And she fouled out. They got hot and our girls kind of panicked a bit. But we settled down and we won it at the free-throw line.'

Carduff said playing in the tourney was a good experience for his team. 'It was great for us,' he said. 'We played really well as a team. We had a lot of people contributing.'

Wood River (5-6, 1-3) plays at Declo Tuesday.

Table with columns for Team, Score, and Location. Lists results for various teams like Challis, McCall, and Wood River.

Comeback

Continued from C1

Jagr had two goals and an assist Saturday and now has 1,002 points, the 59th player in NHL history with at least 1,000 points. Lemieux did him one better, with an empty-net goal and three assists that gave him 1,501 points - the 10th to break the 1,500-point mark.

In only two games, Jagr has jumped from 17th to ninth in the NHL scoring race. At this pace, he could be in the lead in another week or so - and, a couple of weeks after that, Lemieux might be chasing him.

'I'm not going to win it,' Jagr said of the scoring title he won every season since Lemieux retired. 'Mario is. You know that.'

Not that Lemieux keeps setting him up like this. 'Everything has changed since he came back,' Jagr said. 'All of a sudden, there isn't one

guy on me all the time. I feel like I'm playing a different game now. There's always someone open, and they have to respect everybody on the rink.'

Lemieux and Jagr were encouraged at playing so well, and so patiently, against a neutral zone-trapping team like Ottawa, which had allowed the fewest goals in the Eastern Conference.

Still, Lemieux thinks he and Jagr will play even better once Lemieux has a few more weeks of time to game and fully regains his game legs.

'It's been pretty good so far,' Lemieux said. 'It's like I said; I was coming back to play at a high level. But I can play better than I've been playing.'

wondered if he could return after so long a layoff and resemble the player he once was.

Even though the Senators matched a season high with their fourth consecutive loss, forward Daniel Alfredsson marveled at Lemieux's play and said, 'It's great to see.'

What is remarkable to Alfredsson is that Lemieux seems to have lost little, if any, skill during a layoff so long that four Stanley Cup champions have been crowned since Lemieux last appeared in a playoff game.

Penguins coach Ivan Hlinka understands what he is watching. 'Some people are born and they can paint pictures, like Picasso, and some can write books,' he said. 'And some guys, they are born and they can play hockey - like Mario and Jagr.'

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Seton Hall snuffs Central Connecticut

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — Seton Hall coach Tommy Amaker wants to see more intensity from his talented team once the conference schedule starts.

Seton Hall's Derius Lane goes in for a shot behind several Central Connecticut State defenders.

Georgetown overcame poor shooting at the start of each half to beat Houston 79-63 on Sunday.

No. 11 Penn St. 66, Ohio St. 63. COLUMBUS, Ohio — Kelly Mazzante scored 26 points and Maren Walseth's 15 points included a tiebreaking free throw with three seconds left for Penn State.

Seton Hall, which opens Big East play against Providence, on Wednesday, saw its 18-point lead whittled to five late in the game.

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Women's Top 25 Notre Dame 80, Rice 40. SOUTH BEND, Ind. — Erica Haney and Ruth Riley each scored 18 points Sunday as third-ranked Notre Dame beat Rice 80-40 to improve to 12-0 for the first time.

No. 21 Xavier 78, Butler 67. CINCINNATI — Taru Tuusikko had 21 points and nine rebounds, and Jennifer Phillips, Nicole Levandusky and Retra Pipari each added 15 points for Xavier.

Bulls Brand Nets with 86-77 with loss

CHICAGO (AP) — Elton Brand scored 31 points and had a season-high 16 rebounds Sunday as the Chicago Bulls nearly blew a 15-point second-half lead before beating New Jersey 86-77, the Nets' seventh straight loss.

rebounds before fouling out. Ron Mercer scored 18 for the Bulls, who won for only the fifth time in 30 games.

But the Nets scored the final six points of the period and the first four of the final quarter, a 10-0 run that narrowed it to 59-54. Brad Miller's only basket of the game and Brand's followup put the Bulls back up nine, but Williams got inside for two baskets and Sherman Douglas drove for a field goal as the Nets got within 65-62.

Mercer made two baskets and Ron Artest converted a three-point jumper as the Bulls increased the lead back to eight. New Jersey got within four again before Artest took a pass from Drew for a dunk with 1:50 left.

Huskies

Continued from C1 "There can be no excuses," Tuusikko told himself. "Too many people put in too much time and effort for me to screw up. I can come out here and look really stupid, or I can come out and look like I know what I'm doing."

"I was sitting in a chair shortly after I got to Washington," said Neuhisel, who went along with Neuhisel. "I came up behind me, put his arms around me and said, 'Still think I can't play quarterback?'"

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It all worked out, however. Washington beat Colorado, 31-24, launching a three-game winning streak en route to seven victories in its remaining 10 games.

On his third play, he showed he knew what he was doing, connecting with receiver Jerome Faison on a play worth 41 yards. Neuhisel, watching on TV before his own team's game, picked up the phone and called one of his assistants, Bobby Hauck.

Putting the questions to rest Can Marques Tuusikko play quarterback? Anybody asking that question today around Seattle would be seeking great bodily harm.

Play hard. Play smart. Kick butt. Win. — Washington QB Marques Tuusikko's advice from his father, former NFL player Manu Tuusikko

The key to that success was Tuusikko, who became a two-way threat, equally comfortable finding the open man on a pass play or finding the open lane for a run. And always comfortable in a leadership role.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Holyfield-Ruiz rematch set for March 3 LAS VEGAS — Evander Holyfield and Johnny Ruiz will have a rematch of the summer bout on March 3 at Mandalay Bay hotel casino, though Holyfield likely already has looking past that bout.

