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STATE OF THE STATE

Tax relief plan tops governor's list of proposals

By Michael Journe
Times-News writer

BOISE — Aside from the record tax relief urged by Gov. Dirk Kempthorne, a few other items in his State of the State address Monday caught the attention of local lawmakers.

Kempthorne's plans for specific tax relief for hard-pressed ranchers and farmers, teacher salary boosts, and the state's overcrowded prisons brought out a number of reactions from the Magic Valley's delegates to the 56th Idaho Legislature, which gets down to work today.

Perhaps most intriguing was the governor's proposal to the agriculture industry for at least a one-time tax break to help them through some of the hardest times to ever hit the industry. He outlined some of the problems that face Magic Valley farmers.

"Dairy producers suffered through one of the worst years in recent memory," Kempthorne told the three branches of the Idaho government gathered in Boise chambers for his speech. "For most of the year, prices were \$1 to \$2 below break-even standards.

"Potato prices are down substantially. More than 3,000 acres of beans froze in the ground in the Mini-Cassia area, and fruitknipries are very likely," he said.

The gritty details of Kempthorne's proposals will come out Wednesday during his budget address — when he reveals how much money he thinks should be dedicated to various ideas.

Republican and Democratic lawmakers sounded excited about the proposal, but were curious what form the ag tax break would take.

"He acknowledged the problems in the farm community," said Rep. Doug Jones, R-Filer, chairman of the House Agricultural Affairs Committee. "If he gives us some even one-time tax relief there, it'll be great."

"I want to hear the budget address," said Rep. Bert Stevenson, R-Rupert. "What do you give them that will breathe new life back in them?"

Most agree property tax relief would be the only way to give farmers a meaningful cut since poor commodity-market prices have dwindled farm profits so much that income tax relief would be near meaningless.

Democrats and Republicans praised Kempthorne's proposal to set aside \$6 million for signing bonuses to teacher candidates and money to offer pay raises to all teachers — a proposal Democrats and even some Republicans have been calling for regularly.

But because Democrats were disappointed in Kempthorne's education ideas — which included starting a new focus on math skills similar to the reading initiative he started two years ago. They said the plans didn't include spending some of the more than \$300 million budget surplus to replace dilapidated school buildings, like the Wendell Middle School building condemned last spring.

"Some of the surplus should be going to help build schools," said

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Idaho Gov. Dirk Kempthorne delivers his annual State of the State address before a joint session of the Legislature at the Idaho Statehouse, Monday. Behind the governor are Idaho Speaker of the House Bruce Newcomb, left, and Idaho Senate President Pro Tem Robert Geddes.

Kempthorne's plans

Other proposals in Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's State of the State address Monday.

- **Rural economic development:** "I appointed a Rural Development Task Force — 65 people from all areas of the state — to suggest how to stimulate the rural economy. They said you can't attract a business if you don't have the roads and sewers and infrastructure. Therefore, they recommended that rural Idaho needs to have state block grants for infrastructure. It's now included in the budget."
- **International trade:** "Our new 13-member advisory committee on international trade, led by Jim Hargeman and Charlie Fortinger, was activated. This committee is working to develop a strategic plan to expand Idaho's trading opportunities. We are making progress. When I took office, I challenged our departments of Commerce and Agriculture to double the value of Idaho's exports by the end of 2002. Since January of 1999, we've seen a 61 percent increase in export value — more than a billion dollars."
- **Substance abuse treatment, truancy, parenting and the judiciary:** "This year, Idaho's judiciary has made access to treatment their No. 1 legislative priority. In a number of counties they're already providing a promising alternative. Just ask our newest Supreme Court Justice Dan Elsmann, who has left a legacy with his work in this field here in Ada County. Or take Twin Falls County. To intervene with students who have a history of truancy, Judge Jack Varlin has collaborated with the courts, prosecutors, public defenders, elementary schools, and our Health and Welfare Department to establish Attendance Court. By identifying the reasons these kids are skipping school, the Attendance Court team is providing advice, services, and even tough love to get these kids back in the classroom."
- **In Minidoka County, they have implemented the Parenting Project, which is focused not only on the children who are delinquent or disruptive in school but their parents as well. They've provided training to 68 percent of their teachers. The results? In the first year, student expulsions dropped by 85 percent.**

What wasn't in the governor's speech:

- **Health insurance:** "He never talked about health insurance," said House Minority Leader Wendy Jaquet, D-Ketchum. "One out of five people in Idaho are not insured. I think that warrants some mention."
- **CAFO issues:** "There was no mention of CAFOs and all the issues surrounding them," said Senate Minority Leader Clint Stennett, D-Ketchum. "That's a pretty big thing in our area. I was as appalled about that."
- **Assessing need for drug and alcohol counseling in prisons:** "One thing he didn't say anything about that has to be said is there must be a correct assessment of a prisoner's need for substance abuse counseling," said Sen. Denton Darrington, R-DeLo, chairman of the Senate Judiciary and Rules Committee. "Not every inmate who was under the influence when they committed the crime has a substance abuse problem. We need to have a performance review of the programs to ensure their worth."

Not backing down Bush sticks up for nominee

The Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas — President-elect Bush said Monday "I've got confidence in Linda Chavez" despite the revelation his labor secretary designate had provided money and housing to an illegal immigrant.

The woman said Chavez knew she was illegal, an assertion a Bush spokesman denied.

Marta Mercado said she was never formally employed by Chavez in the early 1990s — federal law prohibits hiring illegal immigrants. Instead, Chavez had simply "opened all of her house because she knew about my situation," Mercado said, adding that she told Chavez she was illegal.

"She knew I was not legal in this country," Mercado told The Associated Press. "She knew I didn't have my green card. I wanted to get it, but it was not easy. ... She had the intention to be my sponsor. She told me one day that she wanted to help me."



Linda Chavez

More on nominees — GS

A spokesman for Bush, Tucker Eskew, gave a different account Monday, saying Chavez "came to know of this woman's status some time after she had left her home when the woman returned to Guatemala."

Several Bush aides said Chavez told his advisers she did not know Mercado was in the country illegally until the woman had left her home.

Mercado said FBI agents interviewed her about her ties to Chavez on Sunday. Though rarely enforced, knowingly harboring an illegal alien is prohibited by federal law — a fact Democrats who oppose Chavez' nomination were exploring ahead of her Senate confirmation hearing, Jan. 16-17.

Bush, who said he learned of the matter only nights stood by his nominee. "I strongly believe that when the Senate gives her a fair hearing, they'll vote for her," he said.

The president-elect faced a barrage of questions on the subject on two separate occasions Monday, 12 days before his inauguration. He said of Chavez, "I firmly believe she'll be a true secretary of labor."

Democrats promised a vigorous examination of the case. Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Massachusetts, the top Democrat on the committee considering the Chavez nomination, called the new information "very troubling."

Bush aides were reviewing FBI interviews with Chavez and Mercado, as well as their own interviews.

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Suspect relates bin Laden ties

The Associated Press

ADEN, Yemen — A key suspect in the attack on the USS Cole told authorities in his confession that he believes the suicide bombers acted on the orders of Osama bin Laden, Yemeni sources close to the investigation said Monday.

The suspect's comments provide another in a series of circumstantial links between the Saudi exile and the deadly attack on the destroyer.

The sources also identified the man, but described him as one of the three chief suspects in custody. He and up to seven others are expected to be tried, perhaps as early as this month, in the Oct. 12 bombing of the American destroyer that killed 17 U.S. sailors and wounded 39 during a refueling stop in Aden.

A time for mourning

Memorial services planned for officers, Eden man will have funeral soon

By Mark Helms
Times-News writer

Memorial Information — A2

TWIN FALLS — Last week was a time of shock; this week will be a time for mourning.

And news about the circumstances surrounding the shooting deaths of two Jerome County sheriff's deputies and an Eden man might be hard to come by during the next few days, an Idaho State Police investigator said Monday.

A huge turnout of mourners — including hundreds of law-enforcement officers — is expected at a memorial service for Jerome County sheriff's Cpls. James Moulton, 30, and Phillip Anderson, 23.

They died Wednesday when deputies were shot at while attempting to serve a warrant at the "Eden" home of George



Timothy Anderson



James Moulton



George Williams

Williams, 47, was killed when deputies returned fire. Weaver said.

Memorial services for Williams will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

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FORECAST FOR MAGIC VALLEY

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Idaho Extremes
 Yesterday: High 40° Low 13°
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Twin Falls through 6 p.m. yesterday
 Temperature 39°/15°
 High/Low 39°/25°
 Highest last year 52° in 1990
 Record low -12° in 1962

Precipitation
 24 hours ending 6 p.m. year 0.00"
 Month to date trace
 Normal month to date 0.27"
 Year to date 0.27"
 Normal year to date 0.27"

Humidity Yesterday at 6 p.m. 74%

Barometric Pressure Yesterday at 6 p.m. 29.89 m

Pollen yesterday in Twin Falls
 Grass Absent
 Weeds Absent
 Mold Absent

Source: Asthma and Allergy of Idaho

FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR TWIN FALLS

TODAY	TONIGHT	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
A stray flurly, then a little sun.	Partly cloudy; patchy fog late.	Limited sun; chance for a shower.	Mostly cloudy with a few snow.	Clouds breaking for some sun.	Times of clouds and sunshine.
▲ 38°	▼ 28°	▲ 38° ▼ 26°	▲ 34° ▼ 22°	▲ 34° ▼ 20°	▲ 36° ▼ 22°

REGIONAL WEATHER

Southern Idaho: Limited sunshine across the east today with a couple of light snow flurries; a mixture of clouds and sunshine in the west. Partly cloudy in the east tonight; patchy fog possible in the west.

Boise: Patchy fog and a stray snow flurly this morning, then a mixture of clouds and sunshine this afternoon. Partly cloudy tonight with some fog possible. Clouds and limited sunshine tomorrow.

Northern Nevada: A mixture of clouds and sunshine across northern Nevada today; there could be a few showers of rain and snow in the west late. A couple of snow flurries will be possible in the west.

Northern Utah: It will be mostly cloudy in the east today with a couple of snow showers. A few morning flurries, then there will be some sun in the west. Partly to mostly cloudy tonight with patchy valley fog.

Northern Idaho: Patchy fog and a stray mountain snow flurly this morning, then a mixture of clouds and sunshine this afternoon. Partly cloudy tonight, clouds and limited sun tomorrow with a snow shower possible.

CANADIAN CITIES

City	Today	High	Low	Wind
Calgary	24	10	10	10
Edmonton	20	16	10	10
Regina	26	28	10	10
Saskatoon	22	16	10	10
Toronto	22	16	10	10
Vancouver	48	37	10	10
Winnipeg	18	14	10	10

WORLD CITIES

City	Today	High	Low	Wind
Beijing	20	11	10	10
Berlin	37	30	10	10
Buenos Aires	61	45	10	10
Chicago	68	50	10	10
Hong Kong	75	67	10	10
Los Angeles	61	45	10	10
London	39	34	10	10
Moscow	64	45	10	10
New York	54	33	10	10
Paris	39	32	10	10
Sao Paulo	91	77	10	10
Seoul	41	24	10	10
Sydney	68	58	10	10
Tokyo	59	50	10	10
Warsaw	34	28	10	10
Zurich	31	30	10	10

TWIN FALLS

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NATIONAL WEATHER

High 82° in Pámy-Foley, FL
 Low 29° in West Yellowstone, MT

Yesterdays for the 48 contiguous states

NATIONAL WEATHER

Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are high for the day. Forecast high/low temperatures are given for selected cities.

UV INDEX TODAY

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

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today	High	Low	Wind
Atlanta	38	20	10	10
Boston	42	24	10	10
Chicago	47	23	10	10
Cleveland	28	28	10	10
Denver	62	40	10	10
Detroit	28	20	10	10
El Paso	50	38	10	10
Fargo	34	21	10	10
Houston	60	66	10	10
Los Angeles	59	40	10	10
Memphis	29	23	10	10
Minneapolis	51	28	10	10
New York	58	42	10	10
Phoenix	49	28	10	10
Portland, ME	50	38	10	10
Raleigh	55	20	10	10
San Francisco	50	40	10	10
Seattle	50	40	10	10
St. Louis	31	28	10	10
St. Paul	33	24	10	10
Salt Lake City	61	51	10	10
San Diego	58	45	10	10
San Francisco	58	45	10	10
Seattle	50	40	10	10
Tucson	60	40	10	10
Washington, DC	36	28	10	10

Bush won't pardon unindicted Clinton

Los Angeles Times

AUSTIN, Texas — Responding to the suggestion of a senior Republican senator, President-elect George W. Bush said Monday that he would not pardon President Clinton because Clinton had not been indicted.

"I wouldn't pardon somebody who has not been indicted," he said, adding that a pardon under such circumstances "doesn't make any sense to me."

But in a coda reminiscent of the language President Ford used when he pardoned President Nixon, Bush said, "I think it's time to get all this business behind us. I think it's time for the president — to allow the president to finish his term and let him move on and enjoy life and become an active participant in the American system. And I think we've had enough focus on the past. It's time to move forward."

Bush spoke during a picture-taking session with members of Congress. The question of a pardon arose Sunday, when Sen. Orrin G. Hatch, R-Utah, said in response to a question that if he had the opportunity to pardon Clinton, he would do so, regardless of whether he is indicted.

"It's time to put this to bed," Hatch said, on "Fox News Sunday." "It's time to let President Clinton fade into whatever he's going to fade into. And I just don't see keeping it alive any longer. And I don't think there's a jury in America who is that is going to convict President Clinton."

Services

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ISP investigations Capt. Clark Rollins said Monday that evidence recovered from Williams' house was being taken to ISP crime laboratories in Boise and Coeur d'Alene.

The lab in Boise will focus on forensic evidence, while the Coeur d'Alene lab will deal with ballistic evidence, Rollins said.

Rollins would not comment further on the investigation.

The mourning for the slain officers will center on the CSI campus today. On Monday, an Idaho politician mourned the officers on Capitol Hill.

In a statement read on the House floor Monday, U.S. Rep. Mike Simpson, R-Idaho, memorialized the deputies.

"While the investigation continues and their colleagues work to find answers to this troubling case, it is important to focus on the way these brave men lived and served Jerome County," Simpson said. "Each day hundreds of officers patrol our communities, building better citizens and maintaining law and order. It's a rewarding yet dangerous job. When tragedies like this happen, we realize just how perilous it can be to protect the public's safety."

Memorial service information

using Pole Line Drive, Washington Street and Orchard Drive as alternate routes.

For more information, call ISP Sgt. Doug McFall at 736-3072.

Day care

Day-care services will also be provided for kindergarten-aged and younger children during the memorial service, said Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office spokeswoman Nancy Howell. The day care is free, and parents should check with the officers directing traffic before the memorial service for more information.

Closures

Because of the memorial service, the Department of Motor Vehicle office in Twin Falls will be closed today from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. today and Thursday. The Jerome County Courthouse will be closed from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Several Twin Falls schools will close early today. Sawtooth and Morningstar elementary schools will dismiss at 2:15 p.m. Vera C. O'Leary Junior High School will dismiss at 2 p.m. Twin Falls High School students who are in bus connecting at O'Leary will be dismissed at 1:50 p.m. All other students will remain in class as usual. Trans V buses will pick up students according to the schedule above.

Luncheon

The Jerome state of the Mormon Church will provide a luncheon for law enforcement officers attending the memorial service. The church is offering the meal as a sign of respect for the fallen officers and to show thanks to officers throughout the state. The luncheon will be held following the memorial service. It will be held at the Twin Falls West State Center, 667 Harrison St.

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Chavez

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She already was being strongly criticized by unions and some Democrats for past statements on such issues as affirmative action and the minimum wage.

Meredez said she did laundry, cleaned the kitchen and bath rooms and took care of the dogs in Chavez' home, but was not regularly paid and did not consider herself an employee. "I felt it (made) me feel better doing some things for them." She gave me some money, not every week, maybe two or three weeks," she said, adding the payment varied from \$60 to \$200.

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However, the state's women's parties-liked Kempthorne's ideas on prison population. But several local lawmakers — including Rep. Cella Gault, R-Buhl, and Sen. Denton Darrington, R-Declo, heads of the House and Senate judicial committees, respectively — cautioned the effectiveness of substance rehabilitation programs must be carefully measured to ensure the programs' success.

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House Minority Leader Wendy Jaeger, D-Ketchikan, "It would help Western lower the amount they'll have to pay."

Much of the talk following Kempthorne's hour-long speech was about his proposals for the state's mushrooming prison population.

A combination of substance-abuse programs and education initiatives behind bars is the starting point for reversing the "warehousing" trend of the prison system, Kempthorne said.

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Memorial

A memorial service for Jerome County Sheriff's deputies James Moulson and Phillip Anderson will be held at 1 p.m. today in the College of Southern Idaho gymnasium.

Traffic alert

A memorial motorcade will leave CSI sometime between 3 and 4 p.m. It will travel east on Falls Avenue to Eastland Drive, then to Sunset Park. The motorcade is expected to involve hundreds of vehicles, according to the Idaho State Police. So the following intersections could be blocked for up to 45 minutes:

- Falls Avenue and Blue Lakes Boulevard North.
- Falls Avenue and Eastland Drive.
- Eastland Avenue and Eastland Drive.
- Kimberly Road and Eastland Drive.

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NATION

Courts agree to consider regulation

Commercial speech may get protection

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court agreed Monday to use a cigarette-advertising dispute to consider giving commercial speech broader protection against regulation — closer to the free-speech status of political and artistic expression.

The justices said they will hear tobacco companies' challenge to limits on cigarette and cigar advertising at retail stores in Massachusetts.

In recent years the court has boosted the free-speech protection for advertising, most notably in a 1996 ruling that struck down limits on a ban on liquor in Massachusetts. The law aimed to promote sobriety, but the justices said it violated free-speech rights.

There is significant sentiment on the court to revisit the entire "test" for judging government limits on advertising, said Richard A. Samp of the Washington Legal Foundation, which is supporting the tobacco companies' appeal.

For the past two decades, the Supreme Court has allowed governments to limit truthful and nonmisleading commercial speech if such limits directly advance a government interest and are no more extensive than necessary.

Erwin Chemerinsky, a University of Southern California law professor, said the tobacco case asks, "Can government limit advertising to discourage what it perceives as harmful behavior?"

