


GOOD MORNING

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 Today: Patchy morning fog, then mostly sunny. High, 36. Low, 22.
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Lining up the issues



Lorenzo Acosta, left, and Daniel Sanchez get cows ready for milking at the SE-Elfen Dairy in Jerome Friday afternoon. The 2001 legislative session opens Monday, and legislators are anticipating the dairy issue to be in the limelight once again.

Dairies loom large for local lawmakers as session nears

By Michael Journe
Times-News writer

BOISE - They've all just been talking.

"Lots of ideas are circulating about options for dealing with the stink surrounding dairies. But they're all just ideas - no one's really sure what will, or even what can, be done about the odor issue."

"No one can tell you at this point," said Lewis Eilers, execu-

tive director of the Idaho Dairyman's Association, who is preparing for the debate to be part of the legislative session that starts Monday.

Recent comments by lawmakers bear out Eilers' assessment. They are demonstrating a resolve to deal with the situation before public opinion turns against them, like it nearly did for one

A look at the issues and the lawmakers - A9

Twin Falls County commissioner in November 2000.

The close race between incumbent Gary Grindstaf and longtime environmental activist Bill Chisholm seems to have gotten the attention of local lawmakers. Using the uproar over odors from neighbors of a large western Twin

Falls County dairy, Chisholm turned out a solid showing against the longtime Republican Grindstaf, of Buhl, lost many precincts but won reelection.

"My stance is that the interest in the issue is broader and deeper than it was one or two years ago," Sen. Laird-Noh, R-Kimberly, chairman of the Senate Resources and Conservation

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English town held 'Dr. Death' in high regard

Audit suggests doctor might have killed hundreds of patients

The Associated Press

HYDE, England - Bertha Moss couldn't say enough good things about her doctor. Neither could her family, even after the 68-year-old widow died suddenly - and unexpectedly - during a routine visit to Dr. Harold Shipman's office.

Her seven children even added a line to their mother's death notice, reading, "Special thanks to the family doctor for his care and attention."

Now Moss's children cringe at the memory, as they - and hundreds of other families in this small town near Manchester - confront the horrifying possibility that Shipman systematically killed hundreds of his patients throughout his 24-year medical career.

Shipman is already serving 15 life sentences, convicted last February of killing 15 former patients by administering lethal doses of heroin.

"A government audit of Shipman's practice, released Friday, suggested that the father

of four may have killed as many as 300 former patients. For the children of Bertha Moss, the possibility that their mother was a victim of the notorious serial killer fills them with rage.



Sisters Sal Freeman, right, and Jude Lang hold photos of their mother Margaret Waldron in Manchester, England, Saturday. Their mother died two days after visiting Dr. Harold Shipman's office.

head in disgust.

Until his 1998 arrest, Shipman was an "esteemed" figure in this community of 20 people. His one-man practice, located prominently on Hyde's main street, boasted a huge waiting list.

"He always had time for you," said Sal Freeman, who was one of Shipman's patients, and whose mother's death is listed as suspicious.

"If you had an appointment with him, you were always kept waiting. But it was OK, because you knew that when it was your turn, he'd spend extra time with you."

Now all traces of Shipman's connection to his former practice on Market Street have been scrubbed away. The building has no marker of any kind, nothing to indicate that it is still a working medical practice. The doctor selected to replace Shipman is planning to move to a new site.

While Shipman languishes in jail with no possibility of release, the relatives of his suspected victims - those not among the 15 he was convicted of killing - are fighting for some sense of closure and peace.

Prosecutors have essentially ruled out bringing Shipman back

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Prison officials blast media over leaked memo

Reward doubles for Texas fugitives

The Associated Press

DALLAS - Officials doubled the reward to \$200,000 Saturday for the arrest and indictment of seven fugitives still on the run from a Texas prison. They also said a leaked memo detailing the escape had been misconstrued and that supervisors had never left the inmates alone.

Part of the memo describing an inmate "picnic" during the lunch hour that preceded the Dec. 13 escape was inaccurately reported by the media," said Glen Castlebury, a spokesman for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

According to the memo, six inmates working in the maintenance department of the medium-security Connally Unit told their civilian supervisors they weren't going to the inmate dining room but planned to eat in the maintenance area.

Castlebury said media reports indicated the inmates were left alone when the supervisors left for their own lunch, when in fact a maintenance supervisor had stayed in the room.

"It wasn't like everybody walked away and said 'OK, inmates, take over,'" Castlebury said.

A seventh inmate probably joined the others after the supervisors left, the memo said.

Castlebury said the inmates overpowered the remaining supervisor, then took the 10 civilian workers and a guard hostage

one at a time when they returned from lunch, Castlebury said.

He said a report on the investigation of the escape would be released around the middle of the week.

"The memo was written and destined to stay in the hands of people involved in the hunt for the fugitives," he said. "I have no idea how it went from one set of hands to the other."

The memo was disclosed Friday by KHOU-TV of Houston, which did not say how it obtained the document.

Caution factors in plans for surplus

Governor lays out economic blueprint on Wednesday

By Bob Fick
The Associated Press

BOISE - Concern about a possible national recession and memories of the near-depression in the mid-1980s have left Gov. Dirk Kempthorne and many lawmakers more than a little cautious about the state's future economic course.

And that concern is about to spill over into the debate over how to dispose of an unprecedented surplus that will exceed \$300 million.

Advocates of a huge permanent tax cut are beginning to be challenged by proponents of a smaller permanent change combined with one-time tax rebates. They want to keep the tax structure essentially intact so that - should the economy go south - the state would not face the kind of a major tax hike it enacted in 1987 at the end of those economically dark times.

"You've got every indication that if we're not going into a recession, we're going into a significant slow-down," House Speaker Bruce Newcomb said. "We need to be careful about tax cuts; what portion is ongoing and what portion is one-time."

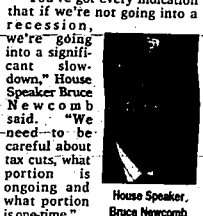
The initial flash point comes on Wednesday when Kempthorne lays out his economic blueprint. Always a focal point of the annual legislative session, the budget message this year takes on even greater importance.

A year ago, Kempthorne ceded most budgeting decisions to lawmakers when he failed to offer an acceptable plan for a modest \$54 million surplus. Now many legislators believe the governor's new tax cutting and spending initiatives must quickly claim support from a clear majority of Republicans if he is to regain any influence on the policies set this winter.

And he knows it.

"I've included people throughout the summer, legislators and other groups, mindful that you can't lay it all out," Kempthorne said in a recent interview. "But I've been getting input."

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House Speaker Bruce Newcomb

Governors meet with Bush - A7

Bush's use of 'R' word irks Clinton staff

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - An irked Clinton White House accuses George W. Bush of running the risk of talking the country into a recession by poormouthing the state of the economy at every opportunity. But private economists say he simply may be trying to avoid one of his father's biggest mistakes - appearing indifferent as economic misery rises.

In any event, they are skeptical of the outgoing administration's claim that all the warnings of a downturn from Bush could cause one.

Economic troubles, from slumping sales to plunging stock values, were major topics during

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FORECAST FOR MAGIC VALLEY

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Idaho Extremes
 Yesterday: High 38°
 Roundup: Low 7°
 West Yellowstone: High 22°
 Missoula 32/11

Temperature
 High/Low: 38°/11°
 Normal High/Low: 24°/18°
 Record High/Low: 79°/18°

Precipitation
 No record during the year
 Month to date: 0.0
 Year to date: 0.0
 Normal year to date: 0.0

Humidity
 Maximum at 10:00 a.m.: 60%
 Barometric Pressure: 30.18 in.
 University at 8:00 a.m.: 30.18 in.

Pollen year in Twin Falls
 Grass: Absent
 Weeds: Absent
 Trees: Absent

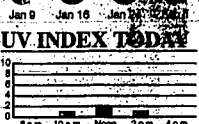
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FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR TWIN FALLS

TODAY	TONIGHT	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
Patchy fog early; mostly sunny	Clear to partly cloudy	Becoming cloudy; snow possible	Snow possible; early mostly cloudy	Snow possible; early mostly cloudy	Mostly cloudy
▲ 36°	▼ 22°	▲ 36° ▼ 26°	▲ 38° ▼ 30°		

NATIONAL EXTREMES

High 60° in McAllen, TX
 Low -13° in Bridgeport, CA



CANADIAN CITIES

City	Today	High	Low
Calgary	36-16	31	20
Edmonton	38-18	33	23
Winnipeg	38-18	33	23
Vancouver	37-17	32	22
Victoria	61-43	48	36
Winnipeg	19-5	11	0

WORLD CITIES

City	Today	High	Low
Athens	62-51	63	53
Bangkok	92-73	94	75
Buenos Aires	64-50	65	49
London	40-32	41	30
Moscow	32-24	31	23
Paris	40-32	41	30
Stockholm	44-31	45	28
Zurich	59-50	51	42

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Mon.
Boise	33 24	33 24
Bonanza Ferry	33 24	33 24
Burley	36 19	36 23
Chamberlain	34 25	34 29
Elgin	34 25	34 30
Eugene, OR	48 40	50 38
Hagerman	38 19	38 23
Idaho Falls	33 24	33 28
Kalispell, MT	38 21	38 25
Lewiston	38 29	38 42
Malden	37 28	37 41
Malta	36 16	36 20

NATIONAL WEATHER

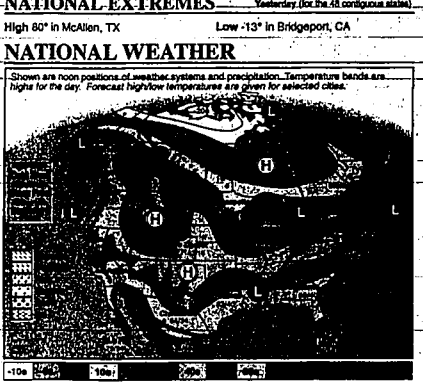
Southern Idaho: A few valley spots will start this morning with low clouds or fog; otherwise, mostly sunny today. Clear to partly cloudy in the east tonight, while clouds increase across the west.

Boise: Patchy fog early; otherwise, sunny to partly cloudy today. Becoming cloudy tonight. Periods of snow, ice and rain are likely late tonight and tomorrow.

Northern Nevada: Increasing clouds in the west today with rain and snow possible late. Sunny to partly cloudy in the east. Snow, ice and rain at times in the west tonight, perhaps reaching the east late.

Northern Utah: Some low clouds and fog around the Salt Lake City area; otherwise, plenty of sunshine across northern Utah today. Clear to partly cloudy tonight with areas of valley low clouds and fog.

Northern Idaho: Some fog or low clouds in valley spots this morning; otherwise, sunny to partly cloudy today. Becoming cloudy tonight with rain, snow and ice developing and continuing tomorrow.



Shown are non-positioned weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highlights for the day. Forecast high/low temperatures are given for selected cities.

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Mon.
Atlanta	74-58	75-59
Baltimore	38-22	47-29
Boston	38-27	35-27
Chicago	32-23	28-21
Denver	47-31	48-35
Detroit	33-23	33-21
Houston	62-40	61-31
Los Angeles	67-53	62-49
New York	40-30	36-26
Philadelphia	43-32	41-29
Portland, ME	36-18	31-23
San Francisco	58-39	58-39
Seattle	52-42	51-40
Washington, DC	44-32	43-31

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Dairies

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 Committee, said at a meeting Wednesday with local residents and members of Twin Falls County's Farm Bureau.

"We've discussed some ideas, and I've seen some proposals from other legislators that I probably shouldn't share at this point. I think we probably all have ideas on some strengthening, but until I sit down with some other legislators to discuss the issue, who knows what we're going to do."

Several other local lawmakers have made similar statements.

Perhaps the most perplexing obstacle for any new proposals is just exactly how to measure how badly something smells—or odor can be very subjective thing.

Other questions face legislators:

- If new regulations are needed, what form should they take? Should they be interagency rules or new laws?
- Which agency should take charge—the Department of Agriculture, the watchdog of the dairy industry, or the Department of Environmental Quality, which keeps an eye on virtually every other sector of the state's agriculture?

There is enough unenforced regulation on the books already to deal with the problem?

Many say the Department of Agriculture has done a poor job of regulating the industry, creating regulatory confusion.

Proposals Eilers has heard about, but not seen in writing, include simply giving the Department of Ag more enforcement authority, or banning flush system dairies—a system where waste is washed into a lagoon where it decomposes. This

process generates odors, including hydrogen sulfide, which don't smell like manure, but more like a city sewage plant.

Eilers, who also doubles as a lobbyist for the dairymen, hopes to present legislation empowering the Department of Agriculture to develop criteria for an odor management plan and standards for dairy construction that will control odor. But, he said, such criteria will take at least a year to develop.

"We're not in a hurry," Eilers said. "Nobody can tell you at this point because nobody knows. Well, let's develop them."

For Eilers, the stink over dairy odors is just the most recent part of an ongoing effort to hem in dairies.

"You've got a bunch of activists driving the issue," Eilers said. "Their first target was how the industry affects water quality. Then it was what it does with land-applied wastes. Now it's smell," Eilers said.

The current odor debate, for those other than neighbors of offensive dairies, is simply a segue into doing away with large animal operations, Eilers said.

"They want everyone to run intensive operations," he said.

Whatever happens this session, Eilers said it is important that there be state standards regulating the industry rather than the state's 44 counties drawing up regulations on their own.

Observers note that 41 different sets of procedures to keep up with—it'd be impossible," Eilers said.

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How a bill becomes a law

A bill is a proposal to enact, amend or repeal of an existing law, or spend public money.

A bill may originate in the House of Representatives or the Senate, with the exception of revenue measures, which originate in the House. It must be passed by a majority vote of each chamber and be signed into law by the governor.

- 1. Introducing a bill**
 A bill may be introduced by a member of a group of members or a standing committee.
 After the 20th day of the session in the House and the 12th day in the Senate, bills may be introduced by committee. After the 30th day in the House and the 15th day in the Senate, bills may be introduced by individual members or by standing committees in the House; State Affairs, Appropriations, Education, Revenue and Taxation, and Welfare; Means Committee; in the Senate, State Affairs, Finance, and Judiciary and Rules.
- 2. Printing a bill**
 Before a bill is assigned a number, it is sent to the appropriate committee for initial review. Bill sponsors present their case for the need to debate the legislation. The committee votes whether or not to "print" the bill.
- 3. Committee consideration**
 After the bill is printed, it is referred back to the appropriate committee, which conducts a study of all information that can help it determine the scope and effect of the proposed law. Studies may include research, hearings, expert testimony, and statements of interested parties.
 The committee, by a simple majority vote, can send the bill to the floor with a recommendation to pass it. Bills are seldom referred from committee with this recommendation; sent to the floor to be amended; withdrawn; or with the privilege of introducing another bill; refer to another standing committee; or release it without a recommendation.
 Many bills are not reported out by committees and die in committee.
- 4. Floor approval**
 A bill that survives a committee is placed on the second-reading calendar, and then, if automatically advanced the third-reading calendar the following day.
 The bill is ready for floor debate once it's on the third-reading calendar.
 Each bill is sponsored by a member, who is known as the "floor sponsor" and who opens and closes debate in favor of passage of the bill. After debate has closed, a bill is approved by a majority of those present.
 If the bill is passed in the House, it goes through a similar process.
 In both chambers, a bill "dies on the table" if it is not passed.
- 5. Governor's signature**
 Bills passed in both chambers go to the governor for his signature. The governor can sign the bill, veto it, or let it become law without his signature. If the governor vetoes a bill, it can become law if passed again by two-thirds majority of those present in each chamber. A bill becomes law without the governor's signature if it is not vetoed within the 30-day period it arrives at the governor's desk. After the Legislature adjourns, the governor has 10 days to sign or veto a bill.
- 6. Becoming law**
 Most bills become law on July 4 after the legislative session ends. A bill that includes an emergency enactment clause making it law as soon as possible.
 After a bill becomes law, it is written as a statute into the Idaho Code.

Shoshone accident injures four

The Times-News
SHOSHONE - Four people were hospitalized Saturday night after a two-vehicle accident at U.S. Highway 93 at Idaho Highway 24 in Shoshone.

A semi truck and a car were involved in the 6:15 p.m. accident, according to Idaho State Police reports.

The accident occurred when the semi driver tried to turn off Highway 24 into the southbound lane of Highway 93. The car struck the rear of the truck's second trailer.

Conditions were extremely foggy at the time of the accident.

The driver of the car, a 1989 Ford Crown Victoria, was transported by air ambulance to Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise with a broken neck.

A child in the car was taken to Magic Valley Regional Medical Center with head injuries and a broken leg. Another child, a second adult in the car were taken to Magic Valley Regional with unspecified injuries.

The driver of the semi was uninjured.

No names were available Saturday night by the reporter.

No citations have been issued, and the investigation is continuing.

Surplus

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 Without being specific, he has repeatedly promised to balance permanent tax cuts with one-time rebates or refunds while committing some of the surplus cash to investments in rural development and existing programs. The rest would be used for nonrecurring projects that will not require future financial support.

Kempthorne has said his tax plan will be a combination of reductions in the individual and corporate tax rates and one-time rebates. The potential variations are virtually unlimited.

And so are the options for new spending, some with price tags and some without. Some examples:

- \$87-million still owed on bonds for state buildings.
- \$88 million for prison expansion.
- \$64 million for renovation of the Capitol.
- \$62 million for new college

and university buildings.

- \$10 million or more for rural development.
- \$10 million or more for indoor recreation development.
- Rural telecommunications improvements.
- Increased college scholarships.
- State support for Head Start.
- Higher education salaries.
- Deteriorating public school buildings.
- Health care improvements.
- Road improvements.

Kelly Mathews, chief economist for First Security Bank, said lawmakers several years ago continued expansion of the state's labor force in a slowing economy should make education the highest priority.

"The challenge of education for the future is very important," he said. "It's not just to have the kids, but it's to educate them so we have the skilled work force."

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Patients

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 to court on further murder charges, saying his notoriety would make a fair trial impossible.

"Once you've been told that there will be no trial for you, what else can you do?" said

LOTTERY UPDATE

Saturday, January 6, numbers
POWERBALL
 12 34 39 45
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Saturday, January 6, numbers
WILD CARD
 7 14 22 29 34

Saturday, January 6, numbers
Roll Down
 7 14 22 29 34

Saturday, January 6, numbers
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Moss's daughter, Brenda Hurst. "It is an awful limbo stage," said Freeman, whose mother, 65-year-old Margaret Waldron, died two days after a visit to Shipman in March 1998.

Freeman and her sister, Jude Lang, said they are anxiously awaiting a public inquiry into Shipman's case, scheduled to begin this year. They are hoping for answers, but also want to see someone take the blame for failing to notice the shifter patterns that marked Shipman's practice for so long.

Shipman lost a high proportion of older, female patients; who tended to die alone, in the early afternoon and shortly after the doctor's visit.

When the report was released Friday, Britain's Chief Medical Officer, Professor Liam Donaldson, said it was "horrific and inexplicable that this scale of activity was not detected earlier."

But such was the local admiration for the kindly physician, who always sent sympathy cards to the bereaved, that no one asked questions.

"It wasn't until March 1998 that another local doctor, who had been asked by Shipman to perform some cremation certificates, expressed concern at the high number of deaths. Police investigated but concluded there wasn't enough evidence to prosecute," he said. "It's not just to have the kids, but it's to educate them so we have the skilled work force."

"Death would be too quick for him," said Freeman.

"In Hyde, almost everyone has been affected by Shipman. Everyone knows someone who has a story to tell about 'Dr. Death,' as the locals call him."

And after the latest report there must be at least 100 people out there now thinking, "Oh my God," said Freeman.

NATION

Congress certifies Bush as winner

Democrats offer objections over Florida vote count

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congress formally certified Saturday that George W. Bush won last year's extraordinary presidential election as defeated Vice President Gore presided over the session announcing the results after House Democrats objected futilely to counting Florida's votes.

"There was no suspense over the outcome because not a single senator joined the House members in the formal objections, as required under the law. As a result, Republican Bush kept Florida's 25 electoral votes and defeated Democrat Gore by 271-266 in the Electoral College."

"May God bless our new president and new vice president and God bless the United States of America," Gore said. Saturday's joint session of Congress was a constitutional formality to ratify the count of the electoral votes that was initially made on Dec. 18 in every state capital. To prevail, a candidate needs 270 electoral votes, a



Vice President Al Gore presides over Saturday's joint session of Congress in Washington.

majority of the 538 electoral votes of the 50 states plus the District of Columbia. Even so, the meeting attracted unusual attention because it was the final tally of votes in a presidential election that was bitterly contested for 35 days beyond the Nov. 7 election. Gore did not concede until Dec. 13, a day after the

U.S. Supreme Court forced a halt to vote-counting in Florida. House Democrats, mostly blacks, offered 20 objections aimed at blocking the certification of Florida's votes. But time after time, Gore — at turns serious and with humor — turned them down because of the lack of signatures by senators. That reflected a judgment by many Democrats that it was long past time to end the battling over the election outcome.

The chair thanks the gentleman from Illinois, but, hey," Gore told Rep. Jesse Jackson, D-Ill., one of the lawmakers who tried unsuccessfully to challenge the Florida votes.

Under the rules, lawmakers raising objections were not even allowed to debate their claims. Many of them tried but were quickly silenced by Gore amid grumbling from Republicans.

At one point, Rep. Alcee Hastings, D-Fla., among the objecting lawmakers, called out to Gore, "We did all we could."

"The U.S. Postal Service gentleman — from — Florida," Gore responded with a smile.

After their objections failed, at least 16 House Democrats filed out of the chamber en masse. Gore pumped his right fist

when California's 54 votes, the biggest electoral prize, were read aloud and awarded to him. His show of emotion drew applause from Democrats. It was a stroke of political irony that had the vanquished Gore presiding over the session, one of the duties of the vice president. The last vice president defeated in a presidential race to preside over Congress' counting of the electoral votes was Richard Nixon in 1961.

Under a section of the U.S. Code enacted in 1887, if at least one senator and one representative object, the two chambers must convene separately to deal with the objection.

In alphabetical order by state, Gore handed the electoral vote certificates for each state to one of the four lawmakers appointed to examine them and read them aloud.

At one point, Rep. Bill Thomas, R-Calif., one of the four lawmakers, held Delaware's certificate up to the lights and squinted at it, smilingly saying, "This one is different than all the others."

His action was a joking reference to the repeated televised recounts of Florida's votes, which was a staple on television and in newspapers for nearly five weeks.

President expands criteria for health insurance program

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton said Saturday he is making it easier for parents to enroll children in a health insurance program designed for families with too much income to qualify for Medicaid but too little to afford private coverage.

"We know that when uninsured children get health coverage, they go to the doctor's office more often and to the emergency room less often; and they're less likely to be hospitalized for conditions that could have been treated earlier, and less expensively, outside a hospital," Clinton said in his weekly radio address.

The federal-state program, known as the Children's Health Insurance Program, was created in 1997 to help children get health insurance coverage their families could not otherwise afford. States must provide matching money to use the federal funds.

"With 3.3 million children now enrolled in CHIP, we're getting closer than ever to the goal I set four years ago of providing 5 million uninsured children with health coverage," Clinton said.

Clinton said the government soon will allow parents to enroll their children in CHIP or Medicaid when they fill out an application at child care centers, school nurse offices and other convenient places.

"No longer will they have to wait weeks, or even months, while their applications are being processed, before they can get health care for their children," he said.

Also, the government will issue rules allowing schools to use school lunch data to find students who would be eligible for CHIP. "Since our goal is to enroll more children, we have to go where the children are," Clinton said. "That's in the schools."

Stamp cost increases by a penny

WASHINGTON (AP) — New postage rates take effect today, raising the cost of mailing a letter by one penny, to 37 cents.

The U.S. Postal Service has printed billions of new 34-cent stamps, which went on sale Dec. 15, and 1-cent stamps, to help people use up their leftover 33-cent stamps. The new 34-cent stamps do not show a price because they had to be printed in advance.

The stamps are available on the Internet at <http://www.usps.com> and by phone at 1-800-STAMP-24; they can also be purchased at post offices and supermarkets.

Postal officials say that "mail in the system" when the change takes effect will be handled. That is, a 33-cent letter put in a mailbox Saturday but not postmarked until Monday should be delivered.

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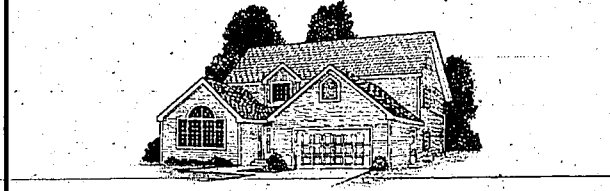
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Albright to pen her memoirs

WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of State Madeleine Albright plans to write her memoirs after she leaves public life later in the month and is ready to shop her proposal to book publishers.

The Washington Post said Saturday that a major part of her book will focus on her past eight years with the Clinton administration, first as the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations and then as secretary of state.

Albright, who comes from a family of refugees, will also write about her personal life. As an

adult she learned that her family was Jewish and that three of her grandparents perished in Nazi concentration camps.

Albright will be represented by Washington attorney Robert Barnett and will begin meeting next week with publishers to pitch her story.

"She's a compelling figure and has a fascinating story to tell," said David Rosenthal of Simon &

Schuster, the publishing house that recently gave Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, D-N.Y., an \$8 million advance for her upcoming memoirs. He declined to say if Simon & Schuster would meet with Albright next week.

Barnett represented Clinton in her book deal. The Post said more than a half-dozen publishers are said to be interested in Albright's memoirs.

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Lawyer: INS destroyed Elian files

South Florida Sun-Sentinel

MIAMI — Miami employees of the Immigration and Naturalization Service were ordered to destroy or conceal documents and electronic mail related to the Elian Gonzalez case, according to a deposition by an attorney who represents INS workers.

In a deposition given last month for the federal lawsuit Elian's Miami relatives have filed against the U.S. government, Coral Springs, Fla., attorney Donald Appignani testified that INS employees had told him that "the U.S. government could be breaking the law."

"Basically, that is what he heard," Appignani testified. "People were instructed to remove anything derogatory to the Elian Gonzalez case."

Appignani, a labor lawyer who represents the union that represents INS employees and also handles the employees' equal employment complaints against the government, would not reveal which employees told him of the orders, who gave the instructions or what information the documents and e-mail contained. He said he did not hear the orders directly; they were related to him by employees.

At the urging of his clients, Appignani in November approached attorney Ronald Guralnick with this information.

Guralnick represents the family of Lazaro Gonzalez, the great uncle who tried to keep the boy here and is now suing the federal government and Miami police, claiming the April 22 raid that removed the boy violated their constitutional rights.

Guralnick deems the information so valuable that he has asked U.S. District Judge Federico Moreno to order Appignani to disclose all of what he knows.

"This is a major break in the case," Guralnick said. "We're looking forward to the court ruling on our motion to compel attorney Appignani to testify to the ques-

tions he refused to answer at deposition, and I'm looking forward to talking to his clients."

Aloyma M. Sanchez, a spokesperson for the U.S. Attorney's Office, said it would support Guralnick's motion to compel Appignani to provide more detail.

"These are serious allegations," Sanchez said. "We want to uncover the truth."

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NATION

President Clinton previews pandas

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton said a private courtesy call Saturday on Washington's newly arrived Chinese pandas, marveling over their boundless appetites and watching them scramble up the snow-covered rocks of their chilly outdoor enclosure.

"They're beautiful and they're different and I think they're fascinating," Clinton said. He predicted that Tian Tian and Mei Xiang will be an instant hit with visitors to the National Zoo when the pandas make their public debut Wednesday.

The pandas are still in quarantine after their journey last month from a reserve in China's Sichuan Province. The president, daughter, Chelsea, and two nephews put on light-blue protective bibs over their shoes before they toured the renovated Panda House.

Clinton peppered the zoo's director, Lucy Spellman, with



President Clinton talks during his visit to the Panda House at the National Zoological Park, while his sister-in-law Molly Clinton stands by on Saturday.

questions about the pandas and their habits, and expressed special interest in their diet and appetites.

Judge says man would be sexual target in prison

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — A judge refused to send a drug offender to prison, saying the man would be a target for sexual assault because he is thin and white.

Instead, Hillsborough County Judge Florence Foster placed Paul Hamill on two years probation and sent him to a treatment center for violating probation on a previous cocaine conviction.

"He's a small, thin, white man

with curly dark hair, and I suspect he would certainly become a sexual target in the Florida state prison system," Foster said, according to a transcript of the November sentencing hearing.

"I've been told they can't protect people like that. I'm not going to send a man like this to Florida state prison. That is cruel and unusual punishment in

my book," she said.

Prosecutors objected at the time, but would not comment when contacted by The Tampa Tribune. They have complained in the past that Foster imposes light sentences.

Foster would not discuss Hamill's case specifically, but said her general goal is to "help people with drug problems get rid of their drug problems."

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Program doesn't stop deaths

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The two young men were chosen more than a year ago as among those most likely to be killed or to kill someone else.

An experimental city probation program was supposed to save them. It didn't.

Within a month of each other, 20-year-old Carlos Rivera was killed and 18-year-old Charles Drumm was charged with a double homicide, despite the battery of social services, supervision and counseling designed to keep them from their fates.

"This should have worked," said counselor Iniko Scotton, who had recommended that Drumm be taken off probation three weeks before he allegedly went on a drug-induced rampage that ended with two deaths. "It really broke my heart."

Drumm and Rivera were among the first youths ordered into a North Philadelphia pilot program serving 100 of the city's worst violent young offenders. Dubbed "the toughest of the tough," the teens and young adults in the program were drafted from parole lists, school tarry sheets and repeat-offender rolls.

Police and probation officers provided participants with intense supervision, visiting almost daily rather than about once a month under traditional probation. Participants also were given unprecedented support in getting sober, finding a job, getting a high school diploma — even learning to read.

But for Rivera and Drumm, the Youth Violence Reduction Project failed at its most basic goal — preventing homicide.

"Ultimately we hope these kids will be law-abiding citizens and not use drugs and not be delinquent. But our goal is we want to keep these kids alive," said Assistant District Attorney John Delaney, who helped found and leads the project. "I don't know what happened."

The program was modeled after a similar one in Boston that was credited with a 22-month period ending in January 1998 in which the city had no five-m-related homicide victims under age 16.

Since its creation in June 1999, more than 300 youths have come through Philadelphia's program, a cooperative between prosecutors, police, probation officers and counselors from the nonprofit Philadelphia Anti-Drug Antiviolence Network.

About 25 or 30 participants have been involved in lesser crimes while part of the program, which will now gradually reduce supervision rates, thus letting kids immediately get off probation, Delaney said. Drumm was the first to be charged with homicide; Rivera the first killed. Drumm had a history of drug-dealing and weapons convictions. After about a year in the program, Drumm kicked his marijuana and LSD habit, got a job and had moved from bad influences in his neighborhood, said Scotton, his counselor.

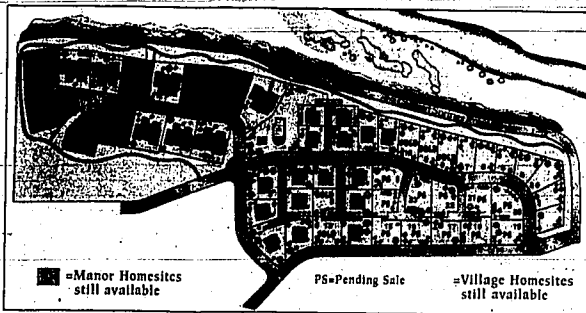
In early October, a judge approved his release from probation.

"He did a total 180 as far as his behavior," said Scotton, who saw him at least three times a week for lunch, basketball games, movies or just-to-talk time. "We was one of my dream clients he was doing so well."

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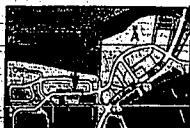
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A mind too weak to merit death? Sides debate whether death penalty should apply to the mentally retarded

The Washington Post LIVINGSTON, Texas - "I have been in a hole since I've been in here," said Johnny Paul Penry, now in his 21st year on Texas's death row...

going on - which I don't understand what's going on - then they shouldn't be trying to put me to sleep like they're always wanting to..."

and fatally stabbing her during a sexual assault. The prosecutor in the case, William Lee Hon, noted in an interview that jurors in both trials could have voted to spare Penry's life because of his mental retardation...

cases, he said. The nonprofit Death Penalty Information Center in Washington, D.C., which opposes capital punishment, said it is unclear how many mentally retarded inmates are on death rows. But 35 prisoners diagnosed as mentally retarded have been put to death since the Supreme Court allowed capital punishment to resume in 1976...

Penry is the human face of a long-running legal and moral debate: Should convicted murderers who are mentally retarded be subject to the death penalty? Eleven years ago, in a landmark case in Penry's case, the U.S. Supreme Court held that executing such prisoners was not a violation of the Eighth Amendment's ban on cruel and unusual punishment...

"It goes to who we are as a society," said Ruth Lukacsian, a professor of special education at the University of New Mexico who has helped 13 states draft laws barring executions of inmates such as Penry. "Do we really want to be a society that kills vulnerable people?" asked Lukacsian, who is also a lawyer. "We don't execute children. We shouldn't execute the mentally retarded."

The debate centers on what Lukacsian and others call "deathworthiness" - the idea that even a society that supports capital punishment should ban executions of certain prisoners, such as the mentally retarded, as morally unacceptable. For example, the Supreme Court in 1989 outlawed executions of convicted murderers who were younger than 16 when they committed their crimes. The court cited the "evolving standards of decency that mark the progress of a maturing society."

Judge releases second man from death row

ANGOLA, La. (AP) - A man convicted of killing an elderly neighbor 14 years ago is entering his second week of freedom, joining his alleged accomplice in freedom after DNA tests pointed to their innocence. District Judge Cynthia O'neal agreed with prosecutors who said there wasn't enough physical evidence tying Albert Burrell, 45, to the 1987 slayings of William and Callie Frost.

"I can hardly believe it," DNA warrants Burrell said as he left the Louisiana State Penitentiary on Tuesday. Alleged accomplice Michael Graham Jr., 37, was freed Dec. 28.

DNA tests of blood found at the Frost home proved it did not match the blood of Burrell or Graham. The Louisiana Attorney General's Office said it will reopen the case, but will not retry the men. Burrell, who attorneys say is mentally handicapped, came within 17 days of being executed in 1996 before his attorneys won a stay.

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Nominee's remarks turn up on tapes

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — President-elect Bush's team said Saturday that Defense Secretary nominee Donald Rumsfeld never agreed with pejorative comments Richard Nixon made 29 years ago about blacks in a conversation preserved on tape at the National Archives.

On the tape, Rumsfeld can be heard making several acknowledgments, such as "yes" and "that's right" as Nixon rambled on during a conversation about African and American blacks.

The conversation was reported in Sunday editions of the Chicago Tribune.

Bush transition spokesman Ari Fleischer said Saturday that Rumsfeld did not agree with any of Nixon's pejorative comments and does not pose a problem.

Even a casual listener to the hourlong tape demonstrates that Rumsfeld's voice changes and tightens once Nixon starts speaking in such a vein, Fleischer said.

Until then, Rumsfeld had been "talkative" and "expressive," Fleischer said. He said he added to Rumsfeld about the article and that his recollection was that he was not agreeing with Nixon's comments.

Rumsfeld had been "talkative and expressive until Nixon gets to this," the spokesman said. Fleischer said Nixon even feigns a phony Southern accent on the tape when he starts talking about blacks.

Fleischer said Rumsfeld had not intended to convey agreement with the characterizations of blacks made in the Nixon conversation but merely acknowledged them.

Rumsfeld spokesman Jim Wilkinson was quoted by the newspaper as saying the Cabinet nominee is "proud of his long record of support for civil rights."

On the tape of a July 22, 1971, conversation with Rumsfeld, a counselor to the president, Nixon criticized his vice president, Spiro Agnew, for his conduct and comments on a recent trip to Africa.

The newspaper cited what it said were Agnew's unflattering comparisons between African and American blacks, and remarks about African blacks were "smarter."

"It doesn't help," Nixon said on tape, according to the Tribune. "It hurts with the blacks. And it doesn't help with the rednecks because the rednecks don't think any Negroes are any good."

"Yes," Rumsfeld replied.



Donald Rumsfeld



President-elect Bush, third from right, returns to Gov. Dirk Kempthorne of Idaho at his arrival at the transition headquarters at his ranch near Crawford, W.Va., Saturday. From left to right are partially seen Gov. Gary E. Keene of West Virginia, Gov. Michael O. Leavitt of Utah, Gov. Don Siegelman of Tennessee, Gov. Robert Ehrlich of Virginia, Gov. John Edinger of Michigan, Gov. Tom Ridge of Pennsylvania and Gov. Tom Wolf of Arizona.

Bush seeks GOP governors' help

President-elect talks over agenda with his earliest supporters

CRAWFORD, Texas — George W. Bush gave a tour of his ranch Saturday to some of his most powerful supporters and lobbyists: Republican governors.

The president-elect said the governors can help him win congressional approval for plans to cut taxes and improve education.

In return, Bush said, he will try to ease the states from as much federal regulation as possible.

"I realize there's a role for the federal government, but it's not to impose its will on the states and local communities," Bush said shortly before a barbecue lunch. "It's to ensure that states and people and local communities be able to realize their vast potentials."

Aides said that is particularly true in education, which is expected to be the Bush administration's first major pitch to Congress.

"I asked the governors to help me work with members on both sides of the aisle to pass an education reform package that will include more flexibility for

states," Bush said.

He said governors can also help lobby Congress on another priority, tax cuts. Bush said that he and the governors discussed the "warning signs in the economy" and his plans for what he called an "economic recovery package."

"Tax relief will provide more money for working Americans so they can handle their own cash-flow needs," Bush said. "Many Americans have got debts. We want those Americans to be able to pay off that debt. A good way to do so would be to give some of their own money back."

The lunch and ranch tour also signaled a thank-you to the governors, some of Bush's earliest supporters in his race for the presidency. The event was thus confined to Republicans, aides said.

The guests included John Engler of Michigan and Tom Ridge of Pennsylvania. Rick Perry, the president-elect's successor as governor of Texas, also showed up.

Not in attendance: Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, the president-elect's brother.

While governors can be helpful, some political analysts said there are limits to their influence. They pointed out that Bush lost Michigan and Pennsylvania to Al Gore in the presidential election and carried Florida only after a protracted legal battle.

"When you win by the margin he won by, you have to build bridges in all directions," said Charles Cook, publisher of an independent political report.

"They (the governors) are pieces of the puzzle."

The governors said they are in a better position than Washington officials to assess problems and figure out the best ways to deal with them. Some, for example, complained about new environmental controls from the Clinton administration, such as a plan announced Friday to put more than 58 million acres of national forest land off limits to road-building and logging.

"Without command and control from Washington, D.C., we can do great things," said Idaho Gov. Dirk Kempthorne.

Bush will be the fourth president of the last five to have served as a governor. The exception is his father, a former congressman, diplomat and vice president.

"It's not surprising that our country tends to elect governors to be presidents," Bush said. "The governors come from the people."