McNish races to American Le Mans title ADELAIDE, Australia — Allan McNish fought off a back injury and with Rinaldo Capello, won the American Le Mans, a six-hour street race before 80,000 fans on New Year's Eve.

Tergat wins in Sao Paulo; Kenyans 1-2-3 SAO PAULO, Brazil — Paul Tergat of Kenya won the St. Silvester road race for the fifth time in a row, pulling away from Ethiopians Tesfaye Tola and Tesfaye Jifar in the closing stages.

U.S. team beats Sweden in junior hockey MOSCOW — The United States defeated Sweden 3-1 Sunday, setting up a quarterfinal with Canada at the World Junior Hockey Championships.

Hings leads Switzerland to tennis victory PERTH, Australia — Refreshed from her time off in Florida, Martina Hings led top-seeded Switzerland to a 3-0 sweep of Thailand on Sunday in the opening match of the Hopman Cup.

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A good way to begin the new year is to review an effective use of defensive signals. With similar holdings, sometimes one must ask for a continuation; at other times, one should use a discouraging signal to ask for a shift. What are the clues to look for that might point the way?

West leads his diamond king against the heart game, and East must decide whether to encourage or discourage. What factors affect his decision?

The first priority goes to the diamond suit. Do the defenders have to win three diamonds on the run? If so, then East should signal encouragement with his nine. If not, East should discourage by playing his deuce.

Given today's dummy, the winning defense should be clear. With dummy's spades under control, East should play his deuce to signal for a shift. If he plays his nine instead, West will undoubtedly continue with his ace and another diamond, with South ruffing out East's diamond queen. South will then lose only two diamonds and a club to score his game.

After East asks for a shift with his diamond deuce, West will likely shift to a club or a spade (either will do). If West leads a club, East will win his ace and cash his diamond queen, denying a diamond trick to dummy. South will then have to fall back on a spade finesse, and when it fails, accurate defense nets a one-trick set.

Happy New Year to all my readers. May your year be full of productive signaling.

NORTH
 ♠ A K J
 ♥ Q J 7 3
 ♦ J 10 8 5
 ♣ J 3

WEST
 ♠ 9 8 6
 ♥ 6 2
 ♦ A K 4 3
 ♣ 10 9 6 4

SOUTH
 ♠ 7 3 2
 ♥ K J 10 8 5 4
 ♦ 7 6
 ♣ A K 8

Vulnerable: East-West
 Dealer: North

The bidding:
 North East South West
 1 NT Pass 4♥ All Pass

Opening lead: Diamond king

LEAD WITH THE ACES

South holds:

♠ 8 3
 ♥ 7 5
 ♦ Q 10 8 7 2
 ♣ J 8 7 3

North East South West
 1♠ Pass 2♥ Pass 3♥
 All pass

ANSWER: Spade eight. No reason to lead your suit instead of partner's. Even if partner can help establish diamonds, how will you ever get to run them?

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I assume you are on the Internet. If you are not, then pardon my French, but you are un-big loser. Today everybody is on the Internet, including the primitive Mud People of the Amazon rain forest.

In the old days, when the Mud People needed food, they had to generally throw spears at wild game whereas today, they simply get on the Internet, go to www.spear-a-bear.com and click their mouse a few times (the Mud People use actual mice). Within three business days, a large box is delivered to them by a UPS driver, whom they eat.

So you, too, need to get online, and it could not be easier! Signing up with an Internet Service Provider (ISP) takes only a few minutes, after which you immediately start enjoying all the benefits of having a free e-mail account every month until the end of time. If you wish to cancel your account for any reason, such as your death, all you have to do is contract your ISP, fill out a simple form, then climb into a big tank and fight Rex, the Customer Service Bear.

But you won't have to worry about monthly fees once you're making "big money," as an online trader! Of course, financial experts recommend that, before you make any investment decision, you should carefully read the "Q&A" type column written by a trained English major. Here it is:

Q. Are there any risks associated with online stock trading?
A. Yes. People do get hurt. To cite just one example, a man whom I will call 2038 Open Hornsasket II of Westport Open Wound Lane, Eau Claire, Wis., who was unemployed and had a wife and five hungry children to support, took his last \$17.40, which was supposed to be for Little Jessica's market, and decided to "play the market" with it, despite not having had previous experience. Two days later, his lifeless body was found crushed under an enormous pile of thousand-dollar bills that failed to stack properly.

Q. What is a chilling cautionary tale?
A. His family had to go to Disney World without him.

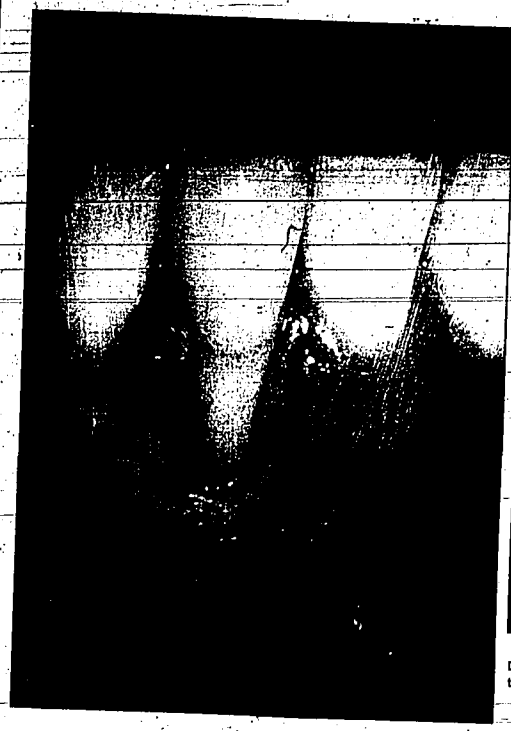
Q. How should I choose an online brokerage?
A. You'll be trusting your brokerage with your financial future, so you should make absolutely sure that you pick a good TV commercial.