The tobacco companies also say the advertising limits are preempted by federal standards on cigarette ads. If the justices ruled for the companies on that issue, they could avoid the broader

Supreme court actions

The Supreme Court took these actions Monday:

- Agreed to use a cigarette-advertising dispute to consider giving commercial speech broader protection against regulation — closer to the free-speech status of political and artistic expression. Tobacco companies are challenging limits on cigarette and cigar advertising at retail stores in Massachusetts.
- Said it will decide whether victims of on-the-job harassment can win unpaid damages that are higher than a case set by Congress. The court said it will review the sexual harassment case of a Tennessee chemical plant worker whose male coworkers allegedly sabotaged her performance and called her bonyard epithets.
- Agreed to clarify whether police can always search a car without a warrant after arresting its occupant. Florida prosecutors

Anti-cop lawmaker offers his resignation

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — A freshman state lawmaker who stunned his constituents by revealing his support for killing police officers said Monday that he would resign under certain conditions.

Republican Tom Alcieri, 41, said he would step down if other lawmakers agree to shepherd his bills through the New Hampshire House.

However, he reserved the right to run in the special election that would be needed to fill his seat.

"Should I do so, the voters then will have an opportunity to confirm what they said last November

— in which case I shall return — or to retract what they said, in which case I can move on to bigger and better things — and the media will have to find something newsworthy on which to report," Alcieri said at a news conference.

He gave no reason for his change of heart.

Alcieri's bills propose drug legalization, barring involuntary commitments to mental institutions and the replacement of public schools with online learning. House spokeswoman Susan Wood said it may be too late to switch sponsors.

Babbitt debates environment

WASHINGTON (AP) — Overturning environmental protections imposed by the Clinton administration would cost Republicans a lot of public support, Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt said.

President-elect Bush has criticized actions by President Clinton that restrict timber cutting, oil drilling and mining on federal land, and some Western Republicans are urging him to reverse several of those decisions.

Babbitt, in an interview with The Associated Press, said, "I think that attempts to undo the gains of the last eight years are going to be very costly, because there's an enormous amount of public support."



Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt speaks at a news conference at the U.S. Department of the Interior in Washington March 17, 1997.

Rep. Jim Hansen, the Utah Republican who now chairs the House Resources Committee, wrote Bush an eight-page letter last month outlining ways to reverse several Clinton environmental regulations. Gale Norton, Bush's choice to replace Babbitt, once worked for the Mountain States Legal Foundation, which has sued Babbitt repeatedly to try to do the same.

Babbitt declined to criticize Norton, but did denounce an idea Norton and Hansen have supported: compensating property owners when environmental regulations stop them from developing their land.

"The radical property-rights crowd are anarchists at heart,

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I don't believe the American people will buy into that," Babbitt said in the interview last week.

Hansen and other Republicans have blocked many Clinton administration environmental initiatives, such as raising grazing fees and royalties for minerals dug from federal land. Babbitt said he is proud that the administration, through regulations, has accomplished many of

the goals blocked by Congress, something that enraged Republicans.

"Here we are, having achieved 80 percent of what was sought in legislation, by administrative rule," said Babbitt, who has been interior secretary since the start of the Clinton administration.

Most galling to Western Republicans has been Clinton's use of the 1906 Antiquities Act to create and expand national monuments, further restricting development on federal land. On Babbitt's recommendation,

Settlement reached in suit against Ford

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas (AP) — A settlement involving both money and public disclosure of information was reached Monday in a paralyzed woman's lawsuit that would have been the first to go to trial against Ford Motor Co. and Bridgestone/Firestone Inc. since millions of tires were recalled.

The settlement was announced by lawyers for Donna Bailey and the two companies.

Financial terms were not disclosed; she had been seeking \$100 million.

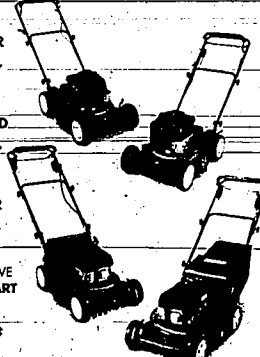

"It's enough to take care of her for the rest of her life," said Mikal C. Watts, one of her attorneys.

Another attorney for Bailey, C. Tab Turner, said the amount "is far in excess of anything I've ever heard of for any automotive liability settlement."

The settlement also calls for an acceptance of responsibility and apology by Ford, and requires both companies to publicly disclose any additional information from the tire recall investigation, the two lawyers said.

"She does not want her case to stand merely for someone who wanted a monetary award. She wanted to advance public safety and protect lives," Watts said.

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Study links overweight children, disease

CHICAGO (AP) — Overweight children as young as 8 have been found to have a smoldering type of bloodstream inflammation that in adults has been linked to heart disease.

The new study may help explain why people who were overweight as children run a higher risk of cardiovascular problems and diabetes in adulthood, regardless of their adult weight.

The study, published in the January issue of the journal Pediatrics, is the first to link childhood weight and inflammation. The research was led by Marjolain Visser, an epidemiologist from Vrije University in Amsterdam.

The researchers looked at 5,561 U.S. children ages 8 to 16 and found that overweight youngsters were three to five times more likely than those of normal weight to have inflammation, as marked by the presence of a substance called C-reactive protein, or CRP, in the bloodstream.

Dr. Michael Steelman, past president of the American Society of Bariatric Physicians, a group of doctors specializing in obesity, said the finding is a major reason for concern.

"When we can start documenting the physical changes occurring at that age, it's just

like a time bomb just below the surface of their skin that's going to go off someday," Steelman said.

The study does not address whether inflammation in children poses any short- or long-term risks. But Visser said previous research has linked elevated CRP levels in overweight adults with the development of heart problems.

In Visser's study, 7 percent of the boys and 6 percent of the girls showed signs of CRP inflammation. Elevated white blood cell counts, another sign of inflammation, were also far more common in overweight children.

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BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Panel will discuss Jerome development

JEROME - Economic development efforts in Jerome and surrounding communities will be the topic of a panel discussion.

The Jerome Chamber of Commerce is inviting its members and others to hear the discussion at noon at Homewood Buffet, 120 W. Main in Jerome. Speakers will be Jerome Mayor Dennis Moore; Bonny Ross of Canyonside Realty and the Jerome Chamber Board; Rick Bensen of Jerome Development Corp.; Bob Richards, the Jerome Chamber's economic development specialist; Jerry Meyerhoeffer, Idaho President of Jolly Meyerhoeffer and the Idaho Department of Commerce's Hank Ebert. After the discussion, the speakers will take questions from the audience. For more information, call the Chamber at 324-2211.

Wells Fargo announces online investing service

SAN FRANCISCO - Wells Fargo & Co. on Monday said it is launching Wells ShareBuilder, an online investing service that enables people to invest in stocks automatically in regular, dollar-based amounts. In a special launch offer beginning Wednesday, Wells Fargo, in partnership with ShareBuilder Securities Corp., will credit \$50 to new customer accounts set up before Feb. 28. Wells ShareBuilder will help novice investors truly bring Wall Street to Main Street, said Shelley Freeman, executive vice president, Wells Fargo Investment Services. Small investors who are able to take advantage of the potential rewards of stock market investing, and Wells ShareBuilder removes many traditional hurdles to investing in individual stocks. With a PC and standard Internet browser connection, customers can log on to www.wellsfargo.com to open a Wells ShareBuilder account with ShareBuilder Securities, a subsidiary of Wells Fargo. Minimum investment is required and fees are \$2 per recurring transaction (\$1 for custodial accounts), said Wells Fargo, which has bank branches in Magic Valley. Customers can choose from more than 4,100 stocks and over 68 index products to make regular, periodic investments. For each stock or index, customers can select the dollar amount and frequency of the investment.

Idaho Falls company invents newest snack items

IDAHO FALLS - Nothing helps a product more than brand identification, and that is why Miles Willard Technologies could be on to something big. The Idaho Falls snack-developer company's patented processes are used in three new snacks that bear the T.G.I. Friday's brand. Bags of T.G.I. Friday's On-the-Go, Fire Bites and Potato Skins are available at Sam's Club and should be making their way into grocery chains this year. T.G.I. Friday's, a restaurant chain founded in 1975, has 459 U.S. restaurants and \$50 million in sales. Miles Willard Technologies gets paid a royalty for the net sales of the snacks, which are being marketed as "intensely different" by the Arizona-based Poore Brothers. Dr. March, T.G.I. Friday's called Poore Brothers President and CEO Eric Kufel about producing snack products. After two months, there was a licensing agreement. "The more successful we are, the more successful we are," said Randy Kern, general manager of Miles Willard Technologies. "This is a big deal for us." Willard scored big in the 1980s when he was picked up by Taco Skins, "Bobbies and Pizzas," all products developed.

U.S. Energy Dept. extends Westinghouse contract

AIKEN, S.C. - The Energy Department announced it will renew an \$8.4 billion contract with Westinghouse Savannah River Co. for five more years. Energy Secretary Bill Richardson decided to extend an option that was part of the original 1996 contract to operate the government's Savannah River Complex in South Carolina. The option runs through Sept. 30, 2006. "The contract is an annual financing of about \$1.1 billion," said Environmental Management Funds \$340 million in National Nuclear Security Administration funds. "The Westinghouse Savannah River Group International Inc. owns 60 percent of the partnership that makes up Westinghouse Savannah River Co."

Compiled from staff and wire reports

County assessor reminds local property owners about qualifying for tax reduction

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - Twin Falls County Assessor Gerald Bowden is spreading the word that certain local folks can get a break on their property taxes.

Home property owners may be eligible for tax credits of up to \$1,200 each if they qualify for the property tax reduction. Bowden's office and county assessors' offices all around the Magic Valley are accepting applications now through April 15. To qualify for the reduction, he said, a property owner must have owned and occupied his home in Idaho - which may be a mobile home - as the primary residence in 2000, and total household income must be \$20,050 or less in

- 2000 after deducting non-reimbursed household medical expenses.
- A recipient must also meet one of the following qualifications:
 - 65 years old by Jan. 1, 2001.
 - Widow or widower on Jan. 1.
 - Veteran with a service-connected disability of 10 percent or more, or who is receiving a VA pension for a non-service-connected disability.
 - Disabled, as recognized by the Social Security Administration, Railroad Retirement Board or Civil Service.
 - Legally blind.
 - Fatherless or motherless child who owns the property and is under age 18.
 - Certified as having been a

- prisoner of war or hostage.
- If you are a veteran with a 40 percent or more disability, the VA income from this disability will not be included in the total household income," said a press release from Bowden's office.
- "You must bring proof of your percent of disability" from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.
- To file for the reduction, bring the following information to your county assessor's office:
 - Social Security numbers and birth dates of all household members.
 - The amount of your Social Security income (1099) for 2000.
 - Your tax form if you filed an income tax return.

- Interest earned from savings accounts.
- Amount of pension or retirement, taxable or nontaxable, for 2000.
- Medical expenses not paid by an insurance company or Medicare.
- Medical insurance premiums, except Medicare.
- If you live in Twin Falls County, make application at the Twin Falls County assessor's office by April 15; workers there will help you file the application. Daily office hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and the office can be reached at 736-4010.
- If you live elsewhere in the Magic Valley, contact your own county's assessor before April 15.

Tackling Internet issues

Congress should take on new-economy legislation this year

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON - The new economy kept Congress busy last year. It held more than two dozen Web-related hearings and passed bills increasing the number of foreign high-tech workers allowed to immigrate to the United States and giving electronic contracts the same legal footing as those written in pen and ink.

But when Congress begins work this time, lobbyists will be stalking the halls on a host of Internet-related matters, including three key issues: online privacy, Internet taxation and copyright reform.

Dot-com stock values are plummeting and new-economy layoffs have become part of the daily news cycle, but there is little doubt the Internet is having a fundamental impact on the way the nation lives and does business. Consumers are expected to spend \$10 billion this year buying products online. And Napster's 44 million users continue to download millions of songs without paying a dime in royalties.

Congress may have an evenly divided Senate and a slim Republican majority in the House, but Internet-related legislation tends to be bipartisan and not likely to be directly affected by political bickering. Lawmakers from both sides of the aisle are eager to do their part for the new economy and the deep-pocketed companies creating it.

"What politician wants to be against the Internet?" asked Jonathan Potter, executive director of the Digital Media Association.

Congress has hardly been sitting on its hands during the past year when it comes to new-economy legislation, but almost as soon as it resolves one issue, another pops up.

President Clinton has also been active in the last weeks of his presidency. He has authorized a new federal rule that bars companies from transferring medical records of patients to third parties without the consent of the individual. Clinton's action was hailed as a victory by privacy advocates who are concerned companies will buy, sell and trade personal medical information.

Congress is still expected to debate a new law that would limit the ability of companies to buy, sell or trade sensitive financial data, such as credit-card numbers and credit information.

Gene Kimmelman, co-director of the Washington office of Consumers Union, called financial privacy a "do-or-die issue" for the new Congress.

Business groups such as the U.S. Chamber of Commerce will lobby against the effort, insisting that companies are policing themselves. But Rick Lane, director of e-commerce and Internet technology in the chamber's congressional affairs office, acknowledges that both Democratic and Republican lawmakers know their constituents are concerned about online privacy.

"We are realistic enough to understand that these issues poll through the roof," Lane said. Another issue Congress is sure to take up is the moratorium on Internet advertising. The federal ban on state-enacting taxes specific to Internet transactions expires in October, and legislators must decide whether to extend the ban or make it permanent.

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AIRLINE ALLIANCE?

American plan to buy TWA would create two dominant carriers

The Associated Press

DALLAS (AP) - American's plan to buy troubled Trans World Airlines and a deal to combine United Airlines and US Airways Group Inc. would leave two giants in control of the nation's airline industry.

Analysts say two dominant airlines would appeal to regulators who have indicated they will reject United parent UAL Corp.'s \$4.3 billion acquisition of US Airways unless parts of it are sold. Those parts might go to American under a deal that would be announced as early as Tuesday.

If all the deals go through, American and United will control half the U.S. market, up from about one-third.

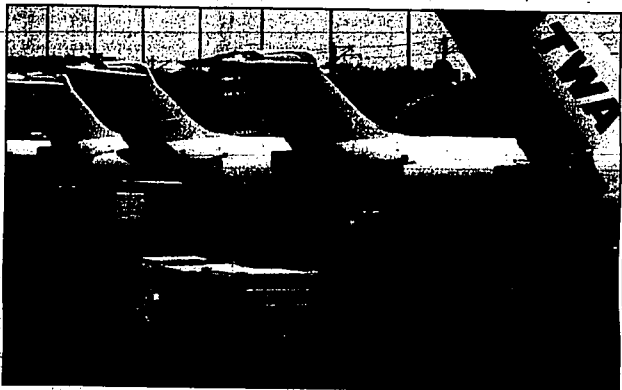
An American purchase of TWA and a deal with United for part of US Airways reportedly would protect jobs at the two smaller carriers - about 20,000 at TWA and 45,000 at US Airways. Analysts said that would be welcomed by regulators.

According to a union official and a source familiar with the talks, American plans to buy TWA after it files for bankruptcy for the third time, perhaps as soon as Wednesday. American would pay United "slightly less" than \$1.4 billion for part of US Airways.

News of the deals came as the nation's fourth- and fifth-largest airlines, Northwest and Continental, near approval of their alliance.

The American Society of Travel Agents said that it would oppose American's purchase of TWA and part of US Airways, arguing it would lead to higher prices and lower customer service.

"There's already not enough competition on price," added Paul Hudson, executive director of the Aviation Consumer Action Project. "This is going to be the first antitrust test of the incoming Bush administration."



A Trans World Airline baggage cart crosses the tarmac behind a line of TWA jets Monday at Lambert International Airport, TWA's main hub, in St. Louis. American Airlines reportedly will announce plans this week to buy financially troubled Trans World Airlines Inc., a proposal that would mean the end of TWA which would leave two giants in control of the nation's airline industry.

According to industry figures, United had 17.8 percent of U.S. passenger market in the 12 months ended Sept. 30, with American second at 17.6 percent and Delta third at 15.2 percent.

While none of the companies would confirm talks are ongoing, John Darrah, president of American's pilots union, said he had been briefed about the talks by top officials of the airline's parent, AMR Corp.

He said Gerard Arpey, executive vice president of operations for AMR, "indicated that senior management had put together a deal involving US Airways, United Airlines and American."

He quoted Arpey as saying American would get 20 percent of

US Airways assets, an interest with United in the Boston-New York-Washington shuttle and a 49 percent stake in DC Air, a new carrier to be formed from United's pending purchase of US Airways.

A source familiar with the negotiations who would only speak on condition of anonymity confirmed the shuttle and DC Air aspects of the proposal between American and United, saying that the boards of the respective companies would vote before Wednesday on the plan.

If American buys TWA, it would add TWA's St. Louis hub to its hubs in Dallas-Fort Worth and Chicago. Analysts said American is more interested in picking up the US Airways' hub at Reagan

National Airport just outside Washington, D.C., which could greatly expand its north-south routes along the East Coast.

To avoid antitrust problems that could kill its purchase of US Airways, United proposed last year to sell most of its landing slots at Reagan National to DC Air, the new carrier whose majority owner would be Black Entertainment Television founder Robert Johnson.

In trading Monday, AMR shares fell \$2.25 to \$41.50, UAL shares fell \$1.94 to \$43.06, and Delta shares fell \$2.25 to \$50.50. Shares of TWA were not traded Monday on the American Stock Exchange, where they finished Friday at \$1.32.

BANKRUPTCIES

The Times-News

BOISE - Recent activity in U.S. Bankruptcy Court included these Magic Valley filings:

Chapter 7, nonbusiness, under \$50,000

Tina Marie Page, 1220 E. 16th, Burley, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 00-42161.

Ricky Marie Romero, also known as Vicky Marie Givens, and Marco Alfonso Romero, 808

Second Ave. N., apartment D-5, Hatley, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 00-42165.

Russ Veer Hansen and Jennifer Dawn Hansen, also known as Jennifer Dawn Bennett, 6380 1/2 U.S. Highway 93, Jerome, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets not listed, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 00-42166.

Karen Annette Chapman, 329 Idaho St., Gooding, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15

creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 00-42150.

Mark Lewis Heinz, 246 1/2 First Ave. W, Jerome, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 00-42171.

Chapter 7, nonbusiness, \$100,000 to \$500,000

Jodie Lynn Brimley, also known as Jodie Miller and Jodie Leedom, 483 Bracken St. N., Twin Falls, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000. Case no. 00-42160.

