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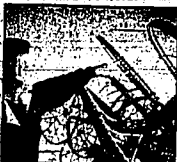
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FREEZE FOR CHARITY



Shaun Pohlman finishes his ride on a special wake board with a crash near the beach where spectators were gathered to watch the 14th annual Freeze on Skis. Pohlman's board is designed to plane several feet off the water. The event is a fundraiser that benefits different charities every year.

Valley skiers brave frigid waters to raise donations

By Mark Heinz
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The event really lived up to its name this year. Air and water temperatures were right at the freezing point at Shoshone Falls Park early Monday afternoon as water skiers and wake boarders prepared to do their part for the Magic Valley Jaycees 14th annual "Freeze-on-Skis" fund-raiser. Each year on New Year's Day, skiers with the fortitude to hit the placid water at the park drum up pledges, and the Jaycees donate the money to local civic projects or charities,

said event chairman Jay Jones. Monday's freeze event was one of the coldest in recent memory, he said. "Actually, once you hit the water, you don't feel anything," skier John Pohlman of Twin Falls said after taking a numbing trim behind a speedboat. Unlike several of the other skiers, he chose not to wear a wetsuit, and braved the water wearing only shorts and a life jacket. "It's more of a pain to put a wetsuit on for a five-minute run than it is to just suffer while I'm skiing," he said. "Besides, this way, I know I'm earning my money."

Pohlman — one of the founding members of the freeze on skis — raised \$14,000 in pledges before his run. The event grossed \$19,471.39 this year. After expenses, all the money will go to help build a skate park in Twin Falls or to the annual Camp Rainbow Gold. The camp — for children aged 6-16 who have been diagnosed with cancer — is held the first week in August at the Cathedral Pines Campground north of Kerchum, said camp manager Sharon Dingman. It cost about \$45,000 to put on each camp, she said. The Twin Falls County Sheriff's department also used

the event as an opportunity to show off its new boat for river patrol, search and rescue. The department's old boat proved to be too underpowered to run against a swift section of the Snake during a call last year near Hagerman, undersheriff Ed Gudgeall said, so the department decided to upgrade. Between the nearly \$15,000 in trade-in value of the old boat and \$24,999 in state grant money, the new boat was bought at no direct cost to Twin Falls County taxpayers, Gudgeall said. Times-News reporter Mark Heinz can be reached at 735-3238 or by e-mail at mheinz@magicvalley.com

With shocking speed, encounter turns violent

An Israeli soldier, a Palestinian civilian, then gunfire

The Associated Press



A supporter of Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat's Fatah movement celebrates its 38th anniversary Monday in the West Bank town of Hebron. Fatah is urging Arafat to reject any peace proposal from Israel.

JERUSALEM — One minute the middle-aged Palestinian man is standing at an Israeli military barricade, talking with a young soldier. Seconds later, he lies grievously wounded on the ground, his foot hanging from his leg by shreds of mangled flesh.

Monday's shooting of a 50-year-old Palestinian named Jadhah al-Jabari in the West Bank town of Hebron — which left him hospitalized, with doctors unsure whether his foot and lower leg could be saved — showed the shocking speed with which encounters of Israeli troops and Palestinian civilians can turn from innocuous to bloody.

Captured in part by an Associated Press Television News cameraman, the incident offered a brief but searing glimpse into the nature of the violence that has

raged for three months in the West Bank and Gaza Strip: the hair-trigger sensibilities of tense young Israeli troops, Palestinians' feelings of humiliation and fury — and how disastrously the two can sometimes collide.

When al-Jabari, a retired garbage collector, approached the Israeli military checkpoint minutes from his Hebron home just before 9 a.m., he was empty-handed except for a handkerchief, clad in a long gray Arab robe.

Standing in front of the concrete block barrier, he looked wary. So did the Israeli soldier questioning him.

"Where are you going?" the soldier asked in Hebrew. "Why are you asking me? Where are you going?" al-Jabari retorted, speaking in Arabic but repeating the sol-

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Jerome faces tough issues

Agenda for new commissioners includes CAFOs

By Brandon Flaia
Times-News writer

JEROME — The county has two new commissioners, starting next week, but the newcomers and the one holdover are expecting a smooth transition.

The commissioners will be sworn in Monday, and will meet afterwards to select a chairman, said Veronica Lierman, who defeated independent candidate Lee Halper in the November election, after knocking off incumbent John Toolson in the May Republican primary.

"I think it will go well, and we're all looking forward to working with one another," said Lierman, a former commissioner.

When the transition takes place, Jerome County's three commissioners will be Alvin Chojnacky, half way through a four-year term; Lierman, elected to a two-year term; and John Florrta, elected to a four-year term. All three are Republicans.

Counties stagger commissioner terms to ensure at least one experienced commissioner remains in office.

"I don't expect a rocky transition," said Florrta, who defeated incumbent Roy Prescott in the Republican primary. "One commissioner has been in office for a couple years, Lierman has been a commissioner in the past and I had experience working with county commissioners when I worked in the Jerome prosecutor's office."

When Jerome's commissioners get down to business, a few issues could hit the forefront:

Continued animal feeding operations. "The issue of CAFOs and dairies is one that continues to gain attention," Florrta said. "Jerome County is lucky because it has had an ordinance in place for some time that addresses the issue. We've been in a better position than some of

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Lawmakers' votes could affect their investments

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — After they've sworn into their new seats, the congressional class of 2001, mostly upper middle-class, faces votes that could affect their stock holdings, from high-tech companies to health insurance firms.

Fifteen of the 52 newly minted lawmakers own stock in high-technology companies such as Intel and Microsoft, according to an Associated Press review of financial disclosure forms filed by the candidates during the campaign.

In recent years, the high-tech

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Acts of charity in Southern California begin with ...

A PASTOR'S LESSON

The Associated Press

ALISO VIEJO, Calif. — By any measure, Lisa Panzica was struggling. After fleeing an abusive relationship and a home-invasion robbery, she lived day-to-day to make ends meet — to pay rent, provide food for her children, attend college night classes.

Across town, Terry Zwick had few worries. Living in a comfortable, spacious home in one of Orange County's most affluent communities.



Pastor Denny Bellesi

Their lives intersected after Zwick was given money by her pastor and told to do a good deed. "It seems like such a simple act. But it's having a ripple effect," Zwick said. "People are ... paying it forward. We helped Lisa, and she helped her family."

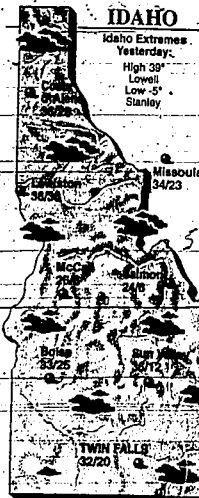
Zwick was one of 100 people selected from the Cedar Hills Community Church by the Rev. Denny Bellesi to participate in a living biblical lesson. "I wanted to teach this principle of stewardship," Bellesi said. "I wanted to leave an impression that would never be forgotten." In November, the pastor gave out \$100 bills — a total of \$10,000 from his church's general funds — with the instruction that recipients go forward and do good. He

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Terry Zwick, right, here with her family, was one of 100 people chosen by a church to give \$100 to people in need as part of a living Bible lesson.

FORECAST FOR MAGIC VALLEY



ALMANAC

Twin Falls today 6 p.m. yesterday

Temperature
High/Low 28/12°
Normal high 54/16°
Normal low 30/13°
Record high 58° in 1907
Record low -13° in 1979

Precipitation
24 hours ending 6 p.m. yesterday trace
Month to date 0.03"
Normal month to date 0.13"
Year to date 0.37"
Humidity Yesterday at noon 100%

Barometric Pressure Yesterday at 6 p.m. 30.45 in.

Pollen yesterday in Twin Falls
Grass Absent
Weeds Absent
Mold 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	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
▲ 32°	▼ 20°	▲ 36° ▼ 22°	▲ 36° ▼ 22°	▲ 36° ▼ 24°	▲ 38° ▼ 24°

REGIONAL WEATHER

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

Boise: Low clouds and some fog this morning, then clouds will linger most of this afternoon. Mostly cloudy tonight and tomorrow along with times of fog.

Northern Nevada: The recent dry, and milder than normal, weather will continue across northern Nevada today with sunshine and no more than a few clouds. A few spots might start the day with fog.

Northern Utah: Fog and low clouds will be found across the valleys of northern Utah again today along with a few flurries; most of the other spots across the region will have sunshine much of the time.

Northern Idaho: Low clouds and locally dense fog across the valleys today; only a few spots across the region will break into any sunshine. Mostly cloudy tonight and tomorrow with areas of fog.

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today: 7:08 a.m.
Sunset today: 5:16 p.m.
Moonrise today: 12:03 a.m.
Moonset tonight: 12:03 a.m.

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CANADIAN CITIES

City	Today	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Calgary	20-27	18-24	23-27	24-28	24-28
Edmonton	20-24	18-24	23-27	24-28	24-28
Regina	22-26	19-25	24-28	24-28	24-28
Saskatoon	22-26	19-25	24-28	24-28	24-28
Winnipeg	23-30	18-24	23-27	24-28	24-28

WORLD CITIES

City	Today	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
London	40-50	40-50	40-50	40-50	40-50
Paris	40-50	40-50	40-50	40-50	40-50
Madrid	40-50	40-50	40-50	40-50	40-50
Barcelona	40-50	40-50	40-50	40-50	40-50
Rome	40-50	40-50	40-50	40-50	40-50
Amsterdam	40-50	40-50	40-50	40-50	40-50
Brussels	40-50	40-50	40-50	40-50	40-50
Frankfurt	40-50	40-50	40-50	40-50	40-50
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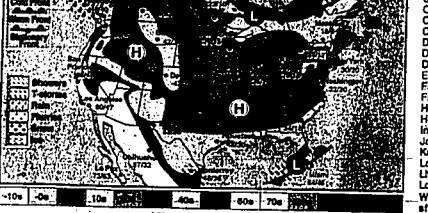
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0-1: Minimal; 2-3: Low; 4-6: Moderate; 7-9: High; 10+: Very High. Values indicate the exposure to the sun's ultraviolet rays.

NATIONAL EXTREMES

High 83° in Simi Valley, CA Low 27° in Aberdeen, SD

NATIONAL WEATHER



NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Atlanta	34-18	45-23	45-23	45-23	45-23
Baltimore	30-16	30-22	30-22	30-22	30-22
Chicago	26-18	30-22	30-22	30-22	30-22
Dallas	24-19	32-20	32-20	32-20	32-20
Denver	24-10	32-25	32-25	32-25	32-25
Detroit	28-18	30-19	30-19	30-19	30-19
Houston	48-30	48-30	48-30	48-30	48-30
Los Angeles	80-47	80-47	80-47	80-47	80-47
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REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Boise	33-15	36-25	36-25	36-25	36-25
Idaho Falls	35-23	42-23	42-23	42-23	42-23
Coeur d'Alene	35-28	38-28	38-28	38-28	38-28
Elko	38-7	41-10	41-10	41-10	41-10
Eugene, OR	52-38	52-40	52-40	52-40	52-40
Hagerman	34-24	44-28	44-28	44-28	44-28
Idaho Falls	35-23	42-23	42-23	42-23	42-23
Kalispell, MT	38-20	39-28	39-28	39-28	39-28
Lawton	36-20	40-34	40-34	40-34	40-34
Malad	36-16	40-31	40-31	40-31	40-31
Malta	36-23	45-31	45-31	45-31	45-31

Randy Hansen AUTO PLEX
Poleline At Blue Lakes North



Rescuers look at half of the 'Pati' as it lies beached near the Mediterranean tourist resort of Kemer, near Antalya, Turkey.

Cargo ship sinks off Turkish coast; many feared drowned

ISTANBUL, Turkey (AP) — A cargo ship carrying illegal immigrants broke apart in a storm just off Turkey's southern coast Monday, killing at least six people. Dozens of others were missing and feared dead — locked in a cargo area that plunged to the sea bed.

At least 83 people, 10 of them crew members, were on board the Georgian-flagged "Pati" when it foundered early Monday about 100 yards off the Mediterranean resort of Kemer.

Thirty-two people were saved, said Can Karaca, who was supervising the rescue efforts, but hope for the missing was dim. Rescue operations were called off Monday afternoon due to strong winds and high seas. Divers and helicopters were due to join the search Tuesday.

Karaca said survivors told him many of the illegal immigrants had been locked in a cargo area in the sunken half of the ship.

"There is little hope to find them alive," he said.

Four bodies were recovered and two others were seen in the sea but had not been recovered due to the weather conditions, coast guard officials said.

All the passengers were illegal immigrants trying to make their way to Greece, Karaca said.

Finances

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Industry has been courted by both political parties as a lucrative source of campaign contributions and has gotten many of its items on its wish list, including a freeze on Internet taxes and more visas to bring in overseas workers.

A dozen own stock in communi-

Jerome

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Our neighbors like Twin Falls." But the ordinance might need to be updated, especially to deal with odor complaints.

"We might need to improve some things to stay up-to-date, and we'll look at the odor problem," Chojnackey said. "We're getting a committee appointed to review C.A.F.O.s and make recommendations to the county's planning and zoning commission."

Commissioners will appoint six or seven people representing the community, he said.

Other agencies have made progress in dealing with odor complaints, Lierman said.

"I'm pleased the (state Department of Environmental Quality) finally came up with some guidelines about odor, working with the Department of Agriculture," she said. "We'll see how that works out, but it's encouraging."

Developments: Commissioners will have to look at development of a corridor near Idaho Highway 25, which has been given commercial designation, Elorrieta said. Development of the Snake River, the Canyon's North Rim Park is another issue.

"It's not a big political issue, but it's one that Jerome County needs to keep on top of," Elorrieta said.

Jerome County needs to support the park, Chojnackey said.

An issue unlikely to be revisited is a full-time commissioner. None of the three commissioners support the idea of a full-time

Mideast

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selfers for some minutes. A breathless arriving soldier ordered: "Treat him!"

As soldiers bent over him, al-Jabari flailed out and cursed them. "Shut up. Shut up!" one told him. Finally he was taken away in an ambulance, with the numbers "905" inked on his forehead — so doctors would know what time the tourniquet had been applied to his leg.

An army spokesman who viewed the APTV footage, Lt. Col. Olivier Rafowicz, called it "horrible," and said the army was investigating.

Unless soldiers believe they are in immediate danger, army policy calls for them to fire a warning shot before taking direct aim at anyone. But soldiers manning checkpoints and roadblocks are also under orders to react quickly to any potential threat.

Later, a senior Israeli officer, Maj. Gen. Inak Eitan, said the soldiers involved had been deployed in Hebron, a frequent flashpoint for clashes, only 24 hours earlier.

"You have to remember we have been in battle for a long period. At the moment we are under very heavy threats of terror attacks in Hebron and other places inside Israel," said Eitan. He said it was his understanding the man had "acted in a suspicious way," perhaps the way a suicide bomber might. He did not elaborate.

The army did not immediately answer questions including whether al-Jabari had made any threatening gesture or produced a weapon of any kind.

stock holdings will color the views of the new lawmakers.

There will be certain areas of the economy, certain industries, certain subjects that will be off limits," Lewis said. "The public would like to think they're going to come in with an open mind and conduct the public's business in the broadest best sense. It appears many of them are coming in with heavy baggage already."

Charles Lewis, director of the watchdog Center for Public Integrity, worried that those

commissioner.

Prescott had been the county's one full-time commissioner, a role questioned by some residents. The full-time job was dropped in October 2000, after voters ousted both Prescott and Toolson, who had supported the idea.

"Even if we wanted to, we probably couldn't recapture a full-time seat because it's not in the budget," Elorrieta said.

Removing the full-time job reduced the budget for commissioner salaries by nearly \$30,000 — from about \$71,000 to \$41,000.

Prescott's salary was \$42,516 a year. The three part-time commissioners will each make \$14,928 in 2001.

"I don't think we'll go back to a full-time commissioner," Lierman said. "If we need more time, we'll put it in and look into pay rates. When the time comes that Jerome County needs full-time commissioners, we would want three full-time commissioners."

CORRECTION

An news item in the Magic Valley section of the Jan. 1 edition of the Times News contained an incorrect starting date for classes at the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls. Classes will begin on Jan. 22. The Times-News regrets the error.

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LOTTERY UPDATE

Saturday, December 30, numbers

POWERBALL
23 28 29 38 46
POWERBALL NUMBER — 36

Saturday, December 30, numbers

RollDown
2 6 8 17 42

WILD CARD
4 5 12 15 25
WILD CARD: Queen of diamonds

PICK 3 Idaho
Monday, January 1, numbers
6 4 1

Look for the new scratch game
Cashword Bonus
at your favorite Idaho Lottery retailer.

NATION



Young orange trees are sprayed with a fine mist of water that enables them to survive the cold in Plant City, Fla., Monday morning. The temperature was 29 degrees when this photo was taken at sunrise.

Freezing temps go South

The Associated Press

Light snow and freezing temperatures stretched across wide areas of the South on Monday, capping a long holiday weekend of cold that sent unwary motorists sliding and made windshield scrapers a hot commodity in northern Florida.

Even northern Louisiana got 4 inches of snow on New Year's Eve, that area's deepest accumulation in 15 years. And Savannah, Ga., chilled to a record low for the date of just 19 degrees early Monday, the National Weather Service said.

The continued cold meant little relief for some 46,000 Arkansas homes and businesses that had been without electricity since a Christmas Day ice storm. At its peak, the storm had knocked out power to about

Continued cold hampers motorists

315,000 Arkansas customers. Thousands more still had power Monday in parts of Texas and Oklahoma.

Florida fruit and vegetable growers braced for another night of "freezing" temperatures Monday, spraying their fields with water to protect tender plants from the cold.

Most of the state's citrus was expected to survive. "We're hoping, of course, it's going to be fairly minimal since a lot of that fruit had already been picked," Casey Pace, a spokeswoman for Florida Citrus Mutual, the state's largest grower's group, said Monday.

Freezing temperatures were

reported as far south as Collier County in southwest Florida.

At Blue Spring State Park in central Florida, park officials said more than 80 manatees swam in during the weekend, fleeing the colder Saint Johns River to take advantage of 72-degree water flowing from a spring.

Light snow showers spread across the region from west to east, starting Sunday in Texas and moving into northern Georgia before dawn Monday.

Roads were passable but slick in Georgia's Murray County, 75 miles north of Atlanta, said Tammy Poring, a sheriff's administrative assistant.

"If you don't have to get out, it's best to stay home," she said. "So far we've been really lucky. Everybody's staying in because of the new year."

Clinton, Arafat talk by phone

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Clinton talked to Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat for 45 minutes by telephone Monday in an effort to get the stalled Middle East peace talks moving and a meeting between the two could take place as early as today in Washington, a White House spokesman said.

Clinton expressed concern to Arafat about the continued Middle East violence and that Arafat agreed to come to Washington, said P.J. Crowley, spokesman for the president's National Security Council.

Crowley said Clinton telephoned Arafat to assure a "common understanding" about the parameters for moving ahead with further peace negotiations with Israel.

"We want to ensure that there's a common understanding about the parameters that the president put forward," Crowley said. "During their conversation the chairman and the president agreed that it might be useful to meet."

He said that a meeting could come as early as Tuesday. There were earlier reports from the Middle East that Arafat had agreed to fly to Washington.

Arafat spokesman Nabil Aburedeneh called the Palestinian leader's visit "a decisive visit at which the future of the peace process will be determined."

Clinton's invitation to peace talks have been stalled for more than a week because of Palestinians demands for clarification of those parameters, or terms, as they were proposed by Clinton to Palestinian and Israeli negotiators last week.

"These parameters would be the basis for moving ahead with further negotiations," said Crowley. U.S. officials have not disclosed any details of the terms that have been proposed.

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Diplomat: Saudi signs arms deal with U.S.

RIVADH, Saudi Arabia (AP) - Saudi Arabia has signed a \$2 billion arms deal with the United States, a U.S. diplomat said Monday.

The deal includes a three-year contract worth \$1.6 billion to maintain the kingdom's F-16 jet fighters and will employ 1,000 people, including 10 representing the American government, said the Riyadh-based diplomat on condition of anonymity.

The deal also involves a project to modernize the Saudi National

Guard, headed by Crown Prince Abdullah.

Under the deal, the kingdom will acquire 1,827 anti-tank rockets, tactical communications equipment and 132 armored vehicles.

The diplomat did not provide further details on the deal or when it was signed and by whom.

On Saturday, Saudi Defense Minister Prince Sultan said the arms deal includes buying equipment for the National Guard and the other units of the armed forces.

Lesson

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was partly inspired by the recent movie "Pay It Forward," about a child's efforts to change the world with good deeds.

"I told them it had to be invested outside the church. It had to be glorifying to God and it had to be benefiting to others," he said.

What began with 100 people has since involved hundreds of people. Their actions include such acts of kindness - such as helping a family get on their feet - to the large - funding construction of a church in Asia.

But deciding how to spend the money wasn't easy.

"It was the most important \$100 I had ever held in my hands," said Bill Shedd. To add to the pot, Shedd's 13-year-old son donated \$100 of the allowance he had saved. Then his daughter pitched in money. Soon, the Sheds had collected \$1,000.

