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# Redeveloping downtown

## Public will hear update in tonight's presentation

By John T. Huddy  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** — Roundabouts, loft housing and better parking. Those are just some of the ideas for downtown, presented to the City Council by Tom Hudson Monday.

Hudson, a Moscow-based consultant, met with the City Council at its Monday meeting to discuss downtown merchants' ideas — and his own — for downtown Twin Falls.

"You either have two choices to emphasize in the future," Hudson said Monday. "You can

**Interested?**  
Moscow consultant Tom Hudson will make a public presentation on his downtown revitalization findings at 6:30 p.m. today at the Obenchain Building.

emphasize sprawl or emphasize density."

He recommends emphasizing density — clustering businesses in the downtown core.

The city hired Hudson last year to do a six-month study on restoring Historic Old Towne Twin

Falls to its traditional strength as a core.

Hudson has met several times with city officials, discussing research issues such as land use and traffic circulation. He and two others last week interviewed more than 30 people with various perspectives on downtown and Old Towne and met with city and Business Improvement District leaders.

Hudson is putting the final touches on a report that will describe his findings throughout the six-month study. That report should be ready in about a month.

But Monday was the council's chance to hear his findings so far. And a meeting tonight will be a chance for residents to hear ideas for downtown and Old Towne.

Some of those ideas include more nightlife and entertainment opportunities, loft housing and roundabouts.

"Lofts provide residences for certain types of persons that would like the convenience of being downtown," Hudson said. "Your downtown offers a truly viable choice for living in the 21st century. Some people don't

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# Farm workers to testify

## House committee takes up controversial minimum wage issue

By Michael Jounese  
Times-News writer

**BOISE** — Lawmakers expect a full house today when they take testimony about applying the minimum wage to Idaho's mostly Hispanic farm workers.

If past sessions are an indication, today's gathering will include emotional testimony from farm workers and their advocates, saying the bill doesn't go far enough in extending minimum wage laws to agricultural workers — the largest-of-just-a-few groups specifically exempted from the law.

But the bill's sponsor, Rep. Doug Jones, R-Filer, expects there will be plenty of testimony from farm laborers favoring the measure because of the flexibility it allows piece workers. Such workers aren't paid by the hour, but by the number of beet rows hoed or bushels of apples picked.

The bill's detractors denounce it as a "cosmetic" measure that will do nothing.

Precisely mirroring the federal Fair Labor Standards Act's provisions for agricultural workers, the measure was written by an interim study committee that the Legislature created last winter.

It ensures that workers at operations employing 500 man days of labor or more in a calendar quarter — or the equivalent of seven full-time workers — receive the federally guaranteed \$5.15 per hour minimum wage.

The problem, advocates say, is the federal law excludes about 40 percent of the state's farm labor because they don't work for an operation that logs 500 man days per quarter. The new law, they say, would not extend minimum wage protection to any farm workers who don't already have the protection under federal law.

Jones sees the study committee's work as a compromise that should be embraced as a step forward in the farm workers'

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## ALL'S CLEAR



Larry Tate, a maintenance worker at the College of Southern Idaho, uses a leaf blower to blow snow off the sidewalks at the campus. No snow is forecast in Twin Falls today, but snow showers could return on Friday and Saturday.

BRUCE SHIELDS/The Times-News

# Miracle baby

## Rescuers find child still alive in rubble

The Associated Press

**BHUJ, India** — The discovery of a living 8-month-old baby — covered in his dead mother's blood but cradled in her lap — on Monday captured the heartbreak and the singular miracles of India's killer earthquake.

The rescue was rare cause for hope following the earthquake, which killed at least 6,200 people

and as many as 20,000 — or more. Damage was estimated at up to \$5.5 billion. India's prime minister acknowledged Monday that his country was ill-prepared for disasters.

In the case of the miracle baby, doctors said the warmth of his mother's body helped him survive three days in the ruins of a collapsed building in Bhuj's Kansara Market.

"We saw the baby in the mother's lap, we saw some movement from the baby," said R.K. Thakur, a Border Security Forces assistant commandant. "I took the baby in my hand and I found it was alive."

The boy, Murta Ali, was rushed to a medical center, surviving relatives were found, and the child was conscious and smiling, Thakur said, adding, "It was miraculous."

There are few even partly find endings in western India these days.

Survivors complained Monday that confusion and a lack of equipment was hampering rescue efforts. Rescuers lacked cranes and bulldozers, and many units did not even have generators, making night work impossible without lights.

# Auto maker announces layoffs

## Six plants will be idled

The Associated Press

**AUBURN HILLS, Mich.** — DaimlerChrysler is eliminating 26,000 jobs at its money-losing Chrysler division in the most dramatic sign yet that the 1998 merger of the German and American automakers is not working out.

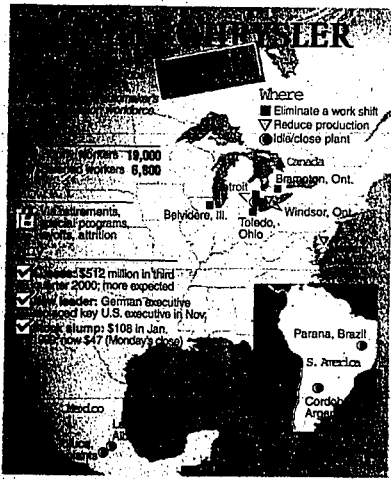
Under the plan announced Monday, Chrysler will cut one-fifth of its global work force over the next three years and idle six plants.

Dieter Zetsche, a German who was named Chrysler's president and chief executive in November to stem the losses, called the moves painful but necessary in the face of "brutal" competition and slack U.S. sales.

Chrysler posted a third-quarter loss of \$512 million and warned that its fourth-quarter loss could be more than \$1 billion.

The job cuts involve 19,000 hourly workers and 5,800 on salary. Zetsche said he expects a large part of the job cutting to be done through retirement programs, with others phased out through layoffs and attrition.

Laid-off members of the United Auto Workers union will get 95 percent of their take-home pay for the duration of their contract, which ends in 2003.



# Bush orders easing of rules for religious groups

The Associated Press

**WASHINGTON** — President Bush, challenging traditional notions about separation of church and state, opened the door Monday for religious groups to receive government money for their work.

He directed his attorneys to address, prisoners, the homeless and more.

"We will not fund the religious activities of any group, but when people of faith provide social services, we will not discriminate against them," the president said.

By his signature on a pair of executive orders, Bush created a White House Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives — with counterpart offices in five Cabinet-level departments — that will facilitate competition by religious groups and charities for a share of the billions of dollars that the government pays out for social services.

On Tuesday, during a visit to



President George W. Bush

northeast Washington's FLSHINING School, a special youth center. Bush planned to unveil the legislation he will submit to Congress opening all federal grant programs to participation by religious groups. His proposals will also include tax incentives, a liability protection to encourage more charitable giving, aides said.

"Problems like addiction and abandonment and gang violence, domestic violence, mental illness, and homelessness — we are called, by conscience to respond," Bush said during Monday's signing ceremony in the White House's Indian Treaty Room.

"As long as there are secular alternatives, faith-based charities

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# FORECAST FOR MAGIC VALLEY

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### IDAHO

**Idaho Extremes**  
**Yesterday:**  
 High 43°  
 Low 19°  
 High/Low last year 51°/19°  
 Record High 81° in 1996  
 Record Low -7° in 1990

**Precipitation**  
 24 hours ending 5 p.m. yesterday: trace  
 Month to date: 0.02  
 Normal month to date: 1.03  
 Year to date: 0.03  
 Normal year to date: 1.03

**Humidity**  
 Yesterday at noon: 100%  
**Barometric Pressure**  
 Yesterday at 9 a.m.: 30.01 in.

**Pollen yesterday in Twin Falls:**  
 Grass: Absent  
 Weeds: Absent  
 Trees: Absent  
 Mold: Absent

### ALMANAC

**Twin Falls through 5 p.m. yesterday**  
**Temperature**  
 High/Low: 24°/13°  
 Normal high/low: 37°/22°  
 Record high: 51° in 1996  
 Record low: -7° in 1990







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**Source:** Asthma and Allergy of Idaho

### FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR TWIN FALLS

TODAY	TONIGHT	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 Brist and cold with times of sunshine.	 Partly cloudy and cold.	 Patchy fog, then clouds and some sun.	 Area of fog, then partly sunny.	 Mostly cloudy with snow and rain possible.	 Mostly cloudy; chance of snow.
▲ 28°	▼ 16°	▲ 32° ▼ 18°	▲ 40° ▼ 26°	▲ 38° ▼ 28°	▲ 35° ▼ 24°

### REGIONAL WEATHER

**Southern Idaho:** Patchy fog or low clouds this morning, then a mixture of clouds and sunshine this afternoon. Partly to mostly cloudy tonight. Patchy fog, then partly sunny tomorrow.

**Boise:** Cold today with clouds and times of sunshine. Cold tonight with patchy clouds. Cloudy to partly sunny tomorrow with patchy morning fog.

**Northern Nevada:** High pressure moving into southern Oregon will promote dry weather and a mixture of sunshine and clouds across northern Nevada today; it will remain cold. Partly cloudy and cold tonight.

**Northern Utah:** A few snow showers in the east this morning; otherwise, cold across northern Utah today with clouds and some sunshine. Cold tonight with patchy clouds. Partly sunny tomorrow.

**Northern Idaho:** Mostly cloudy today; there will be some snow showers, especially across the mountains. Mostly cloudy tonight with occasional snow. Mostly cloudy tomorrow; perhaps a rain or snow shower.

### NATIONAL WEATHER

High 78° in Fort Myers, FL Low -32° in Wisdom, MT

















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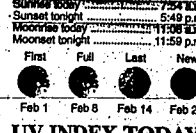


### SUN AND MOON

**SUNRISE** 7:25 a.m.  
**SUNSET** 5:49 p.m.  
 Moonrise today: 11:06 a.m.  
 Moonset today: 11:59 p.m.

Phase	Feb 1	Feb 8	Feb 14	Feb 23
First				
Full				
Last				
New				

### UV INDEX TODAY



### NATIONAL CITIES

City	Hi	Lo	Hi	Lo	City	Hi	Lo	Hi	Lo
Atlanta	67	42	69	43	Chicago	61	38	64	41
Baltimore	42	29	43	24	Columbus	52	34	53	35
Boston	48	37	49	34	Dallas	58	40	60	42
Buffalo	48	37	49	34	Denver	48	32	49	33
Charlotte	58	39	59	34	Detroit	42	34	43	29
Chicago	61	38	64	41	Houston	68	48	70	49
Cincinnati	52	34	53	35	Indianapolis	48	32	49	33
Cleveland	42	34	43	29	Jacksonville	65	48	67	51
Dallas	58	40	60	42	Kansas City	57	34	58	31
Denver	48	32	49	33	Las Vegas	62	34	63	34
Detroit	42	34	43	29	Los Angeles	67	58	68	53
Houston	68	48	70	49	London	52	43	53	44
Indianapolis	48	32	49	33	Los Angeles	67	58	68	53
Jacksonville	65	48	67	51	Phoenix	62	43	63	44
Kansas City	57	34	58	31	Portland	57	39	58	34
Las Vegas	62	34	63	34	Raleigh	64	41	65	44
Los Angeles	67	58	68	53	San Antonio	68	50	69	45
London	52	43	53	44	San Diego	63	42	64	45
Los Angeles	67	58	68	53	San Francisco	57	34	58	31
Phoenix	62	43	63	44	Seattle	46	34	47	31
Portland	57	39	58	34	Tucson	69	50	70	45
Raleigh	64	41	65	44	Washington	52	39	53	34
San Antonio	68	50	69	45	Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, th-thunderstorms, r-rain.				

### CANADIAN CITIES

City	Hi	Lo	Hi	Lo
Calgary	18	-18	20	-17
Edmonton	12	-22	15	-25
Halifax	22	29	23	30
London	11	-1	12	0
Montreal	17	3	18	4
Ottawa	18	4	19	5
Regina	22	8	23	9
Saskatoon	21	7	22	8
Vancouver	38	28	39	29
Victoria	14	6	15	7
Winnipeg	16	0	17	-7

### WORLD CITIES

City	Hi	Lo	Hi	Lo
Auckland	12	7	13	8
Bangkok	87	61	88	62
Berlin	45	32	46	33
Bombay	82	62	83	63
Buenos Aires	64	47	65	48
Calcutta	75	54	76	55
Hong Kong	69	50	70	51
Jakarta	34	28	35	29
London	43	36	44	37
Los Angeles	70	58	71	59
Moscow	26	-18	27	-19
Paris	58	32	59	33
San Francisco	57	40	58	41
Seoul	34	22	35	23
Sydney	18	12	19	13
Tokyo	46	34	47	35
Washington	34	27	35	28
Zurich	30	20	31	21



### REGIONAL CITIES

City	Hi	Lo	Hi	Lo
Boise	30	16	31	17
Bonnara Ferry	29	15	30	16
Butler	24	10	25	11
Coeur d'Alene	34	20	35	21
Elko	25	11	26	12
Englewood, OR	48	34	49	35
Hagerman	29	16	30	17
Idaho Falls	21	7	22	8
Kalispell, MT	31	18	32	19
Lewiston	38	24	39	25
Malden	27	14	28	15
Malta	29	15	30	16

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**Randy Hansen AUTO PLEX**  
 Poleline At Blue Lakes North.

## Bush quietly sends drug plan to Congress

**Plan would help elderly with costs**  
**The Washington Post**

**WASHINGTON** — President Bush kept a campaign promise to move swiftly in asking Congress to give states money that would help poor, elderly Americans pay for prescription drugs. But the proposal he sent to Capitol Hill on Monday might have little chance of withstanding the skepticism it has stirred among crucial lawmakers.

The president's proposal would create temporary "block grants" to states if they have their own

drug subsidy program, dispensing roughly \$12 billion each of the next four years that would be funneled to Medicare patients with low incomes and to a relatively small group of other Americans who spend the most money on medicine.

Bush has portrayed his plan, dubbed during his campaign "An Immediate Helping Hand," as a speedy way to inject help for older people who have the greatest difficulty affording medication. But critics in Congress, including the chairmen of two key committees who met with the president Monday, contend his approach would reach too few people and predict it would weaken momentum for deeper

Medicare reforms.

As he left the White House mid-afternoon, Senate Finance Committee Chairman Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, said lawmakers who favor Bush's initiative "are doing the president a disservice."

Grassley said the president's plan "keeps the heat on Congress" as it wrestles with the politically volatile issue of Medicare. But he and House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Bill Thomas, R-Calif., said Congress should work, instead, on broader efforts to modernize the nation's insurance system for the elderly and to keep it solvent.

Administration aides said the drug plan would require about \$48 billion over four years, the same amount cited by Bush when he issued the plan as a campaign proposal last September. But aides also said Monday the cost could increase or decrease by the time the White House completes its first budget.

Bush — using a strategy he also has employed on the divisive issue of school vouchers and tax cuts — tried to mute congressional opposition to his drug proposal by signaling he might be willing to compromise. The five-page proposal forwarded to the Hill said the block grants would expire automatically end in less than four years if Congress enacted broad Medicare reforms that included prescription drug coverage.

## Watergate conspirator testifies on break-in

**BALTIMORE (AP)** — G. Gordon Liddy testified about the Watergate break-in for the first time Monday, insisting burglars were seeking photos linking the future wife of Nixon White House counsel John Dean to a call ring, not political intelligence for the 1972 presidential campaign.

Liddy said a floor plan of the Democratic Party headquarters showed him he had been deceived about the true mission of the burglars.

"I said to myself, 'Oh, my God,' he testified. "My eyes opened."

Liddy arranged the botched burglary at the Watergate office building that led to President Nixon's 1974 resignation. His testimony in the defamation case here marks the first time in 28 years he has testified about the break-in.

Liddy said he had instructed the burglars to bug the offices of Democratic National Committee Chairman Larry O'Brien. However, the FBI later found the tap on the phone of DNC official



Spencer Oliver, who had an office on the other side of the hall.

Liddy said he put two-and-a-half together after being shown the DNC floor plan and interviewed by Len Cohan, an author doing research for a 1991 book, "Silent Coup," which linked Dean to a call ring inside the DNC.

Dean has called claims that he masterminded the break-in "baloney" and said there is no evidence of a call ring at the DNC.

The floor plan showed Oliver's office faced a hotel across the street where an eavesdropper was monitoring phone calls. The wiretap could only transmit to a wiretap in the line of sight, meaning O'Brien's office could not have been the true target, Liddy said.

## Wage

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struggle.

Reps. Ken Robison, D-Boise, David Bieter, D-Boise, and Tom Trail, R-Moscow, have a competing measure that completely eliminates the exemption for agricultural workers in the state's minimum wage law.

Idahoans for Farm Worker Minimum Wage, a Boise-based activist group, will hold a rally at

**12:40 p.m.** today on the State Capitol steps, denouncing the study committee's bill and supporting Robison, Bieter, and Trail's bill.

Elimination of the exemption has been the advocates' top legislative goal for four years. A similar measure was introduced and defeated last year, and Trail

floated the idea was floated as an option to the study committee, which rejected it.

Jones and Gov. Dirk Kempthorne, as well as ag industry representatives, support the study committee's bill.

Because most farm laborers are Hispanic, many activists are claiming the Legislature's reluctance to include them under the minimum wage umbrella is

## Bush

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and, according to several participants, joked: "If this was about politics, this room would be kind of empty, if you know what I mean."

Religious leaders of varied faiths and political backgrounds — a Catholic nun in her blue habit, a Muslim imam in his turban, an Orthodox Jew in his yarmulke — surrounded Bush for a "spritzing" after they were interviewed by Walters Fautroy and Floyd Flake, both of them prominent black Democrats.

In a private meeting beforehand, Bush, who was opposed by nine of every 10 black voters in November, assessed the group

gested that, before the idea is aggressively pursued, a computer model of potential roundabout traffic flow be created to show whether a roundabout would indeed help traffic flow at Five Points.

City Engineer Gary Young said a roundabout at the fountain area at Main Avenue and Second Street South would be a feasible idea to start with. A roundabout there would help traffic flow on Main Avenue, while giving residents the experience of a roundabout.

Hudson, among the topics discussed at Monday's council meeting, will also present his recent

## Downtown

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want to have to mow the lawn."

Another idea presented by Hudson was putting roundabouts in downtown — perhaps at the "Five Points" intersection of Blue Lakes Boulevard and Addison Avenue. A roundabout is a circular intersection where

traffic flows in one direction around a central island. Hudson said roundabouts help alleviate traffic congestion at intersections and are safer for pedestrians.

But some council members questioned the idea for a Five Points roundabout.

Councilman Lance Clow sug-

survey of downtown merchants to the public at tonight's meeting.

Merchants were asked about their thoughts and feelings about downtown, including the advantages and disadvantages of having a store there. Most merchants were satisfied with downtown, Hudson said.

But many of those surveyed expressed the same concerns, including parking and business retention, he said.

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**LOTTERY UPDATE**

Saturday, January 27, numbers

**POWERBALL**  
 8 19 32 41 45  
 POWERBALL NUMBER 37

Saturday, January 27, numbers

**WILD CARD 2**  
 8 9 11 17 20  
 WILD CARD: Jack of Spades

Monday, January 29, numbers

**PICK 3 Idaho**  
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Play the new Idaho Survivor scratch game and watch the CBS series "Survivor" on Thursday, February 1, at 7:00p.m. for the FIRST keyword!

# Cheney studies power crunch

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush, voicing alarm that California's energy crisis is "spilling over its borders," directed Vice President Cheney and several Cabinet members to develop a plan for the federal government to "act boldly and swiftly."

Bush, assembling the group in the Cabinet room Monday, said he wanted a strategy on "how best to cope with high energy prices and how best to cope with reliance on foreign oil, how best to encourage the development of pipelines and power-generating capacity in the western U.S."

Secretaries Paul O'Neill of Treasury, Don Evans of Commerce, Spencer Abraham of Energy, Anna Veneman of Agriculture, and Norman Mineta of Transportation were seated



Vice President Dick Cheney

around the table to work with Cheney. Top energy officials were dispatched to see governors of Western states affected by the power crunch.

Bush said those governors who recently visited with him and Cheney are "deeply concerned about the situation spreading beyond the California borders and so are we," the president said.

"And so, the task force that's being assembled will not only deal with the very short-run issue dealing with the West, but obviously

the longer-term issues that will be confronting our country throughout unless we're willing to act boldly and swiftly, which we will do."

Cheney, appearing on the Sunday TV talk shows, blamed California's energy problems on "a flawed deregulation scheme" and said cumbersome state regulations have prevented any major power plant construction over the past decade.

The problem has prompted Bush to extend-Clinton administration directives that force outside power suppliers to keep shipping electricity to California's debt-ridden utilities.

"They should expect no more help from the White House," said Bush's top economic adviser, Larry Lindsey. "It's not that we

don't want to give them the help. If we could send thunderbolts into the electric grid to run electricity, we would do it. We can't," he said on CBS' "Face the Nation."

Added Cheney: "We're prepared to do those things that we need to do, but the basic problem in California was caused by California."

He said on ABC's "This Week" that the problem was caused by "a flawed deregulation scheme" in California, where the regulatory process is "so long and drawn-out in terms of getting permission to build anything that there haven't been any major power plants built in California in the last 10 years—even though power consumption is up by 20 percent."

# Former first lady to vote against Ashcroft

WASHINGTON (AP) — The senior Democrat on the Senate Judiciary Committee and former first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton became the latest senators Monday to say they will vote against John Ashcroft's nomination to be attorney general.

Sen. Patrick Leahy of Vermont, who chaired four days of hearings on President Bush's nomination of Ashcroft, cited the Republican former Missouri senator's views on civil rights, homosexuals, abortion, guns and the role of judges.

"John Ashcroft's unyielding and intransigent positions on many issues raise grave doubts both about how he will interpret the oath he would take as attorney general to enforce the laws... and about how he will exercise the enormous power of that office," Leahy told the Senate.