Q. OK, I've chosen an online brokerage. Now what do I do?
A. Step 1 in your investment program, according to the American Society of Financial Planners, is to quit your job. "The best way," notes the Society, "is to write a businesslike letter of resignation and staple it firmly to your immediate supervisor's forehead." Now you're ready to get rich by trading stocks!

Q. What, exactly, are stocks?
A. They are pieces of paper stating your personal, own a piece of a company. This means that if you own stock in, say, General Motors, anytime you want, you may walk into a Chevrolet dealership and take a piece of a car.

Q. Can you give me the name of a "sleepers" stock that you know, from "inside" information is about to go through the roof?
A. Yes, here it is, unless the newspaper editors decide to keep it to themselves.

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The shadow of your SMILE



Dental grafting can cover up all manner of imperfections, including an exposed root as seen in these before and after photos of a patient's bottom teeth.

Dental grafting can cover a multitude of sins

**By Joan Bean
Times-News correspondent**

TWIN FALLS - Attention to detail can help create a more attractive smile. And when there is exposed root surface on the lip side of a tooth-called recession - covering it can make a big difference.

It's done through connective tissue-grafting, says Joel Newton, a Twin Falls periodontist, and happens mostly for cosmetic purposes. But he said this also makes it easier to keep the tooth clean, because there is no longer an area of deep recession.

"And there's a bit more gum attached to the tooth after grafting," he said. "It's less sensitive to touch in many cases so that it's easier for patients to keep it clean."

For Marianne Bloom, 55, of Jackpot, it was concern about potential infection, that prompted her dentist to suggest she have the grafting done on a bottom front tooth.

"I had some gum shrinkage, just away from like one tooth in the front for about

five years," she said. "It was getting to be really noticeable and it seemed like every year it got down a little farther."

Bloom had the surgery in December, and said she can see that the root of the tooth is covered and healing very well.

Newton said there are a number of reasons why a root surface might become exposed. Often it's genetic, and there is a wide root diameter in relation to the width of the bone that supports it - hence the more likelihood of a recession. This is because the bone is not all the way around the outside of the root.

It can happen at any age. He said he has seen patients with recessions who are as young as 7 and as old as 80.

Trauma can bring it on. Sometimes when a tooth is extracted, the gum comes with it and then there is a lack of gum tissue on the tooth beside it.

If a child falls and bumps his gumline and tears it, that can also cause problems.

Overaggressive toothbrushing with a hard bristle can abrade

gum tissue away, Newton said.

Jackie Jonas-Melycher, 40, of Heyburn, found that out last February.

"I was brushing my teeth and I just kind of slipped and I gashed my gums on the top," she said. "And it wasn't healing right."

So, she had grafting done to remedy the problem. It wasn't the first time she had the surgery, though. While she was living in Oregon in 1988, she had the procedure for a recession below a lower front tooth. This one had to be grafted again in December of last year.

Newton said one of the main reasons he does this operation is that the root surface is really sensitive to heat and cold or touch. Grafting covers up that sensitive area.

Another would be when the recession goes beyond the gum and into the cheek. And sometimes the recession is red and sore and irritated.

Newton said the procedure, which used to be called gingival grafting, has become more predictable.

"We used to take a large skin-like graft from the roof of the mouth and graft that to the surface," he said. "These days I take a very small amount of skin tissue which is deeper - what we call connective tissue - a portion of that connective tissue is very vascular."

Newton uses a little-measuring device called a periodontal probe to calculate exactly the size graft he needs. He attaches it with an average of three or four very small stitches.

"I do my best to match it as perfectly as I can," he said. "Most often I would say it looks like the original tissue."

During the initial appointment, Newton said he takes an impression to make what he calls a little "Band-aid" for the roof of the mouth where the graft will be taken. He said it is like the retainer worn after braces, but without the wires. This protects the area during the healing process.

The next visit is for the actual surgical procedure often for one or two teeth. For this, tissue is taken from the hard palate.

Patients are asked to leave the protective cover on the donor site for a full day, and after that it can be taken out for cleaning. They then wear it for a few days more, and can feel a little depression where the graft was removed. Usually in about five days the area is completely covered by skin.

As to the recipient site, he said what he wants to have happen is for the gums to attach with collagen fibers to the root surface to regain attachment, and therefore it should be left undisturbed for three weeks.

"For the first two days it's pretty easy to not disturb it, because it is kind of tender and sore to the touch," he said. "After that I ask patients not to pull the lip down to look at it, not to eat anything that would bump that area and not to brush it for three weeks."

Times-News correspondent Joan Bean can be reached at 733-0830.

Beware of the eyelash perm

DEAR PAULA: I have eyelashes with absolutely no curl in them but I found a solution I would like to share with you. There are a couple of salons here in Houston that do eyelash perms! One did a superb job while the other did a terrible job and frequently got the little rollers stuck in my lashes. The process is to put little rollers on your lashes like a hair perm. Then some kind of natural glue and chemicals that cannot harm your eyes are applied and it takes about 45 minutes total. Depending on the salon, the cost is about \$40 and it lasts from six weeks to one month. It is amazing. My lashes are - curly (though I'm gradually losing them with time. I can swim, take a shower, just do anything and the curl does not come out. I've been getting it done now for about three or four years and would recommend it strongly. For those struggling with lashes that turn in the wrong direction.

LISA HOUSTON

DEAR LISA: I cannot say strongly enough how against this process I am. The ingredients that can change the shape of hair are not gentle or natural and are

a potentially serious problem for the eyes. There is no way around this one and I would not be doing my job if I stated otherwise.

Nevertheless, despite my warnings, my own sister had her eyes perm'd and I have to admit the results were impressive.

