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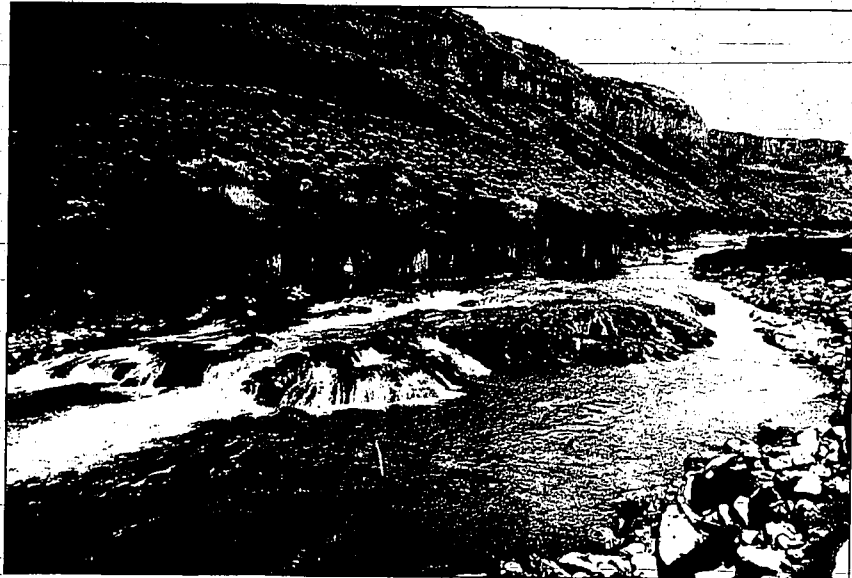
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TIME TO TAP?



The Snake River at Auger Falls flows over rock outcroppings a few miles west of Twin Falls in this photograph taken from the south side of the river.

Engineers tell city Auger Falls offers chance to produce energy

By John T. Huddy Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - A local hydro developer and engineer are voicing their support for a possible city power plant venture on the Snake River.

Bill Block and Jack Straubhaar met with city officials and local residents recently to discuss developing a city power plant on the south side of the Snake River near Auger Falls.

Block and Straubhaar are shareholders in Rock Creek Joint Ventures, which owns more than 550 acres along the Auger Falls stretch of the Snake.

With a power crisis at hand in the West, a city-owned power plant may be a good idea, both men say.

"All we are saying is there is an energy potential there at the river to service about 40,000 people," Block said.

What's next? The City Council plans to discuss the power plant idea at its Monday meeting, which starts at 5 p.m. at City Hall. The council will not have a public hearing, but the public is welcome to attend.

"Watching this thing develop, there has been a number of us that have noticed there are cities that are doing just fine. And you look at those and wonder, 'What's going on here?' And there's a common thread - and that common thread is that they all own or are part of their own power generation."

Rock Creek Joint Ventures sold the property for \$1.8 million

in 1990 to Salt Lake City businessman Steve Harmsen, who had intended to build his own power plant.

That idea flopped and Rock Creek Ventures bought the property back for a \$2.5 million "credit bid" in 1998 at a county auction.

Since buying the property, Rock Creek Joint Ventures has been negotiating a deal to sell the land to the city of Twin Falls.

"For several years we have been working with Mr. Straubhaar concerning the purchase of the Auger Falls property," City Manager Tom Courtney writes in a city report.

City Engineer Gary Young said. Please see AUGER, Page A2

State plan, activists could block project

By N.S. Nokkenved Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The Auger Falls hydro project is dead and it's likely to stay that way, a state official says.

The state water plan would block it, and environmentalists have vowed to fight any attempt by the city of Twin Falls to revive it.

The City Council plans to consider Monday whether to revive a project to bring electricity from the Snake River at Auger Falls, about three miles downstream of the Perrine Bridge.

But the state's water plan could block any new hydroelectric projects on that stretch of the Snake River. The state plan would have to be amended to Please see BLOCK, Page A2

Feds resist West's demands for cap on utility rates



Idaho Gov. Dirk Kempthorne talks about short-term energy plans Friday in Portland. Western governors, including Mont. Gov. Judy Martz, pictured, met with Energy Secretary Spencer Abraham.

The Associated Press

PORTLAND, Ore. - Western governors on Friday failed to persuade Energy Secretary Spencer Abraham that the region's utility rates must be capped to protect consumers during an energy crisis that is threatening to spread.

"I have great concerns about a price cap, Abraham told 10 Western governors at an energy summit called to examine California's energy turmoil and keep it from spreading.

Abraham said a limit on rate increases could discourage consumers from conserving electricity, and possibly worsen the energy crisis this summer.

"At this time, when demand is a very serious challenge for us this summer, anything that puts disincentives in place that work against reducing demand I think has to be looked at very closely."

A number of the governors, including Oregon's John Kitzhaber and Washington's Gary Locke, are demanding that the federal government impose limits on electricity rate increases.

"Many utilities have increased their rates at incomprehensible percentages which allows a transfer of wealth from the citizens of the West to energy marketers with no assurance of future supply stability," Kitzhaber said.

Consumer groups expressed support for federal help in imposing price caps to settle volatile Please see POWER, Page A2



Energy Secretary Spencer Abraham

Officials back halt to dairies

By John T. Huddy Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Two of the county's three commissioners Friday strongly supported another moratorium on livestock operations, despite a letter from an attorney representing the Idaho Dairymen's Association which questions the legality of another moratorium.

Gary Grindstaff and Marvin Hempleman met with residents on both sides of the issue in what became an unscheduled public hearing.

Commissioner Chairman Bill Brockman was in Boise and was absent. But he has already voiced his support for another moratorium - which would be the county's third since July 2000.

"I feel like we put the bigger dairies out here and it's been an experiment and we can't keep experimenting when it affects people like it has," Grindstaff said Friday. "We've got to stop putting dairies out here until we can put in a system that doesn't smell."

Hempleman concurred. Until a new county livestock ordinance is written, the moratorium should stand.

"The ordinance, as it is, is probably not flawed when it was written. But today is different," Hempleman said. "Things change and we have to change with it."

But Lewis Eilers, executive director of the Idaho Dairymen's Association, said the moratorium is hurting the local dairy economy - a staple of the community - and might also be illegal.

In a letter to commissioners, Scott L. Campbell, a Boise lawyer for the dairymen's association, also questions the legality of another moratorium.

"Based upon my current understanding of your prior adopting of moratoriums on this issue, I have serious doubts that you would have the legal authority to adopt a third moratorium on expansions of existing dairy operations or approval of new dairy Please see DAIRIES, Page A2

Clintons decide to pay for gifts

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Former President Clinton and Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton will pay for nearly \$50,000 worth of gifts they chose to keep last year, his office said Friday, seeking to remove the whiff of impropriety that clouded their exit from the White House.

The pay-back amounts to about half the value of the gifts the Clinton and his wife reported they intended to keep when he left office on Jan. 20. An aide to Mrs. Clinton, the new Democratic senator from New York, said reimbursement was also an attempt to stem criticism that has Please see CLINTONS, Page A2



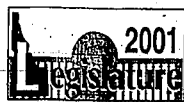
Bill Clinton

Commerce chief pitches financial help for rural Idaho

The Associated Press

BOISE - Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's commerce director pressed legislative budget writers on Friday for the biggest infusion of general tax support in 15 years to finance what he called a bold new initiative for rural Idaho.

"We want to help those communities that want help to diversify their economies so they can weather the downturn when one industry has a bad year or a series of bad years," Gary Mahn told



the Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee.

"This is not a short-term program," the successful former businessman said. "This is a long-term program to get rural Idaho back on track. It didn't happen

over night. It's not going to be fixed overnight."

Kempthorne has proposed more than doubling general tax support for the Commerce Department to \$8 million to finance a multimillion-dollar program of infrastructure grants, local economic development strategies and a special nonprofit corporation to oversee expansion of Idaho's high-technology sector.

The \$4.5 million investment is the largest targeted at economic development since 1987 when

former Democratic Gov. Cecil Andrus convinced Republican lawmakers to create the Department of Commerce and more than double the budget to \$2 million.

Bill Shipp, Kempthorne's technology adviser and deputy general manager for the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory, said the extra cash is critical to extending Idaho's economic boom beyond the urban areas to rural communities.

"If Idaho's economy is to con-

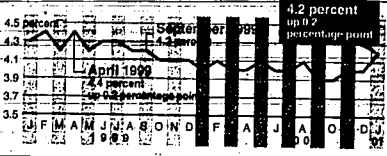
tinue to grow, then all areas must be partners in the prosperity," Shipp told the committee.

But Mahn pointed out that the Commerce Department programs are just a part of any overall package that includes more than \$21 million in business tax incentives.

Any individual component, he said, "by itself may not make a difference in a company deciding to make an investment but if you Please see RURAL, Page A2

Unemployment rate reaches 16-month high

With the biggest one-month jump since April 1999, the unemployment rate is now 4.2 percent — the highest it has been since September 1999.



U.S. jobless numbers give glimmer of hope

WASHINGTON (AP) — The nation's unemployment rate jumped to 4.2 percent in January, the highest level in 16 months, as the sharp economic slowdown resulted in a loss of 65,000 manufacturing jobs.

The Labor Department's unemployment report Friday nevertheless offered rays of hope that the country can avoid a full-blown recession, showing surprisingly strong job growth in construction and other areas.

Economists viewed the report as depicting an economy weak but not in danger of toppling into free-fall. They were encouraged that overall payrolls increased last month at three times the expected amount, by 268,000 new jobs, the strongest showing in nine months.

Justice calls election a 'storm' over high court

WASHINGTON (AP) — Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg calls the bitterly contested presidential election case "a brewing election episode" and a "December storm over the U.S. Supreme Court."

The court's actions "await history's judgment," says Ginsburg, who was among the dissenters in the sharply divided 5-4 ruling Dec. 12 that halted a Florida recount sought by Democrat Al Gore and in effect handed the presidency to Republican George W. Bush.