Governors said proposed tax cuts took up much of the discussion.

Congressional Democrats said a tax cut is likely, but they have questioned the size of Bush's \$1.3 trillion proposal over 10 years.

They also want the tax cuts to be applied to specific expenses, such as college tuition and child care costs.

Bush wants an across-the-board cut for all taxpayers, saying that it would help stave off potential economic problems.

Bush still has high positions in his administration to fill.

The president-elect and aides declined to comment on a news report that he may strip the job of U.S. trade representative of his Cabinet-level status, and may name Richard Fisher, the deputy trade representative under President Clinton, to the post.

Fisher, a Dallas Democrat, ran against Sen. Kay Bailey Huchinson in 1994 but lost.

Officials said former State Department official Robert Zoellick is also a candidate for the trade post.

Transition officials declined to comment on any potential appointment or on whether the trade job will keep its Cabinet-level status.

"Whether or not the person's called Cabinet or not will not diminish the importance of the position," Bush said.

As Bush huddled with the Republican governors, Congress formally recorded his narrow victory in the Electoral College.

"I guess I better go write my inaugural speech," Bush joked.

Bush

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the president-elect's economic conference last week in Austin, Texas.

"A lot of folks in this room have brought some pretty bad news," Bush told reporters in summarizing his talks with business executives.

The president-elect and running mate Dick Cheney have missed few opportunities recently to voice concerns that the country could be heading into its first recession since Bush's father occupied the White House.

George W. Bush has talked repeatedly of "warning clouds on the horizon." Cheney has been blunter, saying, "We may well be on the front edge of a recession here."

Use of the "R" word has raised the ire of the Clinton administration, which has called the comments irresponsible and a blatant attempt to build momentum behind Bush's \$1.3 trillion tax cut.

"The next president and his team should not be talking down our economy and potentially hurting confidence just to gain short-term political positioning," said Gene Sperling, the president's

chief economic adviser.

But many private economists believe that Bush, by going public now with his concerns about the economy, will be able to avoid one of his father's biggest mistakes.

The senior Bush, heading advisers who told him not to rattle confidence, did not even acknowledge the 1990-91 recession until January 1991, when it was almost over.

And the upturn that began in March 1991 was anemic; it was called a "shallow" recovery.

While Clinton has constantly on the country's economic troubles during the 1992 campaign, Bush seemed detached and unconcerned.

"The lack of recognition by the Bush administration of the economy's problems was one of the key reasons Bush lost the election," said Allen Sinai, chief economist at Decision Economics in New York.

Martin Regalia, chief economist of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, said Bush and Cheney are not trying to talk the economy down. They are expressing legitimate concerns and seeking to develop contingency plans.

Analysts dismiss the Clinton administration claim that the Bush-Cheney warnings, by rattling consumer and business confidence, could trigger a downturn.

"I don't see a danger that this becomes a self-fulfilling prophecy. They are just stating what is obvious in the economic data," said Stuart Hoffman, chief economist at PNC Financial Services Group.

Meantime, evidence of a softening in the economy is accumulating.

The government reported Friday that private sector job growth during the past three months was the weakest in eight years. More troubles are looming

as some of the biggest names in retailing lay plans for thousands of layoffs in response to slumping consumer demand.

Responding to the signs of weakness, the Federal Reserve last week cut interest rates by one-half percentage point, the biggest reduction in eight years.

Some analysts saw that move by Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan as an effort to avoid the mistakes of a decade ago that led to the only recession in Greenspan's 13 years at the Fed.

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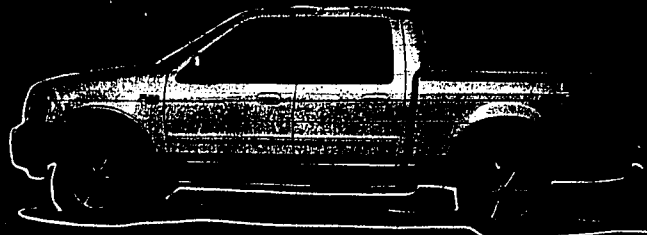
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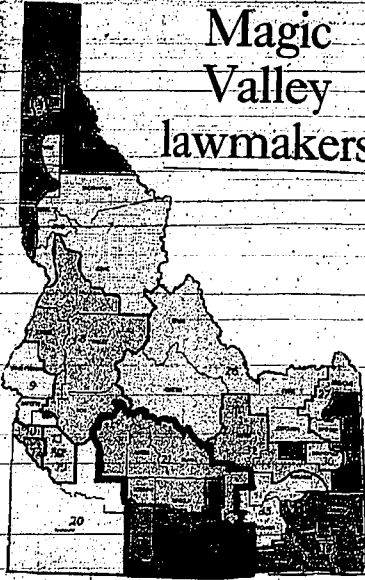
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LEGISLATIVE PREVIEW

Magic Valley lawmakers

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Regular session convenes Monday



Here's a breakdown of a number of issues lawmakers will face when they gather next week.

Budget surplus

Projected by some to be near \$300 million, the state's budget surplus for fiscal year 2002 will loom over nearly every issue lawmakers will face.

Their lesson learned after lawmakers were caught unawares by the end of last year's session, state leaders spent most of the summer and fall going over possibilities for the money — still pouring into state coffers thanks mainly to taxes from salary bonuses given to technology industry executives.

However, a recent dip in technology stock prices has left the longevity of Idaho's technology boom in question. In fact, House Speaker Bruce Newcomb has wondered publicly if the \$300 million projection is accurate.

And a large portion of the extra money is likely to be siphoned into a number of expenditures — Medicaid, school facilities, and crowded prisons, to name three. So it's unclear exactly how much extra money lawmakers will have to work with.

Tax relief

One thing is certain: There will be a tax cut.

And like last year, the real questions will be: How big should the cut be? In what form should it be given? And should it be permanent?

Last year, the debate centered on how long the state's technology-fueled economic boom would last.

More cautious lawmakers were afraid major tax cuts would leave the state in the red. And since taxpayers weren't clamoring for a tax break, they thought a large cut would be folly.

Strident tax cutters, led by Rep. Delores Crow, R-Nampa, chairwoman of the House Revenue and Taxation Committee, said the surplus must be returned to taxpayers out of principle. If the state has a surplus, then people are being overtaxed, they argued.

The same coalition of lawmakers that clamored for a large, permanent tax break in 2000 — when the surplus was estimated to be \$65 million to \$90 million — will likely take up the cause again.

This year's projected \$300 million surplus gives tax cutters more leverage — especially since moderates promised last year to look at a tax cut again if the surplus grew.

Last year, a permanent \$50 million tax cut package passed the House but died in the Senate, in favor of a \$17 million, one-year deal.

School facilities

It's an old question: Should the state help school districts replace crumbling, unsafe school buildings, when the districts can't drum up local support?

This year, with a record surplus and a lawsuit hanging over their heads, lawmakers may be a little more inclined to take action.

The suit, being considered by a district judge, argues the state's constitution requires it to shoulder some burden of helping school districts with serious building safety problems.

School administrators say the two-thirds supermajority required for a bond issue makes it impossible to raise money for significant

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funding for the College of Southern Idaho and North Idaho College might bear fruit this session.

Lawmakers in the schools' legislative districts argue CSIs and NIC's reliance on local property taxes for most of their funding is unfair, when state-supported schools such as Boise State University, University of Idaho and Idaho State University claim larger portions of state revenue.

Discussion of funding for a new BSU Canyon Campus and the ascension of Sen. Dean Cameron, R-Rupert, and Rep. Maxine Bell, R-Jerome, to the head of the powerful budget committee, has brought the discussion to a head.

Despite several unsuccessful attempts to get fellow lawmakers to listen to their case in years past, local lawmakers are confident of a breakthrough this session.

Statehouse renovation

The surplus has been targeted as possible windfall by many groups, including the State Capitol Commission, which is pushing for full state financing of a proposed \$64 million renovation of the century-old Statehouse.

The plan being submitted to the governor and Legislature calls for private contributions to offset some of the cost.

The panel hopes to raise only \$10 million from private donors — but that might be optimistic, Roy Eiguren said. 46 states have already renovated or are renovating capitols, and seven sought private contributions to finance at least part of the cost. But he said the largest rivaling Idaho's early expectations — was Oklahoma, which raised \$13 million. Texas was next at just \$5 million, he said, and the other five raised less.

Aid to counties

With counties facing tighter budgets — and the growing costs of running jails, programs, and keeping infrastructure intact — commissioners across the state are hoping to get a little of the state windfall for county general funds.

Local legislative leaders have said some kind of aid to cash-strapped county governments might be under consideration.

While looking for ways to trim their budget, Twin Falls commissioners are being asked to expand a consistently full county jail. But it will be at least two years before the county can afford major building purchase or construction project.

In the meantime, many county programs are being cut back just to make ends meet now.

There are a lot of programs in the county that need to be enhanced — this sounds like a good opportunity," Twin Falls County Commissioner Bill Brockman said.

Paying for wildfires

One likely item in the 2002 state budget will be an extra \$10 million for state agencies involved in fighting the 2000 wildfires.

Federal agencies bore the brunt of the worst wildfires in decades — which blackened 1.3 million acres of back country in Idaho and prompted an August visit by President Clinton — but state agencies snuffed out their share of blazing fires.

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Dairy regulation

Perhaps the most significant issue for Magic Valley residents this session will be the debate over regulating the burgeoning dairy industry.

It's unclear whether the issue will be decided with a new law or inter-agency rules. Still, most Magic Valley lawmakers agree something must be done this session.

Many lawmakers with agricultural roots and anti-government regulation sentiments might find new rules hard to swallow. But even the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce — which seldom publicly favors regulation of business in the region — is calling for something to be done to curb the problem.

Magic Valley lawmakers, Rep. Doug Jones, R-Filer, and Assistant Majority Leader John Sandy, R-Hagerman, will likely be at the center of the debate.

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Wendy Jaquet



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- Rep. Tim Ridinger, R-Shoshone.

District 22 (portions of Twin Falls and Gooding counties)



John Sandy



Celia Gould



Doug Jones

- Sen. John Sandy, R-Hagerman. Senate Assistant Majority Leader.
- Rep. Celia Gould, R-Buhl. Chairwoman, House Judiciary, Rules and Administration Committee.
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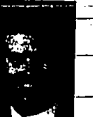
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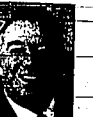
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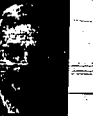
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- Rep. Bert Stevenson, R-Rupert. Vice Chairman, House Agricultural Affairs Committee.
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NATION

Deep freeze locks up Great Lakes

Icebreaking ships continue to be busy

ABOARD THE U.S. COAST GUARD 6506 DOLPHIN (AP) — Helicopter pilot Robert Kornel looked down in amazement Friday at the ice mosaic forming in the St. Clair River east of Detroit.

Icebreaking ships went through the river Thursday, "but you'd never know it," the lieutenant junior grade told his co-pilot as their craft hovered 200 feet above the semi-frozen water.

Coast Guard icebreakers are busier than usual clearing paths for freighters on the Great Lakes and other waterways because of earlier-than-normal cold across the Midwest.

Last month, two freighters were stuck in the icy Detroit River at the mouth of Lake Erie for two days, causing a shipping traffic jam. Ten to 15 ships pass through the channel each day.

The last time Lake Superior froze over was 1976. It's not that bad yet, but Lake Erie is almost completely iced over. Large portions of lakes Michigan and Huron are also frozen.

So is the St. Clair, a link between lakes Erie and Huron heavily used for commerce. On Friday, the 290-foot U.S. Coast Guard Mackinaw — the largest icebreaker on the Great Lakes — and the 140-foot Neah Bay sliced a slushy trail for about a half-dozen

freighters waiting to get through. Ensign Scott Rae, operations officer on the 140-foot Bristol Bay cutter, said Coast Guard veterans are calling this year the worst for ice since 1976.

"When the ice first started forming, ships were caught by surprise," he said.

Lake Carriers Association president George Ryan said the ice-filled waterways have affected iron ore, coal, salt and cement deliveries.

"If we did not have the U.S. and Canadian Coast Guards working together to direct this commerce, we would have serious economic consequences for the region," Ryan said.

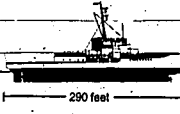
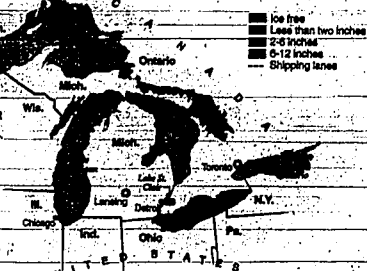
The Great Lakes waterways aren't the only ones icing up. Last November was the nation's second-coldest ever and December was the seventh-coldest, according to the National Climatic Data Center.

"Things are moving, but the ice is slowing things down," said Paul Roszkowski, a Coast Guard spokesman in Cleveland.

"It's important to keep shipping moving because it stimulates the economy," he said. "Anything that can be shipped by water is shipped on the Great Lakes. We have to keep that moving as long as we can."

Breaking the ice

Record-low temperatures in the Midwest this winter have caused large portions of the Great Lakes to freeze faster than normal, hindering deliveries of commercial freighters. The U.S. Coast Guard, working in concert with the Canadian Coast Guard, has been clearing shipping lanes with a fleet of ships known as icebreakers. Here's how they work.



USCGC Mackinaw
Width: 74 feet
Typical crew: 75
Ice-breaking capability: 3-5 feet

The Mackinaw is the largest of the Coast Guard's domestic icebreakers, and the only ship of its kind: In addition to two propellers at the rear, the ship employs a third propeller that pulls water from beneath the ice directly in front of the vessel, causing the ice to be under its own weight. The water is pushed along the sides of the ship, reducing friction between the hull and the ice.



Seagoing buoy tender
Width: 37 feet
Typical crew: 49
Ice-breaking capability: 15 inches

The distinguishing feature of the 180-foot seagoing buoy tender is its hull design. The front of the rounded hull is shaped into an inverted step. The design causes the ship to actually ride up on the ice, and then break it through the ice because of its weight.



Icebreaking tug
Width: 38 feet
Typical crew: 17
Ice-breaking capability: 18-20 inches

The 140-foot icebreaking tug employs a "bubbler system" to break ice. Low-pressure air bubbles and water are pushed from the bottom of the hull up along the sides of the ship to reduce friction between the hull and ice. Air bubbles are also pushed beneath surrounding ice to displace water supporting the ice.

Temperatures aren't expected to warm up much: The National Weather Service predicted more below-normal temperatures in January, February and March in the Great Lakes region. That's good news for ice fisher-

men, who are under close watch as the Dolphin helicopter crew maps the ice from above. In Lake St. Clair's Anchor Bay, the fishermen drive their trucks a half-mile out onto ice 1.5- to 2 feet thick.

"We could probably land this helicopter on it," pilot Eric Hollinger said. Come spring, the Coast Guard will have other duties. The heavy snow and ice are expected to raise water levels and could cause flooding.

DNA warrant aids in catching a rape suspect

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — As the years passed, detective Peter Willower kept the case file folder on his desk and wondered how he and his fellow officers would catch the "Second Story Rapist."

But time was running out on the statute of limitations in the case of the suspect who had raped and burglarized six women in their apartments in Sacramento.

A day before the deadline on the one remaining case expired in August, Willower obtained an arrest warrant — not against a named suspect, but against the genetic code of the semen sample taken six years earlier from a young rape victim.

A month later, after the statute of limitations would otherwise have expired, the DNA sample was matched to Paul Robinson and he was arrested.

"I've been a policeman for 35 years and there are just some cases that don't leave your desk," Willower said. "It's cases like this, stranger rapes, that you just keep in the back of your mind that you'd do anything to salvage."

It was an unorthodox use of science to sidestep the statute of limitations and the nation's first arrest obtained through a warrant listing a forensic profile instead of a name or suspect's description, according to legal experts and the National District Attorneys Association.

The use of DNA warrants is so new that no national records are kept on which states have used them. But most of the states known to have used DNA to beat a statute of limitations have done so in rape cases, including California, Kansas, New York, Wisconsin and Utah.

In New York City, prosecutors even got a grand jury to indict the DNA profile of the so-called "East Side Rapist" in a string of sexual attacks targeting slender, light-haired women.

Statutes of limitations, which set varying deadlines depending on the crime, are a bedrock of America's legal system. Missing a deadline by one day means a suspect cannot be prosecuted, even if

evidence overwhelmingly points to his guilt.

Until this year, the California statute of limitations in rape cases was six years. That now has been extended to 10 years.

Defense lawyers and civil rights groups protest the use of DNA warrants as science gone awry. And it's not yet clear if the innovative method is legal.

The nation's first test case, in which Robinson will challenge the validity of his DNA arrest warrant, will unfold Jan. 19 in a California court. Some of the issue could reach the California or U.S. Supreme Court.

"We want to see what happens there," said Milwaukee prosecutor Norm Galin, who in 1999 became the nation's first prosecutor to persuade a judge to issue an arrest warrant against a DNA profile.

Forensic DNA evidence has been used in U.S. courtrooms for nearly a decade. Prosecutors have won cases on the basis of DNA samples obtained from semen, blood, hair and saliva. At the same time, suspects and convicted criminals — including some on death row — have used DNA to prove their innocence.

But civil libertarians worry about prosecutors using the DNA warrants to nullify statutes of limitations. The statute of limitations has existed to provide a balance in the criminal justice system," said Ryan Kim, an American Civil Liberties Union attorney. "The statutes of limitations exist to ensure defendants can meet the charges against them. As more and more time passes, it becomes harder for a defendant to mount an effective defense as memories fade, witnesses disappear or die and other evidence disappears or is destroyed."

Weeks after the warrant was issued against Robinson's genetic code, a semen sample taken from the rape victim matched a blood sample drawn from Robinson in an unrelated assault and burglary conviction. "It states that blood samples from convicted felons and enter them into a database.

Orchestra brings back organ

Renovations cause the reintroduction

CLEVELAND (AP) — The Cleveland Orchestra's pipe organ sat behind a stage shell for decades, unused and dusty, relegated to mothball status after failing to prove effective in its early years.

The world-famous orchestra is ready to bring the 70-year-old organ out after a painstaking, \$2 million renovation that is one of the final steps in a major expansion and refurbishment at the elegant Severance Hall.

The Norton Memorial Organ was to be played in concert Saturday night for the first time in 25 years at a gala rededication featuring organist Thomas Trotter, members of the orchestra's brass section and music by Johann Sebastian Bach, Marcel Dupre, and Franz Liszt.

"We've avoided a lot of repertoire that includes an organ with the orchestra, but there's plenty of stuff we have played since this organ was entombed that has needed an organ. We have done it since the mid-'70s with an electronic organ," said Gary Hanson, the orchestra's associate executive director. "We are thrilled to have the real thing back."

Cleveland's organ was designed in 1930 by a leading American organ builder, Ernest Skinner, and was installed at the orchestra's home Severance Hall, just before the 2,000-seat venue opened in 1931.

To allow the hall to be used for opera productions, the organ was placed in a catwalk area well above the stage — and that



The Norton Memorial Organ has 6,025 pipes made of lead and tin alloy, zinc, and wood. The Cleveland Orchestra's concert organ was to be played in concert Saturday night.

is when problems arose. The organ wasn't set up to play, as many are, through a grill right into the hall. Rather, the sound from the organ's 6,025 pipes was designed to twist around before making its way into the audience.

It was quickly rated a disappointment. Under the conductor George Szell, who led the orchestra to international fame, the organ's situation got even worse.

Szell had the hall renovated to improve its acoustics in 1958. While the results were generally successful, the organ wound up

behind a new stage shell, audible only through stereo speakers — cutting edge technology at the time, but nowhere near the right way to hear a complex and beautiful instrument.

The organ fell into disuse, and hasn't been played in concert since 1976.

The instrument's renovation, which began in 1997, is the final major step in the nearly \$37 million renovation of the entire hall.

The organ has been cleaned up, tuned and will now play much more directly into the hall.

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Television shows NSA role, history

WASHINGTON (AP) — The National Security Agency, the supersecret intelligence mission most Americans do not even know exists, gives some explanation in a television documentary for its tightly held behavior.

"It's really important that the American people understand what we do, that we are in fact a relatively powerful organization. And it's absolutely critical that they don't fear the power that we have," said the agency's director, Lt. Gen. Michael V. Hayden, says in a rare interview.

The History Channel program, airing Monday as part of the network's "History's Mysteries" series, seeks to explain the agency's mission and examines recent controversies.

Considered the eavesdropping branch of the intelligence community, the NSA gathers information through satellites, telephone intercepts and other methods. Not much else is known about the NSA, which employees joke stands for "No Such Agency."

Hayden offers little more. "We intercept communications of adversaries of the United States and attempt to turn that into wisdom for American policymakers and commanders," he said, according to a transcript of the show. "By the same token, we attempt to prevent other nations from doing that to the United States of America. That's what we do."

Congress recently resolved a budget battle over funds for the NSA when President Clinton signed legislation authorizing money for intelligence agencies, including the NSA and CIA. He had vetoed the original spending bill because of a provision that would have made the leaking of government secrets a felony offense. The extra budget figure included in the bill is classified.

"If you were comparing NSA to a corporation in terms of dollars spent, floor space occupied and personnel employed, it would rank in the top 10 percent of the Fortune 500 companies," said Judith Emmel, a spokeswoman for the agency, which has its headquarters in Fort Meade, Md.

Cuban spy testifies he was ordered to infiltrate

MIAMI (AP) — An admitted spy testified in an espionage trial that he was given orders from Gerardo Hernandez to gather information from the Cuban government to penetrate U.S. military installations in Florida.

Joseph Santos said in court Friday that he and his wife received orders from Gerardo Hernandez to gather information from the U.S. Southern Command, which controls military operations in Latin America and the Caribbean. He said they were largely unsuccessful but filed at least one report on the complex.

Hernandez and four other Cubans are on trial in Florida, accused of being members of a Cuban spy ring that targeted military installations and infiltrated anti-Russia exile groups.

Santos testified that a Cuban military intelligence document decoded by the FBI contained comments made by Hernandez. He said he was introduced to Hernandez in December 1998 and was told Hernandez would be his supervisor. Hernandez faces a possible life sentence if convicted of charges including murder conspiracy and espionage conspiracy.

Nominee's writings arm her critics

Views on labor, workplace raise ire of democrats

WASHINGTON (AP) — Linda Chavez, has scoffed at raising the minimum wage and cheered proposals to trim Social Security benefits.

She has dismissed the notion that women face a "glass ceiling" in the workplace and suggested that the rising number of sexual harassment lawsuits has made America "a nation of crybabies."

Chavez's views — particularly those relating to workplace and labor issues — are getting a close look as Democrats and unions prepare to battle her nomination as labor secretary.

Chavez's staunch opposition to affirmative action and bilingual education are well known. But in the days since President-elect Bush named Chavez to the Cabinet, her views on a host of political and cultural issues are spilling into the public domain.

"Oh, my God. I thought I knew how bad she was," said one critic, Ellen Bravo, co-director of Pro5, National Association of Working Women, when told of the "cyber-baby" comment.

Chavez, a former Reagan administration official who now heads a conservative think tank, has written a weekly newspaper column since the early 1990s on politics, race, education and other issues.

Bush spokesman Tucker Eskew cautioned against reading too much into Chavez's writings. "The words of a columnist won't always predict the works of a Cabinet member," Eskew said.

In 1997, she criticized a federal budget agreement for failing to stem spending on Social Security and Medicare. She suggested that the government modify its estimate of inflation, reducing the Consumer Price Index by 1.1 percentage points. That, she wrote,



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would mean smaller increases in Social Security benefits, which are tied to inflation, saving about \$1 billion over 12 years.

"But even a modest CPI adjustment requires more courage than the politicians can muster in the face of 44 million potentially disgruntled seniors," she wrote. "Instead, the budget negotiators left the decision about how to adjust the CPI to government statisticians."

Those government statisticians work for the Bureau of Labor Statistics, which is part of the Labor Department.

Introducing her last week, Bush noted Chavez's ties to

the labor movement. While she once worked for a teachers' union, her writing indicates that she holds little regard for unions today.

"Union members are hardly representative of the American working public," she wrote in August.

Last year, she suggested that a decision by the American Medical Association to create a union "ought to strike fear in the heart of every American." And, referring to teachers, she wrote: "The last time a similar group of 'professionals' decided to form a union, they nearly wrecked their profession."

A review of Chavez' writings finds she:

- Argued against the "glass ceiling" blocking women from advancing at work, saying women make different job choices from men, often putting their families first.
- Wrote that "discriminating" against employees who work overtime or who will put in fewer hours per week in a starlet position isn't irrational, it may be good business.
- Risked the Americans With Disabilities Act as "special treatment" in the name of accommodating the disabled.
- Called raising the minimum wage "bad policy" and suggested that the Clinton Labor Department" who disagree think that wage policy should be based on Marxism.
- Suggested the increase in sexual harassment lawsuits is making the United States "a nation of crybabies." She added: "With men so often the targets of such witch-hunts, it's no surprise that a few strike back."

Unions are preparing to mount a campaign against her.

"The record of Chavez ... speaks for itself, and working men and women are on the losing end," Gerald McEneaney, president of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, said in a statement Thursday.

Bush, asked Thursday how he will deal with opposition to Chavez and John Ashcroft, the choice for attorney general, said he is confident all his nominees will be confirmed.

"My main strategy is to let each candidate stand up and speak on their own, to talk about their vision, to talk about their heart," he said in Austin, Texas. "I expect all my Cabinet officials will face tough questioning. ... These are good, solid Americans who will be able to do the jobs to which I've appointed them."

1,700 Miami-Dade voters mispunched chads

Knight Ridder News Service

MIAMI — As many as 1,700 Miami-Dade County voters invalidated their presidential ballots because they mistakenly punched the chad immediately below the one corresponding to their preferred candidate, a California researcher has found.

Those voters penetrated a meaningless chad — one that didn't correspond to any candidate — probably because their punch cards were chad improperly aligned with ballot books in the voting booth, said Anthony Salvanto, a faculty fellow at the University of California at Irvine's political science department.

If the voters' cards had been aligned properly, Salvanto said, Vice President Al Gore would have gained 316 more votes than President-elect George W. Bush.

The findings are the latest evidence that many voters whose ballots showed no presidential preference actually did intend to vote. The thwarted votes found by Salvanto represent more than 15 percent of Miami-Dade's 10,650 undervotes.

Salvanto and Miami-Dade elections officials believe the voters somehow failed to properly align their ballot card with the slot, books in the voting booth, leading

them to inadvertently punch the wrong chad. They surmise voter unfamiliarity with the county's punch-card machines might be the cause. Salvanto suggested alternatively that the ballot slots in some voting machines may have been misaligned.

Salvanto is conducting a national study of voting behavior and had arranged before the presidential election to obtain data for every ballot cast on Nov. 7 in Miami-Dade. The machines that read the ballots can be programmed to provide digital representations indicating how each card was voted. The data comprises only ballots that can be cleanly read by the machines, and thus includes no hanging or dimpled chads.

The pattern Salvanto found favored Gore: 1,012 voters punched No. 7, one below Gore's position at No. 6; 696 voters punched No. 5, one spot below Bush's position at No. 4.

Often the pattern was repeated throughout the length of a voter's ballot, Salvanto said.

On about 400 ballots, voters punched unassigned holes precisely one spot below those for Democratic candidates for U.S. Senate, commissioner of education and insurance commissioner as well — leading Salvanto to con-

clude that those voters meant to support a straight Democratic ticket.

"It's particularly telling when they punch other unassigned chads that are one down from the Democratic candidate," Salvanto said. "This happened all the way down their ballot."

Even if the U.S. Supreme Court had not stopped the recounting of undervotes in Florida, however, it's unlikely these ballots would have helped Gore because they were clearly improperly punched.

But Salvanto, who studies voter behavior in polling booths, said it shows how some voters can become confused by voting systems to the point of botching their ballots.

"The voting machine is not an everyday appliance. That's why some people have advocated mov-

ing to more of an ATM-like system, which people see and use every day," he said.

"You're taking a piece of cardboard and sticking it into a slot. The vast majority of people do this correctly. But what we do see is that the system, by virtue of the fact that you have to take this flimsy piece of cardboard and put it correctly into the slot, is just flawed enough that it can impact a close election," Salvanto said.

His report also bolsters other evidence suggesting that black voters were disproportionately affected by balloting problems.

Each of Miami-Dade's 614 precincts had at least one such mispunched presidential vote, he said. Some had as many as 15, and one had 16. Thirty precincts, 19 of them predominantly black, had more than 10 such mispunches.

Texas economy shaped Bush's business views

Governor looked beyond oil to high-tech future

Knight Ridder News Service

AUSTIN, Texas — George W. Bush may have roots in Texas' famed oil business, but his views about how government should work with business are shaped at least as much by the demands of a high-tech economy.

The image of big oil as Texas' biggest business is increasingly a dated one. Led by a high-tech boom, the state's economy diversified in the 1990s. The changes shaped Bush's views of business, education and environment, and suggest how he will approach those increasingly intertwined issues as president.

In the new Texas economy, pro-business means support for wind power, a deep interest in improving education and even some steps to protect the Texas environment. But there is a limit: Bush opposes virtually any measure that would impose any additional burden on business.

Oil and natural gas remain important to the Texas economy, and Bush hasn't forgotten that. He has said repeatedly that he will push to open more federal land to drilling, including the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

Bush supports tax credits and other enticements to promote the industry's efforts to protect the environment by industry and landowners. Environmentalists, who favor tougher regulation, say these efforts fall short.

Bush also is a proponent of wind and solar power. Local companies are big players in alternative energy and some depressed west Texas towns see wind power as a potential economic savior.

"Perhaps the most telling change is the growing business influence in the education debate. In an increasingly technology-based economy, education is a front-burner issues for corporate America."

Bush hopes to take Texas' business-backed way of reforming education nationwide when he becomes president.

The economic shift is evident here in the state capital, where Bush was surrounded by a high-tech revolution that took Austin by storm in the 1990s.

"Bush was smart enough to realize that the future and capitalize on it," said Pike Power, an Austin attorney and a former chief of staff to a Democratic Texas governor.

When Applied Materials, a Silicon Valley company, came into a depressed Austin economy in 1992, overqualified engineers

with doctoral degrees lined up for jobs. Today, the factory in the rural outskirts of Austin employs more than 5,000 workers who churn out million-dollar machines that make semiconductors.

Education is the No. 1 issue for James Morgan, the chairman of the Santa Clara Valley-based company and one of the business leaders invited to a private economic conference with Bush in Austin.

The business community organized in 1989 to take control of the education debate in Texas. "It costs us revenue," said Phil Ritter, a vice president at Dallas-based Texas Instruments and president of "Texans for Education," a business lobbying group. "We leave business on the table because our college-educated, skilled engineers go out and work with our customers."

The business community's goal-statewide testing that established achievement standards for students and made it possible to see which schools produced the best test results.

By 1993, the state was beginning to implement such a system. The business community has been the loudest supporter of the standards approach, said John Stevens, director of the Texas Business and Education Coalition.

"I think the whole sense that this is an economic development issue is behind all education reform in our state," he said. "What gives it legs?"

Bush agreed with the approach when he became governor in 1995 and supported and expanded it. At the economic summit, high-tech leaders told him to pursue it nationally as president.

"There's a very broad endorsement of accountability as an important element and as well establishing a way of ensuring that these schools know how they perform relative to other schools," said Michael Dell, chairman of Dell Computers, which is based in the Austin area.

Bush also worked with business on air pollution. He pushed for and won approval of a voluntary program to clean up aging industrial plants. Companies that participate get a tax credit if they reduce their emissions.

Environmentalists say the approach is too slow and inadequate. Bush yielded to Democratic pressure for legislation that made Texas one of the first states to require utilities to reduce nitrogen oxide and sulfur dioxide emissions from their aging power plants by 2003. He accepted the provision to win support for a larger electricity deregulation bill in 1999.

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Refugee issue looms as point of no return

Israel sees it as a matter of survival

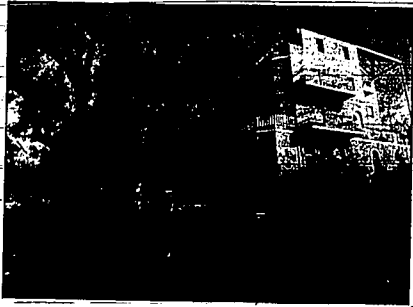
JERUSALEM (AP) — Tsvi Michaeli is doing the math on his fingers: Israel's present population of 5 million Jews and 1 million Israeli Arabs — plus 4 million Palestinians who have dreamed for generations of recovering the land they lost to Israel.

But like most Israelis, the 27-year-old Jerusalem hairdresser already knows the numbers by heart — totals in a demographic deadlock that looms as the possible breaking point of any Israeli-Palestinian accord.

"Five million of us, 5 million Arabs," Michaeli says. "You know how the math works on a globe? It's a point — it takes the air for emphasis. "How can this be, and it still be Israel?"

Israelis disagree among themselves on peace proposals. But all seem to agree on the impossibility of the Palestinians' demand that Israel allow the return of millions of Palestinians from decades-old refugee camps in neighboring Arab countries and other sites.

It would be national suicide, even the most peace-minded



A pedestrian walks by a renovated house formerly owned by an Arab resident in the Talbith neighborhood of west Jerusalem Tuesday.

Israeli politicians contend. "It's the one issue which no Israeli I know of will compromise over," said Benny Morris, one of a new generation of Israeli historians who have challenged Israel's official version of its founding in 1948.

Israelis have long said the Palestinian exodus was largely spurred by Arab leaders' promises to annihilate Israel and return the refugees to their land.

Palestinians say, instead, that they were chased out by Israeli forces. The two sides disagree on numbers as well. The Israelis say the refugees total less than the United Nations figure of 750,000; the Palestinians say it's more.

According to Morris' research, military attacks or expulsion drove out residents in 228 of the 369 Arab villages then in Israel; another 90 of the communities fled in panic.

Israeli saw keeping the refugees out as a matter of survival.

Some villages were destroyed in fighting, others were razed; the Israelis simply built over others as the years passed. Many homes and villages that Palestinians want to return to no longer exist.

Israel's "Law of Return" allows anyone, became ensnared as a tenant of the new Jewish nation — providing any Jew, anywhere, citizenship and a home in Israel. It is that law which enabled Michaeli's ancestors to immigrate here from Poland and elsewhere. The hairdresser's cubbyhole of a salon stands on a west Jerusalem street lined by graceful arcaded stone villas where well-to-do Arabs lived before 1948.

"It's my land. I'm Jewish, and this is a Jewish state," says 18-year-old Chen Almitoch, selling mixed nuts at a three-day shopping mall built on the site of a destroyed Palestinian village, Malha. "The Bible says, a state is the right of the Jewish people."

Generations later, families displaced from places such as Malha still live in U.N.-run refugee camps in Syria, Lebanon, the Gaza Strip and the West Bank.

Palestinians: Lifting blockade is essential if violence is to ease

JERUSALEM (AP) — Palestinian security officials insisted Saturday they can do nothing to quell unrest until Israel lifts its blockade of the West Bank and Gaza Strip, complicating a U.S. push to stem three months of bloodshed.

The comments clouded the prospects for a visit to the region by CIA chief George Tenet, the latest move in the American effort to stop the fighting and set up a final round of peace talks in President Clinton's waning term.

Tenet is to meet Sunday in Cairo with senior Israeli and Palestinian security officials. For Israel, the meeting will focus on resuming security cooperation broken off amid the recent violence, an Israeli official said on condition he not be named. He said more ambitious plans for the meeting had been scrapped, but would not elaborate.

Both sides said Saturday they would not be sending some of the top-level people originally expected to attend. Chief among those dropped

were Israeli Cabinet Minister Amnon Lipkin-Shahak, a frequent negotiator, and Mohammed Dahlan, chief of security for Gaza.

Dahlan's office said he would not attend "as long as Israeli aggression against Palestinian people everywhere is still going on."

Dahlan's deputy, Rashid Abu Shbak, said the security meeting seemed "doomed to fail."

"We can't do anything if the Israelis don't show any seriousness toward cooling down the situation," Shbak said.

To start with, he said, that would take Israel's lifting its closure of the West Bank and Gaza Strip and its barricades within Gaza.

The measures bar Palestinians from entering Israel and limit movement within the Palestinian territories. The blockades have been off-and-on during the past three months of violence. Israel clamped down full force last week after a car bomb exploded in the coastal town of Netanya, injuring dozens.

OPEC will cut production by up to 2 million barrels a day

KUWAIT (AP) — Members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries have agreed to cut production by 1.5 to 2 million barrels a day to boost prices, Kuwait's oil minister said Saturday.

The state-run Kuwait News Agency quoted Sheikh Saud Al Sabah as saying Ali Rodriguez, secretary-general of the cartel, informed him of the consensus among OPEC's members. He did not provide further details.

In Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, a Saudi official speaking on condition of anonymity said there were extensive contacts between OPEC member countries to reduce production.

"Production will be decreased by between 1.5 million and 2 million barrels a day, with the likely figure to be 1.7 million," the official said.

He said this week will witness further talks among member states, especially between Saudi Arabia and Iran. Saudi Oil Minister Ali Naimi recently held

talks with Rodriguez and Venezuelan Oil Minister Alvaro Silva Calderon, the official said without providing further details.

Iran's OPEC governor, Hussein Kazempour Ardebil, was quoted Saturday as suggesting OPEC could decide on cuts of as much as 3 million barrels a day in the coming months, beginning with its Jan. 17 meeting in Vienna.

"If OPEC decides to cut production by 1.5 million barrels on January 17, then there will be every possibility that it would again institute cuts by another 1.5 million barrels in the second quarter of the current year," Ardebil was quoted as saying in comments published Saturday by the daily Afshar Yazd.

"However, if it decides to reduce production by 2 million barrels in the wake of the January meeting, then OPEC's production would drop (again) by another 1 million barrels at the beginning of the spring," he added.

Turkish troops cross into Iraq

ISTANBUL, Turkey (AP) — Some 10,000 Turkish troops have crossed into northern Iraq and are preparing to battle Kurdish rebels there, local officials and reporters said Saturday.

The troops were stationed near the city of Sulaymaniyah, more than 100 miles into Iraqi territory,

Turkey's daily Hurriyet said.

Hurriyet and Belgium-based Kurdish Medya TV said the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan (PUK), which controls the area around Sulaymaniyah, had asked Turkey to send in troops to help in its battle against Kurdish rebels in the region.

Canada implements new law to trace guns

The Washington Post

YORK, Ontario — An estimated 400,000 Canadian gun owners theoretically became criminals this week when they failed to meet a tough new law's deadline to apply for licenses to own their firearms.

After a last-minute rush last weekend, about 1.8 million of the country's estimated 2.2 million gun owners met the Dec. 31 deadline, government officials said. Those who did not could face stiff penalties, including a \$2,000 fine and up to five years in prison, although it is not clear whether they'll be prosecuted.

Canada already has tough controls on handguns. The new law requires the registration of rifles and shotguns, with the added aim of keeping them out of the hands of criminals. It

was passed in response to the 1989 murder of 14 women at a Montreal college by a man wielding a semiautomatic rifle.