But Leahy also said he would not support a filibuster against Ashcroft, as once suggested by Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass. Senate Democratic leader Thomas Daschle of South Dakota, also has said he would not support a filibuster but has not disclosed how he will vote on the nomination



Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton

Clinton, D-N.Y., said at a news conference that Ashcroft's "record and his views placed him on the distant shores of American jurisprudence."

The Judiciary Committee is expected to vote as early as Tuesday, and Senate Republican leader Trent Lott has said the full Senate might vote Thursday.

Meanwhile, the liberal People for the American Way planned full-page advertisements Tuesday in USA Today, The New York Times and nine other newspapers aimed at senators in Connecticut, the Dakotas, Maine, Louisiana and Wisconsin.

# Transplanted Texans learn the bitter price of presidential victory

WASHINGTON (AP) — From rent to groceries to galoshes, the new president's men and women here are discovering what Bill Clinton's Arkansians at other presidents' aides learned before them: Washington is one expensive town.

Faced with sticker shock at almost every turn, the transplanted Texans are having to make Lone Star State size adjustments.

"I came here with a budget, but my first day here, I realized my budget doesn't exist in this city," said Adam Goldman, a political aide to George W. Bush when he was governor and now associate director of the White House Office of Public Liaison.

In all, 200 to 300 Texans who worked in the Bush campaign have moved to Washington.

Austin, where most of them lived, is at 100 on a Money magazine cost-of-living index ranking 32 cities from cheapest to most expensive. Washington is 300, not far behind cost leader New York City. For comparison, Miami is at 248, Chicago 267, Los Angeles 307.

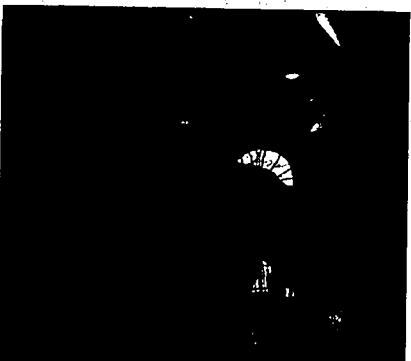
Reed Dickens, a staff member in the White House press office, says he heads to a local grocery with his roommate just to get a kick out of the prices. "Everything you touch there is \$6.99, at least twice what it's worth."

New White House staffers say they adjusted their rent expectations upward by \$200 to \$300—only to realize they needed to double that adjustment.

"I came up here with the naive assumption you could find a nice place to live for \$500-\$600 a month," said Dickens. Now he's paying \$950 across the Potomac River in the Crystal City area of Arlington, Va., and that's half of a \$1,900 rent he shares with his roommate.

"Part of his problem was that he started in mid-December, after the Supreme Court decision settling the election for Bush. "Landlords kept on saying 'You waited too late.' What could we do?"

There are sticker shocks in



Amanda Moore works in the White House Brady Briefing Room Friday. Moore is among those who followed President Bush from Texas only to discover sticker shock over the cost of living increase at every turn.

wartime expenses as well. "Two years on the campaign, my uniform was khaki pants and Nikes," said Amanda Moore, Bush's deputy director of scheduling. "Before coming here, I bought a bunch of suits."

Dresser wear alone doesn't cut it—there's the consideration of an average annual 16 inches of snow, instead of just one inch in Austin.

"Walking back from the inauguration in my dress shoes with leather soles, I realized why friends advised me to get galoshes," Goldman said. "I had to leave them out for two days."

He bought the galoshes, and is planning to get a heavy winter coat to replace the rain slicker he brought with him.

Then there's eating out, the principal sustenance of people adjusting to 12-hour workdays. "I consider myself lucky if I find a restaurant with a \$15 entree," Goldman said, and that's \$5 more than he was used to paying in Austin.

Staffers would not reveal their

salaries. Former Clinton administration aides said an equivalent press officer in their White House would have made \$25,000 to \$35,000, a senior liaison officer \$55,000 to \$75,000 and the scheduling deputy about \$100,000.

Dickens said he was getting paid only marginally more than he did when he worked in the Bush campaign's treasury office; Goldman said he took a 15 percent pay cut.

It's not just the pocketbook that shocks—Washington's pace does as well.

"I never had to think about getting dry-cleaning done, going to the bank," Dickens said. "These were things that you did on your way to work."

Now, the 23-year-old has to schedule time for small errands in a busy work week.

"I'm paying my 17-year-old brother to come up this weekend to buy furniture for me. I just don't have the time." Does he trust a teen-ager's taste? "I don't have a choice."

# Senate confirms Elaine Chao as labor secretary

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate approved Elaine Chao as labor secretary Monday, placing her at the helm of the agency that deals with labor issues such as working conditions and the minimum wage.

The Senate had planned to vote on Chao's confirmation Tuesday, but Sen. Craig Thomas, R-Wyo., went to the floor Monday afternoon and asked that the nomination be approved by voice vote.

Chao was warmly welcomed during confirmation hearings before the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee last week.

During the hearing, Chao was questioned about increasing the \$5.15 hourly federal minimum wage by \$1 per hour. Bush has said he favors the increase, but only if states are allowed to opt out. "I support that," Chao said.

She also was questioned about workplace safety rules the Occupational Safety and Health Administration issued in November that would require new ergonomically designed furniture and equipment in many of the nation's workplaces.

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# Bush won't challenge Clinton's pardons

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush said Monday he was troubled by the pardon that his predecessor granted fugitive financier Marc Rich, but said he has decided not to attempt to revoke it.

"I am troubled by the decision the president made. I would not have made the decision," Bush told reporters Monday in the Oval Office. "But nevertheless, after the president, he had the right to do so, to make that decision, and he did. And I'm going to protect that privilege not only for me but for future presidents as well."

"A president's right to grant such pardons is inviolate, as far as I'm concerned," he said.

"It's an important part of the

office," Bush said. "I am mindful not only of preserving executive powers for myself, but my predecessors as well. And that's why I made the decision."

Bush's lawyers had explored the possibility of revoking the pardon for Rich, who had influential ties to the Clinton White House. His family was a major donor to Democrats, including Hillary Rodham Clinton, who won her Senate campaign in November.

White House spokesman Ari Fleischer did not say which attorneys looked into Bush's options and under whose orders.

"The lawyers just started looking into things... It began with the Justice Department and the lawyers, as lawyers do, they ask

questions and think about things."

Fleischer added that no formal legal report on the issue was presented to Bush.

Rich, indicted in 1983 by a federal grand jury on charges of evading more than \$48 million in income taxes, has been living in Switzerland.

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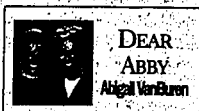
# Grandma shouldn't care for kids for free

**DEAR ABBY:** The letter from "A Grandma or a Doozm?" whose daughter expects Grandma to babysit for free and not be reimbursed for the cost of snacks, prompts my own.

Forty years ago, I paid my mother \$23 per week to watch my two young children nine hours a day, five days a week. She even washed their diapers for me. I knew I was getting a bargain and was glad to pay.

Today, I watch my two grandchildren five days a week for \$20 a day. I do the ironing and pick them up at school. My children let me know that they appreciate my efforts.

Good day care is hard to find at any price. The daughter who was reluctant to help pay for snacks is wrong to resist. The \$10 a week Grandma asked is too little. She has to be home every day and cannot make other plans. It is a job. Finding a baby-sitter who will provide the type of child care that a grandmother gives is nearly impossible. Shame on that daughter. She should have been



**DEAR ABBY**  
Abigail VanBuren

paying since the beginning.

**-MIDWEST GRANDMOTHER**

**DEAR MIDWEST GRANDMOTHER:** You're right that the daughter should have been paying her mother from the beginning. However, I have been advised that when baby-sitting is treated as a job - and money changes hands - there are tax liabilities.

Both the daughter and her mother should make sure they follow the tax laws to the letter, so Uncle Sam won't come knocking on their doors with his hand out. Read on.

**DEAR ABBY:** The daughter who leaves her child with Grandma and expects it to be

"free" should wake up. Her dollars a week is an unearned bargain for child care.

I work for my daughter at her day care. I am paid minimum wage. The parents pay nearly \$100 a week per child. Their kids get breakfast, lunch and two snacks a day. In addition, they learn manners, geography, the alphabet, music, art, gardening, animal care, cooking and more. These little kids are reading and counting to 100 before kindergarten, and they love it. We also give the children "hugs" and "loves." A safe environment while the parents work is so important these days. That daughter should be ashamed, and Grandma needs to toughen up and join the 21st century. Haven't they heard? There are no free lunches these days! Thank you for letting me vent.

**-GRANDMA T, TACOMA, WASH.**

**DEAR GRANDMA T:** The children in your daughter's day-care center are lucky. They are learning to interact with peers at an

early age. They are receiving affection and unconditional attention, and being intellectually challenged and stimulated. I'm sure they're more than ready for kindergarten by the time they get there. Nor every child is so fortunate.

**DEAR ABBY:** I was married to a woman for 15 years, and then she left me for another man. We have been divorced for more than a year now.

I have always been close to her sister, and we would like to co-locate. The problem is, even though she really wants to, she's afraid it's wrong because I was married to her sister.

Abby, we would appreciate your advice on this matter, and will wait for your opinion before making a final decision.

**-CONFUSED IN TENNESSEE**

**DEAR CONFUSED:** Since you are a free man, and you two have always been close, I see no reason why you shouldn't date and enjoy some happiness together.

# Gore's legacy gets closer to launch

**Chicago Tribune**

**CHICAGO** - Even now that former Vice President Al Gore has lost the official perks of office, technicians at a spacecraft testing facility in suburban Maryland are putting the finishing touches on what could be Gore's eternal legacy.

The building houses a satellite called Triana, which Gore literally dreamed up during a restless sleep in 1998.

His idea was to place a spacecraft in orbit far enough away from Earth to get continuous images of the entire globe - a feat impossible with existing satellites because they are too close.

Now, after years of wrangling over what Republicans in Congress derided as "Gore's screen saver," the much altered, \$135 million project appears to have survived political ambush-

es, rising costs and intense scientific scrutiny. It is slated for launch early next year.

Although the scientists building Triana admitted to mixed feelings about the mission's origins, they said Gore's push to observe Earth from deep space could prove revolutionary.

"It's one of the most exciting projects I have had in my life," said Francisco P.J. Valero, principal investigator for the mission and a researcher at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography at the University of California at San Diego. "We are breaking new ground, going into the frontier. It's going to bring us a different view of the world."

The mission has expanded far beyond Gore's original vision. Taking advantage of Triana's unique perspective 1 million miles away, scientists hope to gain insight into global warming by measuring how much energy

our planet absorbs and reflects into space, and to measure worldwide levels of aerosols that affect the ozone layer.

Such goals seem almost tailored for Gore, an environmental advocate once mocked by former President George Bush as "Ozone Man."

Now that Bush's son has thwarted Gore's presidential ambitions, the launch of Triana next year might be seen as the vice president's revenge, albeit a belated one.

But as a villain on "Star Trek" - a sci-fi favorite of Gore's - once said, revenge is a dish best served cold. And it is very cold in space.

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**ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19):** Cycle high, follow your heart and intuitive intellect. People will look to you for leadership. You will be at right place at crucial moment.

**TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20):** Toss aside fears and doubts. Consider journey to foreign land. You could be on brink of amazing discovery. Aries, Libra persons play important roles.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Take cold plunge into future, imprint style. Don't follow others. Moon in your Eleventh House pertains to fulfillment of hopes and desires. Leo represented.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Individual in authority or government representative helps complete mission. Focus on home, property and marital status. Keep diet resolutions.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Laughter will be tonic. Join social group emphasizing entertainment and politics. Experiment. Find out where you are going and why. Sagittarius is in picture.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Be aware of details, solve mathemat-

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**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Creative juices stir. Read, write and teach. Filtration serious, don't think of it any other way. Trip to another town featured. Gemini presents attractive proposition.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Diplomacy required in sale or purchase of property. You could change residence, marital status. Taurus, Libra, another Scorpio figured in scenario.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Play waiting game, but not for too long. There will be promises galore, get them in writing. Element of deception involved. Protect self in clinches.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Your kind of day. Accept challenge of responsibility, added pressure. You win in areas of love, money and health. Cancer, another Capricorn featured.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Make one of your famous predictions. Let go of preconceived notions. Tell the world about the future. Relationship begins or ends - up to you.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20):** Money-making idea is valid, pursue it. What had been lost will be returned. Show gratitude without being obsequious. Leo, Aquarius will play dramatic roles.

# KFC denies note is secret recipe

**SHELBYVILLE, Ky. (AP) -** A handwritten note found in the basement of a home once owned by Kentucky Fried Chicken founder Colonel Harland Sanders does not contain his secret recipe, KFC said Monday.

Restaurateurs Tommy and Chery Settle, who bought the home in the 1970s, found the leather-bound 1964 datebook 16 months ago. It contained a recipe listing 11 herbs and spices in specific proportions.

Tommy Settle wanted to authenticate the recipe in hopes of selling the book to a collector,

and contacted KFC, said the Settle's attorney, Glenn Cohen. KFC responded last week by suing for possession of the book and recipe.

"We thoroughly examined the list of ingredients Mr. Settle threatened to sell through public auction, and it is definitely not the secret original recipe," Amy Sherwood, a spokeswoman for KFC parent company Tricon Global Restaurants Inc., said.

However, KFC did not immediately drop the lawsuit. Calls to KFC were not immediately returned.

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## BRIEFLY IN MONEY

### AARP sponsors free counseling for seniors

**TWIN FALLS** - The American Association of Retired Persons said it is sponsoring free counseling for the elderly, sponsored by AARP and the Internal Revenue Service, will be available throughout the valley from early February through April 16.

Middle- and low-income individuals of any age can also get help. AARP said participants should bring a copy of last year's tax returns and all papers pertaining to their 2000 income.

Local coordinators for Lucile Pritz said the help will be available at these local sites:

- Filer - Filer Senior Center; 1-4 p.m. Fridays; call 326-4608 for appointments.
- Twin Falls - College of Southern Idaho; 3-5 p.m. Thursdays; walk in. Senior Citizen Federation (Spanish); 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesdays and Fridays; call 734-5084 for appointments. Valley Vista Village; 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays; call 733-3500 for appointments.
- Glens Ferry - Three Island Senior Center; 1-4 p.m. Mondays; call 366-2051.
- Kimberly - Ageless Senior Citizen Center; 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesdays (Thursday if needed); call Diane Juliano at 423-4333.
- Hagerman - Senior/community center (Spanish); 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesdays (evenings and Saturdays by appointment); call Bob Wunderle at 837-9178.
- Ball - West End Senior Citizens Center; 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesdays; call Sharon or Susan at 543-4577 for appointments.
- Rupert - Rupert Senior Citizen Center; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Fridays; call 438-6679 for appointments.
- Jerome - St. Jerome's Catholic Church (Spanish); 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays; walk in. Jerome Senior Citizens Center; call Phil and Marina Thomas at 324-5162 for appointments.
- Gooding - Gooding Senior Citizens Center; 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays; call 934-5504 for appointments.

### Aqua Vie to increase production activity

**KEETCHUM** - Aqua Vie Beverage Corp. on Monday said it has entered into an agreement with the West Coast border to increase production capacities to meet product demand throughout the West.

Also, the Keetchum-based company said a portion of the production increase will be allocated to the launch of Aqua Vie's Hydrator line into an international food services distribution system, consisting of about 1,100 distributors worldwide.

Thomas Gillespie, president and chief executive, said that while Aqua Vie experienced only "moderate" sales of about \$600,000 during each of its first and second fiscal quarters, the production increases slated over the next 12 months are expected to result in a dramatic upward trend in revenues.

### Tyson gets OK for IBP buyout; outlook worsens

**KANSAS CITY** - Tyson Foods' planned purchase of rival meat packer IBP - which has ties to the Magic Valley - received a boost Monday when the chicken-processing giant revealed that government antitrust regulators approved the merger this weekend.

The news came as the company reported higher first-quarter earnings than analysts expected but warned that tough conditions in the poultry industry will considerably reduce profits this quarter.

Tyson, the nation's largest marketer of fresh and packaged chicken, said the U.S. Department of Justice had completed its antitrust review of the company's pending \$4.7 billion purchase of IBP.

Buying IBP would make Tyson the nation's biggest head packer and the second-largest pork processor.

Tyson originally had hoped to complete the transaction in February but questions from the Securities and Exchange Commission regarding IBP's financial statements caused Tyson last week to delay its planned share exchange in the deal. The chicken processor also extended its cash tender bid for 50.1 percent of IBP's shares until Feb. 7.

Tyson's deal will align with analysts and investors Monday, John Tyson, Tyson's chief executive, and other company officials declined to answer questions about IBP.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

# OfficeMax to close 50 stores

The Times-News and Bridgetown

**NEW YORK** - Lower sales are forcing OfficeMax Inc. to shut down 50 stores and cut 1,200 jobs, the nation's third-highest office-supply retailer said as it warned investors that it will lose money in its fiscal fourth quarter.

But the chain's Twin Falls store apparently will survive the cuts. After reviewing its nearly 1,000 stores, OfficeMax has identified 50 under-performing stores in 17 states that it will close within the next three months. Idaho was not among those states in a posting on

the company's Internet site.

As a result, the company said, it will take an after-tax charge of \$75 million in its fiscal fourth quarter, which ended Jan. 27.

OfficeMax also warned it will post a loss of 5 cents per share or more for the quarter. Analysts polled by First Call/Thomson Financial had forecast a profit of 2 cents a share.

The retailer blamed lower consumer spending in the United States for the loss. It said sales were particularly low in November and December, when severe winter storms kept potential shoppers at home.

Besides shutting down 50 stores, OfficeMax is scaling back its expansion plans for 2001 to trim costs. The company had previously planned to open 50 stores during the year but now expects to open fewer than 25. In another cost-cutting move, it said it will reduce the size of new stores by 15 percent to 20,000 square feet.

"In light of the significant and widespread economic slowdown the country is currently experiencing, OfficeMax has elected to reduce its new U.S. store opening to focus on anticipated productivity gains from existing stores," said Michael Feuer, chair-

man and chief executive officer.

Most of the new OfficeMax stores that are scheduled to open in 2001 will be in metropolitan markets where the company already operates, Feuer added. By adding stores in existing markets, OfficeMax hopes to reduce advertising and distribution expenses. The company also plans to save money by lowering its inventory levels by \$400 million over the next two years.

"The very good news is that the vast majority of our costly infrastructure initiatives are either 100 percent completed or will be wrapped up in the first half of this

year," Feuer said. He added he expects the company's growth to accelerate in the third quarter of 2001-2002.

OfficeMax and its two bigger rivals, Office Depot Inc. and Staples Inc., have faced a difficult retail environment in recent months. Jan. 3, Office Depot announced it would close 76 stores, or about 5 percent of its stores for at least a year, led 5 percent in the fourth quarter. And last week, Staples cited the economic slowdown when it warned for the second time that fourth-quarter earnings would be below Wall Street expectations.

## AN EYE FOR DECIMALS



A trader keeps an eye on the day's activities at the New York Stock Exchange Monday. All stocks at the exchange, nearly 3,400, that until now had been traded in halves, quarters, eighths and sixteenths were switched to decimals when trading began on Monday.

## Refinance now? Here's how

The Washington Post

The big question nearly everywhere these days is: Is it time to refinance?

With interest rates for 30-year fixed-rate mortgages hovering at around 7 percent, down from a five-year high of 8.64 percent in May, a lot of people are saying "You bet!" and lining up at the refinancing window, according to lenders and brokers.

The line started building in November, after rates dipped to less than 8 percent. When rates fell to less than 7 percent the first week of January, refi fever really caught on. The first three weeks of the month produced the most activity since the refinancing boom of late 1998, when rates were at 31-year lows, the Mortgage Bankers Association of America said.

But this past week, the rate had climbed back to 7.15 percent, and some brokers, including Paul Skeens, senior loan officer at the Fort Washington, Md., office of Carteret Mortgage Corp., said the boomlet was already over for

### Learn more about it - A6

many homeowners.

He expects rates to continue to climb, despite an expected Federal Reserve Board cut in short-term interest rates Wednesday. "If you've got a loan at 8.5 percent or above, you're still a good candidate," he said. "If you have a \$200,000 loan at 8 (percent) or higher, you're still a good candidate. But if you were on the bubble at 7.75 (percent interest) and \$175,000, you've probably already missed it," because the savings from refinancing won't make it worthwhile. Other lenders said Skeens was too pessimistic, that the lines are still forming.

Will rates go up? Will they go down again? Rather than play the predicting game, mortgage lenders and brokers say it makes more sense for homeowners to spend their time deciding if and when refinancing would be right and to get the paperwork lined up.

Will refinancing work for you? It may if your goal is to lower your monthly payment, pay off the mortgage faster, get rid of private mortgage insurance or use part of your home's equity for home improvements, college debts or credit-card payments.

But refinancing's not the answer for everyone, experts said. If you're not planning on staying in your house long, the monthly saving may not be worth the cost of refinancing. If you can't pay your credit-card bills and mortgage payment now, and don't change your spending patterns or you lose your job, using your house to secure consumer debt could end up costing you the house. Some predatory lenders may try to give you a loan that you can't afford to repay.

"Don't do it because everybody else is doing it," said Doug Duncan, chief economist at the MBA. "You need to understand your personal financial situation."

In other words: You've got to do the math. You've got to ask the right questions.

## AT&T earnings fall

### Profits drop by 51 percent in Q4

Bridgetown

**WASHINGTON** - Operating profit at AT&T Corp. fell by more than half in the fourth quarter, and increased competition will leave the telecommunications giant with a weaker result than it had expected in the current quarter.

Operating earnings were \$978 million, or 26 cents per share, down from \$1.7 billion, or 53 cents, a year earlier, as AT&T's long-distance phone business continued to deteriorate. Costs from the integration of the cable company MediaOne Group also weighed on earnings.

Revenue rose to \$16.8 billion in the quarter, from \$16.4 billion a year earlier. The result was in line with analysts' expectations, which had fallen when AT&T issued an earnings warning in December.