She spoke at the University of Melbourne Law School on Thursday, and the court released a text of her speech Friday. "Whatever final judgment awaits 'Bush v. Gore' in the annals of history, I am certain that the good work and good faith of the U.S. federal judiciary as a whole will continue to sustain public confidence at a level never beyond repair," the justice said.

Ginsburg's topic was judicial independence, and she had some sharp words about House Republican Whip Tom DeLay's 1997 proposal to impeach federal judges whose rulings he believed did not follow the law. DeLay "is not a lawyer but, I'm sold, an exterminator by profession," she said DeLay once ran an exterminating business in Texas. "I suppose I might someday

total employment, it isn't dragging everything else down," said Bill Cheney, chief economist for John Hancock Financial Services. The 0.2 percentage-point rise in January's unemployment rate from December's 4 percent marked the biggest one-month jump since April 1999. The last time the jobless rate stood at 4.2 percent was in September 1999. Many analysts had expected a January rate of 4.1 percent.

The red-hot economy during the first half of 2000 helped keep the nation's unemployment rate low, and during three months of last year it reached its lowest point in a generation, 3.9 percent. "The slowing economy is finally taking its toll on the labor market. Conditions for workers are less stable than they were a quarter or a year ago," said Jared Bernstein, economist with the Economic Policy Institute, a think tank partly funded by labor.

In an e-mail to the department's 125,000 employees Friday, Ashcroft said he was dedicated to "not only enforcing the rule of law, but guaranteeing

Rep. Tom DeLay is not a lawyer but, I'm sold, an exterminator by profession.
— Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg on the Texas lawmaker's view of some judges

end up on his list of impeachment targets — perhaps even for reasons beyond my control," said Ginsburg, who noted she once was misquoted in a news report as saying the Constitution was outdated. "With all due respect to critics like Mr. DeLay, casual use of impeachment would dissolve not only the federal judiciary but also the constitutional principles that have seen the United States through its worst crises," Ginsburg said.

She also discussed "what can fairly be described as political hazing of federal judicial nominees. The confirmation process too often strays from examining the qualifications of each nominee into an endeavor to uncover some hidden agenda the nominee supposedly has."

Ginsburg speculated that politicians' criticism of the judiciary may stem from "a certain jealousy" of life-tenured judges.

America has mixed opinions on Bush's reference to religion

WASHINGTON (AP) — Acting like a pastor as well as president, George W. Bush speaks about God, love, heart and faith even when the subject isn't religion. The trait is fine for many and "preachy harmless" to others. But it rouses concern among some that he'll push a religious agenda.



President George W. Bush

One of Bush's first acts was to declare the day after his inauguration a "national day of prayer." He also ate dinner with the local Roman Catholic archbishop, and followed up this week with his proposal to help religious groups provide charitable services. And he speaks continually about faith.

Some say Bush's religious references are just part of his desire to set a new tone in Washington and distinguish himself from the personal foibles of former President Clinton. "Being president of all the people, you can't push it too far," said Martin E. Marty, emeritus professor of American religious history at the University of Chicago.

Marty said Bush speaks of religion and faith in soothing, comfort-

ing tones — more like a pastor and less like a preacher lecturing the masses.

Some critics view the references as a sop to the Republican Party's conservative base.

"There has never been a president in modern history who uses so quickly the power of his office to promote his religious agenda and one is hard pressed to find an answer for why, except his deep and abiding sense that he owes this election to the religious right," said the Rev. Barry Lynn, executive director of Americans United for Separation of Church and State. Bush, a Methodist, said Thursday that his faith has "sustained me in moments of success and in moments of disappointment" and "without it, I doubt I'd be here today."

He addressed critics of his pro-

Civil rights issue looms for Ashcroft

WASHINGTON (AP) — On his first day as attorney general, an amiable John Ashcroft walked Justice Department hallways greeting career government workers. But large decisions loom on civil rights issues where Democrats sharply questioned his commitment to equal rights for minorities.

In an e-mail to the department's 125,000 employees Friday, Ashcroft said he was dedicated to "not only enforcing the rule of law, but guaranteeing

rights for the advancement of all Americans."

His first day also brought signs he would continue to face controversy over federal judgeships, college admissions and voting rights for minorities. Democrats and conservative Republicans reiterated their conflicting expectations of him on issues involving minorities.

Decisions also loomed over whether or how to press active Clinton administration lawsuits to break up Microsoft Corp. and

to force the tobacco industry to reimburse the government billions of dollars spent to treat tobacco-related health problems of government workers.

The beaming, 58-year-old attorney general told reporters at the Justice Department's main door that it was "nice to be here" after a bruising confirmation battle in which Democrats attacked his conservative beliefs and record as a U.S. senator and governor and attorney general of Missouri.

Thompson, who resigned Thursday as governor of Wisconsin, was sworn into his new job at HHS Friday morning.

Thompson promises donation initiative

WASHINGTON (AP) — Newly installed as secretary of Health and Human Services Secretary, Tommy Thompson promised Friday to launch a national campaign within 100 days to increase organ donation. In his first day on the job, Thompson also told his new employees he expects quick work

on patients' rights legislation that can pass Congress. He suggested the way to prevent HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, is to look for a cure, and he said he will review federal policy over use of embryonic stem cells for medical research. Repeatedly pledging to bring a passionate, aggressive attitude to issues, Thompson said he would

continue a variety of Clinton administration efforts, including reducing racial disparities in health care, discouraging smoking and improving child support collection.

Thompson, who resigned Thursday as governor of Wisconsin, was sworn into his new job at HHS Friday morning.

Scientists re-examine ammunition

LONDON (AP) — The possibility that U.S. tank-piercing ammunition used in the Balkans was contaminated more than just depleted uranium has prompted scientists to re-examine their skepticism about health risks to veterans.

Experts' opinions that cancer cases reported by European veterans were not linked to depleted uranium assumed the material came from raw ore. But now the Pentagon says shells used in the 1999 Kosovo conflict were tainted with traces of plutonium, neptunium and americium — byproducts of nuclear reactors that are much more radioactive than depleted uranium.

The main new concern, experts say, is plutonium, a highly toxic radioactive metal. On Thursday, NATO Secretary-General Lord Robertson reiterated NATO's position that Balkans peacekeepers have not been shown to suffer health damage from depleted uranium ammunition. U.S. officials have said the shells contained mere traces of plutonium, not enough to cause harm.

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YOUR WEEKEND

Go stargazing

What: "The Explorers" and "More Than Meets the Eye" shows
Where: The Faulkner Planetarium at the College of Southern Idaho
When: "The Explorers" will show at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. today. "More Than Meets the Eye" will show at 4 p.m. today.
How much: \$4 for adults, \$3 for seniors, \$2 for students and \$9 for families

'Steel Magnolias'

What: The Snake River Community Players will present "Steel Magnolias"
Where: Wendell High School Auditorium
When: 7:30 p.m. today
How much: \$5 for adults, \$4 for students and senior citizens and \$20 for families at the door



Film festival continues

What: The Magic Valley Arts Council's Foreign Film Festival 2001 will present Carlos Saura's "Goya in Bordeaux."
Where: The Lamphouse Theater in Twin Falls
When: 7 p.m. today and 2 p.m. Sunday
How much: 10-punch cards are available for \$60 and five-punch cards are \$32. Individual tickets are \$7.50 for adults and \$6 for senior citizens and children at the Magic Valley Arts Council office and at the Lamphouse Theater.

Timid Robots visit Muggers

What: Timid Robots will play
Where: Muggers Brewpub, 516 Second St. S., Twin Falls
When: 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. today
How much: \$3 cover charge

'Star-Spangled Girl'

What: Magic Valley Rehabilitation Services will present Neil Simon's "Star-Spangled Girl."
Where: O'Leary Junior High School, Twin Falls
When: 7:30 p.m. today
How much: \$8.50 at Valley Shoe Repair, the Little Red Hen and The Music Center in Twin Falls

Bam boogie

What: Dusty and the Nomads will play
Where: Spanbauer's Barn on U.S. Highway 93, east of Jerome
When: 8 p.m. to midnight
How much: \$7 cover charge

Boulder Mountain Tour

What: The 26th Boulder Mountain Tour will feature past, present and future Olympians.
When: 10 a.m. today
Where: An 18-mile circuit north of Ketchum
How much: Free for spectators

Raising Cain at the Oasis

What: Raising Cain will play
Where: The Oasis, 1007 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., Twin Falls
When: 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. today
How much: No cover charge

Family A Fair

What: Valley High School will host the annual Family A Fair, sponsored by HealthNet.
Where: Minico High School
When: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. today
How much: Admission is free.

Karaoke at The Cove

What: Karaoke will be featured.
Where: The Cove, 496 Addison Ave. W., Twin Falls
When: 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. today
How much: No cover charge

Compiled from staff reports

Lawmakers reject changes

Religion law comes up again

By Michael Journo
Times-News writer

BOISE — One of last session's most controversial new laws has come up again in the Legislature this session, but local lawmakers will not likely allow formal debate on the issue.

The Freedom of Religion Act officially became law in Idaho Thursday. But groups opposed to the statute are trying to convince lawmakers to repeal or water down the law because they feel it opens the door not to its namesake, but to persecution under the guise of religion.

Two powerful local lawmakers are turning away measures that would change the law in any way.
Sen. Denton Darrington, R-DeLo, and Rep. Celia Gould, R-Buhl, chairmen of the Senate and House Judiciary and Rules

committees, say their opposition to more debate on the law has nothing to do with religion or ideology, but rather simple practicality.

Darrington says the bill has not had a test trial. And Gould says it is the Senate that should initiate any changes in the law because the bill originated in the Senate last year.

The brainchild of the conservative Sen. Grant Spaulding, R-Boise, the law requires the state to show a "compelling interest" before passing laws or enforcing regulations against someone in a way that could be construed as a violation of their religious freedom.