Chapter 7, business, \$100,000 to \$500,000

Wiley Charles Thomas, also known as Wiley C. Thomas, and Yonda Mae Thomas, 1024 Warm Springs Place, Twin Falls, joint business (construction), Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets \$100,000 to \$500,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000. Case no. 00-42184.

Tyson deal reinvigorates rivalry with ConAgra

Knight-Ridder News Service

OMAHA, Neb. - No one will ever call them friends, but the rivalry between ConAgra Foods Inc. and Tyson Foods Inc. has cooled in recent years as they've drifted in different directions within the food industry.

Now, experts say it's heating up again thanks to Tyson's acquisition of IBP Inc., which has embarked the long-time antagonists upon a new collision course. The \$4.7 billion deal reached last week made Tyson - already the No. 1 U.S. chicken processor -

the No. 1 beef processor and the No. 2 pork processor too, provided it's approved by IBP shareholders, this spring, as is expected.

There has never been a food company like it before, according to Leonard Teitelbaum, a food industry analyst with Merrill Lynch & Co. Inc. of New York City, except for Omaha-based ConAgra.

ConAgra and IBP both have strong ties to the Magic Valley. "I don't see Tyson driving ConAgra's value down, but there is no question they're going to be

a very formidable competitor," Teitelbaum said. "Scale and size matter in this business, and the only meat companies that cross all three of the major (meats) are ConAgra and Tyson."

ConAgra holds the edge in retail brands; it has 33 brands with more than \$100 million in individual sales each, including consumer favorites such as Slim Jim, Swiss Miss, Hebrew National and Butterball.

Tyson and IBP have more sheer slaughterhouse volume and also have been increasing their retail brand presence in recent years.

IBP's takeover was partly an outgrowth of its desire to make its new "Thomas E. Wilson" brand the "Coca-Cola of meats," a reference to that brand's worldwide dominance.

Tyson-IBP will be the bigger of the two food giants when it comes to production, while ConAgra has the edge in sales, thanks to its brands.

Tyson-IBP will control 28 percent of the beef market, com-

pared with ConAgra's 17 percent share; 24 percent of the chicken market, compared with ConAgra's 8 percent share; and 18 percent of the pork market, compared to ConAgra's 11 percent share.

"It's projected to have only \$24 billion in annual sales. ConAgra has \$27 billion, with the retail and food service brands giving it the edge in sales.

"We're certain that ConAgra will be a vigorous competitor as they have been in the past," said Tyson spokesman Ed Nicholson. Please see TYSON, Page A6

MONEY

Offshore banking industries meet with rich countries to discuss 'harmful' tax practices

ST-MICHAEL, Barbados (AP) - Under pressure from rich countries that want to tax billions of dollars lost to tax evaders, smaller nations singled out as secretive offshore tax havens met with their critics Monday in an effort to protect their lucrative banking industries.

The Paris-based organization has set what it calls international standards that it wants all nations to abide by. It is pushing nations with no-tax or low-tax regimes to change their tax laws.

Leaders in the Caribbean, home to some of the world's most attractive-tax havens, say the developed countries are imposing the standards and trying to take away revenues from small islands with fragile economies.

Minister Owen Arthur of Barbados said in an opening dialogue in an effort to reach common ground. "It is only through consensus-building and cooperative action among states that we will arrive at mutually acceptable and applied, and can eradicate activities that are patently illegal," he said.

Tyson

Continued from A5 "But this isn't about competing with ConAgra, it's about combining with IBE."

that had been in a class of its own. Teitelbaum expects the merger to raise the value of ConAgra stock, much as shortstop Alex Rodriguez elevated the scale for baseball players last year with his \$250 million, 10-year deal with the Texas Rangers.

Internet

Continued from A5 The law is intended to ensure that products bought over the Internet are not taxed at a lower rate than if they are bought in the bricks-and-mortar world.

Internet and shipped across state lines. Most Internet transactions are not taxed. But few people realize they are supposed to pay local "use" taxes if they don't pay taxes in the state where the item originated.

download a song free from Napster's Web site that is to buy it in a store. Despite their popularity, Napster and other Web sites are struggling for survival in the face of lawsuits from the major record companies, which claim the sites aid and abet the theft of copyrighted material.

music, expects to hold more hearings regarding this year. Napster and MP3.com are gearing up for battle and have hired high-powered lobbyists.

Tyson won a \$20 million jury award at the trial level. It lost that award before it could collect it last month, when the Arkansas Supreme Court ruled Tyson's hometown judge had handled the case improperly.

The two companies will be exploring virgin territory in the major meat markets, such as Wal-Mart, which are themselves seeking more pre-packaged and pre-cooked meat products.

Extending the ban is a no-brainer, said Erick Gustafson of Citizens for a Sound Economy, a conservative public policy advocacy group. Gustafson said that since Internet-related taxes have not yet been built into local budgets, it is painless to extend the moratorium. "It is not going to shut down schools. It is not going to eliminate firetrucks," Gustafson said.

Now there is growing momentum for states to streamline local tax policies, to make it easier for Internet companies to calculate local taxes owed on each purchase. Some states are trying to link approval of the tax moratorium to a new law that would require Internet companies to collect local taxes when they send items across state lines.

record companies to file the same major record companies. But Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Orrin G. Hatch, R-Utah, has described file-swapping sites such as Napster as positive, because they allow recording artists to connect directly with their audiences without interference of record labels.

Recording Industry Association of America, a trade organization that represents the major record labels. In addition, many of the labels have their own lobbyists.

Competition with Dakota Dunes, a major IBE in the beef and pork markets. The rivalry has faded in the past decade, but as ConAgra has completed its transformation from meatpacker to food company.

Teitelbaum, the food industry analyst, said ConAgra may be the biggest beneficiary of the Tyson-IBE merger because it will help investors better value a company than Tyson.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

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EDITORIAL

Steve Mealey shouldn't be Forest Service chief

Former Wyoming Senator Alan Simpson is a pretty shrewd guy, but his suggestion that Steve Mealey be appointed chief of the U.S. Forest Service reveals a lack of judgment.

Unfortunately, Simpson's suggestion to Vice President-elect Dick Cheney could carry some weight. Cheney and Simpson served together in Wyoming's congressional delegation for a decade, so the two men enjoy a strong working relationship.

Which brings us to the matter of Steve Mealey and his suitability to lead the U.S. Forest Service.

Mealey, you'll recall, is the erstwhile director of the Idaho Department of Fish and Game. A 20-year Forest Service veteran, he's also a former supervisor of the Boise National Forest. So far, so good.

But Mealey's greatest legacy as Fish and Game director was dropping his trousers to "moon" a statue on the shore of Lake Pend Oreille. He was touring the lake with state Fish and Game commissioners, the mood was light, and Mealey was tipsy. That explained a few things, but it didn't excuse a serious lapse in judgment.

Only seven months after being appointed to the \$89,502-a-year job, Mealey was suspended for two weeks. That wasn't the end of Mealey's

antics. He undermined morale within Fish and Game, and quarreled with critics outside the department. After a little more than two years on the job, it was time for him to go.

Mealey was fired by the Idaho Fish and Game Commission. He responded with a lawsuit. On the whole, Mealey's tenure at Fish and Game was a disappointment.

Following his dismissal in Idaho, Mealey migrated to Missoula, Mont., where he is now executive director of the Boone & Crockett Club. It's a cozy position with a private-sector organization dedicated to trophy game animals.

That's a good place for a guy like Mealey, who clearly isn't suited to life in the public eye.

But Simpson thinks Mealey is leadership timber for the Forest Service. The two men got-to-know-one-another during a five-year spell in the mid-1980s when Mealey was supervisor of the Shoshone National Forest - near Simpson's home in Cody, Wyo. Later, when Mealey moved to Washington, D.C., his wife worked in Simpson's Senate office.

As a three-term U.S. Senator, Simpson's opinions could carry weight. He's entitled to his opinion, but there's no shortage of public land managers who've had more distinguished careers.

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LETTERS

Time count starts with zero

The controversy of the beginning of a millennium exists and some say both ways are right. There cannot be two right ways.

The method of counting items and time are not the same. When you count apples, oranges, dollar bills or any item, then the "one" is the first item count. When you count time of any dimension, it must start from zero. From zero, one increment of time must pass, be it a second, minute, hour, day, week, month or year. The time of each of these increments must pass from zero before a "one" of those increments can be proclaimed as complete. So before we can say the earth was 1 year old, a year from zero had to go by. So when we get to 1000, and a new century begins. When 1000 came up, the first millennium was completed and the second one was begun after one second expired or the first tick on the clock came out. The same applies to year 2000 and the beginning of the third millennium.

Now, if you count items, the count would be one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, 10, 11 in order to have 10 spaces between numbers. Now if you were counting time, in order to get 10 years past at would be zero, one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, 10 in order to have 10 spaces of 10 elapsed years completed. So as one can see, if you apply the item count to time count, the first year becomes lost and then each one of us would be 1 year old at the time of birth. At time of birth, we are zero time old and won't be a year old until one year has passed, and this applies to the beginning of time.

When you consider the age of any time, then the time count system must be applied. So in essence, there are really two ways to count, but one applies to item count and the other applies to time count. The two are not the same, as time

must begin with zero and item count with one, so both are correct when used in their proper place.

I hope this will help to clear up the millennium controversy.

RALPH BLASKOWSKY
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Dairy issue calls for patience

We are writing this letter to thank all of the local farmers who met with us at the county commissioners' office. The meeting was attended by 35 of us representing about 25,000 acres. We all have a vested interest in agriculture and any outcome of the current confounding animal feeding operation controversy.

We wonder why the Department of Environmental Quality is looking only at animal operations when there are many other smells and problems within the county. Most of us have trusted, in good faith, that the problems will be solved at the stretch in Rock Creek Canyon. We are not asking people to live with dairy smells but to be tolerant until the problems can be fixed.

Our survival of the local farm economy depends on economies of scale. Dairy, potato, bean, beet, corn, wheat, barley and beef cattle operations have all been forced into larger operations over the years. Economies of scale result directly in cheaper food - the same as the assembly line in the automobile industries. Agriculture is an industry, and we can either become more efficient or import and different environmental conditions.

Most of the income from these farms is spent in the Magic Valley. The schools, banks and business activities are directly affected. We are not like the Wal-Mart and Home Depots who send their profits to stockholders elsewhere. Let us have a chance to survive.

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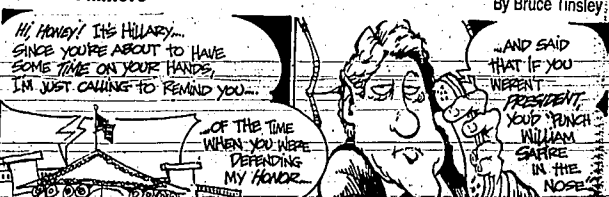
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By Garry Trudeau



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By Bruce Tinsley

Death penalty's days are numbered

ROBERT JAY LIFTON
AND GREG MITCHELL

The prevailing opinion - that America is fiercely in favor of executions - is flatly wrong. You'd never know it from the views expressed by most political figures and media pundits, but many Americans are uncomfortable with the notion of the state as killer, and this number increases with every death row inmate released when new evidence establishes his innocence. Most Americans now prefer another method to punish the wrongdoer and protect society: life without parole.

After talking with scholars, judges, prosecutors, defense attorneys, prison officials and murder victims' families, we have concluded that even as America executes prisoners at an appallingly high rate, the death penalty's days are numbered. The public still embraces the death penalty in theory, but looks at it with an increasingly critical eye. That's one reason California, for example, has had several hundred prisoners on death row for a decade or more but has executed only a few since 1980.

The past year has been a turning point, with the continuing rise in the number of executions forcing the public, the media and religious figures to confront the issue. Perhaps the most significant moment came when Illinois Gov. George Ryan, a conservative Republican, halted executions in that state, the first such moratorium in the country. It is officials like Ryan - tough-minded but untroubled about state killing - who will bring an end to executions in this country. Ryan's move met with little public or political opposition, a measure of how much the support for executions has dropped. Related actions have occurred in

many states, including New Hampshire, where the House voted to abolish the death penalty, a decision later overturned by the governor's veto.

Although polls are drifting in the anti-death penalty direction, lawmakers and candidates continue to embrace the death penalty, convinced it would be political suicide to act otherwise. But they are increasingly reluctant to carry on their own shoulder the moral and psychological burden of sentencing some murderers to life without parole for capital punishment at its lowest level in 19 years, down to 66 percent today. Support plummets when tough alternative sentencing, such as life without parole, is an option.

Until recently, in most states, there was no such thing as true "life without parole." Even convicted murderers often emerged from prison eventually. The public knew this. In recent years, however, more than two-thirds of the states, including California, have enacted procedures for sentencing some murderers to life without parole with no chance that they will ever get out. Many recent polls have shown that support for the death penalty drops to about 50 percent when those polled were asked to choose between execution or life without parole for convicted killers.

The growing support for life without parole signals the beginning of the end for

capital punishment in our society. The number of those opposed or ambivalent about executions will grow so large that the U.S. Supreme Court, or dozens of state legislatures, will move against executions.

Even if opposition to the death penalty does not reach majority levels, that doesn't mean that executions can't be outlawed in America. Capital punishment had majority support in many Western nations, such as France, England and Canada, at the time they abolished the death penalty, and yet there was no widespread protest.

Some of the trends that led other countries to abolition are occurring in America, including the growing number of legislators who are speaking against the death penalty, and outrage over the possible execution of innocent people, especially as DNA evidence has come into play. Evolving support for life without parole as a preferred alternative to executions could change the way judges, lawmakers and the media respond to this issue in every important level, especially if new cases of innocent prisoners on death row come to light. This will foster the growing realization that since the justice system can never be 100 percent right, it must not be allowed to administer a punishment that's 100 percent irreversible. America would then join most of the modern industrial world, which has abandoned capital punishment as a savage relic of a less enlightened age.

Robert Jay Lifton and Greg Mitchell are authors of "Who Ours Death? Capital Punishment, the American Conscience and the End of Executions." They wrote this commentary for the Los Angeles Times.

You think airline travel is bad now?

ROBERT DITCHIEY

If you have traveled with the airlines within the past year, you know air travel has become a miserable experience. The five largest American carriers are experiencing labor problems, contributing to delays. United Airlines' TV ad apologetically for its bad service. Even apart from holiday jams, cancellations and disruptions are such a problem that special committees have formed in Washington to try to find solutions.

"These days I am embarrassed to tell people that I am a former airline executive because it invites an unpleasant response. Long gone are the days when pilots and flight attendants were universally admired. Now these good and loyal people are harassed and overwhelmed, like bus driver Ralph Cranden. Recently, one airline outfit flight attendants with wrist restraints to subdue enraged or intoxicated passengers. On Friday, a British Airways flight from London to Nairobi gyrated wildly for two minutes after a Kenyan passenger went berserk and took control of the cockpit before being subdued by crew members and passengers.

In the middle of all this, we have a major new development: Airbus Industrie, the European aircraft building consortium, has made the final decision to build the A380. Imagine two Boeing 747s, one on top of the

other, with a wing and a tail large enough to handle the extra mass, and you have the A380. This behemoth is a triple-decker designed to carry 550 to 800 passengers (depending on how an airline configures seating) at an amazing nonstop range of 9,200 miles.

The A380 is going to have a major impact on the airline industry and on cities which will have to accommodate it at their airports. Like the elephant that sleeps with the mouse, this giant of an airplane will affect everyone.

Pilots who refer to the 747 as the queen of the fleet, are looking forward to the A380 because pilots' wages are keyed to the weight of the airplanes they fly. But flight attendants will probably hate it because they will have to contend with all those extra people for longer times and distances. Air rage incidents could increase, with some concourse rage thrown in.

Airbus' decision to bring out the A380 is driven by the demand for air travel, which is expected to triple in the next 20 years. The A380 is a first step in figuring out how to meet the demand. Boeing's chairman already has stated that it may build a com-

petitor aircraft by modifying the 747. Looking back to the 1970s, before the U.S. deregulated its airlines, the largest American airlines had about 100 airplanes in their fleets, and these were typically 100 half-empty. Today, those fleets have swollen six times and the airplanes themselves are larger and usually full. A number of airports, such as New York's La Guardia, are still in use. Obviously, we need something like the A380.

On the other hand, giant planes will bring new problems. Just imagine how long the lines will be to get on and off an A380 with perhaps 700 fellow passengers. We'll have twice as many people connecting to these super-jumbos onto one concourse, and you have some serious crowds to handle. Add to that the congestion in the surrounding parking lots, access roads and freeways.

We soon will all see that airport usage and other related airline infrastructure matters are antiquated and nearly broken because control and oversight is too diversified. The elephant will sleep with the mouse, but it's about time the mouse woke up.

Robert Ditchiey, a former Navy pilot, is one of the founders of America West Airlines. He wrote this commentary for the Los Angeles Times.

Utah lawmaker takes aim at Endangered Species Act

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SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The new chairman of the House Resources Committee has taken aim at the Endangered Species Act, which he said has been distorted beyond recognition by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Rep. Jim Hansen, R-Utah, said the Interior Department agency's implementation of the law "hasn't

come close to what we intended. The intent of Congress was to protect the big stuff, such as bald eagles and the grizzly bear. The Endangered Species Act was passed in 1973 and was renewed and extended in 1988. Hansen said it's up for reauthorization this year, and he plans some changes.

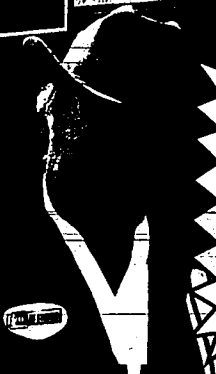
"I don't think anyone wants to repeal the act," Hansen said. But the Fish and Wildlife Service, he said, "has skewed it until you can't recognize it" by listing more than 2,000 species including the Florida panther, the black-footed ferret, a Hawaiian goose, the San Francisco garter snake, the Devil's Hole pupfish and the

Kanab ambersnail. "I can't speak to Mr. Hansen's specifics," responded Libby Ellis of the Nature Conservancy's Utah office. But she said the Nature Conservancy supports protection of all species, not just the "charismatic megafauna" such as the grizzly bear. "We're all linked together,"

Ellis said. "If you take out the pieces, the whole thing is going to unravel." "In some cases, there have been problems. So, I'm not going to assume that amending it would be a negative thing," she said, but, "as humans, let's work together to make sure we have a strong act."

Hansen believes the Fish and Wildlife Service has gone too far in trying to protect threatened subspecies, where the major species may be thriving. That attitude could mean the end of Utah's Bonneville cutthroat trout, Ellis said, because other cutthroat varieties are abundant.