Including a \$2.7 billion charge the company took on its investment in Excite @ Home, the Internet service provider, the company lost \$1.7 billion, or 45 cents per share. A year earlier, AT&T earned \$1.15 billion, or 36 cents per share.

AT&T has been reshaping itself for years to deal with a decline in profitability in its long-distance business as competition from other phone companies increases.

"Our results reflect the acceleration of that decline, but also clearly demonstrate that we are successfully scaling our growth businesses," said C. Michael

Armstrong, AT&T's chairman.

In October, AT&T announced it would split into four parts - wireless, broadband, business and consumer - in a move designed to give the businesses the flexibility they needed to boost their market value while letting them keep benefiting from the AT&T brand.

The plan is expected to be completed by 2002, starting with a spin-off of tracking stock AT&T Wireless in mid-2001. AT&T will list a stock to track the performance of its consumer business in the third quarter, and plans a public offering of stock in its broadband business in the fall. The shakeup will leave the business services unit as AT&T's core.

The company said Monday that strong results from AT&T Wireless, the broadband division and the faster-growing parts of the business division helped revenue increase both for the quarter and for the full year. Declining revenue from both the consumer and business divisions' long-distance voice telephony operations offset those increases.

AT&T said it expects cash earnings per share in the range of 17 to 20 cents, excluding interest and income from investments, in the current quarter. Analysts surveyed by First Call/Thomson Financial had expected earnings of 23 cents per share.

For the full year, revenue increased 5.4 percent to \$66 billion, but operating earnings per share fell 22 percent to \$1.63.

Factors related to the restructuring made it impossible for AT&T to estimate its full-year 2001 earnings, the company said.

## Analysts predict cable company will lay off 1,000 or more workers

The Times-News

and Knight Rider News Service

**DENVER** - Analysts speculate AT&T Corp.'s Arapahoe County, Colo.-based cable division may announce layoffs of 1,000 to 2,000 workers soon to cut costs as it prepares for its debut as a publicly traded company.

AT&T Broadband, which employs 53,000 workers nationally, including some in the Twin Falls and Arapahoe-Cassia markets, says they'll trade the assets of its financial performance, analysts say. Later this year, AT&T hopes to issue a tracking stock for the division to track its performance separately.

An AT&T Broadband spokesman declined to comment Thursday. Bloomberg News reported the possibility of 1,000 or more layoffs at AT&T Broadband, citing analysts.

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AT&T Broadband and Phoenix-based Cable ONE Inc., a Washington Post Co. subsidiary, say they'll trade the assets of certain cable television systems in March - almost a year after they announced an agreement to that effect. After the swap, Cable ONE will own cable systems serving subscribers in and around Twin Falls and Burley.

As part of New York-based AT&T's pending separation into five separate companies, AT&T Broadband will gradually split from its parent by issuing the tracking stock this year and spinning off entirely next year.

AT&T also intends to spin off its cable programming arm, Douglas County-based Liberty Media.

In recent months, analysts have

criticized some aspects of the cable division's performance.

In particular, they pointed to its 12.7 percent decline in operating cash flow in the third quarter. Also, the cable division's third-quarter revenue of \$2.4 billion marked an increase of only 10.4 percent from the same quarter a year earlier.

Those figures need to improve, analysts say. If AT&T Broadband wants Wall Street to embrace its tracking stock.

"If they're driving toward efficiency, it would surprise me if there wasn't an opportunity to consolidate operations in customer service and overlapping administrative functions at the headquarters," said F. Drake Johnstone, an analyst with Davenport & Co.

"They don't compare well to Comcast (and other conditions) and Comcast (C.M.P.) in cash flow and revenue," Johnstone said. "And if they're going to take it public, they need to show some improved results."

AT&T Broadband is in the midst of a \$2.2 billion effort to upgrade its cable system to provide more channels and new features such as high-speed Internet access. The division also has pushed hard to achieve rapid growth in subscribers to its digital cable, Internet access and telephone-over-cable offerings.

Patrick Conmack, an analyst with Cowi & Co. said AT&T Broadband most likely has discovered more areas of overlap in its operations since acquiring Tele-Communications Inc. in 1999 and MediaOne Group last year.

"With the combination of TCI and MediaOne, there were supposed to be some cost savings there," Conmack said. "One thing I can think of is a lot of overlap in terms of customer service. Definitely less (needed for) administration. I doubt they would cut the installers."

MONEY

Professionals say knowing is key to deciding on refinancing mortgage

The Washington Post

Who should be considering refinancing a mortgage? Here's what some professionals have to say.

If you're approaching retirement, you may want to refinance to cut the length of the mortgage and build equity faster.

"People who are retiring or people who just don't like having a debt often want to build equity rather than pay interest, Duncan said.

If you have a "jumbo" loan, a category of loan considered too large usually for low-interest loans under the guidelines.

The nation's two loan-buying giants Jani-1 increased the limits for loans they buy from other lenders.

Fannie Mae offers this example: If your house is now valued at \$150,000 and your loan balance is \$80,000, you may be able to get a new \$112,500 mortgage (cash-out refinancing) generally limited to 75 percent of the total value of the house.

Fannie Mae points out that many people like the flexibility of cash-out refis, but that "it's important to remember that as you take

more money out, your monthly mortgage payments will increase."

Fannie also cautions against cash-out refinances that exceed 90 percent of the value of the house.

"People who want to reconfigure their loans to avoid paying private mortgage insurance, which may be costing \$50 to \$150 a month. Homeowners must pay PMI if their loan equals 80 percent or more of the property's current value."

Skreens said he always points out the ramifications of starting over in a 30-year mortgage and recommends shortening the life of the loan to cut the duplication in interest costs.

It depends on the interest rate you've got, on how long you're planning to stay in your house and on your reasons for refinancing.

Experts answer refinance questions

The Washington Post

What is refinancing? A. The word "refinancing" suggests changing an existing mortgage. But the Mortgage Bankers Association of America says: "Refinancing is simply the process of taking out a new mortgage and using the money obtained to close out — or pay off — your current mortgage."

Q. Where do you get refinancing loans? A. Home loans are available from a variety of sources — commercial banks, thrift institutions, mortgage companies and credit unions.

Q. Do you need a certain amount of equity to refinance? A. Lenders used to require at least 10 percent equity for a refinance. Equity is the difference between the market value of the house and the amount you still owe on the mortgage.

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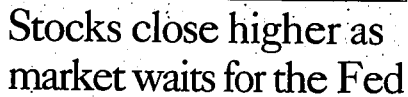
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Jan. 20, 2001. Dow Jones Industrial Average performance chart.

Stocks close higher as market waits for the Fed

NEW YORK (AP) - Investors sent stocks moderately higher Monday but kept their purchases to a minimum while they awaited the outcome of this week's Federal Reserve meeting.

Lasic is subject for protection, tentatively agrees to sell two brands to Heinz

CHERRY HILL, N.J. (AP) - Lasic Foods International, the pickle company that owns Swanson's brand of pickles and Open Pit barbecue sauce, sought bankruptcy protection on Monday and reached a tentative deal to sell its pickle and barbecue businesses for \$195 million to H.J. Heinz Co.

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## EDITORIAL

### Slow down and get state tax reform right

Idaho needs a tax cut, and Idaho is going to get one.

The state Legislature is crafting a permanent rollback in personal and corporate income taxes. It will be the result of careful deliberation, not a headlong rush - which is important when tinkering with state revenue.

Anything involving taxes and the Legislature is bound to generate some acrimony, and this year's efforts are no exception.

The chairwoman of the House Revenue and Taxation Committee, Dolores Crow, pushed hard last week for a \$136.6 million tax cut package that's central to Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's proposed budget. Crow urged her colleagues to act fast because, as she put it, "the longer you leave the money on the table, the less chance you have of it getting back where it belongs."

Her fear is that the Joint Finance Appropriations Committee will seize on that money and give it away before meaningful tax reform can be enacted.

That would be a realistic concern if JFAC were run by tax-and-spend liberals. But JFAC is led by Rep. Maxine Bell of Jerome and Sen. Dean Cameron of Rupert, both of whom qualify as tight-fisted fiscal conservatives. With those two guarding the vault, the Legislature can pursue tax reform at a thoughtful pace.

If Cameron and Bell allow that money to slip away, they will have a lot

of explaining to do when they run for re-election.

Kempthorne's unwieldy budget is being dissected down to its core components. Individual items should be voted up or down on their own merits, not bundled together to create another cumbersome package. Some of the spending proposals may be too rich for Idaho's blood, so some cost cutting is definitely in order.

A parallel goal should be significant tax relief. Lawmakers should trim the state's personal and corporate income tax rates by as much as 1 percent.

Remember, state coffers are awash with hundreds of millions of dollars of "surplus" cash.

But it's important for lawmakers to maintain a sense of perspective as momentum builds for tax reform. There is a proposal floating around the Statehouse to eliminate property taxes in Idaho, and another proposal to abolish capital gains taxes. Both are premature. Legislators should focus on what's politically possible and steer clear of the cul-de-sacs.

Crow can't be faulted for trying to hurry Kempthorne's proposal along. She thought it was the only way to save some money for taxpayers before the budget vultures pick the carcass clean.

It's up to Cameron and Bell to keep those vultures at bay. After that, it's up to the 2001 Legislature to provide meaningful - and permanent - income tax reform.

*Idaho lawmakers should permanently trim the state's personal and corporate income tax rates by as much as 1 percent.*



### We must help all children to read

CLAUDE GOLDENBERG

This is a critical time in our country's efforts to extend the educational franchise.

The initiatives announced by President Bush signal his interest in putting matters educational, especially as they pertain to reading, at the top of the national agenda.

It is no accident that on his first workday as president, Bush and his wife, a former teacher and librarian, convened a meeting of literacy researchers and educators at the White House. It's too bad that this meeting was overshadowed by more volatile issues such as vouchers and abortion.

Whatever your political leanings and whatever you think of how the last election was won, you can be sure of one thing: the president and first lady are committed to the cause of helping all children acquire and productively use literacy. "No child left behind" will be the administration's mantra.

"Skeptics will counter that this campaign is a diversionary tactic that absolves us (and the administration) of responsibility to address more fundamental issues of equity and the distribution of opportunity. But helping all children learn to read and write well is an equity and opportunity issue. Economic and social disparities will not disappear once everyone learns to read. But true universal literacy is likely to help narrow economic and social gaps. One of the meeting's participants said, "Learning to read is now a civil right." In this information age, the person who cannot read and write is deeply disadvantaged - intellectually, economically, socially, politically.

As the Bush administration launches its initiatives, it would be good to remember some of the things we are pretty sure of about helping children learn to read and write. We have often

expended too much energy on what we don't know or have conflicting evidence or opinions about. Certainly we must vigorously pursue additional knowledge. But just as certainly, we cannot let disagreement obscure what we have reasonable confidence about.

One thing we know is that reading is a complex act. It seems easy once you know how to do it, but reading requires the coordination of a number of processes: knowing letters and sounds, spelling patterns, the meaning of the words being read, how collections of words combine to form phrases and longer pieces of text and how to apply what you know in order to understand what you read. A reading program that ignores any of these is unlikely to be successful.

Another thing we know is that reading is not natural. Unlike spoken language, we are not genetically predisposed to read and write. Oral language evolved tens or hundreds of thousands of years ago and has been part of human evolution ever since. Written language is a much more recent creation. Put children in an environment where people are talking with them, and almost always they will learn to speak just fine. The same is not true about reading.

Reading with and to children helps, but by itself it is hardly ever sufficient. Die-hard advocates of "whole language" might dislike it, but most children (and older learners for that matter) benefit from explicit instruction in the mechanics of creating coherent, effective programs that give each child an adequate chance to become a successful reader and writer.

A third thing we know is that an important precursor to reading is "phonological awareness." This refers to the awareness that spoken words are made up of sounds, known as "phonemes." For example, "cat" is made up of three phonemes: /c/, /a/ and /t/. Studies have shown that children who have learned a large number of nursery rhymes are more phonologically aware. Why? Because they have become attuned to the sounds made by parts of words.

More important, teaching it, along with letters and their sounds, helps children be more successful in their reading's early stages. Learning letters and phonological awareness (as well as language and vocabulary) should be part of preschool curricula; especially in programs such as Head Start that serve children at risk for poor reading achievement.

For too long, we have operated under the "one-third" rule, which is how teachers have traditionally grouped children for reading. One-third will do well; one-third will do so-so and one-third - well, what can you expect? They're not ready or their parents are poorly educated or they're not motivated or they just don't get it or any one of a number of excuses.

The time for excuses and for dividing children into thirds is over. We must forge a consensus around the foundation for creating coherent, effective programs that give each child an adequate chance to become a successful reader and writer.

Claude Goldenberg, associate dean of the College of Education at California State University, Long Beach, was a participant in the recent round table held with President Bush. He wrote this commentary for the Los Angeles Times.

## LETTER

### Don't just ignore history

I am the current Intermountain District governor of the Japanese-American Citizen's League. Our district consists of seven local chapters in Idaho, Utah and eastern Oregon.

I am disturbed by Wednesday's editorial about Camp Hunt. We have been longtime supporters of the preservation of the camp site and the history it represents. The Idaho JACL chapters, in cooperation with the Jerome Historical Society, were instrumental in erecting a monument on the site and preserving a small portion of the camp more than 10 years ago. We have continued efforts to preserve the remnants of the camp. The JACL was involved in bringing this to the attention of the president.

Your assertion that "history revisionists" have developed a conspiracy theory to explain the forced relocation of

120,000 Japanese-Americans from the west coast shows your lack of understanding of the facts. More often than not, it is only long after events have transpired that the true facts and circumstances come to light. The majority of the relocated Japanese-Americans were citizens. All were forced from their homes into detention camps without due process. None were charged with any type of war-related sabotage or espionage.

War hysteria ruled and prevented common sense from being heard. The head of the War Relocation Authority said that the fact that there have been no cases of sabotage by Japanese-Americans proved there would be sabotage. The same hysteria and refusal to see the truth is manifest in your claim that the relocation was a reasonable response to the hysteria. If relocation of

all Japanese-Americans from the west coast was reasonable, why weren't German and Italian Americans relocated from the east coast?

In the 1970s, the United States Congress conducted an extensive study of the relocation experience. Only after determining that there was no justification and no legal basis for the relocation did they authorize redress payments and an apology from the president to those who were still alive.

Those who do not remember history are doomed to re-live it. I do not want this experience to be repeated no matter who the group or what the circumstances. Please help see that the true history is not only preserved but taught in order that our civil rights are never again denied in the name of hysteria. LARRY GRANT Layton, Utah

## LETTERS

### Editorial missed the point

Your editorial opposing landmark designation for the Minidoka Relocation Camp (Hunt Camp) omitted a few important points.

First, the land was already under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Reclamation. Landmark designation will give it a bit more protection from having, say, a hog farm there.

Yes, America was at war with Japan. We were also at war with Germany and Italy, but German and Italian citizens were not rounded up and forced into 10 concentration camps in Idaho and six other states (no gas chambers, but barbed wire, guard towers, guards with rifles and some shooting deaths). The euphemistic "evacuation" and "relocation" orders ultimately affected more than 120,000 Americans of Japanese descent, more than two-thirds of whom were American citizens.

Sending Japanese-Americans to concentration camps was not "back then a matter of national security." The Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians established beyond doubt that internment was caused by "race prejudice, war hysteria and a failure of political leadership." That is why the Civil Rights Act of 1988 (signed by President Ronald Reagan, by the way) awarded an apology and \$20,000 to camp survivors.

Finally, many surviving people who spent time in relocation camps have not yet received financial compensation from the United States. For example, during World War II, the United States colluded with some Latin American countries, particularly Peru, to expel many of their Japanese residents, including some Peruvian citizens of Japanese ancestry, so that we could bring them here to exchange (against their will) for Americans stranded in Japan when war broke out. Those who were not forcibly

removed to Japan were sent to internment camps. After the war, Peru would not take them back. Because they were not American citizens or permanent U.S. resident aliens at the time of their kidnapping from Peru, the Civil Rights Act of 1988 did not apply to them. They got nothing. Only recently have they been awarded the unfair amount of \$5,000, which some are still appealing.

### PRISCILLA WEGARS Moscow

### Keep all sites under single agency

I would like to reply to your editorial on the new status of the site of the Minidoka Internment Camp near Hunt. My understanding is that the only local people who have shown much interest in the maintenance and development of the site (e.g., the Jerome Historical Society and some members of the Japanese-American community) are very appreciative of the site's new status. Local people were involved in the decision through a telephone conference and by letters written to President Clinton and their congressional representatives urging the new designation for the site. The site previously was under the management of the Bureau of Reclamation, so the move meant it was transferred to a federal agency which might more appropriately care for a historically significant site.

Having all the internment camp sites under a single agency should be beneficial to all the sites.

REV. HUGH FEISS Jerome

### Correction

The e-mail address in the letter from Neal Jones published Sunday was incorrect. Jones' e-mail address is excar1@excite.com.

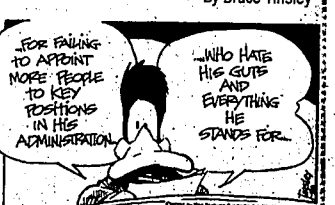
The Times-News regrets the error.

### Doonesbury

### By Garry Trudeau

### Mallard Fillmore

### By Bruce Tinsley





# Political incorrectness crosses line

TONY PEYSER

**O**n a recent segment of ABC's "Politically Incorrect," a person on the TV show announced, "Dogs are like retarded children."

Guest Sarah Ferguson, the former Duchess of York, booted at this observation and declared: "They (retarded children) have a heart and a soul." The person snapped back: "They have a heart and a soul and a brain that's retarded."

A hue and cry in the special-needs community has erupted over these remarks. Whoever uttered them should never be invited back on "Politically Incorrect." Unfortunately, the person who made these remarks was the host, Bill Maher.

This kind of slur against the disabled sounds like it could have come from some ignorant bigot, not from a smart guy from New York who graduated from Cornell. Sure, Maher has had a pattern of trying to drum up interest in his show with shocking statements that get him publicity. For example, he ranted about the extensive media coverage of John F. Kennedy Jr.'s death and said that Barbara Bush "has always been a b—."

But his remarks about retarded children hit a new low. Maher later tried to explain. "The nicest thing I could ever say about anybody would be to compare them to dogs," he told the Toronto Star, noting that he had dogs himself. "I was just saying that they (mentally handicapped children) always strike me as very sweet and kind and

innocent, and you love them all the more for it." In remarks to the New York Times, he added: "The analogy with dogs was they don't advance mentally."

It's time to give Maher, who is childless, a lesson in sensitivity. My 14-year-old son has been diagnosed with autism. Jeremy understands most things that are said to him but has very limited speech. He can say the beginnings of a lot of words, and if you figure out what he is saying, his toe-walking and yipping sounds rarely go unnoticed when we're out in public.

My wife and I have Jeremy enrolled in a private, special-education school because he's a gentle kid who wouldn't understand how to protect himself against bullies. He enjoys going to school but has few friends because, like many special-needs kids, he finds using the computer or doing puzzles more enjoyable than interacting with other children.

What would Maher make of my son's shudder to think. The fact is there are millions of sweet kids like Jeremy whom Maher compared to dogs. And where does his canine analogy take us? Should mentally disabled youngsters be tied up in the backyards of America? Should they be taken for walks on leashes? Should they be put to sleep when they become too difficult? If so, who's next? Old

people? Late-night talk-show host?

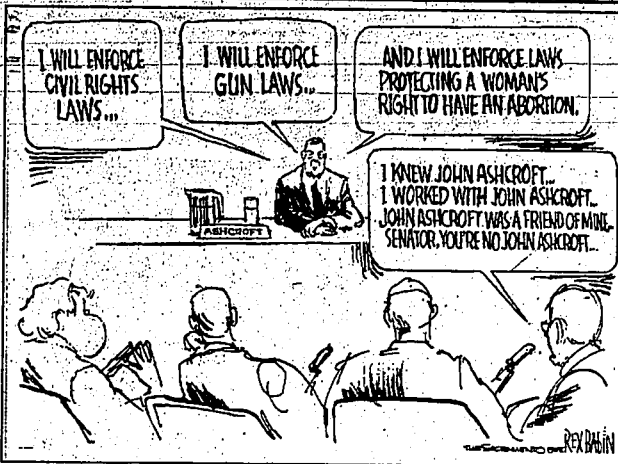
This is the proverbial slippery slope that the pundits so often warn us against. Once you step on it, there's no way to tell who'll be left standing.

On Jan. 18, a full week after making his offending statements, Maher finally addressed the issue on his show. I watched it. He said all the right words; but he barely kept a straight face as he nervously made a statement. "I offer no apologies because none would be proper, or adequate," he said, adding, "It certainly is never the point of the show to pick on anyone with an affliction."

Maher never explained in any detail what he initially said that caused these remarks, nor did he acknowledge the public outrage they incited. It was like watching a petulant child reluctantly apologizing for shoplifting some candy.

I believe Maher is genuinely sorry—not for what he said but that this story got such bad media coverage. So I suggest that Maher go one step further by inviting quarterback Doug Flutie and actors Joe Mantegna and Chris Cooper to be his guests. He should ask them if they believe that it's OK to equate dogs with mentally disabled kids. Because they all have autistic children, I imagine the response would be pretty entertaining.

Tony Peyser is a cartoonist and writer. He wrote this commentary for the Los Angeles Times.



## LETTERS

### Hunt Camp held citizens

As an educator, I am often offended by The Times-News editorials attacking education; however, I never thought that the editors would stoop to the level they have now dropped to.

In the Jan. 24 editorial, The Times-News editors wrote in support of the U.S.'s action of placing innocent American citizens (who happened to be of Japanese ancestry) into relocation camps at the beginning of World War II. If the editors did a little research, they would have realized that the people placed in Hunt were all citizens of the United States with Japanese ancestry, while Japanese nationals who were legitimate candidates for internment were held in separate camps run by the Justice Department.