Opponents claim the law supersedes all other state laws giving a carte blanche to

violate virtually any law in the name of religious belief. For example, a landlord could refuse to rent an apartment of a homosexual, claiming it is against his or her faith to condone homosexual activity. The law, opponents claim, would preclude the justice system's ability to protect the homosexual's rights.

The measure sparked much fierce debate during the winter of 2000. After long debates, both the House and Senate voted overwhelmingly in favor of the measure.

During the debate among lawmakers, Gov. Dirk Kempthorne, in an attempt to find middle ground and quell the outcry from many quarters of the religious and civil rights community, held a number of



Rep. Celia Gould

Sen. Denton Darrington

closed-door meetings between its opponents and proponents.
In the end the sparring groups, with conservative fundamentalist groups and

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Jury indicts, ex-police worker

The Associated Press

KETCHUM — A former Sun Valley Police Department employee has been indicted by a Blaine County grand jury on an attempted second-degree murder charge.

Gail J. High, 38, is accused of using a handgun to try to kill the wife of a Ketchum police officer on Dec. 16. The officer, Sgt. Dave Kassner, cited High on a drunk-driving charge earlier that evening.

The Blaine County grand jury alleged High got the gun from her house and traveled to the Kassner home.

According to police reports, High was met at the door by the Kassners' roommate, John Straka. He saw High pull out the gun and was aiming it at Mrs. Kassner. Straka grabbed the gun, from which a shot was fired while the two struggled.

Dave Kassner was returning home from work and heard of an emergency call at his home. He arrested High, who also is indicted on felony counts of aggravated assault and burglary.

Blaine County Prosecutor Jim Thomas said High was involuntarily committed to an institution for the mentally ill. Legal proceedings against her will not occur until her commitment is over.

Straw market might help some farmers

By Aaron Brock
Times-News writer

RUPERT — An unexpected market for straw that contains no noxious weeds provided a boost for some farmers last year, and the market might remain favorable.

"Last year, because of the fires, there was a huge demand for noxious weed-free straw," said Matt Schuster, extension educator with the Minidoka County cooperative extension system.

Demand for the straw, used in projects such as preventing dam erosion, pushed the price above \$6 a bale.

"That's a tremendous amount of money for straw," Schuster said, noting that the price was usually closer to \$2 or \$3 per bale.

This program comes at a risk to farmers; though, said Greg Lowry, executive vice president of the Crop Improvement Association, which tests the straw to make sure it contains no noxious weeds.

Testing is done before harvest. Workers walk the fields looking for signs of noxious weeds.
Straw that is not tested before harvest cannot be certified as weed-free.

Farmers must pay \$25 to join the association, and then pay \$3 per acre for testing. They will not know the demand for straw until much later in the season, often October or November, Lowry said.

The majority of farmers pass the inspection, Schuster said. Still, the market is volatile.

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GROUNDHOG DAY



DUSTIN BRADY/The Times-News

Sun Valley Community School students Emilie duPont, front, and Paull Oehl take a break from their studies to celebrate Groundhog Day Friday. The annual event is designed to break up the 'winter blues' and includes races, a barbecue and a chance to see school Headmaster Jon Makiak in a groundhog costume.

J.R. Simplot Co. files second suit

By Aaron Brock
Times-News writer

BURLEY — The J.R. Simplot Co. has filed a suit asking a judge to block the city of Heyburn's plans to annex Simplot's potato processing plant.

In the Jan. 16 suit, Simplot seeks a restraining order on the annexation, preventing the city from moving forward, said Idaho Falls attorney Dale Storer, brought on board by Heyburn to handle the annexation issue.

"The annexation statutes are very specific," Simplot attorney Joe Miller said. "We're asking the court to determine that those requirements cannot be met."
Specifically, the statutes require that the property to be annexed is in the process of being subdivided and sold, Miller said.

"It's obvious that the Simplot company is not being subdivided or for sale," he said.

According to state statute, land can only be annexed when it is subdivided into plots of less than five acres, or if the

landowner has begun to sell off plots of land that are less than five acres.

The Simplot site up for annexation is 32 acres.

Storer said he could not comment on the merits of the case, but confirmed the subdivision issue is one of Simplot's points of contention.

The lawsuit has thrown a wrench into Heyburn's plans for a quick and easy annexation, and has opened talks between the city and Simplot.

"The city's response has largely been negotiations," said city attorney Steven Tuff.

A hearing on the suit is slated for Feb. 12.

A Heyburn-annexation ordinance was read for the third time at a Jan. 24 City Council meeting.

The city did not proceed at that time, saying negotiations with Simplot were under way, but city officials made no mention of the lawsuit at that meeting.

The court will have four basic options, said David Hawk, Simplot's director of energy natural resources:

• It could allow the city to

proceed with annexation.

• It could rule there are no grounds for annexation.

• It could halt the annexation process, and then have annexation proceed under the court's judgment.

• It could rule the city has not followed necessary procedures, and force the city to start annexation proceedings from scratch.

Some of the property owned by Simplot is already within city limits, but the city is looking to annex the rest of the property owned by the potato-processing plant.

Annexation would mean an additional \$185,000 in property taxes would go from the company to the city.

This is the second lawsuit filed by Simplot against Heyburn.

Simplot sued in December 2000 for the right to purchase electric power from alternate sources.

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Festival of Trees results look good

By Kelly Bryant
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — For the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Foundation, it's the season that keeps on giving.

Small donations are still trickling in, as well as some bills that will change the final cost figures, but December's Festival of Trees looks like a success.

"We really had a strong performance — a strong showing this year," said Larry Baxter, foundation executive director. So far, the fund-raiser has brought in \$91,781 — \$69,491 in cash donations and \$22,290 in in-kind donations.

After subtracting \$42,863 in expenses reported to date, the foundation has \$26,628 to spend on health-related projects.

Baxter said the foundation will give the Magic Valley Heart Fund \$10,000, and the remaining balance will be used to fund grants for quick-response units throughout the year.

Baxter said it takes at least three months after the event is over to know the final figures. But a rough estimate shows a 6 percent increase over last year's \$65,672.

On another positive note, Baxter hopes that after years of moving from one location to another, the festival may have a permanent home in the downtown Radio Rendezvous building, former home of the Calvary Chapel.

"The site worked out really well," Baxter said. "The building holds a lot of memories for a lot of people. It used to be quite a spectacular attraction in the '30s, '40s and early '50s. People remember the big-name bands performing there, boxing and wrestling matches, ballroom dancing, Mickey Rooney even performed there. We would love to be back if it works out that way."

Meantime, the foundation is working on its designated focus project for the next three years, the Magic Valley Heart Fund. The goal for this year is to purchase a \$187,000 digitized cardiac ultrasound system by Sept. 30.

The system, for which \$36,500 has already been raised, will increase diagnostic capability at the hospital.

"Each event sponsored by the foundation will help provide a few dollars toward our goal," he said.

Barbara Miciak, annual programs director for the foundation, is planning a "Heart of the West Run." The run will be held June 2, just before the Western Days Parade.

Participants will follow the parade route, choosing between a five-kilometer run/walk and a half-marathon, Miciak said.

Miciak said the foundation is encouraging companies and individuals to sponsor teams of five. An award will be given to the team that has the fastest combined time, and a team spirit award will be handed out as well.

Miciak is encouraging stroller

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MAGIC VALLEY/WEST

Idaho GOP chairman contends quote misrepresented his views

BOISE (AP) — The state Republican Party chairman, trying to defend a GOP official under fire for an old drug arrest, said it would be tough to find a black man in Washington, D.C., without a criminal history.

"You probably cannot find an African-American male on the street in Washington, D.C.; that hasn't been arrested or convicted of a crime," Idaho GOP Chairman Trent Clark said in a story published Friday in The Idaho Spokesman-Review.

The published report shocked dozens of lawmakers in the Capitol, including one who suggested that some of the \$100,000 earmarked last winter for a campaign to erase the perception of Idaho as racist should be spent on addressing this.

H.D. Palmer, spokesman for Gov. Dirk Kempthorne who has spent two years decrying the

state's negative — and he says unwarranted — image, refused to comment.

Clark made his remarks in a story criticizing the newspaper's coverage of a 17-year-old drug incident involving Kootenai County Republican Chairman Bob Nonini. Clark argued that Nonini should not be judged on long-past associations or activities.

On Friday, Clark said the newspaper's version of the quote was not completely accurate.

Clark maintained that what he actually said was, "I know of no African-American males in Washington, D.C., who don't have at least a couple of friends who have been arrested or convicted of a felony."

Spokesman-Review editor Chris Peck said the newspaper is convinced of the accuracy of its story.

Clark conceded that it would have been better had he avoided any kind of racial reference. But he said he wanted to make the point that whether someone is fit to hold public office should not be determined by past associations.

"If who your friends and associates were when you were young is the criteria of whether someone is fit for public office, then you are excluding many people around the country, and many of them are black," Clark said.

"Jesse Jackson and Al Sharpton have talked about how unfair it is that you have a very disproportionate enforcement of drug policy against African-Americans."

In the story, Clark also defended Nonini for saying he had never been arrested when court records showed he had been in November 1983 for cocaine possession with intent to deliver.



Andy O'Grady, a volunteer with Ice Alaska, pulls an oversized ice cube from O'Grady pond at the Ice Park Tuesday in Fairbanks, Alaska. The Ice Alaska crew pulled out nearly 300 blocks of ice in two days for use in the World Ice Art Championships held in Fairbanks each March.

SERVICES

Donna Faye Fabela of Twin Falls and previously of Castleford, funeral at 2 p.m. today at Farmers Funeral Chapel in Buhl.

Lester V. Hall of King Hill, service at 11 a.m. today at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Glens Ferry; burial will follow at the Glenn Rest Cemetery (Summers Funeral Homes, McMurry Chapel).