All I can do is relate the risks and benefits for all kinds of cosmetic procedures. After that, the family members - have to make up their own minds as to whether the positives outweigh the possible negatives.

DEAR PAULA: I'm interested in your opinion of foundation brushes. I've been using my fingers and a sponge to apply foundation for a long time, but recently have had a couple of makeovers (Prescriptives and Paula Dorf) in which the sales-

person/makeup artist used a brush to apply the foundation. It looked very good but I don't like the idea of having to wash a foundation brush every time I use it; sponges are fairly easy to clean and use several times before replacing. Please let me know your opinion.

DONNA VIA E-MAIL

DEAR DONNA: I personally don't prefer brushes because I find the tendency is for the application to "look streaky" and uneven. Some people work well with brushes, and, as is always true about makeup application, depends on your skill and technique.

It's worth an experiment at the counters to see if you have the knack, but check your work in the daylight before you decide this is the way you want to apply your foundation.

Paula Begoun is the author of "Don't Go to the Cosmetics Counter Without Me" (5th edition) (Barringer Press, \$24.95). Write to her at 13075 Cass, Suite 160, Seattle, Wash. 98148 or check out her Web site: www.cosmeticscop.com

Any guidance counselor will tell you a solid first impression can begin and end with a handshake. So what if your hands drip with sweat every time you reach out to shake? Southern California doctors are fighting for the chance to give you the handshake you need to succeed by making a simple, surgical alteration to your nervous system. Surgeons operate on the nerves that control the so-called "fight or flight instinct" - the ones that have saved humans from saber-toothed tigers and invading armies through the ages. In people with hyperhidrosis, these nerves are constantly switched on, keeping the body in perpetual panic. It's quick. It's relatively cheap for the doctor. And the cost for the patient, usually around \$7,500, is usually covered by insurance companies.

Simplifying CPR

Nearly 700 people die of cardiac arrest every day in the United States. By simplifying CPR - a key link in what it calls the chain of survival - the American Heart Association

hopes to reduce those numbers. In August, the organization announced streamlined guidelines for cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the treatment of cardiovascular emergencies. The biggest change is that lay rescuers no longer will be taught to check for a pulse before administering chest compressions to someone who is unconscious. The reason: Research shows that at least 35 percent of lay rescuers are wrong to assume about whether a victim has a pulse, and every minute that a rescuer hesitates, a victim's chances of survival decrease. In another change, the new guidelines recommend against "priming" the Heimlich maneuver on an unconscious choking victim or attempting to clear the airway through finger sweeps. Instead, lay rescuers should begin CPR, including chest compressions. Again, the message is that every minute counts.

- compiled from wire reports

COSMETICS Q&A
Paula Begoun

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HEALTH & FASHION

Jerome health center offers childbirth classes

Prepared childbirth classes will be offered in Spanish from 9:30 p.m. Tuesdays, beginning Tuesday through Jan. 30, at the St. Benedict's Health Education Center, 115 Fifth Ave. W., Jerome.

The classes are free for those who will be delivering at St. Benedict's Family Medical Center. To register, call 324-4301.

Classes at St. Benedict's

Prepared childbirth classes will be offered from 7-9:30 p.m. Wednesdays, beginning Wednesday through Jan. 31, at the St. Benedict's Health Education Center, 115 Fifth Ave. W., Jerome. The five-week series includes a refresher class on Jan. 10 and a cesarean class on Jan. 17.

The classes are free for those who will be delivering at St. Benedict's Family Medical Center. To register, call 324-4301.

Learning childbirth

A prepared childbirth course will be offered from 7-9:30 p.m. in a five-week series, beginning Thursday through Feb. 1, in the Education Center at Magic Valley Region Medical Center in Twin Falls.

Preregistration is required, call 737-2900.

Big Kids Klub meets

The Big Kids Klub will meet from 10-11:30 a.m. Saturday in the Education Center at MVRMC in Twin Falls. The program is designed to help prepare siblings for the new baby.

Fee is \$7.50 per child or \$10 per family. To register, call 737-2900.

PR class offered

A cardiopulmonary resuscitation class will be offered from 7-9 p.m. Jan. 8 in the doctors' meeting room at MVRMC in Twin Falls.

Fee is \$11. To register, call 737-2007.

Parenting education

Parenting education classes

To do for you

will be offered at 7 p.m. Mondays, beginning Jan. 8 through Jan. 22 at St. Benedict's Family Medical Center's Health Education Center, 115 Fifth Ave. W. in Jerome. The "Parenting Apart" session is for divorced and separated parents. Child care will not be provided during the class.

Cost of the class is by donation. To register or for more information, call 324-4322, Ext. 3283.

Preparation offered

A childbirth preparation course will be offered for mothers who plan on having a vaginal birth after a previous cesarean delivery. To schedule an appointment with a childbirth educator, call 737-2900.

Breast cancer screening

A breast screening education program will be offered through the MVRMC Women's Imaging Center, 630 Addison Ave. W. in Twin Falls. The free program includes facts about early detection, self breast examination and mammography. To schedule an appointment or for more information, call 737-2192.

Cardiac coupons offered

Cardiac risk profile coupons are available to check cholesterol (LDL and HDL levels), triglycerides and cardiac risk factor.

Cost is \$15. For more information or to receive a coupon, call MVRMC Laboratory Services at 737-2021 or stop by the main entrance lobby at the medical center.

To do for you is a calendar listing of health-related activities, events and education. Information should be submitted by Thursday for publication in the following Monday's Health & Fashion. Mail notices to: The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, Idaho 83303, or deliver to our office at 132 Third St. W.

ANNIVERSARY

THE MAESTRAS

GOODING - RICHARD and Faye Maestas of Gooding celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Dec. 31.