After weeks of debate, the family donated \$800 to a shelter for abused women and children.

Then Shedd read a newspaper article about 15-year-old Javier Zambrano in nearby Santa Ana, who was collecting holiday gifts for children even though he didn't have enough money himself to buy soccer shoes.

"I thought, 'This kid already got what Pastor Denny was trying to teach us.' Here he was without much himself and doing things for others. It seemed like the right thing," he said.

Shedd gave Javier the remaining \$200 for soccer supplies.

Michael Rodriguez, 33, used the \$100 to begin a donation drive at his job - at an Internet consulting company to help a family with funeral costs for two daughters who had died.

Gene Shook, 47, used the money to buy Bibles and study guides to train pastors in Asia.

Alex Bemson, 9, sent the money to a 4-year-old Oregon girl to help

her family defray the expenses of a needed heart transplant.

In Zwick's case, she was introduced to Panzica by a friend who had met the 33-year-old single mother while taking community college classes.

Panzica told Zwick about her struggles and how she was happy that at least her children were now safe.

A week later, Zwick and two friends showed up with \$700 in gift certificates for clothing and food, and a \$1,100 check to cover the January rent.

In turn, Panzica used the gift certificates to buy her family and another needy family food and clothes.

"It felt good ... for the first time to have received and to have been able to give to others because of it," she said.

The act reminded Zwick of something she said she had forgotten.

"I know it wasn't much. But it made people feel cared for. It gave them hope," she said. "It made me realize the extra stuff wasn't so important."

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Conservatives fought nomination

Bush officials fail to persuade key supporters to go with Racicot

The Washington Post

President-elect Bush nominated Sen. John D. Ashcroft of Missouri as attorney general after Bush officials failed to persuade several key conservatives to support a more moderate candidate, Montana Gov. Marc Racicot, participants said.

Bush's chief strategist, Karl Rove, used conference calls and face-to-face chats to try to answer objections about Racicot raised in a report prepared by a Princeton professor at the behest of religious conservatives. Statements by the Republican governor cited in the report had led some activists to question his commitment to fighting abortion and promoting school choice.

Rove implorers opponents to consider the content of the quotations - for instance, Racicot considered school choice impractical in Montana because many areas are sparsely populated.

Rove convinced some conservative leaders, but Racicot (pronounced Roscoe) withdrew from consideration on Dec. 20, citing family finances. Two days later, Bush nominated Ashcroft.

Republican officials said Rove's effort illustrates Bush's determination to maintain good relations with all wings of the party, and shows the muscle that conservatives are trying to exert.

These officials said that in sending early to the party's base voters,



Montana Gov. Marc Racicot Viewed soft on abortion

Bush appears to have learned from the bitter experience of his father. Some conservatives felt neglected by President George Bush (most famously, when he broke his "read my lips" pledge to oppose a tax increase), and GOP strategists believe he paid a price for it in the 1992 election.

Rep. Jennifer Dunn, R-Wash., a co-chair of Bush's Victory 2000 committee, said Bush's father sometimes didn't understand the grass roots and George W. is well aware of those instincts.

"The old theory was that they don't have much other place to go, but his dad found out loyalty has to be developed," Dunn said. "I think he will be very smart about keeping people close to him in a myriad of ways."

Dunn said Bush is "a very practical person" and is likely to show his attention to his most loyal supporters in ways as large as appointments to boards and commissions and as relatively small as tickets to

the presidential box at the Kennedy Center.

Republican officials said Bush's inner circle is already looking ahead to the 2002 congressional elections, when turnout - partly determined by the efforts of a party's base voters - will be crucial if voters remain closely split between the parties.

However, Bush appears to be working to strike a balance between being attentive to his base voters and talking orders from them. Conservative leaders were careful not to say they had pushed Racicot out of the race.

Indeed, one said Rove, a member of Bush's "Iron Triangle" of most loyal aides, had eventually declared that Racicot was a done deal for attorney general and the groups would have to live with the decision.

"No one portion of the Republican conservative movement has gotten everything they want, and no one has been ignored," a powerful conservative leader said. "I think that's fine. They listen to people, and then they make their own decisions."

Racicot said by telephone that Rove had called and asked about a couple of positions that I had had in reference to a couple of different issues, but the fact is that the decision was made on an entirely different basis."

"I thought that those people that Karl talked about - although he did not mention them by name - were mistaken in their understanding," Racicot said. "It was mainly a concern from the pro-life position. I think that once he was able to give them my record, that there wasn't much concern there, from what I understand. But I was not aware of the fact that there may have been some other concerns from other places prior to the time that I had conversation

with the president-elect and that we made the joint decision."

The anti-Racicot brushfire began in the computer of Robert P. George, a specialist in constitutional law and legal philosophy in Princeton's department of politics. George, 45, whose title is professor of jurisprudence, had helped offer ammunition to supporters of Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas during his 1991 confirmation hearings.

George's role in the attorney general selection was first reported by the Weekly Standard, the conservative magazine. George, who is Roman Catholic and opposes abortion, said he could not discuss his role because he is bound by a confidentiality agreement with the people who approached him. He would not identify them.

Other players in the drama described George's role but insisted on anonymity in order to avoid damaging their relations with Bush's inner circle. George became involved when religious conservatives began evaluating names of potential nominees for attorney general. Shortly after Vice President Al Gore conceded these groups focused on Oklahoma Gov. Frank A. Keating (R) and Racicot. Later, they looked at Sen. Ashcroft, R-Mo., former Sen. John Danforth, R-Mo., and defeated Sen. Spencer Abraham, R-Mich.

Bush dropped Keating from consideration for unknown reasons. Republican sources said one possibility is Keating's declaration in August 1999, when questions were being raised about possible past drug use by Bush, that the nominee should "answer questions about conduct that is arguably criminal." Bush did not take the advice. Although Keating seemed to backtrack in subsequent statements, the episode won him no friends in Austin.

Left-wing, anti-nuclear activist dies at age 86

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) - Alan Cranston was known for his convictions. He was a lifelong anti-nuclear activist and a champion of left-wing politics in the U.S. Senate for almost a quarter of a century.

But when Cranston resigned his Senate seat in 1995, it was as a member of the so-called "the Keating Five," a postscript to the savings and loan scandal.

"I think that will fade with time," said Sen. Barbara Boxer, who took over Cranston's seat. "Alan was so much more and did so much good for 24 years."

Cranston died at his Los Altos home Sunday, said his son Kim, who said he found him slumped over a sink. The cause of death wasn't immediately known. The former senator was 86.

After a high-profile career, including a 1984 run for the presidency, the Democrat largely dropped from public view. He did, however, continue to champion the cause of nuclear arms control, the centerpiece of his political career.

"He was a tireless worker for peace and disarmament and quite frankly, there's never been a more consistent voice in that arena," said State Democratic Party Chairman Art Torres.

In 1996, he entered the private sector to work on nuclear disarmament - first as chairman of the Gorbachev Foundation USA, and more recently as president of the same Global Security Institute, both San Francisco based think tanks.

When Cranston announced in 1990 that he wouldn't seek a fifth Senate term, he cited only his diagnosis of prostate cancer.

However, his approval rating at the time had plunged to a record low due to his relationship with Lincoln Savings & Loan President Charles Keating, who had just been indicted on securities fraud charges.

SENATE ETHICS COMMITTEE investigators later led to a formal reprimand of Cranston and sanctions against four other senators, known as "the Keating Five," for intervening with federal regulators.

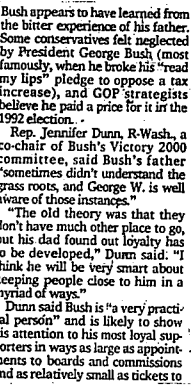
Cranston, who received nearly \$1.2 million in political funds from Keating, initially insisted he had been "politically stupid" but eventually corrected his interview.

While he ultimately agreed to a finding that he had "engaged in an impermissible pattern of conduct in which fund raising and official activities were substantially linked in connection with Mr. Keating and Lincoln," he remained defiant.

In his final response to the reprimand on the Senate floor in 1991, Cranston declared that his actions "were not fundamentally different from the actions of many other senators."

The remark clouded the former majority whip and No. 2 Senate Democrat's relationship with his colleagues and Cranston's reputation never fully recovered.

"I'm satisfied with what I did in the Senate," Cranston said in a 1996 interview. "I don't look back. I look forward." Cranston served two terms as California's state controller before he was elected to the U.S. Senate on his second try in 1968. In 1977, he became assistant majority leader, or whip.



Karl Rove

Report: Ethnic Albanian rebels free kidnapped Serbs to Red Cross

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP) - Six Serb men kidnapped by ethnic Albanian rebels in the buffer zone along the Kosovo border were freed Monday after intensive diplomatic efforts by Yugoslavia and NATO authorities, a senior official said.

Serbia's deputy prime minister, Miroslav Covic, told the Beta news agency that the six were in "good shape." They were handed over by the ethnic Albanians to representatives of the International Committee of the Red Cross, Beta said. U.N. officials in Kosovo speaking on condition of anonymity confirmed the report.

The six were taken hostage Sunday while traveling to Kosovo from the Serb-controlled town of Presevo, Yugoslav authorities allowed nine others in the party, mostly elderly, to go free.

The kidnapping occurred one day after NATO peacekeepers in Kosovo mediated an agreement between Yugoslavia and the rebels to open another road in the contested area and allow freedom of movement.

Although the Serbs were stopped on another road, the incident underscores the tensions and lack of trust between Yugoslav authorities and the ethnic Albanian rebels.

Serbia's prime minister-designate, Zoran Djindjic, said American diplomats in Belgrade assured him that the United States has "underaken a strong initiative" to free the captives. The NATO-led peacekeeping command in Kosovo refused com-



U.S. Ambassador to Yugoslavia William Montgomery, left, meets a Serbian elite police officer at a checkpoint in Veljusa Trovac, some 360 kilometers southeast of Belgrade Friday. Senior Yugoslav officials and foreign diplomats toured the tense border area with Kosovo on Friday in an attempt to defuse the situation.

ment. However, an independent Belgrade radio station, Radio B-92, quoted ethnic Albanian sources as saying a NATO representative, Col. Serge Labbe, met Monday with ethnic Albanian rebel commander Shekfer Mustic in the buffer zone.

Rebel fighters operate in the three-mile-wide buffer zone between Kosovo and the rest of Serbia. The zone was established in June 1999 to protect NATO-led peacekeepers who entered the province after Yugoslav troops and police were forced to leave. Yugoslav forces are not allowed to enter the zone, except for lightly armed police. Kosovo

peacekeepers cannot enter the zone either because it is on the Yugoslav-controlled part of the boundary. That has enabled the ethnic-Albanian rebels to operate in the zone with virtual impunity.

The insurgent group is trying to force Serbs out of the Presevo Valley, a strategic area of southern Serbia, Yugoslav media said. The area is predominantly ethnic Albanian but is not part of Kosovo and therefore not under NATO and U.N. jurisdiction.

Y2K bug hits new trains in Norway

OSLO, Norway (AP) - The Y2K computer glitch hit Norway's national railroad company a year later than expected. The bug was discovered when none of the company's new 16 airport express trains or 13 high-speed, long-distance Signatur trains would start early Sunday.

The computer errors board the trains apparently didn't recognize the date, something not anticipated by experts who checked the systems thoroughly last year in anticipation of problems feared worldwide when the clock struck Jan. 1, 2000, a spokesman said.

"We didn't think of trying out the date 31/12/00," said Ronny Solberg of Adranz, the German producer of the new trains. Solberg's problem was quickly solved by a technician by resetting the computers to Dec. 31, 2000, and the trains started upon ignition.

"Now we have one month to find out what went wrong so we

Suspects in church attack say God sent them

CASTRIES, St. Lucia (AP) - Two men who attacked worshippers in a cathedral on this small Caribbean island, setting them ablaze and killing an Irish nun, told police they were sent by God to combat corruption in the Roman Catholic Church.

"The way they're talking is that the world is going to end and that the time had come for what they had to do," police Inspector Gregory Montoute, who interrogated the men, said Monday.

The suspects - 20-year-old Kim Johnson, 34-year-old Francis Phillip - both identified themselves as Rastafarians, Montoute said. Police spokesman Albert Fregis said St. Lucia's Rastafarian leaders denounced

the Sunday attack at the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in the port town of Castries.

Montoute's spokesman Joseph, said the cathedral's administrator, said John told police "that God asked him to do it because there is so much corruption in the Catholic Church."

The men told police they were "inspired" by Haile Selassie, the late Ethiopian emperor worshipped as a God by Rastafarians. "Police said they don't believe the men belonged to an organized group. "No one gave any indication that they belonged to a sect with extremist beliefs or violent tenets," Montoute said.

Rastafarianism, followed by perhaps 1 million people worldwide, emerged in Jamaica and spread throughout the Caribbean in the 1930s after the group felt the descendants of slaves with the colonial power's oppression of blacks. It is based on peaceful principles. Adherents are often noted for their belief that marijuana encourages the calm necessary for religious meditation.

Sunday's attack came during Holy Communion while more than 400 people were inside the cathedral. The men burst in carrying machetes and a blowtorch while many worshippers were lined up in the aisles, police and witnesses said.

Dutch fire kills 8, injures 200 on New Year's Eve

VOLENDAM, Netherlands (AP) - Christmas decorations in a packed party hall caught fire Monday, killing at least eight people and injuring about 200 others as New Year's revelers trampled each other and leaped from the third floor to flee the mayhem.

The fire started shortly after midnight when about 700 people were heralding the new year at a three-story bar complex inside a row of old wooden houses in Volendam, a picturesque fishing village about 80 miles northwest of Amsterdam on the inland IJsselmeer sea.

Teen-age partygoers jumped from the windows to flee billowing clouds of smoke that instantly engulfed the bar's seven-cape-on-the-top floor, reports said.

A Dutch TV correspondent said unconscious victims were pulled out of windows by their hair.

Burn treatment centers were strained to capacity, as ambulances and helicopters ferried some 90 seriously injured victims to hospitals across eastern Netherlands.

Mayor Frank IJsselmuiden said a dozen critical cases were flown to hospitals in neighboring Belgium and Germany. Doctors at a trauma center near Amsterdam said scores of people were being treated for severe burns and smoke inhalation and the death toll could

rise as high as 20. "It was like war fare, people screaming and tramping over each other to get out," said Henk Jong, who ran out of a bar around the corner to help a woman with bloodied hands while

was looking for her children. "The people I saw will be scarred for the rest of their lives," he told The Associated Press. "They were maimed and burned - a woman without an eye and her hair burned off, and a boy without skin on his arms."

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Officials say almost nothing about fire

JEROME - Jerome officials on Monday released almost no new information about a fire that claimed the lives of two Jerome residents early Sunday.

The fire is thought to have started at about 5:15 a.m.

Jerome Fire Chief Jim Auclair said his department had made a preliminary determination of what started the blaze, which killed a man and a woman in a single-wide trailer home in the 400 block of West Avenue E. But he said he could not release any information about his department's investigation until state fire officials conclude their own investigation. That could take until the middle of this week, Auclair said.

Auclair would not release the victims' names.

Neither would Jerome Police detective Sgt. Dan Chatterton. Chatterton said police Monday were still investigating the deaths and the cause of the fire.

Three escape serious injury in I-84 wrecks

WENDELL - Three people escaped serious injury early Monday in two wrecks in the east-bound lanes of Interstate 84 near Wendell and Hazelton, according to reports from the Idaho State Police.

California resident Mohammed Rafiq, 19, and Aaron Bradley, 19, of Pocatello were treated and released after a vehicle being driven by Rafiq rolled at about 10 a.m. near mile post 159 near Wendell.

Kenneth Caris, 17, of Hazelton was also treated and released after the vehicle he was driving rolled near Hazelton at about 10 a.m.

St. Benedicts welcomes first baby of new year

JEROME - A Buhl couple are the parents of the Magic Valley's first baby of the new year, according to officials at St. Benedict's Family Medical Center in Jerome.

Brooklyn Rose Clark was born at 7:07 a.m. on Jan. 1 and weighed in at 8 pounds, 1.5 ounces, said her mother, Jennifer Lemmons. Brooklyn has blue eyes and light brown hair, Lemmons said.

Brooklyn is the first baby of Lemmons and Michael Clark.

Local shelters receive federal emergency funds

TWIN FALLS - Emergency food and shelter programs in Cassia, Minidoka, Twin Falls and Jerome counties have received notification of funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

A national board representing several charitable organizations such as the Salvation Army and United Way distributes the federal money to expand the capacity of food and shelter programs in high-need areas.

Twin Falls County will get \$36,472; Minidoka County \$17,462; Cassia County \$14,806 and Jerome County \$9,647, according to a news release.

Local groups of county commissioners, agencies and organizations will decide how the money is distributed within their counties. The South Central Community Action Agency administers federal emergency money in Twin Falls, Jerome, Cassia and Minidoka counties.

Some school children resume classes today

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 today, 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.

Filer council to discuss rezoning at meeting

FILER - The City Council will meet 7:30 p.m. today at City Hall to consider rezoning 40 acres from agriculture to residential agricultural on the northeast corner of the intersection of 2400 East and 4000 North.

Compiled from staff reports

Artist looks closely at nature

By Karen Boesick
Times-News correspondent

SUN VALLEY - Most artists concentrate on the outer beauty of an animal. Sun Valley artist Lisa Holley is more likely to focus on what's inside.

Like bugs and bamboo shoots and mice and caddis flies. That's the kind of stuff that is the gist of her "You Are What You Eat" series.

"It's a series of paintings with the complexity of a "Where's Waldo?" print. A series that has made its way onto the walls and even ceilings of doctors' and dentists' offices where people have lots of time to study things hanging on the wall.

A series that has made it into public places like the Natural History Museum in Los Angeles and the San Diego Zoo where lovers of nature, natural history and art converge.

"She puts an enormous amount of research into what animals eat and even into what those things look like. She does an enormously wonderful job," said Dr. Luke Whalen, who has some of Holley's artwork hanging on the walls of his Hailey dental office.

Holley wasn't always the "Wild Kingdom" Van Gogh that she is today. She started out as a business major who transferred to art. When she graduated, she realized she didn't know how to draw because all she had done in college was advertising logos.

A class in nature art and a watercolor class changed that. Soon she was crafting beautiful watercolors of daylilies and other botanicals she spotted on trips around the world.

As she gained proficiency, she sought ways of giving her work an edge-like etching her picture frames and the glass over her pictures with catcalls and other designs. She even painted a dozen roses folded in a box - for those who are disappointed when their lives roses die.

"She was one of the first to etch the frame," said Diane Kneeland, who owns Kneeland Gallery. "She experimented with all sorts of things and she was very successful with everything she did."

Holley's foray into animal art began as a 1 x in 1979. Wood River Gallery, the lone gallery in a resort that now boasts two dozen art galleries, decided to hold a competition during slack season. Draw a picture of your pet and we'll throw a cocktail party, owners said.

Holley remembered a court artist-to the Hapsburg Dynasty during the 16th century who had painted human heads



Lisa Holley's paintings and drawings of animals and nature have been displayed at the San Diego Zoo and in the Natural History Museum in Los Angeles.

composed of fruits and vegetables. She paired that idea with a spoof on Eastern Idaho farmers who at that time were

clubbing an abundance of bunnies at Mud Lake and called her painting "Idaho Club Sandwich."

Council to review tower ordinance

By John T. Huddy
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - A proposed ordinance to regulate cell-phone towers will go to a second public hearing tonight if approved, it would end a four-month moratorium on cell towers in Twin Falls.

After an initial public hearing in December, the City Council will vote at 4:30 to delay approval until after a second hearing.

Council members Trip Craig, Lance Clow and Glenda Thompson and Mayor Elaine Steele questioned wording in parts of the proposed ordinance, including the sharing of towers

When they meet

The Twin Falls City Council will meet at 5 p.m. in the City Hall meeting chambers. The council will have public hearings starting at 6 p.m.

and tower heights. They asked City Attorney Fritz Wonderlich to review the ordinance again before it moves to a second public hearing.

Wonderlich said he has made no changes to the ordinance. As written, the ordinance prohibits towers in residential zones unless they are attached to utility poles or sit on rooftops. The ordinance also suggests cellular

companies share existing towers (a practice known as "co-leasing") and place towers on public property when possible.

Cell-phone towers have been a contentious issue recently, as more and more cellular providers and personal carrier system companies have been trying to expand their operations in the Twin Falls area.

City planners approved the proposed ordinance in November.

City officials and leaders helped draft the ordinance, with help from other cities that have ordinances already in place, including Pocatello and Boise.

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Winter weather wreaks havoc on wheel lines

By Loraine Cavener
Times-News correspondent

PAUL - Damage to wheel lines from a Mini-Cassia windstorm last month is estimated at more than \$1 million.

Trace Bedke, store manager at Butte Irrigation, estimated that more than 200 wheel lines in Mini-Cassia will have to be replaced. He said between 70 and 100 of those are owned by Butte Irrigation customers, judging by phone calls received since Dec. 15.

Additionally, about 25 pivot lines were turned over and damaged by winds that gusted up to 79 mph.