Dale E. Bright of Twin Falls, service at 2 p.m. today at Reynolds Funeral Chapel; burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park; friends may call one hour before services today at Reynolds Chapel.

Lois Jean Knight of Kimberly, memorial service at 10 a.m. today at Reynolds Funeral Chapel; graveside interment at 1 p.m. today at the Hailey Cemetery.

Marden Margaret Goltandia of Rupert, Mass of Christian burial at 10 a.m. today at St. Nicholas Catholic Church in Rupert; burial in Paul cemetery; friends may call one hour before the service at the church (Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel).

Rosalba "Rosie" Mae Miller of Twin Falls, service at 11 a.m.

today at the 10th Ward LDS Church, 229 Park Ave. in Twin Falls (White Mortuary).

Lloyd Allen Drury of Providence, Utah, service at noon today in the Providence 9th Ward Chapel, 309 S. Main St., Providence; friends may call from 10:30-11:30 a.m. today at the church; burial will be in the Logan City Cemetery with military honors conducted by the American Legion Posts 7 and 12 (Allen-Cranny Mortuary, North Logan).

Milburn Casper Deem of Burley, memorial service at 2 p.m. today at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley; interment will take place in Searchlight, Nev., at a later date.

Harvey D. Barron of Albion, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley; interment will follow at the Mormon Cemetery in Albion; friends may call from 10-10:45 p.m. today at

Rasmussen Funeral Home.

Dorothy Mae Freilberger of Paul, rosary at 6 p.m. Sunday at St. Nicholas Catholic Church in Rupert; Mass of Christian burial at 11 a.m. Monday at St. Nicholas Catholic Church; friends may call from 5-6 p.m. Sunday at St. Nicholas and one hour prior to the Mass on Monday at St. Nicholas (Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel).

Ella Leona Anderson Stewart of Gooding, service at 2 p.m. Monday at the Gooding LDS Church; burial will follow at the Elmwood Cemetery in Gooding; friends may call from 4-7 p.m. Sunday at Demaray's Gooding Chapel.

David Marcus Spooner of Twin Falls, memorial service at 1 p.m. Monday at the Heritage Alliance Church in Twin Falls; private family burial will precede services at Sunset Memorial Park; friends may call from 5-8 p.m. Sunday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

DEATH NOTICE

Tom Huber
JEROME — Tom Huber, 61, of Jerome died Feb. 1, 2001, at his

home. Funeral arrangements are pending and will be announced by Farnsworth Mortuary of Jerome.

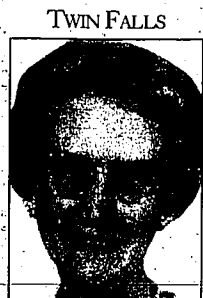
HOSPITALS

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Some names have been omitted at the patient's request

Dismissed
John Carroll of Heyburn, Jessie Nauman of Rogerson, Glenn Neilson of Rupert and Freda Ross of Twin Falls

OBITUARIES

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Gladys H. Deagle
Gladys H. Deagle, 93, of Twin Falls, Idaho, died Wednesday, Jan. 31, 2001 at Sunrise Care and Rehabilitation Center. She was born Dec. 16, 1907 at Grand Junction, Colorado, to Carl and Minnie Darfena Griffiths Fitz. Gladys moved to Twin Falls with her family in 1908 and later attended school by way of a horse-drawn school wagon with her mother or driving the teams. Gladys married William H. (Bill) Deagle of Twin Falls and three sons were born to this union. Gladys was a homemaker and devoted to her family. She loved to play cards and go for drives to see the changing seasons and keep up on the growth of Magic Valley. Gladys resided at Sunbridge for the last 6 years and enjoyed this extended family of loved ones.

Gladys is survived by two sons: Darrell (Lucille) of Twin Falls, Herbert (Frances) of Pocatello; daughter-in-law: Shirley Deagle of

Pocatello; seven grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren; a sister, Mildred Gristed of Kimberly, and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Bill; a son, Dale; a brother, Eldred Patz and a grandson, Gregory.

Funeral services for Gladys Deagle will be conducted at 11 a.m. Monday, Feb. 5, 2001 at White Mortuary Chapel, with Pastor Mike Kestler of Calvary Chapel officiating. Interment will follow. The family suggests memorials to Idaho Youth Ranch, P.O. Box 8538, Boise, Idaho 83707-9921.

TWIN FALLS



Keith LeRoy Tilton
Keith LeRoy Tilton, 66, of Twin Falls, died Wednesday, Jan. 31, 2001 at his home.

He was born July 11, 1934 in Nebraska; the son of Leonard and Hannah Tilton. He moved to Idaho with his family as a young child. He attended schools in Fillet where he graduated from high school. He

then enlisted in the U.S. Air Force where he served during the Korean Conflict. Following his honorable discharge he returned to Fillet. On Oct. 12, 1957 he married Vickie Ann Manchester in Twin Falls, and she preceded him in death on Aug. 29, 1998. He was later married to Lois Bolton in 1985 at Jackson Hole, Wyo.

Keith worked for a time for the telephone company. He later worked as a truck driver for Young's Dairy, Triangle Young Dairy and Dairy Gold Dairy, for a total of 36 years. He had received recognition for his safe driving. He was a member of the Community Christian Church. He loved sports and camping with his family.

In addition to his wife, Lois of Twin Falls he is survived by four children, Bryan (Melissa) Tilton of Meridian, Ryan (Susan) Tilton, Jeff Tilton, both of Boise, Teresa (Pierre) Boisvert of Nampa; two step-children, James (Conn) Bolton, Cindy (Brad) Rodera, both of Twin Falls; 12 grandchildren; a nephew, Brett (Nikk) Hinson of Boise; two sisters, Helen Hamilton of Coventry, Conn., Norma (Gary) Bean of Hagerman, Idaho and numerous nieces and nephews.

In addition to his wife, Vickie he was preceded in death by mother and father; one brother, Vernon Tilton; two sisters, Lois Theobald and Edith Tilton.

Funeral services for Keith Tilton will be conducted at 2 p.m. Monday, Feb. 5, 2001 at Twin Falls Reformed Church, with Pastor Brian Vriesman, officiating. Interment will follow in Sunset Memorial Park. Friends may call at White Mortuary Sunday from 4-8 p.m. The family suggests memorials to American Cancer Society, c/o Hazel Wilder, 359 Orchelara Ave., Twin Falls, Idaho 83301, or to a charity of donor's choice.

Ice farmers harvest for sake of art

FAIRBANKS, Alaska (AP) — Talking to Andy O'Grady and Dick Brickley, you get the feeling you're standing in a corn field in Iowa, not on a frozen pond in Fairbanks. They speak of "crops" and "growing conditions" and "harvest."

O'Grady and Brickley are Fairbanks' resident ice farmers and are responsible for producing the ice used for the World Ice Art Championships in Fairbanks each March.

The event attracts dozens of ice sculptors from around the world and requires hundreds of chunks of ice the size of a Volkswagen.

And while usually-frigid Fairbanks rarely fails to produce a bumper crop of ice, this year's harvest has been an especially good one.

unters harvested nearly 300 blocks of ice from the pond at the ice park off Phillips Field Road, appropriately named O'Grady Pond. They cut the ice using chain saws equipped with 5-foot blades and pulled the blocks out of the water with a forklift.

O'Grady and his crew have been harvesting ice for the last several weeks. The pond is surrounded by huge chunks of aqua-blue ice waiting to be chiseled and chain-sawed into works of art.

As the forklift rolled by Tuesday carrying a 4-foot-by-4-foot block of blue ice 3 feet thick, O'Grady paused to admire it. You could see through the block almost as if it were glass.

"Isn't that beautiful?" O'Grady said.

This year, O'Grady said he and his crew will cut about 1,500 blocks of ice, the most ever in the 10-year history of the event. There are 30 entries in the multi-block competition and 50 in the single-block this year.

The ice-carving championships have become so popular, O'Grady said, that the demand for ice has

increased exponentially. For example, the ice that will be used to build this year's kiddie park is enough for 30 single-block carvings and 26 multi-blocks.

"That's more ice than the whole event used to take," O'Grady said.

Despite the record harvest, O'Grady isn't worried about running out of ice. The pond is split into four different "fields" and workers haven't even touched the last one.

"We've still got a quarter of the pond left," O'Grady said.

Workers must wait until the ice is 3 feet thick, a process that took longer this year than in the past because of Alaska's relatively mild weather. Fairbanks has yet to experience its first cold snap and the temperature has dropped to 30 degrees below zero only once.

"From the time the ice was thick enough to walk on we've been out there with a snowblower to keep it clear so the cold could permeate downward," O'Grady said. "It makes a tremendous difference. Snow is a good insulator."

Meth bust leads to dynamite cache

BLACKFOOT (AP) — A methamphetamine seizure by Bingham County police netted a few sticks of dynamite and several guns.

Twenty-seven officers with the Bingham County Sheriff's Office, Blackfoot Police Department and the Idaho State Police raided a home after receiving information from people arrested for having methamphetamine.

The informants told police that in Brian S. Allen's home, there

was a meth lab along with several weapons and dynamite, Sheriff's Chief Deputy, Craig Rowland said.

The large number of police officers responding Wednesday night was due to the danger of gunplay or explosions coupled with the danger of searching a place with hazardous chemicals, Rowland said.

"We did not feel comfortable about going into that house," he said.

Police searched Allen's home and found a small amount of the drug, Rowland said. They also found chemicals like lye and iodine and glassware used to manufacture of the drug. Officers searched outbuildings around the house and found more chemicals, along with dynamite and guns.

Police arrested Allen and charged him with felony drug trafficking.

He was being held in the county jail on \$100,000 bail.