The couple was married Dec. 31, 1940, in the Church of the Sacred Heart in Alamosa, Colo. They have lived in the Gooding area since moving from Colorado in 1947 and have raised six children.

They are members of St.

Elizabeth-Catholic Church in Gooding.

Their children are Richard (Anna Marie) Maestas of Los Altos, Calif.; Guy (Karen) Maestas of St. Helena, Calif.; Carl (Lynne) Maestas of Meridian, Elizabeth (Mitch) Johnson of Pocatello, Marian (Pete) Brooks of Gooding and Kenneth (Keri) Maestas of Clarkston, Wash.

The couple has 12 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Lack of health insurance plagues Hispanic communities

The Orlando Sentinel

ORLANDO, Fla. - Rather than face a doctor's bill she couldn't pay, Auria Landron stayed in bed for three weeks in a vain attempt to ride out the flu without any medication.

Finally, a concerned neighbor drove Landron to the Grand Shepherd's Hope Health Center, a free-medical-clinic for the uninsured in Orlando. The neighbor, Fran Morales, found the clinic a few months ago when she was sick.

Neighborhood health care is not available here in Puerto Rico, has health insurance. "We'd have no place to go if it weren't for the clinic," Landron said.

Morales and Landron are not alone. Along with a host of everyday challenges faced by Hispanic newcomers in America - grappling with a new language, finding employment, building a social network - many quickly encounter a problem that already affects millions of Americans nationwide: a lack of health insurance.

For example, by one estimate, at least 32,000, or 10 percent, of the 314,000 Hispanics in Central Florida lack insurance. That number is expected to grow as Central Florida's Hispanic population continues its rapid expansion. The number of Hispanic residents in the region has tripled since 1990. Today, Hispanics make up 18 percent of Central Florida's population.

Health coverage is a problem that plagues all groups, not just Hispanics. But some health-care experts say that Hispanics have an extra strike against them.

The language barrier, or in some cases lack of citizenship, drives many to low-paying jobs that don't offer health benefits. Even Puerto Ricans, who are U.S. citizens, face hurdles.

As a result, many Hispanics forgo care when they are sick or don't take crucial medications.

The desperate ones flood free clinics or hospital emergency rooms which must, by law, accept patients regardless of insurance.

"While many health clinics don't track their patients by race or ethnicity, clinic officials say they have seen a steady increase in Hispanic patients in recent years.

At the Orange County Medical Clinic in downtown Orlando, where patients can wait up to six months for an appointment, 10 bilingual staffers were hired recently to handle the growing number of Spanish-speaking patients.

"It's a really stark crisis among the Hispanic population," said John Budetti, an analyst at Ahr Associates, a Cambridge, Mass.-based consulting and research firm. "And I don't see anyone on a federal or state level doing anything to effectively address it."

Budetti led a study by Ahr that found Hispanics in Florida are more likely to be without insurance than their non-Hispanic white or black counterparts. Thirty-four percent of Hispanics in Florida were uninsured in 1999, compared with 27 percent of blacks and 16 percent of non-Hispanic whites, Ahr found.

Josephine Mercado doesn't need a study to tell her there is a health-care crisis among Hispanics. She has lived it. As a young, self-employed lawyer living in New York City in the 1980s, Mercado - whose parents migrated from Puerto Rico - had to take out a \$10,000 loan to help pay for her son's emergency appendectomy.

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HEARTBURN
Part II

Information about Heartburn and GERD continued

WHY ARE HEARTBURN AND GERD NOT TRIVIAL CONDITIONS?

When symptoms of heartburn are not controlled with modifications in lifestyle, and over-the-counter medicines are needed two or more times a week, or symptoms remain unresolved on the medication you are taking, you should see your doctor. You may have GERD.

When GERD is not treated, serious complications can occur, such as severe chest pain that can mimic a heart attack, esophageal stricture (a narrowing or obstruction of the esophagus), bleeding, or a pre-malignant change in the lining of the esophagus called Barrett's esophagus. A 1999 study reported in the *New England Journal of Medicine* showed that patients with chronic, untreated heartburn of many years duration were at substantially greater risk of developing esophageal cancer, which is one of the fastest growing, and among the more lethal forms of cancer in this country.

Symptoms suggesting that serious damage may have already occurred include:

- Dysphagia: difficulty swallowing or
- a feeling that food is trapped behind the breast bone.
- Bleeding: vomiting blood, or have tarry, black bowel movements.
- Choking: sensation of acid refluxed into the windpipe causing shortness of breath, coughing, or hoarseness of the voice.
- Weight loss.

WHAT ARE THE TREATMENT GOALS FOR GERD?

GERD is a problem that is symptomatic by day but in which much damage is done by night. Treatment should be designed to:

- 1) eliminate symptoms;
- 2) heal esophagitis; and
- 3) prevent the relapse of esophagitis.

Development of complications in patients with esophagitis. In many patients, GERD is a chronic, relapsing disease. Long-term maintenance is the key to therapy; therefore, continuous long-term therapy, possibly life-long therapy, to control symptoms and prevent complications is appropriate. Maintenance therapy will vary in individuals ranging from mere lifestyle modifications to prescription medication as treatment.