Wheel lines cost from \$2,500 to \$5,000 each, Bedke said. They can cost up to \$7,800, if purchased new, he said.

Wheel lines on Doug Hartley's farm, north of Paul, sustained about \$250,000 worth of damage, Hartley said.

Lines on his farm were wrapped around, telephone poles and each other in tangled heaps. One of Hartley's lines contained three transmissions



Paul farmer Doug Hartley examines damage done this winter to wheel lines on his farm. Damage to irrigation lines in Mini-Cassia is estimated at more than \$1 million.

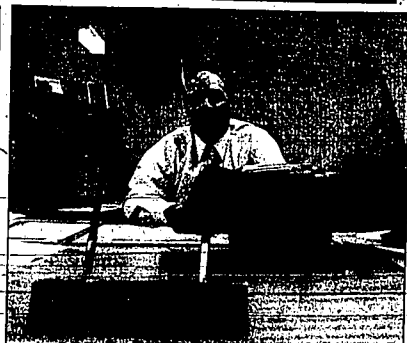
the gears that run the lines - that were tangled together.

Tracks showed where lines had blown across fields, become airborne, then came down again, he said. Some of his lines were as much as a mile from their original spots, in neighbor's fields,

while heaps of wheels and pieces of line dotted the landscape like gravestones.

County roads between Hartley's fields were blocked while wheel lines were rounded

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Cassia County Sheriff's Capt. Jim Hignens looks forward to taking over as sheriff on Jan. 8. His colleagues and friends say Hignens is honest, dependable and will serve the county well.

New sheriff looks forward to serving M-C community

By Ruth Streeter
Times-News writer

BURLEY - For 25 years, Cassia County Sheriff-elect Jim Hignens hasn't had a normal two weeks of vacation.

"He'd rather be driving a beer truck."

"It's one of the best stress relievers there is," Hignens said. For those two weeks, his sole worry is getting the beers in. He can muck in the dirt, tinker with the truck, and feel the summer's hard labor finally pay off.

Come Monday, 30 years of hard work in law enforcement will also pay dividends, when Hignens takes over as Cassia County sheriff. Hignens, now undersheriff, unseated 16-year incumbent Billy Crystal in November's election.

It's not that he doesn't enjoy getting away with his family. Hignens is fond of camping and fishing trips to Lake Cleveland with his wife and children. And anyone who knows him says his family is an important part of his life.

"He's a man of integrity, honor, he loves his family. He's especially proud of his kids. He really beams about his grandkids," said Jeff Harris, a friend of 20 years.

Hignens has raised eight children, kept busy in his church and community, and has still managed to earn the people's vote for the county's top cop.

In fact, his 75 percent majority in November indicates high expectations.

"I was surprised that I felt fairly good about the election,"

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Work to begin on Idaho highway

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) - Dozens of projects will begin this spring on U.S. Highway 95, from the Canadian border to the Oregon line...

are taken care of, more work will remain. Dangerous stretches between Plummer and Moscow, for example, include a spot at the south end of the Coeur d'Alene Indian reservation...

will fix the worst link in the tenuous, meandering chain that connects northern Idaho to the state capital and population centers in the south. "These are life-saving projects," said Rep. Don Pischner...

SERVICES

Velva E. McBride-Rouff of Twin Falls and formerly of Burley, service at 10 a.m. today at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Joseph Lorus McMurdle of Buhl, service at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Buhl LDS Church on Fair Street.

Aurora R. Gonzalez of Rupert, funeral Mass of Christian Burial at 11 a.m. today at the St. Nicholas Catholic Church (Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel).

Joyce Ethlyn Weller Libby of Twin Falls, service at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Parker's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls; graveside service at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Rockridge Cemetery in Sharon, Mass.

DEATH NOTICES

Rulon J. Skeem - Rulon J. Skeem, 82, of Twin Falls, died Monday, January 1, 2001, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by White Mortuary, Twin Falls.

Arma Bond - Arma Bond, 99, of Twin Falls, died Monday, January 1, 2001, at Twin Falls Care Center. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by White Mortuary, Twin Falls.

Patricia Koehler - Patricia Koehler, 51, of Twin Falls, died Saturday, December 30, 2000 at the University of Utah Hospital in Salt Lake City, Utah. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by White Mortuary, Twin Falls.

Charles Edward Merkle - Charles Edward Merkle, 81, of Twin Falls, died Monday, January 1, 2001 at his home following a sudden illness. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Reynolds Funeral Chapel of Twin Falls.

OBITUARIES

For obituary rates and information, call 733-0934, 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.

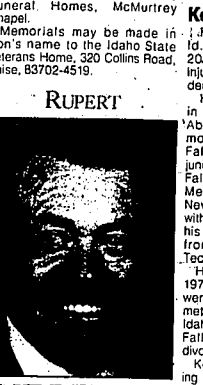


Pamela Kaye Hill, 59, of Twin Falls, died Saturday, Dec. 30, 2000, at her home after a 2 1/2-year battle with breast cancer. Pam was born Aug. 3, 1941, in Altadena, Calif., the second daughter of Ralph and Mildred Bissell. She moved with her family to Portland, Ore. in 1954. In June 1958, she married Charles Boyd. They later divorced.

Air Force. He married Marlene Rae Fisher on Sept. 9, 1991, at Mountain Home. After retiring from the Air Force, Don went to work for the U.S. Post Office and worked there for over 20 years. Don's greatest joy in life was being a grandpa. Don is survived by his loving wife, Marlene-Rae Beck, children Steve and his wife, Tammy, of Twin Falls, Stacey and her husband, Scott Springer, and Stephanie and her husband, Rick Viola, all of Mountain Home; grandchildren, Jeff, Samantha, Joshua, Jacob, Matthew, Conner and Jordan; and his brothers, Les, Jim and Ken. He was preceded in death by his parents.

brother, Rulon Kay Smith of Boise; fifteen grandchildren and three great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; stepfather, his brothers, Frank, Lowell, and Fayette; and a son, Lonnie Franklin Smith. Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, January 4, 2001 at the Rupert LDS 10th Ward Chapel. Burial will be held at 3:30 p.m. Thursday at the Mackay Cemetery in Mackay, Idaho. Friends may call at Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 3, 2001 and at the church one hour prior to the funeral on Thursday.

R. Dennis Smith, 83-year-old Rupert resident; died Sunday, December 31, 2000 at the Cassia Regional Medical Center in Burley. He was born October 10, 1917 in Twin Falls, Idaho, the seventh child of Samuel Franklin and Edith Elizabeth Mitchell Smith. His later years in a logging accident. Thirteen years later his mother died. Martin Jensen, Dennis attended Riverside grade school and graduated from Mooreland High School. In 1935 Dennis and Reema were sealed together for time and all eternity in the Idaho Falls LDS Temple and later, after work moved to Rupert. He will be remembered for his great sense of humor, love of his grandchildren, and his love for camping, fishing, hunting and living the outdoor life. Survivors include his loving wife, of Rupert, a son, Richard, two daughters, Smith of Gannett, two daughters, Marlene (Arleen) Hurst of Heyburn, Leah (Bob) Silcock of Burley, three sons, Edna, John, and Dick, Patricia, Fredrick Morgan all of Blackfoot; a



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KUNA

Kelvin Barker Pyme - Kelvin Barker Pyme, 48, of Kuna, ID, died Wednesday, Dec. 27, 2000 in Brawley, California of injuries sustained in an ATV accident. Kelvin was born March 13, 1951 in Arley, Idaho to Leo V. and Abbie Pyme. At the age of 2, he moved with his family to Twin Falls, Idaho. He completed his junior year of high school in Twin Falls. He and his twin brother, Melvin, moved to Las Vegas, Nev., following a job opportunity with JB's Restaurant. He finished his senior year there graduating from Las Vegas Vocational Technical School.

He married Sheila Mae Dinos, in 1971 in Twin Falls, Idaho. They were later divorced. In 1976 he met Susan Toomer in Montpelier, Idaho. They were married in Twin Falls in 1980. They were later divorced. Kelvin loved restoring and working on old cars. He also enjoyed camping, fishing, traveling, oil painting, and drawing. Kelvin was always willing to help other people and did not hesitate setting aside his own priorities to do so. He is much loved and will be greatly missed.

There will be a viewing for family and friends held Tuesday Jan. 2, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Relyea Funeral Chapel, 318 N. Latah in Boise. Funeral services will be Wednesday Jan. 3, at 11 a.m. in the Kuna LDS Chapel, 224 E. Avalon, Kuna; with Pastor Scott Meyers conducting. Friends may call at the church from 10 a.m. until service time. Burial will be Thursday, Jan. 4, at 1 p.m. at the Elgin Cemetery in Elgin, Idaho. Services are under direction of Relyea Funeral Chapel. The family suggests in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Kelvin's name to U.S. Bank, 485 West 3rd, Kuna, ID 83634.

MOUNTAIN HOME

Donald L. Beck, 66, of Mountain Home, died Thursday, Dec. 28, 2000 at a Boise hospital. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2001 at Summers Funeral Homes, McMurtrey Chapel, Mountain Home. Burial will follow at Mountain View Cemetery, Mountain Home. Don was born Nov. 12, 1934 at East Canton, Ohio, the son of Jacob and Fannie Beck. Don served two years in the Naval Reserve and 20 years in the U.S.

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MAGIC VALLEY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER - Some names are omitted at patients' request. Admitted: William Smith of Twin Falls. Dismissed: Mabel Walker of Twin Falls.

Jerome council to consider reviews of child-care centers at meeting

By Dixie Thomas Reale Times-News correspondent JEROME - The City Council tonight will consider an ordinance requiring the city fire chief and city building inspector to review child-care licenses every two years. The council will vote tonight on an amendment to the city child-care ordinance. The ordinance requires the city fire chief and city building inspector to review child-care licenses every two years. Before the renewal, the city will inspect each child-care center, and any deficiencies found will have to be corrected before the license will be renewed. A license can be suspended or revoked, if officials find reasonable cause to believe the owners are not operating in accordance with the city's ordinance.

Open to the public The Jerome City Council meets tonight at 7 p.m. in council chambers, 100 E. Ave. A. The public is welcome.

at Jerome High School, at 100 East and Tiger Drive. On Dec. 19, 2000, the council approved a study for the light. Within 90 days, Sunrise Engineering of Boise should complete the study, to determine if a traffic light is needed at the intersection. If a light is needed, the intersection will be placed on the Idaho Transportation Department's priority list. Traffic lights cost around \$150,000, but if the state is involved in planning and construction, it will pay a portion of the costs. Times-News correspondent Dixie Thomas Reale can be reached in Jerome at 324-3670.

Fire season leaves behind rehab work

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - Although the wildfires that scorched the state this summer have long been extinguished, forest officials are working to prevent further damage to the land caused by lack of vegetation. Altogether, 92,250 large wildfires broke out during the worst fire year in state history, scorching 7,393,493 acres across the country. The National Interagency Fire Center in Boise reports that Utah had 1,929 fires that scorched 227,872 acres. "It was very severe," said Tom Harbour, fire director for the Utah Forest Service, based in Intermountain Region, Ogden. "I've been fighting fires for the Forest Service for 30 years, and this certainly was the worst I've ever seen." The threat now is from mud-

slides and silt flows into streams. Kathy Jo Pollock of Wasatch-Cache National Forest said some burned areas don't require rehabilitation because conditions are right for native vegetation to swiftly come back. But there are areas throughout the state that do need help, she said. Fishlake National Forest was among the state's worst-burned regions, and officials have already seen debris and mud flows in the area, Harbour said. Rick Higginbotham, fire management officer for both Fishlake National Forest and the BLM district, based in Richfield, said emergency rehabilitation work is underway. Another rehabilitation project was carried out in the Oquirrh Mountains west of Salt Lake

City. In an emergency appropriation, Congress earmarked \$142 million for projects on burned land. An additional \$45 million was spent in projects covered by other funding. This work includes such efforts as replacing culverts, shoring up roads to keep flows from running into streams and planting new seeds. Rose Davis, communications specialist for the Forest Service, said the Forest Service's Intermountain Region said amounts already spent in Utah federal forests include: Fishlake National Forest, headquartered at Richfield, \$466,530; Uinta National Forest, \$103,340; Wasatch-Cache National Forest, Salt Lake City, \$80,495; Ashley National Forest, Vernal, \$16,500.

Salt Lake County settles lawsuit with lawyer

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - A lawsuit filed by former County Attorney Doug Short against the Salt Lake County commissioners was settled Monday with Short getting \$100,000, with his lawyers netting another \$100,000. In an agreement signed during the last meeting of the Salt Lake County Commission, Short agreed to the settlement that bans him from bringing any future legal action against the county. Commissioners Mary Callaghan, Brent Overton and Mark Shortleff unanimously approved the deal. Short's rights lawsuit accused the county commissioners of conspiring to cut his pay, interfere with his duties, reduce his staff as well as hinder his investigations. One clause in the six-page settlement prohibits any of the

commissioners or Short from making any derogatory or critical comments or accusations about each other. Randy Dreyer, the attorney representing Salt Lake County, told the commission that the provision would end this "war of words and brings a final chapter to a close in a long-running dispute." Dreyer said the settlement was "an effort to buy peace and put this matter behind us once and for all." Before voting to accept the settlement, Overton apologized to Short and said the dispute was not intended to be personal. Afterward, Short said he was relieved that the matter had been resolved. "It's an incredible drain to be involved in litigation," he said. "We can move on." Short filed the lawsuit against Commissioners Randy Horuchi,

Overton and Callaghan in 1998 following a feud stretched over several months. His job was later eliminated in a restructuring of the county attorney's office. County commissioners were motivated to end the legal dispute because they would have continued to have personal financial liability even after leaving office. The new Salt Lake County Council was set to be sworn in during a noon ceremony Monday.

SIBLINGS SAVED

IPTV offers telecourses

TWIN FALLS — Earn college credit by watching television? Well, sort of.

In January, Idaho Public Television once again will offer telecourses. IPTV also says the courses are a means for high school teachers to offer dual-credit courses. Or teachers simply can use the programs as classroom instructional tools. The classes, which air in the middle of the night, can be taped and viewed or studied later.

Classes offered this semester are 20th century American history; survey of world regional geography; history of Western civilization; introduction to multicultural studies; career and life planning; American national government; foundations of physical science; general psychology; and fundamen-

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mentals of geology. Students interested in taking the courses for credit can call Boise State University at 1-800-632-6586. Information on telecourse content is available online at the Idaho Public Television website.

Burley council to recognize college track star

BURLEY — The Burley City Council will discuss tonight a resolution that honors a Burley High School graduate-and-college track star.

The resolution will recognize Ricks College student Jeff Davidson, a cross-country athlete who recently won the National Junior College Athletic

Association championship in Loveland, Texas. Davidson is the third Idaho runner in 42 years to win a national crown.

The council will also discuss a resolution on changing tournament fees at the Burley Municipal Golf Course, and it will also take public comment on grants for the city's boat docks.

The meeting starts at 7 p.m. in council chambers at Burley City Hall.

Blaine commissioners look at subdivision application

HABLEY — Blaine County commissioners will meet at 8:45 a.m. today at the county courthouse to consider a subdivision application of Seaboard Inc. to subdivide 79 acres into 19 lots at the mouth of Ohio Gulch.

—Compiled from wire reports

Northern Idaho's character building program gains national support

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — Business, government, religious and education leaders will gather on Thursday to discuss how they can build character traits among the region's residents.

The controversial notion is linked, in part, to a religious movement. But the Inland Northwest Conference for Building Character has gained support from dozens of elected officials and school administrators.

Organizers say it could fuel a united approach to solving such widespread problems as domestic violence, methamphetamine labs and alcoholism.

"It will be all for it," said County Commissioner Ron Rankin, who plans to attend this week's two-

hour event. "I think it's a great idea. I don't think there's anything wrong with character or with the county leading and setting an example."

Rankin said he is so enamored with the character-building idea, he plans to present a county-initiative on character early this year.

The Idaho Character Foundation, founded by Dan Pinkerton, a Coeur d'Alene-area businessman, will pay for the conference. Speakers, including the director of the Center for Ethics at the University of Idaho, will volunteer their time, and the foundation plans to host as many as 300 lunches for attendees.

According to a conference invitation, 22 members of the steering

committee include prominent civic leaders such as Post Falls Mayor Gus Johnson, who will begin a new term as a county commissioner next week.

Johnson declined to comment about the conference.

Other members include Hayden Mayor Ron McIntire, former Coeur d'Alene Mayor Al Hassell and Pat McGaughey, former director of Coeur d'Alene's Chamber of Commerce.

Every elected official in Kootenai County was sent invitations, Pinkerton said. So was every school principal, specific teachers and numerous business leaders. Community leaders in Spokane were also invited, including the city's new mayor John Powers.

Utah's revenue growth, surpluses runs Legislature up against spending

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The state's \$660 million in revenue growth and surpluses is an embarrassment of riches for the Legislature.

"This will be the biggest budget year I think we've ever had," in terms of new dollars and a \$12.4 million surplus from the fiscal year 2000 budget, said House Speaker Marty Stephens, R-Farr West. "But a lot of money can make for a harder session. You get more people up here asking for the money."

There's also a law that is supposed to limit spending by the lawmakers. It requires, in most cases, that the yearly growth in state spending not exceed a formula determined by growth in personal income, population and inflation.

Unless they do some fancy footwork, the legislators will bump

into that spending ceiling.

One exception to the spending cap is money going toward capital improvements. Gov. Mike Leavitt has urged lawmakers to spend \$111 million on new buildings.

However, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, fiscal analysts predict state revenues will grow by at least \$370 million.

That's almost double what they say lawmakers can appropriate without running into the spending cap again.

Legislators could put some into a public education rainy day fund Stephens has been proposing, which would start with a savings account to help the state around the end of the decade when the student population is expected to balloon by 100,000. That saved money wouldn't count toward the spending cap.

The Centennial Highway Fund, which is being used to rebuild Interstate 15, also is exempt from the spending lid, at least for another 18 months.

And any money used to match federal spending is exempt. The federal match for Medicaid spending in Utah, for example, is expected to drop about 1.5 percent next year. That would require Utah to spend about \$7 million more, and that would not count toward spending lid restrictions.

Most of the surplus and revenue growth come from state income tax collections and the Utah Constitution says all income tax collections must be spent on education.

That may be why all of Leavitt's building proposals are for college campuses.

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Representatives from cellular service and personal carrier system companies contributed their ideas throughout the weeks the ordinance was drafted. Those representatives also support the ordinance.

While the ordinance was being reviewed, city officials approved tower requests for two large cellular service and personal carrier system companies.

Earlier this month, the council

approved NewCom Wireless LLC's two 90-foot communication towers in the city. And in November, the council approved U.S. West Wireless LLC's request for two 120-foot towers and one 93-foot tower.

Those requests were submitted before the moratorium was imposed in September.

Other Magic Valley cities, including Burley and Kimberly are working on their own tower ordinances.

The council will also discuss other business tonight, including a request by Max Casperson to vacate a railroad right-of-way south of the 400 block of South Park Avenue West.

Casperson wants to develop a mini-storage facility on the property.

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up and removed from the road, he said. Hartley has no insurance and does not know how he will replace them, he said.

Irrigation equipment damage came on the heels of several years of poor farm economy.

"It's not like farming is real great and you can just go buy new ones," he said. "We'll have to spend most of our money just to continue to get low prices."

Hartley is not alone with the problem.

Many farmers did not tie down the large lines or have insurance. Because the lines are made to withstand winds of up to 50 mph, said Don Suh, another north side farmer and neighbor of Hartley.

"These wheel-lines are noted for being the best ones for not blowing in the wind," Bedke said. Suh said his wheel line loss from the storm was about \$75,000.

"I lost about 10 or 12 lines,"

Suh said.

Six power lines were also brought down by wind near one of Suh's fields.

Hartley pointed out a straw stack in the neighborhood where about 50 one-ton bales had been thrown into the air by the wind and fell in a heap. Several trees were uprooted and a trailer house was overturned.

Suh and Hartley are both working to try to salvage some of their lines.

"Not even 20 percent is salvageable," Suh said. "It's kind of a nasty deal."

This spring, Suh may be forced to go back to using hand lines on part of his farm, he said. But some farmers were insured for wind damage. More than 20 wind damage claims throughout the Magic Valley were handled by McCall Insurance, said Callie Wells, an insurance claims representative.

Bud Breeding, a Farmers

Insurance agent, said none of his clients suffered any loss. But he knows of many who did.

"Out at Turtud, there were 42 lines tied up in a knot," Breeding said.

But this is not the first time wheel lines have been ruined by wind damage, he said.

"One year in about 1987 or 1988, the (insurance company) paid for 80 wheel lines," Breeding said. "The wind blew 90 mph."

Hartley has never seen anything like the storm this year.

"We've lost wheel lines in the wind before," he said. Normally, the lines break and roll away and can be raked back together and spliced. This year was a different story, with lines damaged beyond repair, he said.