LEGISLATIVE LOG

The Associated Press

Confirmed by Senate
Jay Kunze, Pocatello, to the Hazardous Waste Facility Siting License Application Review Board.
Suzanne Schaefer, Boise, to the Hazardous Waste Facility Siting License Application Review Board.
Mark Von Lindern, Lewiston, to the Hazardous Waste Facility Siting License Application Review Board.
David Hand, Boise, to the Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired.
Dianne Milhollim, Moscow, to the Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired.

port passengers or freight for hire.
HCR 12 (Commerce and Human Resources) — Expresses legislative intent to expand the state compensation schedule and increase state

employee salaries by 4.5 percent through the appropriation of up to \$20.2 million.

Introduced in Senate
SB1060 (Education) — Requires charter schools to submit audit reports and annually file financial and statistical reports.

Introduced in House

HB139 (State Affairs) — Requires that veterans preference points be used by disabled veterans for initial and future appointments.
HB140 (State Affairs) — Makes penicilline veterans eligible for admission to veterans homes.
HB141 (State Affairs) — Allows the Division of Veterans Services to collect directly from the federal Department of Veterans Affairs the burial and plot allowances now paid to survivors of veterans interred at the state veterans cemetery.
HB142 (State Affairs) — Provides the Public Utilities Commission with active supervisory authority over certain electric supplier contracts.
HB143 (Revenue and Taxation) — Extends to repair and replacement material and parts the exemption from sales and use tax for the sale, lease, purchase or use of aircraft primarily used to trans-

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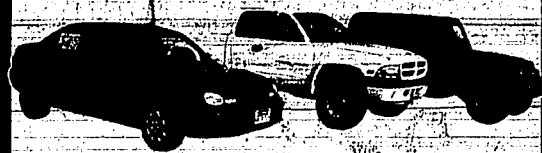
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Inmate in dog-mauling case has Northwest ties

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) - A California prison inmate whose dog was involved in the mauling death of a San Francisco woman has Northwest ties, a newspaper reported Friday.

Paul John "Cornfed" Schneider, one of two white supremacist inmates running a dog-training business from behind bars, escaped from the Spokane County Jail in 1985, the Spokesman-Review reported.

Schneider is now being linked to vicious guard dogs that attacked and killed a woman Jan. 26 at a San Francisco apartment.

Officials at Pelican Bay State Prison said Schneider and Dale Bretches, both serving life sentences, bred the dogs for the Mexican Mafia to guard methamphetamine labs and other criminal operations.

Noel and Knoller are under investigation to determine if they knew of any dangerous tendencies the animals might have had, San Francisco District Attorney Terence Hallinan said.

Whipple, 33, under a state law regarding dogs trained to fight, attack or kill.

In an apparently unrelated



Paul 'Cornfed' Schneider



Dale Bretches

development, Noel and Knoller legally adopted Schneider, 38, on Monday, the newspaper reported.

"We're all scratching our heads here about that," U.S. Heimerich, a spokesman for the California Department of Corrections, said of the inmate adoption.

Prison officials said Schneider has ties to a prison gang known as the Aryan Brotherhood.

Schneider was linked to a \$3.6 million armored car robbery in Ukiah, Calif., in July 1984, but was never charged. The successful heist was carried out by a dozen masked and heavily armed members of The Order, an Aryan Nations splinter group.

Schneider was arrested in Spokane for parole violation in 1985, and became one of the few prisoners to escape from the county jail.

Schneider broke his back and leg in a fall during the escape. He was caught the next day when he sought medical treatment at Moses Lake. He has been in prison ever since.

Fish, Game debate plan to increase elk numbers

LEWISTON (AP) - The Idaho Department of Fish and Game is charting what some call brave and others call a dangerous course to manipulate the number of bears and mountain lions in a study area along the Lochsa River.

In order to achieve a 50 percent reduction in the number of bears and lions in a portion of Hunting Unit 12, the department is considering enlisting the help of agents from the U.S. Department of Agriculture Wildlife Services.

The idea is receiving praise from some sportsmen who want to see an ongoing study in the unit completed and harsh criticism from some wildlife advocates and one former Fish and Game biologist.

"All sportsmen want is a balance between predators and prey," said Rich Tuck of Moscow. "No sportsmen want to eradicate all bears or mountain lions."

Tuck cited data that shows as few as 5 percent of elk calves monitored in the study area survived their first year. Of those that died, between 85 and 100 percent were killed by predators.

He believes the study could help the department improve elk numbers through predator management in areas where they are out of balance with big game populations.

Retired Fish and Game biologist John Beecham of Boise is critical of the study, which he said is being carried out at the direction of the Fish and Game Commission. He said the commission ignores the advice of department biologists.

"It's a smoke screen that diverts everybody's attention

from what the real problem is and it's a significant problem," he said. "We are marching backwards so fast we are going to be back to the Dark Ages."

Beecham believes habitat is the cause of the elk population dip in the Clearwater River Basin and said that has been known for years.

He cited examples of elk populations expanding despite vigorous populations of black bears and fears the department will suffer as a result of the study.

But others see it differently. "We are trying to learn something about how those populations respond to bears and lions in those areas," Pete Zager, a researcher with the Fish and Game Department's Clearwater Region, said. "We don't want people to take it out of context. Out of context it makes absolutely no sense. In context, it makes sense."

Once the study is done, bears and lions from the Selway Bitterroot Wilderness Area and the North Fork of the Clearwater River will quickly fill the habitat, he said.

According to the proposal, which is still under development, the federal wildlife agents would help the department remove 75 bears and up to 10 mountain lions through the use of some live traps.

Still, it would rely primarily on snares and shooting the animals. When possible, some of the animals would be relocated but most would be killed.

Court opens possibility of death row reversal

BOISE (AP) - A federal appellate panel has breathed new life into the bid of condemned murderer Maxwell Alton Hoffman to get off death row, raising new questions about the validity of Idaho's death penalty sentencing scheme.

The decision also cited a U.S. Supreme Court ruling in a New Jersey case last year that suggests Idaho's imposition of a death sentence solely by a judge without the involvement of a jury may be in jeopardy.

Attorney General Al Lance has already asked the entire 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals to reconsider the early January ruling by its three-judge panel.

And State Appellate Public Defender Ron Coulter told legislative budget writers on Wednesday that if the decision stands, it could lead to the sentences of other death row

inmates being voided. Resentencing would significantly increase the financial burden on the counties where the killings occurred and the work of his office.

Less than three years ago, Hoffman, who was found by a psychologist to have brain damage and borderline intellectual capability, won the right to drop all appeals and be executed. But he was quickly convinced to reinstate them and fight to stay alive.

Now the appellate court has ordered U.S. District Judge B. Lynn Winnmill to hold a hearing into whether Hoffman, 43, was denied effective legal representation during his trial, sentencing and initial appeal in the 1987 slaying of Nampa police drug informant Denise Williams, 26.

The claim had been rejected in earlier state and federal court reviews because Hoffman failed

to raise it within the 42-day deadline imposed by state law.

Federal appellate Judges Harry Pregerson, William Fletcher and Ronald Gould said that deadline, the shortest in the nation, made it impossible for Hoffman to determine whether his lawyers had been ineffective. They said three other federal appellate circuits have reached similar conclusions.

"We find that the statute is an unreasonable restriction in the exercise of the federally protected constitutional right to counsel," the federal panel wrote.

New attorneys six years later finally provided evidence that his trial lawyers failed to develop and use information on Hoffman's background or the conclusion that he suffered brain damage. They also found that his original lawyers told Hoffman to reject a plea bargain for life in

prison by telling him they expected the death penalty law to be declared unconstitutional.

In addition, the court found that denying Hoffman the presence of his lawyer during the sentencing interview violated constitutional rights, but declined to determine if that affected the sentencing judge's decision to order execution. It will depend on Winnmill's findings on the question of legal representation, the appellate court said.

The panel said the present case is a critical stage in capital cases because it produces the report that judges use in reaching a sentencing decision.

"The stakes for the defendant and for society are too high to allow defendants to face an important component of the sentencing process without the guiding hand of counsel," Pregerson wrote for the court.

Idaho police nab robbery suspect following chase

POST FALLS (AP) - A suspected bank robber led police on a four-hour manhunt before being caught in a field in Post Falls.

The suspect in a bank robbery at the U.S. Bank in the Spokane Valley was taken into custody at 8:24 p.m. Thursday, after being discovered in northeast Post Falls.

The man, wearing a white sweat shirt and jeans, was arrested following a drawn out foot chase. His name was not released by police.

After his arrest, the suspect was taken briefly to Kootenai Medical Center and later to the Kootenai County Jail.

The Post Falls Police Department was notified around 5:20 p.m. Thursday that a suspect

in the robbery of the U.S. Bank was possibly eastbound on Interstate 90, according to Lt. Greg McLean.

Officers spotted a blue pickup with Shoshone County plates that matched the description as it entered Post Falls. Officers pulled the truck over on the freeway near Greensaver Road.

A passenger jumped out of the truck and ran across the freeway into a field, McLean said. An officer pursued the man on foot, but he eluded him.

A woman, described by McLean as a deputy, was driving the truck taken into custody at the scene.

Police set up a search perimeter in the fields surrounding Post Falls High School.

Owners hope for state help against moths

MOSCOW, Idaho (AP) - Timber owners in the Panhandle are considering a defense for the Douglas fir tussock moth, which will hatch and start sending out destructive caterpillars this spring.

The insect already has damaged more than 55,000 acres of forest, much of it on Moscow Mountain.

About 60 landowners, scientists and timber company representatives met Wednesday to discuss the infestation.

The moths' egg sacs are found in the tops of thousands of trees. In June, they will hatch, releasing hordes of caterpillars to feed on new needles, turning branches brown and often-killing-the-trees tops.

How much damage the pest does this season remains to be seen. The Idaho Department of Lands has sent egg samples to laboratories where the eggs will be hatched and the caterpillars tested for the level of a naturally occurring virus.

The virus, which kills and gradually consumes the caterpillars, often precludes the need for insecticides.

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Should Congress back Bush's vouchers?