Some of the no-show gun owners were making a protest, and at least one provincial government has challenged the law. But in general a program that would be politically explosive in the United States has gone off smoothly, with most gun owners dutifully reporting to police stations to fill out application forms.

Historically, Canadians have seen guns as tools of survival and means of protection against threats of invasion from the south. There is no constitutional right to bear arms here, said Rudyard Griffiths, executive director of the Dominion Institute, a Canadian think tank, said the difference in attitudes lies in the origins of the

two countries.

Many of the people who settled Canada opposed the American Revolution and the idea of rebellion against the crown. "The Canadian slogan is peace, order and good government, as opposed to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness," Griffiths said. "Historically, we have always had a deference to authority and (have supported) the idea of the all-powerful and stable order, which wasn't perceived as being a limit or a handicap to individual liberty."

But in more recent times, the country has split between rural communities and cities, where about 70 percent of Canadians live. "The real issue is urban centers and the urban way of life that doesn't have an understanding of how firearms could not be used as a way to kill things," Griffiths said.

The law required two steps: Gun owners were to apply for licenses by last Sunday and then, in 2003, register the guns by providing details such as serial numbers. Anyone applying for a license — citizens and visitors alike — must pass a gun-safety test.

If gun owners failed to meet the law's standards in such areas as criminal records and mental health, the authorities could require them to turn in the guns.

"This law brings Canada in line with most industrialized countries," said Wendy Cukier, professor of justice studies at Ryerson Polytechnic University in Toronto and president of the Coalition for Gun Control. "It has significant implications not just for the safety of Canadians. We know that almost every illegal gun began as a legal gun."

Orthodox Christmas looks bleak

BETHLEHEM, West Bank (AP) — Bethlehem ushered in Orthodox Christmas on Saturday with none of the usual crowds of visitors and with little cheer — both kept away by months of Israeli-Palestinian bloodshed and Israeli blockades.

A single public Christmas tree stood alone, and the few thousand who milled in Manger Square on Saturday were Bethlehem residents — marking the Orthodox Christmas Eve without the tens of thousands of

foreigners who joined them in 2000.

"This is the worst Christmas I ever had in my life," said Hana Banak, 25.

Blanket closures imposed on the West Bank and Gaza Strip in response to recent bombings kept the young Palestinian from visiting relatives in Jerusalem, he said.

Militia ambushes government forces

MOGADISHU, Somalia (AP) — Militia gunmen attacked government forces escorting the parliament's speaker and other officials on Saturday, killing at least nine people and wounding dozens of others, witnesses said. The fate of the officials was unknown.

More than 200 Rahanwein Resistance Army gunmen

ambushed speaker Abdalla Derow Issak's entourage as he was leaving Telgaw village, 185 miles northwest of Mogadishu, in the RRA-controlled Bakol region.

The officials, accompanied by about 100 government soldiers, were in Bakol to seek support for the government of this East African nation.

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Security tightens ahead of USS Cole trial in Yemen

ADEN, Yemen (AP) — Yemeni authorities are cracking down on Muslim extremists, tightening security citywide and reassigning top police and court officials in preparation for trying at least six suspects in the USS Cole bombing, Yemeni police officials said Saturday.

A date has not been set for the trial, to be held at a two-story white courthouse in this port city where the Oct. 12 blast killed 17 U.S. sailors and wounded 39. However, Prime Minister Abdul Karim al-Yamani has said it will take place during the second half of January.

Yemeni government officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Saturday the trial date will be set by the country's most senior officials. One of them said it likely will be announced only hours before the actual start — just one of the many security measures being taken.

Two suicide bombers in a rubber

boat sailed up to the USS Cole while it was refueling in Aden harbor nearly three months ago and detonated explosives that punched a hole in the port side of the destroyer.

In Washington, a senior defense official said on Saturday that Defense Secretary William Cohen will call for a broader review of accountability for security lapses in connection with the bombing. The inquiry will go beyond the Navy's own investigation of the actions of the captain and crew of the Cole.

Yemeni security officials say the files of six to eight suspects who will stand trial are nearly ready and that prosecutors involved in interrogating the suspects have documented details about each one. A chief judge still must carry out a judicial investigation, they said. It was not clear when that would begin or how long it would take.

Experts insist NATO contaminated Kosovo

Scientists say uranium levels are toxic

Associated Press Writer

VINCA, Yugoslavia (AP) — Snezana Pavlovic's gloved hand opens a jar filled with a soil sample from just outside of Kosovo. Immediately, the Geiger counter in her other hand bleeps, throbbing faster and faster.

Pavlovic is among the top Yugoslav scientists convinced that the dirt offers proof that NATO contaminated Kosovo with toxic levels of depleted uranium during its bombing campaign in 1999 — no matter what the Pentagon may say.

"Just because people can't see it and it's difficult to detect doesn't mean the depleted uranium is not a killer," Pavlovic said.

Yugoslav authorities have



Scientist Snezana Pavlovic, head of the Environmental Monitoring Department at Vinca Institute for Nuclear Physics near Belgrade, holds a glass jar with bullets made of depleted uranium.

charged that the NATO alliance contaminated large swaths of southwestern Kosovo during the 78-day bombing campaign. Their data was widely dismissed, however, because it was seen as part of a

concerted propaganda effort by former Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic's regime.

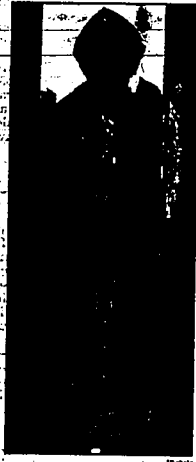
Now a new, pro-democracy government is in place, and state scientists and Yugoslav army experts are

eager to present their data once more. Hoping to show legitimate science backs their claims, they opened the country's sole nuclear laboratory for a rare tour Friday.

NATO admits it targeted Yugoslav army positions in the bombing campaign last year using ammunition containing depleted uranium, an extremely dense metal used against armored vehicles because of its high penetrating power. But the United States, which used the ammunition in the Gulf War as well, has denied any link between illnesses and exposure to depleted uranium.

Depleted uranium, the spent fuel of nuclear reactors, is 40 percent less radioactive than uranium in its natural state.

Its use came under renewed scrutiny in recent days, after Italy noted about 30 cases of serious illness involving soldiers who served in missions in Kosovo or Bosnia. Twelve of them developed cancer, and five have died. Four French soldiers who served in the Balkans are being treated for leukemia.



Pope John Paul II closes St. Peter's Basilica Holy Door at the Vatican, Saturday.

Pope closes Holy Door on holiday

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Tugging twice, then turning the handle with the help of an aide, Pope John Paul II shut the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica on Saturday and offered a highly personal reflection of the Jubilee year just ending, expressing wonder and just a little regret.

The huge bronze door, roughly 13 feet high, usually is opened and closed about every 25 years. This Holy Year coincided with the change of millennium, and John Paul had eagerly looked forward to the event for much of his 22-year-old pontificate, as a chance to rejuvenate the faith of the world's billion Catholics.

Some 25 million people made the Jubilee pilgrimage to Rome. So many, that in the last week the Vatican eased its rigid hours, letting people through the doorway late into the night, and on the final day, into the early morning hours.

"I have often stopped to look at the long queues of pilgrims waiting patiently to go through the 'Holy Door,'" the pope wrote in an 80-page letter released Saturday that read much like a diary. "In each of them I tried to imagine the story of a life, made up of joys, worries, sufferings ..."

In an unusual touch, he signed the letter to all Catholics in public, on a little table brought to him on the basilica's steps before some 100,000 people packing St. Peter's Square.

"The missionary mandate accompanies us into the third millennium and urges us to share the enthusiasm of the very first Christians," the pope wrote, encouraging Catholics to try to shape "history according to God's plan."

Specific challenges, he said, include scientific advances which "must never disregard fundamental ethical requirements."

An aide held the pope's left arm to support him as the pontiff turned the handle to close the door in the basilica's atrium. At one point, he slowly got down on his knees on the hard marble threshold and prayed. When he sat in a chair, his clasped hands trembled, a symptom of what many said is Parkinson's disease, although the Vatican has never said exactly what ails the pope.

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EDITORIAL

Bedke is a wise choice for the Idaho Legislature

Scott Bedke is moving fast these days. Last week, the Oakley-area rancher was appointed to the Idaho Legislature by Gov. Dirk Kempthorne. On Monday, he'll settle in to his new job in the House of Representatives.

Bedke was selected from an impressive slate of 10 candidates. That so many good people wanted the job speaks well for Cassia County. That Bedke was the top pick in Legislative District 25 speaks well for him.

He replaces Rep. Jim Kempton, R-Albion, who resigned to take a seat on the Northwest Power Planning Council. Kempton was a formidable intellect and a potent advocate for Cassia County, so Bedke has big shoes to fill.

As a common-sense conservative with close ties to the land, he is a good bet to succeed.

A finance graduate of Brigham Young University, Bedke is president of the Idaho Cattle Association, a director of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association and a member of the Idaho Federal Lands Task Force. A lifelong resident of Oakley, he also sits on the Oakley City Council.

Not a bad resume for a 42-year-old rancher from a small town in southern Idaho. Though he's from an old ranching family, he's from a new generation that recognizes the concerns of non-ranchers and other users of America's

public lands.

As a general rule, representatives from Legislative District 25 are conservative on economic and policy issues—but they don't paint themselves into a corner on divisive social issues. As a freshman, Bedke would be wise to heed the following suggestions:

- Do more listening than talking. God gave all humans two ears and one mouth; use them in that proportion.
- Seek counsel from the rest of the

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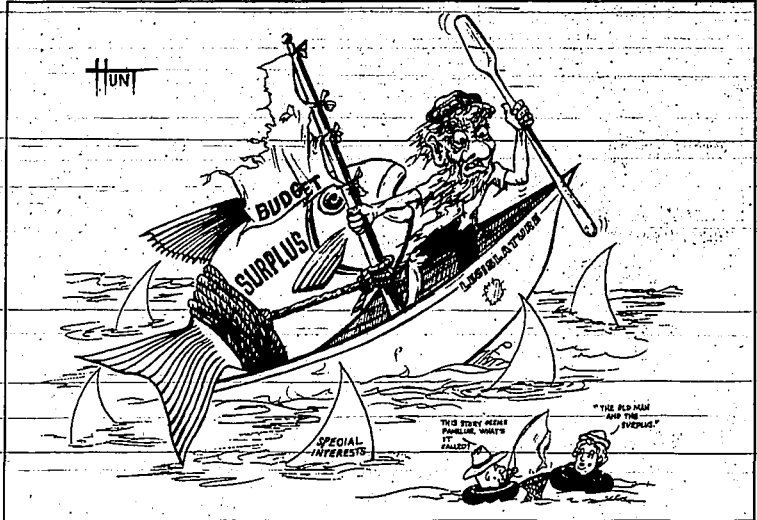
District 25 delegation. The other representative, Bruce Newcomb, happens to be the Speaker of the House, and

Sen. Denton Darrington is the widely respected chairman of the Judiciary and Rules committee. These are wise men and, better still, they're on your team. When they say "jump," your response should be, "How high?"

- Don't succumb to the siren song of increased state spending. Plug your ears, strap yourself to the mast, and do whatever it takes to resist the urge to spend the state's cash surplus. Remember, many of your constituents are farmers who need tax relief.

- Have a sense of humor, but remember to keep life in the public eye in perspective. An inflated sense of self-importance can quickly lead to overbearing pride, which isn't an attractive trait in a public servant.

Overall, Scott Bedke is a good choice who is likely to do a great job for Mini-Cassia and all of southern Idaho.



The two Bush cabinets differ greatly

The differences between the Cabinet choices of former President George H.W. Bush and President-elect George W. Bush speak volumes about the changes that have occurred in the past 12 years in both the nation and the Republican Party.

Broadly speaking, the new Cabinet reflects both the growing diversity of American society and its leadership elites, and the greater conservatism of the GOP. There's more experience and less cronyism in this Cabinet, a higher level of capability and a better balance between the national security wing and the domestic policy side. Overall, it suggests that, though notably less well-trained for the presidency than his father, President Bush shows a keen grasp of at least one aspect of national leadership—finding and using talent.

The Cabinet sworn in back in 1989 consisted of 10 white males, two Hispanics, one African-American and one woman. The stars of the group turned out to be Secretary of State James A. Baker III and the new attorney general, Dick Cheney. They made their reputations in the Gulf crisis and in managing the end of the Cold War and the breakup of the Soviet empire. With one or two exceptions, those who headed the other 12 departments were in little in the way of remarkable changes.

The most notable—and most outspoken—figure on the domestic side of that government was Housing and Urban Development Secretary Jack Kemp, who had to clean up the scandals left behind by the Reagan administration and battle against a blanket of White House indifference to the needs of center-city residents, estranging himself from the president in the process.

The new Bush Cabinet has white males in only 6 of the 14 posts. The other jobs went to three white women, two



DAVID S. BRODER

black men, a Hispanic man, a Hispanic woman and an Asian-American man, Norman Mineta, who also happens to be a Democrat serving in the Clinton Cabinet.

Except for its predictable partisan bias, the Cabinet accurately reflects the changing composition of America's civic leadership, and it reinforces the message from last summer's Republican National Convention, staged by the able new White House chief of staff, Andrew Card Jr., that Bush aspires to expand the reach of the Republican Party into minority communities traditionally aligned with the Democrats.

He is battling ingrained skepticism and tough odds, and the success of that strategy won't be measured until the elections in 2002 and 2004. Meantime, the leaders of those communities face their own test in deciding whether to welcome or reject the entiree these appointments offer.

At the same time, the new Bush choices simply and symbolize the steady rightward shift of the center of gravity within the Republican Party. The elder Bush's attorney general was former Pennsylvania Gov. Dick Thornburgh, a moderate who was constantly scrambling to adapt to the changes of the Reagan era. In former Sen. John Ashcroft of Missouri, the new Justice Department will have a committed leader of the Christian right in perhaps the most sensitive of all Cabinet positions.

Instead of a weak former congressman, Manuel Lujan, at Interior, Bush

has named a James Watt disciple, former Colorado Attorney General Gale Norton, who seems both more dedicated, and capable of, reversing the land management practices of the past eight years.

And instead of the deliberately bland Elizabeth Dole at Labor, Bush has picked a conservative ideologue in Linda Chavez to run the department whose regulatory work has huge impact on people and business.

In areas of strength in his father's Cabinet, Bush has matched the talent, with Colin Powell at State and Don Rumsfeld returning to Defense—to say nothing of the advantage of having Cheney in the vice presidential office then occupied by Dan Quayle.

He also has upgraded security significantly. Instead of Nicholas Brady, a financier crony of his father's, whose bland reassurances that the economy would straighten out by itself contributed to the elder Bush's 1992 defeat, the new Treasury chief is Paul O'Neill, a businessman of remarkable intellectual range.

Except for HUD and Commerce, where cronyism seems to have influenced the choices of Mel Martinez and Donald Evans, the other Cabinet departments will be headed by people who, at least math, and in notable cases, far exceed the Bush predecessors in experience, ability and energy.

If Mineta at Transportation, Ann Veneman at Agriculture, and especially Roderick Paige at Education and Tommy Thompson at Health and Human Services come close to matching their previous accomplishments, the country will be well served. Overall, a strong start—promising action, political controversy and serious policy debate.

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LETTERS

Kemphorne looks the other way

While The Times-News editorials properly questioned why Envirosafe should be allowed to import tons of nuclear waste without a license, they forgot the obvious answer. As pointed out a year ago, Envirosafe gave Gov. Dirk Kempthorne a mere \$1,000 donation. It doesn't take much money to get Dirk to look the other way while he talks about "doing it for the children."

Also missing from the news is the \$4,000 donation that Big Sky hog developer, Ron Adams, gave to his new friend, Dirk. For a mere \$4,000, Dirk is happy to invite a coalition "odor fighters" to hog farm. Count your blessings, kids. Gosh, Dirk has a nice sniffer.

Most folks love Dirk's show of sincerity, so the businessmen always get their money's worth. Let's look at Dirk's new Department of Environmental Quality. Using tax dollars to elevate DEQ to a department, what have you got for your money?

Everybody loves a parade, so now we have a parade of "odor officials"—to straighten out the pesky odor problem. While these odor officials admit they are clueless and powerless, our local officials still look to them for guidance. Doesn't it seem foolish to pass out huge new permits when we don't have a grip on our present problems? Dirk and Ron Adams are counting on you to not think this through. So far, so good.

Even the national Farm Bureau officials have stock and receive hundreds of thousands of dollars from mega hog factory businesses. While the new regulations may snuff out the little guys, that doesn't stop Dirk. The family farmer is getting the kiss of death from businessmen like Dirk, and even the national Farm Bureau, but they continue to oppose regulations to stop them. I attended one of Congressman Simpson's meetings. His advice to family hog ranchers being crushed by mega-factory overproduction was "to get vertical." It's a helpful tip.

While Kempthorne and Simpson form the flame of fear of "green environmental regulations," it is ironic that donation money makes them the greenest green of all. Green like the Grinch, who is stealing your family farm, while you are watching the parade.

DR. PETER RICKARDS
Twin Falls

School Board cares about kids

I am writing this letter to express publicly my deep appreciation and admiration for Superintendent Darrell Hatfield

and the Gooding County School Board.

Since building our new elementary school, our students' walking route has passed within a few yards of an open canal. Last winter, parents and teachers saw the children walking on the open canal. In spring, when the water was flowing full force, students lingered near the edge.

Recently, our school board approved funding for an officer to patrol that high-risk area when foot traffic is at its peak. I believe that because of the board's foresight, we have escaped certain tragedy here in Gooding. I also believe that the investment in student safety does double duty.

The message sent to our kids is that we care about them and that we value their safety and well-being. This public demonstration of protection and good will can only be a boon to the self-worth and in turn to the success of our young people. I thank the school board for its wisdom and insight.

On a personal note, I am grateful that I, and all Gooding citizens, will reap the benefits of this protection.

MARGARET SJOSTROM
Gooding

Leave Tim Williams in peace

This letter is in regard to your friend, Tim Williams.

I am very sorry for the loss of the police officer's lives. However, we also lost Tim, who was a friend to many and would help out anybody who needed it. Nobody knows exactly what happened Wednesday evening except for Tim and the officers, and for some reason, the sheriff's department is not telling the whole story. Tim was not a drug dealer and it hurts all of us that the media and the police are slaying his name. Have you even considered his family? I am sure his mother is devastated.

Please do not be the judge and jury especially when you never knew him. Until the whole truth comes out, let Tim rest in peace. He was not a bad person.

SHELLEY TUCKER
Twin Falls

Bush loves the Electoral College

Wubba loves the Electoral College. His first order of business, upon taking over the presidency, will be getting the college a new starman. This is his favorite college, and he attends its sporting events. You have to admire him for his generosity.

WILLIAM HORNBADY
Hagerman

A president for our dumbed-down times

Democrats salivating at the prospect of a dim-bulb presidency leading to George W. Bush's defeat in 2004 may be as disappointed as Republicans who were sure Bill Clinton's immorality would bring him down.

While capturing at least 270 electoral college votes is the key to winning the Oval Office, capturing the tenor of the times is an important factor in hanging on to it. And just as Clinton's sleazy conduct both before and during his presidency was in step with an American culture in moral decline, Bush's shallow intellect perfectly reflects an increasingly dumbed-down America.

In 1992, Clinton's survival of the Gennifer Flowers affair in the New Hampshire primary signaled a new political era when character no longer seemed to matter to the voters, as it had just four years earlier when a revelation of marital infidelity by Democrat Gary Hart sank his presidential hopes. In 1990, Bush survived dismal showings in early primary debates, appearing in some as though he'd be hard-pressed to name the president of the United States, let alone foreign leaders. And his garbled syntax cried out for a simultaneous translation of his remarks to be run across the bottom of the TV screen.

While such poor performances would have doomed a would-be president in previous years, it did not matter to many Americans conditioned to a society where ignorance, if not bliss, is at least more the norm than at any time in

DOUG GAMBLE

The America that Bush mirrors is the one displayed on "The Jay Leno Show" when he stops average people along the street and stumps them with a pop quiz. Most cannot identify photos of prominent government officials, have no idea how many states there are, don't know the name of the U.S. national anthem and so on.

Just as the Clinton presidency prevailed through Paula Jones, Whitewater and Monica Lewinsky, the Bush presidency may well be unjoined by the 15-minute attention span, the fractured phrases and the lack of intellectual curiosity. To many Americans, Bush is "just like us," a Fox-TV president for a Fox-TV society.

Bush may benefit from the country's acceptance of a diminution of presidential stature. If the stature gap between presidents widened when Ronald Reagan gave way to George Bush and again when Bush was replaced by Clinton, it will achieve Grand Canyon proportions when Clinton passes the torch to the junior Bush. This was demonstrated during the late December Oval Office meeting between the two; with Clinton looking more presidential than ever, relaxed and in command, and Bush sitting grumpy with his legs spread and his hands folded in his lap like a kid who had been summoned to see the principal. But

this contrast seemed little cause for concern in a country that is now comfortable with the incredible shrinking presidency.

How people will react to President Bush being one of the poorest communicators ever to hold the Oval Office—a man whose lips are where words go to die—remains to be seen. But since this did not hurt him in the election campaign, Americans may well decide that eloquence is no more important to Bush doing his job than honesty was to Clinton doing his.

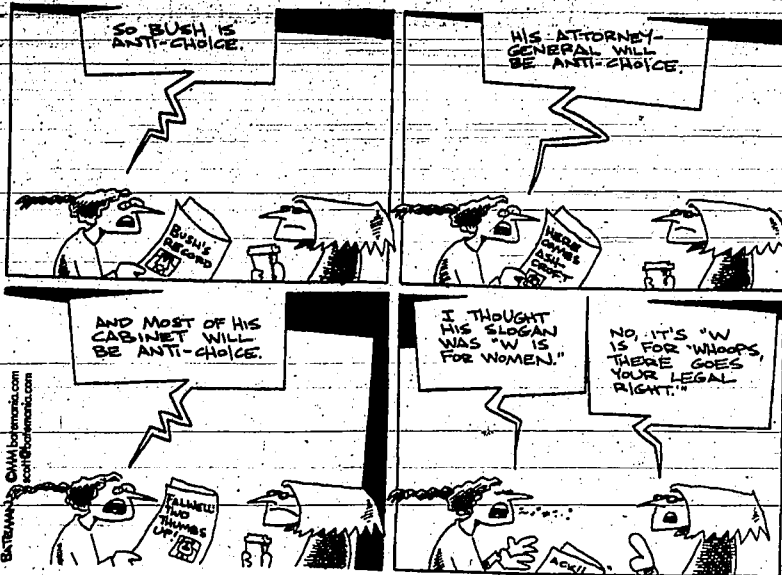
Barring some calamity caused by a White House miscalculation, unlikely with power-behind-the-throne Dick Cheney on guard, most Americans will become so soothingly conditioned to a stumbling, bumbling President Bush as they were to a roughish President Clinton. With these two men reflecting the immorality and mediocrity that the country has unfortunately come to accept, the old adage that voters get the leaders they deserve should be well earned.

It's more probable that voters get the leaders they are most comfortable with because those leaders so resemble society as a whole.

Should Bush prove as fitting a poster boy for our times as did Clinton, the Democrats should insure early re-election of Hillary Clinton's inaugural any time soon.

Doug Gamble has written humor and speech material for Republicans, including presidents Reagan and Bush. He wrote this commentary for The Los Angeles Times.

OPINION



Bush has selected a top-notch Cabinet

From the Chicago Tribune

With his final Cabinet selections, George W. Bush has put in place a first-rate team with the qualities needed to make his administration a success. Despite the unusually short time Bush had to interview and recruit candidates, the incoming administration looks as if it will be ready to govern on Jan. 20. Some of his nominees could hardly be better. Colin Powell, one of the most admired men in America, has the strategic vision and diplomatic skill to safeguard the nation's interests as secretary of state. Donald Rumsfeld was a fine defense secretary 25 years ago, and the experience and wisdom he has acquired since then should make him an even better one today. Rod Paige, named to run the

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Education Department, showed as Houston's schools superintendent how strong leadership and high standards can boost student performance. Tommy Thompson, whose innovations as Wisconsin governor helped revolutionize the nation's approach to welfare, will get a chance to try other innovations at Health and Human Services. Bush has been faulted for signing up gray-haired veterans of past GOP administrations, but most Americans regard a record of achievement as a plus in a Cabinet nominee, not a minus. He has also been criticized for naming an attorney general who opposes abortion and an interior secretary who favors oil drilling

in the Alaskan wilderness, but those are the positions Bush staked out during the campaign. In 1992, Bill Clinton took public pains to assemble an administration that "looks like America." Bush has done the same thing without making a spectacle of it. With four women, two African-Americans, an Asian-American and two Hispanics, his team looks a lot like Clinton's—and nothing like Ronald Reagan's first Cabinet, which had no women, no Latinos and one black. In fact, Bush has outdone Clinton in this respect. His top officers include not one but two Arab-Americans, Mitch Daniels as budget chief and Spencer Abraham as energy secretary. Linda Chavez, picked for the Labor Department, would be one of the highest-ranking

Hispanic women ever to serve in the executive branch. Bush's foreign policy will be in the hands of two blacks, Powell and national security adviser Condoleezza Rice, whose race was clearly irrelevant to their selection. Bush did poorly with black voters, who remain suspicious of the GOP. But these selections should mean that minority children will grow up seeing nothing unusual about people who resemble them holding positions of power in a Republican administration—a change that is bound to help the party broaden its base. But in the end, Bush knows that good government is the best politics. He's made it plain that his executive style is to get the best people and let them do their jobs. He's off to a fine start.

LETTERS

Name your candidate
Regarding Leonard Smith of Wendell:
I just read your letter in the Dec. 28 Time-News and am a little puzzled. I thought I did vote for a man with excellent qualities, but as you were very derogatory about him, I must have voted for the wrong person, so I am at a loss as to whom you refer.
Would you please give the name and explicit examples of this sterling character? That will

help me know what to look for when it is time to vote again.
Thank you very much.
VIOLET HINZ
Heyburn

Don't open unknown doors
Two deputies, I believe, needlessly lost their lives. Seems foolish to me to send an officer to any house door not knowing who is behind it. They should assume that all suspects are dangerous. Never open that door. Tear gas and a broken window can be

replaced—dead people cannot. Just maybe law enforcement needs to get together and prepare a better, safer way for its officers. Like deputies staying in a car or safe place, call for the suspect to exit the house; that way, they could at least see whether he is armed.
What a loss to family when it need not have happened.
P.S. Hope to hear from others about this.
RAY TILLEY
Hansen

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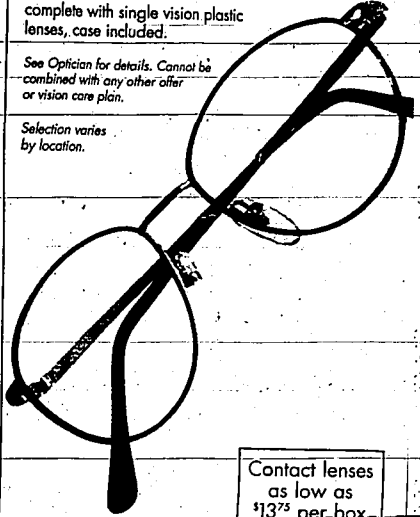
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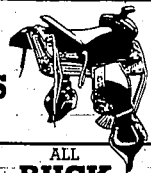
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Non-residential projects bolster Idaho construction

BOISE (AP) - Construction activity, anchored in the state's recent show of economic strength, was staying abreast of 1999's record pace into last fall, but just barely and only because of nonresidential projects.

And the new construction report from First Security Bank only highlighted further the concentration of the economic activity in two areas - Kootenai and Ada-Canyon counties.

It reinforced the contention of House Speaker Bruce Newcomb and others that lawmakers convening on Monday must take steps to extend the economic

boom beyond the Boise and Coeur d'Alene areas to rural Idaho.

Gov. Dirk Kempthorne has already said his economic program to be outlined on Wednesday will include those kinds of incentives.

The First Security report showed overall construction activity last October at nearly \$169 million, almost 9 percent higher than a year earlier. It was enough to offset the slump during the summer and put the value of construction through the first 10 months of 2000 nearly a full percentage point ahead if 1999.

Legislators urge protection of cheap electric rates

BOISE (AP) - Northwestern states must band together to defend their coveted hydroelectricity in the face of an energy crisis in California and changes in federal policy, legislators from the region agreed Saturday.

California's emergency efforts to secure electricity from the Northwest grid took center stage at a meeting of the Legislative Council on River Governance in Boise.

"We shouldn't be California-driven and be tools in their toolbox," said Eric Bloch, Northwest Power Planning Council member from Oregon.

Southern California Edison and Pacific Gas and Electric Co. are struggling to stay solvent

despite soaring prices for wholesale electricity and a state-imposed rate freeze preventing them from shifting costs on to their customers.

Legislators from Idaho, Washington, Oregon and Montana Saturday passed a resolution urging the governors and congressional delegations to preserve the benefits regional ratepayers have enjoyed because of cheap hydropower in the federal Columbia River dam system.

"If these four states don't get together - including Washington - we'll all lose," said Leo Giacometto, a new power council member from Montana.

But there may be trouble in Washington state.

In a letter to the governance committee, Washington Senate Democratic Caucus Chairwoman Harrie Spanel said there are several forums along the lines of that panel, so the Democratic legislators would not attend Boise's gathering.

Energy Secretary Bill Richardson in December ordered 75 Western power suppliers to sell electricity to power-strapped California. But the Idaho Public Utilities Commission quickly banned those companies from producing electricity for Idaho consumers from drafting water from the reservoirs to generate excess power for use out of state.

The governance task force

noted national energy regulation is likely to be introduced in Congress to address such power emergencies, in ways that could be disadvantageous to the Northwest.

The transmission and generation functions of the Bonneville Power Administration will be separated by order of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, meaning significant changes ahead for the regional power broker, the resolution said.

U.S. Sen. Larry Craig stressed to the legislators their states must provide a united front to Congress to defend their interests against the larger faction of California lawmakers.

LEGISLATIVE LOG

The Associated Press

Introduced in House

HB37 (Newcomb) - Makes the Outfitters and Guides Licensing Board's supervisor of enforcement and education eligible as a police officer member of the Public Employee Retirement System for retirement purposes.

HB38 (Newcomb) - Allows any Public Employee Retirement System member to start voluntary contributions into the supplemental plan immediately upon employment.

HB39 (Newcomb) - Clarifies what information the Public Employee Retirement System Board may provide to a spouse or former spouse of a member.

HB40 (Newcomb) - Authorizes the Public Employee Retirement System Board to defer and waive payment of excess costs when a participating political subdivision joins and remains in the system for at least 10 years.

HB41 (Newcomb) - Allows for the refund of erroneous employee contributions to the Public Employee Retirement System upon retirement or separation.

HB42 (Newcomb) - Removes the age restriction for certain fees for bear, deer or elk tags for people who hold a senior resident combination license.

HB43 (Newcomb) - Authorizes creation of an Idaho nursing home facility resident fishing permit.

HB44 (Newcomb) - Strikes the requirement that each nonresident licensee, permittee or tagholder file a big game harvest report with the director of the Department of Fish and Game.

HB45 (Newcomb) - Changes the definition of an outfitter and guide "license year" and clarifies that the definition of outfitter and guide does not include those who only furnish equipment to a hunter or fisherman.

HB46 (Newcomb) - Creates an Adult Protection Services Emergency Fund.

HB47 (Hornbeck) - Increases driver's license fees for allocation to the Emergency Medical Services Account.

HB48 (Newcomb) - Gives the Idaho State Police authority to impose a civil penalty as an enforcement tool following safety compliance reviews of commercial vehicles.

HB49 (Newcomb) - Allows the governor to enter into a compact on behalf of the state for emergency management assistance.

HB50 (Newcomb) - Revises the eligibility requirements for adjutant general of the Idaho National Guard.

HB51 (Newcomb) - Reduces the maximum age of enlisted personnel and commissioned officers in the Idaho National Guard.

HB52 (Newcomb) - Makes the adjutant general responsible for coordinating, planning and executing the inauguration of the governor and other state executive officers.

HB53 (Newcomb) - Extends the adjutant general's authority to provide incentive payments for Idaho higher education registration fees and tuition for National Guard members.

HB54 (Bell) - Appropriates \$75,000 to retain a consultant to study the effects of electric utility restructuring.

HB55 (Deal) - Further defines "land actively devoted to agriculture" to include land producing nursery stock.

HCR1 (Mortensen) - Calls on public schools to emphasize the role of George Washington's virtues in forming the nation's moral foundation.

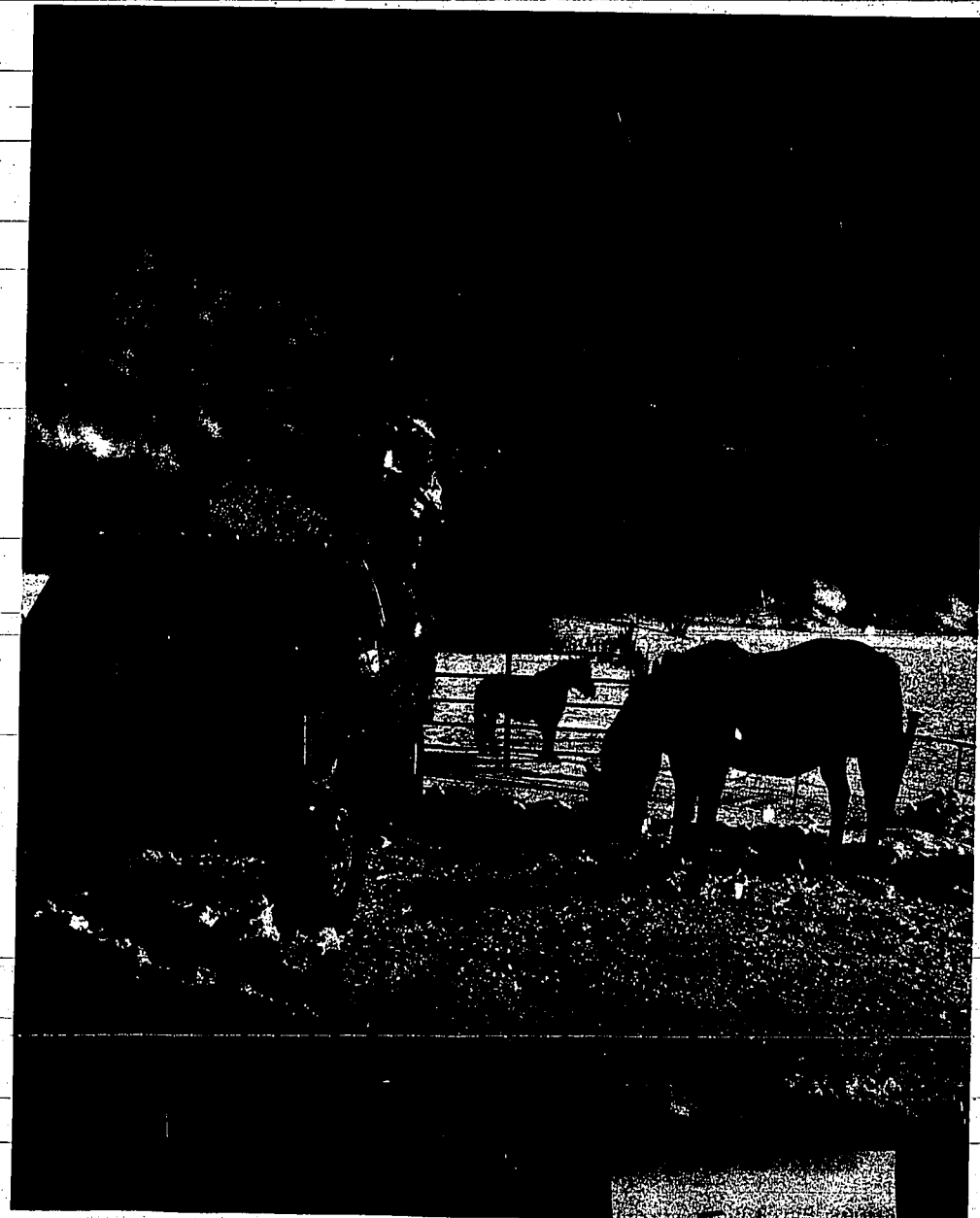
HCR2 (Bell) - Authorizes the Legislative Council to appoint a committee to study electric utility restructuring.

HCR3 (Brunell and Jaquet) - Authorizes the House and Senate to hear the Governor's State of the State address on Jan. 8.

HCR4 (Brunell and Jaquet) - Authorizes the House and Senate to hear the Governor's budget address on Jan. 10.

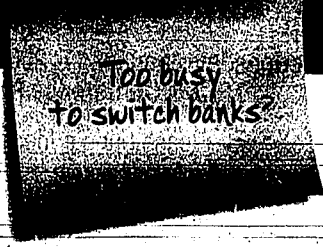
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The Kmart, January 7, 2001 weekly ad circular, on page 13, features the "Wonder Boys DVD." This item will not be available due to the studio's change of release date. Also on page 14, "Vanishing Point" game by WESTATION is featured. This item will not be available due to the manufacturer's delay in shipping. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused our customers.



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Mormons vs. non-Mormons: Same difference

If you've been following the current dustup in Utah over control of the Salt Lake Tribune, you get the impression that Mormons are from Mars and non-Mormons are from Venus.

Religious feuding takes place on the cultural level in Utah, and in eastern Idaho where I grew up - you're either Mormon or anti-Mormon. It's an argument as old as the West, and it never changes.

Why, then, are these people so alike? Fact is, in Utah and eastern Idaho, Mormons and non-Mormons are visibly indistinguishable.

They dress the same, act the same, hunt the same elk, ski the same runs, eat the same Jell-O salads, vote for the same politicians.

Their kids go to the same schools, they shop in the same grocery stores, get the same haircuts, wear the same cowboy boots.

Hell, they're mostly relatives. And yet there's a story of two strangers who met along the shore of Hawkins Basin Reservoir in eastern Idaho.

"You from Utah?" said the one. "What's it to you?" the other replied, bristling.

"It figures," said the first. "You fish like a Methodist."

For all their theological differences, Mormons and non-Mormons in the Intermountain West tend to part company mostly over remarkably trivial issues.

Fishing and football, for example. Fishing because it's a canon of faith among non-Mormons that LDS folks are after their trout.

This is particularly true in eastern Idaho, where on Memorial Day squadrons of Winnebagos bearing blue-on-orange license plates completely surround every open body of water.

There are fish in Utah, of course, but it's widely supposed that Utahns - and by implication, Mormons - like our trout better precisely because they're ours.

I know of non-Mormon Idaho fishermen who have actually purchased boom-boxes and hip-hop CDs for the express purpose of discouraging Utah anglers from encroaching upon their personal fishing space.

Never mind that such a tactic also drives away the fish - a point has been made.