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HEALTH & FASHION

Want to kick the habit? Get some help

The Cigarette
COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — If you've determined that the end of 2000 will mean the end of your cigarette habit, be warned: You're probably going to need some help.
 It's a common, persistent misunderstanding that all it takes to quit is willpower — that if you're truly determined, you can quit cold-turkey, says Liz Zeigler, Tobacco Education and Prevention Partnership field coordinator at the El Paso County Health Department.
 But for most smokers, Zeigler says, it takes more than that. "It's just so addictive."
 In fact, she says, it takes the average smoker up to a dozen tries to kick the habit for good.
 Even if you're able to quit cold-turkey, there's a difference between not smoking and being in comfortable nonsmoker, says Rita LoGiudice, director of Memorial Hospital's smoking-cessation program. Many nonsmokers go into a "denial" any time they're around someone

who smokes or when the craving surfaces.
 "To be a comfortable nonsmoker, there has to be some education that comes along with quitting," LoGiudice says.
 Research shows a combination of a pharmacological aid and behavior modification is the most effective strategy against smoking. Pharmacological aid — nicotine replacement therapy and/or Zyban — can help smokers cope with the physical addiction. Behavior modification — through group classes or individual therapy — can counter the psychological addiction, helping them recognize the habits that become part and parcel of smoking.
 "The car doesn't start unless you light up. The phone doesn't answer unless you have a cigarette in your hand. It's an automatic thing," LoGiudice says.
 The good news is that the arsenal against smoking has grown in recent years.
 The newest weapon is Zyban, the only nicotine-free medication approved by the Food and

Drug Administration to help people quit smoking. A pill available by prescription, Zyban helps reduce the cravings, anxieties and depression associated with nicotine withdrawal.
 "It sort of helps keep people on an even keel," says Sgt. Dennis Hoebe, the Air Force Academy tobacco-cessation director.
 Zyban also can change the taste of the cigarette, making it less desirable in the first place, LoGiudice says.
 John Caserio, 58, says Zyban was a help when he successfully went through the Memorial smoking-cessation class nearly two years ago.
 "It just seemed like I did not have a desire to smoke," says Caserio, who had been a smoker for about 40 years.
 Studies of Zyban's effectiveness: one study found 23 percent who took Zyban for six weeks were smoke-free a year later, compared with 12 percent who took a dummy pill.
 But Zyban isn't for everyone: People with a seizure disorder

such as epilepsy and those who have or had had an eating disorder can't take it; it's also not recommended for pregnant or breast-feeding women.
 Like most prescription drugs, Zyban has its share of side effects, including dry mouth, insomnia and nausea.
 People who take Zyban can simultaneously use a nicotine replacement therapy: nicotine patches and gum, which are available over the counter, and nasal sprays and inhalers, available only by prescription. Such products, which deliver a lower dose of nicotine than cigarettes, can help to reduce withdrawal symptoms.
 Like Zyban, nicotine replacement products have side effects. Side effects of nicotine gum, for example, include mouth sores, rapid pulse, nausea and headache. Users also have to be careful not to trade one bad habit for another by getting hooked on the nicotine product.
 "You've got to have a timeline," LoGiudice says. "There has to be an end."

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Doctor: Herbal remedies can cause big problems in ER

PHILADELPHIA — Emergency room physician Timothy Erickson has more to worry about these days than patients with asthma, broken bones, gunshot wounds and heart attacks.
 The Chicago doctor now sees occasional patients whose persistent headaches appear to be connected to too much ginkgo or whose rapid heart rate may be due to ephedra combined with caffeine. Once in a while, he said, the side effects of herbal remedies have been life-threatening — such as the 15-year-old girl who went into liver failure after drinking a tea made with pennyroyal.
 Herbal remedies can be "a big problem" in the ER, Erickson said, at the annual conference of the American College of Emergency Physicians. In general, he said, "our patient population knows more about these medical therapies than we do."
 His evidence is largely anecdotal. He said he encountered about one case a week at the University of Illinois Hospital in downtown Chicago.
 Emergency room doctors need to pointedly ask patients what herbs, supplements and other complementary therapies they are taking because both the side effects of alternative and their interactions with traditional medicines can be dangerous, he said. But doctors often don't ask.
 When he has polled colleagues informally, Erickson said, only one case in four posed the question — an estimate that may be even a little too high, said Jay Kaplan, chairman of emergency services at St. Barnabas Health Care System in New Jersey.
 Too often, he said, doctors miss possible causes because they don't even ask.
 A 1997 national survey indicated that about two out of five Americans use a complementary medicine, including herbal remedies and mega-vitamins. An unrelated study presented at the emergency physicians conference found that a third of 163 emergency-room patients at Morristown Memorial Hospital in New Jersey used herbal remedies. And if doctors don't ask, patients often don't tell.

Research for Alzheimer's cure sees disappointment, progress

The Hartford Courant
 For decades, scientists have shared Bob Cimino's frustration. Back in 1988, "I was ready to quit and work on something else," says Dr. Sangram S. Sisodia, chairman of the departments of neurobiology, pharmacology and physiology at the University of Chicago and one of the nation's top Alzheimer's researchers. "Then they discovered the gene."
 In the past decade, scientists actually have discovered four genes linked to the creation of the plaques and tangles that characterize Alzheimer's disease, three of them linked to onset of the disease before age 60. Sisodia expects that many more genes that contribute to the disease remain to be discovered.
 One way to look at these genes is as molecular cue balls, each one producing a protein that sets off a different biochemical chain reaction, which ends up producing Alzheimer's telltale signs.
 By tracing these chain reactions, scientists now have many places to try to intervene in the process and halt the formation of plaques and tangles, Sisodia says.
 Already, scientists have been able to develop vaccines that have reduced the plaques in the brains of mice.
 "What happens once we start dissolving plaques in humans?" Sisodia asks. "Maybe the patient doesn't get better, but at least we stabilize the patient and change the clinical course of the disease."
 Yet there is a nagging doubt in some scientists that it isn't plaques and tangles that cause the behavioral problems afflicting Alzheimer's patients, but some as-yet-undiscovered agent that destroys the brain cells.
 "We still don't know what kills neurons," says Dr. Jung H. Kim,

associate professor of pathology at Yale University School of Medicine. "The fundamental thing is preventing the death of neurons. How to prevent that, nobody knows."
 Kim believes there won't be an effective treatment for Alzheimer's for decades.
 Dr. Thomas Bird, a neurologist at the University of Washington who has studied early-onset Alzheimer's in dozens of families descended from Germans who settled near the Volga River in the 1800s, agrees that the exact mechanisms that destroy brain cells have been elusive.
 However, he remains much more optimistic that the answer lies, somewhere along the pathways scientists have been exploring.
 "My attitude has changed in the last two years. These are quite exciting days," Bird says. "I think there is the potential for new treatments."