Yes

Give parents choice of schools

ERIC V. SCHLECHT

President Bush should be applauded for his willingness to challenge the education syndicate and its allies in the political establishment by including a modest school choice provision in his education reform proposal.

He and his Republican allies on Capitol Hill would be extremely unwise to allow political pressure from the teacher unions, education bureaucrats and other voices from the left to forget them to abandon the school-choice provision during the forthcoming debate.

Vouchers are the key to education reform because they shift the power from the public school systems and the teacher's union to the parents and the students where it truly belongs. Vouchers provide choice — and choice promotes competition. The primary failure of the public school system is that it is a largely unchecked government bureaucracy that enjoys a near monopoly in the education market.

Because the public schools have existed so long without significant competition, they lack any incentive for innovation, product improvement and customer satisfaction. Instead, we hear the constant demand for more money and more schools.

Unfortunately, for more than 40 years these requests for increased funding have been answered. In fact, between 1960 and 1995 average per-pupil spending in public schools grew 212 percent. Yet test scores continue to plummet, dropout rates continue to grow and America's educational standing in the world continues to fall.

Millions of Americans across the country, however, understand that vouchers and choice are the key to reform. That is why it would be a grave mistake for the Bush administration to allow the education bureaucracy and the teacher union to block vouchers. A nationwide poll taken in 1997 found that a staggering 82

percent of respondents agreed with the statement that parents should have "the option of sending their children to the school of their choice." Dozens of other polls show the same support for school choice. Clearly, this is an issue on which the president has the overwhelming support of the voters.

Even more important, however, is the growing support for school choice among minorities. In fact, inner-city minorities — by far the most grievously wounded casualties of the education establishment's war on choice — are quickly becoming the greatest proponents of school choice and vouchers. If Bush truly wants to reach out to all Americans — and specifically minorities — a better opportunity to do so will not be found.

Last fall, as the presidential campaign was heating up, a new group called the Black Alliance for Educational Options announced it would fight for school choice as a fundamental civil right.

"BAEO today declares war on a fundamental un-American condition, where access to elementary and secondary education is a function of income and race," BAEO President Howard Fuller wrote at the time.

George W. Bush and Secretary of Education Roderick Paige have a historic opportunity to become those allies and, in the

process, form an alliance with millions of Americans who might otherwise be inaccessible.

Minority communities across America are beginning to realize that, in the battle to give their children the best possible education, their allies are not the so-called leaders of the black and Hispanic communities and their cohorts in the teacher's union.

Instead, these very groups are responsible for their enslavement in the failed public school system. George W. Bush has the opportunity to prove to minority communities that it is the GOP that will emancipate them from the failed education bureaucracy.

No

Bush's plan has fatal flaws

MARTIN CARNOY

It's unclear how sincere George W. Bush is in his endeavor to establish himself as the "Education President." It's all he wanted to talk about his first week in office. But what was he saying? The centerpiece of his new education agenda — accountability — has again been mired by a failed political gimmick, school vouchers. Here are four reasons the pres-

ident's voucher plan has no place in our national discourse on education. First is that the amount of the voucher, about \$1,500, would not be enough to pay full tuition at most private schools. Since the

where some families got vouchers to send their children to available private schools show mixed results.

At best, the achievement gains for low-income children who went to available (and almost

exclusively religious) private schools for two years were small compared to students who stayed in public schools. The more usual result in such experiments was that voucher students made no gains.

Families who receive vouchers and use them are bound to be pleased to have a choice of where to send their children to school. The downside is that few parents will actually get that choice.

There will be increased pressure on public education to improve, but fewer resources with which to do so.

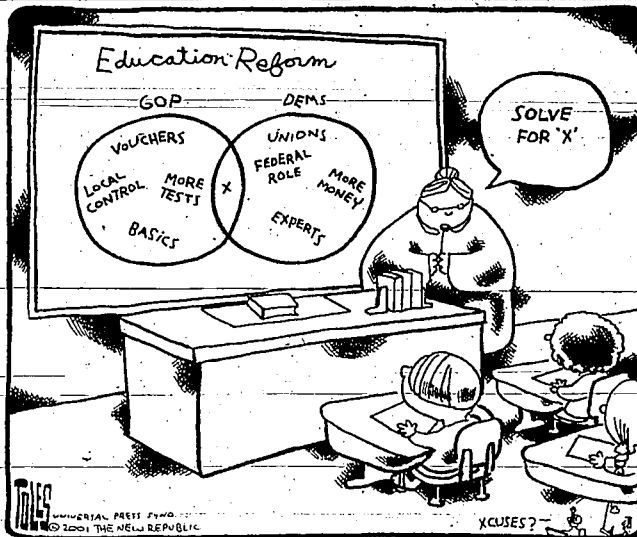
There is a final problem. The president's plan argues that we have been throwing money at public schools without holding them accountable for their results. People on both sides of the aisle agree that we need to find a way to hold schools more accountable.

But under the Bush plan, private schools that accept students using school vouchers will not be required to report their results. It will therefore be difficult, if not impossible, to accurately gauge what effect vouchers are having on student performance.

In many ways, the Bush plan is a cynical response to the lack of resources in low-income communities. Children who attend underperforming schools live in communities where parents are less educated — where schools have a hard time attracting certified, high-quality teachers and administrators, and where highly educated volunteers — so readily available in wealthier suburbs — are scarce.

Filling a few empty seats in private religious schools is not going to solve these problems. Instead of threatening public schools with vouchers, the Bush administration should take a long, hard look at how to turn inner-city schools into the kinds of schools suburban children attend.

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LETTER

We need a commitment to democracy

Don't hint at a cover-up, T-N

Your coverage of the Eden shooting is disturbing. I do not know what a Twin Falls County deputy is paid, but there is no way it is enough to justify the mental anguish that the surviving officers at the scene of the shooting are going through. Your coverage of the shooting, hinting at a cover-up, is not helping.

I am very curious to find out the details of the incident, but it would be outrageous if the investigating agency

and lab personnel released evidence as it was developed.

I am pleased that the investigators are being professional and keeping the information confidential until their investigation is complete and it has been reviewed by the people's elected prosecutor.

I want to thank the Twin Falls sheriff's department for doing the job that they are doing and share in their grief and the grief of the community.

TONY LATHAM
North Fork

The 2000 presidential election presented two dramatic but competing lessons to the American people. On the one hand, George Bush's victory in Florida by less than one vote for every 10,000 cast was a graphic lesson in how an individual vote clearly can count. On the other, your vote may not be counted.

The bizarre series of events in the weeks of recounting Florida's ballots sparked disbelief about how the world's dominant superpower can choose its leaders with outdated voting machines, inconsistent standards for design, irregular poll hours, limited numbers of polling sites that led to absurdly long lines, absentee voting rules that undercut the votes of those in the armed forces and often zealously partisan administrators. Several members of Congress quickly responded with legislation to set clear standards and assist states in efforts to modernize voting equipment and procedures.

But most of these bills have been inadequate. The level of proposed funding for most has been minuscule when compared to the significance of presidential elections. Both major parties have reached consensus that military spending should rise by billions to improve morale in our armed forces and that we need tens of billions for improvements in our transportation infrastructure, but they have not committed to firm action to restore faith in our electoral process.

We estimate that it would cost \$3 billion to have every voter in America be able to vote on state-of-the-art voting equipment by the next presidential election, with more money necessary to train pollworkers and improve registration procedures. That's not small change, but it's significantly smaller than some widely inflated estimates. Surely a democracy we can trust is worth a one-time cost equal to barely 1 percent of what we spend annually on defense.

Furthermore, most new voting equipment would likely be bought anyway, but on a haphazard, county-by-county basis. Punch cards, the most common voting method, have been completely discredited, and already several states are entertaining proposals to buy new machines. Indeed, in the wake of the Supreme Court ruling in Bush v. Gore and class-action suits filed against unequal election administration in states like Florida, Georgia and Illinois, some states easily could face federal court orders to upgrade their equipment before the year is out.

States and counties are right to take the initiative to ensure all voters in their state are treated equally at the polls, but only the federal government can make it likely that all states and all voters will benefit before the 2004 elections from modern voting equipment and procedures. To ensure that it's not just wealthy states that get the best voting process, President Bush and Congress should

ROB RICHIE

appropriate funds to make it possible for every state to have the same equipment — a federal commitment of \$5 for every \$1 from a state should do it.

Developing sensible standards is not rocket science. Machines should make it impossible to overvote (cast more than one vote in a race, as happened in more than one in 10 ballots in one Florida county with a particularly confusing ballot design) and unlikely to undervote by accident (consigning duplicated chads to history's ashbin), prevent corruption and be as easy as possible for people with a range of educational backgrounds, voting experience and physical abilities.

The best bet is some form of ATM-style electronic voting machine, but states could choose among vendors as long as they met the criteria.

Anything less than a full commitment to creating the best electoral process in the world is intolerable in the wake of last year's electoral fiasco. Modern voting machines are only one step in that quest, but an essential step for which we should achieve wide agreement.

Let us restore faith in our elections and the power of their individual vote by pledging that everyone who wants to vote will have its vote tallied by the next presidential race in 2004.

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Forum focuses on slavery reparations

Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO — Having agreed that the nation owes a substantial debt to black Americans for years of unpaid slave labor, academics and activists will meet in Chicago this weekend to brainstorm exactly how that debt should be repaid.

Building on emotional Chicago City Council hearings last year that thrust the issue of reparations back into the national spotlight, the National Reparations Convention, which opened Friday at McCormick Place, aims to draft a national plan of action to present to the U.S. government.

The conference is not the first to tackle reparations. Other organizations have mobilized around the issue for years — but it could be the first to reach agreement on specific ways that African-Americans can be compensated.

"It's the first major convention where we are going to come up with a plan for what we want to do and what we want America to do," said convention organizer Ali, Dorothy Tillman (3rd).

And although advocates of reparations have seen few concrete results from their years of work on the issue, conference organizers hope to capitalize on momentum that has been fueled by the increasing support of well-known and influential African-Americans.