Are the editors claiming that they support the imprisonment of innocent people for what they "might" do? As for the editors' claim that revisionists call this racism instead of "an action of national security," my only question to the editors is why then were the Germans not also "relocated?" Were the Germans not an equal threat to the United States?

As a social studies teacher, I

think it is important to recognize mistakes of our past for what they are and not rationalize them as events reflective of the times. Once again, The Times-News editors prove their ignorance about history and education. You are truly an embarrassment to this community and state. We already have a reputation of racism in the United States and don't need The Times-News adding fuel to the fire. This type of editorial once again reinforces my determination never to subscribe to your paper.

BRADY DICKINSON  
Hollister

### Editorial was reprehensible

Your Jan. 24 editorial titled "Clinton's aim for Hunt Camp" was a reprehensible tribute to racism and cowardice.

Our wartime policy of removing American citizens of Japanese descent to internment camps was not only "an unreasonable response to the perception of a threat," it was absolutely indefensible. Despite present-day acts of contrition, the internment policy remains an appalling blemish on the history of this great country. No matter what

sort of utopian lifestyle the American citizens at the Minidoka War Relocation Center were "allowed" to lead behind barbed-wire fences, they were unconstitutionally deprived of their liberty, a fundamental right of all Americans. We must renounce the Japanese internment program and any policy like it as sinister, barbarous and categorically wrong. To do so is not "revisionist history"; it is the duty of every American who is protected by the United States Constitution.

If the point of your editorial was to condemn President Clinton's "11th-hour antics," that point was adequately made, however crudely. But where you say that federal protection of the vestiges of the MWRC "exalts America's misguided focus on group victimization," you make another point altogether, and a dangerous one. To say that the Japanese internment policy was "reasonable, even prudent" is to condone not only our country's shameful act of hysteria but also the rationale underlying Hitler's European pogrom. Our country—and our community—is called to a higher conviction.

EMILY DAVIS  
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## AROUND THE VALLEY

### Perrine Bridge closes down early Monday

TWIN FALLS - Sheriff's deputies early Monday closed the Perrine Bridge near Twin Falls because a man was threatening to jump off the bridge, Twin Falls Sheriff's office spokeswoman Nancy Powell said. Deputies responded to an apparent attempted suicide call on the bridge just before 10 a.m., Powell said. The man - who was not hurt during the incident - was taken into protective custody about an hour later, and the bridge was reopened, Powell said.

### Association will probably pay off murder case bill

BOISE - The final defense bill in a high-profile 1999 Jerome County murder case probably will soon be paid off by the state association of counties.

There's probably less than \$100 left to pay on the defense costs of Bellevue resident Sandra Jonas, who was initially charged with first-degree murder in the death of Meta Marie Jones, said Tony Poinell, deputy director of the Idaho Association of Counties.

The association is in charge of the Idaho Capital Crimes Defense program - a pool of money set up to help counties cover the costs of defending suspects facing the death penalty, Poinell said.

Prosecutors initially sought the death penalty against Jonas, who later pleaded guilty to a reduced charge of second-degree murder.

In 1999 5th District Judge Monte B. Carlson sentenced Jonas to life in prison with a fixed 25-year term.

A board charged with overseeing the defense fund meets at 8 a.m. today in Boise and will consider the Jonas case. But there is no dispute over the fund, Poinell said. The board will simply consider and probably decide to approve the final payment, he said.

Poinell late Monday could not say exactly how much Jonas' defense had cost the state.

### Hansen takes old seat in place of George Swan

BOISE - Former state Rep. Randy Hansen, R-Twin Falls, was taken back into the Legislature Monday - even if for just a few days.

The Twin Falls automobile dealer will take over Rep. George Swan's duties this week as Swan, R-Twin Falls, attends a National Cattlemen's Beef Association meeting in San Antonio, Texas.

Hansen has taken over all of Swan's committee and voting duties. He sat in on committee meetings Monday.

Swan is the former president of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association.

### Resolution to honor slain officers passes Senate

BOISE - A resolution honoring two slain Jerome County Sheriff deputies received unanimous support Monday.

The Senate resolution highlighted the careers and deaths of Cpls. Phillip Anderson and James Moulson and applauded the Legislature's sympathies to the families of the two deputies.

Family members of both deputies witnessed the vote on the Senate floor.

The measure will now move over to the House which may consider it this week some time. Anderson, 23, and Moulson, 30, were shot to death Jan. 3 along with George Timothy Williams, 47, when officers tried to serve a search warrant for drugs at Williams' Eden home.

Jerome County's delegation, Reps. Maxine Bell, R-Jerome, Bert Stevenson, R-Rupert, and Sen. Dean Cameron, R-Rupert, are sponsoring the resolution.

### Bad weather delays big horn sheep move

BURLEY - A big horn sheep release was postponed Monday because of bad weather at the Oregon capture site.

The release was rescheduled for Wednesday but is still subject to weather, said Dave Parrish, Idaho Department of Fish and Game regional director. Fish and Game, the Foundation for North American Wild Sheep, local ranchers Joyce and Roscoe Ward and other agencies coordinated the sheep reintroduction efforts on Jim Sage Mountain, the sheep's native habitat.

An initial 30 sheep were translated last February, and an additional 15 sheep are being set released this week.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

# Police: custody dispute sparks standoff

By Mark Helms  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - A man at the center of Friday's six-hour standoff with police near a Twin Falls elementary school was apparently upset over a child custody dispute, police said Monday.

"One of the primary issues during negotiations was an apparent child custody dispute between the suspect and his estranged wife," said Twin Falls police Capt. Jim Munn.

After hollering up with a handgun in his estranged wife's Twin Falls house, Sergio Arroyo, 29, surren-

dered peacefully to a police detective and members of a SWAT team, according to police reports.

Arroyo, a Buhl resident, was arraigned Monday in Magistrate Court on one count of assault and one count of first-degree kidnapping, court records say. He was represented by a private attorney and did not enter a plea. He faces a preliminary hearing Feb. 9 in Twin Falls. He was held Monday on a \$100,000 bond, court records say.

Arroyo and his wife, Heidi Arroyo, had gone to a court hearing in Twin Falls on Friday regarding the extension of a civil protec-

tion order, Twin Falls police Detective Scott Smith said. Civil protection orders are usually given at no cost to victims of domestic violence, Smith said.

A 14-day civil protection order for Heidi Arroyo against Sergio Arroyo had expired Friday, Smith said. A judge on Friday granted a 90-day extension of that order, he said.

Heidi Arroyo told police on Friday that she had moved into the house near Lincoln Elementary School without her husband just days before, according to an affidavit prepared by Twin Falls police officer Van

Erhard and filed with court documents.

The affidavit gives the following account of some other events and statements on Friday just before the standoff.

Erhard and other officers were called to the house at about 11:45 a.m. after a report of a domestic dispute there. Officers knocked at the door and identified themselves several times, but they got no response.

Finally, Heidi Arroyo came out and said she had come home earlier that day and found her husband - who did not have her permission to be at the house - entering the

home.

Heidi Arroyo told officers her husband brandished a handgun, which he first pressed against her temple and then against his own.

Heidi Arroyo said later that Sergio Arroyo allowed her to speak briefly on the phone with an emergency dispatcher, but that he would not let her leave the house until after police arrived, according to Erhard's affidavit.

Police and school officials moved Lincoln students to the far side of the school during the standoff. Students left from that side when the school day ended, and all students went home safely.

# Seniors make case for CSI space

## Request for new center draws objection

By N.S. Norkkavved  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - A local group raising money for a new senior citizen center asked the College of Southern Idaho on Monday for a piece of land to build it on.

But the request drew an objection from a Filer man, who said he didn't want his tax dollars supporting a private organization.

A new senior citizen center is badly needed, the Prime Time Foundation told the CSI board. The group has raised \$130,000 toward a new building and hopes the college will provide the land to put it on.

Seniors are at the foundation of the community, said Jerry Holman, a Prime Time member and local funeral director.

"We'd just like to be involved with the college," he said.

Seniors are active in adult education, and the Area Agency on Aging already is on the campus. The two are not related, but the agency contracts with the senior center to provide meals for senior citizens.

The proposed senior center would be built next to the Agency on Aging, in the southwest corner of the CSI campus. It would be multi-purpose building that also could be used for wedding receptions and community activities.

Local lawyer Dennis Voorhees, speaking for Prime Time, said the new center should be something that fits within the mission and vision of CSI.

"The college has to be well-served by this," he said.

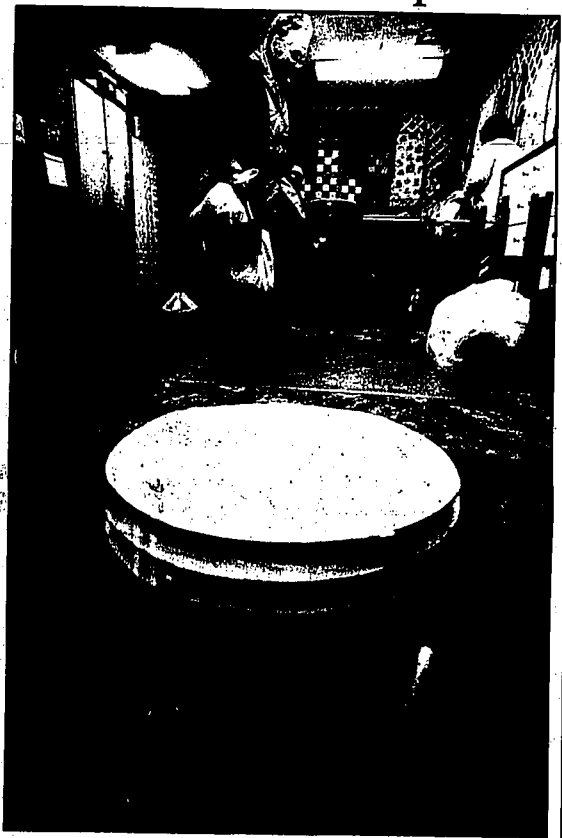
And that was the purpose behind Monday's presentation to the CSI board - to see if the senior center would fit within the CSI mission. If it doesn't, then there is no point in talking further, Voorhees said.

But if it does, then the group and the board could talk further about the details of an arrangement, he said.

Several others spoke about the need for a new building to replace the senior center, which stands at the corner of Eastland and Elizabeth boulevards. Parts of that building have been condemned, and there are problems with the roof, plumbing, stairs, parking lot and electrical system.

But Duane Ramseyer of Filer said CSI's primary function is to promote the education of its students. The CSI board has a responsibility to the taxpayers who support the college, he said.

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Loretta Walters walks past a bucket that catches water dripping from the ceiling of the Twin Falls Senior Citizen Center. Backers of a drive for a new center have asked the College of Southern Idaho for permission to build on campus.

# Forest Service may take permit action against rancher

By N.S. Norkkavved  
Times-News writer

THREE CREEK - Rancher Chet Brackett knew he was going to get into trouble over grazing problems on public land in northern Nevada.

"We made a mistake this year, and we're going to get caught on it," Brackett said last September.

Jurisdiction District Ranger Dave Aicher of the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest has proposed action against Brackett, but the nature of that action remains uncertain.

An internal Forest Service document, obtained by The Times-News, cites "excessive use" along part of the Spring Creek Allotment during the grazing season last year.

But before Aicher decides whether to take action, he wants to know what Chet Brackett and his wife, Kim, think about how best to fix the problems along the creek.

"Something's gotta be done to turn things around," Aicher said. "The Bracketts have not yet received Aicher's 'how cause' letter and have no comment," Kim Brackett said Monday.

Aicher said the letter was



N.S. NORKKAVVED/The Times-News

The Forest Service says "excessive use" by cattle along Spring Creek in northern Nevada has led to a proposed action to reduce the effects of grazing.

Brackett last week, and the Bracketts have 20 days to respond. Aicher always involves the permittee and will take Brackett's response into consideration when deciding what final action to take.

"The letter is basically just ser-

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# Group will push for new animal shelter

By John T. Huddy  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The goal is simple: to build a new animal shelter. But Bob Powers, who is spearheading the shelter building effort, admits it won't be easy.

The kind of shelter that could house at least 80 stray dogs could cost between \$100,000 and \$150,000.

The time is now, though, Powers said Monday.

The city's current shelter is at its limit. An average of 20 to 25 dogs find themselves in the pound's 18 kennels each day, and the number is rising, "according to shelter director Laurie Simonda.

But with a community as charitable as Twin Falls has proven to be, Powers said his idea may not be too far-fetched.

"I've been thinking that we needed a new shelter. But I didn't stop in and do anything for the past three years, since we got our dog Ginger out of there," Powers said. "Then when your newspaper article came out and people started talking about it on the radio, I said maybe it's time we got together to build a new shelter that's big enough to take care of these animals."

Since a full-time animal officer began working for the county and the city of Twin Falls last year, more dogs than ever have been picked up. The shelter's cramped

**A** group that wants to raise money for a new animal shelter will meet at 7 p.m. Feb. 6 at the HAVT community room in Twin Falls.

quarters - and the shelter staff's dream of someday having a "no-kill" shelter - were the subject of Times-News coverage in early December.

Animal control picked up about 900 dogs - between September and December 2000. Of those 900 dogs, about 350 were adopted, 100 were picked up by their owners and the rest put down.

The shelter averages close to 290 dogs per month, according to numbers compiled by Simonda.

Unlike some shelters, Twin Falls has too little room to follow a no-kill policy. And city officials have no plans to add space.

The city has budgeted \$139,000 for animal control this year, up from \$130,000 in 1999-2000. But the pound's budget has decreased, dropping from \$130,000 to \$122,000. The difference was spent on paying the new animal control officer.

City and county officials and shelter employees have agreed there is a growing need for a new shelter. With the city and county's population growing, the rate

of stray dogs will also increase.

But city officials have said other departments take much of Powers said the city has property throughout the area that could be used for a new shelter location. He estimated that between 50 percent and 60 percent of the city's funding could come from licensing fees.

The city and county would have to continue supporting the shelter, though, Powers said.

"We've grown to such a size now that people need to start buying and licensing their dogs," he said.

City Finance Director Gary Evans said funding for the animal shelter comes from property tax revenue. Money also comes from animal license fees, he added, "but it's not a very significant amount, from a revenue standpoint."

Running a bigger facility probably wouldn't cost a lot more, Evans said.

"They have enough help - they just need more places to put animals," he said.

Powers said his idea is only preliminary. The first meeting to discuss building a new shelter will be Feb. 6.

"I didn't want to try to do anything until we got an organization going," Powers said. "This meeting will be more of an organizational meeting to discuss the problems and work on some solutions."

By Virginia S. Mutchins  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - With Diane Boyd at its helm for five years, United Way of South Central Idaho boosted the productivity of its annual fund-raising campaigns and spread the proceeds to more Magic Valley youth groups, charities and service agencies.

"It's been a really very rewarding experience for me," Boyd said Monday, praising the generosity of local business and community support.

United Way and the service providers it helps support.

Watching the organization grow and watching the community support it - not just in money but in recognition, as well - gave the former retail manager

fresh view of corporate America, she said. But Boyd is preparing to leave

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United Way of South Central Idaho helps support 22 local agencies, such as Valley House, Salvation Army, Red Cross, Boys & Girls Club of Magic Valley, St. Joseph's, Learning Center, Minidoka Senior Center and Walker Center.

To make a donation, call 733-4922 or send donations to: The United Way of South Central Idaho, P.O. Box 65, Twin Falls, ID 83301.

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# Quake victims receive aid

## MV residents help with rescue and rehabilitation efforts

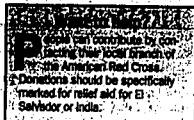
By Aaron Brock  
Times-News Writer

**TWIN FALLS** — Magic Valley residents are contributing to the rescue and rehabilitation efforts for earthquake-ravaged El Salvador and India.

There are quite a few who have donated," said Kara Langley, executive officer of the Sawtooth and Mini-Cassia branches of the American Red Cross of Greater Idaho.

A magnitude 7.9 earthquake rattled India last week. According to the American Red Cross, recent counts indicate that more than 15,000 may be dead. Many more are homeless after the quake.

About three weeks ago, an earthquake with a magnitude of



7.6 shook much of El Salvador, left 704 dead and caused structural damages of about \$1 billion.

Roughly \$700 has been donated to the local branches of the Red Cross to help victims of these tragedies, Langley said. But more is expected as the problems become more publicized.

Residents here have a history of strong contributions, Langley said. Last year, when an earthquake rocked Nashville, Tenn., Magic Valley residents donated about \$7,000 to the relief cause.

No one has been sent to India or El Salvador by local branches of the Red Cross, said Oliver

Lusk, the disaster services administrator for the Mini-Cassia branch of the American Red Cross.

But local people contribute through monetary gifts. And if the gifts are so marked, they are passed on to disaster relief efforts in El Salvador or India.

With few exceptions, only gifts of money are accepted, Langley said. Shipping other donated items is too expensive, she explained.

The American Red Cross has been working with the Indian Red Cross, putting together a relief package that included \$65,000 to help jump start relief operations, purchase materials and also deploy relief efforts, according to a Red Cross press release.

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# SCULPTURE SKETCHING



Rebecca Baxter sketches a sculpture at the Idaho Commons at the University of Idaho in Moscow last week. Baxter, a freshman from Caldwell was sketching for a drawing class.

# Burley man pleads guilty in fatal crash

By Ruth Streeter  
Times-News Writer

**BURLEY** — A Burley man, charged with three counts of misdemeanor vehicular manslaughter, pleaded guilty Monday to one of the charges on the condition the Cassia County prosecutor dismiss the other two charges.

Donald Westfall, 71, was present at his pretrial hearing Monday, but his attorney Richard Smith submitted the plea agreement on his behalf.

Westfall was involved a November car crash that killed three people. The victims were Rafael Silva-Alejos, 32, of Burley, his 23-month-old son Eduardo Silva and Silva-Alejos' wife, Esperanza Silva, 25.

The Cassia County Sheriff's Office said Westfall drove through a stop sign at 250 E. 100 S. and hit a Buick Regal driven by Rafael Silva-Alejos.

Smith called the accident a tragedy. "It's everybody's worst nightmare," Smith said after Monday's hearing.

In exchange for the two dismissals, Westfall agreed to plead guilty to one misdemeanor charge. The charge carries a maximum punishment of a \$2,000 fine and a year in prison.

Police said the accident occurred "without gross negligence," meaning the charges against Westfall do not warrant felony status.

Sentencing is scheduled for 2 p.m. Monday, and a restitution hearing will take place in March.

# County parks seek applications

The Times-News

**TWIN FALLS** — The Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Department is taking applications for two positions on the parks and recreation commission.

The application deadline is Friday.

For more information or an application call the Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Department at 736-2265 or stop by the parks and recreation office at 133 Maxwell Avenue in Twin Falls.

# Nominee's assurances win her backing for Interior post

**WASHINGTON** — Senators from both parties agreed Monday to support Gale Norton's nomination to be interior secretary, although some still questioned her views on land management.

The full Senate debated Norton's nomination for three hours. Her nomination and that of New Jersey Gov. Christie Whitman, President Bush's choice to head the Environmental Protection Agency, are scheduled for votes and expected to gain the Senate's assent today.

"I consider that a real compliment, to be kind of the resource center, if you will, for the health and human resources in the community," she said.

Just before Boyd took the job in 1996, the local United Way finished a 1995-96 campaign that raised \$265,000. The 1999-2000 campaign raised \$362,000, she said, and she expects receipts to top that this year.

The campaign officially ended when 2000 did, but the organization still is compiling information on corporate contributions and receiving individuals' donations almost daily, Boyd said.

By Thursday she'll know the final total, and allocations to participating agencies will be announced Feb. 16.

Despite its leadership change, Boyd said, the organization has a strong board, and "United Way won't skip a beat as far as moving forward and doing good things in the community."

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# IDAHO LEGISLATIVE LOG

By The Associated Press

## Sent to Governor

**HB66** (Appropriations) — Makes an emergency \$279,600 allocation to the National Guard budget for the current year.

**Clarified by Senate**  
**Blake Hall**, Idaho Falls, to the state Board of Education.

**HB108** (Boys) — Commends pole vaulter Stacy Dragila for her accomplishments at the 2000 summer Olympics in Sydney, Australia, and commends her coach, Dave Nilsson.

**HB102** (Traffic) — Amends the Free Exercise of Religion Act.

**HB103** (Health and Welfare) — Adds carisoprofol to the list of Schedule IV controlled substances.

**HB104** (Sales) — Increases the grocery tax credit for calendar 2001 and eliminates the increase, along with the sales tax on groceries, starting July 1, 2002.

**HB105** (Sales) — Doubles the grocery tax credit for calendar 2001



and eliminates both the credit and the sales tax on groceries on July 1, 2002.

**HB106** (Chase) — Removes the sales tax on groceries effective July 1, 2001, and the grocery tax credit on Jan. 1, 2002.

**HB107** (Bieter) — Requires non-profit hospitals to provide information on their charity care and net profit with the annual vicarious benefit plan they submit to county commissioners.

**HB108** (Bieter) — Allows firefighters to solicit charitable donations without being guilty of unlawful solicitation on a highway.

**HB109** (Revenue and Taxation) — Provides for payments of refunds on cigarette taxes.

**HB110** (Revenue and Taxation) — Makes technical and clarifying

changes to provisions providing an Idaho income tax deduction for capital gains.

**HB111** (Revenue and Taxation) — Eliminates the requirement to make estimated payments of less than \$50 in order to qualify for an extension of time to file an income tax return.

**HB112** (Revenue and Taxation) — Allows taxpayers who file state tax returns electronically to reduce their liability by \$2 per return.

**HB113** (Revenue and Taxation) — Updates and clarifies the statute of limitations on claiming refunds of overpayments on sales and use taxes.

## Introduced in Senate

**SB1138** (Education) — Repeals the mandate that the state Department of Education review the educational effectiveness of charter schools and report to lawmakers.

**SB1139** (Health and Welfare) — Specifically identifies marriage and family therapists as covered under the state counselor licensing law.