And yet I have witnessed remarkable acts of comity on the rivers and streams of eastern Idaho - non-Utahns and Utahns chumming fish from the same can of corn, for example.

The same cannot be said of football. If you're Mormon, you root for BYU. If you're non-Mormon, you don't name your son LaVell.

This divide is intractable as any in Northern Ireland. A true non-Mormon will not even acknowledge that Steve Young was a pretty fair quarterback.

Fifteen years ago, when Jim McMahon - a free-spirited Gentle and a BYU alum - was leading the Chicago Bears to the Super Bowl, I stopped in a corner store in the eastern Idaho hamlet of Leadore to use the pay phone.

Leadore - located on the highway between Salmon and Idaho Falls - is one of those uneasy borderlands where neither Mormons nor non-Mormons predominate. It was a Sunday afternoon, and the TV was on.

McMahon had the Bears down to the 3-4 yardline, and unaccountably, William "The Refrigerator" Perry - a 300-pound tackle - lined up in the backfield.

Perry, a Baptist from South Carolina, charged into the end zone, turned around, and caught a pass from McMahon - hit by three New York Giants defenders and landed on his back - threw right into Perry's hands.

There were four other guys in the leadore store at the time. Three of them cheered, the exacty matched the number of Utah rays on the flag outside. The fourth feller was silent until the cheers died down. "Nice catch, Perry," he said at length.

"Guess you realize he wasn't from Utah. But I happened to walk out of the store at the same time he did. He climbed into a midnight-blue F150 - a dead-ringer for another rig parked there. Turns out he got into the wrong truck, and after he tried his key in the ignition, he stumbled out, face very red.

No wonder: It had a "Cougar Power" decal in the back window.

Steve Crump is The Times-News's fiction editor.

Investigation winds down for weekend

The Times-News
TWIN FALLS - Idaho State Police investigators looking into the Wednesday night shooting deaths of two Jerome County sheriff's deputies and an Eden man had by Saturday wrapped up interviews and gotten most of the written reports they needed, a spokeswoman said.

But not much progress was expected over the weekend, said Twin Falls County Sheriff's

Office spokeswoman Nancy Howell, who was appointed Friday the spokeswoman for the ISP, Jerome County Sheriff's Office and other agencies involved in the investigation.

The ISP is leading the investigation. Sheriff's Cpl. James Moulson, 30, and Cpl. Phillip Anderson, 23, were killed while trying to serve a search warrant at the Eden home of George Timothy Williams, 47. All three men were

mortally wounded in a gunfight at the scene, Jerome County Sheriff Jim Weaver said.

Police have said the deputies were fired on first, and Williams was killed when deputies returned fire.

In other developments Saturday: • **Out-of-town relatives** of Moulson and Anderson - as well as law enforcement officers from

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A flag flies at half-mast at Kurze High School in remembrance of Cpl. Phillip Anderson, a graduate.

Dog sled racers hold first MV fund drive

Event held to raise money for Diabetes Center Foundation

By Mark Heinz
Times-News writer

MAGIC MOUNTAIN - In a nearly deafening show of enthusiasm, the dozens of sled dogs gathered by their trainers early Saturday at Magic Mountain ski area made it clear they were ready to go.

As the dogs yipped, barked and howled in anticipation, one sled team, at a time was led to the starting line and given the go-ahead to begin the inaugural Magic Mountain Sled dog race.

Organizer Curt McEwen of Hazelton said the event was held to raise money for the Diabetes Center Foundation in Twin Falls.

Organizers hope it will also help the Magic Valley catch sled dog fever and begin a yearly tradition.

McEwen said he got into the sport during a particularly harsh winter about eight years ago, when his children gave him a Siberian husky pup.

"We started thinking a dog sled might be a really good way to get around in all that snow," he said. "So one dog led to two, then four, and then we had a whole kennel."

McEwen said a good dog team and basic equipment can cost a few thousand dollars, but most people who invest the time and money quickly fall in love with dog sledding.

Veterinarian Joanne Dixon of Ketchum said Saturday's event was her first race. After serving as the on-site veterinarian at other races, she decided she had to try it herself.

Dixon and the nine other mushers who had six-dog teams ran a 12-mile course. Five racers with 10-dog teams took on a 20-mile run.

"It was a real learning experience," Dixon said after finishing her run. "We had our moments, but everything went pretty well."

She said her lead dogs, Lucy and Whynot, did a good job. Lucy, 9, appeared frazzled but satisfied as she waited calmly to be taken off her leash and relieved of duty for the day.

All of the racers' dogs were a far cry from the huge huskies often shown tugging sleds in movies.

"Two misconceptions about these dogs is that they are big and they are mean," Dixon said. "The average sled-dog is about 45 pounds," she said. "And they are very friendly. They might try to lick you to death."

Putting monster huskies on a race sled team would be like sending an NFL linebacker to do



Utah dog sledder Sue Morgan takes off on her 12-mile race on Magic Mountain Saturday morning.

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GOP hopes to gain from redistricting

By Megan Scully
States News Service

WASHINGTON - Republicans, who maintained their strong grip on Western and Southern states in the November elections, are basking in the glow of the first census results, which indicate that states in the South and West will once again gain seats in the U.S. House.

For the congressional session beginning in January 2003, Colorado will gain a seventh congressional district, most likely in a predominantly Republican area. Arizona, a state that tends to favor the GOP, will gain two seats.

Idaho did not gain a seat - and might not gain a third seat even in the 2010 census - but nonetheless experienced nearly a 30 percent growth in population since 1990 and moved its way up from No. 42 to No. 39, jumping over Hawaii, Maine and New Hampshire.

The story is the same throughout the Rocky Mountains and the Sun Belt, where 10 House seats have been relocated from the Northeast, a traditionally Democratic region that has not grown as rapidly as the West during the last three decades.

"It will be favorable for Republicans because the South and the West have been Republican strongholds in recent elections," said Sen. Mike Crapo, R-Idaho.

The census could also give a boost to Western issues that land on the House floor, Western lawmakers say.

"This is absolutely a positive thing for the West because it shifts a small amount of the legislative weight out of the large urban states," said Rep. Bob Schaffer, R-Colo.

It might not speak as well for Democrats, who have traditionally had a dominant presence in northeastern states. Pennsylvania and New York, which both supported Democratic Vice President Al Gore, in the November election, were the only states to lose two seats each in this year's census.

But Stephen Hess - a senior fellow in governmental studies at the Brookings Institution, an independent think tank - is cautious about prematurely forecasting whether Republicans casting whether Republicans

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Grant lets students learn on snowshoes

By Ruth Stretzer
Times-News writer

ALMO - When the snow falls on the City of Rocks National Preserve, the traffic slows, snowmobilers pepper the park and the occasional ice climber scales a crystallized cascade of water.

The park isn't the magnet it is in the summer, but it has plenty of history, geology and ecology that can be seen when the park's population is sparse.

"It's a different perspective. And one that's often overlooked," said park ranger John Russell.

Recognizing that the National Park Foundation awarded City of Rocks a \$3,690 grant for an intellectual snowshoeing adventure for elementary school children, Boy Scouts or anyone else.

The park needs 30 days notice for any group, Russell said.

Making tracks

The City of Rocks National Preserve has 27 pairs of children's snowshoes and three pairs of adult snowshoes, for classes and other groups wanting to take an occasional tour of the park during the winter. The trails, led by a park ranger, are free and are targeted for fourth- through sixth-graders. For information and to obtain copies of the teacher's guide, call park ranger John Russell at 824-8519.

To park rangers, the field trips will be far from amusement park outings. Activities range from snow crystal identification and water-wildlife "detective" work to watching the freeze-thaw phenomenon silently at work. "You can see a lot of it in motion," said Russell, who helped develop the 60-page

teacher's guide that accompanies the program.

Games help children understand wildlife in a way that can only be understood during the winter, Russell said.

Some lessons include abandoning snowshoes learn how easily prey can fall victim to a "predator" who has kept his or her shoes on. Or having the group disperse and see why large animals travel single-file through the snow.

Almo Elementary School Principal Jeff Birch doesn't know all the details of the program, but from what he knows he said it will be a "neat project for the kids."

"The school has worked with the park in the past and area children have an incredible learning opportunity living next

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City of Rocks National Reserve ranger John Russell will take children on a snowshoe learning tour of the park. The reserve is offering the tours for free.

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JEROME



Cpl. James 'Jim' Moulson

Cpl. James 'Jim' Brian Moulson, 30, of Jerome, Idaho, died Wednesday, January 3, 2001, in Edon, Idaho, in the line of duty as a Jerome County Sheriff's Deputy. Jim was born August 14, 1970, in Anaheim, Calif., to David and Shirley Meiers Moulson. At the age of five, Jim moved with his family to Twin Falls, Idaho, where he grew up and attended schools, graduating from Twin Falls High School in 1988. He moved to Brea, Calif., and enrolled at Fullerton Junior College, earning his associate degree in law enforcement in 1991. He worked for Buena Park Police Department for a year before taking a job in the security division at Knott's Berry Farm, working as an officer on horse patrol. It was while working at Knott's Berry Farm that he met Amy Miller and they were married on May 6, 1995, in Corona, Calif. Following their marriage, they moved to Twin Falls. Jim worked in the construction business for a short time and then served as a deputy for the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Department for about a year. In 1997, Jim began his career with the Jerome County Sheriff's Department, where he was employed as a deputy at the time of his death. Jim was an outdoor enthusiast, especially enjoying elk and deer hunting, fishing, camping, working outdoors, and driving his tractor.

Jim is survived by his wife, Amy, and 10-month-old son, Derek, of Jerome; his mother, Shirley Meiers and stepfather, Charlie Noble of Twin Falls; his father, David Moulson and stepmother, Sandee of Corona, Calif.; one brother, Bob Moulson of Twin Falls; stepbrothers, Dawn (Steve) Howell and Kym (Louis) Mammotto and stepbrothers, Andy (Jessica) Noble and Jerry (Stacey) Frazee, all of California; and several nieces and nephews. Preceding Jim in death were his grandfather, Harry Meiers, and his stepgrandmother, Loreece Woods. Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday, January 9, 2001, at the College of Southern Idaho gymnasium in Twin Falls. Concluding services will take place at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls. Friends may call at Reynolds Funeral Chapel on Monday from 3 p.m. until 8 p.m. The family suggests memorials be given to Jim's name to a special fund for his family. Contributions may be given to funeral chapel staff, the College of Southern Idaho, or any D.L. Evans Bank in the Magic Valley.

ated with a degree in law enforcement in 1998. He began working as a deputy for the Jerome County Sheriff's Department in May 1999 and was accepted on the Critical Response team in August 2000. He was promoted to Corporal in July 2000 and served as the county K-9 officer, where he worked with a couple of different dogs, Cruiser and Otis.

Phil had many special friends and touched many lives. Some of his special friends include his longtime friend and schoolmate, Charlie Vogel, and other friends including: Troy Roberts, Alicia Smith, Kevin and Kim Brower and Sam Anger. He will be greatly missed by his family, friends and co-workers in the law enforcement community.

Phil is survived by his father, P.D. Anderson Jr. of Meridian, and two sisters, Angie Anderson of Meridian and Michele Schlachab and husband Chris of Boise. He is also survived by two nieces, Chelsea and Courtney Schlachab, and a nephew, Kyle Schlachab, and many aunts, uncles, cousins and other family members. He was preceded in death by his mother, Shelia Anderson, Kevin and Kim Brower and Sam Anger. He will be greatly missed by his family, friends and co-workers in the law enforcement community.

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TWIN FALLS



Delbert T. Ross

Delbert T. Ross, 93-year-old Twin Falls resident, passed away peacefully at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls on Wednesday, January 3, 2001. Delbert was born on August 5, 1907, in Syracuse, Kansas, the son of Edna Mary and Earl C. Ross. He resided most of his life in Pueblo, Colorado, graduating from Central in 1927 and attending Denver University. Delbert was active in Scouts, Boy Scouts and theater in his youth. He met Iola E. Collins in a Baptist Theater production. They were married on April 11, 1935, and were blessed with 57 years together until she preceded him in death in 1992.

He worked for the Denver Rio Grande Railroad for 35 years and was active in the union and railroad activities. Delbert was a member of the newsletter, Green Light. He entered the U.S. Army in 1943. Not wanting to be separated, Iola accompanied him to Camp Roberts, CA, and Camp Swilt, Texas. After Delbert was shipped overseas in 1944, he wrote his beloved wife every day from England, France, the Netherlands, and Germany. Reunited in 1945, they returned to their residence in Pueblo. Eight years later after 17 years of marriage, they were surprised by the birth of their only daughter, Dixie.

Delbert was always fascinated by politics, UFOs and magic. He helped his brother-in-law, Ralph Shreeve, with magic shows in Denver and performed magic tricks for his daughter Dixie. Delbert was an avid reader, writer, and keen observer of life and nature. His dry wit, humor, and perseverance maintained him through hardship, adversity, and old age with dignity and grace. Walking almost daily into his nineties, he led this world surrounded by family and friends in his final walk home.

Delbert is survived by Dixie L. Siegel, his loving daughter, her husband, Brad; their daughter, Jennifer Lynn; foster daughter, Tina L. Chavez and husband Rob; their children, Baylee, Julia, Hadlee, and Elyse; several grandnieces and nephews in Denver and the Seattle area; dear cousin, Morris Shanstrom; and all his special friends and neighbors in Twin Falls and Pueblo, Colorado. He was preceded in death by his dear sisters, Essie, Blanche, Olive and Ruth; and brother, Preston. His family wants to express their heartfelt thanks for the loving care given to Delbert by Theresa Luckham, the Albrechts, and all the staff at MVRMC, especially the angels of mercy on the 2nd floor. Funeral services will be conducted at 1 p.m. Monday, January 8, 2001, at the United Methodist Church, 360 Shoshone St. East in Twin Falls with Pastor Jim Frisbie officiating. Burial will follow at Twin Falls Cemetery. The family suggests memorials be given to the MVRMC Foundation designated for nursing education and inservice in Delbert T. Ross' name. Contributions may be given to funeral chapel staff or mailed to Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2468 Addison Ave. East, Twin Falls, ID 83301.



Victor N. Boyles

Victor Neil Boyles, 80, of Twin Falls, died Wednesday evening, January 3, 2001, at the New Life Living Center in Fier, Idaho. Victor was born on November 15, 1920, in Berwyn, Nebraska, the son of Jacob and Minnie Ellen McCullough Boyles. He grew up and attended schools in Nebraska. He entered the U.S. Navy after the bombing of Pearl Harbor. He proudly served his nation for 18 years before being honorably discharged. He worked as a ranch hand for several years in Oregon. In 1965, he moved to Twin Falls where he worked as a welder for several companies in the area including Rocky Mountain Harvest Store and Bucko Trailers.

Victor is survived by his two children, Glenn Boyles and Ellen Boyles, both of Twin Falls. Also surviving are two grandchildren, Sonya Marie Sypher and Andrew Casey Sypher of Twin Falls, and several cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents, four sisters, and six brothers. Memorial services will be held on Saturday, January 13, 2001, from 12 noon to 2 p.m. at Victor's home, 669 Lewis Street South in Twin Falls. Friends may call on Sunday from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. and on Tuesday from 3 p.m. until 8 p.m. at Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls. Burial will take place in the family plot in Anshley, Nebraska, at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be given to the Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center or the Ronald Reagan School. Contributions may be given to funeral chapel staff or mailed to Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2468 Addison Ave. East, Twin Falls, ID 83301.

HAZELTON



E. LaMar Black

E. LaMar Black, 78-year-old Hazelton resident, died Friday, Jan. 5, 2001, at the Cassia Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls. He was born on July 3, 1922, at Eden, the son of Arthur Myron and Hazel Emma Hansen Black. LaMar attended schools in Eden, graduating from Eden High School. He married Irene C. Human on Nov. 17, 1942, at Buhl. Their marriage was later solemnized in the Idaho Falls LDS Temple on May 6, 1959. She preceded him in death on March 10, 1993. LaMar was a farmer for most of his life, running the family farm in Hazelton. While farming, he worked for Browning Freight Lines for nearly 20 years until his retirement in 1981.

After his retirement, LaMar went back to farming fulltime. LaMar was a member of the LDS Church, serving in various capacities, including High Priest, Group Leader and Bishop's Counselor.

LaMar loved spending time in the outdoors, gardening, and most of all, spending time with his family. Survivors include a daughter, Linda (Valgene) Povey of Rupert; two sons, Pete (Nia) Black of Hazelton and Doug (Cynode) Black of Filer; four brothers, Fern Black, Donald Black and Karl Black, all of Eden; and Dan Black of Jerome; three sisters, Enid McCauley and Lorene Owen, both of Eden, and Betty Lou Wright of allenton; nine grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. In addition to his wife, he was preceded in death by a daughter, Susan; his parents; and a brother, Golden Eugene. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 9, 2001, at the Hazelton LDS Ward Chapel with Bishop Michael Walte officiating. Burial will follow in the Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls. Friends may call at the Hazelton Ward Chapel from 6-8 p.m. Monday and one hour prior to the funeral on Tuesday. Arrangements are under the direc-

tion of Payne Mortuary, 221 West Main Street in Burley.

BUHL



James Cowden

James Cowden, 68, of Buhl, died Friday, Jan. 5, 2001, at his home. He was born Oct. 4, 1934, at Wheeler, Texas, to Cudde and Willie Mae Bradlow Cowden. He attended school at Wheeler and he joined the Air Force in 1951, stationed in Korea during the conflict. After the service, he married Leota Brown and they had two children, Teressa and David. They later divorced. In 1983, he married Jean Wright and they had twins, Cody and Angie. He is survived by his wife, Jean, and three children, Teressa Howington of Pierce, Idaho, Cody and Angie Cowden of Buhl, three brothers, James Stone, Steve and Cody Cowden of Amarillo, Texas; three sisters, Vi Guyette, Dixie McElraith of Amarillo, Texas, and Hazel Paters of Velton, Michigan; and two grandchildren, Michael Howington of Nez Pierce, Idaho, and Sarah Mason of Bendleton, Oregon. He was preceded in death by his parents and his beloved son, David. Funeral services will be held Wednesday, Jan. 10, 2001, at 2 p.m. at the First Assembly of God Church in Buhl. Burial will follow at the West End Cemetery. Friends may call at the Farmer Funeral Chapel on Tuesday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Man gets 15 years in jail in girlfriend's drowning

BULLFROG, Utah (AP) — A Kansas man convicted of manslaughter in connection with his girlfriend's 1999 drowning in Lake Powell's Bullfrog Marina has been sentenced to 15 years in prison. A jury deliberated eight hours in November before declaring Troy Evans, 30, guilty of the second-degree felony. Davynda Finch, 26, drowned July 18, 1999, when the truck Evans was driving plunged into Bullfrog Marina. Evans told police the truck's

brakes and steering failed, causing it to go over a cliff and into the water. Evans jumped from the truck, but Finch was unable to escape. Her body was recovered less than an hour later. Prosecutors claimed Evans altered his brakes and steering mechanisms so they would malfunction. According to court documents, the two had been dating for less than a month and had been out of a for three days before Finch's death.

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JEROME

Cpl. Phillip C. Anderson
Cpl. Phillip C. Anderson, 23, of Jerome and formerly of Meridian, died Wednesday, January 3, 2001, in Eden, Idaho. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, January 9, 2001, at the College of Southern Idaho gymnasium in Twin Falls. A memorial vigil will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday, January 10, 2001, at the Resurrection Catholic Community Church, 1151 Lake Hazel Road, Boise. A separate funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, January 11, 2001, at the Kuna High School gymnasium. Burial will follow at the Kuna Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Cloverdale Funeral Home in Boise. Phil was born November 18, 1977, in Boise to Phillip Dale Jr. and Sheila (Gummerson) Anderson. He was raised in the Meridian and Kuna areas and attended Kuna schools. He was active in many different sports in school including baseball, basketball, football, tennis, hunting, fishing and the FFA, where he won many awards and prizes. He enjoyed being in the outdoors and worked at the Nevada Fish Hatchery with the Idaho Fish and Game Department. He graduated from Kuna High School in 1996 and attended Boise State University for a year and then continued at the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls, where he gradu-

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Albion Valley looks at future growth

By Ruth Streeter
Times-News writer

ALBION — Trying to clear a hurdle of years-old opposition, Albion Valley residents are taking a different approach to deciding about the future.

A team of current and former College of Southern Idaho faculty members are helping residents along. A team of facilitators Friday night led more than 80 residents in town hall discussions to nail down the most important questions residents want answered about their future.

"What is the one thing in the Albion Valley that is so important to you it keeps you here?" asked Carleen M. Herring, the economic development division manager for Region IV Development Corp.

Concerns spanned the gamut, from balancing natural resource protection with growth, the effects of tourism on taxes, protecting property rights, creating new financial resources without taxing, recruiting businesses that will hire locally — and even the most basic questions.

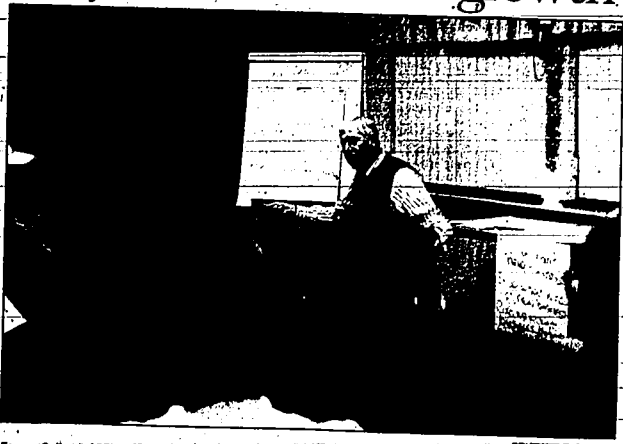
"I think more elementary than that is, do we want new businesses here?" asked Albion resident Curtis Richards.

A few contentious meetings in the past few years have pitted residents who want change against those who want none. But nothing's ever gotten done, said Don Danner, an Albion resident and former mayor.

"Every one talks about their agenda, (then) everyone says goodnight and goes home and nothing ever happens," Danner said.

Danner hopes the recent creation of the Albion Valley Planning and Zoning Council, which he spearheaded, will bring more structure.

Opinions on Friday's dialogue



Former College of Southern Idaho educator Mike Glenn was one of several facilitators of a recent town hall meeting near Albion. The facilitators are helping Albion Valley residents nail down their vision for the valley's future. The county planning and zoning commission will work that vision into its comprehensive plan.

were mixed. Resident George Kelley said he thinks the discussions will help a little, but they "won't solve nothing."

Kelley is frustrated over poor decisions that have affected the entire valley, such as closing the local airport and failing to find a use for the Albion Normal School campus.

Resident Warren Yadon said city residents have always been trying to "take over" the entire valley. But he said Friday's event was a way to let the rural residents have their say.

"This way you get a pretty broad perspective," Yadon said. Danner, who lives in city limits,

said all communities experience a certain degree of mistrust. That attitude is "just kind of sour grapes," he said, usually generated by people who have felt offended.

The city-planning council has created liaisons who are responsible for promoting harmony and developing community relationships, Danner said.

After the facilitators have compiled the questions residents raised Friday, they will return Feb. 2 with a list of community concerns. At that time, the community will start to find some answers.

Those answers will amount to

the final plan for Albion's future, which the County Planning and Zoning Commission has agreed to incorporate into its comprehensive plan. Danner said the community will miss a "great opportunity" if it doesn't work with the county.

Danner also said Friday that a major medical center has expressed interest in locating in the valley, although he said he had agreed not to make its identity public.

Times-News writer Ruth Streeter can be reached at the Mini-Cassia Bureau at 677-4042, Ext. 109, or by e-mail at rstreeter@magicvalley.com



Miguel Farfan stands in a room he hopes to turn into a teen center.

Burley man plans to open teen center

By Lorraine Cavener
Times-News correspondent

BURLEY — A new teen center will be opening soon in donated space and with donated help.

Miguel Farfan recently opened Yancy Communications, a cellular telephone business on Oakley Avenue in Burley. But he had more space than he could use.

Farfan, 30, remembers growing up in Rupert, and thought about making a teen center a reality.

There is nothing to do for the kids in the winter time except movies or hanging out in a parking lot or at a restaurant — no place for a good-sized group," he said.

"He visualizes the unused 2,000 square feet at his business as a place for youth to play pool, ping-pong and darts. He sees a lounge area with a place to watch TV and videos. And he sees several computers with Internet access for young people to work on homework.

Adria Masoner, coordinator of the Mini-Cassia HealthNet Youth Advisory Committee, has the same vision.

A recent survey showed the community is low in youth programs, Masoner said. When talking with youth about what they would like, one thing stuck out.

"They overwhelmingly said they need a fun, safe place to hang out," she said. "Now on Fridays and Saturdays, you see kids driving around and dragging Overland. That is not very safe."

"The new teen center would be in a supervised environment, Masoner said.

One of the best things about the center is the willingness of young people to become involved, said

Want to help?

Donations for a teen center are needed, including: paint, a water heater, materials to remodel the bathroom, a refrigerator, couches, a television, a sound system, carpet, tables, game equipment, chairs and computers. To make donations call Adria Masoner at 678-8224, ext. 225 or Miguel Farfan at 677-2555.

Tammy Hanks, Mini-Cassia HealthNet coordinator.

Youth have started making plans to raise money for the center. Hanks said. They are planning a rock-a-thon and dance at one of the high schools.

"I feel like some of the kids in our community don't have things to do and places to hang out," said Amanda Walsh, 15, a ninth grader at Burley Junior High School and involved with planning the teen center. She has a number of reasons for getting involved.

"I know people who do drugs because they say they don't have anything better to do," Walsh said. She urges others to join in.

"We've got to get the community involved," she said.

A recreation grant from the Idaho School-to-Work program could provide some support for the center, Masoner said.

"We can use the center as a place for local business people to come in and talk to kids," she said. "Then it won't be just a hang-out, but a place where adults can interact."

But Farfan can't do it all himself and needs help from the community, she said.

"Miguel has made a great personal investment and he has volunteered his workers," Masoner said.

Teen-ager cuts deal in attempted murder case

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — A teen-ager has cut a deal with prosecutors in connection with a gun incident at a fast-food restaurant in Coeur d'Alene.

Jeffery Strong, now 18, of Tacoma, Wash., pleaded guilty to one count of aggravated assault in return for charges of attempted murder, battery and brandishing a deadly weapon being dropped.

Strong was accused of confronting Brian Macy, 24, and

Jerry Drury, 31, during a fight last August, pointing a gun at each man and pulling the trigger. But in both cases the gun failed to fire.

Kootenai County Deputy Prosecutor Michael Waldrup said Strong's age, only 17 at the time of the incident, played a role in the decision to forge a plea bargain.

"The victims expressed their concern that his life shouldn't be thrown away" after a non-serious fight, Waldrup said.

After accepting the plea on Friday, 1st District Judge John Luster set sentencing for March

6. The maximum sentence for aggravated assault is five years in prison and a \$5,000 fine.

Police chase ends in crash

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Seven people, including three bystanders, were injured when a high-speed police chase ended in a three-car crash.

The chase began about 2 p.m. Friday when an officer from Granite School District spotted a car in a parking lot across from the school with four people inside acting "suspiciously."

A check of the license plate showed the car was stolen. Granite Police Capt. Bob Lavin said the car took off before the officer could pull it over.

Police chased the car through Salt Lake City until it crashed into two vehicles turning left onto the Interstate-80 onramp.

Two of the people in the fleeing car were transported to local hospitals in critical condition. The other two were in serious condition.

Three people in cars not involved in the chase suffered minor injuries.

Granite police are defending their decision to chase the car. Traffic was light and road conditions were good, Lavin said.

He called the crash an officer's worst nightmare.

Utah Highway Patrol Sgt. Doug McCleave said troops usually pursue a car if they discover it is stolen but pull back if it becomes too dangerous.

GOP

Continued from B1. will see significant increases in the next Congress because of redistricting.

"It's too early to make assumptions that simply because the first numbers are out, Republicans will do very well," Hess said. "It is a little more complicated that the numbers than came out last week."

While Hess suspects Republicans will fare better in redistricting than Democrats, Hess said redrawing districts is a complex process that varies from state to state and often depends largely on the party composition of a state's legislature.

Crapo likewise noted that "until you see the final details, it is hard to be sure who benefits." However, the initial review looks favorable for Republicans.

"It is fair to say that if you look at the broad scale, it is probably a net positive for Republicans," Crapo said.

Redistricting in most states falls in the hands of the legislature, which can draw a new district that reflects the ideology of the majority party.

In Colorado, for instance, the GOP controls the House, while Democrats took control of the Senate in the last election for the first time in 40 years, but Gov. Bill Owens, a Republican, can veto a redistricting.

Regardless of which party gains from Colorado's new district lawmakers agree that the added districts across the West will help give more of a voice on Western issues.

"Redistricting is going to be helpful, because it means we're going to have a bigger voice on Western water issues and public lands," said Sen. Wayne Allard, R-Colo.

Democrats lost several seats in the Northeast, but Hess said the party can expect to make significant gains in Georgia and North Carolina, where Democrats control the state government.

Georgia will gain two seats, while North Carolina will gain one.

Racers

Continued from B1. a marathon runner's job, she said.

Most sled dogs have a generous portion of hound in their blood, which gives them drive and endurance.

"They are lean, mean running machines," Dixon said.

McEwen's wife, Kathy McEwen, said Saturday's mild weather was actually a little too balmy for the dogs given the hard work they had to do.

But many of the teams did surprisingly well on the courses.

"We'll have to make a few changes next year," she said. "Most of the teams are coming in a lot faster than we expected."



Carl McEwen from Hazelton holds back a team of dogs from jumping the starting line.

Shooting

Continued from B1. all over Idaho — were beginning to gather in the Magic Valley Saturday to attend a Tuesday memorial service for the deputies. The service will be held at 1 p.m. in the College of Southern Idaho gymnasium.

Services for Moulton will follow at Sunset Memorial Park in

Twin Falls

A funeral service for Anderson will be held Thursday at the Kuna High School gymnasium, with burial to follow at the Kuna Cemetery.

Obituaries for Moulton and Anderson appear on Page B2. Funeral services for Williams have not been set.

Shoes

Continued from B1. the City of Rocks, Birch said. "It's neat. It's wonderful. Those kids have an experience up there that's completely unique to most of the country," Birch said.

Until the program gains momentum, a day of activities is free, Russell said.

At the City of Rocks, parties should expect to spend three to four hours, depending on how many activities they select for the day, Russell said.

ties that groups can choose for their day in the winter wilderness. The Sherpa Snowshoes Educational Purpose Program also donated \$2,160 toward the purchase of 30 Sherpa snowshoes.

If more people are interested than there are available snowshoes, people are welcome to provide their own, Russell said.

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SERVICES

Gene Girl of El Cerrito, Calif., memorial service at 11 a.m. Monday at Demaray's Shoshone Chapel.

Lucille Barron Shaw of Boise, memorial service at 1 p.m. Monday at the Alden Waggoner Funeral Chapel, 5400 Fairview Ave. in Boise.

Jon Anthony Fos of Lakewood, Wash., memorial service at 11 a.m. Monday at Hansen Mortuary Ruppert Chapel, 710 6th St. in Rupert.

Gorden Huddleston Sr. of

Wilsall, Mont., memorial service at 1 p.m. Tuesday at the Wilsall Community Church with a reception to follow at Wilsall Senior Citizens Center.

Patricia Diane Koehler of Twin Falls, memorial services at 4 p.m. Tuesday at White Mortuary

Chapel in Twin Falls.

Edna Bateman of Jerome, service at 1 p.m. Monday at Howe-Robertson-Funeral-Chapel in Jerome.

Friends and family may call from 4-7 p.m. today at the funeral chapel.

DEATH NOTICE

Callie Fliegel
6, 2001.
Arrangements are pending and will be announced by White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

RUPERT - Callie Jones Fliegel, 89, of Rupert, died Saturday, Jan.

HOSPITALS

MAGIC VALLEY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER, Twin Falls, Richard S. Regnier of Bliss; and Carol Arlene Reynolds of Wendell.
Some names are omitted at patients' request.
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OBITUARY

GOODING



Dennis H. Dunn

Dennis Tully Harvey Dunn, 83, a Gooding resident, joined his family in Heaven on Sunday, January 5, 2001, at the Gooding County Memorial Hospital after a short illness.

Dennis was born near Medford,

Oklahoma, on February 3, 1917, to Harvey A. and Minnie Hickman Dunn. When he was two years old, the family moved to Knowles, Oklahoma, where he attended school. Dennis was a farmer and rancher in his early life.

He moved to Ralton, New Mexico, in 1949 for a year, then moving to a farm north of Gooding, Idaho, where he made a home for his mother, sister and niece, Judith. Before retiring, he was a "care taker" and foreman for several years at the White Horse Ranch in the Steene Mountains in Oregon. He then returned to Gooding to make his home.

He is survived by one sister, Bernice Reynolds of Gooding; a niece, Judith (Sieve) Porch of Rupert and their son, Corey of Boise; nephews, Rodey (Debbie) Dunn of Rupert, Randy (Karen) Dunn of California, Roger Dunn of Las Vegas and William Dunn of Vashon, Washington; nieces, Deana Dunn and Karen Keil, both of Warrenton, Oregon, and Sara

Dunn of Vashon, Washington. He was preceded in death by his parents and brothers, Lauren, Warren and Jack.

Dennis loved the outdoors, spending time hunting, fishing, camping and arroyowid hunting. He always had time to help others and as his niece, Judith said, "Uncle Tully could fix anything."

Funeral services will be held on Monday, January 8, 2001, at 3:30 p.m. at Demaray's Gooding Chapel with Rev. Charles Larsen officiating.

Burial will be in the Elmwood Cemetery in Gooding. Family members and friends may call from 4 to 7 p.m. on Sunday at the chapel.

Babbitt plans wolf sighting as goodbye to Yellowstone

YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK, Wyo. (AP) - Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt plans to visit Yellowstone National Park next weekend for a briefing on the wolf reintroduction program and possible sighting of the elusive predators.

"As I prepare to leave office, I'm looking forward to visiting Yellowstone one last time to see

for myself this program which has been so popular with the public," Babbitt said in a statement.

His visit is scheduled next Saturday, beginning at Mammoth Hot Springs and later moving to the Lamar Valley in hopes of seeing some wild wolves.

Park officials warned there

was no guarantee any of the wolves in the valley would kill themselves.

"We introduced wolves back into Yellowstone six years ago, and it has been one of the most successful actions during my tenure," Babbitt said. "While we were optimistic six years ago, we had no idea it would be as successful as it has been."

Aryan compound to be sold at auction

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) - The 20-acre Aryan Nations compound will likely be sold at auction within the next six weeks. But the people who won a \$6.3 million judgment against the neo-Nazi group may not end up with the property.

The wooded compound that served as a nationwide clubhouse for racists and anti-Semites will go to the highest bidder, possibly even another hate group.

Victoria and Jason Keenan won

their civil lawsuit against the Aryan Nations, and would receive the money if someone else bought the compound, located near Hayden Lake, Idaho, said their attorney, Norm Gissel of Coeur d'Alene.

"If somebody wanted to pay \$5 million, there's little doubt they'd take it," Gissel said Friday. "We'd be delighted to take that kind of money."

The property is appraised at

about \$240,000, far less than what Richard Butler and several of his supporters owe the Keenans.

There has been speculation that a wealthy supporter of Butler who lives in nearby Sandpoint, Idaho, might buy the compound at auction and return it to the neo-Nazi leader.

"Wait and see," Vincent Bertolini replied Friday to an e-mail message seeking comment on that speculation.

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INEEL scientists hope to zap pollution with radiation

IDAHO FALLS - A little more than 10 years ago, three Idaho National Engineers and Environmental researchers were sitting around drinking cups of morning coffee and looking at photographs.

They were studying, in particular, the brilliant blue glow given off by used-up nuclear reactor fuel decaying underwater in a nearby canal. It struck them there was a tremendous amount of radiation being given off in the storage canal, which was not being put to any interesting use.

"The conversation was like 'Gosh, that's an awful lot of energy, it's a shame that it all goes to waste,'" said Bruce Mincher, a consulting scientist in the radiation physics department.

At the INEEL, scientists have long loved to bombard new things with radiation and study what happens. In the 1950s, it was metals and materials used to build reactors. That was followed by everything from food to pharmaceuticals.

As the site's emphasis began shifting in the late 1980s to cleaning up the waste it had produced, the caffeine-induced idea that surfaced that morning made perfect sense.

Pollution was the next logical thing to zap. "We could probably destroy hazardous chemicals with it," Mincher said. "So we began using one kind of waste to treat another."

The scientists started exposing different kinds of pollution to that radiation field by insourcing experiments into a test column in the canal. They irradiated everything from PCBs to cleaning solvents to pesticides, the carcinogenic chemicals mixed in with transformer oil and radioactive waste at the INEEL.

With the right radiation dose and mix of surrounding chemi-

cals, they found that PCBs - which are so toxic it is illegal to bury them underground - could be broken down into harmless molecules.

That was the genesis of an idea that could replace incineration - a practice the Department of Energy has used to destroy chemical in nuclear waste for decades but has become increasingly unpopular with the public.

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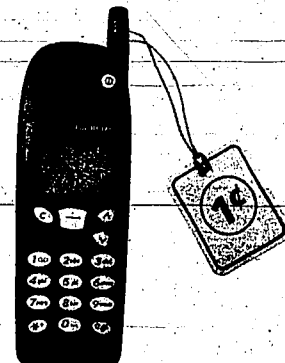
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Energy secretary to visit Jackson, Boise on Monday

JACKSON, Wyo. (AP) — Energy Secretary Bill Richardson is expected to visit Jackson, Wyo., and Boise on Monday to talk about alternatives to radioactive waste storage in southeastern Idaho.

Scheduled to accompany him is Mario Molina, vice chairman of a panel that studied alternatives to incinerating waste at the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory.

Molina is the 1995 winner of the Nobel Prize in chemistry for his theory that fluorocarbons deplete the ozone layer.

The panel has concluded there are alternatives to incineration but each would require extensive research. The panel has requested setting aside \$90 million for research.

The Energy Department created the panel after putting construction of an incinerator at INEEL on hold to short circuit a court challenge to the project. The lawsuit was filed by Jackson-based Keep Yellowstone Nuclear Free after residents charged that the incinerator would bring toxic air pollution to northwestern Wyoming.

Richardson will be at Snow King Resort Monday morning and in Boise that afternoon.

Wyoming Gov. Jim Geringer was asked to attend but cannot, spokeswoman Rachel Gilt said. Idaho Gov. Dirk Kempthorne has the Boise meeting on his schedule.

Boise State requires new students to register online

BOISE (AP) — Boise State University now requires students to register on the Web through its new BroncoWeb registration program, and about 8,000 already have used it.

Online registration — used by schools across the country — aims to ease frustrations as students create class schedules.

"It's just faster. It's convenient," said Noel Woodruff, who registered on BroncoWeb this week at a help center on campus. "You are in control of everything and travel at your own pace — that's what I like. From now on, I plan on doing it at home. It's going to save me gas."