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Brother rescues siblings from house fire

Top left, Margaret Padilla, 21, hugs her sister, Teresa, 20, next to their brother, Stacy, 22, as they sit on the back of a Bellevue Fire Department truck after being rescued by their brother, Luke Bright, 13, from their burning home Saturday in Bellevue, Wash. The three have Down syndrome. No one was injured in the fire, which reportedly started in a clothes dryer, said Bellevue Fire Capt. Gary Norris, who praised Bright's actions.



Luke Bright

Pentagon is investigating Guard's 49th Armored Division, reports says

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Two investigations are under way into allegations that leaders of the Texas National Guard's 49th Armored Division ignored warnings of security problems in Bosnia and harassed people who pointed out the problems, the Salt Lake Tribune reported Sunday.

The 49th Armored Division returned in October from a peacekeeping mission in Bosnia. It was the first time since the Korean War that a National Guard unit had commanded an overseas mission and the first time a Guard unit had been in charge of regular Army forces.

The Army Inspector General and the National Guard Bureau's intelligence oversight division are looking into the allegations, the newspaper said in a copyright story.

The Army's public affairs office in the Pentagon and the Austin, Texas-based 49th

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—Lt. Col. Pat Hamilton, who was chief of operations for the 49th in Bosnia

Armored Division refused to comment.

Lt. Col. Pat Hamilton, who was chief of operations for the 49th while the division was in Bosnia, said he has not been contacted by investigators and doesn't know about any investigation.

"That's the first time I've heard of anything like that," Hamilton, of Round Rock, Texas, told the Austin

American Statesman on Sunday. Army Reserve Maj. John Woodruff of Logan, Utah, said he has been contacted by investigators. Woodruff worked for more than a year for Army intelligence in Bosnia.

"The Inspector General would like to know if security violations took place, what those violations were, if they were properly reported and how the command reacted to those reports," Woodruff said. "They are trying to determine if the command responded favorably or if they tried to cover it up."

Army Reserve Sgt. Maj. Dodd Clark of Farmington, Utah, said the investigation also involves allegations that the 49th command violated the civil rights of military and civilian personnel. Clark also worked in Army intelligence in Bosnia.

The men declined to discuss specifics of the investigations.

Landowner donates property to protect trout

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — The Nature Conservancy of Idaho recently worked with an eastern

Idaho landowner to protect a native cutthroat spawning stream and a mile of river frontage on the South Fork of the Snake River.

Jim and Karen Chick of Claremont, Calif., donated the 17-acre easement to the Conservancy last month. The property includes a stretch of

Indian Creek, a spawning tributary for native Yellowstone cutthroat trout.

"We've been coming to fish along the South Fork for 30 years and we've been watching changes occur in the area," Jim Chick said. "This conservation easement gave us the opportunity to do the right thing. One day the river could be lined with three-acre lots and that would be sad."

Donating a conservation easement means a landowner limits the amount of development that may occur on the property.

"This easement will protect the natural values along this section of Snake River corridor," said Allen May, eastern Idaho field representative for The Nature Conservancy of Idaho. "It will also provide an opportunity to restore and protect significant cutthroat trout spawning habitat."

"If it needs done, call Jim," said Craig Jones, a friend and former bishop at Higen's church. "I think he'll be a great sheriff. I think he's very honest."

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about I was surprised by that amount," Higen's said. "Now I have a fear that I can't live up to the expectations of the public."

Those who know Higen aren't quite as worried.

"He's an action man. He wants to do the right things. He wants the right things for the community," Harris said. "He doesn't want to just sit around. He wants to get involved with the people of the community."

One of Higen's goals, he said, is to be more active and visible in Cassia County. He wants to attend functions and just visit with constituents about what they want in law enforcement.

"If I see a farmer out there working on his tractor, I might just stop by and say, 'Hi,'" Higen said.

He expects his biggest challenge will be familiarizing himself with the workings of a two-county jail. But he'd like to involve jail personnel more with the department.

In 30 years-in-law enforce-

ment, Higen's biggest challenge has been changing laws that "either restrict or derail law enforcement." That, and coping with public opinion influenced by high-profile police corruption cases elsewhere.

By far, the majority of law enforcement in the United States are very honest, very ethical individuals. Unfortunately, like any occupation, we have those bad apples that give the rest of us a bad name," Higen said.

When policies involving the use of force and public safety are reassessed nationally, training increases locally. Law enforcement has to adapt, Higen said, but budgets often don't match those needs.

Higen's co-workers like his ability to treat others fairly, both his underlings and the public.

"He treats everybody the same. He definitely sticks up for his employees," said Georgia Garrett, his secretary of five years. "He's excellent with all

kinds of people. I think that's why a lot of people go to him, because they can talk to him about anything."

She'll miss working with the man whose laugh, resounds from every corner of the building and who always seemed to enjoy his job.

"Even though all this stuff is very serious, he's always very happy taking care of it," Garrett said.

Higen said he got into law enforcement out of a desire to help others. His friends see him the same way.

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KISSING THE SINGLE LIFE GOODBYE



Michelle Burke kisses her new husband, Josh, as he carries her along the Las Vegas Strip Monday. The couple was visiting from Los Angeles and were married in Vegas on New Year's Eve.

A new year and new beginnings

Couples take Romanian children out of poverty

LEWISTON (AP) - The four Romanian children who just settled into their new homes in Asotin, Wash., and in northern Idaho may not realize Monday marked the beginning of a new year.

But they know they have begun new lives far from the orphanages and foster homes back in their poverty-stricken homeland.

As the newest members of Craig and Janel Ambrosio's family in Asotin and Gary and Julie Grabow's family in Lewiston, the children have been soaking up lots of love and attention amid the lull of the holidays.

The two couples returned from Romania almost two weeks ago with the children. The Ambrosios brought home Ana, 6, and Erik, 4, to join their lively brood, bringing the number of kids in their family to 10.

The Grabows returned with two little boys, Joshua, 3, and Caleb, 2, to join their two girls at home.

"This is a great Christmas gift," Julie Grabow says as she watches her boys frolicking in a park. "We talked about adopting for years and finally did it. We've always wanted to add to our family."

In a log cabin up Asotin Creek, the Ambrosio household is jumping with the arrival of two more kids.

"It's pretty wild," Janel Ambrosio says with a laugh. "It's definitely high energy at our house."

The Ambrosios previously adopted five other children from foreign countries after having three of their own. But eight was not enough, she says.

"Basically it's a calling. God drops little hints here and there, and everything comes together. We knew we would adopt again, she says.

Craig Ambrosio, a Lewiston pediatrician, made two trips to Romania this fall to find the right adoption. In a country where many children are abandoned because of socio-economic difficulties, adoptions are becoming more common. It is an expensive and time-consuming undertaking, but well worth the effort, says the parents of the newly adopted children.

"It's an opportunity for us as parents and for these children to have a home," Craig says. "Ana's mother left her on a neighbor's doorstep and disappeared."

Now the small girl is thriving in a huge room with siblings. In her native country, the state cares for children who have been left on doorsteps in orphanages or through foster care. If family members do not contact a child for six months, he or she is declared abandoned.

Before that happens, the state checks with the immediate family and extended relatives to determine whether anyone wants to retain custody of the child.

Ambrosio says if a child is abandoned and not adopted, he or she stays in the system until adolescence and then is turned loose with no educational opportunities.

Although the Eastern European country has made progress in the past 10 years, Ambrosio says many Romanians are frustrated over the nation's low standards of living. A 1989 revolution opened the way for Romania to re-establish a democracy and return to a market economy after years of communism.

"It's amazingly improved, but they still have a long way to go. Some of the people know they won't see a dramatic change in their lifetime," Craig says. "But from the outside looking in, I can see they've made tremendous progress."

In the Lewiston-Clarkston Valley, the four newest community members seem to be making progress, too. Janel still sleeps on the floor next to Ana's bed as the young girl adjusts to her new surroundings, but overall the transition is going smoothly.

Christmas at the two households was extra special this year with the four young children on board.

"At first they didn't know what to do with the presents," Janel says. "But they got the hang of it, and then they were upset when we ran out of gifts."

In the Lewiston Orchards, the Grabow's girls, Madison, 10, and Amanda, 12, have spent their Christmas break helping out and having fun with their new little brothers.

"The girls are very excited," says Julie, a stay-at-home mother whose husband works in Potlatch.

The couple's third daughter, Sarah, died from cancer almost two years ago.

The Ambrosios have a 15-passenger van, a giant washing machine and a house full of older brothers and sisters eager to help with Ana and Erik. The family roster now includes Brett, 21; Bryan, 19; Beata, 19; Lynley, 16; Mariel, 12; Nathan, 11; Matt, 9; Michael, 7; Ana, 6; and Erik, 4. Seven of the 10 children still live at home.

Court upholds judgment for Kuralt's mistress

HELENA (AP) - The longtime secret mistress of the late CBS correspondent Charles Kuralt has won her legal battle for ownership of his Montana fishing retreat.

A five-judge panel of the Montana Supreme Court on Wednesday unanimously upheld a lower court's ruling that the property belongs to Patricia Shannon, and not Kuralt's daughter.

A letter Kuralt wrote to Shannon two weeks before he died in 1997 was a valid informal will and clearly expressed his desire that she have the 90 acres along the Big Hole River after his death, the high court said.

The justices said plenty of evidence supported the conclusion that Kuralt wanted Shannon to have the land where they shared their clandestine life.

Kuralt and Shannon had a long, close personal relationship for 23 years and the newsman was the major financial support of Shannon and her children during that time, the court said.

Kuralt had given Shannon another 20 acres along the Big Hole just four months before he died and the wording of his final letter to her displayed his intent that she have the remainder, the court said.

"I'll have the lawyer visit the hospital to be sure you inherit the rest of the place in MT," Kuralt wrote.

Justice Terry Trieweller, writing for the court, said that the use of the term "inherit" underlined by Kuralt reflected his intention to make a posthumous disposition of the property.

Shannon, who lives in the fishing cabin she and Kuralt built together, could not be reached for comment.

Her attorney, James Goetz of Bozeman, said the ruling concludes the 3-year-old legal dispute. "This should put an end to the property issue that was the subject of the holographic will,"



Charles Kuralt poses with mistress, Patricia Shannon, left, and her family in a 1978 Christmas photo taken at Shannon's home in Lake Tahoe, Nev. From left are Shannon; Shannon's daughter, Shannon Baker; Kuralt; Shannon's mother and J.R. Baker, Shannon's son.

he said. The Supreme Court rejected claims by Kuralt's children, Susan Bowers and Lisa Bowers Smith, who argued that Kuralt was a master of the English language and knew how to write a proper will. The June 18, 1997 letter to Shannon was no such legal document, they said.

Despite agreements, Utah owners sent wild horses to slaughterhouses

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - More than one out of every 10 wild horses killed at three major slaughterhouses in 1999 had been adopted from Utah, federal records indicate.

Adopters sign agreements that they do not intend to use the horses for commercial purposes or sell them to a slaughterhouse.

But logs maintained by the meatpacking plants - two in Texas and one in Nebraska - show nearly 300 mustangs were processed into meat and pet food in 1999, the most recent year data were available.

Most of the wild horses slaughtered at the plants were less than 6 years old and were killed within months of the owners receiving title to them.

Owners obtain title a year after adopting the horses.

Of the 300 mustangs slaughtered at the three plants, 35 had markings indicating they had been adopted from Utah herds.

The names of 33 Utah residents holding title to slaughtered wild horses were included in records released by the Bureau of Land Management under the Freedom of Information Act to animal-rights groups that have sued the agency twice over its alleged fail-

ure to protect the horses.

The Fund for Animals and the Animal Protection Institute of America have gone to federal court in Reno, Nev., charging that the BLM is failing to prosecute people who adopt wild horses only to sell them to slaughterhouses - or to people who will sell them to the slaughterhouses.

U.S. District Judge Howard McKibben has given the BLM until Jan. 28 to document how many wild horses have been slaughtered since 1998 and how many of those cases have been recommended for prosecution.

McKibben has twice ordered the BLM to take steps to prevent adopters from selling horses for commercial purposes shortly after taking title.

"The problem is not necessarily acute as it was a number of years ago," McKibben said during a Nov. 29 court hearing. However, he said, "it does appear to me that the BLM has been somewhat reluctant in moving quickly."

Each time the agency checks the names of potential adopters with a database of past violations, such as their adopted horses winding up at slaughterhouses.

BSU officials make changes to student code of conduct

BOISE (AP) - Revisions to Boise State University's student code of conduct will allow officials to track students who break rules including alcohol consumption, cheating and plagiarizing.

The new code - which was expanded and rewritten by a committee of students and administrators - takes effect in fall 2001.

Boise State officials say the changes provide for better tracking of offenses since committee members discovered students could break the same rules throughout campus without administrators recognizing a pattern.

For example, a student might be cited for drunkenness in a residence hall one week and at Bronco Stadium another week. Previously, officials kept separate files on each incident. Now, a student's record will stay together.

"This enables us to see the whole situation instead of isolated incidents," said Peg Blake, vice president of student affairs.

Blaine Eckles, conduct officer at Boise State, said the revised code is not intended to punish students more severely.

"This is not going to be a blacklist of students," he said. "We want them to get appropriate help."

Alcohol violations remain the most common on campus, Eckles said. University rules only allow drinking by people 21 or older in Morrison Hall and at some events at the Pavilion.

Other common violations include fighting, intimidation and noise.

Meanwhile, changes to the code mean people who file a complaint can find out how it is resolved. That information used to be kept private. Also, one board will hear complaints, rather than two. And only one appeal of a decision will be allowed.

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Leo: Get ready to rock 'n roll

IF JANUARY 2ND IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You are emotional, loyal and family oriented. You are affectionate, romantic and would sacrifice anything for assurance of love. Capricorn, Cancer persons play fantastic roles in your life. This year you could change residence and marital status.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19): Information will be far behind scenes. Keep pledge of secrecy. People say you are mysterious today. Places will play dramatic roles.

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20): People see a different you. Accept challenge of added responsibility. Take charge of your affairs. Individual who claims to be mis-treated should be tolerated.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Mission completed! You could be

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involved in international affairs. Gain confidence of one from foreign nation. People salute your modesty. Aries involved.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Take initiative in making fresh start. Superior expresses amazement. Financial transaction works in your favor.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Calm before the storm! You might feel bored, only temporarily. You'll be assigned to create a different social environment. Capricorn plays role.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Give a smile to get a smile. Adopt that philosophy and you'll lose reputation as bookworm. Turn on Virgo charm and the world is yours. Sagittarius is in picture.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Meditate, review philosophy and theology. You could conclude the world is your own, if you are ready to give it up. Taurus, Scorpio persons play integral roles.

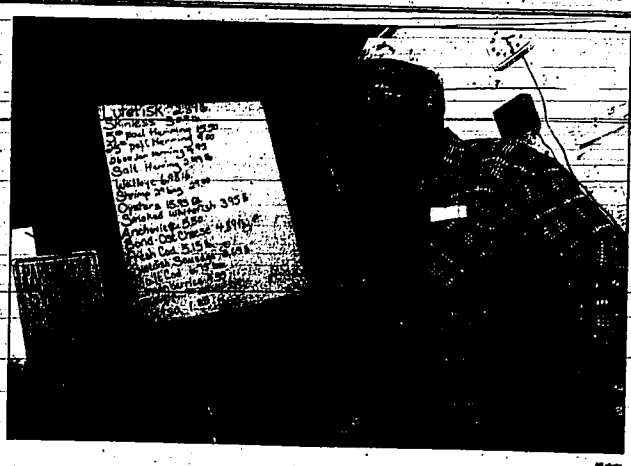
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You are in the news; people talk about you; interview you and want secrets from you. Read and write, learn by teaching.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Rules change in domestic relationship. Make intelligent concession while holding tight to principles. Focus on children, challenge, change and romance.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Get money's worth. Spotlight on sale or purchase of property. Element of deception present. Protect self at close quarters.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Turn on the power. Utilize intellectual capacity, but let it be known you also have physical strength. Short trip involves relative.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): Opportunity that slipped away 24 hours ago will be repeated tonight. Test aside preconceived notions. You could be called for overseas assignment.



'It smells good in here, don't it?' Walter Bolling said to visitors at the Day Fish Co. in Day, Minn., last month.

LOVE OF LUTEFISK

Smelly fish is a serious family business

DAY, Minn. (AP) — On a county road among a handful of homes, in a town too small to appear on state maps, an old wooden sign reading "Day Fish Co." creaks back and forth in gusts of blowing snow.

Waves of laughter filter through the walls of the tiny wooden store — and then, even stronger, so does The Smell.

The smell of lutefisk.

"It smells good in here, don't it?" twinkles 72-year-old Walter Bolling, one of the proprietors.

Well, it does if you like the aroma of fish, accented by hints of salt, sourness and ammonia. And lots of people in these parts do — or at least they pretend to at this time of year.

A Scandinavian delicacy, lutefisk (pronounced LOOT-uh-fisk) is dried cod that has soaked for days in water and lye (both the Norwegian "lutefisk" and the Swedish "lutefiska" translate literally as "lye fish"). Reconstituted, lutefisk has a bloated, translucent, Jell-O-ish quality.

The appeal here is so great that the tiny business Bolling owns with his 65-year-old brother, Roy, runs this town of about a dozen people on its head during the holiday season. From the Dakotas, Wisconsin, even Montana, people come to the Day Fish Co. about an hour's drive north of Minneapolis to lug lutefisk home.

"Gotta have it," a giggling Billie Lindgren says as a scale on the counter grows under her 15 pounds of lutefisk. She drove about 60 miles for her holiday tradition.

"You've just got cook it right, nice and flaky," Lindgren explains.

Day Fish churns out about 50 tons during the holiday period from October to January for sale on the premises and in grocery stores. The market is considerable: More than a half-million Minnesotans declared some Swedish ancestry in the 1990 Census, said Martin Karlisch, the archivist librarian at the American Swedish Institute in Minneapolis.

"Churches and other groups regularly throw lutefisk dinners. Day Fish is decorated with stickers reading "Long Live Lutefisk," "The Last Supper Served Lutefisk" and "Born to Eat Lutefisk."

Still, even in Minnesota, lutefisk is a bit of a running joke.

"A lot of people don't really like it, but it's traditional so they have it once a year and they deal with it," Karlisch says.

The Bollings set up shop 33 years ago when they couldn't find lutefisk elsewhere. They sold it for 30 cents a pound then; today



Dave Bolling and Kitty Taute fill tubs with lutefisk ready for shipment earlier last month at the Day Fish Co. in Day, Minn.

it goes for \$2.89 a pound or \$3.29 a pound for skinless. The Bollings also sell Scandinavian favorites such as herring, walidde, Swedish sausage, lingonberries and lelse-a-fat, soft bread.

The fish is shipped from the North Sea of Norway once a year in October. It's then put into 420-gallon tanks of water, then lye, then water for up to 14 days. Day Fish workers use canoe paddles to stir the half-ton of fish contained in each of a dozen tubs.

"Why the lye? In the days before refrigeration, the Scandinavians used it as a preservative. These days, lutefisk wouldn't be lutefisk without it."

The lye does make its way out of the fish during preparation.

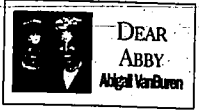
The lutefisk can be baked, broiled, or simply tossed in the microwave for a treat. Norwegians like it with butter. Swedes prefer a creamy sauce, Walter Bolling says.

Around Day, the Bolling family is known for The Smell. Dave Bolling, a nephew of Walter and Roy who works at the store with girlfriend Kitty Taute, was at a grocery store with Taute when a woman began smelling her bags over her dog food.

"She thought something was bad. I told her it's OK, it's just us," Taute says.

Weddings can be good and come in on budget

DEAR ABBY: Thank you for setting "Singing the Wedding Bell Blues" straight. She's the young woman who was miffed because her parents offered her \$7,000 to spend on her wedding when she wanted four times that amount. How dare she assume that her parents are financially responsible! They do not "owe" her anything.



DEAR ABBY:
Aligail VanDuren

"I am a wedding coordinator and have been involved in many weddings where the bride and groom had a limited budget. They were some of the most beautiful and romantic weddings I've seen. I have also done a wedding where the parents spent \$100,000 to impress 2,000 people. That cost me no money married than a couple who spends very little.

"Singing" should wake up and rethink her plans. Allow me to offer a few suggestions:

- 1) Consider having her wedding held at a breakfast or other facility that provides everything needed for a wonderful event.
- 2) Have a double ceremony with her brother. (They have the same family members and probably share some of the same friends.)
- 3) Change the wedding date. The bride and her fiancé have more time to save for the splashy wedding of their dreams.
- 4) Hire a wedding coordinator. It will help her stay within a budget.
- 5) Abby, even if this bride-elect is a 4.0 graduate, she's showing other maturity nor common sense, not to mention gratitude for the \$7,000 her parents have about having a wedding than a marriage, and that is sad.

selfish immaturity displayed by those young adults. Keep shooting straight.

— DOING ALL I CAN — AND THAT'S ALL OKLAHOMA CITY

DEAR ABBY: My parents worked hard during my entire childhood to ensure that my sisters and I had a comfortable upbringing, only to lose everything in a business they bought for their retirement after the three of us left home. When my sister and I were being married, neither of us expected financial assistance from our parent. We were delighted they could even attend our weddings.