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China attacks documents detailing Tiananmen square crackdown

Government suggest the new papers are fake

BELING (AP)—China's government on Tuesday rejected newly published documents vividly describing how Chinese leaders split over the crushing of the 1989 Tiananmen Square protests, suggesting that the papers are fake.

"Any attempt to play up the matter again and disrupt China by the despicable means of fabri-

cating materials and distorting facts will be futile," Foreign Ministry spokesman Zhu Bangzao said in a statement issued early Tuesday morning via the official Xinhua News Agency.

The crackdown was "highly necessary to the stability and development of China," Zhu said. He said the ruling Communist Party's "correct conclusion" about the 1989 protests would not change.

It was the first official reaction to the papers, which were purportedly smuggled out of China by a disaffected civil servant and were

published over the weekend. Beijing has long argued that the protests were an anti-government rebellion that needed to be crushed to safeguard economic growth and Communist Party rule. It has ignored calls for an investigation into the bloody June 4, 1989 crackdown, in which hundreds were killed, and sought to silence victims' relatives who have demanded redress.

Initially, the government had no comment Monday about the documents released in the United States, and China's wholly state-run media did not report

them. But despite the blackout, news of the papers quietly leaked into China via the Internet, foreign radio broadcasts and word of mouth, stirring the beginnings of debate.

The documents detail conversations among late Chinese leader Deng Xiaoping, who ordered the Tiananmen crackdown, and other Communist leaders. They are said to be based on never-before-published minutes of secret high-level meetings, Chinese intelligence reports and records of Deng's private phone calls.

The civil servant who provided

the documents describes himself as a Communist Party member sympathetic to reformers. They appear in "The Tiananmen Papers: The Chinese Leadership's Decision to Use Force Against Their Own People." It was published by Public Affairs.

The papers indicate that Deng ordered the Tiananmen crackdown out of fear that demonstrators could topple the Communist regime.

They reveal deep-seated paranoia that the protests were controlled by unknown anti-Communist conspirators. They also

expose anxiety by the party's leaders that the more than 1.2 billion demonstrators gathered in Tiananmen Square... demand their arrest.

If genuine, scholars who translated and published the papers said, the documents offer a rare glimpse into the motivations and fears behind the communist leadership's decision to order troops into Tiananmen Square.

The civil servant uses the pseudonym Zhang Liang. He now resides outside of China. He said he did not use his real name because he intends one day to return to Beijing.

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Police release names in TF traffic accident

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls Police Department has released the names of all nine passengers involved in an accident near the Magic Valley Mall late Friday. At about 11 p.m. Friday, a 1999 Honda Accord driven by Jerome resident Christopher Ball, 16, left the Magic Valley Mall parking lot and apparently started to turn left onto Idaho Lakes Boulevard, police reports said. The car was struck in the middle of the driver's side by a 1992 Ford Probe driven by Ashley Webster, 16, also of Jerome.

Eric Hess, 16, Adam Traugher, 16, Nicole Nuse, 15, Chynna Nuse, 11, and Joshua Galley, 16, all of Jerome and passengers in Ball's car, were taken to the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center with injuries. Leonard Garrard, 19, of Jerome and Brenna Miller, whose age and address were not available Monday, both riding in Webster's car, were later taken to the hospital with injuries. Three victims were later flown to Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise. Information on the three was not available Monday, said Sgt. Mike Covington of the Twin Falls police. No citations have been issued. An investigation is ongoing, Covington said.

Conservation group honors Jack Hemingway

KETCHUM - A memorial in Jack Hemingway's name is being established by The Nature Conservancy. The goal of the Jack Hemingway Habitat Restoration Fund is to provide resources to conserve the area along Silver Creek and other parts of Idaho. Several projects are being considered, including building fences to exclude livestock from spring creeks such as Silver Creek. Another possibility is reestablishing wetland areas in the Kootenai River Valley. The conservation group plans to manage the Hemingway fund as an endowment with annual investment income used to fund projects on public and private land. Hemingway, 77, died Dec. 2 in New York City following emergency heart surgery. He was the oldest of Ernest Hemingway's three sons and well known for his love of fly fishing and his devotion to preserving the environment.

Health Department still offers flu shots

TWIN FALLS - It's not too late to get a flu shot, the South Central Idaho Health Department is reminding Magic Valley residents. A shortage earlier this flu season has passed, and it takes about two weeks after a flu shot for most people to develop immunity to the influenza virus. It is recommended for adults 50 and older, and for high-risk individuals - people with chronic long-term health problems such as chronic lung disease, congestive heart failure or congenital heart disease, diabetes or kidney dysfunction, chronic skin disease, and HIV. Cost for a flu shot is \$10 or less based on income. For more information, call your local health department office. • Burley: 678-8221. • Gooding: 934-4477. • Halley: 788-4335. • Jerome: 324-8838. • Rupert: 436-7185. • Twin Falls: 734-5900, Ext. 233.

Twin Falls County officials get sworn into office

TWIN FALLS - They did it once, and on Monday, they did it again. County officials, commissioners Gary Grindstaff, Bill Brockman; Prosecutor Grant Loeb; and County Sheriff Wayne Touley, were sworn into office. All four men won the November election. Grindstaff and Brockman were appointed by Gov. Dirk Kempthorne to office last year. Monday was the first time both commissioners have been sworn in as elected officials. Touley has been county sheriff for more than eight years. Loeb has been county prosecutor for more than four years.

Compiled from staff reports

Local GOP figurehead dies

By Jennifer S. Jandmann Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - A known figurehead in the local Republican Party and a woman recognized for her hard work in support of Twin Falls has died. Friends and family are shocked by the sudden death Friday of Jeanne Schlagenhaut, 62. Family members suspect she suffered a heart attack. Described as a hard worker by those who knew her, Schlagenhaut was the executive director of Consumer Credit Management Services in Twin Falls. She had been active for

More information A memorial service for Jeanne Schlagenhaut will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls, 2468 Addison Ave. E.



Jeanne Schlagenhaut, 62, died in the Republican Party, Marilyn Hempleman said. Schlagenhaut, a Magic Valley native born in Filer, believed

Marilyn Hempleman, daughter of Schlagenhaut as a mentor. She was "very astute politically," I knew her as a lady who was not afraid to speak her opinion. "We're going to miss her. It's a big void in the Republican Party," Marilyn Hempleman said. Schlagenhaut, a Magic Valley native born in Filer, believed

everyone needed to do their part in contributing to their communities, said her daughter, Dona Fuchs of Twin Falls. "I think she spent her life thinking of ways to give back," Fuchs said. Schlagenhaut was recognized as a Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce "Person of the Year" in 1990 for the leadership role she played as chairwoman of the Twin Falls County Centennial Commission, Fuchs said. Orriette Sinclair, another woman who keeps the wheels of the local Republican Party moving, said she and Schlagenhaut had been best friends for ages.

Schlagenhaut was a great lady and interested in everything, Sinclair said. She said she had just seen her friend for the New Year's holiday and that she had been as vibrant and active as usual. Former Idaho House Speaker T.W. Stivers, a Twin Falls Republican, remembers Schlagenhaut as a woman who aggressively responded to issues she believed in and stood up for what was right.

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DRESSING FOR DUTY



Howard D. Smyser took the oath of office as a Fifth Judicial District magistrate Monday afternoon. Smyser's mother, Margaret Smyser, had the honor of placing the robe on the new judge, while they and the audience laughed about having his mother dress him again.

Officials present revised forest plan

By N.S. Norkentrod Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - People still have a couple of chances to learn more about revised management plans for the Sawtooth National Forest in time to comment on the plan.

Public information meetings will be from 3 to 8 p.m. today in Burley and Wednesday in Ketchum. In Twin Falls Monday.

U.S. Forest Service officials met with local residents to answer questions and discuss the revised forest plan.

Officials want to know what people like or don't like about the revised plan and why, said Sharon Labrecque, planner with the Sawtooth forest.

All national forests are required to review and revise management plans that give direction for that forest. The Sawtooth plan was last revised in 1987.

The Sawtooth plan includes six alternatives, including a preferred alternative, which will not necessarily be picked. If he had to pick a final plan on the spot, Sawtooth National Forest Supervisor Bill LeVere said he would not pick the preferred alternative, but instead a mix of items from all the alternatives.

The plan sets out in broad management direction for the entire forest. It sets goals and standards to measure by; it outlines the various areas where various goals would be applied; it identifies areas suitable for timber harvest; and it makes recommendations for wilderness designation.

LeVere also might have to adjust the final plan to take into account pending policies, including roadless areas, a new road policy, and a new fire plan.

The plan also considers the socioeconomic effects of the alternatives, Labrecque said. The final version is due in November and final approval in December.

"We want to make sure everybody understands the document as well as possible," LeVere said. LeVere recommends submitting written comments. Oral testimony during a public hearing set for Jan. 23 in Twin Falls will be limited to three minutes, he said.

Council tests new fire department devices

By John T. Huddy Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - They strapped them on and went to work. City Council members got a demonstration of the city fire department's new thermal imaging devices Monday, testing them in a smoke-filled room. "They are really cool," Councilman Trip Craig said Monday, after walking into the dark, smoke-filled room at the fire department's downtown headquarters. "When you walk

in there with a naked eye you can't see anything. Then you put one of these on, and you can see everything." Battalion Chief Dick Capps said the devices have been used to determine the source of several local fires. "There are four or five places where we've used them in the investigation stages, to actually pinpoint the source of a fire," Capps said recently. "We were able to save a bunch of time and money not having to actually pull cables or tear out roofs."

The devices allow firefighters to see through blinding, choking smoke, showing not only images in a room, but also any hot spots. Here's how it works: Weighing about five pounds, the yellow U-shaped device hooks onto the firefighter's helmet. The firefighter can adjust it to see peripherally and through the device's viewfinder. Through the viewfinder images are black and white. Objects that don't emit any heat

are dark, and objects that emit heat are white. A person's handprint on a wall would be visible with the device for several minutes. Using the device, tables and a dummy in the corner of the smoke-filled room Monday were visible. "Well, we found him," Councilman Howard Allen said. The Twin Falls Fire District bought the devices for a total of \$65,000. Other fire departments have

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Spud growers appeal for government aid

By Aaron Brook Times-News writer

BURLEY - A group of area farming representatives is heading to Washington, D.C. this week, appealing for \$50 million to \$60 million in government aid for spud growers. "The money would go to pay farmers for excess potatoes, said Tom Holm, an Idaho Falls potato grower and the president of U.S. Potato Inc. The group will fly this morning to the nation's capital to lobby for financial support. Those going on the trip include Holm; former Gov. John Evans; Madison County agriculture extension agent Dale Harding; and five other Idaho potato growers.

A meeting is scheduled for Wednesday afternoon with Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman or an agricultural undersecretary, but Holm is hoping several other national leaders will attend the session. "We've invited the president to come along," said Holm, who blames foreign policy for the overabundance of potatoes that has caused the drop in prices. "It's time for them to bail us out." Good weather this year led to a crop of about 3 billion pounds more than normal. That drastic saturation of the market has driven prices so low that growers are getting only about one-fifth of their production costs back in sales, Evans said.

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Ketchum approves a raised bike path

By Karen Bossiak Times-News correspondent

KETCHUM - The City Council Monday approved a \$375,000 bike path along the north side of Warm Springs Road. The council voted 2-1 to proceed on building a path between Saddle Road and East Canyon Run in hopes the project can get underway next summer. The city hopes to expand the path between East Canyon Run to Gates Road, just west of Warm Springs Lodge, during the summer of 2002. That project, estimated to cost \$646,000, would include \$500,000 in federal

money. Council member Maurice Charlat opposed the deal, saying he would like to see engineers put a little more thought into how they could string the path down the south side of the street instead of the north. "When dealing with a million dollar project, we need to look at the alternatives. I don't think what we've got here is the best way possible," he said. Charlat's proposal would route bicycles across the new Broadway Bridge at a cost of \$77,000 - largely, because little building would take place. The north side proposal, in contrast, involves bridging the

Want to be heard?

Public information meetings on the revised forest plan for the Sawtooth National Forest will run from 3 to 8 p.m. today at the Best Western Inn in Burley, with presentations at 3:30, 5:30 and 7 p.m. Another meeting will be Wednesday at the Chamber of Commerce in Ketchum. Public hearings on the proposed plan will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Jan. 23 in the Twin Falls Building at the College of Southern Idaho, and on Jan. 25 in the Chamber of Commerce office in Ketchum. Written comments may be sent by March 16 to: USDA Forest Service, SW Idaho Revision Team, Attn: Joey Parrish, 1248 S. Vinnell Way, Suite 200, Boise, ID 83705.

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Official commits to nuke waste disposal alternatives

BOISE (AP) — Outgoing Energy Secretary Bill Richardson committed the federal government Monday to finding ways of disposing of nuclear waste without burning it.

Sen. Spencer Abraham in the Bush administration. He has accepted the recommendation of a panel appointed after largely Wyoming critics against plans to incinerate low-level nuclear waste.

Richardson said in a press conference Monday that the federal government currently is on a path of eliminating the burning of nuclear waste at the INEL, which is currently operating outside Denver. It includes toxic waste such as PCBs, which are not accepted at the INEL.

The past year by the Panel on Emerging Technological Alternatives to Incineration, a group of officials from the federal government, Idaho and Wyoming, and citizens worried about potential contamination.

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very involved in the community whether it was sponsoring a Little League team from Andy's Chevron, or being the Lions Club with programs at the rodeo, barbecue, etc.

She was a member of Grace Family Worship Center of Post Falls. She loved rides in the mountains and her dogs.

on the line as a tackle in football. Following high school, Paul worked at the Alexander Smith Carpet Co. While in high school, a science teacher encouraged Paul to study forestry and move to the West.

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Leo Laib

The funeral for Leo Laib was held at 12 p.m. Friday in the chapel at Burns Mortuary of Pendleton with interment at Skyview Memorial Park, Highway 395, south of Pendleton.

Survivors include his wife, Erma; two children, Dr. Andrew (Jackie) McRoberts of Pocatello and Bobbi Jo (Dave) Anderson of Boise; a sister, Mrs. Evelyn Pool; four grandchildren, John Ruppert, six daughters, and Morgan Anderson.

She was preceded in death by her father, Warren Walker in 1975. Visitation will be Tuesday, Jan. 11, 2001, from 5-8 p.m., at Yates Funeral Home, Coeur d'Alene Chapel.

By setting up the parks for maximum public enjoyment, Paul has touched many lives. He has designed a campground or stopped at a scenic overlook at many of our popular parks in the West.

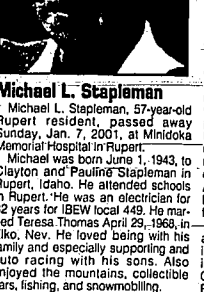
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EDEN



George Timothy Tim Williams, 47, died Wednesday, Jan. 3, 2001, in Eden, Idaho.



Michael L. Stapleman, 57-year-old Rupert resident, passed away Sunday, Jan. 7, 2001, at Mililoka Memorial Hospital in Rupert.

was a gifted musician and played a variety of instruments, mainly the piano, bass, vibes and guitar. When he moved to Pendleton he began playing with a variety of local jazz musicians.

Survivors include sons, Larry Laib, Mark Laib and Allen Laib; all of Pendleton; and David Laib of Pocatello, Kan.; a daughter, Peggy Laib of Pendleton; and a sister, Glenna Laib of Glens Ferry, Idaho.

He was preceded in death by his parents, George and Mary Ann Williams. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 10, 2001, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Post Falls.

Paul had worked for the Idaho State University in Logan and studied landscape architecture. During the summers, he worked as a fire lookout in the National Park.

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POST FALLS

Pamela Pam B. McDrummond, age 58 of Post Falls, died Sunday, Jan. 7, 2001, at her home.

She was born on Jan. 8, 1942, in Spokane, Wash., to Warren C. and Alma M. (Blomstad) Walker. She was raised in Winchester, Idaho.

BOISE

Paul Fritz, 71, of Boise, died Sunday, Dec. 24, 1999, in Missoula, Mont.

Paul was born June 7, 1929, at Yonkers, N.Y., the fifth of six children to John and Tania Fritz. Paul graduated in 1947 from Roosevelt High School in Yonkers, where he played

KENNEWICK, WASH.

Andrew William 'Andy' McRoberts

Andrew William 'Andy' McRoberts, 87-year-old Kennewick, Wash., died Friday, Jan. 5, 2001, in Kennewick, Wash.

He was born March 10, 1913, at Gresham, Iowa, the son of William and Margaret Peak McRoberts.

He was a member of the St. Nicholas Catholic Church and was involved in many local civic and religious organizations, including the Rupert Council 2782 of the Knights of Columbus.

SEATTLE TIMES

workers accept contract offer

SEATTLE (AP) — Seattle Times newspaper workers have voted more than three-to-one to end their seven-week strike against the state's largest newspaper by accepting its latest contract offer.

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The family of Harry A. Holm would like to say thank you to everyone who sent flowers, cards and food. A special thank you to Hospice, Inc. and Home Health for the special care they gave to Harry. Special thanks also to Dr. Christine Holm and all the nurses, office employees and Auxiliary ladies who were so supportive to Harry and myself at the funeral.

Recommendation honors former supervisor

Ex-senator's backing pleases Steve Mealey

BOISE (AP) - Steve Mealey, reviled by environmentalists when he was Boise National Forest supervisor, was surprised and pleased by former U.S. Sen. Alan Simpson's recommendation that he be named chief of the U.S. Forest Service.

Mealey said on Monday that the Wyoming Republican is a "proud friend from his days as supervisor of the Shoshone National Forest, and his opinion could carry considerable weight with Vice President-elect Dick Cheney, a former Wyoming congressman and another fishing buddy of Mealey's."

No call had yet come from the

Bush administration transition team, but Mealey said he certainly would consider succeeding Forest Service Chief Mike Dombeck if offered the job.

"The Forest Service has always been my first love," Mealey said. "I was honored to even be considered for a position like that by someone like Al who obviously values multiple use like I do."

The former Idaho Department of Fish and Game director, who was fired in 1999 amid political wrangling, is executive director of the Boone & Crockett Club based in Missoula, Mont.

But he resigned effective Jan. 15 after accepting the position of manager of wildlife, fisheries and ecology for Boise-based Boise Cascade Corp.

He starts that job Jan. 16 but

will remain in Missoula for the time being.