# Nevada power companies ask for emergency rate increase to avert crisis

**LAS VEGAS (AP)** — Two Nevada power companies are asking for an emergency rate increase of about \$300 million, which could cost some residential users more than \$12 a month.

Nevada Power and Sierra Pacific company officials say the average 17 percent increase statewide is needed to avert an energy crisis like the one in California.

"This situation is unprecedented

ed, unanticipated and potentially disastrous for Nevada if we do not ... correct these imbalances in supply and demand and between cost and price," said Walt Higgins, chief executive officer of Sierra Pacific and Nevada Power at Monday's news conference in Las Vegas. But Tim Ray, consumer advocate for the state's attorney general's office, said he is "very disappointed in the magnitude of the increase."

The proposed rate increases — promoted as a new emergency Comprehensive Energy Plan — range from zero for certain low-use customers to as much as 29 percent for large energy users such as casinos. That means the average residential customer of Las Vegas-based Nevada Power would see an increase of about \$12.63 a month. The typical Reno-based Sierra Pacific residential customer would see a power bill increase of about \$6.37 a month.

use department money to make emergency power purchases if the \$400 million ran out.

Lawmakers, meanwhile, were waiting Monday for an audit ordered by the Public Utilities Commission to assess the finances of Southern California Edison and Pacific Gas & Electric Co., which say they have lost a combined total of at least \$12 billion to soaring wholesale electricity prices.

administration would not say how much money was available or how long short-term energy buys would remain possible. The state began buying electricity 12 days ago under emergency legislation that set aside the \$400 million. All that money was spent by late Sunday, Department of Water Resources spokesman Mike Sisk said.

Davis said last week he would

"We tend to take a long-term perspective," Brackett said last fall. He agreed that parts of the allotment looked bad, but he has done some good things and over the long term, the land is in good shape.

Ranchers are required to comply with Forest Service standards and guides outlined in their grazing permits, Aicher said. Because it was such a dry year, Brackett said other permits ran out of forage earlier, and some moved livestock off their allotments four to six weeks early.

Some exceeded permit standards, Aicher said.

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# California exhausts \$400 million energy fund

**SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP)** — California has exhausted a \$400 million emergency energy fund, but Gov. Gray Davis on Monday ordered that other state money be used to continue buying power while lawmakers try to resolve the state's energy crisis.

Davis' decision to continue buying power will keep the lights on for the time being in energy-strapped parts of the state, but his

administration would not say how much money was available or how long short-term energy buys would remain possible. The state began buying electricity 12 days ago under emergency legislation that set aside the \$400 million. All that money was spent by late Sunday, Department of Water Resources spokesman Mike Sisk said.

destruction. It's been a process of many years, and it has looked worse in the past, Brackett said. "At the end of the grazing season it looks its worst," he said, urging his critics to come back and look at the allotment in the spring, before the cows have been through it — instead of just taking a snapshot in time.

But the fall, after the area has been grazed, is the best time to gauge the effects of grazing, says critics including Halley environmentalist Jon Marvel, president of the Idaho Watersheds Project.

Brackett said his family has run cows on the land here for 100 years. They run about 1,000 cows on 5,000 acres of private land and 70,000 acres of public land in southeastern Owyhee County extending into northern Nevada.

Meyerhoeffer recommended the board take the request and Ramseyer's concerns under advisement. The board took no action on the issue Monday.

The board in 1997 enacted a moratorium on campus construction not directly tied to the col-

lege. Members of Prime Time noted that the senior existing center has sufficient property at its present location to build a new building, but increasing traffic makes the location less than ideal.

# Family fun comes to Minico

By Aaron Brock  
Times-News Writer

**RUPERT** — The 2001 edition of the "Family A Fair" is coming to Minico High School this weekend, bringing a slew of fun and educational events.

"The whole day is a fun-filled day that the family can enjoy," said Bonnie Zollinger, chairwoman of the committee that organizes the event.

Booths offer a cornucopia of information, Zollinger said, and there are events at the fair for everyone from children to grandparents.

In its sixth year, this year's fair is focused on the 40 community building assets that have been identified as goals by Health Net, a coalition of public agencies, health-care institutions and the College of Southern Idaho.

While the goals focus on promoting the concept of family, and the health of families and teens, they also focus on letting youths give something back to the community.

To this end, many of the booths and programs at the fair are run with the aid of junior high and high school students from Rupert, Burley, and Oakley, said Tammy Hanks, public relations director for Mindoka Memorial Hospital, which has a booth at the fair.

"The main goal of Health Net and the hospital is to get the youth involved," Hanks said. "There's a very good pool of kids that are willing to get involved in the community."

Some of the events aim to help families interact. Students and teachers from the Mini-Cassia Opportunity Center will put on a skit and a program helping parents and teenagers talk to each other at the dinner table, said

**If you want to go**  
**What:** The 2001 Family A Fair.  
**When:** From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays.  
**Where:** Minico High School gymnasium.  
**Why:** To promote the Asset-Building program, and to provide fun and information for the whole family.  
**Who:** Everyone is invited. Admission, and most of the events, are free.

Melinda Brisco, a math and science teacher.

Families rarely sit down for a meal together, and when they do, parents often struggle to come up with conversation topics that don't turn into conflicts, she said.

The skit put on by MCOCC students will concentrate on helping parents identify topics that their children would like to talk about, and about how to initiate and hold such conversations.

Children's book author and storyteller Gary Hogg, a former Burley resident, will kick off the day with some entertainment, telling stories for children, Zollinger said.

Hogg was selected partly because he personifies the theme of the event: "Be Your Best Self," she said.

After Hogg's stories, people can peruse the variety of booths and shows at the high school. There are many "make and take" booths, Zollinger said, where people can create crafts to take home with them.

Most of these booths are free of charge, as is admission. Generally about 1,000 people attend the event, Zollinger said.

"We do have a pretty good turnout in our community," she said. "And everybody who comes is glad they did."

# Director

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her replacement's arrival, board members and the full-time executive assistant will step in to make presentations to potential donors, community clubs and the like.

Boyd declined to name her current salary, and Ponzo said Monday he did not have the number immediately available. But he said the new director might receive a salary somewhere in the middle of the \$20,000-to-\$30,000 range, based on experience and ability.

The full-time executive director is United Way's liaison with the local agencies it funds and spends time on the road making presentations.

Ponzo said the organization wants this in a director: leadership and management experience; understanding of or involvement in community volunteer work; writing and public-speaking abilities; and knowledge of the community.

Boyd also takes calls from a number of businesses and individuals who ask what local needs they can meet. Some seek recipients for money or other donations; some need good causes for their fund-raisers, Boyd said.

The board will take applications until Feb. 1. By March 1 it hopes to name an executive director who will start work by April, he said. If there is a gap between Boyd's departure and

# Permit

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 ting things up to talk, Aicher said. It will be sometime in March before a final decision is sent out, he said.

The Spring Creek Allotment is broken up into four pastures, one of them is the narrow canyon of Spring Creek. The effects of cattle along the creek were unmistakable on a tour last fall. The banks were dry, dirt, and the springs that give the creek its name were churned to mud and littered with manure.

One option is to close that pasture — to suspend that portion of the permit — to let it recover, Aicher said.

But the damage to Spring Creek didn't all happen last year. Dead tree trunks from a fire a few years ago litter the creek, accentuating the appearance of

# Center

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 The purpose of a junior college doesn't include giving free building sites to groups that don't benefit all taxpayers, he said. He urged the board not to give away the building site.  
 CSI President Jerry





Betty Jo Olson entertains regularly at area senior centers. She says she loves to entertain and playing music for others makes her feel young.

## Twin Falls woman shares music, joy with area seniors

By Loretta Burkhardt  
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - Betty Jo Olson has been entertaining for as long as she can remember.

A piano genius whose musical talents launched her into lessons at age 5, Olson says music is her reason for living. "Making other people happy... with music, I know that's my purpose in life," said Olson, 74, a self-proclaimed "free spirit." "And I'm not one bit bashful about it. I love people and I can't help but let it show."

Nor does she mind sharing the lime-light.

Fourteen years ago, Olson put together a small rhythm band known through-out the Magic Valley as BJ and Friends.

Each month with a keyboard and a variety of instruments, the group performs free of charge for several senior audiences with medleys of songs popular in the 1920s through the 1940s.

During Christmas and special seasons, they also perform at the American Legion and the Harambee Club.

The benefits of the music are reciprocal.

"The band makes me feel young," said the band's oldest member, Sally Klaas, 85. "It gets your mind off things and it

**Want to know...**  
About BJ and Friends monthly schedule:  
First Friday - Bridge Valley Senior Center  
Second Tuesday - Woodstone Retirement Home  
Third Friday - Kimberly Senior Center, 2 p.m.  
Third Monday - Twin Falls Care Center, 2 p.m.  
Fourth Wednesday - Twin Falls Senior Center, 2 p.m.  
Fourth Sunday - Buhl Senior Center, 12 p.m.  
Third Wednesday - Valley Vista, 11 a.m.

helps other people feel good too." Klaas began by playing the tambourine but has played the kazoo "off and on" for the past 14 years with a year's leave for heart surgery.

"I was quilting (at the Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center) when I first heard (Olson and I) wanted to join," Klaas said. "She's just great... she's wonderful... and so much fun."

Other members of the group include Dotty Amazeen, Mary-Ann Belieu, Fern Manning, Shirley Robinson and Lois Williams.

Along with musical selections such as "Bye-Bye Blues," "Five Foot Two," "Hot

Chocolate" and "My Shanty in old Shanty Town," their repertoire features songs written by Olson. She recently won first place in the Arizona State Poetry Society's annual competition and has had several poems published in the Sandcutters Poetry quarterly magazine.

Olson is also an artist whose work

includes rock painting and a master/teacher and therapist in Karuna Reiki - an ancient method of hands-on healing.

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BJ and Friends play at several senior centers each month.

## 'Cracker barrel' wisdom abounds at cafe

By Stephanie Holman  
Times-News correspondent

DIETRICH - "Pull up a chair and sit down." That's the usual greeting at the Eagle's Nest Cafe in Dietrich very early on a weekday morning. This is the time when a group of local residents gather for their "Philosophy Club" or as Jack Boudreau likes to call it, "The Spit and Argue Club."

The club is reminiscent of the old days when men gathered at the local "General Store" to play a game of checkers and pass about current events around the cracker barrel.

The old cracker barrel wisdom still lives in Dietrich with the folks talking, arguing and concerning themselves with today's happenings in the nation and closer to home.

Visitors might be asked whether they are a Democrat or Republican. They don't really care, it's just one of their favorite topics - politics, one of those subjects that is taboo in most conversations.

Participants trade bars like passing the sugar for their coffee.

"Come only comes on Friday, that's all we can stand him," Mervyn Ridinger kids.

"Well, the Republicans are driving us crazy," Gene Jennings shoots back.

"I just come in here to check and make sure, everyone pays their taxes so I can go to work next week," jokes Wayne Kornder, who works for the U.S. Forest Service.



Area residents gather at the Eagle's Nest Cafe for a daily dose of chat. They are, from left, Mervyn Ridinger, Gene Jennings, William Bingham holding Chance, Rick Hiatt, Wayne Kornder and Jack Boudreau.

"Yep, that's where our tax money is going," Boudreau says pointing to Wayne.

The conversation turns serious when Ron Beckly offers to help his friend winterize his place.

Then, Kornder announces there is snow in the high mountains in the north. The group also discusses boating, fishing,

farming, horses, money and losing a friend the day before - the stuff of life.

They have all known each other for a long time and have been meeting there for eight years, ever since Bob and Darlene Gaskill bought the restaurant.

"Nobody gets mad here," Ridinger says. "Anybody gets mad here is not welcome."

## Exchange student comes from 'way down under'

By Dare Jensen  
Times-News correspondent

BLISS - When Jess Neville-Dortman says she is from down under, she means "way down under."

She is an exchange student attending Bliss High School from Adelaide, Australia, a city of 1 million located in the middle of the bottom coast.

"Nothing happens there," she said. "We are not near anything and it's a three day drive to Sidney."

Her host family in Bliss is Julie and Steve Goolsby. She is scheduled to return to Australia at the end of January, but said she hopes to extend her stay until the end of the school year.

In Australia, Neville-Dortman attended a private school of 1,500 students, which had more rules than the Bliss school. For example, no gum chewing was allowed, students wore uniforms and permits signed by parents and the principal were required to drive to school, she said.

The larger school back home does offer a larger variety of courses, but required more class work and homework. There are also special academies within the Australian school for music, drama and dance.

Neville-Dortman has found sports a bond between the two schools. Back

home, she participated in rowing, field hockey, girl's soccer, tennis and swimming. In Australia, sports are played on the weekends only. At Bliss, she played volleyball and basketball.

"When it comes to school spirit, Bliss - with its 120 students - has more school spirit than the 1,500 students at home," The Australian observed. "We have no cheerleaders at home."

The Australian student has had to adapt to the weather differences between the two continents.

"There are four seasons at home," she said. "Our lowest temperature in winter is 10 degrees Celsius (50 degrees F.) There is no snow. I saw my first snow after coming to Bliss."

"I'll have to remember to change driving lanes when I get home," Neville-Dortman said.

Culturally, Americans have a lot of

learn about her country, she said.

"We don't ride kangaroos and really, Australia is not like Crocodile Dundee," the students said.



Jess Neville-Dortman

## Golden Heritage Senior Center serves up food, friends and fun

By Corren Hart  
Times-News correspondent

BURLEY - The days of lonely seniors pining away at home are over, thanks to the Golden Heritage Senior Center.

The center serves up lunch, games, friendship and plenty of fun.

Sharon Miller, who has managed the center for 13 years, said there is plenty to do any day of the week.

"If you play cards, we have bridge and pinochle groups and there's an active bingo session," Miller said. "There's pool, table tennis, indoor shuffleboard, outdoor horseshoes and a monthly birthday party on the second Wednesday. There are crafts and activities."

She may direct seniors to a Tuesday night computer class that's geared to meeting individual needs. The class is attended by about 15 to 20 seniors each week and free.

An exercise class convenes at 11 a.m. each day, Miller emphasized that it is a low impact aerobic class with plenty of freedom, depending on the person's ability.

Lunch costs \$3.50 and is prepared by head cook, Evie Harris and her two assistants.

"If people can't make lunch, however, Meals on Wheels delivers. The center's lone bus driver will go to five miles out of the county and anywhere within it."

Three volunteers tackle daily simple jobs like wrapping silverware, setting the table and clearing it.

"It's fun," said Agnes Kraus, who plays bingo at the center.

At a particularly hot bingo game, Marian Bingham called the numbers like

**Want more info?**  
Visit the Golden Heritage Senior Center, 2421 Overland Ave., Burley or call Sharon Miller at 378-8846 for a schedule of events. You do not have to be a resident of Blaine County to participate.

a pro. Bingo cards with slides on the numbers made the game quick and some players had three or four cards going.

"What shall we do this time?" Bingham quipped of players.

"How about a railroad track?" some-

one suggested and the distinctive bingo pattern was on.

At another game in the center's spacious meeting room, bridge experts and beginners try to bluff each other. Bidding was lively.

"We have some good things going," Miller said. "We're hoping to do more, like put in a fireplace. And we are only serving about 40 lunches. We could actually serve about a hundred."

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Left, It's never boring at the Golden Heritage Senior Center as Delores Rasmussen, Florence Warren, Dora Price and Kay Flythe try to outbluff and out bluff each other at a game of bridge. Above, seniors enjoy a game of bingo at the center.

# TWIN FALLS AREA COMMUNITY

## HONORING YOUNG PEOPLE

Berry Knoblich with the Twin Falls Optimist Club honored Amy Conover and Tyler White, who are Twin Falls High School students. The students were recognized for their many community achievements and volunteerism. They are good examples of one of the purposes of Optimism: To aid and encourage the development of youth, in the belief that the giving of one's self in service to others will advance the well-being of humankind, community life and the world, club members say.



Photo courtesy of WATV NEWS

## NEW CAREERS



Photo courtesy of CSI

Nine College of Southern Idaho students successfully completed the first college-level program to prepare certified medical coders. Each graduate is employed at a doctor's office of hospital in Twin Falls or Boise. They are, from left, seated: Patricia Durham of Twin Falls, Vicki Hopworth of Jerome and Stephanie Selner of Twin Falls; standing: Diane Oloff of Twin Falls, Rebecca Bress of Twin Falls, Elissa Adum of Kuna and Cindy Lohmann of Jerome. Not pictured are Julie Caputo of Kimberly and Sharon Glick of Twin Falls. Durham, Hopworth, Selner, Oloff and Bress are certified professional coders.

## SERVICE NEWS

### Kimberly soldier graduates with honors



Jacob Schwabedissen

Army Pvt. Jacob Schwabedissen was a distinguished graduate for being the top of his class on Dec. 8 from Fort Lee, Virginia. Schwabedissen is the son of Doug and Teddi Schwabedissen of Kimberly and graduated from Kimberly High School in 2000. He graduated in basic combat training Oct. 5 at Fort Benning, Georgia. Schwabedissen works at the National Guard Army in Twin Falls.

### Smith receives Army Achievement Medal

Army Pfc. Jared R. Smith has been decorated with the Army Achievement Medal. The medal is awarded to soldiers who have served in any capacity in a non-combat area authorized by

the Secretary of the Army. The recipients must distinguish themselves by meritorious service or achievement and accomplish the act with distinction.

Smith is a tanker driver with the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment at Fort Irwin in Barstow, Calif. He is the son of Rock J. and stepson of Pat Smith of Twin Falls. His other and stepfather are Linda and Jack Stonygr, of Huntington, Utah.

### Cole completes training in California

Marine Corps Pvt. William J. Cole, son of Debbie L. Cole of Buhl, has completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego. Cole is a 2000 graduate of Buhl High School in Buhl. Cole successfully completed 12 weeks of training designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally. Cole spent numerous hours in classroom and field assignments which included learning first aid, uniform regulations, combat water survival, marksmanship, hand-to-hand combat and assorted weapons training.

### Youth bereavement group holds meeting

TWIN FALLS - Magic Valley youth bereavement group will meet from 3:30-5 p.m. Thursday in the KMTV Community Room at 1100 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. in Twin Falls. Transportation to the meeting can be arranged. There is no cost to participate. For more information, call Gloria Misbach at 734-4061, Debra Mogelson at 733-8600, Sheryl Ford at 737-2508, Tami Slatter-Giese at 735-0121 or Bruce Stevens at 736-0900.

### Twin Falls High School winter choir night set

TWIN FALLS - Twin Falls High School choir will perform at their winter concert at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday. Adults are \$3, students are \$2.

### New Neighbors hears about health issues

TWIN FALLS - The Magic Valley New Neighbors will be holding its monthly luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Feb. 6 at the Jade restaurant, 1719 Kimberly Road. To make reservations, call 734-8418 by no later than Sunday. The featured topic for the luncheon is "Women's Health Issues." For more information, about

the Magic Valley New Neighbors please call 735-0651.

### Couple celebrates 40th wedding anniversary

TWIN FALLS - Joel and Lily (Garrison) McNish will celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary this spring in Boise. They were married Jan. 14, 1961 in Twin Falls. The couple has resided in Twin Falls since their wedding. Joel McNish worked for American Linen Supply and is now retired. His wife had worked for Mountain Bell and is now a homemaker. Joel McNish enjoys woodworking and bowling. Lily McNish enjoys quilting, reading and bowling. The couple has four children, Jim McNish of Twin Falls, Terisa (Rob) Crane of Eugene, Ore., Mark (Britta) McNish of Boise Joelenne (Jerry) Hutchison of Twin Falls and five grandchildren. The children will host the event.

### Scout Sunday set at First Christian Church

TWIN FALLS - Scout Sunday will be observed this Sunday at First Christian Church, 601 Shoshone St. N. in Twin Falls. Members of Pack and Troop 65 will participate during the 10:50 a.m. worship service. Following the service, there will be refreshments and a display of Scouting

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memorabilia highlighting the more than 77 years the church has sponsored Scouts.

On Feb. 8, Pack and Troop 65 will hold their Blue and Gold Banquet and court of honor for Scouting Anniversary Day. The event will be held at 6 p.m. in the church fellowship hall. Scouts and Scouts past and present are invited.

### CSI offers financial planning class next month

TWIN FALLS - The College of Southern Idaho will offer Your Bridge to Financial Security from 7:30-9 p.m. Feb. 8 in Shields 105 at CSI. Investment representative Norm Jordan will help students estimate how much they will need for retirement based on expenses and income and what to expect from other income sources and how to bridge the gaps. The class will also cover retrieving wealth and transferring wealth. Jordan is the district manager for New England Financial and holds degrees from Lynchburg College in Virginia. The cost is \$10. For more information or to register, call 733-9554, Ext. 2290.

### Spaghetti dinner and bake sale set at church

GOODING - A spaghetti dinner and bake sale will be held

from 5-8 p.m. Saturday at the Calgary Lutheran Church at the corner of 21st and California streets in Gooding.

All proceeds go to fund the youth group's trip to the national convention in New Orleans in July sponsored by AAL Branch 3313. Dinner tickets are \$4 per person and \$15 for a family of up to 5 or by donation.

### Filer library holds 'Let's Talk About It'

FILER - The Filer Public Library will hold "Let's Talk About It" at 10 a.m. Saturdays, Feb. 3, Feb. 17, March 3 and March 17.