BroncoWeb is part of the PeopleSoft computer system, which had cost overruns of \$5.3 million when it was installed, starting in 1997. BroncoWeb, however, cost less than budgeted and is so far considered a success.

"There will probably be some bumps this semester, but the students are excited about having the ability to do these things themselves," said Mark Wheeler, dean of enrollment services.

Boise State tested BroncoWeb four times last year before launching it when registration started on Oct. 30. More than half of the 13,500 students who have registered so far used BroncoWeb.

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Notice of Request for Public Comment and Public Meeting

The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is seeking public comment on a draft permit for the Big Sky Farming Group (BSFG) to construct and operate a swine facility approximately 24 miles east of Burley in Cassia County.

The proposed facility would consist of five sow units and ten wean-to-finish units. Each sow unit would accommodate up to 11,000 sows, while each wean-to-finish unit would have a capacity of up to 54,000 animals. Total design capacity would be 595,000 animals.

In accordance with Rules Regulating Swine and Poultry Facilities, IDAPA 58.01.09, DEQ has drafted a permit to regulate disposal of animal waste at the facility. The permit requires BSFG to limit waste flowing into evaporation ponds, monitor wastewater, air, quality, and ground water around each of the operating areas; and report environmental data monthly and annually to DEQ.

The draft permit can be viewed on DEQ's website at: www2.state.id.us/deq/permits.htm and at the following locations: Burley Public Library, 1300 Miller Ave.; Twin Falls Public Library, 734 2nd East; DEQ's Twin Falls Reg. Ofc., 601 Pole Line Rd., Suite 2; and DEQ's State Ofc., 1410 N-Hillon.

The public is invited to a public meeting hosted by DEQ to discuss the draft permit.

Date: Wednesday, January 17, 2001
Time: 7:00 - 9:30 p.m.
Place: Burley High School Little Theater 1600 Park Ave.

Oral and written comments will be accepted at the meeting. Written comments will be accepted through February 20, 2001 at the address below. Questions, comments and requests may be directed to: DEQ Twin Falls Regional Office Attn: Doug Howard/ Michael McMasters 601 Pole Line Rd., Suite 2 Twin Falls, ID 83301 Fax: 208-736-2193 Phone: 208-736-2190

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Kempthorne still has two more years to leave a mark

By Bob Fick
The Associated Press

BOISE — Two years after being inaugurated as Idaho's 30th governor, the high expectations for Dirk Kempthorne remain largely unfulfilled.

An opening session that saw the new GOP governor at odds with the nation's most Republican Legislature and last winter's miscalculation that bedded key budget decisions to lawmakers have only been aggravated by lengthy delays in filing key state jobs.

Kempthorne concedes problems, the biggest being last year's budget fiasco. But he contends his attempts to be thorough are misperceived as executive paralysis. He believes he has started making progress and has laid the groundwork for real achievements in the



Governor Dirk Kempthorne

people hired you on to do... I feel the results are there."

That is the issue—results. While the 49-year-old former Boise mayor and U.S. senator is renowned for charm that makes personal if not philosophical allies even of those who disagree with him, he is increasingly criticized

final two years of his term.

"I've made mistakes, so I will learn from that," the governor said in a recent interview. "You know what's important? It's how you finish, and if you finish with the results that

for fumbling what some believe has been an unprecedented opportunity to put Idaho on a solid long-range course.

Probably the most serious indictment is that Kempthorne has failed to capitalize on broad popular support among voters, one of the strongest economies in the nation and a Legislature where Democrats are essentially endangered.

He draws little open criticism from individuals who work in and with state government and cannot afford to burn bridges with perhaps the most powerful individual in Idaho. They only complain privately about indecisiveness and a seeming obsession with photo opportunities and public relations appearances at the expense of serious commitment to such issues as tax relief, health care and water rights.

He gets credit for improving communications with other political and government officials since 1999, when they were all but nonexistent. And advocates give him good marks for understanding local government issues, promoting economic development and emphasizing children—none of which required any real political courage.

"That he got snakebit by the Legislature in the first year and he was fairly invisible last year is a problem," Dallas Gudgeon of the Idaho Conservation League said. "He needs to take leadership this year."

It makes the agenda Kempthorne lays out during the opening days of the 56th Legislature next week crucial to reasserting the relevancy of his office to overall policy making. His

failure in that regard a year ago showed lawmakers that they could create their own program from scratch and really were not relegated to reacting to what a governor hands them.

But to line up needed allies to approve his plan, Kempthorne could do something for tactical advantage that would only reinforce the view that he is reluctant to make decisions. He could delay appointing a successor to Lt. Gov. Butch Otter, now Congressman Orter, until well into the session when the fate of his program is clearer or even until after the session ends in March or April.

"I've had other governors who have told me that that's something that you ought to factor in," Kempthorne said. "And if you take someone from the

Legislature, that's a message to the Legislature as well as to the voters. It says that you can't count on the state's Legislature and see concrete results from his initiatives, and he clearly appreciates the personal adulation that comes with the office—especially from children. But he offers no hints about whether he might seek a second term in 2002.

Meantime, Kempthorne acknowledges the need to make some changes in his approach, and he began by reworking his cadre of policy advisers. The addition of the seven staffers nearly two years ago was among the first controversies to strike the new administration, many questioning the value of the half-million dollar investment. All but two are gone, and he has started hiring new policy advisers.



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Russian Orthodox church starts Christmas

BOISE (AP) - For Phil Atkinson, the anticipation is nearly over. Christmas is almost here. Atkinson, a convert to Russian Orthodoxy, is preparing to celebrate the birth of Christ today, 13 days after Western Christianity recognizes it. Reason for the lag? The Russian Orthodox Church operates on the Julian calendar, which is nearly two weeks behind the calendar established by Pope Gregory in 1582.

While the difference in calendars occasionally erupts into a debate among followers, there is little chance it will change.

"The church says, 'Why should we change it?'" said the Rev. David Moser, priest at St. Seraphim of Sarov Russian Orthodox Church in Boise.

Christmas celebrations began Friday night. St. Seraphim's is

named for a Russian Orthodox monk in the 1800s who lived much of his life as a recluse. Occasionally he met with other people and was believed to have the gift of seeing into a person's soul.

The Boise church opened in 1992 with only a handful of people but has grown to about 50 members. About half of the congregation is Russian immigrants. The other half, like Atkinson, is converts.

For Atkinson, who was raised Southern Baptist, celebrating Jesus' birth after most of the rest of the world's Christians have tossed out their Christmas trees removes a lot of the hype that can smother the religious sense of the holiday.

"The experience is spiritual," he said.

Russian Orthodoxy follows the same basic beliefs as Western Christianity. The church split from the Roman Catholic Church in the 11th century over issues of papal authority. But the worship style is different. For example, members of the Russian Orthodox Church stand during services.

"We stand in the presence of God, the great king and creator of the universe," said Moser, himself a convert from Protestantism.

Russian Orthodoxy also puts Christmas below Easter on the holy day priority list. In Western Christianity, "Christmas is the focus," Atkinson said. "Here there is none of that. No one talks about the spirit of Christmas."

Preparation for Christmas, however, is a solemn time for

Russian Orthodox. During the 40 days before Christmas, believers follow an intricate schedule of fasting.

"There are strict days of vegetables and bread," Moser said. Other days, meals can include fish and wine. But the fast ends on Saturday - Christmas Eve - after the Nativity Eve dinner and singing of Christmas carols. In the days that follow, people at St. Seraphim's will gather for celebrations.

Atkinson has plans for a "fine barbecue" dinner with Moser and his wife after Christmas. Even as they dine, however, Moser and Atkinson are mindful that fasting in preparation for Easter is not that far off.

"Already Father Moser is reminding us that Lent is coming," Atkinson said.

Teen parent talks about abstinence

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) - Jennifer Jurkovich has never been an average student.

She was a member of the honor roll her first three years at Coeur d'Alene High School. She was on the debate team, served on student council, played basketball and soccer and wrote for the school newspaper. She was even a member of a competitive marketing team that won honors at a state competition.

Now she stands out from her peers for another reason. She is one of a handful of students at Coeur d'Alene High who juggles her classroom responsibilities with motherhood.

Jennifer became pregnant last year. Her life will never be quite the same.

"I had plans to go to college. I was an honors student and served on the student council. I kind of lost most of it because I ended up pregnant," she said standing outside the doorway of a Lake City High School classroom.

Jennifer said she volunteered for the program to tell younger students what nobody told her: It is OK to be a virgin.

Now a senior, Jurkovich has restructured her life to accommodate her 7-month-old son, Caleb. This year, she played junior varsity soccer because the varsity team required a time commitment she could not make as a mother of an infant. Her plans for college have been put on hold temporarily to make ends meet.

She wants to share some of her experiences with younger students in hopes that they will avoid making the same mistake she did.

But Jennifer is not the only student who is interested in spreading an abstinence message to the next generation.

More than 40 students packed a Lake City High School class

room one night this fall to learn how to become mentors in an abstinence education program sponsored by the Panhandle Health District.

Now in its third year in the Coeur d'Alene school district, Peers Encouraging Abstinence Kids is a program unique to northern Idaho. The program was piloted by the Boundary County Schools in 1996.

High schoolers who volunteer for the program go through a two-day training session where they learn presentation skills and a basic message about abstinence.

"I had plans to go to college. I was an honors student and served on the student council."

- Jennifer Jurkovich

Tribes try to save ancient art in Oregon

ROSEBURG, Ore. (AP) - From Dirty Shame Rockshelter on the Owyhee River to scrawls on bedrock outcroppings in Senzburg, from projectile points found along Wildcat Canyon on the Columbia to boulders riddled with carvings at Agnes along the Rogue River, Oregon is a state steeped in American Indian history. But time is taking its toll.

Less than 7 percent of the state has been surveyed for Indian archaeological sites. Roughly 22,000 sites have been confirmed, and are documented in state archives but with each day that passes, sites yet unknown and unsuspected deteriorate and may be lost for all time.

Representatives of the U.S. Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management and local tribes are adding their best to preserve these prehistoric Polaroids, but fear they may be playing a waiting game.

"Sometimes nothing can be done, so you just have to let nature take its course," said Leland Gilson, head archaeologist at the Oregon State Historic Preservation Office in Salem.

Nature does that to everything eventually. Time compromises the integrity of all archaeological sites. There's just nothing you can do about it."

State and federal employees are mandated to protect and preserve archaeological sites. Whenever such locations are suffering as a result of age, vandalism or erosion, they are obligated to find ways to nurse the sites back to health. Such endeavors are not always easy.

Recently, the Forest Service has been working to protect sites of cultural and archaeological significance along the North Umpqua River. One such site is the Susan Creek Indian Mounds, where rock cairns above Susan Creek Falls stand as decaying proof of a time when juvenile North Umpqua boys met manhood by proving they knew no fear.

Archaeologists speculate that before every ritual the young men would fast for several days while tracking the heaviest rocks they could find and then wait for visit from their spirit guide. Such rituals were meant to help the Umpqua acquire property and focus in life.

Daily a handful of the original



In a stretch of Tyse Basalt rock near the mouth of the Umpqua River near Scottsburg, Ore., a petroglyph showing mountains with a stream running between them is slowly succumbing to erosion.

moss-covered pyramids remain. Some have fallen due to age; others have been knocked over by vandals. A sign detailing the importance of the site has been riddled with bullet holes.

Debra Barner, Forest Service archaeologist, has been studying sites in the Umpqua National Forest and fears the repercussions for vandalizing, stealing and destroying archaeological sites are not severe enough to make a significant difference.

"There is the 1909 Antiquities Act, but it didn't have any real criminal penalties," she said.

But the Archaeological Resources Protection Act passed in 1979 does have some criminal and civil penalties assigned to it. It makes it illegal to excavate, remove, damage or deface sites. Penalties differ based on the kind of damage committed to a particular site. Fees can be as low as \$500.

"The penalty for damaging rock art can be quite expensive," Barner said.

Sometimes damage is inflicted with the best of intentions. Barner uses the Medicine Creek Rock overhang near Toketee

Falls as an example. In the 1920s or '30s, individuals seeking to photograph petroglyphs - the rock paintings lining the wall - of the boulder were concerned about visibility. They drew chalk outlines around each image. If you make a rubbing of a petroglyph (rock carving) that kind of damage is not going to show," she said. "Defacing damage - like with chalk - that's more serious. That damage is still visible today."

Scholars have also found cultural materials at Medicine Creek beneath 6,845-year-old Mazama ash. The paintings at the site may be more than 250 years old and depict 80 figures, including horses, human figures of individuals in skirts and circles.

The Forest Service is working on a way to remove the lichens encroaching on the paintings without lifting the images off the rock shelter. In the meantime, Barner said they are simply trying to maintain the site.

hang and removing vegetation so it's not so shaded. Things have improved slightly."

When it's impossible to preserve and protect, officials try to record any information they can glean from a site for future study. Almost 100 miles to the west of Medicine Creek, in Scottsburg, petroglyphs in the bed of the Umpqua River have eroded as a result of endless harsh winters. The mysterious carvings that line the bedrock are visible for only a few months of the year when the river is low enough to allow them to peek through rapids. This site is undocumented by the State Historic Preservation Office, but has been well-known to residents for more than a century.

Scottsburg Mayor Henry Fryer remembers the carvings well from his childhood in the '40s. He said his father, who lived in the area since the 19th century, would often refer to them.

AmeriCorps volunteers working at the Panhandle Health District coordinate the program and conduct the training sessions for volunteers.

The mentors will visit each of the three middle schools to talk with students about how to resist peer pressure and media messages that encourage sexual activity.

It is a topic that reddens cheeks and inspires giggles in most company, and this group is no different. The program wants volunteers to practice what they preach and lead by example.

Every volunteer must have a recommendation from a parent or teacher and pass a screening test, said Brittany Pullins, one of the AmeriCorps workers who organized the program this year.

While it is difficult for organizers to demonstrate any tangible results from the program, they say it has been a success.

"I'm really pleased to do this because, in another part of my job, I do pregnancy counseling and I see a lot of surprise teen pregnancies and this is a chance for a solution," said Nyleen Livingston, coordinator for the Teen-Pregnancy Prevention Program at the Health District.

Jessica McIntire thinks it is working, too. A Coeur d'Alene High School senior with bright eyes and an easy smile, McIntire volunteered again this year after participating as a sophomore and junior.

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IN BRIEF

Bengal women knock off Riversiders on road

RIVERSIDE, Calif. — The Idaho State women’s basketball team knocked off UC-Riverside 54-46 on the road Saturday. The Bengals’ third win in a row gave ISU a 7-4 record entering next week’s Big Sky Conference opener.

Junior all-conference forward Mandi Carver recorded her 23rd career double-double for ISU with 19 points and 13 rebounds. Sophomore center Ashley Toner, a Burley High grad, added 10 points and eight rebounds as ISU offset 29 turnovers by dominating the boards 51-25.

Idaho State kicks off league action against Eastern Washington and CS-Northridge on Thursday and Saturday, respectively, at Holt Arena.

Annual Boxing Smoker set for Jan. 27

TWIN FALLS — The annual College of Southern Idaho Cowboy and Cowgirl Boxing Smoker, a fund-raiser for the CSI rodeo team sponsored by Latham Motors, hits the ring Jan. 27 in the CSI Expo Center.

This year’s event will feature all 16 bouts pairing fighters from all over the Northwest, as well as a number of ladies’ bouts. Doors open at 6 p.m., the night of the event and the fights start at 8 p.m.

Advance tickets can be purchased at Latham Motors in Twin Falls. Ring-side, reserved and general admission seats are available, but ring-side seats may be nearly sold out. For more information, call the school at 733-9554 or Latham Motors at 733-5776.

Santa Clara men beat Idaho State at buzzer

SANTA CLARA, Calif. — Kyle Bailey scored 17 points, including a three-pointer at the buzzer, to lift Santa Clara past Idaho State 78-76 late Friday night.

Bailey’s heroics helped the Broncos (8-7) overcome a school record 15 three-pointers in the Bengals.

David Emslie added 14 points, while Jamie Holmes and Steve Ross each had 13 for Santa Clara, which has won four of its last five games.

Tim Erickson scored a season-high 22 points to lead Idaho State (4-7), which lost its second straight game. D’Marr Suggs had 20 points. Aaron Bradley, a 1999 graduate of Burley High, did not play. He was injured in a car accident last week.

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TRIVIA ANSWER

Ken Griffey Jr. and Sr.

Eagles go down at Dixie

Six-point loss drops men to .500 in SWAC

By Kevin Hall
Times-News writer
ST. GEORGE, Utah — The No. 2

College of Southern Idaho men’s scenic West Athletic Conference play Saturday, falling 81-75 to fifth-ranked and undefeated Dixie State College.

It was the second loss in as many nights for the Golden Eagles (2-2 SWAC, 13-3 overall), who were led by Cardell Butler’s 18 points.

Marcus Banks led five Dixie State College players in double figures with 20 points Saturday as the

Rebels (3-0, 15-0) fended off their bitter rivals.

CSI coach Derek Zech had to be feeling a little déjà vu on Saturday at the hands of Dixie State and Snow colleges one year ago. But Zech said the sting from this year’s losses wasn’t nearly as severe.

“I feel about this much better,” said Zech, holding his thumb and forefinger about an inch apart. “Last year, I felt really down after

this trip, but I saw a few good things (this time).”

“There were not a lot of good things about Saturday’s loss. Zech singled out the opportunities his team missed in the close contest, which saw nine ties and 10 lead changes in the second half.

“We beat ourselves,” he said. “We had opportunity after opportunity after opportunity and we just didn’t capitalize.”

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Women take first league victory

Lady Eagles upend Dixie State, 55-50

By Kevin Hall
Times-News writer

ST. GEORGE, Utah — After an 0-3 start to the scenic West Athletic Conference-regular season, the College of Southern Idaho women’s basketball team claimed its first league win Saturday, beating Dixie State College 55-50.

Jinga Gosschalk scored a game-high 20 points and grabbed seven rebounds to lead the Golden Eagles (1-3 SWAC, 11-4).

Hardcastle added a career-high 13 points on 5-of-6 shooting off the bench. Candace Baldwin scored 14 and Lindsay Heiselbeil 10 to lead Dixie State (12-1).

CSI outshot the Lady Rebels 46.5 percent to 39.5 percent, but Dixie coach Dave LaVetter said the Golden Eagles’ stingy defense kept CSI’s win.

“The defensive pressure was the story of the game,” LaVetter said. “(CSI) came out and decided to play with a sense of urgency. I thought they took us out of our offense.”

“Both teams combined for a total of 49 turnovers, with CSI committing 25 miscues. Southern Idaho coach Kendall Grant credited assistant coach Shelly Wright with some extra work in preparing the team.”

“I give Coach Wright a lot of the credit,” Grant said. “She stayed up late watching extra video tape. She helped make a couple of adjustments.”

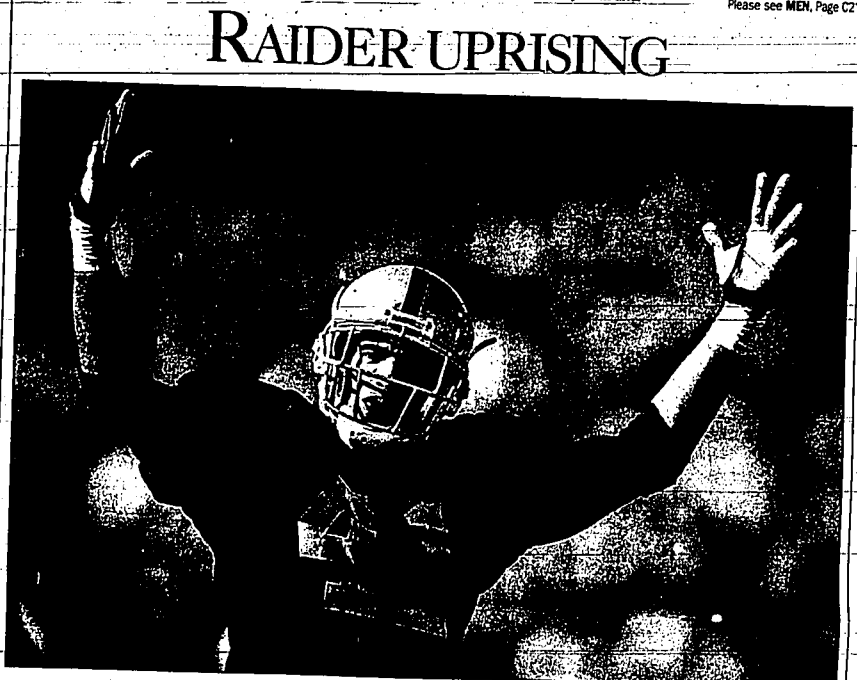
But it was Hardcastle’s performance off the bench that Grant praised the most.

“Crystal’s been a leader all year,” he said. “And I knew that if she just got some minutes off the floor (work) would shine through.”

Belinda Stubbs gave Southern Idaho its biggest lead of the game at 11 points on a short jumper with 8:32 left in the game. But a Heiselbeil layup with 3:01 remaining cut CSI’s lead to six at 49-43 with 3:01 left.

Hardcastle answered with a three-point play on a layup and foul shot during CSI’s lead back to nine at 52-43. Baldwin hit a running jumper with 48 seconds left that sliced the lead to six, but the Lady-Rebels could only cut one

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Oakland’s Eric Johnson gets the crowd pumped up during the Raiders’ AFC divisional playoff game against the Miami Dolphins at the Network Associates Coliseum in Oakland, Calif., Saturday. The Raiders routed the Dolphins 27-0.

Blowout of Miami yields return to AFC title match

The Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — Oakland cornerback Tory James shut down the Miami Dolphins right from the start by high-stepping his way into the end zone.

James’ 90-yard interception return started the Raiders on a 27-0 rout of the Dolphins on Saturday and advanced Oakland to the AFC title since 1990.

The Raiders (13-4), who have not been in the playoffs since 1993, will

play the winner of today’s game between the Baltimore Ravens and the Tennessee Titans.

Rich Gannon completed 12 of 18 passes for 143 yards and a touchdown. Tyrone Wheatley ran for another score and rookie Sebastian Janikowski kicked two field goals.

The Dolphins (12-6), who had won three straight regular-season games in Oakland, couldn’t over-

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come a 200 first-half deficit. The Raiders have allowed just two touchdowns in their last 15 quarters at home.

It was the latest playoff humiliation for the Dolphins, who have

been beaten by the combined score of 127-10 at this stage of playoffs the last three years.

Last season, the Dolphins were blown out 62-7 by the Jacksonville Jaguars in the divisional playoff game. Two years ago, they were defeated 38-3 in the playoffs by the Denver Broncos.

Jay Fiedler, a Dartmouth graduate who was the first Ivy League quarterback to appear in the playoffs since 1970, was 17-of-38 for

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Wrestling for second

American Falls dominates Buhl Tournament

By Joe Sonnen
Times-News writer

BUHL — Wrestlers on the American Falls High School wrestling team must have been shaking their heads entering the final round of the 27th annual Buhl Tournament Saturday.

For the second year in a row, the Beavers were standing on the threshold of the team title at a wrestling tournament considered to be one of the best state-tournament warmups around.

And like last year, American Falls held the lead by the slimmest of margins.

A mere 13 points separated the top three schools before Saturday’s action.

“Coming in, we wanted to win this tournament,” American Falls coach Jim Giulio said. “Last year we took second and lost by half a point. I figured we had a team that could take the tournament this year but we had to have some kids step up — and fortunately they did.”

The Beavers stepped up, over and on top of the competition,

racking up six individual titles in the championship round to claim the team title with 213 total points. And after winning the 103- and 112-pound titles, it became evident the real battle would be for second and third place.

“Everybody came to wrestle today,” Giulio said. “There are a lot of defending state champs here every year and this tournament gives you a great look at where you’re sitting.”

Last year’s winner and defending Class A-3 state champ North Fremont walked away with second-place honors scoring 177.5 points, while Elko High School out of Nevada edged Mountain Home for third with 112.5.

“If a wrestler places in the top four here, then it’s a pretty good sign that the kid will place in a state tournament,” Flier coach Gordy Schroeder said. “It’s really like a pre-state tournament with the level of competition that’s here.”

Having the home-mats didn’t help Buhl crack the top four, but the Indians did have the best showing of any area school, finishing sixth with 96 points.

“Everything went smoothly, there was a good turnout and good competition,” Buhl coach and tournament coordinator Tracey Wilson said. “There were a few upsets, but there weren’t

too many surprises. It’s still early in the year yet and we have everyone seeded, but that’s why we wrestle the tournament.”

Buhl senior Jason Rippe placed fourth at 130 pounds, while senior Nate Heck and junior Josh Sirucek placed third at 160 and 135, respectively.

“There was a lot of good competition here,” Sirucek said. “People say if you place here, you should place pretty well at state. I did better than I thought I would. I didn’t place here last year so I’m happy with how I did this time.”

Deco’s Brandon Turnage took second in the 119-pound class after losing a close battle with North Fremont’s Josh Bishop on late points in the final round. The Hornets finished ninth as a team.

“Up until my last match I felt really good,” Turnage said. “I gave up four points in the second round and I came back and lost by two. This is definitely a tough tournament — I’m pleased with my performance. It was a tough-fought match and he just came out on top.”

Wood River senior Cory Golocoecha was the lone area wrestler to capture a first-place medal, defeating Eric Carlson of Snake River 5-3 in the 171-pound

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NOT JUST COACH’S WIFE

Arizona’s hoops family loses surrogate mother

CHICAGO — It was a blurb in most newspapers, the headline of her obituary, the story of her life: “Olson’s wife dies of cancer.” It read, no doubt leaving most readers to wonder who she was and, for that matter, who is Olson.

Her name was Bobbi Olson, she was 65 years old and she died last week after a two-year struggle with ovarian cancer. Her husband, and her identity to those outside of her five children, 13 grandchildren and immediate circle of friends, was Lute Olson, basketball coach of the Arizona Wildcats and, in the late 1970s and early 80s of the Iowa Hawkeyes.

Olson’s wife, Bobbi Olson never seemed to mind having that as her identity. To be married to a coach is to accept certain things, and one of those is that, barring death, team trips and game films take precedence over pretty much everything.

To be married to Olson, a silver-haired god among the over-50 set,

COMMENTARY

Melissa Isaacson

In Iowa and later in Tucson, she was to understand that along with the job, you shared him with well-meaning wives and grandmothers adorned in team-themed scarves who wouldn’t hesitate to body-slam you out of the way at any public function.

The Olsons, however, were always a little different, always a little like royalty, forever a couple. The way they carried themselves, the way she gave his tie an extra tug and his hair an extra smoothing-over. Their good-luck-kiss before every game.

At home, Lute was not king of the manor, but husband of Bobbi, the woman who made sure his clothes matched when he left the house and chided him for aggravating himself over occasional criticism in the media. Players realize it, though generally not until they leave the nest of the college environment. “The last thing you did on an Arizona-

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Bobbi Olson

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Sens' Yashin goes from goat to hero

OTTAWA (AP) - Alexei Yashin had his sixth career three-goal game as Ottawa beat Montreal 4-3 to complete a perfect three-game homestand.

Yashin opened the scoring 2:07-in and added his second goal at 10:30 of the second.

Yashin, who sat out all last season in a contract dispute, then broke a 1-0 tie by beating Canadiens goalie Jose Theodore with a shot from the right faceoff circle with 18 minutes left.

Ottawa's fans, who usually boo Yashin regardless of his performance, gave him a standing ovation and showered the ice with at least a dozen baseball caps after his 13th goal.

Blues 5, Wild 1

ST. LOUIS - Pierre Turgeon and Dallas Drake each had a goal and an assist as the St. Louis Blues snapped the Minnesota Wild's eight-game unbeaten streak with a 5-1 victory Saturday night.

With a win or a tie, the Wild would have tied an NHL record

for the longest unbeaten streak by an expansion team set by the 1993-94 Florida Panthers. The victory snapped a two-game losing streak for St. Louis.

Devils 5, Rangers 5

NEW YORK - Brian Rafalski's goal of the game, with ESO left in regulation, powered the New Jersey Devils to overcome three goals by New York's Jan Havac and extend their unbeaten streak against the Rangers to 21 games.

Hlavac put New York up 5-4 with 5:23 left in the third period, but Rafalski, who also had an assist, scored his sixth goal from the blue line to force a wild overtime.

Coyotes 2, Islanders 1

BRIDGE PLAIN, N.Y. - Ossi Vaananen and Trevor Letowski scored less than two minutes apart late in the third period to rally Phoenix over New York.

Vaananen ruined John Vanbiesbroek's bid for his 40th career shutout when he tied it 1-1 with 5:29 left.

Capitals 3, Maple Leafs 2

TORONTO - Sergei Gonchar scored the go-ahead goal after assisting on the tying goal in the third period of Washington's victory over Toronto.

After Gonchar's shot went off Toronto goalie Curtis Joseph, Jeff Haderland tied the rebound to tie the game at 3-3. In the 45 seconds later, Gonchar extended the puck over Joseph's shoulder.

Flyers 2, Thrashers 2

PHILADELPHIA - Keith Primus scored his 200th NHL goal with 7:36 left in the third period to give Philadelphia a tie with Atlanta.

Primus, standing alone in the crease, poked the puck past goalie Damian Rhodes' stick after getting a pass from Ruslan Fedotenko.

Avalanche 2, Hurricanes 2

RALEIGH, N.C. - Colorado's Peter Forsberg broke out of a scoring slump with a goal and an assist, and Carolina's Jeff O'Neill

had two goals as the Avalanche and Hurricanes tied.

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Colorado had to save off a 4-0-3 in the final 32 seconds to extend its unbeaten streak to five games.

Sabres 2, Predators 0

NASHVILLE, Tenn. - Martin Biron made 29 saves for his second consecutive shutout, and Chris Gratton and Stu Barnes scored to lead over the Nashville Predators on Saturday night.

Biron, in his first game since Dec. 30, got his seventh career shutout and second of the year for Buffalo, which is 1-0-2 in its last three.

Stars 4, Bruins 0

BOSTON - goalie Ed Belfour's presence wasn't as back as Marty Turco earned his first career shutout leading Dallas over Boston.

Belfour left the team after he and coach Ken Hitchcock had a "disagreement over Belfour's participation in Saturday's program optional practice."

Lightning fire Ludzik

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) - Steve Ludzik was billed as part of a new wave in coaching when he was hired by the Tampa Bay Lightning. He exited Saturday like all of his predecessors - without fulfilling a promise to turn the struggling NHL franchise into a winner.

The second season wasn't fired Saturday and replaced by assistant John Tortorella, who becomes the team's fifth coach in nine seasons. The club's first game under new direction will be Sunday night at Chicago.

"Obviously, this isn't the most ideal circumstances when someone else has to take over," Tortorella said. "But it's the nature of the game and we, as coaches, know that. But it's your time and you have to make that spot," Tortorella said following a team workout in Chicago.

The main focus has to be on the team. The organization decided to make a change and I feel very fortunate to get the job. Steve Ludzik was hired in July 1999 and compiled a 31-7-4 record in one-plus years. His dismissal came two days after an embarrassing 8-3 loss to Ottawa - dropped with 31

points - fourth fewest in the league this season.

"In today's game, there's a new wave of coach," Dudley said. The day Ludzik replaced Jacques Demers.

"The old coach said this is my system and you will do it. The new wave says I have to be able to adapt because not everything I do every day is going to work against everything someone else does."

The team became the second in NHL history to finish with 50 losses in three consecutive seasons last spring, and only Florida, Montreal and the New York Islanders have fewer points this season.

"Coach Ludzik has done so much for me and for the Tampa Bay Lightning organization," Captain Vincent Lecavalier said. "It's unfortunate that only one guy has to take the fall for this."

Tortorella, who joined the Lightning this summer, finished last season as the interim coach of the New York Rangers. John Muckler with four games left in the season: He was not retained, even though he received the endorsement of several players.

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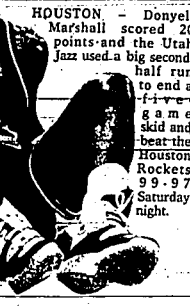
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SPORTS

A LOAD OFF

Win at Houston relieves slumping Jazz

The Associated Press



Karl Malone

Trailing 72-71 with 1:13 left in the third quarter, Utah went on a 25-8 run to take a 16-point lead with 5:48 left. Marshall and Jacques Vaughn each had six points in the run. ... Shandon Anderson led Houston with 21 points. Francis...

added 17, Curtino Mobley had 14 and Maurice Taylor and Mookie Morris finished with 12 each. ... Notes: Francis is the only player in the NBA to lead his team in rebounding (198), assists (189) and points (582).

Who says West's better than East?

The Associated Press

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There's some skepticism in New York about the theory of the Western Conference being vastly superior to the East. ... Grizzlies think about trading Shareef ... Celtics lose fifth while Pitino 'soul searches'

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Hardaway's finally ready to begin

PHOENIX (AP) - Remember "Backcourt 2000" - the much-hyped pairing of Jason Kidd and Penny Hardaway? ... Phoenix coach Scott Skiles said, "You have two very talented guys. They want to play well together and get to know each other as basketball players."

Hardaway complained that when he was in Orlando, he felt pressured by the organization to hurry back after being injured. ... Doctors say he has an arthritic condition in the knee, but Hardaway said he can live with that as long as he takes anti-inflammatory drugs and continues to get treatment.

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Cardinal leaves Olson Court a winner

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) - Stanford finally won one on Lute Olson Court, and Arizona's coach wasn't there to watch a painful season get worse in his heart. ... Arizona (85, 1-1), ranked No. 1 in the preseason, was already struggling and now has lost to the coach's wife of 47 years who died of cancer on Monday.

Men's top 25 The Cavaliers (11-1, 1-1), coming off a 96-73 loss at No. 4 Wake Forest, seemed to be in trouble again until Watson, Roger Mason and Chris Williams bailed them out, combining for 46 points in the second half. ... No. 19 Georgetown 78, No. 11 Seton Hall 66

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No. 3 Notre Dame routs Rutgers 67-46

SOUTH BEND, Ind. (AP) - Ruth Riley had 22 points as Notre Dame became the fourth ranked women's college basketball team to beat Rutgers, 67-46, on Saturday. ... Notre Dame (14-0, 3-0 Big East) used a 15-0 run to open a 20-4 lead and the Scarlet Knights (8-4, 1-1) never got closer than 12 points. ... Tammy Sutton-Brown scored 19 points for Rutgers.

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Olson

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Hingis leads Swiss to cup title

PERTH, Australia (AP) — Switzerland beat the United States 2-1 in the Hopman Cup final Saturday, with Martina Hingis downing Monica Seles 7-5, 6-4 and finally winning this title.

After Hingis' opening victory, Roger Federer defeated Jan-Michael Gambill 6-4, 6-3 to clinch the best-of-three championship. Seles was trying to become the

first player to capture this event for different nations, having won with Yugoslavia in 1991.

"Monica is a great competitor," Hingis said. "She's such an aggressive player and she served very well and always had me under pressure. I definitely had to run today."

Hingis, the world's No. 1 player, was making her fourth attempt at a title in the Hopman Cup, a tuncup for the Australian Open.

She is unbeaten in 14 singles matches in this tournament but had been denied the title until this year. The closer she had come was a runner-up finish in 1996.

Seles and Gambill beat Hingis and Federer 2-6, 6-4, 7-6 (7-5) in mixed doubles to make the final score 2-1.



Martina Hingis of Switzerland returns a shot during her singles match against Monica Seles of the United States Saturday in the final of the Hopman Cup in Perth, Australia.

7) to reach his first ATP final since November 1998.

Henin clinches second title against luckless Italian

GOLD COAST, Australia — Belgium's Justine Henin won her second career title when she swept past unseeded Silvia Farina Elia in the final of Australian Women's Hardcourt championship on Saturday.

The 18-year-old Henin, the No. 8 seed at Royal Pines, rallied from 1-4 in the first set before taking the final 7-6 (5), 6-4 in 85 minutes.

For the 28-year-old Elia, it was her seventh loss in a final. After a decade on the women's tour, the Italian still has yet to win a title.

Although she did have her chances, earning two breaks in the opening set before Henin fought back to win five successive games.

Elia then saved two set points to force a breaker, which she also led 4-1 before Henin reeled off five of the next six winners to

die at 5-5 and then fired an ace and a forehand winner, for the set.

Massu upsets Henman, advances to AAPT final

ADELAIDE, Australia — Nicolas Massu of Chile upset second-seeded Tim Henman of Britain 3-6, 7-5, 6-2 in the semifinals of the AAPT Australian men's hard court championships Saturday.

The unseeded Massu will meet fifth-seeded Tommy Haas of Germany in today's final.

Has the silver medalist at the Sydney Olympics, beat Jason Stoltenberg 7-6 (3), 6-4, his third victory over an Australian in the tournament. Haas also beat local qualifier Luke Smith and ousted defending champion Lleyton Hewitt in the quarterfinals.

Massu, who carried the flag for Chile during the opening ceremonies at the Olympics, has never won a tour title and, until Saturday, had never defeated a top 10 player.

Dokic beats Kournikova in Watson's Water Classic

HONG KONG — Jelena Dokic upset top-seeded Anna Kournikova 7-6 (3), 6-3 Saturday in the final of the Watson's Water Challenge exhibition tournament.

Neither Kournikova nor Dokic has won a tournament on the WTA Tour.

Dokic, a 17-year-old Australian, is one of the tour's promising players. She broke the eighth-ranked Russian in the ninth game of the second set to clinch the match.

"I really had a great tournament," Dokic said.

Rios, Ullrich advance to \$1.1 M Qatar open final

DOHA, Qatar — Marcelo Rios of Chile, the world's No. 1 player during 1998, advanced to the \$1 million Qatar Open final, beating Vladimir Volokov of Belarus 6-1, 6-3 Saturday.

Rios will face Bohdan Ullrich of the Czech Republic, ranked No. 82 in the world, in today's final. Ullrich defeated Nicolas Escude of France 3-6, 7-5, 7-6 (3).



American golfer Steve Stricker plays out of a bunker on the 15th hole during his match against Toru Taniguchi of Japan in the semifinals of the World Match Play Golf Championships Saturday at Metbourne, Australia.

A TIGER-FREE FINAL

Stricker leads halfway through Match Play showdown

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — Not even eligible for the Match Play Championship two weeks ago, Steve Stricker was halfway home to a \$1 million payoff Sunday as Sunday play gave him a 2-up lead over Pierre Fulke after 18 holes.

Stricker, No. 90 in the world ranking and the 55th seed in a 64-man field missing Tiger Woods and several other top players, contained his clutch putting and surged into the lead as Fulke faltered on the closing holes.

Fulke, who essentially has clinched a spot on the European Ryder Cup team thanks to his performance this week, nearly holed his approach on the 18th and made an 8-foot birdie foot to stop Stricker's momentum.

Stricker has never trailed in the championship match at Metropolitan Golf Club, but he led for only two holes in a tightly contested match.