In the past, reparations advocates have proposed a variety of compensation plans, from a monetary lump-sum payment to land redistribution to a wide-ranging Marshall Plan that would pour money into social programs and economic development.

Others have recommended tax breaks and free college tuition, similar to treaties the U.S. government maintains with Native Americans.

Historian and Ebony magazine editor Lerone Bennett Jr., an out-

spoken proponent of reparations, said the national gathering was long overdue.

"It is an idea that has been around for a long time," said Bennett, who said he would not be able to attend because of a speaking engagement. "We're not talking about a sentimental argument. We're talking about the fact that America owes us some money."

The ultimate impact of the conference on the debate, of course, remains to be seen. Even before the conference begins, acrimony led some longtime leaders on the issue to skip the event, and organizers declined to say how many people had registered.

Scheduled speakers range from political leaders like U.S. Rep. Danny Davis, D-Ill., to academics like controversial political science professor Leonard Jeffries.

This is a broad movement, Tilman said. "It's open to everybody."

Randall Robinson, executive director of TransAfrica and author of the book "The Debt," which argues the case for reparations, is an invited speaker, as is U.S. Rep. John Conyers, D-Mich. Since 1989, Conyers has presented, if unsuccessfully, legislation to Congress calling for a comprehensive study of reparations.

From an American economy built on chattel slavery to a subsequent system of sharecropping, forced segregation and other forms of institutional racism, America has racked up a substantive debt to African-Americans that could number in the trillions of dollars, Bennett said.

"Our resources and our labor were stolen, and we are still suffering the institutional effects of this system," Bennett said. "So reparations is not just logical idea. We need to mobilize from city to city to get this country to pay its enormous debt to us."

We're not talking about a sentimental argument. We're talking about the fact that America owes us some money.

— Lerone Bennett Jr., Ebony magazine editor



Elaine Watkins hugs her son Christopher in front of North Hopewell-Winterstown Elementary School in Felton, Pa., as a police officer escorts a man arrested for an attack with a machete in the school Friday.

Man with a machete attacks schoolchildren

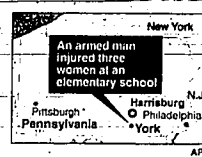
FELTON, Pa. (AP) — A man armed with a machete and baseball bat chased a principal through the halls of an elementary school Friday, injuring her, two teachers and five kindergartners as other pupils huddled in their classrooms.

None of the injuries were life-threatening, school officials said. A suspect, whose name was not released, was arrested by police about 20 minutes after the 11:30 a.m. attack at North Hopewell-Winterstown Elementary School. The school, with about 320 students and 50 staff members, was closed after the attack and students were sent home.

The man had no connections to the school and the motive was unknown, officials said. "We heard screaming from outside ... in the hall," said Chelsea Stein, 12, of Winterstown, who was inside her sixth-grade classroom when the attack began. She also heard crying. "I think it was a teacher muffled," she said.

Chelsea's teacher told her and her classmates to sit on the floor and then had them huddle in one corner of the classroom until the attack ended. The man didn't enter any classrooms, said Terry Robinson, the school district's business manager. The attack happened in the principal's office, an adjacent nurse's office and in the hall.

"When something tragic like this happens you think that can't happen in York County. Well, I guess that's our naivete showing," Robinson said.



The five children, all ages 5 or 6, were injured, but not severely, the school district said in a statement.

Four with minor cuts were taken to York Hospital by ambulance; a fifth was taken to the hospital by a parent. The three injured women were taken to Memorial Hospital in York. Principal Norina Bentzel, 41, was slashed on her arm and hand, nearly losing a finger, and Linda Collier, 52, a kindergarten teacher, was injured for cuts to her hand. Third-grade teacher Stacey Bailey, 33, had minor injuries and was expected to be treated and released.

Outside doors at the school, located about 75 miles west of Philadelphia, are normally kept locked during classes. The suspect apparently entered the building sometime Friday morning behind a parent who was walking in, said Patrick McFadden, executive director for York County Emergency Services.

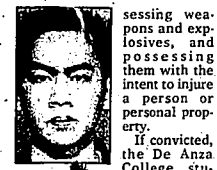
One of the first 911 calls to police was from a woman hiding in the principal's office with the door locked and two children inside, he said.

Student pleads innocent to plotting mass killing

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — The community college student accused of assembling an arsenal of guns and explosives in his room and plotting a mass killing at his school has pleaded to 122 charges.

"Mr. DeGuzman has merely an innocent fascination with the items that were seized," defense attorney Craig Wormley said Thursday.

Al DeGuzman, 19, of San Jose, showed no emotion and said nothing as he was arraigned Thursday in Santa Clara County Superior Court on charges of pos-



Al DeGuzman in prison. Police found dozens of explosives and weapons in DeGuzman's room of his parents' San Jose home on Monday, only after the police say DeGuzman planned to start planting bombs at his school. Authorities believe DeGuzman began planning the attack two years ago and was intent on carrying it out Tuesday.

People fantasize — they don't go out and collect the materials to build 60 bombs. That's beyond student," said Santa Clara County Deputy District Attorney Lane Liriof.

Police have characterized DeGuzman as an angry individ-

ual fascinated with the deadly 1999 Columbine High School massacre.

Wormley called authorities' depiction of a "Columbine-style" planned attack "a huge leap and rush to judgment of a man who has no prior criminal history whatsoever."

Bush OKs \$4 million for anti-Saddam forces

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration, showing a hard-line position on Iraq, has cleared \$4 million to help dissidents opposed to President Saddam Hussein build a legal case against him.

Cheered by the Treasury Department's action, Sharif Ali, spokesman for the London-based Iraqi National Congress, said Friday, "We will use that to enhance our own network there, to penetrate the Iraqi regime and to expose the crimes of the regime."

The \$4 million in grants approved by the Treasury Department is designed to help anti-Saddam groups gather information to prove that the Iraqi president has committed crimes against humanity.

The Iraqi National Congress is an umbrella organization of groups opposed to the government in Baghdad.

Historically, however, opposition groups have been fractured, often prevented by fighting from effective moves against the Iraqi leaders.

Police say escapee's dad helped fugitives

KARNES CITY, Texas — The father of one of the seven escaped Texas convicts was arrested Friday on charges of supplying the getaway car.

Raul Rodriguez, the father of Michael A. Rodriguez, was arrested and jailed along with a friend, Patsy Gomez, on \$700,000 bail. A third person was being sought.

"We assume father and son were communicating by letter and possibly a third party who may have visited Rodriguez in

Nation in brief

prison," said Larry Todd, a spokesman for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. "We believe they had been planning the escape for at least six months and probably longer."

The Dec. 13 escape was the biggest breakout from a Texas state prison in recent history. The seven inmates overpowered workers at the prison in Kenedy, about 60 miles from San Antonio, and fled in a prison pickup truck.

Would be adoptive father sympathizes with mom

CHICAGO — The British man who adopted infant twins already given to a California couple said Friday he understands why the birth mother wants the girls back.

Alan Kilshaw also told "The Early Show" on CBS' he has little sympathy for Tina Johnson, the broker who arranged the double adoption, despite her pleas that she has been unfairly portrayed. "My reaction to that is, that's a bit of very good acting. At the end of the day, she's responsible for this problem," he told CBS.

Kilshaw said Johnson, to whom they paid \$12,000 adoption fees, has cut them off since the dispute erupted in mid-January.

Johnson had already taken \$6,000 to place the girls with Richard and Vickie Allen of San Bernardino, Calif., two months earlier.

Both couples want the children. Birth mother Tranda Wecker has also said she wants

the twins back, as has their biological father, Aaron Wecker, who claims his ex-wife neglected the children by trying to sell them over the Internet.

Judge jails stepmom of girl in doghouse

CHESEAPEAKE, Va. — The stepmother of a 7-year-old girl who was forced to sleep in a doghouse was sentenced to 30 days in jail Friday.

Jennifer Williams, 29, was also fined \$500 and placed on probation for an indeterminate amount of time.

Prosecutors said Williams and her husband, Christian Williams, 33, forced the girl to live in the leaky 4-by-8-foot doghouse for almost two weeks last summer because she had misbehaved in day care.

Neighbors heard the girl's cries of "Please, Daddy, let me in!" and called police. The victim and her sister, 10, now live with their grandmother in California.

Pennsylvanian groundhog sees shadow Friday morning

PUNXSUTAWNEY, Pa. With temperatures just below freezing, furries falling and lingering snow crunching underfoot, Punxsutawney Phil — the world's most famous groundhog — saw his shadow Friday morning.

According to legend, that means winter will stick around for six more weeks. In the past 115 years, Phil has seen his shadow 101 times.

The prospect of six more weeks of winter won't welcome news to Miriam West, 11. "I want spring so I can go barefoot and start planting," Miriam said as she walked along a downtown street toward the library, the groundhog's makeshift zoo. — compiled from wire reports

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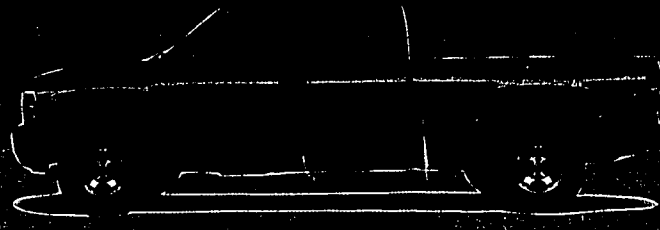
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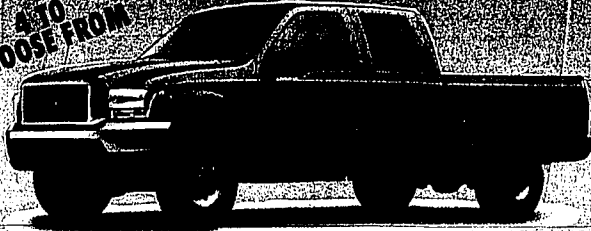
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SPORTSQUOTE

“In heaven, there is no beer, that’s why we drink it here. And when we’re gone from here, all our friends will be drinkin’ all the beer.”