### Historical society seeks funding, volunteer

JEROME - The Jerome Historical Society seeks funding to compile 1993, 1995, 1996, 1998 and 1999 Ag Weekly newspapers in binders for the museum. The cost is \$45 for the binding. The society also seeks 4 by 6 and 3 by 5-inch file cards, binders and wallpaper books. The society also seeks someone to put together its newsletter for July through October. If interested, call Barbara at 324-3325. Two albums with pictures and names of Idaho pioneer women were donated by the Jerome Business and Professional

## SENIOR CALENDAR

### Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center

616 Eastland Drive  
Dinner served from noon to 12:30 p.m. Suggested donation is \$3 for seniors. The cost is \$4 for non-seniors under 60 and \$2.50 for children under 12.  
Tuesday: Spaghetti, Italian vegetables, French bread, tossed salad, fruit dessert  
Thursday: Menu not available  
Friday: Menu not available  
Monday: Menu not available  
Activities  
Library, Pool Room, and Bargain Center with cards, games, color television, puzzles and movies. Open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Tuesday  
Blood pressure from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.  
Wednesday  
Quilting 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.  
Thursday  
Pinocle at 1 p.m.  
Friday  
Blood pressure from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.  
Lunch bingo  
Quilting  
Monday  
Quilting from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.  
Foot clinic

### West End Senior Citizens Inc.

1010 Main St., Buhl  
Noon meals served Monday through Friday. Buffet meal at 1 p.m. on Sundays.  
Evening meals served at 5:30 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays.

Suggested donations for meals is weekdays \$2.50, Sundays \$3.50, non-seniors \$4.25 and children under 12 years old \$2.50. Meals can be delivered Monday through Friday. Call 543-4577 for more information. Free bus service to and from meals is available. Monday evening, Tuesday at noon and Thursday noon and evening. Please call 543-4577 by 10 a.m. to arrange a ride. Coffee and cinnamon rolls each morning at the center, everyone is welcome!  
Tuesday: Chicken enchiladas, rice, tossed salad, tortilla chips, cake  
Wednesday: Beef stroganoff, green salad, creamed peas, rolls, dessert.  
Thursday: Menu not available  
Friday: Menu not available  
Sunday: Menu not available  
Activities  
Thrift shop open every day. Quilting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Roseland Band plays from 8-11 p.m. the second Saturday of each month. Admission is \$3.  
Tuesday  
Exercises from 7-8 a.m.  
Treasure Tuesday  
Crafts from 2-4 p.m.  
Wednesday  
Exercises from 7-8 a.m. and 10 a.m.  
Thursday  
Exercises from 7-8 p.m.  
Bingo from 1-3 p.m.  
Evening meal at 5:30 p.m., shogarsbord  
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Smudebaker, "It's Not Easy Being Big" by Stephanie St. Pierre, "Arthur's Reading Race" by Marc Brown, "Thomas and the School Trip" by W. Awdry, "Tommyell in the City of Love" by Ann Hatch and "The Joy of a Woman's Christmas" by Charles Schultz.

More new books include: "Cadillac Jukebox" by James Lee Burke, "Anchor Unknown" by Donald Foster, "Black Cherry Blues" by James Lee Burke, "Candyland" by Evan Hunter, "The Joy of the Holidays" by Johanna Lindsey, "Kitchen Confidential" by Anthony Bourdain, "Pagan Babies" by Elmore Leonard, "Talbot Odyssey" by Nelson Demille, "Who Wants to be a Millionaire?" by Regis Philbin, "Wild Justice" by D. J. Margolin, "The Most Excellent Book of How to Be a Cheerleader" by Bob Kiraly, "The Most Excellent Book of How to Be a Juggler" by Mitch Mitchellson, "Mother Teresa: Healing the Poor" by William Jay Jacobs, "The Most Excellent Book of How to Be a Clown" by Catherine Perkins, "The Most Excellent Book of How to Be a Magician" by Peter Eldin, "The Most Excellent Book of How to Be a Purveyor" by Roger Lade, "The Most Excellent Book of

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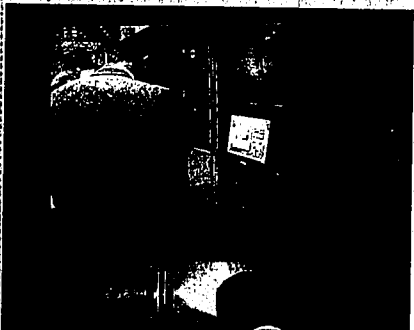
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# COMPUTERS AND TECHNOLOGY



**Peggy Tyler, left, of LG Electronics, demonstrates an Internet-ready refrigerator at the International Housewares Show earlier this month in Chicago. One of the features of the appliance is the ability to download MP3's directly from the Internet and play them through the refrigerator.**

## MP3 players will need to do more than just play songs

By Sam Diaz  
Knight Ridder News Service

MP3 players no larger than a ballpoint pen may have been rage on holiday gift lists last year. But in 2001, MP3 players will need to do more than just clip on the belt loop and play song after song during a morning jog around the park.

"They'll need to tap into the home stereo system. They'll need to transfer back and forth between the MP3 boombox, the MP3 car stereo and, of course, the desktop computer system. They'll need to play music burned to a CD."

This year, they'll do all of that and more.

At the Consumer Electronic Show in Las Vegas, MP3's gained much attention as product manufacturers both large and small showed off what's new - and what's soon to arrive - in the MP3 manipulation business.

Take the folks over at ReQuest Multimedia. The New York-based company showed its Audio ReQuest units, 20- and 30-gigabyte hard drive MP3/CD players that not only connect to the computer and home stereo system but also rip music right off the CD and convert its tracks to the MP3 format.

"The units are on the bulky side for an MP3 player - about the size of a home stereo CD player - but the inside brains do more than other MP3 or CD players on the market."

By the fall, the company plans to release a unit with a built-in CD recorder, which will take the MP3s from the hard drive and burn them back to a CD-R.

"Both promise to do great things - but it won't come cheap. The ARQ-20, with hard-drive space to hold about 350 hours of music, is selling for about \$800. The larger unit - with hard-drive space for more than 500 hours of music - is about \$1,200. The player/recorder slated for release in the fall will retail for about \$1,600.

By then, Sony will have its newest CD/MP3 players on the market - in the form of a boom box and stereo and a Walkman.

"The units will play not only CDs but also CD-R and CD-RW discs with MP3 files burned to them.

"Until now, MP3 files could only be played on MP3 players or through a computer system and CD-RWs, a form of blank recordable discs, could only be played on special CD-RW

machines, usually the same burners that did the recording.

"By offering a CD Walkman player, boombox and car stereo with CD-R and CD-RW playback, we aim to meet the needs of consumers who want to enjoy their music anywhere," said Ron Bore, president of Sony Electronics' Personal Mobile Products company.

The boombox will retail for \$180 and will be available next month. The car stereo will sell for \$430 and be available in March. The Walkman unit will cost consumers \$180. It will hit stores in August.

For those with high-speed Internet connections, Texas-based Panja is pitching its broadband music player, a stereo component-like box that connects to the Internet and PC to play not only the stored MP3 files on a hard drive but also the newest files being offered at MP3.com.

With the remote control and a visual through the TV, users can set-up their own playlists and keep track of new files available through MP3.com.

The unit, which is just starting to hit national retailers, sells for \$399. In addition, getting all of those songs off the Internet will cost you \$9.95 monthly or \$99.95 annually.

## Experts predict copycat hacker attacks

By Barbara Rose  
Chicago Tribune

Watch your step on the Internet.

Copycat hackers are likely to surface following the high-profile assault on Microsoft Corp.'s network last week, security experts say.

Thursday's attack, which overwhelmed computers that directed

traffic on Microsoft's network, prevented millions of people from accessing Web sites to get e-mail or download software updates.

On Friday, Microsoft's key service sites appeared to be running normally, including its popular free e-mail service Hotmail.com and such sites as Expedia.com, MSN.com and Carpoint.com, according to network monitoring experts.

But Microsoft's corporate site (www.microsoft.com) continued to be inaccessible from time to time, Friday, network monitoring experts and users reported.

Computer security experts say they've picked up an upsurge in hacker attacks within the last week. "There are reports of attacks on a lot of different companies' servers globally," said Russ Cooper, a security specialist

at TruSecure Corp. and the manager of a popular Internet discussion list focusing on Microsoft's Windows NT software.

Cooper speculated the outbreaks are in response to the recent guilty plea by a hacker dubbed "MatiaBoy" to charges involving high-profile attacks a year ago that disabled popular sites including eBay, Amazon and Yahoo.

## High-speed Net access takes a new turn

Knight Ridder News Service

SAN JOSE, Calif. - The race to provide high-speed Internet access to consumers amounts to battle between two entrenched technologies: the copper networks of cable companies and the phone lines of telecom giants.

But now many experts point to a rookie contender, predicting that new "fixed wireless" technology, which sends Internet data via radio towers and roof-mounted receivers, will emerge as the biggest competitor to the cable-phone establishment.

Major carriers such as Sprint Corp., AT&T Corp. and WorldCom Inc. are rolling out the wireless service in select cities. A bevy of startups, including at least two in Silicon Valley, are developing technology that would make fixed wireless more competitive with cable modems and digital subscriber line, or DSL, technology over phone lines.

For people who live outside the range of DSL service or whose cable network hasn't been upgraded for Internet data, fixed wireless can be a glimmer of hope for speedy downloads of Web sites and music files.

Forrester Research Inc. esti-

mates that 74.8 percent of U.S. households with high-speed Net access are connected through cable modems, and 25 percent through DSL, which requires the consumer to live near a facility with DSL equipment. As the number of broadband connections

is expected to grow, fixed wireless is expected to claim a 9 percent share of the 46.7 million broadband households by 2005, Forrester forecasts, while cable DSL account for 86 percent.

But several hurdles prevent fixed wireless providers from claiming the role of white knight to consumers frustrated with DSL or cable modem service - the relatively high cost of equipment, the less-than-reliable connection and the need for a "line-of-sight" connection between the transmission tower and roof-mounted receivers.

James Mendelson of the Strategis Group in Washington, D.C., estimates that service providers pay more than \$1,000 per connection for the equipment and a price that is competitive with DSL. They are pushing into trials this fall, with a goal of having their technology in carriers' networks by the end of this year or early next.

Isospan Wireless Inc., founded two years ago by a Stanford University engineering professor, is using multiple antennae

technology to improve the quality of signal reception. While many companies are putting more antennae on the tower, Isospan hopes to add antennae to its receivers' equipment. The benefit is similar to using two ears to hear.

If the connection is strong, the multiple antennae can be used to transmit more data.

Another approach to improving signal quality is to chop up the Internet data into small chunks and then send multiple signals to the customer's antenna. Imagine shipping a bundle of gifts to Grandma's house, says Liz Hervatic, director of technical business development at start-up Malibu Networks.

Instead of sending the multiple signals to the customer's antenna all at once, why not separate the delivery into many smaller boxes? Malibu, based in Calabasas, Calif., is writing software that can sort through the packages and reassemble the data.

## Free software lets listeners enjoy radio on the Web

By Craig Crossman  
Knight Ridder News Service

**Websites for radio**

www.apple.com/quicktime  
www.realaudio.com  
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Q. What software do I need in order for my computer to be able to play live radio broadcasts from the Internet?

A. Audio from the Web comes in two basic forms. The first requires you to download some type of audio file in its entirety. After downloading, you use a variety of sound players to listen to the file. For example, an MP3 song file has a defined length and size. To play the song, you download the entire file and then use an MP3 player to enjoy the performance.

The second type lets you hear the audio while the file is downloading. This method is referred to as "streaming audio" and is the preferred method used by almost every radio station that provides live audio content on the Web. If you think about it, streaming is the only way live audio can be provided since unlike a recording, there really is no beginning or ending other than the times you start and finish listening.

Streaming is not exclusive to live video and audio. Archives can also use the streaming method of delivery, usually because the length of the performance is quite long and could take hours to download making the first form impractical. The other reason for streaming is security. Many performances are proprietary or copyrighted. Streaming lets the

code key to unlock the QuickTime Pro version of the free QuickTime. The Pro offers additional functionality. QuickTime has the ability to stream live audio and video but can also capture entire files to disk for playback. All of the above streaming products are available in both Windows and Macintosh formats.

Once you have the streaming software of choice installed in your computer, you need only visit one of the many sites that feature live and archived broadcasts. One of the more popular locations you can try is YahooBroadcast. Featuring hundreds of radio stations from around the globe, you can hear programming that was

probably not available to you before the advent of this technology. No longer do you need rely upon your local broadcasters to bring you the radio shows you want to hear. A 56k connection is more than adequate, but faster connections such as ADSL and cable modems can provide better sound if the provider is sending a better quality audio stream.

Craig Crossman is the host of weekly radio show "Computer America," (<http://www.computer-america.com/>) heard nationwide. Contact him at [ccrossman@computamerica.com](mailto:ccrossman@computamerica.com) or 340 S. Ocean Blvd., Suite 4B, Palm Beach, Fla. 33480. Please include your phone number.

### Computer Q&A

owners of the material decide whether or not to make the content savable by the user. You can hear it but you can't save it to disk.

One of the most popular brands of streaming audio and video is available free from RealNetworks. Their latest version, RealAudio 8, gives you access to RealAudio and RealVideo Streaming Web sites on the Internet. If you want to pony up \$29.99 you can get their RealPlayer Plus that offers additional functionality.

Another popular streaming product comes from Microsoft. Their WindowsMedia player is also free and available from the Microsoft Web site. A third contender in the streaming arena comes from Apple Computer. Their QuickTime player is available for free on the Apple Web site. Paying Apple \$29.99 gets you

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# Rescuers pluck shipwreck survivors from Black Sea; 14 die

SEVASTOPOL, Ukraine - Shivering and frightened, their skin red and sore from saltwater, shipwreck survivors described drifting on rafts for two days on the Black Sea before anyone even noticed the ship was missing.

At least 14 people died and five others are missing in the sinking of the aged vessel, whose passengers included traders who eke out a living by bringing cheap goods from Turkey to sell in Ukraine. Thirty-two others survived.

The 198-foot Pamyat

**World in brief**

Merkuriya was heading from Istanbul with 51 people on board when it sank Friday night, said Volodymyr Pashynskiy of the Emergency Situations Ministry.

However, rescuers only began searching Sunday after the ship failed to arrive at the Ukrainian Black Sea port of Yevpatoria, he said.

Rescuers first found a raft carrying six survivors and eight bodies. Later Sunday, rescuers picked up 23 people spotted on

two rafts by passing ships.

Three more passengers were rescued early Monday, officials said. Survivors confirmed the deaths of six others whose bodies have not been found.

**Mad cow disease threatens to break EU farm budget**

BRUSSELS, Belgium - Mad cow disease is worse than European Union ministers anticipated, and is threatening to break the EU's farm budget and create a massive beef surplus, the bloc's farm chief said.

Monday.

Beef consumption has plummeted throughout the European Union, by as much as half in some countries, said Agriculture Commissioner Franz Fischler, calling the market indications "alarming."

The EU Commission had hoped beef sales would drop by no more than 10 percent over a full year.

"The situation is more dramatic than we could have anticipated by Christmas," he said.

And as non-EU countries ban European beef, "problems will

remain on the export front," Fischler warned.

Continuing to provide farmers with a guaranteed beef price in a depressed market could cost at least \$2.8 billion already triple the figure anticipated in the current EU budget, he said.

**Philippine volcano shakes; eruption might be close**

MANILA, Philippines - The Mayon volcano shook with dozens of small earthquakes and belched 10 times more sulfur

dioxide than normal, indicating an eruption in days or weeks, scientists said Monday.

Emissions of more than 5,000 tons a day of sulfur dioxide have been recorded since Sunday morning, and magma bubbles are several hundred feet below the surface and could soon erupt, volcanologist Julius Saito said.

The conical 8,118-foot mountain, some 215 miles southeast of Manila, last erupted Feb. 28, 2000, driving 68,000 people from their homes.

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- Financial**
  - 301 Business Opportunities
  - 302 Money To Loan
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  - 901 ATVs & Motorcycles
  - 902 Bicycles & Accessories
  - 903 Camping & Shells
  - 904 Guns & Rifles
  - 905 Hot Tubs & Pools
  - 906 Motor Trucks & RVs
  - 907 Sporting & Hunting Equip.
  - 908 Snowmobiles
  - 909 Utility Trailers
- Microchance**
  - 001 Antiques & Collectibles
  - 002 Books
  - 003 Building Materials
  - 004 Carpentry Tools
  - 005 Cameras & Equipment
  - 006 Children's Items
  - 007 Clothing
  - 008 Communication Equipment
  - 009 Computers
  - 010 Fumished Carpets
  - 011 Heating & Air Conditioning
  - 012 Jewelry & Furs
  - 013 Lawn Care
  - 014 Miscellaneous For Sale
  - 015 Musical Instruments
  - 016 Office Equip./Supplies
  - 017 Pools & Spas
  - 018 Sewing Machines
  - 019 Tools & Machinery
- Transportation**
  - 1001 Avation
  - 1002 Auto Parts & Accessories
  - 1003 Auto Wanted
  - 1004 Automobiles
  - 1005 Semi/Heavy Equipment
  - 1006 Trucks
  - 1007 Truck Parts & Accessories
  - 1008 4x4s
  - 1009 Van & Busses
  - 1010 Vans & Sports Cars
  - 1011 Used Cars
  - 1012 Used Cars
  - 1013 Used Cars
  - 1014 Used Cars
  - 1015 Used Cars

## SELL IT! BUY IT!

**A Classified Will Fill Every Need**

# BUY IT! SELL IT!

Please check your ad for correctness on the first day that it runs, as the Times-News is not responsible for errors after that time.

E-MAIL your classified ad to us at [twind@miron.net](mailto:twind@miron.net)

**FOUND - 1/26/01 near MVRMC hospital. Brown & white female mix dog white collar. Had been injured, not seriously. Needs owner or good home. 733-4000 Linda.**

**LOST - 1/26/01 near MVRMC hospital. Brown & white female mix dog white collar. Had been injured, not seriously. Needs owner or good home. 733-4000 Linda.**

**LOST - North of Jerome, Blue Heeler with black border. 100 lbs. 12 years. Intake from 224-3995. Please bring a map.**

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Classified by phone for people everywhere! 733-0931

### 106 SPECIAL NOTICES

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS**  
206-733-8000 & 726-4650M

### FAX YOUR AD

**TIMES CLASSIFIED DEPARTMENT**  
208-734-5538  
208-677-4543 (BURLEY)

**REMEMBER**  
That birthday ad placed some time ago in The Times-News? How is the time to come pick up your pictures. Stop by The Customer Service Dept today!

### 107 ABORTION ALTERNATIVES

**PREGNANCY CRISIS CENTER**  
FREE TESTING  
734-7472 - 600-371-7472

### 108 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

**BANKRUPTCY**  
Affordable & fast. Accidents, divorce & Child Rite at 734-3367  
**BANKRUPTCY**  
Competitive rates on Chapter 11 reorganizations. Jeff Stoker at 734-9452.  
**THE HANDYMAN CAR**  
Repair, Rebuild, Replace or Remove. Jim 326-4150  
Toll-free 1-800-968-3989 for people everywhere! 733-0931

### 109 PUBLIC SERVICE MESSAGE

Don't pay to find work before you get the job. For 1999, Work To Buy is avoiding employment service scams, write to the Federal Trade Commission, Washington, D.C. 20580, or call the National Fraud Information Center. 1-800-477-7329.

### AGRICULTURE

Experienced AG parts counter person. Send resume to 607-6471, The Times-News, PO Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303

### AUTOMOTIVE

John Harrison Ford is looking for full-time technician with some experience. Contact Scott Snow.

## 50 LEGAL

**NOTICE OF APPEAL HEARING**  
You are hereby notified that on the 14th day of February, 2001, at 9:00 a.m. in the Twin Falls County Board of Commissioners' Office, will hold an appeal hearing brought by Mike and Tammy Manning of the Planning and Zoning Commission's decision to approve a preliminary plat for Ranch Gate Subdivision consisting of approximately eighty five (85) residential lots for 21, Township 11 South, Range 18 East, Boise Meridian, and addressed approximately 3140 North 3500 East, Kimberly, in the Rural Residential Zone. The intended use is to create fifty four (54) residential lots for resale.

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The hearing will be held in the Twin Falls County Commissioners' Office, 425 S. Third Street, North, Fourth Floor, Twin Falls, Idaho.

Pursuant to the Idaho State Statutes, any appeal filed with the Idaho State Supreme Court will be confined to the plan-ning and zoning record and to new testimony of evidence can or will be received. This hearing is being held in the Twin Falls County Commissioners' Office, 425 S. Third Street, North, Fourth Floor, Twin Falls, Idaho.

ATTEST:  
J/Robert S. Fort, Clerk

PUBLISH: January 30, 2001

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**BANKING**  
L. Evans Bank has an immediate opening in Twin Falls area for an experienced Operations Manager. This position requires previous banking and supervisory experience. The successful candidate will possess excellent organizational, interpersonal and communication skills. Strong computer knowledge is required, as well as the ability to handle multiple tasks. This position is available at any L. Evans Bank location.

**CHIROPRACTIC ASST.**  
Wanted in busy office. Bring resume to office at 12:30 pm only. Salary negotiable. 534 Falls, Suite 1050, Twin Falls.

**CLERICAL**  
Customer Service  
Customer positions  
733-7000 or 678-4040  
**PERSONNEL PLUS**

**CLERICAL**  
Part-time opening for accounts receivable clerk - other duties, rel. req. Apply in person at 2440 Eldridge Ave. 734-7740.

**CUSTOMER SERVICE**  
**CRAZY**  
I need 18 crazy, fun, friendly people to replace 18 boring people who were lazy and not crazy. Great advancement. Great earnings! Great company! Great Boss! \$120 guaranteed. Tues to Sat 9 am - 1 pm to set up an interview.  
**734-2883.**

Keep an eye classified. Classified advertising doesn't exist, someone would invent it. Call 733-0931.

**DENTAL**  
Dental Hygienist needed in busy office. Pay \$260 per day. Send resume to: Box 96517, The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303.

**DRIVER**  
Pick up & Delivery, Local truck company looking for a class 1 time driver. Needs Class A CDL w/ HazMat & job. 644-1060

If classified advertising didn't exist, someone would invent it. Call 733-0931.