Fulke makes the most of the opening hole, conceding birdie to Stricker, and the mid-mannered Midwesterner returned the favor by hitting from the rough into the tea trees on the third hole, not even bothering to retrieve his

ball. Stricker holed a 10-foot birdie

putt on the ninth, then gave it back by missing a 5-foot par putt on the next hole. It was a rare miss for Stricker, whose putting has carried him through matches against Padraig Harrington, Scott Verplank, Justin Leonard, Nick O'Hern and Toru Taniguchi over the first four days.

He continually holed clutch par putts, however, and Fulke finally got into one bunker too many.

The Swede hit four consecutive greenside bunkers on the front nine and was in nine bunkers over the first 18 holes.

The turning point came on the 15th, when Fulke hooked his drive into a fairway bunker, laid up and then fell green into another bunker, from where he had to hole the shot to halve the hole.

Stricker made a routine par on the 16th, but went 2-up when Fulke hit his approach left of the green and badly missed a 5-foot par putt that broke sharply from right-to-left. Fulke missed a 3-footer for par on the 17th. Stricker had conceded putts of that length earlier in the match — to fall even further behind. But Fulke saved himself on the last.

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made another 8-foot par putt. Fulke came through with a putt of his own to trim the lead to 2-up.

The second 18 began early this morning MST, with \$1 million to the winner and \$500,000 to the loser.

For Stricker, it would be a huge confidence boost for a player who was thought to be a rising star four years ago when he won twice and was 50 in the Dunhill Cup at St. Andrews. But he hasn't won since, his closest call coming in the PGA Championship in 1998 at Sahalee where he was runner-up to Vijay Singh.

A victory might be enough to qualify Stricker for the Masters, based on the 2001 money list through the ninth week of the season.

Fulke barely made it through his bracket, making a 20-foot putt on the 18th to extend his match against Bob May, which he won in 20 holes, and then a 30-footer on the same hole the next day to beat Michael Campbell.

He defeated top-seeded Ernie Els on Saturday, 2 and 1.

Els and Taniguchi played a consolation match later Sunday, with \$400,000 to the winner and \$300,000 to the loser.

Gonzalez, Indians move closer to deal

NEW YORK (AP) — Juan Gonzalez and the Cleveland Indians moved closer to a contract this weekend, while a dozen free agents agreed to deals.

Left-hander Mark Guthrie and Oakland agreed to a \$3.6 million, two-year contract, and outfielder Reggie Sanders and Arizona set on a \$1.5 million, one-year deal.

St. Louis, which hadn't signed a free agent this offseason, agreed to contracts with four players Friday, all probable reserves. Outfielder Bobby Bonilla got a \$300,000, one-year contract, and a pair of former Cardinals got minor league deals, outfielder Bernard Gilkey and outfielder/first baseman John Mabry. Third baseman Shane Andrews also agreed to a minor league contract.

Mabry would earn \$800,000 if he makes the Cardinals' major league roster. Andrews, \$750,000 and Gilkey, \$700,000. All would have the chance to earn performance bonuses.

Third baseman Dave Magadan took a \$200,000 cut to stay with San Diego, agreeing to a \$575,000, one-year contract.

Boston signed left-handers Kent Mercker and Bryan Ward to minor league deals. Pitching for Anaheim last year, Mercker suffered a cerebral hemorrhage during a game on May 11 and was hospitalized for 12 days; he made nine appearances after returning to the Angels in August. Ward was 0-0 with a 3.29 ERA in 27 appearances for Philadelphia and Anaheim.

Right-hander Steve Ontiveros, who returned to the majors last year for the first time since 1995, agreed to a minor-league deal with the New York Mets. Ontiveros, who turns 40 in March, would get a \$500,000, one-year contract with the team.

Two players cut loose by their former teams last month agreed to contracts. Infielder Greg Norton, let go by the Chicago White Sox, got a \$450,000, one-year deal with Colorado, and right-hander Kevin Jarvis, set free by the Rockies, got a \$550,000, one-year contract with



The Indians may have found the man to replace Manny Ramirez in right field and all those missing RBIs in their lineup. Juan Gonzalez, shown in a 2000 file photo, is reportedly close to signing a one-year contract with the Indians worth about \$12 million.

the Padres. To clear space on their roster, the Padres designated right-hander Heathcliff Slocumb and outfielder Chad Green for assignment. San Diego has 10 days to trade them, release them or send them outright to the minors.

Gonzalez, who has had a lot of success against Indians' pitching as a visitor to Jacobs Field, is talking to Cleveland about a one-year contract. The two-time MVP chose Cleveland over his former team, Texas, because he likes to hit at the Jake, and because of his

close relationships with Cleveland All-Star second baseman Roberto Alomar and outfielder Will Cordero, according to Friday's editions of El Nuevo Dia in Puerto Rico.

"Juan has certainly indicated Cleveland is a place he's comfortable with," Gonzalez's agent, Scott Boras told WKNR radio in Cleveland. "He likes the city, the fans and the ballpark. There are a lot of ideal elements about it. I think this is an opportunity for both the club and Juan to be a good fit."

Labonte, Winston Cup drivers are back at work for 2001

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. (AP) — This is NASCAR's offseason, but it hasn't felt like it for Bobby Labonte.

The past two months have been a whirlwind for the Winston Cup champion and it continued Saturday when Labonte flew back from a four-day fishing trip for peacock bass on the Amazon River in Brazil to attend at the annual Winston Cup preview.

"We took some time to settle down, but now it's back to work," said Labonte, who spent over three hours signing autographs at the day-long charity event for fans and media.

There hasn't been a lot of rest and relaxation since Labonte's championship season ended Nov. 20.

Except for a two-day Christmas trip and the fishing trip — an event planned eight months ago for Labonte, crew chief Jimmy Makar and executives from his race team — Labonte has been busy being a champion and trying to figure out how to win second title. "We've spent some time sitting back evaluating where we could be better," he said with a hint of weariness in his voice. "Said things like 'We did everything right, but we were still weak here.' Or 'We can really improve on short tracks.'"

"There's not a lot of time to rest." Jeff Gordon, a three-time series champion, can relate to what Labonte's going through. "You want to do everything and everybody's asking you to do everything and you just can't say no to anybody," Gordon said. "You kind of run yourself ragged and wear yourself down." Gordon said the off-track commitments alone can hurt a

A hectic offseason



2000 NASCAR Winston Cup Series Champion Bobby Labonte sits on the championship No. 18 Interstate Batteries Pontiac stock car before attending the NASCAR awards banquet in New York on Dec. 8.

driver's chance to win consecutive titles.

"With all the demands, it's very easy to lose focus when you try to come back and repeat," he said.

The current champion isn't the only one craving a vacation. Between the numerous promotional events and the desire to get a jump on preparations for the upcoming season, there's little time for rest.

"Obviously some of us could have used more of a break than what we had," said Mark Martin, who said he spent the past two months taking his son to races and embarking on an ad campaign for Pfizer Co., his sponsor for 2001.

"Our race team also could have used another month, but that's what competition is about — every race team works hard all year long." Rusty Wallace said various sponsor obligations had him tied up until mid-December. He then took a three-week vacation, but returned to work this week. He heads to Florida next week to

begin testing for the Daytona 500 on Feb. 19.

"There is an offseason, it's just a matter of how you use it," Wallace said. "There's so many things you can be doing, and so many commitments, it can seem like you never get a break."

Dale Earnhardt Jr. didn't get to Saturday's preview until late afternoon because the team was testing a morning in Daytona on the Corvette he plans to drive in the 24 Hours of Daytona road race held in early February.

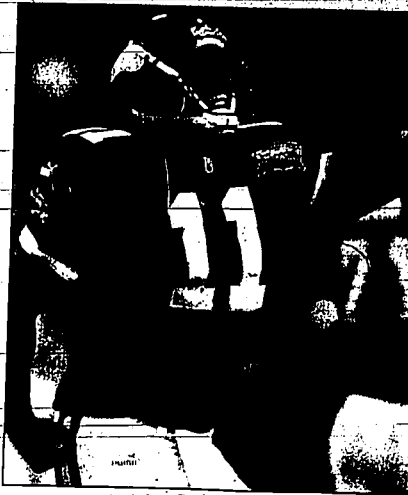
His father, Dale Earnhardt, didn't get out of the car. The elder Earnhardt is reaming with his son-for-the-rona testing and remained in Florida for more testing.

When he's finished, he's squeezing in a trip to the doctor to have a piece of metal removed from his head, his son said. "He's had a piece of metal stuck in his head since '97, but he didn't know it until it showed up in an MRI last year," Earnhardt Jr. said. "So he's trying to find some time to get it taken out."

THE NFL PLAYOFFS

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Loaded Minnesota reaches conference championship game



Minnesota Vikings quarterback Daunte Culpepper celebrates his 68-yard touchdown pass to Randy Moss in the third quarter of the Vikings' playoff game against the New Orleans Saints Saturday in Minneapolis.

It was unbelievable for him to do what he was able to do on a sprained ankle, said Carter, who had eight-receptions for 120 yards.

"I think inside their heads it was, 'Uh-oh, you don't want to get me started, that's the worst thing you ever want to do,'" Moss said.

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Daunte Culpepper has a simple job — thanks to the weapons that surround him.

"Being a quarterback on this offense, all I have to do is be calm and know what we're trying to do, and get the ball in the right guys' hands," Culpepper said after throwing for three touchdowns in leading the Minnesota Vikings past the New Orleans Saints 34-16 Saturday.

Displaying the firepower that made them the second-highest scoring team in the NFC, Minnesota advanced to the conference championship game.

"No, I was fired up," he said. "I want to make plays, too."

The best plays were the two passes to Moss. On the Vikings' third offensive play of the game, Moss found a seam between double coverage.

CORAL SPRINGS Fla. (AP) — Troubled Dallas Cowboys defensive end Dimitris Underwood tried to kill himself for the second time in about a year, this time by running into traffic

Underwood, 23, told police he "wanted to go to Jesus" after he was detained for kicking and denying a car and asking passers-by for a gun on Wednesday.

Underwood, who is intensely religious, suffers from bipolar disorder, which causes him to display manic and depressive behavior, according to his agent, Bob Huebner.

Police detained Underwood after residents reported that he jumped over the back fence of his Coral Springs residence.

It was very disturbing," Thomas told. "He thrust his hip out to me, expecting to be hit. When I stopped, he was right at the front of my van."

Thomas told police Underwood looked at her after she stepped and just walked away. Thomas

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176 yards and three interceptions. The Raiders couldn't get much done offensively on their first series, so their defense helped out on Miami's first possession.

then called 911 from a nearby pay phone.

Shortly afterward, Pompano Beach resident Carlos Almanzar was driving his Honda Accord to work when Underwood kicked the car, cutting his knee in the process, police said.

Angry that Underwood had dislodged his rearview mirror and dented his car, Almanzar, 23, drove back to confront the former Miami Dolphins player.

"I thought he just kicked it for the hell of it. Then he told me he wanted to die," Almanzar said. "He said it was what the Bible wanted him to do."

Cowboys' officials were not immediately available for comment Saturday. A team spokesman on Friday told the South Florida Sun-Sentinel in Fort Lauderdale, that the Cowboys had no comment.

The Minnesota Vikings drafted Underwood in the first round in 1999, but he quit in training camp, saying his heart wasn't in football. A short time later he changed his mind and signed with the Dolphins, but was injured in his first preseason game.

his girlfriend and their 17-month-old twins, police said.

Underwood later spent two months in protective care and was released from the Dolphins in December 1999 after he escaped from a psychiatric care facility in Sunrise.

Despite his troubles, the former first round pick by the Minnesota Vikings found a job with the Cowboys, who signed him in March. Underwood amassed 22 tackles and had four sacks this season.

Auction site agrees to crack down on scalping
TRENTON, N.J. — An Internet auction site agreed to shut down illegal ticket scalping for today's NFL playoff game between the Eagles and Giants.

Mark Herr, director of the state's Division of Consumer Affairs, said eBay and the state reached an agreement late Friday afternoon.

In it, the Web auctioneer agreed to end auctions in which ticket prices exceeded the price allowed by state law, promised to send warning letters to alleged violators and send copies of transactions to the state for possible prosecution.

Bronco watch

The Saints lost, but Saturday's game marked the first career touchdown catch — not to mention first NFL catch — for 23-year-old Boise State product Dave Stachelski.

The other was on a play that was all-Moss. He took a swatting pass at the scrimmage line on the third play of the second half. In one story, he was in high gear. Moss ran right past Kevin Mathis down the left sideline for the 68-yard score.

Robert Smith, the other star of Minnesota's dynamic offense, had a 2-yard TD run as the Vikings (12-5) moved on. They will play the winner of Sunday's Philadelphia-New York Giants game for a spot in the Super Bowl.

"We have no effect on that game and who we play," said coach Dennis Green, who has

his team one step from the Super Bowl for the second time in three seasons.

The Saints (11-7) knew they needed a strong pass rush. But the NFL leaders with 66 sacks rarely pressured Culpepper and did not sack him. And the second-year quarterback picked apart a defense that held off Jim Haslett, win Coach of the Year, honors in his first year in charge of the Saints.

"When you play a team with a Moss and a Carter, I don't think you would be happy with any of our DBs today," said Haslett, who got into a shouting match with Carter late in the third quarter. They shook hands at the end of the game.

"He's a great receiver," Haslett said. "He likes to play the crowd."

Saints rookie running back Chad Morton tied a playoff record with 13 receptions for 106 yards. Willie Jackson, who caught three TD passes in the wild-card victory over the Rams last week, had a 48-yard score, with 219 to go.

"We were glad to be here this year and we want to go further next year," Morton said.

Despite defeat, Haslett reaps award

NEW YORK (AP) — In the Year of the Coach, the job Jim Haslett did in New Orleans was the most astounding.

Haslett, in his first season coaching the Saints, beat a strong field to win the Associated Press NFL Coach of the Year award, announced Saturday.

Haslett, who took over a perennially underachieving team that had reached rock bottom and turned it into the NFC West champion, easily beat Philadelphia's Andy Reid in balloting by a nationwide panel of 50 sports writers and broadcaster who cover pro football.

"Guys that had been here a long time, that had never won, never had a winning season, that takes a toll on you," said Haslett, who stepped into the mess Mike Ditka created. "The franchise wasn't in great shape, after four bad years."

"I think the No. 1 thing we had to do was get them on board with what we were trying to do, and that was to build a team and an organization that people could be proud of... to change people's thinking inside by learning how to win, learning how to deal with adversity, learning how to deal with success. It wasn't easy."

"I don't think we're where we want to be yet, but I think we have a good start, a good foundation," added Haslett, whose Saints went 10-6 to supplant the defending NFL champion St. Louis Rams in the NFC West.

Taking top honors

After taking over a team that was 3-13 last season to NFC West champions in 2000, Jim Haslett of the New Orleans Saints was named the Associated Press NFL Coach of the Year.

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As was Haslett, who received 30.5 votes. Reid got 9.5 for leading the Eagles from 5-11 to 11-5 and into the playoffs. They were followed by Tennessee's Jeff Fisher, Oakland's Jon Gruden and the New York Giants' Jim Fassel with two apiece. Getting one vote each were Miami's Dave Wannstedt, Baltimore's Brian Billick, Denver's Mike Shanahan and San Francisco's Steve Mariucci.

Divisional Playoffs
Saturday
Minnesota 30, New Orleans 16
Oakland 27, Miami 0
Today
Baltimore at Tennessee, 10:30 a.m. (CBS)
Philadelphia at New York Giants, 2:15 p.m. (FOX)
Conference Championships
Sunday, Jan. 14
AFC Championship
Oakland vs. Baltimore-Tennessee winner (CBS)
NFC Championship
Minnesota vs. Philadelphia-New York Giants winner (FOX)
Super Bowl
Sunday, Jan. 28
At Tampa, Fla.
AFC champion vs. NFC champion, 4 p.m. (CBS)

SAVING PRIVATE RYAN RAIDERS 27, DOLPHINS 0
Quarter 1: Raiders 10, Dolphins 0. Quarter 2: Raiders 10, Dolphins 0. Quarter 3: Raiders 10, Dolphins 0. Quarter 4: Raiders 7, Dolphins 0.

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RAIDERS 27, DOLPHINS 0
Rushing: Johnson 212, Brown 212, Foster 312, Lewis 312, Campbell 112, Green 112, Williams 112, Johnson 112, Campbell 112, Green 112, Williams 112, Johnson 112, Campbell 112, Green 112, Williams 112.

VIKINGS 34, SAINTS 16
Quarter 1: Vikings 14, Saints 0. Quarter 2: Vikings 14, Saints 0. Quarter 3: Vikings 6, Saints 0. Quarter 4: Vikings 0, Saints 0.

TODAY'S GAMES
Ravens at Titans
Time: 10:30 a.m. (MST)
TV: CBS.
Storyline: This one should come down to the wire, as five of the last seven games in this series have been decided by four points or less. The Titans are 16-1 at Adelphia Coliseum, with the lone loss coming against the Ravens in Week 11. The Ravens are mirror images of each other, despite very different coaching philosophies.

Eagles at Giants
Time: 2:15 p.m. (MST)
TV: FOX
Storyline: This game should remind fans of the AFC East, where run-oriented offenses and menacing defenses ruled. New York has Philly's number, having beaten the Eagles in eight consecutive games. The New York is 10-0 when it scores first.

Raiders

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176 yards and three interceptions. The Raiders couldn't get much done offensively on their first series, so their defense helped out on Miami's first possession.

Janikowski, the 17th pick overall and the only kicker taken in the first round since 1979, has hit 18 of his last 22 field goal attempts. His 58-yard field goal attempt at the end of the first half fell short.

Woodnover turned the Dolphins. Turnover recovered Lamar Smith's fumble Miami's 43, and Gannon hit James Jett with a 6-yard touchdown pass with 1:53 to go before halftime.

out with 5:56 left in the third quarter. Gannon, named to the Pro Bowl and the All-Pro Team, ran five times for four first downs.

Late in the third quarter, the ball was knocked from Fiedler's hands in what appeared to be a fumble. James scooped up the ball and ran it back 47 yards accompanied by Woodson's gain.

New Orleans then beat St. Louis last week for its first postseason victory, before losing to Minnesota 34-16 in Saturday's playoffs.

Among those additions were quarterbacks Jeff Blake and Aaron Brooks, defensive tackle Norman Hand, wide receiver Joe Horn and safety Darren Perry. All were instrumental in the Saints' turnaround.

ROAD TO SUPER BOWL XXXV

Collins has life back on track

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — Kerry Collins had a flashback to 1996 as he watched quarterback Donovan McNabb lead the Philadelphia Eagles to the NFC semifinals.

"It was Collins' second year in the NFL and he had a sense of invincibility leading the Carolina Panthers to the NFC championship game.

"I thought I could do no wrong," the New York Giants quarterback said Thursday.

Collins and the Giants (12-4) approach today's NFC semifinal with McNabb and the Eagles, Collins no longer has that sense of invincibility.

Life experience has taught him to be more respectful.

Despite losing twice to New York in the regular season, the Eagles (12-5) are playing well enough to beat the Giants, Collins said.

Life experience also has taught the 29-year-old player that things can change quickly. The Packers beat the Panthers in the NFC championship in 1995, and the career fell apart in two years as a drinking problem led to him being labeled a quitter and a racist and eventually being waived.

Collins has resurrected his career since signing with the Giants as the starter in 1999. He took over as the starting quarterback this season and led the team to the best record in the NFC by completing 311 of 529 passes for a career-best 3,610 yards. He also has thrown 22 touchdown passes and 13 interceptions.



New York Giants quarterback Kerry Collins runs with the ball against the Dallas Cowboys Dec. 17.

He has the Giants two wins away from the team's first Super Bowl appearance since the 1950 season.

"I've been knocked around a little bit the past few years so I don't have that sense of invincibility any more," Collins said. "I think you go through some things and make mistakes. I think you play with a little more awareness

of some of the things that can go wrong. I think that allows you to play smart and I am playing smarter."

That's been true against the Eagles this season. Collins completed 43 of 66 passes for 473 yards, three touchdowns and no interceptions as the Giants posted two one-sided victories.

Collins can't explain why the Giants have dominated Philadelphia, other than New York hasn't turned the ball over and has played smart.

The defense also has contained McNabb, thanks in large part to the offense controlling the ball for about 83 of a possible 120 minutes.

"Kerry has been very solid," right end Pete Mitchell said. "He is making plays and doing things to help the offense. He's not making mistakes. He's making big plays and big throws."

"It's the kind of play that has saved Jim Fassel's job. But that's not why the coach smiles when talking about Collins."

"Put the football aside and take the sweat shirt off," Fassel said. "I'm impressed and very happy the type of changes that young man has made in his lifestyle. That's what our coaches can't do it, especially in the glare of the New York media."

Collins also is going out of his way to help people. He has established a charity to build a computer center in the children's center at the Rusk Institute of Rehabilitation Medicine, donating \$1,000 for every touchdown and \$2,000 for each win. It's raised \$46,000 so far this year.

"I do things the right way. I can be a success regardless of what I have done in the past or what was said or what people say I can't do," Collins said.

In some ways it's like being back in 1996, except this time Collins is smarter. He also wants to find a way to get to the Super Bowl. The only problem is finding a way to beat McNabb and company.

Dayne's dilemma

Giants RB hopes for big game vs. his uncle's favorite team

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — Ron Dayne owes everything to his uncle. He'll try to repay him by beating his favorite team.

Dayne, who went to high school about 25 minutes from Veterans Stadium, plays his biggest game today when the New York Giants meet the Philadelphia Eagles in the second round of the NFC playoffs.

The rookie running back was born in Blacksburg, Va., so he roots for the Washington Redskins as a kid. Dayne's family and friends in South Jersey were Eagles fans.

"I got to see most of the (Eagles) games," Dayne said. "My uncle that I lived with was an Eagles fan. A couple other uncles were Eagles fans too. So I couldn't avoid it, especially when they had Reggie White and those guys. They had a nice team."

When he was 15, Dayne moved in with his uncle, Roy Reid, and 20 miles from Philadelphia. Divorce and drugs had ravaged Dayne's family, and his uncle invited him into his home and treated him like a son.

Before winning the Heisman Trophy at Wisconsin last season, Dayne, the most prolific running back in college football history, issued a tribute to the man who helped raise him in a speech titled, "The Heisman."

Dayne thanked his uncle for all that he had done, ending each sentence with "For that Uncle Roy, you win the Heisman."

Now Dayne and the Giants are

trying to win the Super Bowl. The first step is beating Philadelphia, which has lost eight straight to the Giants.

Dayne, who rushed for 770 yards and five touchdowns in the regular season, could play a major role in New York's offense. Tiki Barber, the other half of "Thunder and Lightning," has a broken left arm, and might have a limited role.

The 5-foot-10, 253-pound Dayne struggled down the stretch, however. He rushed for only 59 yards in the final four games, and surpassed 80 yards rushing only once in the past two months.

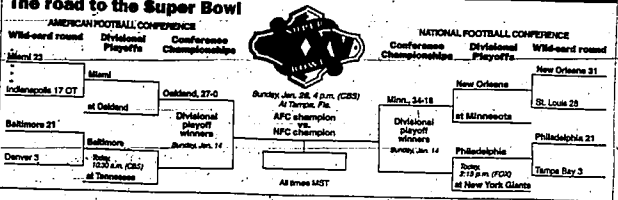
But Dayne had 143 yards and one TD in two games against the Eagles. The best game of the first half of his rookie year came against Philadelphia, when he ran for 93 yards on 25 carries in a 24-7 victory Oct. 29.

"I think Ron will play well," Giants coach Jim Fassel said. "I think he has the tools and the ability that you need for a big game. And he has played big games before. He hasn't gotten his yardage in the past few weeks, but overall his numbers are good. I have confidence in him."

In the two biggest games of his college career he rushed for 446 yards and five touchdowns and twice earned Rose Bowl MVP honors. He also was MVP of the 1996 Copper Bowl as a freshman.

Dayne capped his senior season with a 200-yard, one-TD performance in a 19-9 victory over Stanford Jan. 1, 2000.

"I know the coach has some faith in me and that's a good thing," Dayne said. "I don't know how many times they're going to give it to me, but when they do, I'm ready."



A hero in Baltimore

Modell puts past behind him

BALTIMORE (AP) — The mere mention of his name still conjures feelings of resentment in Cleveland.

Fortunately for Art Modell, he's one of the most popular people in Baltimore these days. That, and the fact that his football team is two wins away from reaching the Super Bowl for the first time, makes it a lot easier for the venerable owner to deal with his tarnished reputation.

"The support here has been overwhelming, enough so that it has enabled me and my family to forget to a degree that we were vilified for the move; and still are to a degree," Modell said.

Five years ago, he moved Cleveland's beloved Browns to Baltimore, a city that had gone 13 years without an NFL team and was more than willing to build the new stadium that Modell so dearly coveted.

"I did what I had to do for my family," Modell, 75, said. "Some people will never forgive me." Not in Cleveland, anyway.

Not in Baltimore, however. Modell's a hero. After struggling through the first four years of their existence, the Ravens have won the hearts of this city's sports fans.

After winning the first playoff game in Baltimore since 1977, the Ravens (13-4) can advance to the AFC championship with a win over the Tennessee Titans today.

No Modell team ever has reached the Super Bowl, and before this year the Ravens never finished above .500.

"I'm enjoying this renaissance, particularly the pleasure and joy that comes from rewarding Baltimore fans that haven't had a winning football team in years," Modell said.



Baltimore Ravens owner Art Modell, right, hugs Ravens head coach Brian Billick during a pre-game ceremony to honor Modell's 40th season in the NFL Dec. 30 in Baltimore. The mention of Art Modell's name still conjures feelings of resentment in Cleveland. His unapologetic sin occurred five years ago, when he took Cleveland's beloved Browns to Baltimore.

"This is his 40th year as an NFL owner and one of the most gratifying. The Ravens, who have won eight straight, attracted the biggest crowd in their history last Sunday at lavish PSINet Stadium. The fans, and Modell, were treated to a 21-3 victory over the Denver Broncos, a team that eliminated the Browns from the playoffs three times during the 1980s.

"We seemed to be blessed by John Elway and the Broncos," Modell said. "But those Cleveland teams were not as good as the one I have here in Baltimore."

Defensive lineman Rob Burnett, one of the few remaining players who made the move from Cleveland, said, "Art finally got a chance to beat Denver. I know he

wanted that, and I'm happy for him. He deserves to have good things happen to him, after what he's gone through."

Modell attributes the Ravens' success directly to the exodus from Cleveland. Because he is one of a vanishing breed — an NFL owner whose only source of income is the team — he made the move to salvage the family business.

"What makes this team so competitive is the revenue stream from the new stadium," Modell said. "The state and the community took a big gamble in building the stadium, and I may have taken a big gamble coming from Cleveland. But it's all worked out."

Titans plan to keep running

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — The Tennessee Titans don't want to be hardheaded or stubborn. It's just what they do.

They know the Baltimore Ravens have the NFL's best defense against the run and haven't allowed a running back to rush for more than 100 yards in 34 straight games. That includes the Titans' Eddie George four different times.

But the Titans' offense stems from George, and that's why Tennessee (13-3) plans to keep pounding the Ravens (13-4) with their All-Pro running back today in their AFC divisional playoff game.

"We just have to be patient with what we do and not get discouraged because we're going to bring the running game and keep plugging away," George said.

The Ravens came into their first divisional game confident, bolstered by the fact that they handed the Titans their first loss at Adelphia Coliseum, 24-23, on Nov. 12.

"When you beat them at home, you can't help but feel good about the direction you're headed," Baltimore coach Brian Billick said.

That is why the Titans want to throw George at the Ravens, trying to physically wear down Baltimore so that George either breaks loose late in that quarterback Steve McNair can find openings downfield.

The theory hasn't worked well for the Titans in recent games against their new AFC Central Division rivals.

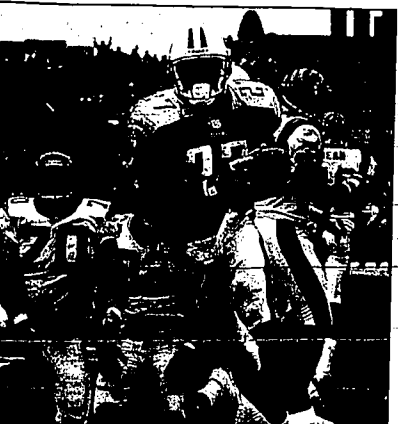
"They have split the season series the past two years with low-scoring, ugly games thanks to the NFL's best defenses. George has combined 119 yards rushing.

Baltimore tackle Tony Siragusa said that's because the Ravens, who get up only 60 yards rushing a game during this season, are consistent in how they stop running backs.

"It's like when you go to a restaurant and the food is consistently good," he said. "You are going to go back. Our defense has been back that way a time."

However, the Titans know another number very well. Whenever George carries at least 27 times, they are 23-1 with the only loss in last year's Super Bowl.

George left the first game after injuring his right knee, and he got only 28 yards on 12 carries in the



Tennessee Titans running back Eddie George scores his first touchdown of the game against the Cincinnati Bengals Dec. 10 in Nashville, Tenn. George knows that he hasn't run well against the Baltimore Ravens. That won't stop the Titans from trying to wear down the Ravens by throwing the All-Pro running back against them over and over again on Sunday.

second. Titans coach Jeff Fisher isn't worried about George becoming frustrated by the Ravens.

"It's not about them," Fisher said. "It's about us, and we have to go out and play."

George said the key is remembering he has to work for every yard.

"Every thing you get you're going to have to fight and scratch for it, every yard," he said. "They're not going to give it to you easy, and we understand that."

George thrives the more he carries the ball. He is the only running back in NFL history to carry the ball at least 300 times in each of his first five seasons.

He had his best season in 2000, setting career highs in carries (403), rushing yards (1,509), rushing touchdowns (14), receptions (50) and total yards from scrimmage (1,962).

"It doesn't matter what he's done or hasn't done against us,"

Ravens end Michael McCrary said of George. "We'll get his best, and that's very good."

Billick is far more worried about stopping McNair. The quarterback is 44-23 as a starter in his career, 21-5 the past two seasons.

"He has come of age this year," Billick said. "He has shown that he cannot only beat you outside the pocket, but he's taken his game to a level where he can beat you inside the pocket."

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SPORTS

Park City hosts aerial events Von Gruenigen wins third

PARK CITY, Utah (AP) — Evelyne Leu of Switzerland surprised favored Australian Jacqui Cooper to win the women's World Cup aerials Saturday at the venue where the event will be staged during the 2002 Winter Olympics.

Leu, ranked 21st in the world, was clean on a double-twisting layout that wasn't as technically demanding as Cooper's double-twisting triple back flip. But Cooper, who led after the first jump, stepped out of her landing and the victory belonged to Leu.

Swiss men's team members lifted Leu and paraded her around the landing zone after Cooper's lower score was posted. Leu's two-jump score was 194.70, while Cooper scored 172.53.



Switzerland's Evelyne Leu performs a back-flip during the women's World Cup freestyle competition Saturday in Park City, Utah. Leu won the event.

Emily Cook of Belmont, Miss., was third at 166.63, her best finish in World Cup competition, to lead an improving United States team.

Nicolas Fontaine and Jeff Bean led a Canadian sweep of the top two men's positions, while Joe Pack of Park City, who won the event in front of the hometown fans last year, was third this time.

Fontaine scored 235.62, while Bean had 225.68 and Pack scored 224.05.

Eric Bergout of Missoula, Mont., the gold medalist in the 1998 Nagano Olympics and top-ranked aerialist on the World Cup circuit, missed both of his landings Friday and failed to advance beyond the preliminaries.

"Pack was a crowd favorite but didn't have his best jumps. He soared high and scored well on both jumps but stepped out slightly on his landings, just enough to cost him in the standings.

Cook, who trains in Park City, was another crowd favorite. As recently as last month, she competed with the C Team, a developmental squad for the U.S. Ski Team that ranks below the junior-varsity B Team.

Cook made the most of a discrete, cry spot last month at Whistler, British Columbia, where she finished fourth. She followed that by

placing second at the Sprint Grand Nationals two weeks ago at Winter Park, Colo.

"I've had some great training lately," Cook said.

Cook's fast rise is emblematic of the American women, who haven't been consistently competitive on the women's aerials circuit since Nickie Stone retired two years ago.

"We're doing great," Cook said.

"All the girls have started to step it up. All the girls, and all the guys for that matter, have been very supportive of each other."

It was a disappointing finish for Cooper, the world's top-ranked women's aerialist and a part-time Park City resident. She had hoped to establish a world record on her 28th birthday but missed the landing on her second jump.

Cooper smiled and waved at fans as she left, but couldn't hide the disappointment from her face.

The aerials and moguls Olympic medals will be decided at Deer Valley Resort in February 2002.

LES ARCS, France (AP) — Michael Von Gruenigen of Switzerland captured a sticky, waterlogged course Saturday to win his third giant slalom of the season, while World Cup leader Hermann Maier of Austria struggled again and finished seventh.

In command after the opening leg, Von Gruenigen was the last skier for the second run but still nailed the slippy, rutted course to win in 2 minutes, 43.57 seconds.

He finished a whopping 1.62 seconds ahead of his nearest rival, Benjamin Raich of Austria.

Von Gruenigen, who also won in Park City, Utah, and Val d'Isere, France, this season, extended his lead in the giant slalom standings.

Nef wins third straight giant slalom competition

MARIBOR, Slovenia — Sonja Nef of Switzerland won her third straight giant slalom Saturday for her fourth World Cup victory of the season.

She was timed in 2 minutes, 37.97 seconds over two runs, edging Karen Putzer of Italy by 1.26 seconds.

Maigourov, Forsberg win biathlon pursuits

OBERHOF, Germany — Viktor Maigourov of Russia won the 12.5-kilometer pursuit in World Cup biathlon event Saturday, beating points leader Raphael Poiree of France by 37 seconds.

Magdalena Forsberg of Sweden, the defending World Cup champion, won the women's 10K pursuit. It was her fourth straight victory and fifth this season.

Maigourov missed only one target. Poiree had trouble with his rifle, missing six shots, and had to do six penalty loops.

Swede wins World Cup snowboarding

KREISCHBERG, Austria — Sweden's Pontus Stahliok, the dominant racer on the circuit this season, won a snowboard cross event Saturday for his second victory in two days.

Poland's Malysz takes Four Hill tour

BISCHOFSHOFEN, Austria — Adam Malysz became the first Polish ski jumper to win the Four Hill tour, winning by the biggest margin in 49 years of the competition Saturday.

With jumps of 127 and 134 meters, the longest of the day, Malysz earned his second victory in four events.

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Keeping trash from burying Olympic Village will be BFI's job

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — They've done more Olympic cleanup than organizer Mitt Romney and the U.S. Justice Department combined, and they'll do a lot more of it during the 2002 Winter Games.

Browning-Ferris Industries Inc., which handled waste disposal for Atlanta's 1996 Olympics, won a contract to haul trash from Salt Lake's Olympic Village and already serves some venues.

In a sweeping, tourist-driven event like the Olympics, garbage collection goes almost unnoticed, and that's fine with BFI.

"If you never hear about the trash and you never see it, then we've done our job," said Chad Hardy, BFI general manager for Utah and Wyoming.

BFI was awarded the Olympic Village contract by the Salt Lake Organizing Committee and plans to bid on disposal contracts at Olympic venues.

Keeping the miniature Olympic city clean won't be an easy job with tight security.

"It's basically a reverse prison," Hardy said of the Olympic Village. "In prison, they're trying to keep everybody in. In the village they're trying to keep everybody out."

BFI's big blue trucks already haul trash from most of the Olympic venues, including the Winter Sports Park, Park City Ski Area and the Delta Center. Collection at other venues, such as Snowbasin Ski Resort and Soldier Hollow, will go to bid later.

Hardy and three of his colleagues got a taste of Olympic trash collection last summer at the Sydney Games, which generated 22 tons of garbage a day, twice the city's usual amount.

While the magnitude of the Summer Olympics dwarfs the Winter Games, Sydney had certain advantages. Olympic venues in Sydney were clumped together compared to Utah, where they will be spread across three counties.

"Add a couple feet of snow to the equation, and it can make for slow going. Expecting for the unknowns, such as weather, is a big part of the challenge, said Brad Mertz, BFI marketing manager.

"We'll be bringing in extra equipment and personnel," Hardy said. "Anything you don't think about are our normal businesses, like hotels and restaurants, how much more business they're going to have. You've def-

nately got to get geared up for it."

In Sydney, by contrast, Olympic officials advised residents who didn't want to see the games to leave town, and they asked schools to close down.

About 10 to 15 drivers will be added to BFI's normal collection route in Salt Lake City. The plan is to use the Olympics as a reward for the best, safest drivers in other states.

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Notes on the economy

Magic Valley reports

Here's the average estimated value for new single family homes that got building permits from Twin Falls city department during the past 11 years. Note last year's substantial drop from 1999, when the average purchase value soared with the \$100,000 mark.

1990	\$70,968
1991	\$90,831
1992	\$83,122
1993	\$80,808
1994	\$75,339
1995	\$82,205
1996	\$88,511
1997	\$102,474
1998	\$88,507
1999	\$99,678
2000	\$90,062

Source: Twin Falls Economic Development Director Dave McAllister's records.

BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Potato co-op leaders schedule meetings

BURLEY - Members and supporters of a new potato supply management cooperative are taking their message on the road this week.

The goal of the Blackfoot-based Potato Management Co. is to contract with potato growers and shippers in several states to buy up the surplus potatoes in storage and take those potatoes off the market in order to create a better market for the potatoes that remain.

PMC leaders are conducting planning meetings in Washington, Wisconsin and Colorado, as well as in Rexburg, Burley, Bannock and Idaho Falls. The Burley meeting will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Burley Inn.

Life insurance course at CSI will cover key terms

TWIN FALLS - The College of Southern Idaho is offering a class it says is for adults who want to maximize and protect their investments. In "Life Insurance 101 - Easy & Smart," students will learn the facts of life insurance and how to put them to an advantage. They also will learn key terms and definitions such as term life, whole life, universal and variable.

Class will be held from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Jan. 23 in Shields 102 on the CSI campus. Cost is \$15. The instructor will be Susan Kelly.

For information or to register, call 733-9554, Ext. 2290.

Homeownership course can help reduce premiums

BURLEY - The College of Southern Idaho's Mini-Cassia Center is offering a free Finally Home course about the benefits of homeownership.

The step-by-step class is scheduled from 6 to 9 p.m. Thursday and Jan. 18 at the center.

Course completion may help participants qualify for reduced mortgage insurance premiums or down payments, closing-cost assistance or other special lender programs, organizers say.

The class is offered in partnership with the Idaho Partnership for Homeowners Education Inc. Class size is limited. For information, call 678-1400.

Evening class will focus on women's financial goals

TWIN FALLS - The Community Education Center at the College of Southern Idaho will offer a popular class, "Smart Women Finish Rich," for women interested in increasing their financial security.

During the class, investment representative Barb Stangill will help students analyze their financial situations and set goals to obtain future financial security, the center said. Students also will learn the seven steps to living and finishing rich as outlined in the book, "Smart Women Finish Rich" by David Bach.