Conservationists pilloried Mealey in the early 1990s as "The Butcher of the Boise" for what they considered his overly aggressive logging policies as Boise-National Forest supervisor.

And he came into conflict with some sportsmen in the late 1990s over wildlife management decisions as Idaho Fish and Game director.

But Simpson, in a recommendation to Cheney early last week, cited balance, pragmatism and "decisiveness" as Mealey's strengths when he ran the Wyoming forest from 1983 to 1988.

"The chance to have been a biologist there and be forest supervisor was just a remarkable time," Mealey said. "We had some tough issues on the Shoshone, trying to figure out how to do oil and gas exploration and have grizzly bears. I'm proud of the balance that we achieved."

He said he fondly remembered Wyoming fishing and hunting trips with Simpson, Cheney and even then-Treasury Secretary James Baker III - another Bush insider with whom he has maintained a relationship through the years.

"I can't imagine that we've ever spent two minutes talking about anything but what we were doing, which was usually trying to catch fish," Mealey said.

"Those were great times and these are very special people."

Babbitt recommends more monuments

WASHINGTON (AP) - A vast swath of Arizona desert that includes forests of saguaro cacti and an area of cone-shaped volcanic formations in New Mexico should be protected as national monuments, Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt recommended to President Clinton Monday.

Babbitt has indicated the two latest monument recommendations will be the last he will make to Clinton, who is also considering another Babbitt proposal to create four other monuments and expand a fifth. Clinton has never rejected a Babbitt proposal for a national monument.

Both of these sites cover breathtaking landscapes," Babbitt said in a statement. "By protecting these areas now, future generations will be able to

marvel at these spectacular areas just as we do."

A monument designation would increase federal protection of the land by banning or restricting uses such as mining, natural gas drilling and off-road-vehicle use.

The proposal Monday would create the Sonoran-Desert National Monument on 486,000 acres of federal land about 60 miles southwest of Phoenix. The area, which includes an unused portion of the Barry Goldwater Air Force Range, is a pristine

stretch of Sonoran Desert punctuated by jagged mountain ranges.

The Sonoran-Desert monument would be the fifth Clinton created in Arizona, Babbitt's home state. Like the other four areas, Babbitt said he has had his eye on the desert region for increased federal protection since before he became Arizona governor in 1978.

The proposed Kasha-Katuwe Tent Rocks National Monument would cover about 4,100 acres in north-central New Mexico near Santa Fe. The area includes volcanic features such as the cone-shaped tent rocks, as well as pumice, ash and other deposits from volcanic eruptions between 6 million and 7 million years ago.

The New Mexico monument would be jointly managed by the

Newspaper files to block agreement changes

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - The Salt Lake Tribune has taken its new owner, MediaNews Group Inc., to federal court again, this time over suggested changes to the newspaper's joint operating agreement with the Mormon church-owned Deseret News.

The Tribune on Monday asked U.S. District Judge Tena Campbell to block an amendment, claiming they would violate the Tribune managers' con-

tractual right to buy back the newspaper in 2002 and run it in the interim. The paper also asked permission to revise its previous lawsuit and include a \$10 million fine for legal attack on its longtime rival.

The Salt Lake Tribune Publishing Co. already sued MediaNews, which owns the Denver Post and 46 other daily newspapers, to stop its purchase of the paper from AT&T

for \$200 million, but Judge Campbell allowed the sale to proceed.

Upon completing the sale last week, MediaNews rewrote the JOA to let the Deseret News switch to multiple publications - a move the 135,000-circulation Tribune has opposed - and to give the afternoon paper veto power over any future Tribune sale.

MediaNews also removed

Tribune publisher Dominic Welch from his post as president of the Newspaper Agency Corp., which runs the papers' shared printing, advertising and circulation departments.

And MediaNews chief executive officer W. Dean Singleton and chief financial officer, Jody Ludovic replaced Welch and Tribune chief operating officer Randy Frisch on the NAC board.

Governor backs public power authority creation

SACRAMENTO (AP) - Gov. Gray Davis urged a sweeping overhaul Monday of California's beleaguered electricity system, including creation of a public agency to build power plants and a plan to seize the plants of wholesalers who gouge consumers or utilities.

Davis, in an annual address to the Legislature, called California's power system degradation "a dangerous and colossal failure."

"There is no easy solution. But, if I have to use the power of eminent domain to prevent generators from driving consumers into the dark and utilities into bankruptcy, then that's what I'll do,"

Davis said.

"The time has come to take control of our own energy destiny," Davis added.

Pacific Gas and Electric Co. and Southern California Edison Co. have lost \$9 billion since June because ratepayers have prevented them from passing increased wholesale costs to consumers.

Wholesale electricity prices have increased five-fold since June.

Davis' speech contained his strongest comments to date on California's electricity crisis. He pledged to set aside \$1 billion in the 2001-02 state budget to stabilize the supply and price of electricity and provide new power

generation.

Davis rejected suggestions from consumer groups PG&E and SoCal Edison be allowed to go into bankruptcy.

But he offered few details about his core proposal, the creation of public power entities. Nor did he discuss the use of state-backed bonds to finance the utilities' expanding debt.

He demanded criminal penalties for wholesalers that withhold power from the California grid during emergencies, and authority to force idled power plants to be reopened under proposed adding 50 inspectors for the Public Utilities Commission, and said his emergency powers should

be expanded in the event of power outages.

The Public Utilities Commission's ratebook approved rate increases of 7 percent to 15 percent, but Wall Street and the utilities said it was inadequate.

Fiscal analysts say more rate hikes - or some other form of new revenue - is needed for the investment in new utilities, which serve 25 million people.

"We have to be able to restore in the minds of the financial community the credit-worthiness of California and its public utilities, or we will not have the ability to borrow the money to keep the lights on," said Tom Higgins, a senior vice president of SoCal Edison.

CRASH



Investigators from the Washington State Police-examine the remains of a sports utility vehicle that was involved in an accident with a Bethel School District school bus on Monday near Eatonville, Wash. Cuts and bruises were the worst injuries reported among the students after the head-on crash that killed the driver of the sports utility vehicle, police said.

School Board to appoint more names to committee

The Times-News

In other district news, the School Board is scheduled to decide on a contractor for a roofing project at I.B. Farrington Elementary School, and whether to allow a cellular telephone tower on the Twin Falls High School campus.

The School Board also will review, but is not scheduled to take action on, proposed changes to its facility rentals policy and an upcoming informational tour by the Advanced Regional Technical Education Coalition.

The School Board meets at 7 p.m. in the district office, 201 Main Ave. W.

TWIN FALLS - The School Board is expected to appoint more school-and-business interests to a long-term facilities planning committee.

The volunteer committee will help the district prepare for long-term building needs, which could include development of a technical school facility. The committee will help the district plan for school heating and cooling system upgrades, enrollment upturns and downturns, and whether a technical school facility is needed.

Energy crunch means some calls for assistance

LEWISTON (AP) - Requests for heating assistance are pouring in at the Community Action Agency and proposed natural gas hikes could put lower-income people in an even greater pinch.

Employees have seen requests for help increase up to 25 percent compared with last year, said Karen Kessler, assistance manager.

Avista, which serves five Idaho and Washington counties, raised its gas rates by 28 percent in September.

Now some people are having to make choices about paying for their prescriptions, rent or power, Kessler said.

"This is impacting people who are above the poverty line."

Appointments to apply for heating assistance are filled through March, although the agency will immediately help people with imminent disconnection notices. It also prioritizes appointments for senior citizens.

Gov. Dirk Kempthorne cited the problems caused by rising natural gas prices during his State of the State address on Monday, suggesting that those hikes along with pressure to release more water for hydropower production are the result of problems in California and elsewhere that should be addressed locally before other states are forced to share the burden.

"Idaho will always be a good neighbor," Kempthorne said. "But let me make this clear. I expect those states that are facing power shortages to provide strong evidence and firm assurances that all measures such as increased generation and efficiencies in conservation have been fully implemented."

"Only then will Idaho consider options to lend support," he said. "In the meantime, I will continue to direct that Idaho's utilities not imperil our future power needs by diverting water in excess of our current needs."

Coalition tries to chop roadless policy

BOISE (AP) - With the Clinton administration's decision to designate millions of acres of roadless federal forest off-limits to most logging, a coalition backing access to the land has returned to court to challenge the initiative.

An expanded consortium including Boise Cascade Corp., Boise and Valley counties, Idaho and national snowmobile associations and the Kootenai Tribe filed suit Monday in U.S. District court in Boise.

The coalition feel the Forest Service bypassed the forest planning process, ignored forest plans

and intends a top-down mandate," said Mike Moser, public information officer of the Boise-based forest products company.

Under the Clinton forest management plan, the U.S. Forest Service will ban road-building in 58.5 million acres of federal forest land where no roads currently exist, including 9.3 million acres in Idaho.

Last year, both the state and the coalition unsuccessfully fought the roadless initiative. U.S. District Court Judge Edward Lodge ruled the Forest Service had not sound-

ly way through the federal process of draft and final environmental studies to the point the plan was "ripe" and could be sued.

Idaho Attorney General Al Lance said the state would file suit Tuesday in federal court.

The coalition also includes the BlueRibbon Coalition off-road vehicle group, Idaho State Snowmobile Association and Emmett rancher Brad Little. Also signing on are the Illinois Association of Snowmobile Clubs and American Council of Snowmobile Associations.

Bike

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Big Wood River, a raised two-way path to be used by pedestrians, bicyclists, roller-skiers and in-line skaters and waist-high retaining walls along part of the path. The city also would have to acquire or get residents to donate parts of four lots.

Councilman David Hutchinson said the project is 20 years overdue and has been contemplated for decades. To spend the extra money is justified given safety concerns.

"Right now you have to be nuts to use Warm Springs at all on a bike," he said.

The path will enhance life in that part of the city, council member Chris Potters said, siding with Hutchinson.

"I hate the price, but at least we have the grant," she said.

The south side proposal proposed by Charlat would involve a dangerous crossing at East Canyon Road, said Dick Fosbury, engineer with Galena Engineering. Bicyclists also

would have to descend a steep grade past Exhibition Boulevard where motorists don't have a clear line of vision to see them.

Andie Johnson, who lives on Warm Springs Road, said that many people think keeping the flat with stripes is the best option. A raised path would eliminate shoulders and the margin for error on the narrow Warm Springs Road, she said.

What's more, she said, the road gets a lot of bike and foot traffic in

summer, and the potential for collisions would be real on a two-way path.

Dan Hawley, an avid cyclist agreed. The American Association of Highway and

Transportation-reports-nearly three times the bike-car accident on raised bike paths than on flat, he said. Striping the roadway for bike paths on both sides would cost the city a few hundred dollars each year versus the million-plus contemplated for the raised bike path, he said.

A bike path separate from the road is not possible given in the area, Fosbury said.

"We spend a gazillion dollars to walk around downtown but we can't walk home," said Ron Parsons, a Warm Springs Road-area resident who has been pressing for people-improvements since his first child born 13 years ago. "I think the cost is worth it."

Fire

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been using the same or similar devices, including Nampa and Caldwell's fire departments.

"Some of the biggest benefits we had is if we get a call to a building with a smoke call we can go into a building and look for hot spots," said Dave May, a battalion chief for the Nampa Fire Department recently.

Nampa has three devices. But

the devices do have their drawbacks.

They can limit visibility. And some firefighters, already weighed down with equipment, are put off by the added weight, May said.

But all things considered, the devices are better to have than not to have, officials agree.

In other business Monday, The council approved the final

plat of the Aspenwood Subdivision No. 3, which would have 32 single family residential lots between Aspenwood Lane and Carriage Lane north of the Phillips Commercial Subdivision on Kimberly Road.

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Spud

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If the federal government fails to give assistance, then many of Idaho's roughly 1,000 potato growers will face foreclosure, Holm said.

The farmer is getting way less

than a penny a pound for his potatoes," Holm said.

Other states will probably send representatives as well, Evans said.

"I've confident, with some reservations, that we can get it

done," Evans said. "All we can do is make the request."

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Fire siren signals candy in Paul

By Correen Hart
Times-News correspondent

PAUL - Santa rode a red vehicle into Paul, but reindeer and sleigh were no where in sight.

Instead, Santa along with helpers - the Paul firefighters - rode a red fire engine up and down every street in the town, tossing bags of candy to young and old.

"It's been a small town celebration for a lot of years," fireman Randy Sutton said.

"The firemen donate their meeting pay to buy the candy - that and the firemen's ball proceeds. This year, we got 800 pounds."

"I've been with the department 48 years and it's been most of that time," Otto Riedlinger said of the tradition.

The support unit pulled out first, Christmas music blaring from its public address system.

At the blast of the firetruck's siren, children ran out the doors of their homes, forgetting jackets and caps. They danced with excitement, stretching their arms out to catch a bag.

Some got two or three and oldsters got Christmas sweets, too.

Some folks brought their lawn chairs out into the snow to wait for the truck and of course, to wave at Santa.

Santa is played by a different fireman each year. This time, it was Bill Sibbett, who had a hearty "Ho, ho, ho" and a heartfelt "Merry Christmas" for neighbors.

Fireman Steve Roberts' two toddlers sons rode in the cab of the fire engine.

"Our boys mean everything to me," he said. "This is the kind of thing I want them to grow up with."

The shiny red truck ambled down Lincoln Street, pausing at a fireman's house. A couple of spare bags of candy landed on the roof and another in the back of the fireman's truck.

His children dashed for other bags that bounced across the snowy lawn. The visit is special for the families of volunteer firemen.

"Change the world, wouldn't it?" Roberts said of the sentiment.

A new fireman asked why some people put out their hands and then duck. The answer comes soon when a middle-aged man stepped out of his house and held up a finger.

"Just one," he said. Six bags rain around him.

"Heads up! Bad guys!" someone shouted.

Water balloons sailed overhead. Two young men ducked into a pickup and take off. Minutes later, the two fire units parked to transfer candy.

Most water balloons fell out of the sky, but this time the fire men were



Photo by CORREEN HART/The Times-News



Above: Santa Bill Sibbett tosses bags of candy from the Paul fire truck during the city's annual Christmas candy distribution. He had plenty of help from other firefighters to give away 800 pounds of candy. Left: Paul residents run the fire truck's siren. The siren signaled candy and a wave from Santa.

ready. A trail of foam sought the balloon throwers along with a gale of laughter. The balloon toss also is tradition. "they've been attacking us since they were small. This year, they're grown up, but they came home for the holidays," Roberts said.



Crew members, left to right, Dar Piliant, Randy Wright, Ed Campos and Rod Burk from the South Central Community Action Agency weatherization department replace an old window in the DAV Hall in Twin Falls.

Veterans hall gets some new insulated windows

By Betty Taylor
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - The Disabled American Veterans Hall can better stand up to the cold.

The building at Harrison Street and Shoup Avenue received 11 new insulated windows and three new insulated doors along with insulation in the walls and of the water pipes. The work was done by a crew from South Central Community Action Agency weatherization department. The project costs amounted \$5,268, said Ken Robinette, executive director of the community action agency.

Funding was provided by the Idaho Power Co., which contracts with South Central Community Action Agency for the weatherization work, he said.

Since 1989, an average of one project per year has been completed to help other nonprofit organizations that serve low-income people, Robinette said. The purpose is to reduce their heating consumption so they can take the costs from the energy savings and provide more services to the people they help.

Nonprofit organizations must meet certain criteria to qualify. The organization must be in the Idaho Power service area, serve primarily low-income or disabled citizens, have a 501-C(3), among other items, he said.

After qualifying, South Central

Need weatherization?

If you know of a nonprofit organization that could use help with weatherization, refer them to Ken Robinette with the South Central Community Action Agency at 733-9354, Ext. 4 or send e-mail to ken@maglink.com.

Community Action Agency researches the building and its conditions to decide which organization will receive the funding for that year.

This program is strictly designed for energy conservation measures only, such as insulation, windows and doors, Robinette said. "After driving by this building, we could see that it would benefit from this program."

"We really appreciate the help from Idaho Power and community action to us and visit our newly weatherized DAV Hall," said Nyle Jones, local DAV commander.

Idaho Power also provides funding for weatherization of homes of low-income families throughout the Idaho. South Central Community Action Agency serves eight Magic Valley counties and provides service to low-income citizens and their families.

Programs include weatherization, heating bill assistance, food boxes and help with emergency medical expenses.

School officer continues campaign against drugs

By Sarah Sklar
Times-News correspondent

HAGERMAN - Crowned by a shaggy black wig, "Detective Bad Hair" strides across the front of the crowded gymnasium at the Hagerman elementary school. He talks about "bad drugs" and making positive choices. In the hallway outside, a drug dog and officer wait for their cue to join the presentation.

It's part of the on-going anti-drug education campaign of Hagerman School Resource Officer Ron Geer.

Geer uses his Detective Bad Hair persona, plus other costumes and props to focus attention on issues and build rapport with students.

Geer's motto - and that of the Idaho School Resource Officer Association he serves as president - is creating a safe and orderly educational environment.

The officer has been unmistakable presence at Hagerman schools since January 1998. He teaches classes, volunteers to support school projects, is active in youth development efforts across the county and attends every ball game.

"Sometimes, just my presence is a deterrent to kids making bad decisions," he says.

Geer intercedes in situations involving illegal substances, disturbances, crimes and court-ordered programs. He attends court appearances by students and teaches court-ordered evening classes for juvenile offenders and families.

But his most important prevention work is the one-on-one talks with students facing problems that are overwhelming them, he says.

"Kids sometimes get down on themselves. They make bad decisions and have consequences. It's important to have those consequences," he says. "I want the kids to know that they can trust me to be honest and to be open to talk to."

Geer says that behind every problem behavior is a need. "They tell me about stuff and I can't believe what they deal with on a daily basis," he says. "There are a few exceptions, but most of the time these kids aren't really bad. They just make bad decisions and need to get past that."

Geer, who holds detective rank with the Gooding County Sheriff's Department, and other area officers meet



SARAH SKLAR/The Times-News

Walking the beat in the high school halls, Hagerman School Resource Officer Ron Geer combines crime prevention with compassion. Monthly to share presentation ideas, discuss legal and procedural issues and alert each other to trends that have potential to move into other areas of the valley.

Geer uses powerful and unconventional images to make his point. Periodically, he brings a mirror-lined coffin with a sign that asks, "Could this be you?"

"Another effective prop is a wrecked car."