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Fever	Sometimes	NO	Sometimes
Headaches	Sometimes	Sometimes	Sometimes
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Resolve to live the days of your life well

DEAR READERS: My New Year's column has become an annual tradition. These New Year's resolutions are based on the original credo of Al-Anon with the addition of some variations of my own.



DEAR ABBY
Abigail Van Buren

Just for today, I will live through this day only, and not set far-reaching goals to try to overcome all my problems at once. I know I can do something for 24 hours that would overwhelm me if I thought I had to keep it up for a lifetime.

Just for today, I will be happy. Abraham Lincoln said, "Most folks are about as happy as they make up their minds to be." He was right. I will not dwell on thoughts that depress me. I will chase them out of my mind and replace them with happy thoughts.

Just for today, I will adjust myself to what is: I will face reality.

I will correct those things that I can correct and accept those I cannot.

Just for today, I will improve my mind. I will not be a mental loafer. I will force myself to read something that requires effort, thought and concentration.

Just for today, I will do something positive to improve my health. If I'm a smoker, I'll make an honest effort to quit. If I'm overweight, I'll eat nothing I know to be fattening. And I will force myself to exercise - even if it's only walking around the block or using the stairs instead of the elevator.

Just for today, I will make a conscious effort to be agreeable. I will look as good as I can, dress becomingly, speak softly, act courteously, and not interrupt when someone else is talking.

Just for today, I'll try not to improve anybody except myself.

We know so much more about nutrition and how much exercise and sensible living can extend life and make it more enjoyable, so just for today, I'll take good care of my body so I can celebrate many more happy new years.

Just for today, I will have a program. I may not follow it exactly, but I will have it, thereby saving myself from two pests: hurry and indecision.

Just for today, I will gather the courage to do what is right and take responsibility for my own actions. To one and all: A happy, healthy New Year!

P.S. God bless our men and

women in uniform in every corner of the world where our flag is flying. And let us not forget those patriotic Americans who are serving their country in the Peace Corps, as well as those who have served and are now in veterans hospitals and nursing homes.

And as we begin this bright, shiny new year, consider these "Thoughts for the Day" by the philosopher Sri Satya Sai Baba:

"If there is righteousness in the heart, there will be beauty in the character."

"If there be beauty in the character, there will be harmony in the home."

"If there is harmony in the home, there will be order in the nation."

"When there is order in the nation, there will be peace in the world."

- LOVE, ABBY

Are drugs the answer to childhood obesity?

Los Angeles Times

In an approach to childhood obesity long considered taboo, the nation's two prescription weight-loss drugs, Xenical and Meridia, are now being tested in children and teens.

This first large-scale effort to examine the usefulness of diet drugs in the young reflects a growing need, says Dr. Ken Fujioka, director of the Nutrition and Metabolic Research Center at the Scripps Clinic in San Diego. Health experts say 10 percent to 15 percent of the nation's children are overweight and that the number is climbing.

"I don't think we ever dreamed of doing this 10 years ago, or even five years ago," Fujioka, who is investigating Xenical's effectiveness among children ages 12 to 16. "But this is a scary problem because it's increasing (so rapidly). So now we're looking at more aggressive measures."

Treating obese children with medication still elicits objections from many health professionals, however. They say a focus on medication ignores the fundamental problems - too much food, too much fat and too little exercise - that has precipitated the childhood obesity epidemic.

"I think a pharmacologic approach for childhood obesity is not the best approach," says Dr. Francine Kaufman, chief of endocrinology and metabolism at Children's Hospital Los Angeles. "The best approach is a public health solution. We need to learn a lot more about child obesity and why this is occurring now."

But parents of obese children are increasingly desperate to help their children, experts say. Many obese children have at least one overweight parent who fully understands how hard it is to lose weight.

Cathy Dangel kept thinking her daughter, Erin, would shed weight naturally as she grew during adolescence. But last summer, Dangel, who lives in San Diego, decided it

was time to act. Her daughter was about to enter high school and she was 40 pounds overweight.

Dangel, who also struggles with a weight problem, heard about Fujioka's study at Scripps while attending a class there. Erin agreed to enter the study, although Dangel had some reservations - mostly because the drug can trigger sudden diarrhea.

"I thought if she had an accident at school that would be even worse than being overweight," Dangel says. "But Erin felt she could handle the side effects."

To be sure, Xenical, approved in 1999, and Meridia, approved in 1997, are a far cry from previous generations of diet drugs. Those were, typically, amphetamines that suppressed appetite and caused a range of serious side effects, such as insomnia, mood changes, cardiac arrhythmias and addiction. Both of the new studies are sponsored by the manufacturer.

Xenical, made by Roche Laboratories, works by reducing the absorption of about one-third of dietary fat. The drug also limits intake of some vitamins - a potentially serious side effect in children, who are still growing, says Fujioka. In particular, Xenical can block the absorption of fat-soluble vitamin D, which helps metabolize calcium.

Exposure to sunlight generates enough vitamin D in most people. But children taking Xenical in northern climates may not get enough of the vitamin during winter months without taking a vitamin supplement, Fujioka says.

Arthroscopic hip surgery helps, but little is known

Sun-Sentinel, South Florida

Every day, sports news mentions a pro athlete having arthroscopic surgery on a knee or elbow or shoulder. But on this hip? Hardly ever.