My parents drew upon their life insurance policies and could give us each \$1,000 at a wedding gift. I will never forget how wonderful it was to have them with me when I married my husband, nor the heartbreak at opening their card and having to watch their gift, knowing what a tremendous sacrifice it was for them.

"Singing" should be happy that her parents are able to retire comfortably and that she won't have to worry about their future for years. I could not say the same.

— GRATEFUL DAUGHTER IN OHIO

DEAR ABBY: When I married in May 1977, my parents had an elaborate wedding either. We had our wedding on my father's property. We spent the entire spring building trellises and planting flower beds. My husband and I invited 150 guests at the wedding. Two weeks before the wedding, several aunts — and I made up 300 tamales. The day of our wedding, we had a huge Mexican feast. Our wedding was gorgeous, and I have the pictures to prove it. "Singing" should quit sulking and use her imagination.

— MADE DO IN KANSAS

Goldie Hawk's daughter mames rocker

LOS ANGELES (AP) — "Almost Famous" actress Lisa Huxton, daughter of Goldie Hawk, married rocker Chris Robinson of The Black Crowes on New Year's Eve.

The couple exchanged wedding vows during a ceremony in Aspen, Colo. Huxton spokesman Brad Cafarella said Monday.

Actor Kurt Russell, Hawk's longtime boyfriend, gave away the bride.

Huxton, 21, was nominated for a supporting actress Golden Globe for her role as a groupie in the film about 70s rock, "Almost Famous." Robinson, 34, is the Black Crowes' lead singer. The group had a hit in 1999 with "Only a Fool."

DEAR ABBY: I commend you for your response to "Singing the Wedding Bell Blues." If I were writing your column, I might have chosen a few four-letter words to emphasize the

Quilt project binds friendships, aids children's center

The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS — When Ellen McIntosh agreed to teach her daughter's friends the art of quilting, she knew the time spent together would be more than just a hobby.

McIntosh is among a handful of women who decided that before their daughters leave Hamilton Park PaceSetter Magnet school this year, they could teach their girls a craft, pass on a little wisdom and create friendships for life.

And through the process, the 10 sixth graders are sharing the joy of quilting. They have decided to

donate their completed quilt to the Vogel Alcov, a child-care center for homeless children whose families reside in Dallas-area emergency shelters. When youngsters arrive at the center, they are given quilts to keep. According to the agency, the Vogel Alcov typically serves up to 500 children, including kindergartners, each year. The idea of making a quilt to a homeless youngster gives the girls some warm feelings of their own.

"I think whoever gets this will feel really cheerful when they wake up each morning and see all these pretty colors," said Ronnie Orth, 11, as she took her turn piec-

ing together the colorful squares of cloth. "I know how they might feel about a blanket; I still have my baby blanket." This would give them sweet dreams."

Shirley Richmond, assistant director of the Vogel Alcov, said the donation would be appreciated.

"That's so nice," said Richmond, adding that a quilting quilt helps with the center's ongoing need for the blankets. "We need hundreds of quilts during the year. We thrive off donations otherwise we wouldn't have any way to give as much to the children and the parents. We really appreciate anything donors do for us."

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EDITORIAL

Kempton's experience will serve Idaho well

During his 10 years in the Idaho Legislature, Rep. Jim Kempton, R-Albion, has earned a reputation as a detail man. As chairman of the House Transportation and Defense Committee, he honed a keen understanding of the interconnectedness of Idaho's far-flung economy. Kempton's comprehension of complicated policy also made him an expert on Idaho's arcane tax code.

None of this is surprising, of course. Kempton is a literally a rocket scientist... (He taught physics at the Air Force Academy.) His formidable analytic skills, political savvy and experience as an international negotiator make him a valuable asset to Idaho.

Gov. Dirk Kempthorne recently cashed in on Kempton's value by appointing him to the Northwest Power Planning Council. Idaho gets only two seats on the eight-member council, which also includes two members from Montana, Washington and Oregon. Kempthorne had to choose carefully because it is a big job with enormous responsibilities.

The electrical industry is in upheaval. Demand threatens to outstrip supply, leading rolling blackouts across California. Some electrical utilities are teetering on the edge of bankruptcy. With electrical deregulation looming like a 500,000-volt Godzilla, the future is far from certain.

Kempton is arriving on the council at a difficult time, but we're confident he's up to the job. Everyone else is probably offering him advice, so here is ours:

- Think ahead. More electricity is clearly needed, so it's time to add more generating capacity.

- Explain the mission. Not many people know about the Northwest Power Planning Council. Even fewer understand that it's charged with balancing an adequate and dependable supply of power for the region against

- the environmental costs of providing that electricity.

- Fend off dam breaching. The push to eliminate four hydroelectric dams on the Lower Snake

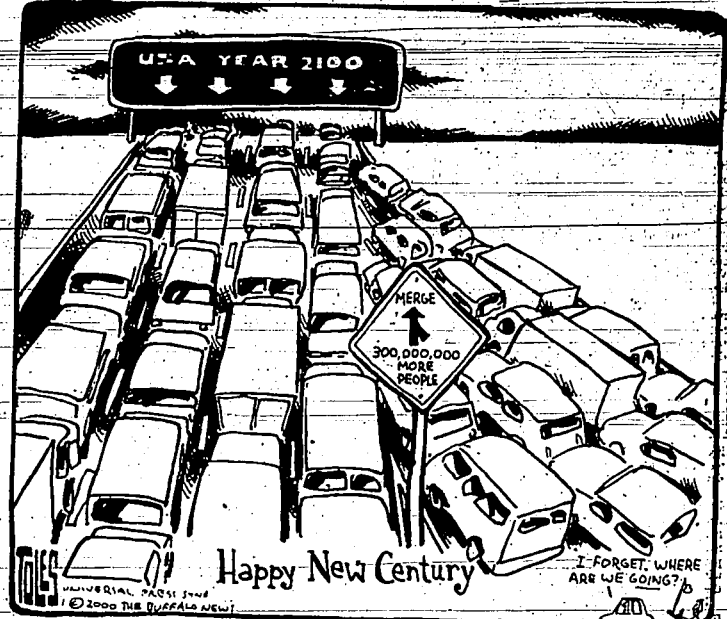
River for the sake of salmon has lost momentum. Keep dam breaching on the back burner, while focusing on predator control, flow augmentation, hatchery programs, harvest restrictions, and habitat conditions.

Kempton is a bright, hard-working guy with a proven ability to understand the fine print in any complicated arena. If anyone can succeed on the Northwest Power Planning Council, it's Jim Kempton. He has our full support.

And another thing...

The GOP's Legislative District 25 Executive Committee has chosen Scott Bedke as its top pick to succeed Kempton in the Idaho Legislature. O'Deen Redman and Gary Turner round out the top three picks.

If history is a guide, Kempthorne will appoint the top pick, which means Bedke is the heir apparent. President of the Idaho Cattle Association, Bedke is a well-established rancher and a vigorous advocate for private property rights. He's a good choice to represent the district.



Georgia killing deals democracy a blow

E.R. SHIPP

Somehow it was not all that surprising to read a few days ago about a Russian politician, a deputy mayor in Moscow, who was gunned down by two men who fired 26 bullets into his car. As The Associated Press reported: "The attackers dumped their silencer-equipped weapons in the freshly fallen snow, got in a waiting car and drove off — the hallmarks of a contract killing Russian-style."

Maybe, chaos, disrespect for democracy or for life — all that seems to go with the affairs of state in too many foreign locales. Fortunately, political assassination is not so common in the United States.

But on Dec. 15, one may have taken place. The newly elected sheriff of DeKalb County, Ga., was gunned down near Atlanta as he emerged from his car carrying roses for his wife's birthday. He was returning home from a gathering of family and friends celebrating his election and his completion of an orientation course for new sheriffs.

"Assassination is an appropriate label for what happened," a spokesman for the county's public safety department told reporters.

That such a cold-blooded tragedy can happen here is profoundly disturbing. It is, quite frankly, an assault on democracy and the electoral process because it's one more potential deterrent to good people becoming involved in that process.

You see, the sheriff-elect, Derwin Brown had campaigned on a pledge to clean up a sheriff's department that for years has been led by lawbreakers and scoundrels. The incumbent, who was

once arrested for domestic abuse, is under investigation for abusing his powers by, among other things, using inmates to do work on the homes of his wife's supporters. She's a city councilwoman.

The incumbent's predecessor pleaded guilty to mail fraud last year in connection with a kickback operation and was sentenced to 15 months in prison and a \$40,000 fine. The list goes on and on.

This is what law enforcement authorities say happened on Dec. 15:

Brown, 46, who was slated to be sworn into office late last month after a hard-fought and very bitter campaign against the incumbent sheriff, had just pulled up into the driveway of his family's Decatur home.

That's when he was ambushed by one or more killers. They shot at him 16 times, and struck him 11 times. He died soon thereafter.

The scene reminded me immediately of a similar attack — in June 1965, soon after President John F. Kennedy had given a nationally broadcast speech in support of civil rights.

That gladdened the heart of no one more than it did Medgar Evers, the NAACP field director in Mississippi. He dove into his driveway after finishing that day's work and listening to the speech, and he never made it inside. Assassins gunned him down in an attempt to stop the man, yes, but more significantly, the cause for which he served.

They succeeded in killing the man,

but the movement for racial justice went on. It even became stronger as Kennedy and then President Lyndon B. Johnson lent support to the cause legislatively and through executive orders.

The difference this time around, however, appears to be something for which we as a nation can find at least some solace in: Medgar Evers was absolutely slain because he was a black man challenging the Jim Crow status quo.

Sheriff-elect Brown, while also a black man (as is the incumbent), seems to have been slain not because of race but because of his platform of reform. He'd already announced that more than three dozen employees of the sheriff's department would lose their jobs when he assumed office.

Shocked Georgians have vowed to continue his cause. Wrote a lawyer in a letter published in The Atlanta Journal-Constitution: "You can't disenfranchise us with your guns. You can't silence us through fear. If you wanted to end this mission of reform, you have failed. Our numbers increase as the story spreads, and the outrage grows. You have stolen our candidate, but not our vote. You have pained our hearts, but not quieted our voices."

Perhaps when the shock wears off, that spirit of outrage will remain, invigorating an electorate to choose candidates committed to clean government, who choose democratic principles over personal aggrandizement at the people's expense. If so, that will be Derwin Brown's enduring legacy.

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LETTERS

We pay more for less power

I received this note on my electrical bill: "Bonnevillle Power detailed emergency plans for power shortages. They have asked that we all conserve energy on our own."

Being a good ol' country boy, I like to keep things simple. My first thought was, "I'm off to a good start. I got warmed up just reading my electric bill." My second thought was, "I'm being asked to conserve electricity after getting a bill that says. Now that's incentive."

Is this the same energy people that raised our rates a few years ago because the river was too low? Or the multi-billion-dollar failed reactor plant the cities all got sucked into? And unless my memory fails me, isn't this the group that asked us to "conserve energy" a few years ago? We lowered our thermostats, wore sweaters in the classroom and froze all winter. Some people froze a little more than they could stand. In the spring, we were all rewarded with a power increase because we had done too good a job conserving and electrical revenues were off.

After reading the Dec. 28 paper, I see our leaders are falling for it again. One of the reasons history is taught in school is so we don't keep repeating the same mistakes over and over.

In my country way of thinking, I am just going to pay more for less electrical power and have some other good old boys appointed to power groups so they can come back home and tell me, "It's

all OK, that's the way it has to be; it's for the country's own good."
NILE F. BOHON
Heyburn

Idaho drivers don't 'yield'

I commute almost every day from Twin Falls to Jerome to get to work, and on this daily journey, I have noticed something about Idaho drivers. They don't seem to know what the "yield" sign means. The worst point on this commute is the intersection of the Golf Course Road and Highway 93. Do people not realize that when they have a "yield" sign, it does not mean for them to go ahead and pull out in front of traffic that is moving at least 60 mph?

I would like these people to think about what they are doing. Have they ever seen what an accident looks like when a vehicle is slammed into at this speed? Is that time so much more important than everyone else's? Is it right for them to jeop. die the safety of other drivers because they don't want to stop and wait for the traffic to pass before they pull out onto the highway? I would also like to know where the police are and why they are not paying more attention to this intersection (especially at the morning and evening rush hours).

Personally I think we should just take away the privilege of the "yield" sign and put in a regular stop sign, and I would feel much safer driving down the highway.

NICOLE NELSON
Twin Falls

Freedom means counting votes

Sandra O'Connor said she saw a red flag. Well, so have I. Only my flag dripped with blood from our forefathers and the thousands and thousands who have fought and died so that every vote could be counted.

Five people have brought disgrace to the once-honorable Supreme Court by conceding to political and family ties. In

LETTER

my opinion, no longer should a Supreme Court justice be appointed. They should be elected by the people and for the people if the court is to remain untarnished as we have known it in the past.

An American prisoner of war once told me that no one can understand slavery or appreciate freedom until they have experienced the sting of the whip

and a kick in the groin. Just how did those dimples, pregnant chads and hanging chads get on those ballots?

Did they jump from nowhere and do their own thing? Is golly politics and the so-called five justices have replaced "intent" with "trickery."

EDNA BYERS
Rupert

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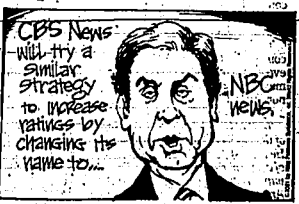


By Garry Trudeau

Mallard Fillmore



By Bruce Tinsley



OPINION

Dictators' friendship should worry America

The improbable but fast-growing friendship of three career military revolutionaries—Fidel Castro of Cuba, Saddam Hussein of Iraq and Hugo Chavez of Venezuela—poses a unique challenge to U.S. interests worldwide. It is a friendship with considerable power: Venezuela and Iraq are among the top-10 oil exporters in the world, and Cuba is a beneficiary of their largesse and, in Venezuela's case, a mentor of revolution.

Meanwhile, United Nations economic sanctions against Iraq, imposed after the Persian Gulf War nearly 10 years ago, and the four-decade-long U.S. economic embargo against Cuba are crumbling. Allies and U.S. businesses are increasingly violating or ignoring both embargoes, and there is virtually nothing Washington seems able to do about it.

TAD SZULC

Quintessentially, the Castro-Hussein-Chavez connection is anti-American and anti-capitalistic, but not in an ideological way. What matters to the three is domestic power built upon a base of nationalism that they believe legitimizes their policies.

In a way, this bizarre trio also represents the rebirth, a half century later, of the kind of nationalist populism spawned by Gen. Juan Peron in Argentina and Gamal Abdel Nasser in Egypt. Castro and Hussein gained power through armed revolutions; Chavez, a paratrooper lieutenant colonel, was democratically elected in 1999, after serving time for trying to overthrow the government in 1992.

Chavez is unquestionably the most intriguing new leader to emerge in Latin America since Castro—and he is the linchpin between Castro and Hussein. Although Cuba had been sending doctors and health workers to Iraq for years, there had not been any major contacts between the two countries until Chavez appeared on the scene. This fall, Chavez became the first democratically elected foreign head of state to visit Iraq since the Gulf war.

With France and Russia, two of the five veto-wielding members of the U.N. Security Council, determined to see the sanctions against Iraq end, the United States can do little to prevent them from withering away.

Iraq has the world's second-largest reserves of oil (after Saudi Arabia), which it exports legally under U.N. controls and smuggles out on a huge scale. Hussein is not short of cash for whatever adventure next occurs to him, and in concert with Chavez, he can influence the international oil supply and its prices.

As for Venezuela, a main source of U.S. imported oil, Chavez has been raising his profile within OPEC, having presided in Caracas in late September over the second-ever summit of that organization's heads of state and government. Late in November, Hussein demonstrated on two occasions what he can do to the oil market when he briefly threatened to halt the pumping and shipping of oil, a move Chavez knew about beforehand.

The Iraqi link is one aspect of Chavez's international involvements that the United States must not underestimate, with Cuba playing a central role. Since he took office in February 1999, Chavez has proclaimed his "identification" with the Cuban revolution. He visited Havana and entertained Castro in Caracas for five days last October. Castro treated Chavez as a son, an attitude seldom displayed by the Cuban leader toward any young people.

Castro is Chavez's guide in the art of gently and gradually introducing authoritarian government to Venezuela. Chavez abolished the Senate and established a unicameral parliament whose members support him.

To complicate matters and his relations with the United States, Chavez has been openly supporting leftist guerrilla movements in neighboring Colombia. The rebels control big swaths of Colombian territory, along with numerous coca plantations.

This could foreshadow a big U.S. commitment in Colombia and an eventual conflict with Chavez that may interfere with the flow of oil north from Venezuela.

Tad Szulc visited Iraq and the rest of the Middle East earlier this year. He is the author, among other books, of a biography of Fidel Castro. He wrote this commentary for the Los Angeles Times.

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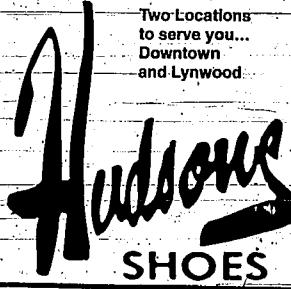
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SPORTSQUOTE

“Math is for sissies. It’s time to take college football back from the abacus crowd and put it where it belongs—in the hands of weepy alumni, beery students and fiercely loyal Jaycees.”

—Sally Jenkins of The Washington Post on college football and the BCS system

TRIVIA

QUESTION: Which is the only Rose Bowl game that ended in a scoreless tie?

...answer below

TODAY’S SCHEDULE

Girls’ high school basketball

Filer at Gooding, 4:15 p.m.
Castelford at Raft River, 6 p.m.
Minico at Burley, 6 p.m.
Hansen at Oakley, 6 p.m.
Wood River at Declo, 7:30 p.m.

Boys’ high school basketball

Valley at Murrah, 4:15 p.m.
Gooding at Wendell, 4:15 p.m.

IN BRIEF

Utah’s Majerus enters Utah hospital

SALT LAKE CITY — Utah basketball coach Rick Majerus was admitted to the hospital Monday after experiencing chest pains. Majerus, 52, who has a history of heart problems, was admitted to LDS Hospital as a precaution, according to a University of Utah news release.

Preliminary tests on his heart have been normal, said spokesman Mike Lageschulte. However, he will undergo a coronary angiogram Tuesday which will give more information on his condition, he said.

No timetable has been set for his return to the Utes.

Majerus has been away from the team for six weeks while recovering from arthroscopic knee surgery on his right knee. He had planned to return to the team practices Monday.

“Maybe it was just the excitement over coming back to the team. We’ll know more tomorrow,” Lageschulte said.

Dick Bunsicker, who has filled in for Majerus for the last 12 games, will continue to serve as acting head coach.

Majerus missed most of the 1989-90 season, his first with the Utes, after heart bypass surgery.

Arizona basketball coach’s wife dies

TUCSON, Ariz. — Bobbi Olson, the wife of Arizona basketball coach Lute Olson for 47 years, died Monday after a 2.5-year battle with ovarian cancer, she was 65.

Her husband has been on an indefinite leave of absence since Saturday to be with her and was by her side, along with other family members. “Bobbi faced her illness with great courage,” Olson said in a statement. “Her love of family remained her priority and even in her last moments she continued taking care of and comforting all of us as only a wife and mother can do.”

Compiled from wire reports.

TRIVIA ANSWER

California and Washington & Jefferson in 1922.

WASHINGTON 34, PURDUE 24
Coming up roses



Washington quarterback Marques Tuiasosopo breaks a tackle from Purdue's Ralph Turner, left, as he scores his team's second touchdown in the first quarter of Monday's 87th Rose Bowl in Pasadena, Calif.

Tuiasosopo leads Huskies past Boilermakers

The Associated Press

PASADENA, Calif. — Because Marques Tuiasosopo came back, Washington didn't need a comeback in the Rose Bowl.

When the quarterback left the field with an injured throwing shoulder late in the third quarter Monday, it appeared Washington's hopes went with him even though the Huskies led Purdue by three points.

“I was mad,” Tuiasosopo said. “I was like, ‘Can you believe this, the Rose Bowl game?’”

He missed three plays, was replaced by Caldwell High School grad Cody Pickett, then returned before the start of the fourth quarter and guided No. 4 Washington to two touchdowns

More college bowl games

and a 34-24 victory over the 14th-ranked Boilermakers.

Voted the player of the game, Tuiasosopo ran for one touchdown, passed for another and accounted for 213 yards.

“He is the absolute epitome of what a quarterback should be,” Washington coach Rick Neuheisel said. “He hurt his shoulder, he came back in there and said he could play. The rest, as they say, is history.”

Washington (11-1) finished the season with an eight-game winning streak. The Huskies rallied for eight victories this season, outscoring the opposition 144-68 in

the fourth quarter during the regular season. Once again, they were dominant in the final 15 minutes.

The Huskies gave the Pac-10 its first Rose Bowl victory in five years and just its second in the last nine games. Washington was playing in its first Rose Bowl in eight years.