## 50 PERSONNEL PLUS

**DRIVERS**  
Experienced OTR drivers, dedicated run, open door policy. Call 677-4622

**GENERAL IMMEDIATE OPENINGS**  
\* Industrial-Light & Heavy  
\* Factory-Aid Shifts  
\* Construction  
\* Forklift  
\* CDL Drivers  
\* Mechanical  
\* Welders  
\* Radiology Tech  
\* Medical Tech, ASCP or MLT  
**POST PAY - NO FEE**  
111 Flier Ave, 735 Overland Dr, Burley, ID 83308

**PERSONNEL PLUS**  
GRAPHIC DESIGNER  
The Times News is looking for an individual with computer graphic design experience to join our staff working in our Twin Falls office. The successful candidate will design advertising materials, write copy, generate ad ideas and campaigns with a team member. The applicant must possess the ability to maintain quality control of ad production from start to finish. Qualified applicants will have an Associate Degree in Computer Applications, Computer Graphics, Graphic Arts or the equivalent with 1-2 years experience. Experience with McIntosh computers using QuarkXPress, Adobe Illustrator and Photoshop, strong writing and design skills is a plus. This is a full-time, permanent position with the valley's best and biggest newspaper. 401K, Health Insurance, paid vacation, competitive pay and a monthly bonus incentive make this a great place to work. Job posted: Jan. 17, 2001 Closing Date: Feb. 9, 2001 Serious candidates send resume to: Attn: Kent Schmidt The Times-News PO Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303 or e-mail resume and query [TW44@magicalvalley.com](mailto:TW44@magicalvalley.com)

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## 50 PERSONNEL PLUS

**INSULATION INSTALLERS**  
Now hiring Insulation installers, prefer experience but not necessary. Contact Lee, 735-1910

**INVENTORY CONTROL**  
Local Super Market company has an opening for an inventory control person. Position is detailed and have good organizational skills. Must be able to work with people. Equal opportunity is a must. Send a resume to: P.O. Box 120 Murrigh, ID 83344

**IRRIGATOR**  
Experienced. Gated pipe, linear. Some tractor work. Seasonal, now. Could be some full time for the right person. Good driving record a must. Salary DOE. Send resume to P.O. Box 428 Kimberly, ID 83341 or call 423-4648.

**JUVENILE PROBATION OFFICER**  
FT. Bachelor's degree in Social Work, Criminal Justice or related field & Exper. w/ juveniles req. No experience req. or check. Salary DOE. Submit resume to: Box 95070 The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Kimberly, ID 83303. Closes 2/2/01. EOE. Drug free workplace.

**LAW ENFORCEMENT**  
The Gooding Co. Sheriff has one opening for a POST certified detention officer. Applications may be picked-up at a POST certified detention office. Applications must be submitted by Friday, February 9, 2001. 6:00 am. No working salary for non-certified is \$10,000 annual with benefits.

**MANUFACTURING SIGN MANUFACTURER**  
1 SUSTAINABLE POSITION - 1 metal fabrication position. No experience required. Welding and torch experience helpful. Clean driving record required. Competitive wage and benefits. Drug free workplace. Please apply in person in Lyde Sign Inc., 1925 Kimberly Rd, Twin Falls, ID.

**MECHANIC**  
Exp. farm equipment service technician needed. Send resume to: Twin Falls, ID 83303-3052.

## 50 PERSONNEL PLUS

**MAIL SERVICE**  
Attention Inside Sales Manager. The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303. You may also stop by the office located 311 W. Main (Ag-Warehouse area building) in Twin Falls. The Times-News is a drug-free workplace. EOE.

**INSTALLER**  
If you have company has an immediate opening for an auto glass installer. Must have at least 2 years proven auto glass experience... clean driving record, great pay, no vacations, medical & pd. vacations. Call now, we need you! 1-800-668-3849.

## Minidoka Memorial Hospital

is currently hiring for the following positions:

**LPN/RN EXTENDED CARE**  
Full-time/part-time/PRN positions available on all shifts in the Extended Care Facility. A \$500 SIGN ON BONUS is available for this position.

**LPN MEDICAL FLOOR**  
Full-time Evening shift.

**INPATIENT MEDICARE CODER**  
Full-time position open. Knowledge in ICD-9 and CPT Coding preferred. Experience and knowledge in health/medical terms required.

Interested applicants may contact Human Resources at 436-0481 or apply in person M-F 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Equal Opportunity Employer - Drug Free Workplace

## For only \$15 you can surprise a loved one

with a "Valentine Message" in a Special Section in The Times-News on Valentine's Day!

*Scully, I want to believe that the truth is out there. Trust no one. Mulder*

## Now Hiring

5 Dayshift • 20 Nightshift

Needed Immediately for Fun, Professional Workplace

# \$6.50/hr.

(prepaid card, no hours req.)

Send resume to: \$100 Retailer Bonus. Advancement Opportunities. Health Benefits.

**Teleperformance USA**  
1399 Fillmore Suite #502 Twin Falls 732-5259

And... bring your request into The Times-News and receive a 1/2 lb. box of chocolates by **Frederickson's FINE CANDIES**

Ad deadline is Monday, February 12 at 2 p.m.

**The Times-News**

132 3rd St. West Twin Falls, ID 733-0931 ext. 2  
325 1/2 E 5th N Burley, ID 677-4042

## General Laborers! All Skills • All Trades

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430 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. (208) 733-2300

## LABOR BOARD

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All Shifts Available \$6.00 - \$10.00 per hour Permanent and Temporary Accepting applications for: Construction, Clerical, Forklift Certified Production Machine Operators, Maids, Warehouse General Labor Assembly Apply in person at



315 Addison Ave. #3 Burley, ID 83301 1-208-736-3959

MEDICAL: Looking for a positive work environment and state-of-the-art facility? Park View Care and Rehabilitation Center has openings for exceptional RNs or LPNs... Charge nurse position or supervisory position in state of the art ventilator care unit... Apply in person at Park View Care and Rehabilitation Center, 2303 Park Ave., Burley, ID 83318, EOE

MEDICAL: CNAs, LPNs and RNs, also home health nurses... Call or come in and visit with Cindy Riccio, Admin. or Connie Stone at 500 Park Ave., Burley, ID 83301, 423-5551

MEDICAL: NAs, CNAs needed for NAs, CNAs, Weekend L Twin Falls areas. Contact Joya at Jewell's Home Care, 733-6849.

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MEDICAL: Still Looking! Magic Valley Regional Medical Center needs: •Medical/Surgical Nurses with experience... •RN position... •PRN position... •LPN position... •Infant Care Center and Much More.

CNA's Twin Falls Care Center now has immediate openings for CNA's for Day, Evening & Night shifts. • Sign on bonus • A positive work environment • Competitive salary • Torriche benefits package including PTO • A job where you can make a difference in someone's life • Shift differential • Apply for an application and/or interview. Twin Falls Care Center 874 Eastland Drive EOE

NOW HIRING

Part-time Host/Hostess for our retirement. Fine dining room. Hours: 10:30am - 7pm. Includes some weekends.

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MEDICAL RN with managerial skills needed for evening shift, RN Supervisor position. Excellent compensation and benefits. State of the art facility. Apply in person at Park View Care and Rehabilitation Center, 2303 Park Ave., Burley, ID 83318, EOE

MEDICAL LPN position. License required/previous experience. Full time position. Competitive salary/benefits package and annual merit bonus. Contact Mary Kay Gauger, Gooding County Memorial Hospital, 1120 Montana St., Gooding, ID, 324-4433 Ext. 145 or fax resume to 324-9399.

MEDICAL Home Health/Hospice RN, CNA Social Worker, full time/ part time. Call 733-8600 ask for Debra or Jackie

MEDICAL PT needed for Private Duty Nursing for children and Hospice. FT and pm. Call 733-9600 to apply.

MEDICAL MOUNTAIN VIEW CARE CENTER Has the following openings: •RN or LPN •Part Time Night Shift. •LPN •Night Shift. •Nights/weekend. •Night Shift. Hire on bonus for all dept.

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NEWSPAPER INTERNSHIP For Magic Valley Students The Times-News, a 24,000 circulation daily newspaper in Twin Falls, offers a variety of paid summer internships for college students (or exceptional high school students) who grow up in our circulation area.

The goal of our Internship program is to cultivate potential long-term employees who would like to live in the valley in the Twin Falls area. For that reason, those internships are limited to students who attended high school in the Magic Valley or Wood River Valley.

Full-time, 10-week to 12-week paid internships will be awarded in some or all of these job categories: •News Reporting •Editing/Page Design •Advertising Sales •Customer Service

If you are interested in exploring a career with a growing, profitable, aggressive media company... Please send resume, reference list and representative samples of your work to: Mary Kay Gauger, Human Resources Coordinator The Times-News, Box 2303 Park Ave., Burley, ID 83301

Deadline: March 15, 2001 The Times-News is a diverse workplace and an equal opportunity employer.

OFFICE Socialist, full time position with ARTEC Program at CSI requires advanced computer and accounting skills, proficiency in MS Office. Field posting, application and resume to: www.csi.usdjobs.com

OUTSIDE SALES TOP SALES PERSON NEEDED BURGLAR/ALARM CO. Outside sales experience a must. Must be a hard worker, self-starter, great communications, salary & benefits. Call 735-0328

PROFESSIONAL HAIR TECH is expanding, looking for stylist. Call Linda 733-5607

RANCH FARM Looking for a farmer. Year round position, no alfalfa. Call 208-366-7931 between 8am and 6pm.

RECEPTIONIST / SALES Mon. - Fri., Computer exp. req. Send resume with references to: P.O. Box 5674, Twin Falls, ID 83303

RECEPTIONIST/SALES ASSISTANT Needed for FT station in Twin Falls, ID. Send Resumes: PO Box 667 Peotolino, Id. 83201. EOE Employer.

SALES PROFESSIONAL: Duty, exp. & supply, co. needs exp., educated person to grow business, base plus commission & benefit pkg. For application 324-3213.

TRAVEL JOBS Young growing company in hiring 10 to 25 travel guys & gals, free to travel, 2 weeks paid training with hotel & return guarantee. If you are ready to travel, over 18 & want to make good money, Call Steve toll free, new number 1-877-369-4591

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STUDENTS This summer, get into shape and learn a skill. Earn up to \$1,171 per month. Receive benefits that last a lifetime. The Idaho Army National Guard, CA SFC Banjo W 734-R 171 or 1-800-GO-GUARD.

TRAFFIC SIGNAL ELECTRICIAN Federal Employment Information System, in Shoshone has a current opening for a Traffic Signal Electrician. Licenses is required. Responsibilities include: •Install, maintain, and repair traffic signal operations, new installation in buildings, electrical maintenance and interstate lighting. Competitive benefits package available. Beginning salary range up to \$15,000, depending on qualifications. EEO/AAE. For application information call 886-7600

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MISCELLANEOUS The Times-News is accepting applications for part-time position in our mailroom. Mechanical aptitude & dependable nature is essential. Must be able to lift 50 lbs., work nights and weekends, & clean up of production area. If interested, please fill out application at: The Times-News, 1000-1800 Poplar 3rd St. W., Twin Falls, ID. Attn: Daniel Walock. The Times-News is a drug-free workplace.

WAREHOUSE DELIVERY Mountain States Glass needs a night warehouse driver. Duties include inventory control, delivery to locations, previous experience a plus. Must have clean driving record, & be very dependable. We offer good pay, health insurance, medical insurance. If interested call 1-800-866-3848.

If you live in the Eden/Hazelton area & are interested in being a Newspaper Carrier, please contact the Twin Falls Times-News office at 733-0931, ext. 348, or stop by 132 3rd St. W., Twin Falls.

Sales/Marketing Director

Requirements include: •An energetic personality & sales experience. Responsibilities include: •Sales presentations •Direct marketing development and customer service for 100 retirement apartments and 43 assisted living apartments.

BRIDGEVIEW OFFERS: ♦ Two Week Paid Vacation ♦ Sick and Holiday Pay ♦ Paid Camp Days for Good Attendance ♦ 401K Retirement Plan ♦ Health, Dental, and Life Insurance ♦ College Tuition Assistance (Scholarship)

Send resume to: Bridgeview Estates 1828 Bridgeway Blvd. Twin Falls, ID 83301 Attn: Andy Frause

217 EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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ATTENTION WORK FROM HOME! Up to \$25.00 to \$75.00 per hour, part time or full time! 1-877-720-8748. www.TheStarFalls.com

218 TIMES NEWS CARRIERS

BUHL (6)

THE TIMES-NEWS CURRENTLY HAS THE FOLLOWING INDEPENDENT NEWSPAPER ROUTES IN BUHL: ROUTE 520 100-600 7th Ave. W. 100-600 3rd Ave. W. 100-600 2nd Ave. W. 100-600 E. Main St. ROUTE 524 134-400 1st Ave. W. 300-600 3rd Ave. E. 100-400 North Data St. 100-400 West Main

ROUTE 522 100-600 West Ave. G. 200 West Ave. J. 200 West Ave. I. 200 West Ave. K. 700-900 South Fir St. 700-1285 S. Lincoln Ave.

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EDENHAZELTON MOTOR-ROUTE The Times-News is currently looking for an Independent Motor Route Carrier in the EDENHAZELTON area. Valid driver license & reliable vehicle a must.

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FILER (6)

THE TIMES-NEWS IS CURRENTLY LOOKING FOR INDEPENDENT NEWSPAPER CARRIERS FOR THE FILER AREA. Walking Routes Available

ROUTE 529 200 Elk Canyon Rd. 100 Elk Davis 100-600 North St. 100-600 Blk St. ROUTE 529 1000 Elk. 5th St. West 400-500 Cantle 300-600 Golden Spur 100-200 Stillup St.

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ROUTE 522 100-400 Blk. Jefferson ROUTE 524 400 Blk. Altair 500-500 Blk. Jackson 300-400 Meadows Lane 700 Blk Newport

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AAA Cash back route! Needs local dist. loc's. \$5K per week potential. Free samples. Toll free 877-624-4422

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302 MONEY TO LOAN Continental Loans \$100 - \$500 Phone applications welcome. Call Today - 735-0882.

THE TIMES-NEWS CURRENTLY HAS THE FOLLOWING INDEPENDENT NEWSPAPER ROUTES ON THE EAST SIDE OF TWIN FALLS. ROUTE 700 2200-2300 Castle Dr. 2200-2300 Hillcrest Dr. 2200-2400 Longbow Dr. 2200-2300 Sherwood Drive

ROUTE 701 2400-2500 9th Ave. E. 600-1000 Cypress Way

ROUTE 716 500 Blk. Butte Dr. 2200 Blk. Crest 2200 Blk. Flar Ave. E. 500-700 Blk. Riverview Drive

ROUTE 738 2100 Blk. Oakwood Ct. 2100 Blk. Rusty Ln. 400 Blk. Rusty Ln.

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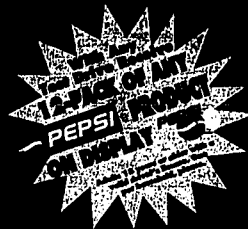
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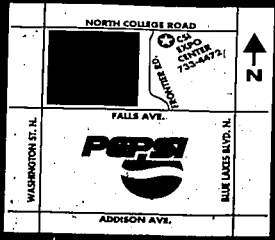
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“Yeah, we’ve shown some signs of change. But we don’t want temporary. This is how we want it to be from here on out.”

—NBA coach Nate McMillan, whose Seattle SuperSonics will try to make it six straight wins when they play the Utah Jazz tonight at Key Arena

TRIVIA

**QUESTION:** What three brothers once played the outfield together in a 1963 game for the San Francisco Giants?

.....answer below

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

**High school wrestling**  
 Gooding at Filer, 6 p.m.  
**Girls' high school basketball**  
 Dietrich JV at ISDB, 7:30 p.m.  
 SCIC Tournament  
 Gooding at Kimberly, 7:30 p.m.  
 Canyon Conf. tourney:  
 Wendell at Valley, 7:30 p.m.  
 Region III Tournament  
 Highland at Minico, 7 p.m.  
 Twin Falls at Pocatello, 7 p.m.  
 District IV-VI tourney:  
 Burley at Jerome, 7:30 p.m.  
 Bonanza at Blackfoot, 7:30 p.m.  
**Boys' high school basketball**  
 Glennia Perry at Buhl  
 Camas County at Shoshone, 6 p.m.  
 Ketchum at Bliss, 7:30 p.m.  
 Richfield at Carey, 6 p.m.  
 Raft River at Hansen, 6 p.m.  
 Oakley at Hagerman, 6 p.m.  
 Murtaugh at Castelford, 6 p.m.  
 Dietrich at TFCA, 6:30 p.m.  
**High school bowling**  
 Kimberly at Twin Falls, 4 p.m.  
 Buhl at Hansen, 4 p.m.

IN BRIEF

**Bellevue's Wardell widens money lead**

**BELLEVUE** — Wood River Valley cowboy Kelly Wardell is widening his lead in the barrel racing money, ratcheting up his early season winnings to \$15,729 — more than \$7,000 more than runner-up Lan LaJeunesse of Morgan, Utah.

Wardell, of Bellevue, is enjoying one of his best seasons to date. Clint Corey, of Powell Butte, Ore., ranks third with \$7,183. Bobby Mote, of Redmond, Ore., is fourth at \$7,174 and Deb Greenough, of Red Lodge, Mont., ranks fifth with \$6,356.

**Mile High gets new name — for big dollars**

**DENVER** — Denver's new football stadium sold its name for a pile of cash that's a mile high. The new home of the Broncos will be "Invesco Field at Mile High." Invesco Funds Group, a financial services company, will pay \$120 million for 20 years to have its name on the stadium.

**Correction**

The score of Friday's Hagerman-Hansen boys' high school junior-varsity game was incorrect in Saturday's edition. Hagerman won 76-21. The Times-News regrets the error.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

TRIVIA ANSWER:

The Alois — Felipe, Matty and Jesus.

## Sutton still mum about crash

Students place roses to remember victims

**STILLWATER, Okla.** — Flowers were placed at the school's Spirit Rider statue and Oklahoma State students pinned small orange ribbons to their chests Monday as they returned to class for the first time since a plane crash killed

two basketball players. "It's like you've lost 10 members of your family," said Lori Peck, a 19-year-old freshman who stopped in the Student Union to sign a poster board tribute to the 10 victims. Eddie Sutton, the school's 64-

year-old basketball coach, has not spoken publicly about the crash, which killed two reserve players, six staff members and broadcasters and the pilot and co-pilot. The crash happened in snowy weather Saturday night, 40 miles east of Denver. As he left campus Monday, Sutton said he was finally going to be able to do something joyful. "I've got to go and see my new grandbaby be born — something pleasant," he said softly, heading

into a morning mist in a long trench coat, his head down. Sutton's son, Scott, coach of Oral Roberts University in Tulsa, became the father of a girl late Monday afternoon. Dan Lawson, 21, junior guard from Detroit, Mich., and Nate Fleming, 21, a freshman from Edmond, were killed in the crash. At the Oklahoma State campus, 10 orange-and-white silk



Eddie Sutton

Please see CRASH, Page D2

# HARD TO STOP

Hansen levels Hagerman in Magic Valley tournament

By Nathan Jerke  
 Times-News Writer

**HANSEN** — The top-seeded Hansen Huskies busted loose for 26 points in the second quarter to take a 57-31 win over Hagerman Monday in their first game of the Class A-4 Magic Valley Conference girls' basketball tournament.

The game started on a fast pace, producing many turnovers and high foul totals for both teams as the home team bolted to an 11-4 advantage.

In the second quarter, Hansen stiffened even further on defense and the Huskies' offense

scored nearly every time it raced down the floor.

Going on a 6-0 run to start the second quarter, Hansen built a 13-point lead midway through the period and never came close to relinquishing it — thanks to big plays on both ends of the court.

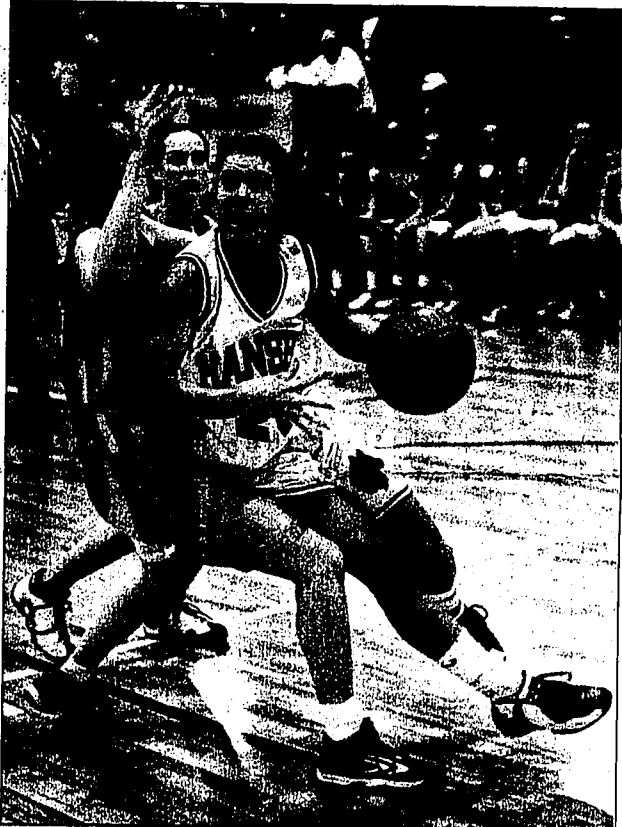
In the final minutes of a rebound, Dacia Stimpson hauled in the half and went coast-to-coast for an easy layin. On the following play, Sara Nelson stole the ball on Hagerman's inbound play and Stimpson again ended up with the ball for another easy two.

Stimpson led the Huskies with eight points in the quarter.

Hansen finished the half 13-18 from the free throw line and held a 25-point lead headed into the locker room.

"In the second quarter we created havoc on defense," said Hansen coach Rick Abel. "That fed the offense — it all built confidence in the girls."

Please see HANSEN, Page D2



Hansen High School's Amanda McAhren drives around Hagerman's Corys McCammon during a Magic Valley Conference playoff game at Hansen Monday night. The top-seeded Huskies pounded the Pirates 57-31.