"Two kids were killed in it, driving drunk. A third kid got thrown from that car and was so drunk he didn't even know the guys he was sitting next to were dead. Those are gruesome but powerful tools to reinforce how dangerous this stuff is," he says.

A law enforcement professional since 1981, he found the school position combined his enjoyment of working with young people with law enforcement. His office wall is lined with awards, cards of appreciation and thank you notes from the community.

"Keeping kids out of trouble takes the teachers and administrators, and the students and their parents," he says. "It's a team effort to reach and change circumstances for a few kids at a time. I am totally dedicated to this, but I can't do it by myself."

Council spreads cheer to families

By Correen Hart
Times-News correspondent

BURLEY - Volunteers boxed Christmas for nearly 500 families this year.

Mini-Cassia Christmas Council boxes were handed out to an early-morning crowd of approved families a few days before the holiday.

Carla Blincoe said this was her second year and she loved the work.

"Some people start early by hitting the day after Christmas sales to buy for next year," Blincoe said of donations.

"I know that West

Minico bought cases of macaroni and cheese to give out and there are hundreds of others. The boxes are really nice this year. Every box has at least one new gift."

She pointed out wooden rocking chairs made for Eagle Scout projects, treasure boxes and wooden cars. Boxes are packed specifically for each family and numbered, then placed in long rows at the warehouse awaiting pick up.

On distribution day, the line was already nearly a block long with people waiting for the doors to open at 9 a.m. Some had been there since 7:30 a.m.

Leslie Kelley started volunteering in September.

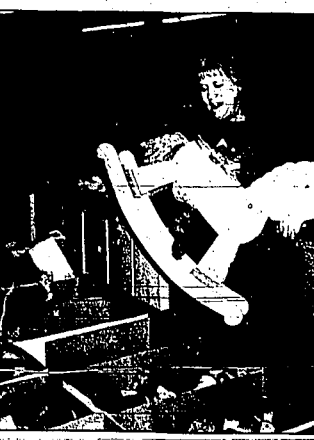
"This is all the Christmas I need," she said. "It's hard work, but when I think of what it means..."

Her friend, Mary Young recruited her for the project.

Young said that John's Market had 13 turkeys left over from a radio promotion to donate to the boxes. Food is a major component with area businesses, such as Figaro's Pizza conducting food drives and offering premium prices in exchange for a can of food.



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Above: Leslie Kelley, left, and Mary Young show holiday spirit as they volunteer their time and gifts to the Mini-Cassia Christmas Council. Left: Carla Blincoe inspects a toy for one of the almost 500 boxes given away by the Mini-Cassia Christmas Council. She said she was excited that the boxes were so well done this year.

TWIN FALLS COMMUNITY

GENERATIONS



Photo courtesy of NORMA PALMER

A local family celebrates five generations: Family members are, from left, back: Darlene Matlock of Twin Falls and Diane Newberry of Hooper, Utah; front: Willard Palmer of Twin Falls, Britlani Corbin and baby Brinleigh Corbin, of Roy, Utah.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Minidoka seniors serve spaghetti dinner

RUPERT — The Minidoka County Senior Center will hold a spaghetti dinner at 6:30 p.m. Saturday at the center at 702 11th St. in Rupert.

The dinner is all you can eat with white and red sauce, green salad, garlic bread and dessert. There will also be entertainment.

The cost is \$5 per person.

The center will also hold an auction fundraiser at 10:30 a.m. Jan. 27 at the center. The center is in need of donated items to be auctioned off.

O'Leary students compete in National Geography Bee

TWIN FALLS — O'Leary Junior High students will compete in the first round of the 2001 National Geography Bee from 3:15 to 5:15 p.m. Wednesday.

The winner of the bee will advance to the next level of competition, which is a written exam. All school winners are eligible to win the national championship and a \$25,000 college scholarship at the national competition May 22 and May 23 in Washington, D.C.

West End Theatre Company announces cast

BUHL — The West End Theatre Company announced the cast of "The Furdale Ave. Housing Estate Townswomen's Guild — Dramatic Society Production of a Murder Mystery."

The cast includes Susan Bousquet as Audrey, Jack Southwick as Giles, Dan Thom as Gordon, Dianna Herzinger as Mrs. Reese, Cathleen Thom as "Thelma," Kimberly Smith as Mrs. Gilhooly and Cathe Woods as Mrs. Dabney.

The West End Theatre Company is still in need of people to work backstage, to help with props and other jobs.

For more information, call David Blaskiewicz at 543-8292.

XI Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma accepts members

TWIN FALLS — The XI Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma will meet

at 10 a.m. Saturday at Cavanaugh's Canyon Springs.

The meeting will honor local national certified teachers. Applications for new members will be accepted at the meeting.

Jerome High School holds parent teacher conferences

JEROME — Jerome High School will hold parent teacher conferences from 6 to 9 p.m. Thursday and from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Friday in the gymnasium.

Parents will receive their child's report card when they walk through the door. All report cards not picked up will be available to students on Monday at the high school office.

Desert Sun Dancers hold regular dance on Friday

SHOSHONE — The Desert Sun Dancers will hold a regular dance Friday at the Masonic Hall on West B Street in Shoshone.

Rounds will begin at 7:30 p.m., with squares at 8 p.m.

Members are asked to bring finger foods. The cost is \$3 per person.

Magic Valley Computer User Group hold meeting

TWIN FALLS — The Magic Valley Computer User Group will meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the Family History Center at 401 Maurice St. N. in Twin Falls.

Members will discuss the latest information on PAF 5 and information on using Search Theory. Members are urged to download PAF5 immediately because of major bugs in the program.

Magic Mountain Ski Resort offers cross-country lessons

HANSEN — Free cross-country ski lessons will be offered from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Jan. 20 at Magic Mountain Ski Resort near Hansen.

The one-day program, Cross Country Idaho, is an annual statewide ski day created to help introduce more people to the wintertime sport.

The one-day program will include lessons covering cross country skiing techniques and safety issues. All equipment including skis, poles and boots will be furnished at no charge.

Magic Mountain Ski Resort, High Desert Nordic Association, Mix 103, Kat Kountry Radio, Sawtooth National Forest and the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation sponsor Cross County Idaho.

For more information, call Jack Yarbrough at 837-4505.

Jerome County Historical Society gets web page

JEROME — The Jerome County Historical Society now has a web page. The web page is <http://jeromehistory.evision.biz.com>.

The next Jerome County Historical Society meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at the Jerome Public Library meeting room.

Parent project classes teach parenting skills

TWIN FALLS — Parent project classes will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. Jan. 16, for 10 weeks or 16 weeks curriculum at the Adult and Child Development Center at 803 Harrison St. in Twin Falls.

The classes will teach effective parenting tools to deal with strong willed adolescents, organizers say.

The class will focus on the prevention and intervention of most destructive adolescent behaviors.

The classes are free.

For more information, call Val or Dave at 735-9087.

CSI offers non-credit computer buyer workshop

TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho will offer a non-credit workshop, "What You Need to Know to Buy a Computer" from 6 to 9 p.m. Jan. 22 in Evergreen C93 at the College of Southern Idaho.

In the class, students will receive helpful information, such as what their choices are when purchasing a computer and guidelines of what they should look for to meet their personal needs.

The instructor is Sue Ellis, and the cost is \$25.

For more information or to register, call 733-9554, Ext. 2288.

SENIOR CALENDAR

Gooding County Senior Citizens Inc.
308 Senior Ave.
All dinners at noon. Suggested donation is \$2.50 for seniors.

Tuesday: Chicken a la king, mashed potatoes, peas, carrots, three bean salad, bread sticks, banana, orange

Wednesday: Chili, baked potatoes, stir fry vegetables, waldorf salad, bread, pudding

Thursday: Chicken breast, potatoes, vegetable salad, bread, dessert

Monday: No lunch served

Activities
Tuesday
Pool at 9:30 a.m.

Pool at 1 p.m.
Pinocle at 1:30 p.m.
Bridge at 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday
Pool at 9:30 a.m.

Foot clinic from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Shuffleboard at 6 p.m.

Thursday
Pool at 9:30 a.m.
55 and Alive from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Blood pressure at 11 a.m.
Carlene Packham at 11:55 a.m.
Board meeting at 1 p.m.
TOPS at 5 p.m.

Pinocle at 7 p.m.

Friday
55 and Alive from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Bridge at 1 p.m.
Wild one at 1:30 p.m.
Bowling at 1:30 p.m.
Bingo at 6:30 p.m.

Monday
Pool at 9:30 a.m.
Ladies pinocle at 12:30 p.m.
Hand and foot at 6 p.m.

deviled eggs, carrot sticks, apple pie, orange juice, milk, coffee

Friday: Breaded chicken chunks, potatoes, buttered carrots, green salad, pudding, orange juice, milk, coffee

Activities
Tuesday
Board meeting at 10 a.m.
Lunch at noon
Pinocle at 1 p.m. at Gooding

Wednesday
Lunch at noon
Rotary club
Snack bar at 6 p.m.
Early bird at 6 p.m.
Bingo at 7 p.m.

Thursday
Exercise from 9:30 a.m.
Coffee at 9:30 a.m.
Richfield lunch

Friday
Lunch at noon
Pinocle at 1 p.m.

Monday
Exercise from 9:30 a.m.
Coffee at 9:30 a.m.
Richfield lunch
Blood pressure

Silver and Gold Senior Citizens

203 Wilson, Eden

Open from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 8 a.m. to noon Friday. Suggested donation for seniors is \$3. All dinners include salad, dessert, fruit, milk and coffee. Mondays are "cookie and bread bake days" and Wednesdays are cinnamon roll and maple bar bake days.

Tuesday: Trout
Wednesday: Bake day
Thursday: Beef stew
Monday: Bake day
Activities
Tuesday
Board meeting
Saturday
Pancake breakfast from 8-11:30 a.m.

Jerome Senior Center

212 First Ave. E.
All dinners at noon. Suggested donation is \$2.50.

Tuesday: Barbecue ribs, scalloped potatoes, carrots, three bean salad, raisin squares

Wednesday: Swedish meatballs over noodles, spinach, Jell-O with fruit, zucchini bars

Thursday: Chicken fried steak, potatoes, gravy, mixed vegetables, carrot raisin salad, strawberry shortcake

Friday: Tuna casserole, corn bread, peas, sunshine salad, cream puffs

Monday: Salisbury steak, potatoes, gravy, winter mix vegetables, pickled beets, applesauce, cookies

Activities
Tuesday
Board meeting at 1 p.m.
Pinocle at 1 p.m.
Snack bar at 6 p.m.
Bingo at 7 p.m.

Wednesday
Aerobics at 11 a.m.
Pinocle at 7 p.m.

Thursday
Pinocle at 1 p.m.
Foot clinic, sign up
Blood pressure check

Friday
Aerobics at 11 a.m.
Pinocle at 1 p.m.
Senior of the month award

Monday
Aerobics at 11 a.m.

Richfield Senior Center

Thursday: Bean soup, sliced ham sandwich, green salad, apple pie, orange juice, milk, coffee

Monday: Pork patties, gravy, mashed potatoes, Japanese stir fried vegetables, orange juice, milk, coffee

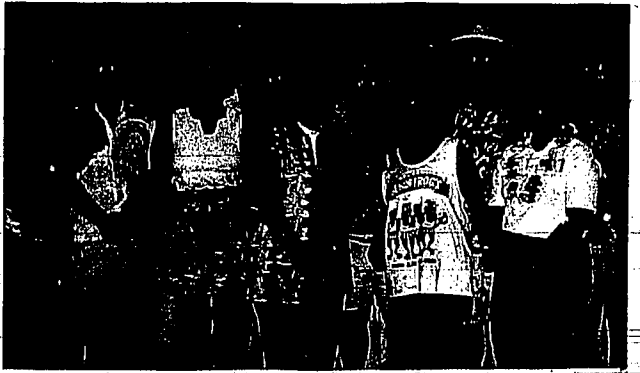
Shoshone Senior Center

218 N. Rail St. W., Shoshone

Tuesday: Beans with ham, fried potatoes, carrot salad, muffins, cinnamon rolls, orange juice, milk, coffee

Wednesday: Potato soup, turkey salad, sandwich, BINGO at 6 p.m.

GOOD MORNING, SUNSHINE



With a tropical theme, the Optimist Club of Twin Falls welcomed its board of directors at its annual meeting. Members are, from left, front: Larry Evrton, Darrel Mason, Patty Skaza, Jean Comstock and President Robyn Stanhope; back: Ed Hildison, Chris Whitten, John Head, Stan Nulle, Orion Stearns, Dave Maestas and Archie Goodman. The public is invited to attend meetings, which are held at noon Thursdays at Mandarin House. Members say their goal is to make life better for children and it also is a fun group of active community leaders. For more information, call Robyn at 734-7803 or Chris at 733-4441.

Filer library announces additions

FILER — Recent additions to the Filer City Library include:

"Windy City Blues" by Sara Paretsky, "The Twisted Root" by Anne Perry, "Washington Square" by Henry James, "The Sky Fisherman" by Craig Lesley, "Shattered" by Dick Francis, "Cold Hater" by Ed McBain, "McMurry's Rolly" by Vincent Lardo, "The Inheritance" by Tom Savage, "The Alchemist" by John Gribble, "The Devil's Code" by John Sandford, "Stalker" by Faye Kellerman, "The Carousel" by Richard Paul Evans, "Merrick"

by Anne Rice, "Drowning Ruth" by Christina Schwarz, "Prodigal Summer" by Barbara Kingsolver, "Disobedience" by Jane Hamilton, "Edge of Honor" by Gilbert Morris, "Suncatchers" by Jamie Langston Turner, "Serenity" by Bette Nordberg, "When Joy Came to Stay" by Karen Kingsbury, "Beneath a Dakota Cross" by Stephen Bly, "Shadow — Of — Legends" by Stephen Bly, "Rebird" by Janice Graham, "And Then You Die" by Iris Johansen, "On This Rock" by Ralph McInerney, "The

Magician's Wife" by Brian Moore, "The Weight of Water" by Anita Shreve, "Bridesmaids Revisited" by Dorothy Cannell, "The Remorseful Day" by Colin Dexter, "The Stanislawski Brothers" by Nora Roberts, "Wish You Well" by David Baldacci, "Journey" by Danielle Steel, "Boone's Lick" by Larry McMurry, "Temptation" by Jude Deveraux, "Winter Range" by Claire Davis and "The Last Precinct" by Patricia Cornwell.

The Filer City Library is located at 219 Main St. in Filer.

COMPUTERS AND TECHNOLOGY

Digital devices pervade Vegas show

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Interested in a gadget that can tell if your spouse is lying to you? How about a skillet that tells you when it's reaching the proper temperature? Or an electronically sealed box that accepts deliveries for you?

From satellite car radios to a digital camera wrist watch, products on display at the Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas promise a future with more bells, whistles and portable convenience than ever before.

The annual trade show that opened Saturday and runs through Tuesday has more than 1,000 exhibitors, and 110,000 people are expected to attend, according to the Consumer Electronics Association.

Manufacturers and dealers are banking on consumers continuing to gobble up electronic products. Sales of DVD players, camcorders, MP3 players and other portable electronic devices hit a record \$9.1 billion in the last year in the United States, the association said. Sales were up 10 percent from 1999, and are expected to reach \$9.6 billion in 2001.

Amazon.com Chief Executive Officer Jeff Bezos said consumer electronics is the online store's fastest-growing segment. Strong sales of such devices, including digital assistants, helped make electronics the company's second-highest revenue generator in 2000, he said.

Electronics items are soon expected to surpass books as the company's biggest draw, he said. "They're perishable items," Bezos said. "The shelf life is short,



People pass by the Direct TV exhibit Sunday at the Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas.

and people have to keep getting the latest product." Microsoft chairman Bill Gates kicked off the show on Saturday by unveiling his company's new gaming console, the Xbox, which promises graphics more real and real-time than anything that's come before it.

Among the other products consumers can expect to see this year:

• Ultra fan y wristwear: Samsung's Watch Phone tells time, saves voice memos and is a mobile cell phone that can be dialed by voice command. A new Casio wrist watch is touted as the first wearable digital camera and holds up to 100 images.

• Super Audio CD (SACD) players: Pioneer's Elite Services DV-

AX10 is a combination CD and DVD player. Philips is also entering the market with its SACD-1000 product.

• MP3 music players for cars: Rio claims its car sizes can store enough digital music files so that someone could drive from Los Angeles to New York City more than 10 times without listening to the same song twice. Vioceon says its MP3 car radio can store up to 10 hours of music.

• Web appliances: These devices are designed to fit under a kitchen counter or to be carried around the house to provide wireless Internet access. One offering is Sony's Airboard, a touch-screen tablet that allows users access to the Web and e-mail while they watch TV from almost anywhere

inside their homes.

• Satellite car radios: More than 18 models of car radios feature AM and FM radio as well as up to 100 radio channels via satellite, according to XM Satellite Radio.

• SmartMedia's DDL Player: A compact receiver for Internet radio stations and a CD player for home stereo systems.

• Nokia's Media Terminal: A "home infotainment" set-top box that receives digital TV and video-on-demand, plays MP3 files or connects to a digital camera, and offers Internet access.

• Harman Kardon's DMCI00 Digital Media Center: A product with high-speed Web ability for streaming video and audio, a built-in DVDCD player and a 30-gigabyte hard drive that can store up to 10,000 songs in the compressed MP3 format.

• The Truster: A small, portable lie detector that uses voice recognition technology to sense when a person is telling a lie.

• A digital French skillet by Digital Appliances that can display on the pan handle beeps to alert the cook when the pan's target temperature is reached. A digital recipe book is included.

• SmartBox by Brivo: A washing-machine-sized container that acts like a 24-hour doorman to receive packages. Delivery persons punch in a product-specific code to open the digitally locked box, which automatically e-mails or pages the owner about the arrival.

• An electronic towel dispenser from Bens Electric Appliances of China that provides moist towels, either hot or room temperature.

Gates unveils Xbox game console

LAS VEGAS (AP) — After years of development, Microsoft unveiled its highly anticipated Xbox gaming console Saturday, promising three times the graphics, performance of its rivals and enough power to create real-time shadows, facial emotions and images previously only seen in movies like "Toy Story."



Bill Gates hands of the artist.

The demonstration brought whistles from the standing-room-only crowd at the annual Consumer Electronics Show, where in past years Americans were introduced to the VCR and the DVD player.