The Huskies started the fourth quarter with a 3-yard run by Rich Alexis on fourth-and-1 from the Purdue 35. Six plays later, Tuiasosopo threw an 8-yard touchdown pass to Todd Elstrom, extending the lead to 10 points.

A little over a minute later, Greg Carothers forced and recovered a fumble by Montrell Lowe — the game's first turnover — at the Washington 34. Lowe,

who gained 79 yards on 20 carries, was injured on the play and didn't return.

The Huskies then moved 66 yards on seven plays, scoring on an 8-yard run by Willie Hurst to make it 34-17 with 7:25 left.

The Boilermakers drew within 10 points on a 42-yard run by Sedrick Brown on a fourth-and-1 with 6:37 left, and got the ball back a little over a minute later when Tuiasosopo threw a lateral.

Elstrom couldn't handle at the end of a 26-yard run and Ashante Woodyard recovered at the Purdue 49.

However, Travis Dorsch was wide left on a 42-yard field goal with 4:54 to play, and the Huskies then ran out the clock.

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Miami seeks title share at Sugar

The Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — Miami coach Butch Davis claims a one-point win would be fine and the result of the Florida State-Oklahoma game does not concern him in the least.

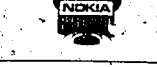
It's enough to make a college football fan wonder or which planet he's been coaching the past four months.

Because once all the Sugar Bowl subplots are set aside, state bragging rights, a renewed rivalry, bad blood and the Bourbon Street scuffle — No. 2 Miami (10-1) has a clear goal tonight against No. 7 Florida: Win a share of the national title.

The Sugar Bowl

Miami (10-1) vs. Florida (10-2)

Today, 6 p.m. (ABC)



“In private moments with his team, even Davis has conceded that.”

“He has told us you can't let good things pass you by,” tight end Jeremy Shockey said. “He said everyone would love to have the feeling we're having. This is a

great opportunity, a once-in-a-lifetime chance. There are 100 other schools that would love to be in the position we're in today.”

But it's an awkward position at best, and again it proves the creators of the Bowl Championship Series have fallen short of crafting the perfect system.

The Orange Bowl pits the top two teams in the BCS standings, and the folks who run the coaches' poll will award their national title to the Oklahoma-Florida State winner.

The Associated Press writers' poll has no such restrictions. If Miami beats Florida convincingly and No. 3 Florida State struggles

Please see SUGAR, Page B2



Miami linebacker Dan Morgan runs through defensive drills during morning practice in New Orleans, La.

Streaking Minnesota clips Rockets

Brandon, T-Wolves make it six in a row

The Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Terrell Brandon had an excuse for his and the Minnesota Timberwolves' poor start Monday.

“I'm used to sleeping at 2:30 in the afternoon, so it was tough to come out here on New Year's Day and play,” Brandon said after scoring 12 of his 19 points in the fourth quarter of Minnesota's 106-96 victory over the Houston Rockets. “We were a little more consistent in the second half and showed that, we weren't sleeping.”

Kevin Garnett scored 21 points to lead the Timberwolves, who beat the Rockets for a sixth straight time

despite the 30 points of Curtino Mobley. Mobley had a career-high 33 points on Oct. 31, when the teams met in the season-opener.

“He's a great player,” Minnesota guard Chauncey Billups said of Mobley. “If you can get to the basket and make your shot like he does, you can do that in this league. But it doesn't matter if he gets 160 if we win the game.”

Wally Szczerbiak also had 19 points for the Timberwolves, who finished with a season-high 35 assists and a season-low eight turnovers. “That's about as balanced an effort as you'll see,” Minnesota coach Flip Saunders said. “We were able to use our bench and get guys some rest,

which was very important.”

Steve Francis who fouled out with 6:12 to play, added 20 points for the Rockets. Francis got his fifth foul defending Garnett, then immediately went after Brandon on a drive to the basket and was whistled again. It was only the second time this season he fouled out.

“I heard that he had five, so I asked Flip to let me try to get the sixth on him,” Brandon said. “I didn't think it would come that fast, but I made a nice move and he bit on it.”

The Rockets started the game with three straight 3-pointers and led by as many as eight points in the first quarter as Francis scored 10.

“Houston is an extremely tough team to defend because of their perimeter people,” Saunders said.



Houston's Steve Francis, left, saves the ball from going out of bounds Monday in front of Minnesota's Anthony Peeler.

Denver RB earns top rookie honors

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Going from third-string behind two 1,000-yard rushers to rookie of the year is a long shot. Then again, so is much of what Mike Anderson has achieved.

Anderson was selected Monday as The Associated Press Offensive Rookie of the Year in balloting by a nationwide panel of 50 sports writers and broadcasters who cover the NFL.

The halfback rushed for 1,500 yards and 15 touchdowns for the Denver Broncos after taking over for injured Terrell Davis and Olandis Gary.

“Oh, wow, I'm kind of speechless right now,” Anderson said when informed he beat Baltimore's running back Jamal Lewis in the balloting, 40 votes to 10.

“That award, that just sums it up what kind of season it has been.”

The post-season was much kinder to Lewis, who rushed for 110 yards on 30 carries Sunday at Baltimore before Denver.

Anderson was held to 40 yards on 15 carries by the Ravens' stingy defense. But the rookie voting just covers the regular season.

Last year's winner was Indianapolis running back Edgerrin James. Anderson is the first Broncos player to win the award.

Davis, like Anderson, was selected in the sixth round of the draft, although Anderson's college career at Utah was slightly more accomplished than Davis' at Georgia. And Gary, who replaced Davis in 1999 when Davis tore up his knee, was a fourth-round choice who gained 1,159 yards as a rookie.

Anderson shattered that team record this season.

Anderson, 27, quit his high school football team during pre-season drills his freshman year after a coach tried to convert him into an offensive lineman. Instead, he played drums and marched in the band in Fairfield, S.C.

After graduation, he spent four years in Atlanta and never took up football again. Then came two years of junior college and two years at Utah. He rushed for more than 1,000 yards all four seasons.

Anderson became the starter in Game 2 vs. Atlanta and ran for 187 yards against Oakland in the third game of the season.

He had 195 yards in a game against Seattle, then went for a rookie-record 251 and scored four times the next week at New Orleans. The Pro Football Hall of Fame requested Anderson's jersey from the Saints game.

Anderson looks forward to working with Davis and Gary in the future.

“If all three of us are healthy, that would be great for us as a team, as an organization. We share.”

“But you know, when we wake up every morning, you never know what life will offer you.”

SPORTS

College bowl games

Oregon State defense slams Irish

- Mobile Alabama Bowl Southern Mississippi 28, TCU 21
Las Vegas Bowl UNLV 31, Arkansas 14
Oahu Bowl Georgia 37, Virginia 14
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Alpha Bowl Boston College 31, Arizona State 17
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Holiday Bowl Oregon 35, Texas 30
Alamo Bowl Nebraska 66, Northwestern 17
Silicon Valley Classic Air Force 37, Fresno State 34
Independence Bowl Mississippi State 43, Texas A&M 41, OT

TEMPE, Ariz. (AP) - The Oregon State defense finally made Notre Dame quarterback Matt LoVecchio look like a vulner- able freshman. Unimpressed with the mystique of the Golden Dome, the fifth-ranked Beavers manhandled LoVecchio and the No. 10 Fighting Irish, finishing off the finest season in school history with a 41-9 Fiesta Bowl victory Monday night. LoVecchio, who led the Irish to seven straight victories after taking over as the starter in the fifth game, completed just 13 of 33 passes for 138 yards. He also was sacked five times. Two of LoVecchio's third-quarter turnovers led to touchdowns: a fumble on a crushing blindside hit by Darnell Robinson and an interception, also by Robinson, that helped the Beavers break open the game at 34-3. Oregon State's quickness up front and in the middle made it one of the best-defensive teams in the country this season, but the

way the Beavers dominated Notre Dame, on big play after big play, was simply stunning. Notre Dame, which kept the ball on the ground its last 24 plays in a Nov. 25 victory over Southern California, ran six straight times to open Monday night's game, but gained just eight yards. After Oregon State jumped to a 12-0 lead, LoVecchio was forced to pass more, and the Beavers came after him relentlessly. On one play, defensive end DeLaurence Grant ran all the way across the field to drag him down from behind. The Beavers (11-1) were so thoroughly in control, they could get away with some silly, mental errors. They were penalized 18 times for 174 yards, both records for the school and the 30-year-old Fiesta Bowl. While many of the Irish fans



Oregon State's Terrill Roberts celebrates his 45-yard punt return for a touchdown during the third quarter against Notre Dame in the Fiesta Bowl Monday in Tempe, Ariz.

Hokies handle Clemson at Gator Bowl



Clemson's Travis Zachery scores a 23-yard touchdown Monday as Virginia Tech's Cory Bird pursues in the second quarter in Jacksonville, Fla.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) - Lee Suggs ran for three touchdowns and Michael Vick ran for one and passed for another as No. 6 Virginia Tech beat No. 16 Clemson 41-20 Monday in the Gator Bowl. Quarterback Woodrow Danzler was a virtual one-man show for Clemson after the Tigers' (9-3) lost tailback Travis Zachery with a broken foot early in the second quarter. Danzler rushed 18 times for 81 yards and was 15-of-32 for 180 yards and one touchdown. Vick was 10-of-18 for 205 yards and rushed for 19 yards for Virginia Tech (11-1), which played for the national championship last season. Suggs' first touchdown came 2:26 before halftime and gave Virginia Tech a 21-0 lead. Suggs' second score, a 1-yard run in the third quarter, was set up by Vick's 55-yard pass to Andre Davis. His third, a 5-yard run with 3:41 to play, made it 41-20.

The victory was the first in three bowl trips for the Hokies. The loss was Clemson's fifth in a row in a bowl. No. 11 Kansas St, 35, No. 21 Tennessee 21. DALLAS - Jonathan Beasley ran for a career-best 98 yards and a touchdown, threw for 210 yards and two TDs, and kicked-quick the ball to the 4-yard-line late in Kansas State's Cotton Bowl victory.

The 297 yards rushing by Kansas State (11-3) were the most against Tennessee (8-4) since Nebraska had 409 in last year's Fiesta Bowl. Josh Cooper ran 28 times for 147 yards for Kansas State, two shy of his career best. Beasley finished 13-of-27 for 210 yards with an interception that Tennessee's Jabari Greer returned 78 yards for a touchdown. He ran 17 times and was not sacked by a Tennessee defense that came in with a school-record 50. With Kansas State facing fourth-and-8 from the Tennessee 31, Beasley lined up under center, then poach-kicked the ball 27 yards. Tennessee freshman quarterback Casey Clausen was 7-of-25 for 120 yards, his fewest as a starter, and his three intercep-

Thomas, who carried 32 times, was named Citrus Bowl MVP for the second time and became Michigan's career rushing leader. Leard was 28-of-37 for a season-high 394 yards and three TDs, both Auburn bowl records. He also threw two interceptions. South Carolina 24, No. 19 Ohio St. 7. TAMPA, Fla. - The Gamecocks, winless in 1999 and losers of 21 straight entering this season, finished the most dramatic one-year turnaround in Southern Conference history by winning the Outback Bowl. Ryan Brewer, an Ohio native, rushed for 109 yards and scored on runs of 7 and 2 yards, as well as a 28-yard screen pass play and gained 215 total yards for South Carolina (4-4). The Buckeyes (8-4) avoided a shutout when offensive lineman Mike Gurr recovered Jonathan Wells' fumble in the end zone for a third-quarter touchdown.

Sunday's Late Bowls Air Force 37, Fresno State 34. SAN JOSE, Calif. - Air Force put on an air show in the first Silicon Valley Classic. The Falcons didn't abandon the option, but they came out passing to surprise Fresno State 37-34 on Sunday in the inaugural bowl game at Spartan Stadium. Mike Thiessen hit Scotty McKay with two touchdown pass-

Men's hoops sees little change among Top 10

The Associated Press Michigan State was No. 1 in The Associated Press college basketball poll for a second straight week Monday and the defending national champion will be on top as conference play gets under way. There was very little change in the Top 25 after the final week of nonconference games produced few upsets. Not only did the Spartans (11-0) hold the same spot from last week, the top 11 teams stayed in the same order and the only new member of the poll is No. 24 Texas. Michigan State, which beat Bowling Green in a Wright State last week, received 47 first-place votes and 1,607 points from the

College basketball Complete polls - B3 national media panel. Stanford (11-0), which beat Fordham and Santa Clara last week, was No. 1 on the other 18 ballots and had 1,577 points. Duke was third again, followed in the Top Ten by Wake Forest, Florida, Tennessee, Kansas, Virginia, Illinois and Connecticut. Seton Hall was 11th for the second straight week and was followed in the Second Ten by Wisconsin, North Carolina, Syracuse, Oklahoma, Arizona, Maryland, Alabama, Georgetown and Southern California. The last five ranked teams were Notre Dame, Mississippi,

Iowa State, Texas and Cincinnati. Texas (10-2) moved into the rankings on a five-game winning streak that included a victory over Illinois. The Longhorns, who were ranked all last season, and got as high as No. 9, have lost to Duke in the Preseason NIT semifinals and at South Florida. Iowa (11-2) dropped out of the poll after a three-week run. The Hawkeyes finished third in last week's Rainbow Classic, sandwiching wins over Detroit and Saint Louis around an 80-68 semifinal loss to Tennessee. Elve teams - Oklahoma, Alabama, Mississippi and Iowa State - made modest two-spot jumps this week, while Cincinnati's fall from 19th to 25th was the biggest drop. The Bearcats (9-3) beat North Carolina-Wilmington 65-55 last week before losing 69-66 to Toledo. Tennessee stays at No. 2 with 400th appearance. Tennessee was missing when The Associated Press released its first women's basketball poll in 1976. The Lady Vols weren't out for long. Tennessee joined the next poll, and Monday, coach Pat Summitt's team made its 400th appearance when it remained at No. 2 despite a 81-76 loss to top-ranked Connecticut. It was the 273rd consecutive appearance for the Lady Vols (11-1), who have been missing from only 14 polls down through the years. Tennessee has been ranked every year since Feb. 17, 1985, and since the start of the 1986-87 season, the Lady Vols have been in the Top Ten for all but one poll. That was March 4, 1997, when they were 11th. Less than a month later, Tennessee won the national championship. Connecticut (9-0) was No. 1 for the ninth time in as many polls this season. The Huskies received all 40 first-place votes from the national media panel and had 1,000 points. They have been No. 1 in 28 straight polls. Tennessee (11-1) had 852 points - 27 more than No. 3 Notre Dame, which is 12-0 for the first time in school history. Georgia (11-2), winner of nine straight, remained fourth with 874 points.

those things that's out of our control. I can't control other teams, I can't control other games, I can't control the voters. I can't control the computers. All we can control is play the best we can tonight and whatever happens is going to happen. While the Hurricanes' motivation is clear, the Spartans (10-2) come in as the Southern Conference champions and the week's biggest spoiler. They're six-point underdogs, and playing in this championship drama. "I'm just worried about winning," coach Steve Spurrier said. "We need to beat those guys." The Gators haven't been to Spurrier's favorite bowl game since winning the national title Jan. 2, 1997.

In the four years since, they have been humbled by losing their stranglehold on the SEC, falling badly to Florida State three straight times and seeing Spurrier's reputation as an offensive genius brought into question. A lot of those issues have been smoothed over by Florida's SEC title this season when the Gators were young and thought to be a year away from returning to the top. "Obviously, it's a whole different level with the national championship," said freshman quarterback Rex Grossman, one of 15 underclassmen to play significant time in games. "Hopefully in the future, we'll be there and get a shot at that. Right now we want to win a big Sugar Bowl game and get some momentum going into next season."

moments. I liked the way we came back in the first half after digging ourselves a hole. Our offense underperformed. We did not put ourselves in position to win the game. Tuitososso was 16-of-22 for 138 yards, and rushed for 75 yards on 15 carries. Purdue's Drew Brees, like Tuitososso playing in his final college game, was 23-of-39 for 275 yards and two touchdowns - both to Vinny Sutherland. Paralyzed Washington safety Curtis Williams was transported to the Rose Bowl from his rehabilitation center in San Jose, and watched the game from a suite in the press box. Williams, wearing his game jersey while sitting in a wheel-

Sugar Continued from B1. to a victory over No. 1 Oklahoma, several voters in the AP poll have said they would rank the Hurricanes first, possibly creating the split national title the AP was created to avoid. Many of them say they can't ignore the fact that Miami beat Florida State 27-24 in October, when the Seminoles were ranked No. 1. So, a lopsided win would help the Hurricanes, and there's no way they can win any part of the title without an Oklahoma loss. "Listening to Davis, he might not even have the TV on when the Sooners and Seminoles kick off Wednesday night. "I'm not concerned in the least about what happens with FSU Oklahoma," he said. "It's one of

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SPORTS

Giants let Eagles do all the talking

SPORTS IN BRIEF

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — The Philadelphia Eagles can say all they want about how different this time...

"They're doing a lot of talking to let them talk," New York offensive tackle Keith Hamilton said Monday as the Giants (12-4)...

"I'm not getting caught up in that, whatever that perception of is," the nine-year veteran said. "He can talk about what they're going to do about this and that, and I'll see it on Sunday."

The Eagles with two one-sided losses to the Giants in the regular season, were cocky about their chances after beating Tampa Bay 23-3 on Sunday to earn a trip up the New Jersey Turnpike.

"Bring 'em on, bottom line," linebacker Jeremiah Trotter said after the wild-card game. "I'm ready to play now."

"Since losing 24-7 to the Giants...

NFL Notes

On Oct. 29, the Eagles have posted a 7-1 record. The only loss was a 15-13 decision to Tennessee, the Super Bowl favorite among the eight teams left in the postseason.

Ravens looking for encore after trouncing Denver

OWINGS MILLS, Md. — If the road to the Super Bowl travels through Tennessee, the Baltimore Ravens know they can win there. The Ravens (13-4) are the only team to defeat the Titans in Adelphi Coliseum in 17 games over two years, rallying for a 24-23 victory Nov. 12.

That was part of a team-record winning streak that reached eight games Sunday with a 21-3 triumph over the Denver Broncos. It was the Ravens' first playoff game since moving from Cleveland in 1996. It was the first time a Baltimore team won a post-season game since the Colts beat the Browns in 1971.

"There are hurdles that you face," coach Brian Billicek said Monday. "It's amazing, in 24...

hours we've gone from a team that had never been in the playoff to a team that now has playoff-off-win experience. The next experience is to play in that next level."

That means facing the defending AFC champions, and this year's top-seeded team, on the road. "These are two teams that respect one another," Billicek said. "We know each other, so there's a familiarity that makes your preparation a little easier, but it's the same thing for them. They know what our strengths are, we know what their strengths are."

McNabb, runner-up to Marshall Faulk for the NFL MVP, played much of the game as if the weather was balmy: He finished 24-of-33 for 161 yards and ran for 32 yards on eight carries, and was at his best as he quarterbacked the Eagles to two touchdowns in a span of 3:21 late in the first half that gave Philadelphia control of the game.

The win by the Eagles means the four teams left in the NFC were combined 25-39 last season. Only Minnesota (11) and Kansas City were 7-9, the Eagles 5-11 and New Orleans was 3-13.

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Sunday's Late Playoff Game Eagles 21, Buccaneers 3

PHILADELPHIA — The cold didn't knock the Tampa Bay Buccaneers out of the playoffs. Donovan McNabb did. McNabb ran for a touchdown and threw for two more to lead the Philadelphia Eagles to a 21-3 victory over Tampa Bay in an AFC wild-card game Sunday, sending them on to the Meadowlands to play the New York Giants next weekend.

NHL's Capitals stay hot by thrashing Atlanta

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Washington Capitals won their New Year's Day battle between the two richest December teams, with Dmitri Khristich scoring the decisive goal late in the second period of a 4-2 victory Monday over the Atlanta Thrashers.

The victory increased the Capitals' lead over the Thrashers to seven points in the Southeast Division. Washington had the NHL's best record (10-3-1) in December and 21 points, while Atlanta (10-5) was second with...

NHL

20 points.

Bruins 4, Sabres 3

"BUFFALO, N.Y. — Sergei Samonov had two goals and P.J. Laviolette scored his first goal in 30 games as Boston ended a six-game losing streak in Buffalo on Monday night. The Bruins withstood several Buffalo flurries in front of the net in the last minute to hold on. The...

Bruins' last win in Buffalo had come on March 21, 1998, and they were 1-8-1 in their last 10 games there.

Byron Dufalo had 33 saves for Boston.

Canucks 5, Predators 2

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Brendan Morrison scored a short-handed goal to keep his hot streak going as Vancouver beat Nashville. Morrison has four goals and 13 assists for 17 points in his last 14...

games. He scored his ninth goal of the season midway through the second period.

Bob Essensa made 26 saves for Vancouver.

Blues 5, Oilers 2

ST. LOUIS — Pierre Turgeon had two goals and an assist as St. Louis took over first place in the NHL. The Blues, playing without injured forward Pavol Demitra, are 13-1-1 in their last 15 games and lead Colorado by one point.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

Table with columns for Eastern Conference and Western Conference, listing teams like Miami, Orlando, Charlotte, etc., and their records.