Arthroscopic hip surgery does happen, and can neatly relieve the pain of wear and tear from athletics or aging. The incisions are small and the recovery time is short. Trouble is, it's a tricky procedure done regularly by only a handful of specialists around the nation. Doctors do not always send their injured patients to get it, even when they could.

As a result, weekend warriors, who are not in top shape and are more prone to injuries, miss out on a procedure that helps the pros.

"There's lots of undiagnosed pathology out there in people who have persistent hip pain," says Dr. Marc Phillippon, who has been doing the surgery for five years, mostly at Holy Cross Hospital in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

"It helps the kind of injuries we often see in softball players, dancers, hockey players, golfers. These injuries are usually caused by twisting motions, over and over. It's from athletic stress but also from getting older."

In arthroscopic surgery, doctors make two or three small incisions and insert tubes carrying a tiny camera and tools. They can cut, burn and suction through the tubes to perform surgery without having to cut the patient open.

Phillippon used the scope on pro golfer Greg Norman, who

aggravated a longtime hip injury when he caught his spikes in a carpet at the U.S. Open in June.

Phillippon discovered Norman had a 1-inch tear in the labrum, a pliable lining that keeps the ball and socket of the hip joint from rubbing together. A tear brings pain and abnormal wear in the joint.

"That hip has been bothering him for six, seven years now," says John Story, a publicist for Norman's company, Great Shark Enterprises in Jupiter.

No surprise that Norman has pain, since his golf swing has a lot of twist and he is known to hit 1,000 balls a day in practice.

If a torn labrum goes unattended for too long, or if loose bone chips remain in the joint for too long, Phillippon thinks arthritis is more likely to follow.

Phillippon did Norman's surgery on June 28. Normally, hip surgery involves making a big cut in order to get at the joint, which is buried under tough layers of muscle, ligaments and tendons.

Those layers are hard to penetrate with arthroscopic tubes, he says. Also complicating things, the hip, unlike other joints, has bundles of nerves and is near major blood vessels supplying the leg.

Happy New Year

Estate Shape

...straight talk on wills, trusts, probate & estate planning

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

QUESTION: I want to update my financial and estate plan. Any ideas?

Demir S. Voorhes

Here are some guidelines:
Health care directives. Make sure you have a current living will, health care power of attorney, and nomination for guardian and conservator. The living will allows you to die with dignity - using or withholding such artificial life-sustaining measures as you direct.
Beneficiary designations. Check the beneficiary designations on your insurance policies, brokerage accounts, annuity contracts, bank accounts, and retirement plans. The choices you made ten or fifteen years ago may not be what you want today.
Estate plan. Revisit the provisions you've made in your will or trust instrument. Births, deaths, marriages, divorces, remarriages, and changing fortunes will almost certainly throw things out of kilter.
Advisors. Call or meet with your advisors. That's what they're there for. They might include your insurance agent, accountant, lawyer, financial planner, or broker.

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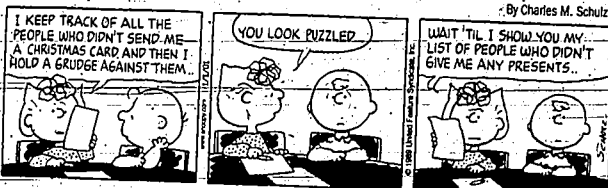
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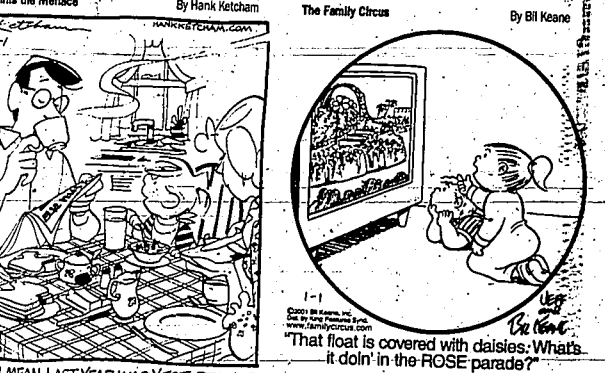
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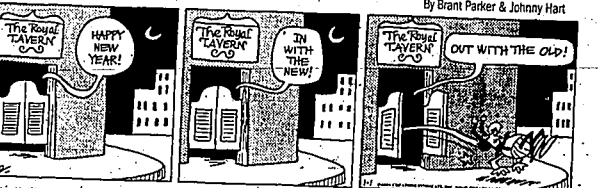
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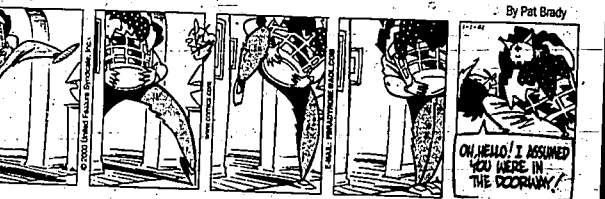
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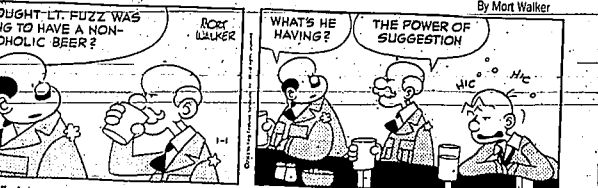
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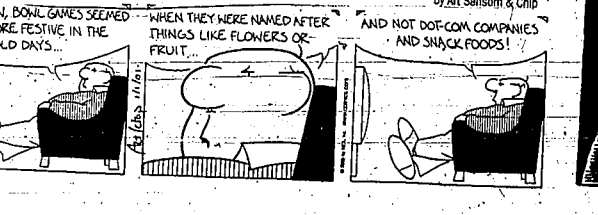
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