In an Xbox game called Malice, displayed on a jumbo screen for the crowd, a little red-haired girl named Alice moved around to squash 3-D-like insects, with her shadow following her and glare reflecting off her eyes.

"There's a revolution about to take place in game consoles," said Microsoft chairman Bill Gates, the show's keynote speaker.

He said the Xbox, due out in the fall, would liberate game developers from performance constraints they now face in other devices, putting "the power in the

hands of the artist." The sleek black machine, bearing a big lime-green Xbox logo, is Microsoft's first foray into the gaming arena currently occupied by Sony Corp., Nintendo and Sega.

Sony, which recently released its PlayStation 2, leads the pack with more than 75 million of its PlayStation machines sold worldwide, according to the Gartner Group research firm. More than a quarter of American households have a PlayStation, compared to Nintendo's 14 percent penetration and Sega's 6 percent.

Constant AOL upgrades too much for old PCs

By James Cortes
Chicago Tribune

Q. I've tried suggestions from every tech person I could find, but nothing has solved the problem. I use Windows 95 and AOL. After I spend any appreciable time on the Internet, my "system resources" abruptly drop to zero. Unless I reboot, the system freezes. Why does this keep happening? How can I stop it? —Steven L. Stern, Millburn, N.J.

A. You can blame your problem on America Online, whose bosses have somewhat arrogantly decided to continually upgrade whatever AOL software is running on any computer that logs on to the service. Virtually all AOL users are familiar with this process, which after they sign off from AOL, a window pops up announcing that it is updating the software.

As the upgrades get more complex, many older machines can't handle them as well as they once could. Since you are running a now-antique—Windows—95

Computer Q & A

machine, you probably started out with the AOL 3.0 software, and over the years the software onboard your machine has been continually upgraded until it incorporates much of the current AOL 6.0.

Since AOL 6.0 is designed for optimum use on today's Pentium III-level machines, it clearly is more than your PC's resources can accommodate. Only two solutions come to mind, and one of them is to drop your AOL subscription and try a less resource-hungry Internet service provider. You may be able to get by, however, by making sure that the only software running when you go online is America Online itself.

If that doesn't work, and if you just got to have your AOL, the only solution is to cave in to the computer industry's planned obsolescence and purchase a new computer.

Q. My computer will not let me complete the disk defragmenting

that Microsoft says will efficiently rearrange the data on the hard drive so that it can be accessed as quickly as possible. I set my computer up through Scheduled Tasks so that it would run the disk defragmenter once a week. When it runs, it only defragments about 3 percent and then starts over with 0 percent but never gets past the 3 percent. What is the problem? —David Weiss, Tampa, Fla.

A. Welcome to the club of millions of frustrated Windows users who experience the same glitch, Mr. W. That's because almost every user of Windows is running some kind of program that frequently activates the drives, and any time any program causes the hard drive to spin it disrupts the process of defragmentation. When that happens, and it happens to nearly everybody, the defrag module included in Windows is forced to start over again.

This is because defragmentation amounts to having the computer rearrange all the data on

the hard drive so that each executable program's code is placed nearby where the hard drive gets read first, and information such as text files, pictures and such get stacked further away. To do this the computer copies information from one part of the drive into memory, then erases the cleared up space and moves the code that needs to be read first to the newly freed space where the drive's reading mechanism will find it quickest.

With that in mind, I'm sure you can see why any attempt by other software to move the hard drive confuses the defragmentation process and forces it to stop and start over again. The best way to get past this is to restart your computer in what is called Safe Mode, where no added software can run in the background, and then run the defragmentation from there. Most computers will go into Safe Mode if you hold down the left control key during a reboot. Some machines require you to press the F8 key. If neither of those work, check your manual.

Proposals to stem junk e-mail do not get far

By Paula Felpe
The Dallas Morning News

Twenty-five years ago, when the Internet consisted of less than a half a dozen networked computers, mimos among its pioneers discussed the potential problem of online junk mail.

Today, that unsolicited e-mail is known as spam and is as much a part of online life as rebooting and computer viruses.

Ranging from a mild imposition to a major frustration, the electronic influx of unwanted and unsolicited e-mail has become such an issue that it has state and federal government

officials scrambling for some sort of appropriate legislation.

Apparently no closer to a solution today than it was 25 years ago, the public has mostly been left to fend for itself.

"There's not a whole lot that people can do," says Patrick Burleson, an Internet systems developer for Picasso Software in Richardson.

Responding to the mass mailings just confirms that your e-mail account is active, "and you'll end up getting even more junk mail," Mr. Burleson says. "They're pretty ruthless about it. Spammers' make telemarketers look like saints."

Firewalls can keep Internet intruders at bay

Knight Ridder News Service

Ron Trepanier knew that the Internet could be a dangerous place, but it wasn't until he installed a personal firewall that he realized his home computer was coming under daily attack.

The mechanical engineer, who lives outside Toronto, recently documented 30 attempts to gain access to his PC through his high-speed DSL connection during a single week.

As broadband Internet access becomes more common, cyber-trespassers are increasingly taking advantage of the speedy,

"always on" connections to probe for unprotected machines. "People can come in, they can steal, modify or put things on your computer," warns Sam Curry, security architect for McAfee.com, a provider of security software. "They can cause your system to reboot or not talk properly on the Internet."

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WORLD

Lawyers of terrorism suspects rest case

BERLIN - After mounting almost no defense, lawyers for two Libyans accused of the bombing of Pan Am 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland, in 1988 abruptly ended their cases Monday, indicating that they plan to argue that the prosecution failed to present sufficient evidence to secure a conviction.

Two alleged Libyan intelligence operatives, Abdelbasset Ali Mohmed Al Megrahi, 48, and Al Amin Khalifa Fhimah, 44, who were turned over by their government, are accused of murder and conspiracy in the bombing, which killed 259 people on the plane and 11 people on the ground. They deny the charges.

World In Brief

violence had sharply diminished and the government of President Laurent Gbagbo appeared in control.

Ivorians can heave a sigh of relief. Interior Minister Emile Boga Doudou said on state television. "Their country has not experienced another coup d'etat."

Ivorians, however, did not seem convinced. Streets were almost deserted in much of Abidjan, Ivory Coast's main city, apart from soldiers brandishing guns.

Two bodies, one in civilian clothes and the other stripped to his underwear, lay by a highway on the edge of downtown. At least six more bodies were outside the state television offices in the exclusive Cocody suburb.

Boat carrying Cuban refugees arrives in Costa Rica

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica - A boat packed with 22 Cubans seeking political asylum in Costa Rica has arrived at the Central American nation, the first to come here

from the communist country in four years.

Officials said the group - between the ages of 14 and 60 - came ashore late Saturday on a stretch of Caribbean coast near Limon, 80 miles east of San Jose, the capital. Police discovered the refugees on Sunday.

Pope John Paul II receives Congressional Gold Medal

VATICAN CITY - Pope John Paul II was awarded the Congressional Gold Medal on Monday, joining a select list that also includes George Washington, Bob Hope and Mother Teresa.

U.S. House and Senate leaders presented the medal to the pontiff during a ceremony in the Apostolic Palace's fresco-covered 17th-century Clementine Room. The legislation to award John Paul II the medal honors the 80-year-old, Polish-born pope for using "his moral authority to hasten the fall of godless totalitarian regimes."

"May your influence be as strong in the 21st century as it was in the 20th century," House Speaker Dennis Hastert said.

The medal is the highest civil

Somalia parliament speaker comes out of hiding

MOGADISHU, Somalia - The speaker of Somalia's parliament emerged from two days of hiding on Monday and accused neighboring Ethiopia of masterminding an attack on his entourage that left at least nine people dead and dozens more injured.

A delegation led by speaker Abdalla Derow Issak, which included a government minister and seven legislators, was ambushed Saturday by more than 200 Rahanweyn Resistance Army gunmen, reportedly backed by Ethiopia, in Tieglow, 185 miles northwest of Mogadishu.

The speaker and government officials were forced to flee on foot and had not been heard from until they contacted reporters in the capital through VHF radio early Monday.

"Ethiopia has masterminded the attack," Issak told reporters from Tieglow after the gunmen withdrew from the town, allowing his safe return.

- compiled from wire reports

Barak says outlook for accord is uncertain

WASHINGTON (AP) - Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak endorsed President Clinton's proposal that the Palestinians establish their capital in Jerusalem but said "there is more uncertainty than certainty" about whether a peace agreement can be concluded by Jan. 21.

Apparently undeterred by widespread disapproval in Israel of his dovish positions on Jerusalem, territorial concessions and displacement of most Jewish settlers, Barak said Monday the agreement would enhance Israel's standing in the United Nations and help it "face the uncertainties down the street."

He also sent his security chief, Gen. Uzi Dayan, to Washington to meet Wednesday with Sandy Berger, the president's assistant for national security, and with officials at the Pentagon.

The Clinton administration is helping Israel with security measures in hopes of thwarting terror attacks and bolstering confidence so Israel can take risks for peace with the Palestinians.

In Jerusalem, some 100,000 Israeli Jews turned out to pledge their allegiance to Jerusalem as the bedrock of their faith and against Barak's apparent willingness to cede control to the Palestinians of contested holy sites in the city.

Barak, on a video hookup from Jerusalem to the Council on Foreign Relations, an American think tank, said if Israel does not reach an accord with the Palestinians along the lines of Clinton's formula "sooner or later we will be dragged into another round of violence."

The prime minister is counting on an extended period of calm to improve his chances of selling the framework to a skeptical Israeli public. But first, he said, Yasser Arafat must accept it.

The Clinton plan falls short of the Palestinian leader's demand for recognition of a right for millions of Palestinians to relocate in Israel the ground that they or their ancestors were expelled when the Jewish state was established more than half a century ago.

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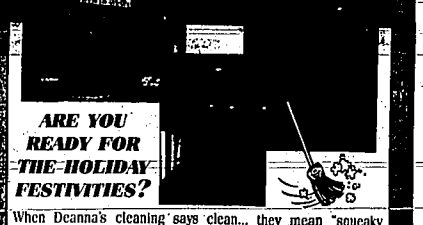
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Fund raising continues after nomination

WASHINGTON (AP) — Two days after President-elect Bush named Don Evans to his Cabinet, a letter bearing the commerce secretary-designate's signature was sent to Republican donors seeking new money for the presidential transition.

A spokesman said Monday night that Evans, who helped Bush raise a record \$100 million during the campaign, approved the letter before he knew he was being nominated but it did not get mailed out until Dec. 22.

Commerce secretary-designate raises more money despite federal changeover funds

That was two days after Evans' nomination was announced and 11 days after the General Services Administration released \$5.3 million in federal money to pay for the changeover of power in the White House.

"Mr. Evans has neither reviewed or approved a single piece of fund-raising mail since he was asked by President-elect

Bush to serve as commerce secretary," Evans spokesman Donald Tynes said.

Common Cause President Scott Harshbarger said a Cabinet nominee shouldn't be raising funds from people who may seek help from his agency.

"It puts the person being solicited in a very awkward position to say no to a Cabinet official

who is personally closest to the president and in the Cabinet position that is perceived to be the advocate for business and the place you go where you want to get something done," he said.

"The blurring of those lines is a recipe for serious conflict," said Harshbarger, whose group favors overhauling campaign finance laws.

At the time the letter was sent, the transition committee already had raised \$3.3 million of its \$3.5 million goal for private money.

Historians take note of Bill Clinton's term

WASHINGTON (AP) — After eight years in the Oval Office, Bill Clinton will soon belong to the historians, a cautious breed but one prone to revering reputations and opinions that were once set in stone.

Historical assessments of recent presidents have been subject to interpretation, reinterpretation and challenge. Like the stock market, their standing can move both up and down.

Robert Dallek, author of a two-volume biography of President Lyndon B. Johnson, noted it has been said that writing history is like pressing your nose to the mirror and discovering you don't have much perspective on what the rest of your body looks like.

But some historians place him low on the list of the second termers, perhaps no higher than just above Ulysses S. Grant, whose eight years in the White House were marred by widespread corruption.

"The strong economy during his presidency won't be as big a factor as you might think because economic good times come and go," Dallek said. "The economy doesn't have that kind of durability" when historic assessments are made.

Historians will note Clinton's dismantling of the welfare system — an achievement also claimed by congressional Republicans — and eight years of peace, he said, but they will also note Clinton did not usher in a defining era in foreign policy.

Historian Arthur Schlesinger Jr., interviewed recently in the New York Times Book Review, spoke of Clinton's high intelligence and technical command of the issues.

But Schlesinger added: "He's not a fighter. He lacks self-discipline. He is sometimes too clever by half and he dislikes making enemies ... Bill Clinton, for all his intellectual and magnetic qualities, hates making enemies."

Nominee employed illegal aliens

WASHINGTON (AP) — Christie Whitman, President-elect Bush's nominee to head the Environmental Protection Agency, acknowledged seven years ago that she had provided housing and money to an illegal alien couple.

Whitman made the disclosure as she prepared to run for governor. She released the information because of the national attention that was being paid to Joe Baird, President Clinton's early choice for money manager, for failing to pay social security taxes for a husband and wife from Peru who worked respectively as her driver and nanny.

Linda Chaver's nomination to be labor secretary is now being questioned because of an illegal alien who stayed in her home and received money.

Explosion destroys three-block area

TRUTH OR CONSEQUENCES, N.M. (AP) — The blackened wreckage of several campers and mobile homes littered a three-block area Monday after an unoccupied pickup truck rolled across a street and hit a propane tank, touching off a pair of fiery explosions that turned night into day.

Seventeen people were treated for minor burns or smoke inhalation.

Agnes Kottick and a friend got up from their card game and went to another room to investigate a noise coming from the night.

"I saw a terrible light through the glass door," the 75-year-old woman said. "Then we heard a second explosion and that's when all the windows blew."

The second explosion shattered glass all over the dining room table where the women had been playing cards. Neither was injured.

A half-dozen mobile homes were demolished and a gas company building was destroyed, along with campers that were parked at a storage area and were not in use at the time.



The pickup had been parked at a gas station but rolled across the street to the Cortez Gas Co. propane tank, State Police spokeswoman Royleen Ross-Weaver said.

Investigators were trying to determine how the pickup moved on its own. Ross-Weaver said Monday. The driver was being interviewed. No immediate charges were filed.

A firefighter douses hot spots in Truth or Consequences, N.M., Monday following a propane explosion.

Gas leaking from the tank exploded in a fireball, igniting a smaller tank nearby.

The blasts knocked William Brown the ground in a church parking lot.

"A piece of a door came winging through the air and almost decapitated me," said Brown, 42. The fireballs "just got progressively brighter and brighter and brighter. It looked like three daylight."

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Trustee's Sale No. 02-9W-21323
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Twin Falls at Pocatello, 7 p.m. Bonneville at Jerome, 7 p.m. Valley/Buhl at Gooding, 6 p.m. Raft River at Glens Ferry, 6 p.m.

Girls' high school basketball

Rigby at Minico, 6 p.m. Richfield at Camas County, 6 p.m. Bliss at Carey, 4:30 p.m. Deltrich at Shoshone, 6 p.m. Oakley at Murrah, 6 p.m. Gooding at Wood River, 7:30 p.m.

Hansen at Raft River, 6 p.m. Wendell at Buhl, 4:15 p.m. Filer at Kimberly, 6 p.m. Idaho City at Glens Ferry, 6 p.m.

ISDB at Ketchum JV, 6 p.m.

Boys' high school basketball

Wood River at Valley, 7:30 p.m. Bliss at Carey, 7:30 p.m. Hansen at Raft River, 6 p.m. Richfield at Camas County, 7:30 p.m.

Hagerman at Castleford, 6 p.m. Kimberly at Declo, 4:15 p.m. ISDB at Ketchum JV, 7:30 p.m. TFCA at MVC, 7:30 p.m.

IN BRIEF

ISU football assistant Uperesa heads to USC

POCATELLO - Idaho State University offensive coordinator and offensive line coach Keith Uperesa resigned Monday to become the offensive line coach for new coach Pete Carroll at the University of Southern California.

Bengals head coach Larry Lewis announced that quarterbacks coach Aaron Price will fill the offensive coordinator position. In Uperesa's two seasons as offensive coordinator at Idaho State, the Bengals scored 88 touchdowns and 674 points - the most ever over two seasons in ISU's 99-year football history.

Uperesa is the second coach to leave ISU in the last four days. Running backs coach Dave Brown left to coach linebackers at his alma mater, California Polytechnic State University.

Las Vegas Speedway hosts racers' workshop

LAS VEGAS - A two-day workshop for all owners, drivers, pit crew members and anyone interested in learning the nuts and bolts of the racing industry will be held Jan. 20-21 at the Las Vegas Motor Speedway. Former NASCAR Winston Cup crew chief Larry McReynolds will be a featured speaker at the workshop, along with several representatives from the automotive and specialty racing parts industries.

Cost is \$149 per day if registered before or on Wednesday, \$169 after Wednesday or on the door. For more information call (702) 245-5659 or e-mail at racerworkshop@hotmail.com.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

TRIVIA ANSWER

The Dallas Mavericks' Christian Laettner.

Lattes and layups

Starbucks chairman nears deal to buy Sonics

The Associated Press

SEATTLE - The Seattle SuperSonics are close to being sold for a reported price of \$200 million to a group headed by Howard Schultz, the chairman of the Starbucks coffee chain.

The seller is Barry Ackerley, who bought the team for \$16 million in 1983. The sale could be announced by the end of this week, a league source told The Associated Press on condition of anonymity.

It would be the first sale of an NBA franchise since Mark Cuban bought the Dallas Mavericks last year for \$280 million.

*The Ackerley Group does not

comment on rumors, but as its corporate strategy and commitment, we are continually evaluating different strategic alternatives with respect to all of our assets, including possible acquisitions, sales or divestitures," Ackerley's company said in a statement.

Starbucks spokeswoman Cheri Libby said the coffee company is not buying the team, but she said she could not speak for Schultz. Several messages left on his

office phone were not immediately returned.

ESPN reported the sale price as \$200 million.

The NBA Board of Governors would have final approval over the sale, and a vote could be held at its next meeting March 29-30.

The team could lose as much as \$10 million this season, according to a financial analyst.

Their sales at the Sonics have softened recently, sort of a residual effect of the (1998-99) lock-

out," said Keith Fawcett, analyst for Merrill Lynch in New York who tracks The Ackerley Group. Ackerley held season tickets for six years before he bought the team, but now rarely attends games. He could not be reached for comment Monday.