Class will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Jan. 25 in Shields 105 on the CSI campus. Cost is \$10.

For information or to register, call 733-9554, Ext. 2290.

Compiled from staff reports

Downtown destinations

New businesses fill spaces in downtown Twin Falls

By Rachel Denny
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - For those looking for boards or borders and those searching for artwork or patchwork, a number of new stores have popped up downtown.

Moody's Boards & More, Professional Frame & Canyonside Gallery, Huckleberry's Unique Gifts, Stitches 'n Time and a new location of The Christian Bookstore are five of the area's most recent additions, and more action is expected soon.

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Though downtown has lost good fellows Antiques and Mom's, the departure of the antique shop and the maternity store has dimmed downtown leadership.

"We are sad to see these businesses leave," said Tim Jones, Historic Old Towne Business Improvement District "executive director." "We are looking at getting them filled as soon as possible. Empty store fronts don't offer any visual impact to the customer. These new businesses create a more viable community."

Moody's, which caters to adolescent skateboarders and Huckleberry's, which features an array of gifts and home decor, are in their first few months of business. Both consider themselves destination businesses.

"Whether this store is going to be a boost downtown, I can't say," said Moody's owner Randy Moody. "The kids that come in here have money. If they are treated with respect, the other businesses can have some of that money."

"These kids are coming in and it feels good, so they are telling other kids and bring-

ing their parents back," he added.

Randy and Teresa Moody chose downtown's Rogerson Mall building over a Blue Lakes Boulevard address for its accessibility and community.

"I worked for a number of years at The Paris," Teresa Moody said, referring to a former downtown clothing store that became a Twin Falls landmark. "Downtown grows on you. It wasn't just the affordable aspect of the location. We wanted to become involved. We wanted to be an addition."

Though not as centralized as other newcomers, Huckleberry's owner Cherie Borah also hopes to benefit the area.

"Surprisingly, we had a great Christmas season," said Borah, who admitted to being nervous before opening her shop on the BID's eastern edge.

"I don't know what will happen now. Being down this far is still a concern. "We are two blocks too far to be right downtown. We missed a lot of foot traffic," said Borah, who is looking to expand beyond just gifts to draw in continued traffic. "I don't know what it would take to get more retail down here."

Another fledgling business, Stitches 'n Time, now occupies the former Roper's clothing store with the recently relocated Christian Bookstore.

"We've had good success with the retail in the Roper's building," Jones said.

Professional Frame & Canyonside Gallery, formerly on Addison Avenue East, and the Magic Valley Arts Council Gallery and cafe, once on Shoshone Street, are now neighbors in the Main Street Plaza on Main Avenue.

Native Skin Tanning and Native Skin Nails have merged and business owners are making improvements, owner Jim Wagenman said, declining to elaborate.

Just west of Native Skin, a location that has been empty for several months will soon be filled, Jones said, not naming the expected occupant.



Randy Moody, left, shows brothers Mike Perry, center, and JD Jimenez skateboard equipment. Perry said he likes going into Moody's Boards & More because he always feels welcome.

Downtown leaders look at makeover

Inside downtown Twin Falls' Rogerson Mall, a mural by local artist Gary Stone depicts the Snake River Canyon's north rim with the Sawtooth Mountains in the background. The main entrance to the renovated mall will be here. In the rear, through a proposed small park, building owner Glenn Schroeder said.



By Rachel Denny
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - For decades it was vibrant, then it fell vacant.

Now it's the cornerstone of a wave of physical changes in downtown Twin Falls.

The Rogerson Mall, constructed from 1908 to 1912, was once a thriving shopping center. It has been mostly empty throughout the 1990s, housing only a bar and a few retail shops.

Now one downtown capitalist is giving the area a makeover by focusing his efforts on the building.

"All of the front end is done," building owner Glenn Schroeder said. "To retain some historical integrity in the building I kept all the old masonry walls and retained a lot of the old trim around the windows."

Chandeliers from the banquet room that were old, but too nice to throw away, shine on the building's original wall hangings in the hallway. Old brass lights from the bar adorn the entryway.

The main entrance to the new mall will be in the rear, through the city's proposed pocket park. That entrance features a mural by artist Gary Stone.

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Weekly watch

Here's how a few companies with Magic Valley locations, or other local ties, fared in the stock market during the week.

Symbol	Description	Friday's Close	Previous Friday	Weekly Change	52-week high-low	Annual Yield
ABC	AMERICAN SONS	24 3/16	26 1/2	-1 15/8	39 1/4 - 20 1/16	3.09%
ASCA	AMERISTAR	5 3/4	6	-2 1/4	8 2/8 - 3 1/2	NA
GAG	CONAGRA	23 3/8	28	-4 5/8	26 3/16 - 15 1/16	3.85%
COST	FEDERATED	41 5/16	39 15/16	1 3/8	60 1/2 - 25 15/16	NA
FD	FEINZ	3	3	0	33 7/8 - 2	NA
HNZ	H J HEHRZ	44 3/8	47 7/16	-3 1/16	48 - 30 1/16	3.54%
HDI	HARLEY-DAVIDSON	36 7/8	39 3/4	-2 7/8	50 5/8 - 29 1/2	0.27%
HD	HOME DEPOT	48 3/4	45 1/16	3 1/16	73 - 34 11/16	0.32%
IDA	IDACORP	40 1/2	49 1/16	-8 3/16	53 - 25 15/16	4.53%
JCP	J.C. PENNEY	11 11/16	10 7/8	1 3/16	22 1/2 - 8 5/8	4.28%
KPC	KEY CORP	15 9/16	15 3/4	-1/8	18 15/16 - 15 3/8	12.72%
KM	KMART	6 1/2	6 1/2	0	29 1/4 - 15 9/16	4.07%
KR	KROGER	23 3/16	27 1/8	-3 7/8	27 15/16 - 14 1/16	NA
LKW	LACORP	12 3/4	13 1/2	-5/8	17 3/4 - 10 3/16	0.63%
LFV	LONGVIEW FIBRE	12 3/4	13 1/2	-5/8	12 - 2 1/2	NA
MCD	MCDONALD'S	32 15/16	34	-1 1/16	43 5/8 - 28 3/8	0.64%
MU	MICRON TECH	38 3/4	37 1/2	1 1/4	87 1/2 - 28 1/16	NA
OMX	OFFICEMAX	9 3/16	9 7/8	-1 1/8	9 3/16 - 1 1/2	NA
PHA	PHARMACIA	69 3/8	61	8 3/8	64 - 33 3/4	0.85%
Q	QUEST	43 3/16	41	2 3/16	66 13/16 - 32 1/8	0.11%
RAD	RADRID	13 3/4	14 1/4	-1/4	12 1/4 - 1 3/4	15.25%
S	SEARS	35.74	34.75	0.99	45.50 - 25.25	2.57%
SKO	SHOPKO	5 1/4	5	1/4	6 - 23 - 3	NA
SKYW	SKYWEST	27 3/4	26 3/4	1	30 3/8 - 12 15/16	0.29%
TGT	TARGET	54 1/16	52 1/4	1 7/16	58 3/16 - 31 3/4	0.63%
UNP	UNION PACIFIC	51 1/2	50 3/4	3/4	62 13/16 - 34 1/4	1.55%
USB	U.S. BANCORP	30 17/16	29 3/16	1 1/2	32 3/4 - 18 7/8	2.80%
WMT	WAL-MART	63 15/16	63 1/2	1/4	63 15/16 - 15 1/2	0.44%
WFB	WASH. FEDERAL	28 11/16	28 7/16	1/4	29 7/16 - 14 5/16	3.89%
WNG	WASH. GROUP	9 15/16	8 7/16	1 3/4	12 3/16 - 6 3/16	NA
ZION	ZIONS BANCORP	60	62 7/16	-2 7/16	66 3/8 - 31 7/16	1.83%

Idaho products will fill rotunda

The Times-News

BOISE - The 11th Annual Premier Showcase of Idaho Products and Services will be on display from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Jan. 17 in the state's Capitol rotunda.

Idaho craftsmen, food specialists, artists, artisans, manufacturers and services will display and explain products from Buy Idaho members, and many will offer samples. Mini soap, potato chocolate, chocolate-covered potato chips, silver, software, stone, glassware, clothing, spics, leather, iron products, star opals and landscaping will be among the displays. No sales will be made at the show.

Buy Idaho is a private, nonprofit association of Idaho business, industry and individuals to promote buying Idaho products and services.

The show is free to everyone. Display space is for Buy Idaho members only and may be reserved as available for a \$35 administrative fee. For details or information on joining Buy Idaho, call Barbara Dorsay at 343-2522.



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YOUR BUSINESS

MILESTONES

Jack-in-the-Box sales jump, but expenses also rise

TWIN FALLS - Jack in the Box Inc., operator and franchisor of Jack in the Box restaurants, announced a 3.5 percent year-to-year improvement in same-store average weekly sales for the recent four-week period, which ended Dec. 24.

Through the first 12 weeks of the 16-week first quarter, the company reported same-store sales improvement of just over 4 percent. Although sales are showing slightly higher than expected, so are produce and energy costs, Jack in the Box said. Still, the company's earnings outlook for the first quarter of fiscal 2001, ending Jan. 21, remains unchanged at 50 to 62 cents per share.

With fiscal 2000 systemwide sales of nearly \$2 billion, the San Diego-based-hamburger chain operator is franchising more than 1,650 quick-service restaurants in 15 states - including a Twin Falls location - and has more than 40,000 employees.

AT&T to raise cable rates, secures backup financing

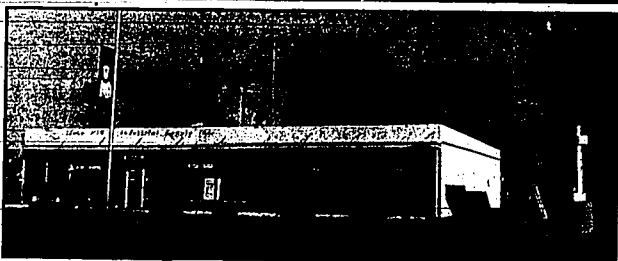
AT&T Broadband, the nation's largest cable operator, will raise so-called stand-by cable rates an average of 4.8 percent for AT&T's 16 million cable subscribers beginning next month.

The move furthers escalation in cable costs since regulation of rates was removed in March 1999.

The company said the price increase offsets the rising costs of programming, technical upgrades and investments in customer service.

The company, which also provides high-speed Internet access, said fees to program for the right to distribute programming will increase by 10 percent in 2001 and fees for sports programming will account for the largest portion of the increase.

The price hike will apply mainly to the company's main analog packages, known as Standard Cable, but customers whose channel line-ups have expanded by three channels or



The A.M.I. Supply store is at 719 Overland Ave. in Burley and can be reached at 678-4632.

Supply business in Burley celebrates new owners

BURLEY - A.M.I. Supply (Ag Manufacturing and Industrial Supply), formerly known as I.M.L., celebrated its grand opening under new ownership. Father and son Bill and Alan

Garrard in the first part of October took over the business established by Elmer and Margaret Thompson.

Still employed under the new owners are Cory Winnett and Rob Boyer, who have years of experience. The new owners will offer the same quality and

specialty items the store has always offered - nuts, bolts, screws and tools, specializing in agricultural supplies.

Winter hours are 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. The business will offer extended hours during summer.



The Gardens, at 1011 Main St. in Buhl, is open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Saturday and can be reached at 543-2040.

New owners remodel Buhl store for candy and more

BUHL - Those who wonder how chocolate candies are made soon will be able to see the steps that satisfy the cravings by visiting The Gardens in Buhl, a chocolate factory and mini food court.

Dimitrios and Lauren Fylaktos opened the candy store in time for the holidays, but remodeling is still under way. Dimitrios Fylaktos is a third-generation chocolate maker trained in Athens, Greece. Lauren Fylaktos' family was also in the business. Together they opened a factory in San Jose, Calif., and expanded throughout the years.

The Fylaktos traveled around the West looking for a spot to open a store. While in Boise, they saw the sale advertisement for The Store, a second-hand facility. When they arrived in Buhl and saw the location,

Lauren Fylaktos said, "This is what we were looking for."

Remodeling started on the front section to make Fudge Gardens, which showcases a variety of chocolates, truffles, Jelly Bells, assorted candy and saltwater taffy. Sugar-free truffles and chocolates are available as well as assorted candies.

The chocolates now are shipped from other factories the Fylaktos own but soon will be made in Buhl. A large glass window will allow visitors to watch machines make and decorate chocolates.

A mini food court will feature coffee and mini Greek donuts called Loukumiches - which are made with honey - baklava, cakes and pastries. Tables and chairs will be available.

Future plans call for making and serving fresh pasta, sandwiches, hot dogs, soup and Greek pizza.

The Fylaktos hopes to complete remodeling within a year.

more - about 11 percent of all customers - will see increases averaging 6.55 percent.

In an unrelated development, AT&T Corp. said it secured a \$25 billion syndicated bank credit line that will serve as a backup source of funds. The company announced in October

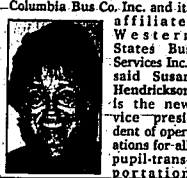
plans to restructure itself into four separately traded companies, and the bank facility "exists principally as a backup source of liquidity," the company said. AT&T said it had no current plans to borrow against the bank facility.

As part of its restructuring,

the company is exploring the sale of some of its cable systems.

CAREER MOVES

PENDELTON, Ore. - Mid-Columbia Bus Co. Inc. and its affiliate, Western States Bus Services Inc., said Susan Hendrickson is the new vice president of operations for all-pupil transportation operations in Oregon, Washington and Idaho, including those in the Magic Valley.



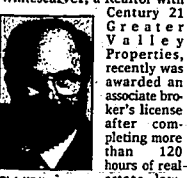
Susan Hendrickson

Hendrickson brings 16 years of school bus experience to MDCO's operations. Before joining MDCO at the company's headquarters in Pendleton, Ore., Hendrickson was regional operations manager for a national school bus contracting firm with regional headquarters near Portland, Ore.

Hendrickson will be responsible for safe and effective operation of more than 400 school buses, transporting about 25,000 students to and from school sites-in 24-school-districts throughout MDCO's service area.

TWIN FALLS - Rich Whitescarver, a Realtor with Century 21 Greater Valley Properties, recently was awarded an associate broker's license after completing more than 120 hours of real estate law, finance and appraisal, then passing the Idaho and national exam.

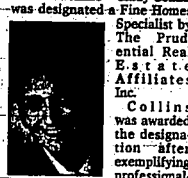
Whitescarver works at the Twin Falls office of Century 21 and has the national designation of Senior Real Estate Specialist. He also is a director of the Twin Falls Lions Club and the Greater Twin Falls Board of Realtors.



Rich Whitescarver

TWIN FALLS - Magic Valley Realty said Miranda Nelson-Schroeder joined its team of professional Realtors. Nelson-Schroeder and her husband, Kelly, live on their farm and ranch north of Bliss with their four children. She has been an Idaho resident for more than 12 years. She received her real estate schooling and certificates from the College of Southern Idaho. Before receiving her real estate license, she worked as a bookkeeper with her husband and his firm, and as a secretary in a real estate office. She also was director of Christmas Gift and Food Baskets in Bliss for two years.

TWIN FALLS - Cindy Collins was designated a Fine Homes Specialist by The Prudential Real Estate Affiliates Inc.



Cindy Collins

Collins was awarded the designation "after exemplifying professional commitment to representing buyers and sellers in the fine-home marketplace, the network said. Prudential's definition of a fine home is a residential property in the top 10 percent of its market.

To qualify, Prudential requires associates to have a minimum of one year's experience as real estate professionals and meet company standards for their particular offices. Also, each must have listed at least two fine homes in the past year or closed one fine-home transaction and earned five personal electives points through criteria set by Prudential.

Collins has 14 years of experience in real estate. During the past two years, she has worked at Prudential Idaho Homes and Properties, concentrating on upper-tier properties in Twin Falls and surrounding areas.

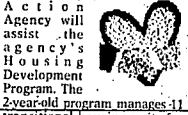
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CONTRIBUTIONS

■ U.S. Bank said it invested more than \$8,000 in two local community organizations in the fourth quarter.

U.S. Bank's contribution of \$600 to South Central Community Action Agency will assist the agency's Housing Development Program. The 2-year-old program manages 11 transitional housing units for homeless families.



The \$2,500 grant to Habitat for Humanity of Magic Valley will boost the organization's operating budget. Habitat for Humanity provides affordable housing for low- to moderate-income families. Volunteers, along with the families who will purchase the homes, help build the houses.

■ Diversified Martial Arts has given more than \$62,000 in 380 one-month scholarships to schools, churches and other groups throughout the Magic Valley. The business provides similar opportunities three times a year.

■ The Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Foundation awarded \$8,000 in scholarships to students attending the College of Southern Idaho, Idaho State University and Weber State University in Ogden, Utah. Funding was provided by accumulated dona-

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tion from Magic Valley Regional Medical Center and MVRMC physicians and employees.

Six scholarships were awarded to CSI students in the registered nursing program: Mary J. Johnson, Jessica Gratz and Kimberly V'ning, all of Jerome; Brandi Stasny of Kimberly; Mujesira-Kijuncin of Twin Falls; and Jenny Hopkins of Buhl. The students will begin their nursing careers at the MVRMC upon completion of their studies.

Six scholarships went to students who are taking prerequisite courses for registered nursing programs and to students pursuing other clinical degrees. The grants were funded by the Employee Endowment, Diagnostic Imaging Fund and Southern Idaho Radiologists Diagnostic Imaging Education Endowment. All funds are managed by the MVRMC

Foundation and funded by donations from MVRMC employees and physicians. Recipients were Brandee Ayers, Macie Blackwood, Sharon Bohman, Melissa Cheslik, Barbara Hapayan and Phyllis Swainston.

■ Aid Association for Lutherans recently presented \$725 to Clover-Trinity Lutheran School in Buhl through the AAL Member "Gift-Matching Program. The total reflects AAL's matched portion of contributions received from members during third quarter 2000.

■ In its December Holiday Donation Campaign, AT&T Broadband discounted service prices for customers who subscribed to its service and made a donation to The Salvation Army. The company said the campaign totaled more than \$2,500 in canned food and new toys.

THE LIGHT TOUCH

by Craig Smith



MODESTY: the art of drawing attention to whatever it is you're being humble about.

St. Louis tourist poster: "Missouri loves company."

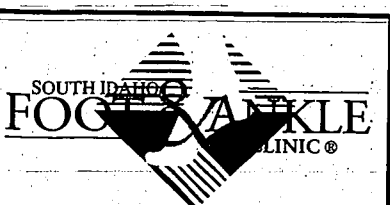
GENIUS: a person who aims at something no one else can see and hits it.

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Wheat outlook improves

IDAHO FALLS - If they're producing wheat, Idaho farmers and ranchers can ring in the New Year with realistic hopes for better prices, says University of Idaho extension agricultural economist.

In forecasts published in the university's January 2001 Idaho Agricultural Outlook, the economists say modest gains appear likely for small grains but the improved prices they're anticipating still fall short of production costs for many operators.

"U.S. wheat growers received an average \$2.50 a bushel for all types of wheat during the first six months of the 2000-01 marketing year, and UI agricultural economist Paul Patterson expects that figure to nudge upward by a dime or two between now and June.

Bean industry players expect more stagnation

HOMEDALE - As K. Akagi faces 2001, he admits he is less than enthused about how the bean industry will perform over the next 12 months. He estimates, then finally the man who heads up the Idaho Bean Commission says what everyone who knows anything about beans knows.

"The state of the bean industry right now is that it is stagnant," Akagi said.

And because of that, he says he cannot see any new patterns emerging.

"I can't predict what is going to happen because everything in ag is in so much turmoil," he said.

Paradoxically, the tremendous changes in ag over the past four years have yielded unyielding low prices.

Buck Moore, current president of the Western Bean Dealers Association, is thrilled with what he sees, either.

"I know this isn't a whole lot of sunshine, but it looks like next year's market is going to be the same as today," Moore said.

Cattle market brightens with strength in economy

TWIN FALLS - The cattle market "just seems to get better every time you look at it," said C. Gray, University of Idaho extension agricultural economist in Twin Falls. "Prices have recovered well from summer lows; demand seems to be improving and feedlot placements have been lower this fall, which will lead to tighter supplies down the road this spring."

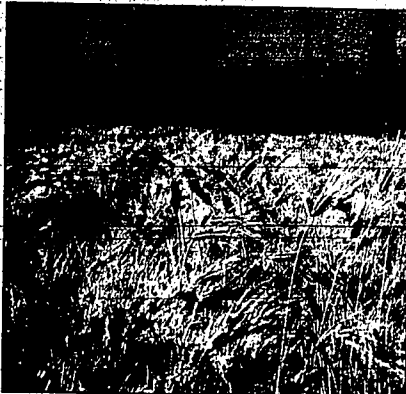
Indeed, the University of Missouri's Food and Agriculture Policy Research Institute is projecting a fed-cattle baseline price of \$74.30 per cwt. for Nebraska city-market choice steers for 2001-05, compared with \$65.44 for 1995-2000.

According to Gray, fed-cattle prices for the Pacific Northwest could average above \$70 for nearly all of 2001. He expects PNW direct choice fed steers to average \$71.76 for the first quarter and \$68.75 for the second quarter.

Should either the economy or the 2001 feed grain crop shrink, however, cattle prices "could face challenges to remain at the present level," he said. Currently, analysts believe the strong economy and higher disposable income are key factors in the anticipated 4 percent increase in retail choice beef demand for 2000.

Dairy looks dire: Price rise depends on slower growth

TWIN FALLS - Prices for the manufacturing - or cheese-grade milk that dominates Idaho pro-



Grain growers in Idaho should see a slight increase in prices in 2001, but bountiful prices are likely out of range this year.



2001 looks like another tough one for spud growers

IDAHO FALLS - There's no soft-soaping it: Spud growers don't have a lot to look forward to in 2001. There's just too far to go to get back to square, according to Bruce Huffaker, publisher of the North American Potato Newsletter.

"We're sitting on a record supply of potatoes right now. There's a lot of question if we're going to be able to use all that," he said.

Dec. 1 stocks sat at 310 million hundredweight, well over last year's 275.1 million cwt. and "well above what we can use," he added.

That's 25 million cwt. more than last year's carry-over, and look-what-that did for Idaho growers. This year there might be a higher price to pay.

"It's quite clear that fryers are not going to contract those early potatoes," Huffaker said, speaking of Shepody and Workotta varieties.

Sheep producers look for action, keep on waiting

TERRTON - If waiting is the word that describes the last year or so for sheep producers, then action is what the industry is hoping for in 2001.

As Cindy Siddoway, a Terrton sheep producer, ticks down the list of projects started by the industry in the last few years, she finishes nearly every one with "we're still waiting."

New rules regarding scrapie? Still waiting. Payments to producers under the 201 assistance package? Still waiting. The new national marketing order? Still waiting.

"We've been doing a lot of waiting," said Siddoway, president of the American Sheep Association. But she thinks that patience is about to be rewarded for sheep producers.

Sugar industry gets lean; farmer co-ops prevail

MOUNTAIN HOME - The big news for the year 2001 in the sugar industry is that by the end of the year almost all sugar beet factories will be owned by farmer co-ops, says Snake River Sugar Company Chairman Terry Ketterling.

The low prices of the past year have put such a pinch on the individual owners that if those privately owned factories have a prayer of staying viable, it will be as a result of buyouts by newly formed cooperatives.

"The survivors will be co-ops," Ketterling said. "That's not enough margin today to share with an owner of a sugar company is what it amounts to."

Too much sugar on the market is the reason for the current low prices - too much produced domestically as well as too much being shipped in, or potentially shipped in.

Class emphasizes adaptability

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - Change is constant in today's work environment, the College of Southern Idaho Center for New Directions said. New policies, management and laws; downsizing, mergers and layoffs; and new equipment, technologies and job descriptions may cause employees to feel stress, frustration and fear.

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the center said.

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Science academy seeks nominations

The Times-News

POCATELLO - The Idaho Academy of Science is seeking nominations for two prestigious annual awards: Distinguished Scientist/Engineer, an individual with achievements in science or engineering, and Distinguished Science Communicator, an individual with achievements in communicating the meaning and values of science to students or

the public. Nominations work should be conducted in or related to Idaho. That means the person may live and work in Idaho or the work he or she has done may be of specific value or interest to Idahoans.

Nominees need not be members of the Idaho Academy of Science or even professional sci-

entists so long as their accomplishments are clearly scientific or in the realm of science education.

Nominations are due by Feb. 17 to the academy's executive director at 909 Lucille Ave., Pocatello, ID 83201.

The awards will be presented at the academy's annual symposium, set for March 29-31 at Albion College of Idaho in Caldwell.

Downtown

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Gary Stone, depicting the north rim of the Snake River Canyon with the Sawtooth Mountains in the background.

"I think it's quite an art piece," Schroeder said. "For a conversational piece I think it's quite unique. It is a definite contribution to the rehabilitation of the building."

Schroeder also hopes to modernize the building's front, eliminating the front facade's overhang to rejuvenate the mall's exterior.

The Historic Old Towne Business Improvement District is working with the local Historic Preservation Commission on facade improvements on other area buildings, and BID Executive Director Tim Jones said he would like to work on another major showpiece in the spring, if funding allows.

At the front facade of the Rogerson, Schroeder is sticking with retail on the first floor.

"I think it would be much more functional," he said, "and the BID is requiring it. The BID is saying, 'For the good of everyone, try to keep it retail.'"

"You go out to the mall and don't see any service organizations," said Schroeder, who added that he already turned down some organizations for the location.

As the Rogerson Mall changes, so could a number of other locations downtown, from proposed road construction at Addison Avenue and Blue Lakes Boulevard, or moving or removing of the fountain on Main Avenue.

Even the streets themselves could be altered. Moscow-based Tom Hudson Co., a consulting firm which worked with the city of Twin Falls on earlier rejuvenation plans for downtown and Old Towne, is once again creating a

comprehensive plan for downtown, Jones said.

"We'd like to re-name the streets to help solve confusion," he said. "We're also talking about a roundabout at the five points with a nice piece of art in the center to have a nice gateway into downtown."

A roundabout would ease the traffic flow and allow people to make turns, the planners say. The study will be completed in March.

The former Gem State Paper and Supply building in Old Towne has been purchased and will be renovated in the next year or so, Jones said. It will include retail on the main floor and office space on the upper floors.

Local investment group BRD LLC - several Old Towne developers - sold the long-vacant historic building to Twin Falls attorney Jeff Hepworth, who has said he will turn the second and third floors into professional space, for himself and others and the ground floor into retail space, perhaps for an antique or clothing store. What is now the building's backside will be renovated as its primary entrance.

"Back on Main Avenue, with more than half a dozen units complete in the Rogerson Mall, Schroeder has put his renovations on hold for now.

"The ag economy is pretty

sour," Schroeder said. "I don't think we'll see much happening for a while still."

"With the ag economy being in such doldrums it affects every business," he added. "The city and the BID need an incentive to bring it back. This is a definite investment."

One of city leaders' first jobs is to finish the pocket park behind the Rogerson, Schroeder said.

The small park was to be completed this year, but bids the city received were for twice as much money as the Urban Renewal Agency had allotted, something the agency's Executive Director Dave McAlindin attributed to the time of year.

A new bid request will go out in January.

"Right now the bid documents haven't been finalized," project engineer Marty Gergen of Riedesel Engineering said late last month. "If I get my ducks in a row we can advertise in January and accept bids in February. I would hope it is done sometime in June at the worst."

Urban Renewal has combined three small projects - the pocket park, a veterans' clinic parking lot downtown and Treasure Cove's parking lot - in hopes to attract a contractor, McAlindin said.

"We should be able to get someone to bite," McAlindin said.

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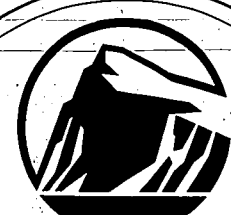
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What play would North have made?

West's stab at a heart lead was a lucky strike, but the luck was well deserved. With slim prospects of developing tricks for his own collection, he aimed at promoting something in partner's hand.

South refused to cover West's heart jack with dummy's queen, and after East signaled with his nine, South took his ace. Next, South cashed his king and queen of diamonds, gratified that he could win five tricks in that suit with a marked finesse against West.

Impetuously, South cashed three more diamonds, sticking the lead in dummy. The club finesse came next, and when it lost, the game went with it. West led his heart 10 to trap dummy's queen, and the defenders won five tricks for one down.

South makes his game easily if he resists the temptation to cash his diamonds. Instead, he leads a spade to dummy's queen, losing the finesse to East's king. Unable to attack in hearts, East shifts to his ace. South wisely winning his ace. Now South has an easy claim, cashing three more diamonds and two spades, giving him nine tricks to end the rubber.

NORTH ♠A-Q 7 1-4
♥Q 6 5
♦A 10 7 6 4
♣J 7

SOUTH ♠J 9 8 2
♥A 2
♦K Q 8
♣A Q 10 9

Vulnerable: North-South
Dealer: South

The bidding:
South West North East
1 NT
3 NT 3 NT All pass

Opening lead: Heart jack

BID WITH THE ACES

South holds: ♠K 10 5 3
♥Q 9 8 4 3
♦J 3
♣6 5 4

North South
1 ♣ 1 ♥
1 ♦ 1 ♠

ANSWER: Two spades. Just enough to offer a raise in partner's second suit.

THE ACES ON BRIDGE

Bobby Wolff

Dear Mr. Wolff: Partner opens one spade and my RHO cue-bids two spades, promising hearts and an undisclosed minor. What is my best choice when I hold ♠K-J ♣K-J ♣K-9-7-2 ♠A-J-4 ♣A-8-7-2? Both sides were vulnerable.

ANSWER: This one should be easy even if you have not agreed on your methods to deal with interference. Clearly, you should double. This alerts partner regarding your strength, and you retain the option to double the runout or to bid to your own best contract.

Dear Mr. Wolff: I open one heart and partner responds one no-trump. Would you fault a jump to four hearts with ♠K-Q 10 ♠A-K-J 10-9-8 ♠6 ♣K-9-3-7?

ANSWER: There is little need for a unilateral decision on your part. You should be satisfied with a strongly invitational jump to three hearts. Trust partner to raise with the "right cards."

Dear Mr. Wolff: With both sides vulnerable, RHO opened one spade and I doubled with ♠K-7 ♣K-Q 10-9 ♠Q-J-6-5 ♣A-2. LHO rebid, and I got the stroke cleared, and I after the 800 points. Should I have waited instead of doubling?

ANSWER: Don't allow one unfortunate result to cloud your bidding judgment. You should definitely double one spade. This time you caught partner with nothing. If you pass next time, you will risk missing a game of your own.

Dear Mr. Wolff: At duplicate, I deal and open one heart. ♠K-Q-J-6 ♠A-K-Q-6-3, ♣Q-9-8-7. LHO overcalls one spade, and partner bids two diamonds. I rebid three clubs, and partner raises to four clubs. Should I continue on to game? Red-Belt Club, Madison, Wis.

ANSWER: It's a very close decision. At rubber bridge, I might choose the aggressive action. At duplicate, I am inclined to pass. It appears that the most likely result will be the loss of two spades and a trump.

Dear Mr. Wolff: Partner opens one no-trump (15-17 HCP), and I bid two clubs with ♠K-7 ♣K-8-2 ♠Q-J-7-6-2 ♣J-10-2. LHO bids in with two diamonds, and partner passes, denying a four-card major. At duplicate, no vulnerability, what action do you suggest?

ANSWER: The choices are either two no-trump or double. I go for the double at either rubber bridge or duplicate. At rubber bridge, if the double goes unratified (at least they don't raise a game), I would not double two spades. At duplicate, the risk is worthwhile — you might get 300 points with no game for your side.

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I just knew you were going to say that.

Can you look at someone's face and tell whether or not the person is lying to you? That's a question asked in a body-language quiz devised by speaker/columnist Kare Anderson.

Anderson says a lot of what we've been taught about body language is not actually based on research. She contends, for example, that people with crossed arms are often no more closed to you than people with open arms. And she believes you can figure out who is lying and who is telling the truth by checking the timing and duration of the first reactive expression on the person's face.

When people are lying, Anderson says, they put an innocent expression on their faces, but few of them exhibit the right timing and duration of the expression. She advises people to ignore the expression and, instead, consider whether the timing and duration of the expression seem natural.

I've decided that a good new year's resolution would be to work on understanding people better. Because that would be helpful in just about any area of life.

I remember Reader's Digest Magazine once printing a story suggesting a factor like "people skills" may be even more important than high IQ when it comes to success in life.

But cultivating good people skills is a never-ending task. Occasionally, I run across a list of questions guaranteed to start a conversation and, thus, help increase your popularity. But they are always questions like, "When was the last time you cried?" Or, "Is fidelity obsolete?"

Can you imagine going around asking people questions like that all day?

Of course, children are the real experts when it comes to intriguing questions. All my life, I've heard kids ask questions like, "Where did green come from?" And, "How tall is God?" But I don't think questions like that work very well for anyone over the age of 10. Unless you're having a discussion with someone in junior high school, and then nothing makes sense any more.

The real problem isn't that people can't think of good stuff to say to each other. The real problem is that listening has become such a lost art in today's world.

How many people do you know who seem to be planning their grocery lists while you are talking to them? Like that day when I went through a fast food drive-through and ordered a sandwich and no drink.

"Would you like that with cream and sugar?" the voice in the box asked me.

No joke. Then there was that TV show when a member of the audience said to the host, "I'd like to say hello to my grandson Johnny."

"OK," the host replied. "What's your grandson's name?" I've always tried to teach my children to look people in the eye and actually listen to what they say. But that can be pretty difficult for children. Heck, it can be pretty difficult for adults.

Long about September, my mother started thinking about Christmas and birthday presents. She called and asked about my husband's and my son's favorite football teams, because she wanted to get one of them a football shirt for Christmas and the other one a birthday gift with a football logo on it. Knowing that Grandma doesn't know one football team from another, I carefully explained that her son's favorite team is the Chicago Bears (because both he and I are from Illinois, just like she is) and her grandson likes the San Francisco 49ers, "because he's a Westerner."

She apparently wrote the information down, but she seems to be paying nearly enough attention. When the Christmas package arrived, it was a 49ers sweatshirt for my husband.

"It's too nice not to wear," he tells people who ask why he switched teams.

I can't wait for my son's birthday, to turn him into a Chicago Bears fan.

How to keep cold and flu season at bay

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

1. Flu shots all around. It's a proven fact: Families whose members get flu shots stay healthier.

2. If your child is sick, keep him or her home. School and day-care centers are bacterial and viral incubators.

3. Make hand-washing a required ritual. The American Academy of Pediatrics says it's the single most important thing you can do to prevent colds.

4. If you must smoke, take it outside. Children exposed to second-hand tobacco smoke get far more respiratory infections.

5. If your child is prone to ear infections, the American Academy of Pediatrics recommends considering preventative antibiotic treatment or having tubes inserted in your child's eardrums.

6. Breast-feed your baby. Infants who are bottle-fed, especially while they are lying



Keeping the cold and flu season at bay in your house can be a difficult job. Here are some tips.

down, get more ear infections than breast-fed babies. But if you do bottle-feed, hold your baby's head above the stomach level during feedings.

7. Have your children vaccinated for chickenpox.

8. Push the OJ. Although not sold on the scientific evidence of vitamin C staving off colds, it's a key

element in a balanced diet which is proven to keep children, and adults, for that matter - healthier.

9. Contain conjunctivitis. Pink eye - a common infection - is not always contagious, but it often is. Talk to your doctor about ways you can keep pinkeye from running amok through your family - and whether you should keep your child home from school or day care until it

clears up.

10. Get a reliable thermometer, and don't hesitate to use it. Children's temperatures can soar in short order - up to 104 degrees, in the case of an ear infection. That's dangerous territory for anybody.

11. Learn to manage a contagion.

On average, normal preschoolers get six to eight colds and other upper respiratory infections a year, as well as at least two bouts of diarrhea and vomiting.

This phase gradually passes. Infection rates drop-dramatically after children reach age 3, and their immune systems mature.

It's not unusual, however, for a school-age child to have several colds, a skin infection, pinkeye and two or three viral stomach infections over the course of a year.

12. Sweat the small stuff. Children are more likely to develop an infection if they have breaks in the skin that let germs in.

13. Call the doctor if your child has:

- Recurrent fever with temperatures over 102 degrees.
- Frequently recurring boils or other symptoms of skin infection.
- Frequent sore-throats, with or without a runny nose and cough.
- Three or more ear infections a year.

— Sources: Magic Valley Family Physicians, Idaho Department of Health and Welfare, American Academy of Pediatrics

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Use these helpful tips in seniors' housing search

- ### Etc...
- Don't wait for a crisis. If you're retirement age or beyond, explore housing alternatives before you need them. You'll be ahead of the game when you decide to make a move.
 - Decide the kind of care that best suits your needs. To start, ask a physician to complete an FL 2 form, a medical summary that indicates the type of care appropriate.
 - Check out local guides to elderly housing.
 - Don't make a decision based on a single guided tour. When you've narrowed your search to a few facilities, follow up with unexpected visits, in the evening or on weekends, when the management team has left. And check out the food by eating a meal there.
 - Talk to residents and family members about their experiences at the facility.

Faulkner Planetarium shows keep informing, entertaining

TWIN FALLS - The two current shows at the Faulkner Planetarium on the College of Southern Idaho campus are about stargazing. One is for fun and the other is for survival.

"The Explorers" shows how South Pacific islanders used the stars to navigate the ocean hundreds of years ago.

The program details a modern day reenactment of that method, proving that the islanders were ahead of their time technologically.

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Every week, To Do For Families lists family-oriented events in south-central Idaho. To get an item listed in the calendar, send it to Features Department, The Times-News, P.O. Box 648, Twin Falls 83303. Deadline is noon on Wednesdays.

—Source: Knight Ridder Newspapers

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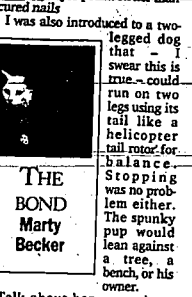
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Pets' love brings out the best in all of us

Each year the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals holds a celebrity-studded dog walk...

The media has affectionately nicknamed the event Woofstock. The first time I attended Woofstock, I realized after the first five minutes...



THE BOND Marty Becker

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Recently, some new Harvard graduates were asked why it's hotter in the summer than in the winter...

SKYWATCH Chris Anderson. Three things make winter colder than summer: Days are shorter, giving the sun less warming time.

Sky calendar. Today through Saturday Planets: One hour before sunset: Venus; One hour after sunset: Mars; Moon phase: Full Tuesday, 1:24 p.m.

The lower solar path means sunlight must travel further through the atmosphere before reaching the ground...

Other items this week: Heron's center at CSI hosts its monthly star party on Saturday. Telescopes will be set up at the museum starting at 8:30pm.

Warnings may provoke power struggle with child

Do you recommend giving children choices when they don't want to do what they are told, as in, "You can sit in this chair, or you can go to your room?"