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Table with columns for Conference Championship, Divisional, Wild Card, and Playoff results.

SCORES AND STATS

IN THE BLEACHERS By Steve Moore

College basketball: Notre Dame at Syracuse ESPN 9 p.m.

Sugar Bowl, Miami vs Florida ABC 6 p.m.

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Continental Basketball Association

Table listing CBA games for Monday, including matchups like Denver at Sacramento.

Williams unlikely for second playoff game

NEW ORLEANS — New Orleans running back Ricky Williams is doubtful for the Saints' second playoff game Saturday against the Minnesota Vikings.

Williams broke a bone in his ankle on Nov. 12 against the Carolina Panthers and has not played since.

Coach Jim Haslett hopes Williams might be available for the playoffs, but said on Monday he was not optimistic for Saturday's game.

Williams tried to practice last week, but was having pain and tendinitis in the ankle.

Another big blow to the Saints running game has been the loss of fullback Terrill Smith, who missed the final two regular season games and last weekend's playoff game with bulging discs in his back.

Eagles back Pritchett out with broken leg

PHILADELPHIA — If the Philadelphia Eagles are to break this spell, the New York Giants hold over them, they will have to do so without running back Stanley Pritchett.

The team learned yesterday that Pritchett fractured his left tibia and suffered a broken fibula during Sunday's wild-card game victory over Tampa Bay. Pritchett was hurt after catching a pass. Two Buccaneers defenders tackled him, and his leg appeared to have gotten caught beneath one of them. The injury originally was diagnosed as a sprained left knee.

Vols DT Kendrick not seriously injured

DALLAS (AP) — Tennessee defensive tackle Edward Kendrick, who was carried off the field on a motorized cart in the fourth quarter of the Cotton Bowl on Monday, was diagnosed with a bruised back and was walking around several hours after the game.

"He looks like to be fine," coach Phillip Fulmer said after the Volunteers' 31-13 loss to Kansas State. "He was moving his hands, arms and legs on the field. He took a helmet to the back and should be fine."

Kendrick fell to the ground face-down after being hit by several Kansas State linemen and remained that way while medical personnel treated him for several minutes. They eventually turned him over and strapped him to a board.

Kendrick was transported to Baylor Medical Center for X-rays, which Fulmer said was done as a precaution.

Trickett tabbed as new W. Virginia coach

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. — Rich Trickett, LSU's assistant head coach and offensive line coach, accepted a similar job with West Virginia.

Trickett, who will work under coach Rich Rodriguez, was an offensive and defensive line coach for the Mountaineers between 1976 and 1979.

Compiled from wire reports.

TELEVISION

Table listing television broadcasts for Monday, including college basketball, NFL, and other events.

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COMPUTERS AND TECHNOLOGY

Software removes vocals from CDs

By Craig Crossman
Knight Ridder News Service

I'm always on the lookout for something that's really different and finding it around the holidays makes its discovery even more sweet.

DARTECH has cooked up a clever new software product that begins with the already popular technologies of MP3 music files and recordable CDs. Next they added in ripping, the ability to read music tracks off of CDs and convert them into wave or MP3 files. To complete the recipe, they tossed in a really innovative technological twist inspired by the popularity of karaoke.

The result is DART Karaoke Studio, a program that literally lets you remove the performing artist's voice from most any recording.

Anyone who has tried to sing along with their favorite songs knows it's no fun competing with the person whose voice is on the track. You can buy karaoke songs but they're usually either classics that have been out for a while, and they're usually not arranged like the recording artist's version. And because they take time to produce, you won't find a karaoke version of a newly released hit.

But with Karaoke Studio, you don't have to wait for anyone. Just pop in any audio CD into your computer's CD-ROM drive, press the DeVocalizer button on Karaoke Studio's control panel and the singing virtually disappears. The DeVocalizer works on MP3 files as well. The only requirements are that the original recording be in stereo with the artist's voice coming from the center image. Most are.

The level of success regarding vocal removal depends primarily on how the music was made. Results vary from total vocal removal to a slight residual echo. However even with an echo, your singing along usually masks it out. It's perceived as a reverb effect. The echo also makes for a slightly audible guide to the performance style and phrasing, or at the very least assist you in mimicking the original artist's interpretation of the song.

For the technologically minded, Karaoke Studio removes the vocals by a process known as destructive interference. You may have seen or heard of other products that use this method such as electronic car mufflers and headphones that cancel out airplanes and construction noise. By putting one of the left or right channels out of phase from the other, any center image sound that is on both channels is cancelled out. Usually this process results in a loss of bass but Karaoke Studio removes the sound by letting you adjust the very, very, very balance, filtering out only the vocal frequency ranges and adding extra bass.

After using the Remix feature that lets you add your own voice to the recording, you can burn your own CDs with Karaoke Studio's recording feature. Or create a new MP3 file with your voice for uploading to computers around the world. Whatever format you select, Karaoke Studio supports you from start to finish. You can even watch the screen in synchronization with the music. Imagine the holiday fun as you send your singing CDs to friends and family, uploading MP3 files to computers everywhere. Now imagine receiving them from everyone to whom you sent a copy of Karaoke Studio. There's a scary thought!

Karaoke Studio sells for \$69 and requires Windows 95/98.

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Mark Casch of Pasco, Wash., works on his laptop computer while stuck in the ditch between the eastbound and westbound lanes of Interstate 90 waiting for crews to clear a 12-car pileup near Bozeman, Mont., last month.

Smarty-pant pants ... and shirts too

The Washington Post

Your clothes don't talk to you now, but someday they may. Scientists are developing "smart clothes," shirts and shoes and pants that do more than keep you feeling warm and looking cool.

With the help of computers and special high-tech fabrics, smart clothes could send and receive information and adjust to give you what you need at any moment.

Scientists think they may be able to create fabric that, like a chameleon, will change color to match your surroundings.

"wearable computers" being developed. Some workers are beginning to use them. Video screens hang from helmets, and lightweight keyboards are attached to wrists or shirts. With a computer strapped to his body, an airplane mechanic wouldn't need to carry around a huge manual, but could log on and find everything he needs.

In the future, computers in your glasses might be able to tell you the history of what you're looking at ("This is the White House. President John Adams moved into it in 1800," or let you watch a video on a tiny screen attached to the frames while you ride in the school bus.

Smart exercise clothes might eventually send information to a doctor to let her know how your heart is working, or they could be treated with chemicals to kill bacteria that smells bad. If you wonder why someone would want their socks and shoes to kill bacteria, think of how an old pair of sneakers stinks.

Clothes designers already are making pants and shirts with special pockets to hold computers and cell phones. But even better than pockets are the

advances in technology, predictions are either overly general, soon obsolete or flat-out wrong. Doubt it? Consider those who expected another banner year for dot-coms in 2000.

So let us instead take the advice of futurists who say that the best way to forecast the future is to make it happen.

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Attainable, enjoyable computer resolutions

Make your 2001 experience a good one

By John Moran
The Hartford Courant

The new year is here - fresh as a midnight snowfall and refreshingly free of Y2K worries.

You might think this would be a good time to discuss what events will unfold this year in personal computing and on the Internet. But to paraphrase HAL, the rascable computer in "2001: A Space Odyssey," let me say: "I'm sorry, I'm afraid I can't do that."

Sure, speculation can be fun. But in a realm as fast-moving and unpredictable as technology, predictions are either overly general, soon obsolete or flat-out wrong. Doubt it? Consider those who expected another banner year for dot-coms in 2000.

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tle and try one of the hundreds of computer games on the market. From flight simulators to arcade games to traditional board games and card games, there's something to amuse anyone. Make this the year your PC gives you some fun.

Track your finances: Surveys consistently show that personal finance is one of the top reasons people own and use a personal computer - and with good reason. A computer can help you find out where your money goes, help you pay bills and help you track investments. If you're not using personal-finance software like Quicken or Microsoft Money, 2001 would be a good time to

Back up your data: You bet it's a chore, but making backup copies of your data is essential: if you use your computer for anything significant, the data stored there is more valuable than your car. And you wouldn't dream of leaving the car uninsured, would you? In fact, regular data backups are better than auto insurance because sooner or later, having backups will pay off.

Make music: Digital audio turned out to be the "killer" application of 2000, as millions of users flocked to software like Napster and Gnutella as a way to download their favorite songs. Whatever your taste in music, don't let 2001 go by without at least looking into how music mixes over the Internet.

Pay the piper: Could this be

the year you finally pay for what ever shrewdness may be residing on your hard drive? Any software is well worth the money. Send a check to the people who wrote the program that you downloaded for free.

Click it up a notch: You just can't have a better connection that's too fast. So consider upgrading your present link to one of today's broadband options, such as cable Internet or DSL. Yes, they're more costly than dial-up and subject to technical problems, but high-speed, always-on connections can give you a new perspective on personal computing.

Be germ-free: If you're not already using anti-virus software, get some. It's not very expensive, and it does a good job of protecting your computer from viruses that could erase your entire hard drive.

Welcome to the machine: 2001 could be a good year to discover what makes your personal computer tick. Community colleges and other venues are good places to learn the fascinating story of what's inside a PC and how those parts work together.

Hit the Net: The Internet offers vast amounts of information and literally thousands of free services. Regardless of how much computer experience you already have, look for something new on the Net that can make your life easier or more enjoyable. It's bound to be out there somewhere.

DOS programs can be transferred to Windows

By John J. Fried
The Philadelphia Inquirer

Q: I am running DOS programs in an ancient PC. Can these be transferred to Windows Millennium Edition?

A: Yes, but first get in touch with the vendors of your DOS programs. Windows versions may now be available.

If not, there are other options available to you, according to Microsoft.

When you are ready to install your DOS programs on your ME machine, click on "Start," then on "Run."

In the "Open" box, type "a:\setup.exe" or "a:\install.exe," depending on which command your DOS program uses to put itself on the hard drive. Do not include the quote marks. Click on OK.

Or, go to Start/Programs/Accessories and click on the "MS-DOS" prompt. That will take you to a DOS window.

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type "exit" without the quotes, and press "Enter."

You can run a DOS program by doing any one of the following: Open Windows Explorer, go to the program's folder, and click on its file.

Create a Windows desktop shortcut. Right-click on the file. From the pop-up menu choose "Create a Shortcut." Once it is created, drag it to the Desktop.

Work in DOS. Click on "Start," then on "Run." In the "Open" box, type "command" without the quotes, then click on "OK." When the DOS window opens, you can run it full screen by pressing the Alt and Enter keys simultaneously. Pressing the keys again returns you to a window.

For more tips on DOS programs, use Millennium's Search function. Use "DOS program," without the quotes, as a search term.

Q: How do you post a resume on the Internet? - walfrey

Many overseas Internet purchases are subject to U.S. customs charges

Knight Ridder News Service

MIAMI - Tea from China, CDs from Ghana, wine from Italy.

All are items that can be found and purchased on the Internet with relative ease. But what many Web surfers don't know is that many of those purchases are subject to U.S. duties and Customs charges.

Buying foreign goods online could also violate restrictions on the kinds of products that can enter U.S. borders. Depending on the severity of the violation, anything from fines to arrests could result from an online purchase that brings in a banned product.

"More and more people are shopping online, and we're trying to educate them about the rules and regulations," said Dan Boyd, a spokesman for the U.S. Customs Service in Washington, D.C.

That tea from China, for instance, could incur a 6 percent duty.

Those CDs from Ghana could involve copyright limitations. That wine from Italy could be restricted altogether. Customs laws are so numerous and intricate that one would be hard-pressed to find an item that isn't subject to some sort of rule.

Software gem might be silenced

By James Coates
Chicago Tribune

These are troubling times for those of us who use the Dragon Systems computer voice recognition software in our professional lives.

Lernout & Hauspie, the company that bought out Dragon Systems only recently, has filed for protection from its creditors under Chapter 11. Company representatives say they plan to continue the product line, but this is a time to consider making a purchase just in case.

If all that is at stake were this excellent product, it would be raking in cash rather than fretting about creditors. Dragon Systems has long stood out from the pack because it is very easy to operate and because the software geniuses at Dragon Systems get on to the point of the problem.

Each user creates a personal dictionary and vocabulary file as they continue to dictate their daily work product. The software learns each user's vocabulary and speech style, making it work better the longer one uses it.

And last, there is this: If you use a refilled cartridge in a printer still under warranty and something goes wrong, the printer's maker may well refuse to honor the guarantee.

One way to cut down on cartridge costs is to use the draft option that is offered by print utilities in many programs. And if you shop at discount stores, you can save a lot of money on cartridges.

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Don Popelje, Mary Inman, Bill Wilson, Idaho Chapter of the Oregon-California Trails Association president; Afton Patrick, past chapter president; Wally Meyer, chapter preservation officer; David Johnson and Peggy Cristobal mark a trail just east of Box Canyon. Association members say they mark the trails to preserve them.

Group aims to protect trails in Idaho

By Melissa Morgan
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Just call them watchdogs.

Members of the Idaho Chapter of the Oregon-California Trails Association, that is. The members say the association aims to protect and preserve the Oregon and California Trails throughout Idaho.

With about 128 members throughout Idaho, the nonprofit organization marks the historic trails, making sure they are not destroyed by parking lots or housing developments, members say. They also map the trails with Global Positioning Systems and the help of the U.S. Forest Service and U.S. Bureau of Land Management. Members also collect diaries of the pioneers who traveled the trails.

Local members are also hard at work. In September 1999, the organization, along with Jerome Historical Society members, helped protect north side alternate wagon wheel runs from a road a highway district had planned to build, said Idaho Chapter President Bill Wilson.

About the Oregon-California Trails Association

The Oregon-California Trails Association, founded in 1982, is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the preservation of the trans-Mississippi emigrant trails.

Source: Oregon-California Trails Association

How to Join

To join the Idaho Chapter of Oregon-California Trails Association, call Afton Patrick at 733-6897 or Virginia Roberts at 324-2917. You may also write to OCTA, P.O. Box 1019, Independence, Mo., 64851-0519 for a membership application. Dues are \$35 per person.

of Boise. The Oregon-California Trails Association members then marked the trail to further protect it.

"It's a great activity," said Afton Patrick of Twin Falls, past Idaho chapter president.

A previously unmarked Hudspeth cutoff during September.

Tours of the trails are held to reacquaint members with the routes. Most of people travel the old trails to "get back to their roots," Patrick said.

Members also check the trails often to make sure they have not been traveled by modern vehicle traffic.

Most of the state association members are retired and they want to start recruiting younger members.

Member Mary Inman of Twin Falls said she joined the group because it is related to her job and interests.

Throughout the year, Inman performs as "Grammy Maudie," a portrayal based on the writings of pioneers who traveled the trail.

She often performs at schools, as well as parks, conventions, clubs, educational groups and libraries to help teach people about the Oregon Trail. Inman said it is important to keep children interested in the historic trails.

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Jerome student goes to 4-H National Convention

By Dixie Thomas Reale
Times-News correspondent

JEROME - Kimberly Gardner has gone to the top as a 4-H member.

The Jerome High School senior attended the 4-H National Convention in Atlanta, Ga. from Nov. 23-28.

Gardner says she has been active in 4-H for nine years and has worked her way up through the 4-H ranks. She is a state 4-H officer, district representative, team leader in 4-H locally and an ambassador for her district. As ambassador, she visits schools from the Mini-Cassia area to Twin Falls to Gooding to Blaine County, promoting 4-H membership and activities, Gardner says.

Gardner also won the local and district "Make It with Wool" 4-H competition and took her winning jacket and skirt to state competition in Idaho Falls in late October where she took second place. While in Idaho Falls, she also attended an Idaho leaders forum.

Her parents, Terri and Jay Gardner, are both 4-H leaders.

Gardner was selected to go to nationals as a result of her extensive volunteer work. She volunteers locally in soup kitchens feeding the hungry. She also teaches clinics for younger 4-H members for the University of Idaho Extension Office.

Gardner also does a lot of promotional work recruiting new members into 4-H.

At the national convention, she attend-



Kimberly Gardner went to the national 4-H convention in Georgia in November, a trip she hoped for her community work.

ed classes and workshops aimed at expanding volunteer activities in the community.

The workshops were designed to give young people ideas about how to find other volunteer opportunities; involve others in volunteer work and get more active in the community, Gardner said.



Hageman drill team members are Samantha Brooks, Kristi Burgess, Sarah Comellison, Kim Holton, Tracy Holton, Faith Jay, Lynlee Jay, Soleste Kaneaster, Melinda Kiger, Lella Lent, Kimberly Lurtner, Kella Madrigales, Shelle Mavecamp, Melissa McPadden, Cassie Silder, Tracy Stuart, Heather Walls, Jodi Zollinger, McKenzie Mangum and Coach Dee Foster.

Hageman dancers strut their stuff after 20-year hiatus

By Sarah Skvar
Times-News correspondent

HAGERMAN - The last drill team to perform at Jerome High School was in 1980.

But a new group is stepping out.

Dee Foster, coordinator and coach of the revived team, is the community resource worker for the Hageman and Bliss grade schools. Active as a drill team member growing up in the American Falls area, she carried out the time to launch the fledgling team.

"I think a drill team gives kids a chance at something other than sports," she explained. "It's another choice of activity for them. It promotes school spirit and unity and gives these kids a way to earn some positive attention and a place to fit in."

The 19 members of the team, from sixth- to 12th-graders, perform at football and basketball games and other functions on request. Each girl makes a commitment to Foster and each other. Practices are an hour and a half, four times a week. Members cannot miss practices and must maintain their grades. A tutor is available if needed.

"If someone misses practice, it makes it really hard to work on the routine. You can't get your spacing right. We have to all agree to be there and work together," sixth-grader Sarah Comellison said.

Teammate Kaila Madrigales says that being on the drill team is an opportunity to form dance and people skills.

"I got so I wasn't so shy after the first couple times we performed," she said. "At first I was terrified. And I've learned how to get along with different people because we all work together. You each try to do your best and have fun."

"If I could have a positive role model impact on a girl's life it would be wonderful," Foster said. "The team can be a very positive experience and those benefits aren't just about the routines and performing."

Team members have a standard of behavior relating to their relationships with each other and the public, such as no negative or vulgar comments.

Foster created a repertoire of routines and had to teach many novice dancers basic moves.

"We are starting at ground zero," she acknowledged. "But that's okay. Most of these girls haven't had any dance training and we're getting everyone up to speed. I think down the road we'll have a team that's ready to enter some of the district and state drill team competitions."

The team has raised the money for their outfits and have had school support for their travel to games. It is an all-female group at this point, but Foster said she hopes boys will become interested enough to join. Citing examples from collegiate teams.

"The team effort teaches everyone some important lessons," Foster said. "Everyone is important in a drill group. Move talent or more dance experience doesn't mean they're better. Everyone has to support each other and be there to make it work."

Cancer survivor receives gift of music

By Loraine Cavener
Times-News correspondent

RUPERT - Emotion filled the room when a Relay For Life team presented a cancer survivor with a gift of music.

Erin Atkins, 20, of Burley received a keyboard from the Project Mutual Telephone team. The Rupert team had chosen her to receive the prize it had earned from raising \$6,000 for the 2000 American Cancer Society event.

"I was really excited, I couldn't believe they gave away their prize," Atkins said.

But Jason Gibbons, the Project Mutual team captain, said so many people supported the team that they wanted to give something back.

"In some small way, we are hoping to have an affect," Gibbons said.

Atkins was five weeks into her first year of college at Utah

State when two days before her 18th birthday she was diagnosed with Hodgkin's lymphoma after a lump was found above her collarbone.

"They could have pushed us over with a teacher," said Bill Atkins.

Atkins' father. "This just happens to other people."



Cancer survivor Erin Atkins receives a keyboard from Jason Gibbons, who is captain of the Project Mutual Telephone Relay for Life team. The team members said they wanted to reach out to a cancer survivor.

Atkins went through a round of the usual cancer treatments - surgery, chemotherapy and radiation and was said to be in remission. But 364 days after her original diagnosis, cancer returned.

She was treated again. This time, she received a stem cell transplant in addition to the other treatments.

"She was in ICU five days," her father said. "We almost lost her."

But now, Atkins is back in school, taking a couple classes at the College of Southern Idaho and working at a scrapbook store in Burley.

Though her experience with cancer is not one she hopes to relive, she does have some good memories, such as receiving the piano from the Project Mutual team.

She had played the flute in band since sixth-grade and considered a keyboard a prize indeed, she said.

"They have found the real meaning of what the Relay is - survivors," event organizer Tracy Haskins said about the team's gift.

"It's not about money or patting ourselves on the back."

Atkins had planned to follow in her father's footsteps and become a teacher, but her experience with cancer changed that.

"Since my illness I've decided to take nursing so I can help people like the nurses I had who helped me," she said.

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Jackpot students plan trip to Minneapolis

By Sam Feitman
Times-News correspondent

JACKPOT, Nev. - Four Jackpot High School students active in Family, Career and Community Leaders of America headed to Minneapolis to get an edge up on the state competition that will be held in Mesquite, Nev. next spring.