Ackerley, 65, underwent an unspecified cardiac procedure in April. He also had two heart attacks in 1991 and underwent quinine bypass surgery.

The Ackerley Group, a media and entertainment company, owns 17 television stations, five

radio stations and 6,200 billboards throughout the country, operates the Sonics and is struggling WNBA Seattle Storm through its Full House Sports and Entertainment arm.

Forbes magazine listed the Sonics' value at \$187 million in a recent ranking of NBA franchises.

Schultz joined Starbucks as head of marketing in 1982 and went on to buy the company in 1987 with the backing of local investors.

He increased the company from 17 retail cafes to its present 3,300 around the world, 37,000 employees and annual sales of more than \$1.6 billion.

AGAINST THE ODDS

Four remaining NFL teams started out year as long shots

By Dave Goldberg The Associated Press

When NFL training camps opened last summer, the Minnesota Vikings were 12-1 to win the Super Bowl, a figure that pretty quickly jumped to 30-1 because they were going with untested Daunte Culpepper at quarterback.

The other Super Bowl semifinalists faced even longer odds: Oakland at 35-1, the New York Giants at 50-1 and Baltimore at 60-1.

That's life in the salary cap era: The four remaining teams were 33-1 last season and only the Vikings made the playoffs.

Two trends for these playoffs: defense wins and so does home field. Home teams have won seven of the eight games and even Oakland and Minnesota, whose defenses were suspect going in, won this weekend because they played decent defense - the Raiders' 27-0 win over Miami marked the first time the Dolphins had ever been shut out in the postseason.

Two more things: The last time the Super Bowl was played in Tampa was 10 years ago, when the Oilers beat the Oilers 20-19. Remember Scott Norwood? The only other Tampa Super Bowl was in 1984. The Raiders won it, beating the Redskins 38-9. Remember Jack Squirek and Marcus Allen?

Please see NFL, Page D2

Road to the Super Bowl

NFC Championship game Minnesota (12-5) at New York Giants (13-4), Sunday, 10:30 a.m. (FOX)

AFC Championship game Baltimore (9-4) at Oakland (13-4), Sunday, 2 p.m. (CBS)



The Baltimore Ravens, led by linebacker Ray Lewis (above), have used a strong defense rather than offense to earn a spot in the AFC championship game. While odds-makers picked the Minnesota Vikings as long shots to make the NFC title game with Daunte Culpepper (left) at quarterback.

Major League moves

Gonzalez, Jones to let deadline pass; Baines ups with Sox

The Associated Press

NEW YORK - Juan Gonzalez seemed set to sign with Cleveland, while Johnny Damon, Ben Grievie and Roberto Hernandez were dealt Monday in the biggest trade of the offseason.

The nine-player trade sent Damon from Kansas City to Oakland, moved Grievie from the Athletics to Tampa Bay and sent Hernandez from the Devil Rays to the Royals.

"This is a dimension that this team hasn't had for the last two years," Oakland GM Billy Beane said of the speedy Damon. "We haven't had this type of player probably since Rickey (Henderson) was in his prime."

Catcher A.J. Hinch and reliever Cory Lidle were the only other major league players in the deal. Gonzalez faced a Monday night (EST) deadline passed for him to re-sign with the Detroit Tigers. Six other free agents also faced the deadline to re-sign with their former teams but only one agreed to return, with designated hitter Harold Baines accepting a minor league contract offered by the Chicago White Sox.

Please see MOVES, Page D2.

Pitino calls it quits, O'Brien takes over as Celtics' coach

The Associated Press

BOSTON - In college and the pros, from Hawaii to the Big East, Rick Pitino always won.

Until he came to Boston. The master motivator with the magic touch resigned as coach and president of the Boston Celtics on Monday, 3.5 seasons after he was brought in to revive a franchise that once had been the NBA's proudest. He forfeited some \$20 million left in his contract.

Pitino's legacy: a 102-146 record and a history of roster churning that left the team straggled under the salary cap and unable to find its groove.

"It has been a great privilege to coach the greatest basketball tradition in sports," Pitino said in a statement released by the team. "I wish we could have accomplished more between the lines, but I am proud with the efforts of my staff and players."

Jim O'Brien, Pitino's longtime assistant, was appointed interim coach, starting with Monday night's game against the Portland Trail Blazers, the top team in the Western Conference. He was given a generous ovation when he was introduced before the game.

Please see PITINO, Page D2

Goodbys' Workshop

Rick Pitino resigned as coach and president of the Boston Celtics on Monday. His assistant, Jim O'Brien, was named interim head coach. Here is a look at his coaching career.

Table with columns: Year, Team, Wins, Losses, Pct., Regular season, Postseason, Wins, Losses, Pct.

College

Table with columns: Year, School, Wins, Losses

Highlights: Led Kentucky to the Final Four three times (1983, 1986, 1987) in eight seasons. Won 1996 NCAA title in his seventh year at Kentucky.

Source: National Basketball Association, compiled from AP wire reports

It's unanimous

Stanford back on top in latest AP poll

The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO - Stanford played basketball for 85 years before getting its first No. 1 ranking last season.

Now, the Cardinal are making it a habit.

Stanford (13-0)

returned to the top of The Associated Press' college basketball poll thanks to a big victory at Arizona on Saturday followed by Indiana's upset of previous No. 1 Michigan State on Sunday.

The Cardinal went from second to first, while the Spartans dropped to No. 3 behind Duke.

"I think we're in a good spot in the standings, but more importantly, we're playing good basketball," said Stanford coach Mike Montgomery. "Tucson is a very tough place to win, and we haven't done it much in my time here. I like what this weekend

Table with columns: Rank, Team, Record, Pts, Pts Pct

says about the direction we're going. The Cardinal who went to No. 1 twice last year for a total of five weeks, received all 70 first-place votes and 1,750 points from the national media panel. Stanford, which also won at Arizona State last week, was also the last unanimous No. 1 when it earned the distinction on Feb. 28, 2000.

Duke (13-1), whose only loss this season came on Jacobson's jumper with 3.6 seconds left in Stanford's 84-83 victory over the Blue Devils in the Pete Newell Challenge last month, moved from third to second and had 1,667 points.

Michigan State (12-1), which held the top spot for two weeks

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SPORTS

Free throws propel Buhl girls past Bruins

By Nathan Jerke Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The Buhl girls' basketball team didn't score a field goal throughout the fourth quarter, but the Bruins still pulled out a 41-35 road win over Twin Falls on Monday.

Katie Williamson scored 11 points to lead the Indians (9-5). Kerr-Coats poured in a game-high 14 points for the Bruins (7-9), who dropped their third straight game.

Defense took hold in the third, as each traded turnovers for baskets. But neither team could get a strong hold until the fourth when Twin Falls started to capitalize on Buhl mistakes for a brief 31-30 lead.

But foul troubles ended the Bruins run however, as Buhl went into the double bonus early in the fourth quarter and capitalized by missing only four of 16 attempts. The Indians finished 19-of-26 from the foul stripe. Twin Falls went only 4-of-6 from the free throw line.

Camas County edges Huskies 52-51

The Times-News

HANSEN - A three-foot jump shot rimmed out with three seconds left in the game as visiting Camas County held off Home (4-6) 52-51 on Monday.

in the last quarter," said Huskies coach Brandy Swallow. Josh Wre had a game-high 18 points for the Musher Dogs.

Chase Funk had 14 points and Derek Davis scored 13 to lead Hansen.

Idaho School for the Deaf and Blind 57-26 on Monday. Ja'Me Jennings scored 14 points and Rebecca Tarango 12 to lead the Indians.

Trail Blazers spoil debut of Celtics' coach, 98-90

BOSTON (AP) - Steve Smith hit two 3-pointers in a 42-second span in the fourth quarter to give the Trail Blazers the lead and help Portland beat Boston 98-90 Monday night in the Celtics' first game under coach Jim O'Brien.

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It was the eighth consecutive victory for Portland. Boston has lost six in a row and 12 of the last 15, a skid that convinced coach Rick Pitino to declare his building plan a failure earlier Monday and resign.

Stoudamire had 21 points and eight assists for Portland. Paul Pierce scored 25 points, and Antoine Walker had 17 with 11 rebounds for the Celtics.

Antawn Jamison scored 27 points for Golden State, which has lost three of its last four games.

Mavericks 104, Bulls 91 CHICAGO - Michael Finley had 30 points, 10 rebounds and six assists as Dallas set a franchise record with its sixth straight victory.

Lemieux road show wins at Washington, 5-3

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Mario Lemieux comeback show hit the road Monday night, and it's still a smash hit. In his first road game since ending his 3.5-year retirement, Lemieux won a face-off to set up Ian Moran's game-winning goal in the 12:33 to play as the Pittsburgh Penguins beat the Washington Capitals 5-3.

career hat-trick, his first multi-goal game of the season for the Penguins. Adam Oates, Peter Bondra and Ulf Dahlén scored for the Capitals.

allowing only a third-period goal - as Dallas beat New York. Ed Belfour stormed out of a pregame skate Saturday in Boston after a dispute with coach Ken Hitchcock and was suspended on a Sunday.

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NFL

Continued from D1 They won't admit it but the Saints (3-13 last season) and the Eagles (5-11) had wonderful seasons. They were the "just glad to be here" teams and they made it to the second round. Even the Eagles' Andre Reid acknowledged that after the 20-10 loss to the Giants on Sunday. "We established ourselves this season," he said. "We have a lot to build on."

1997, they won the toss, took the 35-yard wind, scored 14 quick points and beat Washington 17-6. The Vikings and their fastback offense are not built for the Meadowlands in January. But in half-decent weather (that's the best it will be), New York can't do to Culpepper what it did to Donovan McNabb. That's because McNabb has no other weapons. Culpepper has Smith to run and Carter and Moss to catch.

defensive coordinator, vs. Sherman Lewis, the Vikings' offensive coordinator. "The Vikings' offense is better than the Vikings' defense. But the Giants' defense has had trouble this season with aerial offenses that feature good receivers. Prediction Watch the Weather Channel.

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Three years ago, the Vikings beat the Giants 23-22 in a playoff game at Giants Stadium when New York blew a 9-point lead in the last two minutes. But the catch has changed. The Vikings didn't have Moss; the Giants had Danny Kanell at quarterback, not the more adept Kerry Collins.

Baltimore (14-4) at Oakland (13-4), 2 p.m. MST. Reasons the Raiders can win: Rich Gannon, Tim Brown, Andre Rison-James, Darrell Allen, Charles Woodson, Darrell Russell.

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SPORTS IN BRIEF

Bills ax Phillips for refusing to fire assistant

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. - Exactly a year later, the "Music City Miracle" is still wreaking havoc on the Buffalo Bills. The Bills axed coach Tom Donaghy for refusing to fire assistant coach Phillip Phillips, who was hired in the wake of the Jan. 8, 2000, loss to Tennessee that eliminated the Bills from last year's playoffs.

Lions hire Millen but keep mum on position

PONTIAC, Mich. - Former NFL linebacker and TV commentator Matt Millen was hired Monday for a front-office job with the Detroit Lions. But team chairman and president William Clay Ford refused to give any details of the hiring, although the Lions had tentative plans for a news conference today.

Wizards' Strickland faces third DUI charge

WASHINGTON - Washington Wizards point guard Rod Strickland was arrested early Sunday and charged with driving drunk on the George Washington Memorial Parkway in Virginia, marking the third time in three years that he has faced driving under the influence charges.

Utah's Russell to miss Pacer game

SALT LAKE CITY - Utah Jazz forward Bryon Russell will sit out tonight's game against the Indiana Pacers after he sprained his right ankle and sustained a small avulsion chip on his right knee during Saturday's game against Houston.

Rally driver loses foot in explosion

RABAT, Morocco - A land mine exploded in Mauritania during the Dakar Rally on Monday, blowing off the left foot of a Portuguese driver in a support car.

WNBA Phoenix Mercury hire Cooper as coach

HOUSTON - Retired Houston Astros star Cynthia Cooper was hired Monday to coach the Phoenix Mercury of the WNBA. Cooper will replace Cheryl Miller, who resigned in December after four years on the job.

Pitino

Continued from D1 O'Brien was coach at Wheeling Jesuit College from 1982-87 and at Dayton from 1989-94, leading the Flyers to a 22-10 record and an NCAA berth in his first season. He had been Pitino's assistant at Kentucky and with the New York Knicks.

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No. 15 Pirates persevere over Irish Clippers snap skid against Lakers

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) - Scott Hall ripped a rough 48 hours with his biggest win of his career...

The 15th-ranked Pirates overcame the loss of suspended freshman star Eddie Griffin to beat No. 25 Notre Dame 78-76 Monday night...

Darius Lane bounced back from the worst game of his career to lead the Pirates (11-3, 2-1 Big East) with 22 points...

Oklahoma St. 88, No. 18 Iowa St. 80 (OT) STILLWATER, Okla. - Maurice Baker and Fredrick Johnson...

Women's Top 25 No. 5 Duke 70, Florida State 73 TALLAHASSEE, Fla. - Alana Tills hit 23 points...

College basketball that put Duke ahead 48-39. Rochelle Parent added 12 points...

North Carolina 71, No. 16 Clemson 70 CLEMSON, S.C. - Juana Brown scored North Carolina's last six points...

Chrisy Floyd hit a long 3-pointer with 0.3 seconds for the Lady Tigers (14-4, 2-2)...

By Tim Brown Los Angeles Times

Piatkowski, seven years a Los Angeles Clipper, raised his arms. The rest of the town celebrated a Clipper victory...

"Don't get me wrong," Clipper Coach Alvin Gentry said. "It's a great win. Not because we're here in the same town, but because they're the world champions."

Clippers end streak

The Los Angeles Clippers ended a 16-game losing streak to the Los Angeles Lakers in their final meeting of the 2000-2001 regular season.

Table with columns: Date, Winner, Loser, Score. Shows Clippers ending a 16-game losing streak against the Lakers on Jan. 7.

at the expense of the city's basketball faithful. The Clippers won with an Urkel-sized point guard and a center with a body painted to look like the side of a 1977 Econoline...



AD Clippers' Alvin Gentry (left) and Steve Nash (right) celebrate the team's victory over the Lakers.

Capriati honing game for Aussie Open

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) - Jennifer Capriati, intent on getting into "immaculate condition," beat Russia's Tatiana Panova 6-4, 3-6 Monday...

In a rain-interrupted late match, seventh-seeded Amanda Coetzer of South Africa rallied past Denisa Chladkova 3-6, 6-2, 6-2.

In the men's draw, No. 6 Sebastian Grosjean of France defeated Richard Fromberg of Australia 7-5 (3), 6-2, and No. 8 Younes El Aynaoui of Morocco was ousted by Gianluca Pozzi of Italy 7-5, 6-4.

SCORES AND STATS

IN THE BLEACHERS By Steve Moore



"It's a tragedy. They show up every year at the end of football season. Recently I fired head coaches, with nowhere to go."

BASKETBALL

NBA Standings table showing Eastern and Western Conference rankings for various teams like Philadelphia, Cleveland, and Detroit.

CAVALIERS 82, NETS 80

NEW YORK (AP) - The Cleveland Cavaliers won their second straight game by beating the New Jersey Nets 82-80...

AP Men's Top 25

Table of AP Men's Top 25 college basketball rankings, including Duke, Florida State, and North Carolina.

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ON THE AIR TELEVISION

Table listing television broadcasts for college basketball games, including USC at Washington and Syracuse at Rutgers.

STARS 2, RANGERS 1

DALLAS (AP) - Stars goalie Mike Leighton made 20 saves to help the Dallas Stars defeat the New York Rangers 2-1...

ATP Heineken Open

MOSCOW (AP) - Andrei Kolmogorov won the ATP Heineken Open in Moscow by defeating Nikolai Pietrangeli...

WCHL Standings

Table showing WCHL Standings for various teams in the Western Conference Hockey League.

Monday's NBA Boxes

Table providing box scores for NBA games on Monday, including Philadelphia at New Jersey and Miami at Orlando.

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WASHINGTON (AP) - The Washington Redskins have signed quarterback Steve Watson to a new contract...

FLORIDA (AP) - The Florida Marlins have signed pitcher Greg Maddux to a new contract...

COMICS

Classic Peanuts



For Better or For Worse



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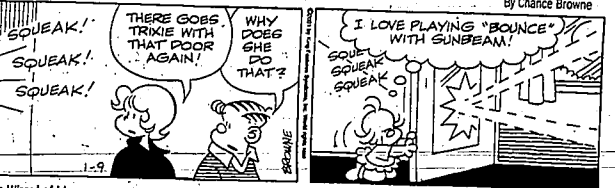
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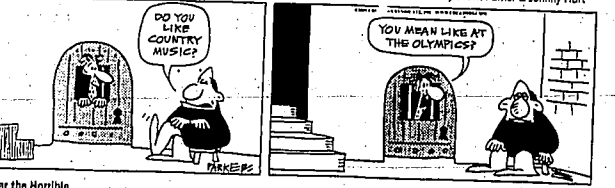
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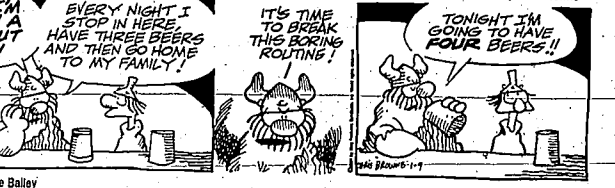
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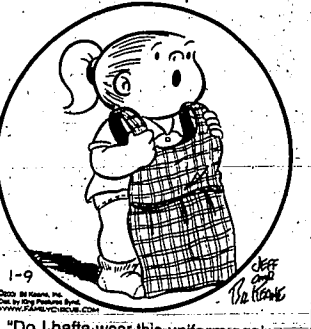
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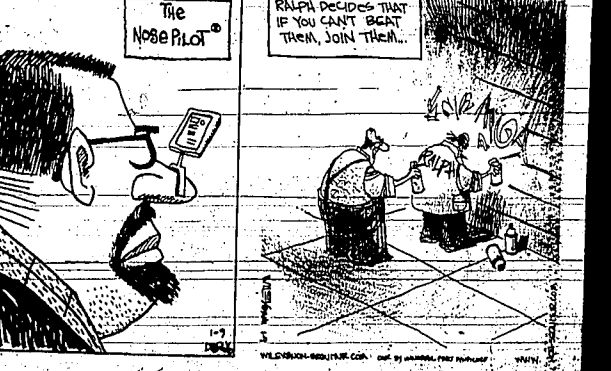
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