PARENTING John Rosemond. hears this as a challenge and will respond with a counterchallenge, saying, in so many words, "I dare you to follow through."

parental tolerance at almost every opportunity. When the parent announces the consequence, the consequence should be delivered, regardless of how cooperative the child suddenly becomes.

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This approach will quickly result in a truly obedient child, and I challenge anyone to dispute that. When you find an obedient child, one finds a happy child.

Man wants to help folks delete expletives

WASHINGTON Post - The eff word comes forth from the mouth of almost every person, pushing into the elements of the act of emotion. Like water just as it starts to boil, it explodes. It is just four letters, but it has such power that even saying the first letter can bring grimaces of prudish disapproval.

He argues that against curse words. He argues that the unleashed cuss words are chipping away at our civility. O'Connor is a nice man. He used to curse himself until he thought about it. Now curse words have begun to hurt his ears.

Father turns bicycle riding experience into lesson for life

"Consider the postage stamp, my son. It secures success through its ability to stick to one thing till it gets there." - Josh Billings

Chicken Soup for the Soul. A gymnast reflects on the lessons her father taught her years ago and applies them to an important competition.

smoothly beneath me got much closer to my face. I got up slowly, brushed the gravel from my scraped knees and decided to try again. My face held a determined frown as I pedaled once, twice, three times.

that day, I walked triumphantly into the house, my dad walking proudly beside me. My coach startled me out of my thoughts. He looked searchingly into my scared eyes.

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Hunting for PlayStation 2 became a game in itself

The Washington Post

When Sony cut its initial shipment of PlayStation 2 game systems to the United States from 1 million to 500,000 in late September, anxious game geeks—and their parents—knew that the race to get one was on. Three months later, most of these would-be buyers failed to triumph over Sony's supply chain, but some did.

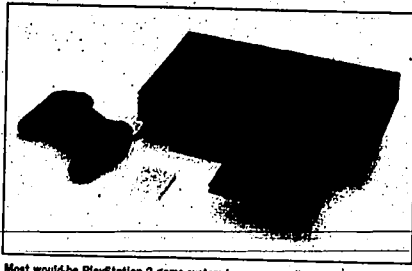
To be one of them, it seems, you had to be resourceful, patient or just lucky.

The battle began early, back when Sony still practices that it would be able to produce enough units of this next-generation, DVD-equipped, 128-bit game system to go around.

Bowie, Md., resident Chris Knuth-Griffin, a former Babcock's manager who emceed a successful PlayStation launch in 1995, first saw a prototype of the PlayStation 2 at a trade show last year. He put his name on a long list in January, paid for his unit in March and moved to PS2 home from the Babcocks' Columbia Mall on Oct. 26, the PS2's North American debut.

Was it all worthwhile? Knight-Griffin expressed disappointment in the first crop of PlayStation 2 adventure games, his preferred genre, lamenting that they were "tires." But he said he's happy to use his PS2 as a DVD player now and expects that the games will improve over time. "With later releases, programmers get used to the code and the games get much, much better," he said. "Look at Resident Evil vs. Resident Evil 3."

The PlayStation 2 accounted for 15 percent of sales in the console market in November, its first full month of release, according to PC World. Sony predicted that it would be able to supply 1.3 million units to the U.S. market by the end of the year—there was likely demand for millions more—but some analysts think that the company missed when it revised goal. A Sony representative said the company was "on track" to reach



Most would-be PlayStation 2 game system buyers were disappointed this fall.

that 1.3 million goal and planned to ship 3 million units by the end of March.

Sony hasn't been particularly forthcoming about the causes for the slow delivery of its cutting-edge system, and when the situation might improve—so far, it has only said that a shortage of one unspecified component is to blame. Schelley Olhava, a senior analyst with IDC, said that it should be able to boost its shipments of PlayStation 2s by late spring or early summer.

Since Sony didn't announce its cut in PS2 shipments until less than a month before the console's release date, gamers who hadn't signed up early on a waiting list had to hit the stores and hope for the best.

"It was kind of an adventure that day," Herndon, Va., resident Craig Soules said of his PlayStation 2 quest, which had him spending a Friday off last month touring the electronics retailers of Fairfax County. Finally, after reconnoitering Wal-Mart and Best Buy, he stopped by a Circuit City, where he spotted a FedEx truck about to unload some boxes.

Employees at the store told him the game consoles would be delivered only by a Circuit City truck, not a FedEx truck, but Soules wasn't about to trust the salespeople on this crucial point. "Everyone has an answer, but it's

always something different," he says. Minutes later, a box was delivered to the floor of the store, and sure enough, it contained PlayStation 2s.

Then, the plot thickened. Soules had struck a deal with a friend of his, agreeing they would each buy a PS2 for the other if they found any in stock, but Circuit City had a "one per customer" rule in effect for the popular item. So Soules made his purchase, took it home, changed his coat, put on a hat and sunglasses, and headed back to the store to buy another, worried the whole time that some employee would recognize him and stop him from buying a second console.

Happy with his purchase, Soules said he lugs it to work on weekdays so he and his co-workers can play EA Sports' Madden 2001 football simulation during their lunch breaks. "You can't bear it," he said.

Other would-be PlayStation 2 owners hit the Web in their hunt. Sam Huxley of San Jose, Calif., remembered a little-used feature in his Web browser that can alert users whenever a Web page has been changed. He set the browser on his laptop computer to check the PlayStation 2 inventory pages of online retailers—once every minute.

"Three days and 40 false alarms later, Wal-Mart came in," Huxley said.

Dyslexia still carries stigma

Knight Ridder News Service

KANSAS CITY, Mo.—To this day, 28-year-old Brent Lilly's palms sweat as he relives those excruciating moments in school when he had to read in front of the class.

He couldn't do it.

His mind couldn't make sense of the words quickly enough, and the letters seemed to knit themselves together on the pages.

Reading was torture.

The other kids laughed.

"No one told me I was dyslexic when I was a kid," says Lilly, who runs his own American Family Insurance office in Independence, Mo. "I thought I was stupid the whole time."

Dyslexia has nothing to do with stupidity; one of those myths that persist about an often-misunderstood reading disorder. Dyslexia became fodder for Chicken Soup for the Soul's presidential candidate George W. Bush denied claims made in a magazine article that he has exhibited behavior—frequent fumbling and mispronunciation of words, for instance—that

To learn more ...

International Dyslexia Association: (410) 298-0232; <http://www.intlrdy.org/>

National Center for Learning Disabilities: 1-888-575-7373; <http://www.ncld.org/>

National Institute of Child Health and Human Development: (301) 496-5133

—Source: The Kansas City Star

could indicate dyslexia. Bush has a brother who has been diagnosed as dyslexic.

"Diagnosis by sound bite really isn't wise," says J. Thomas Viall, executive director of the International Dyslexia Association in Baltimore. "He's denied it. To my knowledge, he's never been diagnosed. And I have to respect his statement."

Instead of speculating about whether Bush is dyslexic, Viall prefers that the public learn what dyslexia is.

Lilly was 5 when he was diagnosed dyslexic, but his mother didn't tell him until he was a sophomore at Truman High in

Independence. In high school it was easier for the varsity linebacker to hide behind the persona of "dumb to look" than to tell everyone he was dyslexic.

He didn't even know what "dyslexic" meant. Many Americans don't know either, wrongly associating dyslexia with mental retardation.

Dyslexia is a learning disorder, not a disease.

It impairs a person's ability to read and learn to read. The range of severity varies greatly. People with dyslexia sometimes

have problems understanding language they hear or expressing themselves clearly when they speak or write.

Much science now suggests dyslexia, believed to be brain-based, can be inherited. There is no cure. But properly diagnosed early on, it needn't be a sentence to fail in life. Among the successful, talented well-knowns most often mentioned as dyslexics are Tom Cruise, Whoopi Goldberg, Jay Leno, Robin Williams, Cher, Jason Ford, sports stars Magic Johnson and Nolan Ryan and investor Charles Schwab.

Most children have sibling conflicts

Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO — Barbi Peacock says she dearly loves her sister, Christi. And Christi says she considers Barbi her best friend.

They talk on the phone three or four times a week—Barbi's in New York, Christi's in Chicago—and they e-mail each other almost every day. They care about each other. They are about as close as two sisters, living 700 miles apart, can be.

This might come as surprising news to folks who knew the Peacock sisters when they were growing up in Silver Plains, N.Y.

Back then, 10 years ago, the only time the sisters were close was when they were throwing punches at each other.

"I guess it appeared at the time that we really, seriously hated each other," says Barbi, 26, a publicist for Maxim Online and National Geographic Traveler magazine.

"And I think it seemed sometimes we wanted each other dead. But not really."

Oh no? The Peacock sisters carried sibling conflict to new heights. They fought with their fists, they pulled hair, they attacked each other with pencils or telephones or whatever objects were at hand.

Of course, there were always good reasons for these brawls.

"My sister and I fought (for control of) the phone daily, probably 10 times a day," says Christi, 25, an executive assistant to the president for SunCard Futures Systems, a Chicago software company. "Especially in the summer when we had nothing to do and nowhere to go. Instead of having fun with each other, we'd be on the phone with friends. Then it was, 'You've been on long enough.' 'No I haven't.' And the fights would start."

"We used to fight about the television. She always wanted to play her Nintendo, and I wanted to watch MTV. She told me finally, and my mom set limits. And I still haven't forgotten that."

Carol, a suburban Chicago mother who asked that her last name not be used, knows about sibling conflict. She's the mother of four sons, ages 9, 7, 5 and 8 months, and although she says they get along pretty well in general, the conflicts do arise, and for a variety of reasons.

"They yell at each other and argue, and there's conflict when they're playing together," she says. "So one kid wants to direct play, or they fight over a toy. I see kids wanting something just because another kid has it. It's a power thing. Or I think sometimes it's jealousy."

Jealousy, a need for attention, boredom or sometimes even a genuine dislike between parties can all be factors in sibling conflict. But regardless of the cause, they have one thing in common: They're part of childhood.

Book gives insights into teen abuse

Knight Ridder News Service

One of every three girls will experience some sort of dating abuse before she graduates from high school—is your daughter one of them?

In "But I Love Him: Protecting your teen daughter from controlling, abusive dating relationships," (ReganBooks, \$25), psychotherapist Jill Murray gives parents insight into the dark side of teen dating, how and when relationships turn abusive; and the right way to intervene.

Her tone is direct, if not harsh. For instance, she refuses to refer to girls as "victims" and makes clear that an abuser at any age—12, 15, 17—is cruel on purpose.

In the book, Murray starts by shattering common misconceptions about domestic violence. One, that if a person doesn't have a black eye or broken arm she's not being abused. Two, that abuse happens only in adult relationships.

Emotional and psychological abuse are most common. And most people who fall into these situations had their first bad experiences as teen-agers, one-third, according to widely publicized statistics.

But Murray says the numbers would be higher if more people

Trouble signs

- She spends less time with family and friends and is compelled to be available to him when he calls or pages her.
- She frequently roughhouses or play-wrestles with her.
- He demeans her, often laughs and tells her he was only kidding or that she's too sensitive.
- She's frequently has to explain herself to him or say she's sorry.

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"I haven't met a woman yet in discussing this book who hasn't said 'Eww, I remember a certain boy in school,'" Murray said. "I think most of us can identify with this in one way or another, but we wouldn't have considered it abusive."

—Source: San Jose, Calif., Mercury News

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Teens don't know everything about sex

Knight Ridder News Service

SAN JOSE, Calif.—A growing number of adolescents believe that when it comes to abstinence, everything but intercourse is acceptable.

That worries sex educators and researchers because it means that abstinence-based sex education is sending only part of the message, according to a recent survey of teen sexual attitudes.

"Many kids are missing, experts say, is that any kind of sexual activity can expose them to sexually transmitted disease."

"They are taking that statement to abstain from sexual intercourse at face value, and many of them have more traditional values than making the choice to engage in what they perceive as less-risky behavior," says Peter Belden, spokesman for Planned Parenthood Mar Monte, where hundreds of South Bay teens go for confidential advice on sex and contraception.

For decades, researchers concerned about teen pregnancy focused only on intercourse. But a study to be released today on the sexual practices of 15- to 19-year-olds shows that teens increasingly don't understand the risks of sexually transmitted dis-

eases and are confused about what constitutes abstinence.

"As health educators and parents, we've drilled the kids on the dangers of pregnancy," said Linda Alexander, president of the American Social Health Association. "We haven't talked as much about activities that don't result in pregnancy. What concerns me is what kids don't know. They're not protecting themselves; they don't understand the risks of transmitting infection between the genital and oral areas."

Most sexually transmitted diseases—whether viral, like herpes or hepatitis B, or bacterial, like gonorrhea, syphilis and chlamydia—can be transmitted orally or genitally. Although most researchers say HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, is not easily transmitted through oral sex, they caution that such transmission is possible.

According to the study, many teen-age boys, virgins and those who have had intercourse, are engaging in sexual activities that include oral and anal sex.

"While 55 percent of teen-age males say they've had vaginal sex, two-thirds have had experience with noncoital behaviors like oral sex, and intercourse or masturbation by a female," said Freya L. Sonnenstein, director of the Population Studies Center at the Urban-Institute and one of the study's authors.

The report of findings from the National Survey of Adolescent Males is being released in the latest issue of Family Planning Perspectives, a publication of the Alan Guttmacher Institute. The issue includes a report on the policy implications of oral sex among young people.

The survey of adolescent boys was based on in-person interviews with 1,297 nationally representative males ages 15 to 19 in 1995, including an oversampling of black and Hispanic youth. The questions about engagement in genital heterosexual activities were asked in a questionnaire that the teen-agers answered on a computer, at the end of the interview, Sonnenstein said. That methodology, known as a self-administered interview, yields more reliable information on sensitive subjects. The 1998 study interviewed 1,880 boys.

According to the findings, more than one in 10 boys had engaged in anal intercourse, half had received oral sex from a girl and slightly more than a third had performed oral sex on a girl.

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Her mother was famous for using recycled Christmas wrap, and there wasn't a single gift with ruffled paper under the tree.

The family of Jacqueline Seagraves Babcock would like to thank everyone for the cards, flowers and comfort we have received since the loss of our much-loved daughter, sister and wife. Your concern, love and prayers during her years of illness have been most appreciated.

Jack & Judy Seagraves,
Justin & Colleen Seagraves, Sean Babcock

A parent's death affects even adults

Knight Ridder News Service

He considered himself strong and dynamic, a hard-charging manager for his company. And then his mother died.

It was as if he was a little boy again, he said, lost in a crowded store. All he could see was a forest of legs, none of them his mother's. He was anxious and afraid.

"I said to me one of these little kid things, 'I want my mommy,'" he said.

In researching her new book, "Nobody's Child: Anymore" (Scribner, \$11.95), Barbara Bartocci, an Overland Park, Kan., writer, discovered that death was somehow comforting. She wasn't the only adult unprepared for the deep pain of losing a parent, a pain that elicits only fleeting support from society.

The author, who wrote to her mother's death, found the loss of her parents to be surpris-

ingly profound. Adult children are expected to take their week off-work, settle death's details and go on. After all, hadn't their parents lived long, productive lives?

But Bartocci had watched her own parents die two years apart, and she realized grief's timetable was rarely so short and predictable. Many who have lost parents and thought their grieving complete find that grief can't be

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Needs of fed retirees

NARFE seeks inform members

TWIN FALLS - The National Association of Retired Federal Employees Chapter 1959 starts a new year.

Interested? The purpose of the chapter is to support legislation that supports association interests and measures which deprive people of earned retirement. The association is interested in members who keep close contact with elected officials and invite speakers to address issues of interest to retirees. A major project include recruiting other federal employees through various recruiting seminars at government agencies. Association members also vol-



Photo courtesy of NARFE

The National Association of Retired Federal Employees Chapter 1959 announced its 2001 officers. They are, from left, Bud Ruffing, past president; Jim Fischer, treasurer; Janine Chapman, secretary; Russell Roseman, president; and Lee Urie, first vice president; Not pictured is Phillip Lively, second vice president.

unteer time to the community through activities, such as cleaning highways, helping seniors with taxes, supporting the Salvation Army with canned food and cash donations, and donating

to the Alzheimer's Research Fund, the group says.

The chapter also has a bi-monthly newsletter. Members gather in July for an annual pic-

Buhl blood drive collects 100 pints

BUHL - One hundred pints of blood were collected Dec. 8 at the American Red Cross Buhl blood drawing.

Despite numerous canceled appointments due to illnesses, 104 donors turned out with only four deferrals and 100 pints collected, organizers say.

Buhl Moose members opened the doors of their lodge for the drawing and the women of the Buhl Catholic Church provided cookies for the donors and lunch for the volunteers. Ormond Smith donated juice.

Buhl Kiwanis Club members unloaded the blood drawing

Want to give?

The next blood drawing in Buhl is from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Feb. 16 in the Buhl Moose Hall. Anyone who would like to schedule an appointment is asked to call 543-2737.

Shirley Barron, Rosie Eckert, Nedra Korte, Eileen Peterson and Anita Svancara. Facilitators included Bobbi Husome and Aggie Schilder. Far Koehn was the escort.

Several donors also received recognition. Jim Lowder earned a 14-gallon pin for donating his 112th pint of blood. Bob Bailey Sr. received a 10 gallon pin; Sandra Wisecaver, 9-gallon pin; Shirley Wilde, 7-gallon pin; Ramona Sailor and Bill Swager, 5-gallon pins; Pat Koehn, 4-gallon pin and Bob Harp, Larry Hayes, Joann Houk, Arlene Pierce and Ken Tverdy, 1-gallon pins.

equipment and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Thurston Pence Post 3064 members donated financial support for post card reminders.

Edna Wiehe served as the canteen recruiter and Nedra Korte as the volunteer recruiter. Greeters for the drawing were

Filer Library adds new books to shelves

FILER - The Filer Public Library, 219 Main St., announced the following new books:
"Adrift" by David Sobel
"Daughter," by David Sobel
"Adult Fiction," "The Weight of Water" by Anita Shreve, "Mrs. Pargeter's Point of Honour" by Simon Brett, "The Silver Ghost" by Charlotte MacLeod, "My Cousin Death" by Mary McMillen, "Mrs. Pollifax Unveiled" by Dorothy Gilman,

"The Mark" by Tim LaHaye, "On Writing" by Stephen King, "Maestro" by Bob Woodward, "Star Wars Balance Point" by Kathy Tyers, "The Uprstart" by Catherine Cookson, "Deep Lapse" by Janice Barr, "Time Lapse" by Janice Barr, "Murder on the Escalator," "The Waiting Time" by Eugenia Price, "The Carpenter's Lady" by Barbara Delinsky, "A Touch of Betrayal" by Catherine Palmer, "A Kiss of

Adventure" by Catherine Palmer, "Roses Are Red" by James Patterson, "The Gift For All People" by Max Lucado, "Tom Clancy's Power Plays: Strike" by Tom Clancy and Martin Greenberg, "Dr. Death" by Jonathan Kellerman, "House of Sand and Egg" by Andre Dubus III, "Heart of the Sea" by Nora Roberts and "Katheryn's Secret" by Linda Hall.

SCHOOL LUNCH

BUHL SCHOOL Breakfast Menu Milk served every day, Choice of fruit or juice every day Monday: Carrot, cinnamon toast Tuesday: Maple syrup Wednesday: Raisins and gravy Thursday: Breakfast pizza Friday: Cream, grain crackers Lunch Menu Sallad bar and milk served every day Monday: Sloppy Joe, French fries, tater tots, juice bar Tuesday: Tuna fish sandwich, celery sticks, fruit, Teddy Graham Wednesday: Chicken nuggets, barbecue sauce, potatoes, gravy, green beans, hot roll Thursday: Hot ham and cheese sandwich, chips, apples, carrots, peanut butter, cookie Friday: Little Biscuits, tater tots, oranges, blueberry cake	KIMBERLY SCHOOL Milk served every day Monday: Nachos, salsa, bread sticks, pineapple Tuesday: Chicken fillet, tater tots, pickle spear, peaches Wednesday: Baked ham, potatoes, gravy, peas, hot roll Thursday: Chicken nuggets, au gratin potatoes, rolls, pudding cup Friday: Chili, crackers, cinnamon rolls, pears	ST. EDWARD'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL Breakfast served every day Monday: Ham and cheese bun Tuesday: Spaghetti Friday: Soup and sandwich Friday: Cheeseburgers
CASTLEFORD SCHOOL Milk and juice served every day Monday: Doughnuts, cereal Tuesday: Scrambled eggs, cereal Wednesday: Smoothie, cereal Thursday: Pancakes, cereal Friday: Cinnamon swirl, cereal Lunch Menu Monday: French dip sandwiches Tuesday: Chili Wednesday: Toasted cheese sandwich Thursday: Lasagna Friday: Pork chops, potatoes and gravy	MAGIC VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL Choice of milk served every day Monday: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, country style gravy, strawberries and bananas, dinner roll Tuesday: Cheeseburger deluxe, lettuce, pickles, seasoned potato wedges, almond apples, cookie Wednesday: Chicken nuggets, barbecue sauce, fried rice, cool fruit jello, bread sticks Thursday: Foot long hot dog, mustard, ketchup, rolls, potato chips, banana, Rice Krispie Treat Friday: Dill sandwich, tomato soup, fish crackers, pineapple dillish, trail mix	TWIN FALLS ELEMENTARY Milk served every day Monday: Pancakes, grrup, sausage, pasta, strawberries Wednesday: Cereal, chilled apricots, cinnamon toast Thursday: Breakfast bun, tater tots, apples Friday: Cereal, kiwi, muffin Lunch menu Monday: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, country style gravy, strawberries and bananas, hot roll, chocolate milk Tuesday: Hamburger deluxe, lettuce, pickles, potato wedges, almond apples, peanut butter cookie, milk Wednesday: Chicken nuggets, barbecue sauce, fried rice, cool fruit jello, bread sticks Thursday: Pig in a blanket, mustard, ketchup, baked beans, kiwi, fruit juice bar, dinner roll Friday: Tuna fish sandwich, Campbell's tomato soup, fish crackers, school boy apple, chocolate milk
FILER SCHOOL Monday: Burtina Tuesday: Chicken party sandwiches Wednesday: Taco salad Thursday: Cook's choice Friday: Soup and sandwiches	MURTAUGH SCHOOL Milk served every day Monday: Chicken burgers, mixed vegetables, fruit cocktail, grain crackers Tuesday: Pizza, salad, pineapple, muffins Wednesday: Soup and sandwich, salad, peaches Thursday: Hamburger gravy and salad, potatoes, rolls, pears Friday: Tacos, refried beans, corn, apple sauce	VALLEY SCHOOLS Monday: Corn dog, scalloped potatoes, carrots, picky apple, chocolate pudding Tuesday: Hamburger deluxe, lettuce, pickles, French fries, cinnamon apples, daboby bar Wednesday: Fried chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, California vegetables, hot roll, butter, dinner roll Thursday: Chicken burger, bun, lettuce, pickles, rator tots, peaches, cookie Friday: Baked cheese sandwich, tomato soup, carrots, carrot sticks, apple sauce
HANSEN SCHOOL DISTRICT Breakfast Menu Milk served every day Monday: Chicken toast, juice Tuesday: Raisins and juice Wednesday: Cream of wheat, toast, juice Thursday: Scrambled eggs, toast, sausage Friday: Long johns, cereal, juice Lunch Menu Monday: Chicken fajitas, tater tots, fruit Tuesday: Spaghetti, bread sticks, salad, fruit Wednesday: Finger steaks, rolls, green beans, fruit Thursday: Rib-eyes, cole slaw, fruit Friday: Sliced ham, macaroni and cheese, peas, fruit	ROBERT STUART AND O'LEARY JUNIOR HIGH Breakfast menu Milk served every day Monday: Pancakes, grrup, sausage, pasta, strawberries Tuesday: Cereal, chilled apricots, cinnamon toast Thursday: Breakfast bun, tater coils, apples Friday: Cereal, kiwi, muffin Lunch menu Milk served every day Monday: Chicken nuggets or salad bar or chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, strawberries, bananas, dinner roll Tuesday: Peppercorn Hot Pocket or soup and sandwich bar or hamburger deluxe, lettuce, pickles, potato wedges, almond apples, peanut butter cookie Wednesday: Pizza, corn, school boy apple,	TWIN FALLS HIGH SCHOOL Breakfast is served every day. Lunch: The high school has a choice of day, taco bar on Wednesdays and potato bar on Fridays. Main line menu varies everyday. School lunch menus are printed as a public service. To have the lunch menu, please call (if desired) printed with the menu in the following pages: In Twin Falls, ID 83401, or Fax to 734-5538, attention: Lunch Menu. Deadline is noon Wednesday for publication Sunday.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Twin Falls PTSO holds meeting, party on agenda

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls High School PTSO will hold a meeting at 12:15 p.m. Wednesday in room G6 at the Twin Falls High School.
All parents are invited and encouraged to attend. The main topic of discussion will be the senior class alcohol-free all night party. The PTSO is looking for a chairman for the party.
For more information, call the Twin Falls High School at 733-5455.

20th Century Club changes date of luncheon

TWIN FALLS - The 20th Century Club luncheon has been changed from Tuesday to Jan. 16. The luncheon will be held at noon at the Turf club in Twin Falls.
The program is under the direction of Chairman Dorothy Making.
For more information, call Esther at 734-1487.

Bonnie Aspartate. Refresherments were served.

The Gooding Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. every Friday at the Gooding City Hall.

Gooding Learning Center announces courses

GOODING - The Gooding Accelerated Learning Center announced the courses offered for the fourth block, starting Jan. 15 through Feb. 26.
From 9:30 a.m. to 12:10 p.m., English 9, English 10, world history and accelerated math will be offered. From 12:30-3:30 p.m., careers, biology and desktop publishing will be offered.
Students are asked to register by the week of Jan. 8, at 906 Main St. in Gooding or by calling Michelle at 934-4214.

Bethel 43 holds dinner to honor Job's Daughters

TWIN FALLS - Bethel 43 of the International Order of Job's Daughters will honor all past Job's Daughters with a spaghetti dinner at 6 p.m. Jan. 15 in the Masonic Hall at 883 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. in Twin Falls.
There will be a regular meeting following the dinner.
Those attending are asked to RSVP by Wednesday by calling Peggy at 734-6866.

Al-Anon family groups helps victims of alcoholism

TWIN FALLS - Al-Anon representatives remind families that the holiday season can be devastating to those living with drinking problems.
Al-Anon family groups are a fellowship of relatives and friends of alcoholics and are there to help families with alcoholics, representatives say.
There are Al-Anon groups in the Magic Valley, Ketchup and Halley. There is also Alateen for younger people in the families.
For more information, call 736-3555, which is available 24-hours a day.

Baptist pastors in area receive new suits

GLENN'S FERRY - Pastors of Baptist churches affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention here are in the Magic Valley Baptist Association and the Utah-Idaho Southern Baptist Association received new suits from the Baptist Men's Ministry of the Mississippi Baptist Convention.
The new suits arrived a few days before Christmas, reports Larry Maxwell, director of missions with the Magic Valley Baptist Association. The area pastors were grateful for the new suits, he said.

Le Livre et la Plume Literary Arts Society meets

TWIN FALLS - Le Livre et la Plume Literary Arts Society will hold its monthly meeting at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at the home of Debra Plume.
The book, "We Are Our Mothers' Daughters" by Cokie Roberts, will be read by Mary Eraley. Authored by Mary Eraley. The book will be given by Maurine Jacobsen and Joyce Ricé will present the guided thought. Co-Hostesses for the evening are Marteen Van Burten, Isabell Sudweeks and Linda Coats.

Gooding Duplicate Bridge Club announces winners

GOODING - The Gooding Duplicate Bridge Club winners for north-south for Dec. 28 winners first place, Mary Cook and Riley Burns; second place, Beverly Burns and Lonnie Burns and third place, Jodi Faulkner and Louise Smith.
Winners east-west for Dec. 28 were first place, Don and Lorna Bard; second place, Sam Smuney and Fred Plankey and third place, Carma Davidson and

Warren completes basic training in California

Marine Corps Pfc. Russel W. Warren has completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego, Calif.
Warren is a 1995 graduate of Elko High School in Elko, Nev.
Warren successfully completed 12 weeks of training designed to challenge new Marine recruits physically and mentally. Warren and fellow recruits began training at 5 a.m. by running three miles and performing calisthenics. In addition, Warren spent numerous hours in classroom and field assignments which included learning first aid, uniform regulations, combat water survival, marksmanship, hand-to-hand combat and assorted weapons training. They per-

SERVICE NEWS



The following students were "Caught Being Good" and received an award for practicing mutual respect, accountability, appreciations, "No Put Downs," and attentive listening. They are, from left, from George Cruz, Jessica Eckler, Randa Smith, Selma Talie, Huiying Wu and Sonica Cantu; back: Jillian Rudolph, Garrett Painter, Alex Baker, Eli Connell, Brent Little, Elmar Gashumov, Melissa Eckler and Andrea Tomlinson.

Hatt completes Marine training in San Diego

Pfc. Christopher Hatt, son of Mickey Hatt and Karen Keinhoffer of Burley, has completed recruit-training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, Calif., and graduated on Nov. 17.
Hatt enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in September 1999.
He is a 2000 graduate of Burley High School.
During recruit training, Hatt learned military customs and courtesies, first aid and a variety of military-related subjects designed to create the moral discipline required of all Marines.

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DOWN-TIME

By Willy A. Wiseman, New York, New York

THE Sunday Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

Down-time crossword puzzle grid with clues and answers. Includes a list of clues on the left and right sides, and a grid in the center.

Solomon would be stumped

'Who's my Daddy?' That's not a misprint, and Men's Fitness magazine says it may someday be a very relevant question.

Help wanted Of all the people needing and seeking help, alcoholics are the most likely to attend in-person (as opposed to online) support groups.

Family news you can use Following alcoholics, in order, are people with AIDS, breast cancer, anorexia, prostate cancer, colon cancer, multiple sclerosis, chronic fatigue syndrome, lung cancer, stroke, diabetes, depression, emphysema, asthma, heart disease, arthritis, ulcer, chronic pain and hypertension.

A career that pays off Recent college graduates with technical skills and piles of student loans to repay: The federal government is working on a new deal to lure you to its payroll.

Like cats and dogs American Demographics says dogs are a woman's best friend, too. In fact, 45.3 percent of all women own a dog or puppy, compared with 41 percent of men.

Compiled from wire reports

ENGAGEMENTS

BANNER-RINGLE

HEYBURN - Milton and Kathy Banner of Heyburn announce the engagement of their daughter, Erin Mackenzie Banner, to Daniel Spencer Ringle, son of David and Diane Ringle of Burley.



Daniel Ringle and Erin Banner Temple. A reception to honor the couple will be held from 7-9 p.m. Saturday at the Burley West Stake Center, 2420 Parke Ave. in Burley.

DEPEW-FLYNN

TWIN FALLS - Mary DePew and Cory Flynn, both of Twin Falls, announce their engagement.



Mary DePew and Cory Flynn 6:30 p.m. Saturday at the White House in Twin Falls.

FILLMORE-CECIL

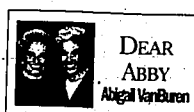
TWIN FALLS - Colleen and Harlan Fillmore of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Meghan O'Halloran Fillmore, to Devin Cecil, son of Sara and Ken McCormick of Ulysses, Kan.



Meghan Fillmore and Devin Cecil follow at the Main Street Bistro in Boise. The couple will reside in Boise.

Better late than never when it comes to intimacy

DEAR ABBY: I should have taken your advice. About 40 or 45 years ago, I asked you about my wife having "hang-ups" with intimacy.



not until I am 16. So, I said I can go out with groups when I am 14 and 15 - but I can't go out with guys even if I'm not really dating them.

DEAR GRATEFUL: I'm pleased that my advice was helpful. Better late than never.

DEAR DIANE: Right you are. The dangers you have listed result from irresponsibility, a sense of entitlement and just plain rude drunk, and you have a surefire recipe for disaster.

DEAR 14: Trust is built on confidence, and it takes time to build confidence. Your mother may seem overly protective to you, but she's only doing what many parents do these days.

DEAR ABBY: Are America's drivers totally out of control, or am I getting crochety at age 56? Their behavior behind the wheel is deadly at the worst, and scary to say the least.

DEAR ABBY: My name is Lindsay, and I recently turned 14. I wanted to go to the mall with this guy who is 16, but my mom said

One way to increase your mother's level of confidence in you is by volunteering information about what you are doing and confiding in her. And when you are asked to do something, instead of complaining about it - do it.

ANNIVERSARY THE EASTMANS

BUHL - Mr. and Mrs. Bob Eastman of Buhl will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary today. They were honored at a celebration over the Christmas holiday in Portland, Ore., with family and friends.



The couple has two sons, Robyn (Sandy) Eastman and Casey Eastman; one daughter, Terri (deceased); son-in-law, Gary; and six grandchildren.

Women over 50 love collectibles

To every thing there is a season - and for women age 50 and older, it seems to be the season to collect things. Often-fragile things - 11 percent of women in that age group collect porcelain figurines; 8 percent collect crystal figurines; 4 percent collect decorative or commemorative plates, and 2 percent collect porcelain cottages or houses, according to Simmons Market Research Bureau statistics reported in American Demographics magazine.

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SENIORS

Want to change your life? Change your attitude

Do you control your attitude, or do you let it control you? I have worked with high school students for all of my working life and in that period of time I have discovered many things about that transitional period between being a child and becoming an adult. It is a confusing and difficult time for most, if not all, teenagers. And in this period of time, when emotions are running rampant, many children develop an attitude.

Any parent or teacher who has dealt with teenagers recognizes this as a fact. Some are happy, or appear so, no matter what is going on. Others are quick to anger or tears or believe that all adults are totally and permanently confused as to what goes on in a teenager's head - a statement which



AFTER CLASS
Gay Petersen

often seems true to adults as well. Usually, as time passes and a teenager becomes an adult, the attitudes change as hormones calm down and patterns are set which generally lead to responsible adulthood. Sometimes, however, this is not true. The adjustment is not made, and people remain permanently lost in a teenager-type fog. Do you know the type of person of

whom I am speaking - those who never get over the anger or the feeling that everyone is picking on them, or the notion that they are right no matter the circumstances?

Surely all of us have come in contact with an adult who lets such an attitude control them. They seem to feel that it is their right to behave in any cranky or miserable manner they choose, and everyone else should just step aside and allow them this indulgence, for it truly is just that. Someone who allows such an attitude to control them is indulging themselves at the expense of others. Unfortunately, such action can become habitual.

I, for one, have a real problem with this type of person. Their attitude irritates me to the point of anger, so that

when I meet such a person I tend to afterward permanently avoid them. They make me uncomfortable and feel I am wasting time and effort in any type of discussion with them. There are people who help to indulge this type of person - why is beyond my comprehension, but as a result the attitude never changes, for it is constantly reinforced. Of course if you meet someone with a good attitude, the issue of control becomes an entirely different matter. Everyone should make an attempt in that direction. Letting a good attitude control our actions surely can lead to nothing but good results.

It is within our power to control what type of attitude we have. We may say "I can't help the way I feel," but indeed we can, unless we suffer from

some type of mental illness. The majority of us can control our attitude toward life in general at any particular time, and, because we have the ability to do that, we must project, for ourselves and those with whom we come in contact, the best possible outlook. How difficult life must be for those who remain permanently angry or frustrated or fearful. If you are one who fits into any of these categories it is up to you to change. And surely it would benefit you to do so.

A happy attitude leads to a happy life. One follows the other. It is as simple as complicated as that.

Gay Petersen is a retired teacher who lives in Wendell. Write to her at petersen@magicklink.com.

Obligation depends on state you live in Military people pay Social Security taxes

Q. Late last year, five years after our mother died, Dad (now 79) remarried a woman (now 72) whom my brother and I did not trust. He told Dad that her deceased husband had left her "well-fixed," and that she had no debt. They moved into his house, but at our insistence, he did not open any accounts with her and did not authorize her to use his credit or his bank accounts. Shortly after they married, he learned that she was a compulsive gambler and had run up more than \$40,000 in credit card debt that she wanted him to help pay. Her total income is a \$650-per-month Social Security check. Her automobile was repossessed shortly after the marriage. She also suffers from a chronic disease that requires regular hospitalization and a monthly prescription drug cost of \$500. She has no Medicare Supplement policy, and her hospital bills are piling up.



NEXT STEPS
Jan Collins and Jan Warner

over him and to take control of his assets. If we don't cooperate, we have been to several lawyers who have thrown up their hands. Is my father responsible for her bills? How can we get her out of the house? Are we responsible for supporting her?

A. The ultimate answers to many of your questions depends, to an extent, on the law of the

state in which you live, meaning that you will have to find a lawyer in your state who can help guide you through this very complicated situation. However, no matter where you live, unless your father assumed responsibility for her premarital obligations by written guarantee or otherwise, he should have no obligation to pay her premarital debt.

Under what is known as the "necessaries" doctrine, husbands and wives have obligations to support their spouses, and each spouse is responsible for the cost of necessities supplied to the other, even if only one of them contracts to be liable for the necessities.

If you live in a state that recognizes the "necessaries" doctrine, then your father could be held financially responsible for his wife's medical and drug obligations, not to mention his duty to support her and to provide food, shelter and clothing. Under this doctrine, your father would not be responsible for her post-marital gambling debts. If you live in a state that does not recognize this doctrine, the result may be different.

We believe that under these circumstances, any attempt by her to gain control over his assets in a probate court can be defeated for several reasons. As attorneys in fact for your father, you should have priority, and the wife in this instance certainly has a

conflict of interest which should prevent her from serving. You may face, or decide to bring, an action in the family court on behalf of your father to sort out this mess that will keep you and your sibling in the court system for a long time.

Taking the Next Step: Marriage brings with it awesome financial responsibilities. For that reason, full financial disclosure is essential before the relationship begins. Financial surprises after the marriage will chill a torrid romance very quickly. So, to be safe, each spouse-to-be should secure a credit report for the review of the other. An objection to this simple request should raise red flags.

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Q. My son just enlisted in the Navy. Do people in the military pay Social Security taxes?

A. Yes, people who serve in the military services on active duty or on active duty for training have paid into Social Security since 1957. While those who served in the military before 1957 did not pay into Social Security, their Social Security records are credited with special earnings for Social Security purposes. For more information go to our Web site - <http://www.ssa.gov> - or call our toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213, and ask for the fact sheet, "Military Service and Social Security."

Q. I think I may be eligible for Social Security benefits on my ex-husband's Social Security

Social Security Q & A

record. Can I get a Social Security Statement showing benefits on his record?

A. For information about potential benefits on someone else's record, you should call or visit your local Social Security office. If your former spouse is still living, privacy rules prohibit us from giving you his Social Security Statement. But we can tell you what benefits you may be entitled to, after we have established your relationship to him.

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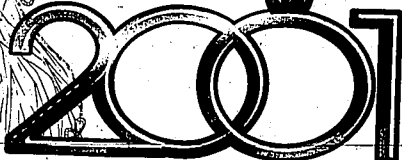
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