## No rest for Super Bowl champions

Ravens coach: It's time to look ahead

The Associated Press

**TAMPA, Fla.** — After a sleepless night, Brian Billick was looking forward, not back.

"Of course we want to repeat," the Baltimore Ravens coach said Monday, less than 12 hours after his team won the Super Bowl by beating the New York Giants, 34-7. "But we

have to recognize that teams turn over and that all kinds of things can happen. I think the people in St. Louis, in Baltimore, are happy we don't have dynasties any more."

Prognostication is, indeed, impossible these days — six different teams have been in the Super Bowl the last three seasons.

A year ago, the St. Louis Rams, coming off a 4-12 season, beat the Tennessee Titans, who were 8-8 the previous season. The Ravens were 8-8 a year ago and the Giants were 7-9, unlikely candidates, then, for this year's game.



Baltimore Ravens lineman Lionel Dauton raises his helmet as he is driven past screaming fans in front of the team's training facility Monday.

Billick never got to bed after the game, as he celebrated Baltimore's first NFL championship in 29 years before showing up to say farewell to the media he had chastised regularly in the week preceding Sunday's victory. Ray Lewis was there, too, to accept the game's MVP award. It was 180 degrees from the same night a year ago for Lewis, who was involved in a postgame

fight after the game in Atlanta that led to him being charged with murder. He eventually pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor charge of obstructing justice and received probation.

This time, the evening was spent with his four children, including his 5-year-old son, Ray III, who chided him for dropping a couple of potential interceptions.

Lewis will be back with the Ravens next season. But coordinator Marvin Lewis, the architect of the great defense, likely will wind up as head coach in either Buffalo or Cleveland.

Others might not be back, including linebacker Jamie Sharper and, perhaps, quarterback Trent Dilfer. As Billick pointed out, in the free-agent, salary cap era, teams turn over 25-30 percent a season.

So next year's Ravens will look different. Billick said Monday that as of now, Dilfer is the team's quarterback for next season, but added: "There are a lot of other things we have to consider."

Dilfer is a free agent and may have been a caretaker QB. Billick coached Washington's Brad Johnson in Minnesota and Johnson is probably the premier free agent quarterback available this year.

But signing a relatively high-priced quarterback may not leave cap room to re-sign Sharper, who was overshadowed by Lewis on the Ravens' record-setting defense but was probably the most valuable player in Baltimore's win over Oakland in the AFC championship game.

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## Davis quits Miami for Browns job

The Associated Press

**BEREA, Ohio** — Butch Davis, who returned the University of Miami to national title contention, resigned Monday to coach the Cleveland Browns.

Davis, who led the Hurricanes to a national ranking last season, will be introduced at a news conference today at the Browns' training facility, team president Carmen Policy said.

"The Browns organization is extremely pleased to have Butch Davis as our next coach," Policy said in a statement.



Butch Davis

Davis had been listed as a possible Browns coach since the team fired Chris Palmer on Jan. 11.

WCYC-TV and WTAM-AM in Cleveland first reported that Davis would take the Browns job.

His agent, Marvin Demoff, said after arriving in Cleveland that Davis had not yet signed a contract with the Browns but the sides were "in serious discussions. It's pretty close."

For weeks, Davis has been denying he would leave Miami, where he had been working on a contract extension with the university. The Browns also denied that they had a secret meeting with Davis in Florida last month.

Davis told the Hurricanes' players of his decision Monday morning and was headed to Cleveland. His departure came one week before the end of the college signing period.

"I'm disappointed," Miami athletic director Paul D'Arco said. "I think coach Davis had a lot to give UM and I'm pleased at the success we had."

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## Friends and family remember McGuire

The Associated Press

**MILWAUKEE** — Al McGuire packed the house one last time Monday night.

A standing room-only crowd of more than 1,500 mourners attended a funeral Mass for the former coach and commentator whose powerful personality and wit transcended the basketball court and the broadcast booth.

McGuire died Friday at 72 after a long illness.

Al McGuire was a basketball coach, and for 20 years he coached basketball like Beethoven wrote music, like Shakespeare wrote poetry and like Rembrandt painted pictures," said U.S. Sen. Herb Kohl, his close friend.

McGuire's son, Al Jr., recalled a time when his father was starting to build Marquette into a powerhouse, the crowds at the old Milwaukee Arena were getting bigger and bigger, "and he turned to me and said, 'We're doing good.'"

His son then scanned the overflow crowd at Gesu Church, including 30 of his father's former players standing on the altar behind him.

"How proud he would be that the house was another SRO (standing room only)," he said. "We've done good together, gang. We've done really good."

The 90-minute Mass followed a six-hour visitation in which thousands of mourners paid their last respects to McGuire, the charismatic New Yorker who coached Marquette to a national championship and later brought his street-wise lingo to TV.

"In Al McGuire's passing we have lost a truly remarkable man, colorful, unique, one of a kind," said Rev. Robert Wild, president of Marquette University, in his homily.

SPORTS

Buhl, Filer, Declo survive SCIC openers

The Times-News

BUHL — Despite being short-handed and unable to hit the outside shot, the Buhl Indians controlled the paint on their way to a 43-32 victory over Kimberly in the first round of the SCIC girls' basketball tournament Monday.

Local sports

with 11 points and 12 boards, while Tara Rushton led Wood River with five points.

Filer (6-15 overall) plays Buhl Wednesday at Declo.

The Wolverines (10-10 overall) have a bye today, and await the winner of the Kimberly/Gooding game.

The Indians played with just six athletes, as both Annie McCauley and Brandi Hosman were out with the flu.

Buhl advances to play Filer (a 26-21 victor over Wood River) Wednesday at 6 p.m. at Declo High School.

Gooding advanced to play Filer (a 26-21 victor over Wood River) Wednesday at 7 p.m. following the junior varsity championship game between Buhl and Declo.

"It was a defensive battle," said Filer coach Kim Krumm. "We are down three starters, one on ACL and one stress fracture. The substitute care did well."

Jessie Lassen led the Wildcats.

Magic Valley Conference

RAFT RIVER 55, Murtaugh 37 — MURTAUGH — The two teams split two meetings during the regular season, so the game between Murtaugh and Raft River was expected to be a close one.

It was not to be. Dominance in the paint and on the scoreboard led the Trojans to a 55-37 victory over the Red Devils in second-round action at the Magic Valley Conference Tournament.

"They out-rebounded us in the second half and we didn't look to attack the basket," said Murtaugh coach Brian Thompson.

The Trojans led by one at the break, but outscored Murtaugh 33-16 in the second half. Amber Nye tossed in a game-high 26 points for Raft River while Ashley Ward paced the Red Devils with 16 before fouling out.

The Trojans advance to play Hansen in the consolation semifinals Thursday while the Red Devils play Oakley in a loser-out contest Wednesday.

The Hornets (17-4) play Thursday in Declo against the winner of Wednesday's Buhl-Filer game. The Senators (3-20) travel to Kimberly today in a loser-out affair, with the winner facing Wood River Wednesday.

Canyon Conference

Wendell 49, Glens Ferry 38

GLENN'S FERRY — Lauren Hickey tossed in 24 points to lead the Wendell Trojans to a 49-38 victory over Glens Ferry in

the first round of the Canyon Conference tournament.

The two teams split during the season, but it was all Trojans Monday as they built a 17-point lead after three quarters, then held off the rallying Pilots.

The victory sends Wendell on to face top-seeded Valley tonight at 7 p.m. Glens Ferry awaits the loser in an elimination game Thursday.

Amy Walker led the Pilots with 19 points while senior post Candace Laird added 11.

Boys' basketball

O'Leary 65, TPCA 66

TWIN FALLS — The ninth-grade O'Leary Junior High varsity boys' basketball team tightened the screws on defense after halftime Monday, erasing a 38-32 deficit and replacing it with a 65-56 win against the Twin Falls Christian Academy.

Luke Martin led the way with 21 points and David DeLeon added 11 in the win.

Tyler Jordan led TPCA with 18 in the loss.

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SPORTS IN BRIEF

Burke foursome wins opening golf tourney

GLENN'S FERRY — A foursome headed by Carmela Vineyards Golf Course pro Rick Burke edged the runners-up by a stroke Sunday in the course's first tournament of the season, the 18 Hole Super Bowl Scramble.

Burke, Gregg Smith, Jon Brennan and Travis Crone carried 57, besting the second-gross team of Gordon Brown, Lewis Young, Paul Rose and Randy Arnold by a shot.

Jody Allen, Buddy Allen, Scott Simms and Dale Smith took first net with a 38.8. Tim Jess, Chick Jacobsen, Trudy Jess and Chad Gregg were second with a 41 and Gary Severson, Rocky Watkins, Mark Martell and Tom Jones were a close third with a 41.6.

Some 12 teams from across southern Idaho participated.

Chmura's accuser: Sex was not consensual

WAUKESHA, Wis. — The teen-ager accusing former Green Bay Packers star Mark Chmura of sexually assaulting her at a drunken post-game party testified Monday she never had consensual sex with him.

"Never at any time," the 18-year-old woman told Waukesha County District Attorney Paul Bucher, adding that Chmura made her uncomfortable. "He would refer to me as 'fallback.' He asked me if my legs had gotten any longer since he saw me last. I took offense to that."

Chmura is accused of pulling her into a bathroom, pulling down her pants and having sex with her without her consent in a matter of seconds. Chmura, 31, has pleaded innocent to third-degree sexual assault and child enticement, both felonies. He could face up to 40 years in prison and \$20,000 in fines.

Super Bowl one of lowest rated in 30 years

NEW YORK — A lopsided game with little offense from either team dragged the TV rating down to one of the Super Bowl's lowest in 30 years.

CBS Sports' telecast of the Baltimore Ravens' 34-7 victory over the New York Giants registered a national rating of 40.3 with a record-low 60 share from 6:30 to 9:23 p.m. EST Sunday.

That means an average of 40.3 percent of the country's TV homes were watching at any given moment, while 60 percent of in-use televisions were tuned to the game.

The lowest previous share for any Super Bowl was 61, in 1999 (on Fox) and in 1992 (the last time CBS televised the game).

Woman could be second to win Eclipse Award

HOT SPRINGS, Ark. — Inspired by "The Black Stallion," Greta Kuntzweiler told her family she was going to be a jockey years before she saw her first thoroughbred race. After a taste of college, a stint teaching and a long learning period, Kuntzweiler is on her chosen career path — and finding success.

The 25-year-old Kuntzweiler is one of three finalists for the nation's outstanding apprentice at today's Eclipse Awards, and would be the second woman to claim the honor.

Rosemary Homelster Jr. was the runner-up in 1992, but she was given the apprentice title the next year when it was discovered that winner Jeannette Bures rode in Panama before coming to the United States, making him ineligible for the award.

Last year, Kuntzweiler rode 108 winners out of 1,112 mounts despite being sidelined with a broken ankle in October.

France's Cavagnon wins world super-G title

ST. ANTON, Austria — France's Regine Cavagnon won the super giant slalom title Monday while powerful Austria was shut out in the opening event of skiing's world championships.

The Cavagnon had a winning time of 1 minute, 23.44 seconds on the Grand Galop course. The United States made a strong showing, with Megan Gerety of Anchorage, Alaska, finishing fourth.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

Fassel guarantees Giants will return

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — You didn't think New York Giants coach new Jim Fassel was through making guarantees, did you?

A day after being humbled by the Baltimore Ravens in the Super Bowl, Fassel guaranteed on Monday that the Giants would return to the NFL championship game, and soon.

Fassel, whose playoff guarantee on Nov. 22 ignited the Giants run to the Super Bowl, said the nucleus of the team is solid and that, if the players continue to work hard and play with the same unselfish attitude, they can succeed again.

"I'm going to take the same approach as last year," Fassel said. "I want tough guys, hard-working guys, guys who are committed to coming in here and being together. That way we can climb right back to the top and try to get back to this game because that's what we will. We'll get back to this game. We have a better team right now."

When asked if that was a guarantee, Fassel didn't hesitate. "Yes," he said in a calm, clear voice.

He was just as quick when asked



Seen through the window of the team bus, New York head coach Jim Fassel arrives at Giants Stadium in Monday.

how long it would take the Giants to get back to the Super Bowl? "It ain't going to take 10 years, like it took last time," Fassel said referring to the decade between the Giants last two Super Bowl appearances.

The Giants never were in this Super Bowl in losing 34-7. They fell behind early and spent the rest of the game watching Kerry Collins

struggle against the Ravens' awesome defense. The quarterback was intercepted four times. His right shoulder was partially separated in the third quarter with the game out of reach, but he finished the contest.

"I've always been able to put things behind me," Collins said. "I've faced bigger challenges in my life. I'll just circle the wagons

again and come back." Over the next week, Fassel will meet with his players and coaching staff and finalize an offseason training program. He may lose defensive coordinator John Fox, if he lands head coaching job.

General manager Ernie Accorsi also will be busy trying to sign at least a half-dozen players who will become free agents, including cornerback Jason Sehorn and half-back Tiki Barber. Fassel also probably will sign a new three- or four-year contract that will pay him as much as \$3 million annually. He earned \$1.1 million this season.

Like most coaches, Fassel spent the early morning hours on Monday replaying the game.

Coming backed up in their own territory early was the worst thing that could happen, Fassel said.

Having Collins throw an interception late in the first half was crucial, as was the interception return by Duane Starks in the third quarter, Fassel said.

"I told Kerry I was proud as hell of everything he has done, except of he has handed himself this year, and I'm darn glad he is our quarterback and that we'll be around here together for a long time."

Thrashers have Rangers' number again

NEW YORK (AP) — Frantisek Kabale had a goal and two assists as the Atlanta Thrashers returned to Madison Square Garden — the site of their last victory 16 games ago — and again beat the New York Rangers 7-2 Monday night.

Steve Stefan had three assists for Atlanta, while he scored 0-10-31 since being traded the Rangers 4-1 on Dec. 28. That victory put the Thrashers over .500 (15-14-6-1) for the first time in the team's two-year history.

The Rangers lost their fourth straight game — including three at

NHL

home — on the heels of a season-best five-game unbeaten streak.

Hurricanes 5, Lightning 2

RALEIGH, N.C. — Jeff O'Neill scored twice and Ron Francis scored three assists as Carolina extended Tampa Bay's NHL-worst losing streak to 10 straight.

The Hurricanes snapped a three-game home losing streak and improved to 8-3-2 (18 points) th month — the best January in

franchise history. The previous best of 17 points was set in 1987-88 and 1995-96 when the team played in Hartford, Conn.

Blues 2, Maple Leafs 1

ST. LOUIS — Mike Eastwood scored a short-handed goal in the third period to give St. Louis the win over Toronto.

Eastwood gathered a loose puck at the Toronto blue line, moved in and beat Toronto goalie Curtis Joseph at 4:47 of the third period.

It was St. Louis' 10th short-

handed goal of the season, tied with Chicago for most in the NHL.

Predators 5, Coyotes 2

PHOENIX — Mark Eaton had a goal and an assist and Mike Dunham made 22 saves as the Nashville Predators defeated the Phoenix Coyotes.

Marian Cisar had an early power-play goal for the Predators, and Kimmo Timonen, Patric Kjellberg and Drake Berehowsky scored in the third period.

Mike Atalato and Daniel Briere scored for Phoenix.

Crash

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bouquets — the team colors — had been taken to a fence outside Gallagher-Iba Arena.

"Thank you and God be with you," read a small sign hanging over a bright orange rally towel also posted there. "We won't forget."

University officials spent much of the day preparing for a Wednesday memorial for the crash victims.

They also spoke about the university's use of private, propeller-driven aircraft. They defended the safety records of both the Beechcraft King Air 200 that crashed and the pilot, Denver Mills.

"I've flown in that plane, flown with that pilot," athletic director Terry Don Phillips said. "He was an excellent pilot and it was a very good aircraft. Obviously, something very terrible happened."

Harry Birdwell, vice president

for business and external relations, said the university awaited the National Transportation Safety Board's word on what caused the accident. But he said the university's policy was sound.

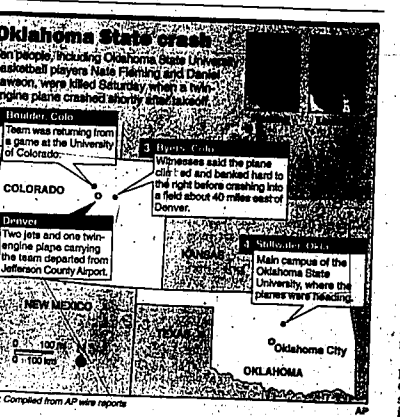
The private aircraft used by the university are provided as a donation, he said.

They are the same planes the executive leadership of major companies use. "Birdwell said. "Obviously they have great safety records. Virtually all of the university's executive leadership have flown on the same planes."

The basketball team spent the day together, said sports information director Steve Buzar. A few players joined in an impromptu pickup game.

Athletic department administrators also met for the first time. But it was a time to grieve, rather than moving on, Buzar said.

"People are still walking around needing to talk, needing to lean on each other," he said.



Source: Compiled from AP wire reports

Davis

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Dee said offensive coordinator Larry Coker has been named Miami's interim head coach.

Just last week, the Browns said they were focusing their search on NFL assistants, all but ruling out the possibility of hiring Davis, Oklahoma coach Bob Stoops or Washington coach Rick Neuheisel.

Browns owner Al Lerner shot down reports Davis was coming to Cleveland, saying, "There is no Dutch Davis."

Davis, 49, was in the fourth year of a seven-year contract at Miami and had nearly agreed to a five-year extension, at the university. Davis met with Dee last weekend and said the sides only had to work out a few details on

Ravens

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The Ravens (and the Giants) also had few major injuries this season — one of the prerequisites for getting this far because the cap doesn't allow for much depth.

All of that makes free agency a mine mine.

"We've finished with the competitive part of the season. Now comes the business part," Billick said. "I encourage my players during this phase to consider their

financial futures. If that means moving on, then so be it."

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SPORTS

Mailman ends Denver streak

DENVER (AP) — Karl Malone scored 30 points as the Utah Jazz ended Denver's nine-game home winning streak with a 97-91 victory over the Nuggets on Monday night.



Nuggets center Karl Malone works the ball inside for a shot against Utah forward Karl Malone in the first quarter of their game in Denver Monday.

Stanford's No. 1 for fourth week

Stanford and Duke remained 1-2 in The Associated Press college basketball poll for the fourth straight week Monday, but there's a new No. 3.

Men's hoop poll

Three teams — Mississippi, Texas and Connecticut — dropped out of the rankings, while Notre Dame, Oklahoma and Georgia were the week's newcomers.

Virginia moved up two places to lead the second tier and was followed by Syracuse, Florida, Georgetown, Iowa State, Wake Forest, Alabama, Iowa, Fresno State and Boston College.

T'wolves 99, Bucks 96

MINNEAPOLIS — Kevin Garnett scored 13 of his 29 points in the fourth quarter as the Minnesota Timberwolves rallied for their seventh consecutive win.

Wizards, recovering from the worst start in franchise history, have their longest winning streak since a six-game spurt shortly after the MCI Center opened in December 1997.

Celtics 99, Pistons 87

BOSTON — Antoine Walker scored 21 of his 27 points in the second half as the Celtics rallied from a 16-point deficit for their first three-game winning streak of the season.

Suns 95, Hawks 82

ATLANTA — Shawn Marion scored 25 points and the Phoenix Suns snuffed Atlanta in the fourth quarter.

The Top Ten. It has such a nice ring, doesn't it? Top Ten.

"It sounds great," said coach Steve Cook of Oklahoma, which made the Top Ten in The Associated Press women's basketball poll for the first time Monday.

Women's hoop poll

No. 15, and Baylor and Wisconsin returned after being ranked earlier.

Oklahoma women crack Top 10

ing previously had been 11th the week of Jan. 12, 1996.

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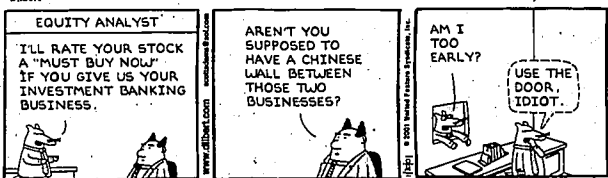
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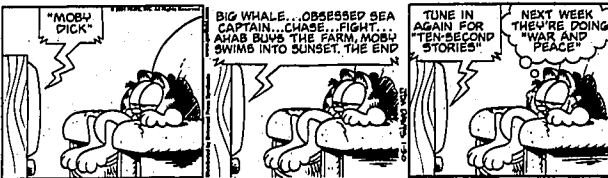
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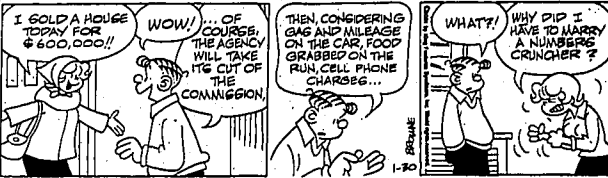
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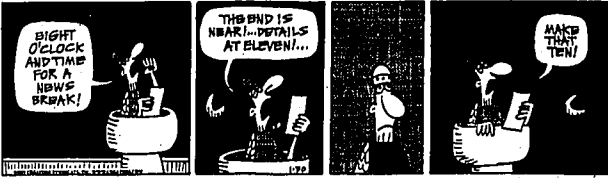
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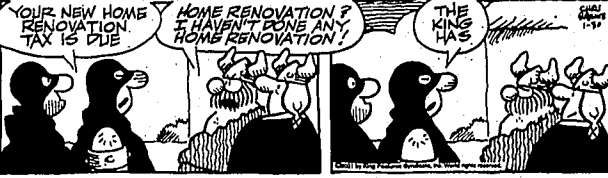
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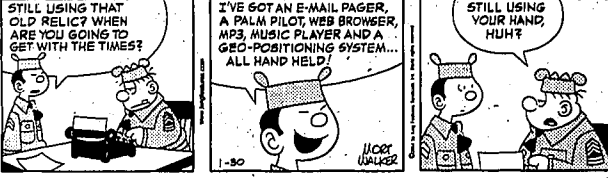
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