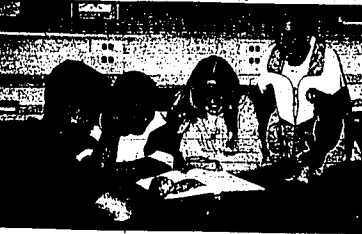
"I think I have the best FCCLA group yet. I have had outstanding individual members (in the past), but as a group this is the best," Deanna Rodriguez, FCCLA adviser, said of the club, which has about 20 members.

The trip to Minneapolis on Nov. 17 was open to all members, but each student had to pay part of their own expenses. Several students were also in basketball and the trip interfered with practices so they didn't go.

The students who could go held fundraisers. They sponsored a haunted house and sold cinnamon rolls and ice cream floats to help defray costs.

The FCCLA convention was filled with three days of activities, including motivational speakers and meetings focused on national programs and leadership development.

"The trip was also the first time flying for Gonzalez and Cullen, who were excited to



FCCLA members Tyler Gibson, Micky Shell and Rick Cullen plan their trip to a competition in Minneapolis, Minn.

the prospect.

The skills the Jackpot students learned in Minneapolis will be shared with all the FCCLA members back home in preparation for the Mesquite competition. And then, students hope some of them will go on to the national competition being held in Anaheim, Calif.

The students who attended the Minneapolis convention are Micky Shell, Tyler Gibson, Rick Cullen and Micky Shell. Gonzalez is the only senior and the

other three are freshmen. He has been a member of FCCLA three of his five years of high school.

I have gotten to meet a lot of people," Gonzalez said.

From his first competition, they earned a bronze award.

It is a program to unite your chapter and to give you a sense that it is not just you, but a whole lot of other people as well," Gonzalez said. Everyone competes and freshmen can go on to nationals as well as seniors.

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TWIN FALLS AREA COMMUNITY

Students put new spin on old art

By Heather Abel
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — English teacher Ibrahimia Faye and art teacher Crystal Brower joined to teach their Magic Valley High School classes the art of oil on glass painting.

"I saw Mr. Faye's talent and I said, 'We've got to team teach this,'" Brower said.

Oil on glass painting originated in West Africa in the 18th century. Faye says the art "portrays things as they are."

The results were shown at a Nov. 17 reception for the student art, which was exhibited in the hallway by the office.

"They did great. They were quite excited about it," Faye said. "I was impressed that they learned so fast. It was a great experience for me and for them."

After the students finished painting, Faye asked them to write about the experience. "I thought it was really fun," student Lora Lockwood says. "I've never done this before. It's something I've never seen before I came here."

Brower says the students really enjoyed the experience and she hopes to keep teaching the oil on glass painting in the future.



Lora Lockwood, a senior at Magic Valley High School, shows her oil on glass painting, titled, 'The Hermit.'

SENIOR CALENDAR

Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center 616 Eastland Drive Dinner served from noon to 12:30 p.m. Suggested donation is \$3 for seniors. The cost is \$4 for non-seniors under 60 and \$2.50 for children under 12. Tuesday: Sweet and sour meat balls, fried rice, fruit salad, cinnamon rolls Wednesday: Hawaiian chicken, au gratin potatoes, peas and onions, cottage cheese w/ fruit, roll, cobble Thursday: Pork chops, potatoes, gravy, carrots, tossed salad, rolls, fruit dessert Friday: Fish or chicken, scalloped potatoes, mixed vegetables, cole slaw, muffin, pie Saturday: Pancake breakfast Monday: Fried chicken, potatoes, gravy, California mixed vegetables, Jell-O salad, rolls, cake Activities Library, Pool Room, and Bargain Center with cards; games, color television, puzzles and movies. Open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday Blood pressure from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Wednesday Quilting 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Thursday Pinchle at 1 p.m. Friday Blood pressure from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Lunch bingo Quilting Saturday Pancake breakfast from 8-11 a.m. Monday Quilting from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.	West End Senior Citizens Inc. 1010 Main St., Buhl Noon meals served Monday through Friday. Buffet meal at 1 p.m. on Sunday. Evening meals served at 5:30 p.m. Monday and Thursday. Suggested donations for meals is weekdays \$2.50, Saturdays \$3.50, non-seniors \$4.25 and children under 12 years old \$2.50. Meals can be delivered Monday through Friday. Call 543-4577 for more information. Free bus service to and from meals is available Monday evenings, Tuesday at noon and Thursday noon and evening. Please call 543-4577 by 10 a.m. to arrange a ride. Coffee and cinnamon rolls each morning at the Center, everyone is welcome. Tuesday: Meat loaf potatoes, gravy, carrots, salad, rolls Wednesday: Croissant sandwiches, macaroni salad, carrot sticks, green beans, fruit Thursday: Barbecue beef, beets, green salad, au gratin potatoes, peaches, cookies Friday: Fish, fries, cole slaw, cornbread, Jell-O Monday: Spaghetti, meat sauce, three bean salad, tossed salad, buns, vanilla pudding Activities Thrift shop open every day. Tuesday Quilting 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday Exercises from 7-8 a.m. Thursday Treasure Tuesday Wednesday Exercises from 7-8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Thursday Exercises from 7-8 a.m.	Foot clinic, make appointment Foot clinic from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Bingo from 1-3 p.m. Smorgasbord at 5:30 p.m., Friday Exercises from 7-8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Sunday Roast beef buffet at 1 p.m. Monday Exercises from 7-8 a.m. Filer Senior Haven 222 Main St., Filer Dinners served at noon on Tuesday and Thursday and at 6 p.m. on Friday. Suggested donation is \$2.50 for seniors. Home delivered meals available each meal time. Tuesday: Vegetable beef soup Thursday: Hot turkey sandwich
Agelless Senior Citizens Inc. 310 Main N., Kimberly Wednesday: Chicken party, parselled potatoes, spinach, tossed salad, butter, apple cobble, coffee, milk Friday: Meat loaf potatoes au gratin, mixed vegetables, relish dish, bread and butter, pudding, coffee, milk Monday: Cheesy tuna wrap, green beans, cole slaw, peas, cookie, coffee, milk Activities Wednesday Blood pressure check Thursday Crafts at 1 p.m. Friday Bingo at 11:55 a.m. Pinchle at 1 p.m. Sunday Sunday dinner from 12-2 p.m.; \$5 for adults, \$2.50 for children under 12		

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Kimberly City Library holds quilt show

KIMBERLY — A quilt show will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. starting Thursday at the Kimberly City Library, 120 Madison West.

The quilts will be on display until Jan. 22.

For more information, call Janice Luff at 423-2335 or Helen McCord at the city library at 423-4556.

Hagerman Valley Museum calls for pictures, artifacts

HAGERMAN — The Hagerman Valley Museum at 100 S. State St. in Hagerman is in need of pictures, artifacts and information of historical interest relevant to the Hagerman Valley and surrounding communities.

For more information, call Ann Bowler at 837-6231.

The Historical Society also operates the Hagerman Valley Museum. The museum is closed until April 1, but may be visited by appointment.

For more information or to schedule a tour, call Ann Bowler at 837-6231 or Florence Mary

College of Southern Idaho offers strength training

BUHL — The College of Southern Idaho will offer a strength training class in Buhl for women between 6:30-7 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from Jan. 22 to May 11 at Buhl High School.

In "Ladies Weightlifting on the West Side," students will meet in a hands-on environment to work on exercises designed to improve muscle tone. Instructor Gary Krumm will train students using a tailored program that includes circuit training with free weights and machines.

The class costs \$100.

For more information or to register, call 793-9554, Ext. 2288.

Gooding seniors serve breakfast Saturday

GOODING — The Gooding Senior Citizens will serve breakfast from 7:30-10:30 a.m. Saturday at the senior center at 308 Senior Ave. in Gooding.

The menu will include eggs,

sausage, pancakes, biscuits and gravy, juice and coffee. The cost is \$2.50 per person and the public is invited.

The Gooding seniors also play bingo at 6:30 p.m. every Friday at the senior center.

Eastern Star members hold official visitation

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Chapter 29, Order of the Eastern Star will have the official visitation of Worthy Grand Matron Mary Hanson of Horseshoe Bend and Worthy Grand Patron Jack Sage of Pocatello at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Masonic Temple at 883 Blue Lakes Boulevard N. in Twin Falls.

The School of Instruction will begin at 10 a.m. at the Masonic Temple. A lunch, prepared by Job's Daughters Bethel 43 as an honored guest project, will be served at noon.

Reservations for the \$5 lunch are taken by Willa Rider, secretary.

Members are encouraged to bring canned food items for a food drive.

MEET STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



Students of the week for the first quarter at Robert Stuart Junior High in Twin Falls were, from left, front: Edin Gonzalez, Alex Calvert, Deyanira Doris and Rosa Heltun; middle: Lexie Scanlon, Amy Ash, Kayla Barth, Andrea Tomlinson and Nicole Ridgeway; back: Alex Bowyer, Kody Hawes, Javier Romero and Beau Hunt-Barker.

FOCUS ON PEOPLE

Twin Falls School District honors employees

Twin Falls School District named Kristi Feric as the December-certified employee of the month.

Feric is a first-grade teacher at Lincoln Elementary School. Feric names her parents as her inspiration, raising her two daughters and her greatest accomplishment and enjoying teaching children to read as the reason she is in this field of work. Her hometown is Filer.

Tracy Underwood is the classified employee for December. She is a Title I employee and her hometown is Tully, N.Y. Underwood says her inspiration is the Lincoln Elementary staff members, her greatest accomplishment is her daughters and her reason for working in this field is her love of working with children.

Great Basin College names Millennium scholars

Great Basin College in Elko, Nev. held a luncheon for its Millennium Scholars.

About 34 students were attended. Students were presented with a certificate and a small gift from the college. Presently, Great Basin College has 101 millennium scholars enrolled.

The Millennium Scholarship Trust Fund was created in 1999 by Gov. Kenny Guinn. Nevada high school students graduating with a 3.0 grade-point average or better starting with the Class of 2000 are eligible for up to \$10,000 to attend one of a Nevada college or university. Statewide, 7,185 Nevada high school students have received a Millennium Scholarship.

Millennium scholars include:

- Associate of Science
Tiana Acorda, Leah M. Cordell, Joshua Carroll, Jeremy D. Crew, Jolita Flores, Ailcia Griffith, Hilary Hays, Matthew Hicks, Veronica C. Martin, John P. Milligan, Jennifer Moore, Rebekah Moss, Kristal Oppenheim, Nicholas B. Pay, Korry A. Rushton, Ana N. Stenson, Cameron Smith, Ray T. Smith, and Jodi L. Wright
- Associate of Applied Science - Business Administration
Stephanie Dolphin, Johnny Manzonie, Gilbert Nevarez, Garrett Tucker and Rick A. York
- Associate of Applied Science - Computer Information Systems
Johnny Manzonie, Nelson D. Pearson, Cory D. Wright, Bryce C. Armstrong-Nelson and Drew R. Wherry
- Associate of Applied Science - Criminal Justice
Maria Gaeta and Michael Slemp
- Associate of Applied Science - Diesel Technology
Onis Jay Gubler, Robert Jess and Austin Senecal
- Associate of Applied Science - Early Childhood Education
Lacey J. David, Helene DeShane and Tawsha Robinson
- Associate of Applied Science - Electrical Technology
Dustin Bean, Randy E. Burgess, Aaron Haviland and Jaime R. Quintero
- Associate of Applied Science - Registered Nursing
Cody L. Andrews, Melanie Barnhurst, Colleen Bengon, Jennifer Boyer, Nicole Enochson, Tiffany A. Fogle, Pamela Fly, Jennifer Hernandez, Traci McClendon, Nicolette M. Molendorf and Kinzie Owens
- Associate of Applied Science -

Welding Technology

- Douglas Peterson
- Associate of Arts
Perla A. Aguilar, Rebecca R. Bennett, Bailey Ellington, Derek J. Burwell, Jessica R. Carner, Jason D. Checketts, Andrew Crouch, Craig Cunningham, Trisha Dillenburger, Lacey D. Dolney, Matthew P. Donovan, April Duncan, Jessica M. Giebel, Jon L. Gift, Tim Hendrix, Amanda House, Shantelena Jund, Kristen K. Lakeman, Van K. LeFevre, Jodi Leyba, Joseph Merkle, Sarah E. Phillips, Brian R. Santistevan, Benjamin Sclacci, Sonny Williams, Holly Wines and Richard T. Wright
- Associate of General Studies
Jason Boyce, Chris A. Carter, Gina Micheli, Jennifer Nixon and Tyler Watson
- Bachelor of Arts - Elementary Education
Teresa Berish, Kristen Brooks, Maria H. Cabada, Melissa Cadwell, Sofia Paxton, Irene M. Petersen, Kati J. Robertson, Natasha Tschanz and Tyson Zacharias
- Business Certificate - Business Administration
Tara M. Stoker
- One-Year Certificate - Electrical Technology
Joseph R. Walker
- One-Year Certificate - General Secretarial
Jessica M. Myers and Imelda Quijido
- Undecided
Laura Herley, William J. Lyle and Heidi Stroeb.

The Millennium scholars will attend classes on Elko, Ely, Winnemucca and Battle Mountain campuses.

Kimberly announces new books

KIMBERLY — Recent additions to the Kimberly Library include: "The Path of Daggers" and "Winter's Heart" by Robert Jordan, "My Fair Lord" by Julie Beard, "The Legend Makers" by Catherine Lanigan, "With This Ring" by Amanda Quicks, "Silver Wing" by Cassie Edwards, "Lark-Dead" by Stuart Woods, "Perish-True" by Stuart Parker; "Dune: House Harkonnen" by Brian Herbert and Kevin J. Anderson, "Merrick: A Novel" by Anne Rice, "Prodigal Summer: A Novel" by Barbara Kingsolver, "Deck the Halls" by Mary and Carol Higgins Clark, "Temptation" by Jude Deveraux, "Journey" by Danielle Steel, "Home for the Holidays" by Johanna Lindsey, "The Last Precinct" by Patricia Conwell and "Murder on the Yukon Quest: An Alaskan Mystery" by Sue Henry; adult fiction, "The Mark: The Last Rules the World" by Tim LaHaye, and

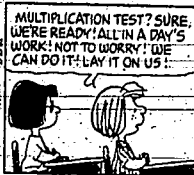
Jerry B. Jenkins, "A Family in the Making" by Marcy Froemke, "Silver Moon: A Novel" and "Evening Star: A Novel" by Signurd Browner, "Ghost Writer: A Novel" by Rene Gutteridge, "An Ancient Strife" by Michael Phillips, "Sisters of the Confederacy" by Lauraine Snelling, "Driven with the Wind" by Lynn and Gilbert Morris and "When Far Hills Bloom" by Diane Noble.

Adult non-fiction, "On Writing: A Memoir of the Craft" by Stephen King, "J.R. Simplot: A Billion the Hard Way" and "The Holocaust Chronicle: A History in Words and Pictures" by Publications International LTD, "Eleanor of Aquitaine: A Life" by Alison Weir, "A Reporter's Life" by Walter Cronkite, "Reader's Digest Complete Book of Embroidery" by Melinda Coss, "The Jazz Age: The 20s" by Time Life Editors and "2001 Taste of Home Annual Recipes" by Taste of Home Books.

Juvenile fiction, "Rainbow Fish and the Big Blue Whale" by Marcus Pfister, "The Spyglass" by Richard Paul Evans, "A Child's Christmas at St. Nicholas Circle" by Thomas Kinkadee, "The Gift" by Max Lucado, "The Legend of the Candy Cane" by Lori Walburg, "Kit's Surprise: A Christmas Story" and "Kit Learns a Lesson: A School Story" and "Meet Kit: An American Girl" by Valeriy Tripp, "My Life as a Blundering Ballerina" and "My Life as a Screaming Skydive" by "The Grave" by James Heneghan, "Clifford's Thanksgiving Visit" by Norman Bridwell, "A Cool Miner's Bride: The Dairy of Amelia Kamniks" by Susan Campbell Bartoletti, "My Secret War: The World War II Diary of Madeline Bink" and "Dingos at Dinnertime" and "Tigers at Twilight" by Mary Pope Osborne and "Uniti Angels: My Eyes" by Larlene McDaniell.

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Classic Peanuts



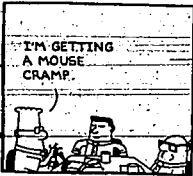
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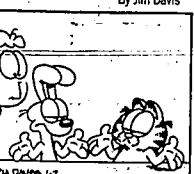
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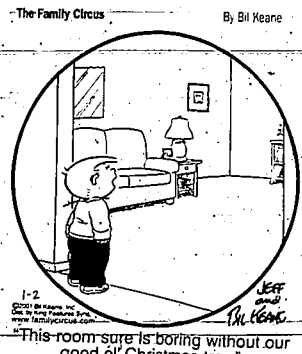
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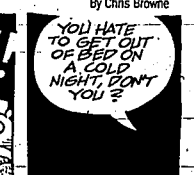
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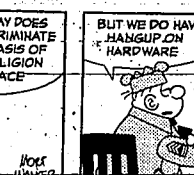
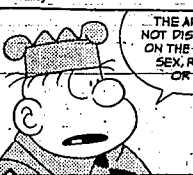
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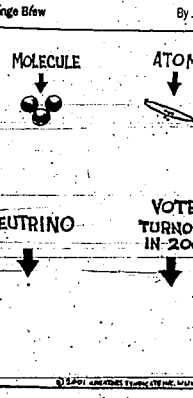
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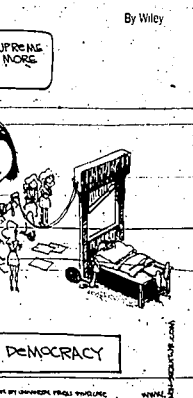
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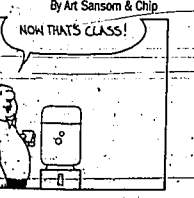
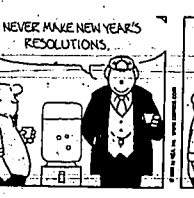
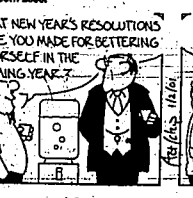
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NATION

Partners Program bridges cultural differences among students

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MULLICA HILL, N.J. — The room was a whirlwind of worlds colliding. While some students threw cautious sideways glances, some of the boys throw playful punches. A number of girls, meanwhile, giggled as they linked arms — already girlfriends for life.

The sixth-grade swirl consisted of 15 students, many of them

black, from the Academy for the Middle Years, a Philadelphia public school, and 20 students, most of them white, from the Friends School of Mullica Hill, N.J.

Both schools are participants in the Partners Program, a University of Pennsylvania initiative that aims to foster relationships between students from suburban and urban schools through field trips, school visits

and letter writing. "The program is very much about both groups learning about each other," said Linda Hansell, executive director and founder of Partners, which started in 1990.

"It's a way to bridge cultural differences in order to learn to feel comfortable with each other."

The day's activities touched on the Friends School's Quaker roots. The students spent several

minutes in the meetinghouse pews, encouraged to sit quietly or speak to the group as a whole, as is typical in Quaker services.

"When you get kids to talk about their differences, they're more relaxed about it," said Peter Manzelmann, the middle school principal at Mullica Hill, which started with the program in 1993.

After sitting for 10 minutes of silence, the students exploded

into chatter as soon as they stepped outside. Many found that they had common interests with pen pals whom they had begun writing once a month at the beginning of the school year.

Through notes about sports and music, John Del Rossi, 11, of Mullica Hill, and Brian Horsey, 11, of the Academy, have become the type of friends who complete each other's sentences.

"It's fun to interact with someone from a different school, a different environment," John says.

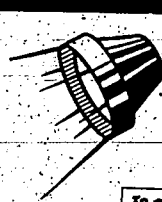
"And we still have a lot in common," Brian chimed in.

The similarities extend beyond hobbies and favorite movies. Swapping notebook pages filled with stories about annoying sisters is typical for Katie Corbin, 12, and Gwen LaMastro, 11, both of Mullica Hill, and Christina Williams, 11, of the Academy.

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Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2001

THE ACES ON BRIDGE

Bobby Wolff

"True disputants are like true sportsmen: their whole delight is in the pursuit."
- Alexander Pope

"I could have found two other leads to beat it," apologized West after South claimed luxury's slam. "No so fast," countered South. "I think I can get home against any lead."

When West tabled the club ace, he was little to the play. South claimed quickly, leaving plenty of time for the post-mortem.

"I get you if I underlead the club ace," offered West. "Surely you would duck to East's queen."

"So what?" replied South. "I can still ruff out your ace, using spade en route to dummy. Then I get a heart discard and dummy's club queen will be your only trick."

"OK," countered West. "Then I will lead a heart. That will get you for sure."

"Better make that the heart king," warned South. "Even then, it's not clear you will prevail."

Who gets the better of this exchange? South's chances are at least 50-50 against a heart lead. If West leads a low heart, South will duck to East's jack, and East must consult with the heavens to

know the right black-suit shift-offer. If he returns the club suit, then he will disappear after dummy's hearts are established.

Against the "impossible" lead of the heart king, South wins the trick. Again, East has a problem. Is South falsecarding with the 10, or is West signaling suit preference with the heart deuce?

True disputants are like true sportsmen...

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