“Lyrics dropped this week from the Iowa marching band’s polka tune, ‘In Heaven There is No Beer,’ due to parental complaints

TRIVIA

QUESTION:
Who holds the NBA record for rebounds in one half?
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TODAY’S SCHEDULE

- First Security Winter Games**
Boulder Men. Tour, Sun Valley
- Women’s college basketball**
Snow College at CSI, 6 p.m.
Cal State Sacramento at ISU, 7:05 p.m.
- Men’s college basketball**
Snow College at CSI, 8 p.m.
ISU at Cal State Sacramento
- Girls’ high school basketball**
ISDB at Western States Classic, Riverside, Calif.
- Region III Tournament:**
Twin Falls at Minico, 7 p.m.
- District IV-VI tourney:**
Blackfoot at Jerome, 7:30 p.m.
Bonnevill at Century, 7:30 p.m.
- Magic Valley Conf. tourney, at Murtaugh:**
Hagerman vs. Raft River, 8 p.m.
- Boys’ high school basketball**
Deco at Kimberly, 4:15 p.m.
Malad at Valley, 4:15 p.m.
Shoshone at Carey, 6 p.m.
Salmon at Wood River, 7:30 p.m.
- Richfield at Ketchum Community, 7:30 p.m.
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- ISDB at Western States Classic, Riverside, Calif.
- High school wrestling**
Burley Duals
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IN BRIEF

Minico high hosts Legion meeting Monday
RUPERT - An American Legion Baseball meeting regarding the upcoming Class AA season is planned for Monday at 7:30 p.m. in Room 11 at Minico High School.
All parent volunteers and anyone else interested in helping out are strongly encouraged to attend. For more information, call Russ Wright at 436-4721 or 436-6875.

Bengal men claim rare win in Flagstaff
FLAGSTAFF, Ariz. - Jordie McDavid scored 19 points and led Idaho State to a 70-63 win over Northern Arizona late Thursday night.
The Bengals (7-11, 3-4 Big Sky) took a quick 3-2 advantage and never trailed after that, leading 31-24 at the half. It was the Bengals’ first victory in Flagstaff since the 1995-96 season, as well as their first in their last nine games with Northern Arizona.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

TRIVIA ANSWER:

Bill Russell of the Boston Celtics, 32 against the Philadelphia Warriors on Nov. 16, 1957.

CSI knocks off Rebels

Eagles drop No. 1 Dixie 88-76

By Kevin Hall
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - No. 1 no longer. Cardell Butler scored 23 points, Blandon Ferguson added 16 and Tony Bobbitt tallied 13 to lead 11th-ranked College of Southern Idaho past previously undefeated and top-ranked Dixie State College, 88-76, in front of a packed CSI Gymnasium Friday night.

Southern Idaho’s depth made the difference as nine Golden Eagles scored. It was CSI’s sixth-straight win to pull the Golden Eagles (19-3 overall; 8-2 league) within a game of Dixie State (21-9-1) in the Scenic West Athletic Conference standings.

CSI remains tied for second in the league with Snow College, who comes into CSI’s home tonight at 8 p.m.

Jaime Lloreda poured in game-highs of 25 points and 10 rebounds to lead the Rebels, who got 14 from Marcus Banks, 11 from Eddie Shelby and 10 apiece from Joshua Clark and Dominique Townes.

“CSI’s defense really took us out of our offense,” said Dixie coach Jeff Kidder. “Give them credit. We knew this would be a really tough game.”

Southern Idaho led the entire way, exploding out to a 22-6 lead to begin the game only to see the Rebels claw back to within four at 31:27 on a Marcus Banks shot with 2:13 left in the half. But a Butler 3-pointer and dunk sparked a 10-2 CSI run, and Bobbitt added an exclamation 3-pointer to close the half with CSI up 41-29.

Golden Eagle coach Derek Zeck praised the determination and sophomore leadership his team exhibited when Dixie drew near.

“Our guys just dug down and played,” he said. “When we needed a basket, Cardell Butler made some huge shots off the dribble. I really thought our sophomores - Bradley Jackson, Ferguson, Uche Okafor and Butler - really stepped it up at key times.”

Southern Idaho opened up a 17-point lead through the first 10 minutes of the second half as Dixie

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Golden Eagle Bradley Jackson splits Dixie defenders Jaime Lloreda, left, and Joshua Clark to pass the ball under the College of Southern Idaho basket during Friday night’s upset victory over the Dixie State Rebels, the No. 1-ranked team in the country.

Lady Rebels ground Eagles

By Kevin Hall
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Dixie State would not be denied. Sophomore Candace Baldwin poured in a game-high 19 points and pulled down 10 rebounds as the Lady Rebels rallied from 10- and seven-point deficits to post a 72-63 win over College of Southern Idaho Friday, at CSI Gymnasium.

It was the third loss in a row for Southern Idaho (14-7), which dropped CSI into a tie with Dixie State at 4-6 in the Scenic West Athletic Conference.

The victory snapped a four-game skid for the Lady Rebels (14-8), who avenged a 55-50 defeat to Southern Idaho on Jan. 6.

Eagles coach Kendall Grant said once his players built a 40-33 lead on a 7-2 run five minutes into the second half, they simply quit playing.

“I think we won down there, and it wasn’t that close a game,” Grant said. “As soon as we get up 10 (13-3), we all let down. You could see it in our eyes - by the end of the game that we didn’t keep our focus the entire time.”

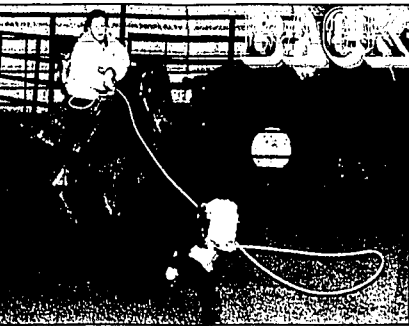
Just as quickly as they had taken the early lead, the Eagles gave it right back. Over the next 5:34, CSI made just two of seven shots and committed five turnovers. Dixie used a 16-7 run to take the lead at 21:20 on a Suzanne Jolley jumper with 7:52 left.

The game went back and forth, with five lead changes over the



Lady Eagles

Friday: Dixie 72, CSI 63
Today: Snow at CSI, 6 p.m. (1450AM)



College of Southern Idaho cowgirl Kinni Wright practices breakaway roping Wednesday at Copus Cove Arena in Buhl. The CSI team opens its season this weekend at Weber State.

IN THE SADDLE AGAIN

CSI rodeo gears up for spring season

By Joe Sunnen
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The College of Southern Idaho rodeo team begins its quest for a second national rodeo championship and its 25th Rocky Mountain Regional title today when the Eagle cowboys and cowgirls saddle up against Weber State University in Ogden, Utah.

The Eagles’ men’s team enters the spring season as the 20th-ranked squad in the nation after posting 785 team points in two rodeos at Idaho State and Utah State during the fall season. CSI also leads the Rocky Mountain

Region in total team points. The women’s team is sixth in the Rocky Mountain Region with 170 points.

“We have a fairly mature team,” CSI coach Shawn Davis said. “We have a majority of the students that we had last year. I’m hoping that the freshmen start filling the few vacancies that have been left. Right now I’m pretty optimistic.”

Two reasons for Davis’ optimism are sophomores Cody Wright and Cody Demers. Wright enters the spring season as the RMR men’s all-around points leader as well as the top bronc and bull rider. He is also ranked eighth in the nation in the men’s all-around. Demers is the regions leading bareback rider and third ranked saddle bronc rider.

“Wright has proven that he has

a ton of ability in a lot of events,” Davis said. “And Demers has a ton of ability and the experience to go with it. Really, I don’t have anybody on this team that I don’t expect big things from.”

Also returning to the team is Jessy Davis, a bareback rider from Salem, Utah, who qualified and placed at nationals last season, and Cody Wright’s younger brother, freshman Calvin Wright.

“Calvin has a world of ability and could be impressive by the end of the season,” Davis said. “We really have a lot of good young people on this team. It just depends on how they materialize.”

The women’s team also has a chance to contend for a Rocky Mountain title thanks to a nice blend of depth, talent and experience.

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Poky’s Dragila ups the ante

The Associated Press

NEW YORK - Pocatello’s Stacy Dragila took center stage at the Millrose Games Friday night, and performed like the star of the show should by breaking her world indoor pole vault record.

Dragila, winner of the first women’s Olympic pole vault title, soared 15 feet, 2.5 inches on her second try, breaking the mark of 15-1.75 she set last year in the USA Championships in Atlanta.

The record performance also matched the outdoor mark she set last year, when she shattered the world mark a total of five times, indoors and outdoors.

Not many of the 15,125 fans were left when Dragila soared unjustly over the bar, but those who stayed were enthusiastic, and Dragila was grateful.

“They’re awesome for staying,” she said. “They are dehard fans. I wish they would travel with us



Stacy Dragila

everywhere.”

The men’s 15-foot barrier also was broken at the Garden - by Cornellius Warmerdam in 1942. Warmerdam used a bamboo pole, Dragila a fiberglass

pole.

Dragila, 29, had difficulty early in the competition; not clearing 14-5.25 until her third attempt. But she wasted no time at the next height, soaring 14-9 on her first try, shattering the Garden record of 14-8.75 by Melissa Mueller in 1999.

For the first time in the Millrose Games, the women vaulters competed after the men, putting the women in the spotlight - just where Dragila belonged.

Mennhille, life could begin anew at 40 for Merlene Ottey and

Johnny Gray.

Ottey, winner of eight Olympic medals and 14 World Championship medals, sped to a scintillating victory in the Women’s 60 meters Friday night in the Millrose Games.

The remarkable Gray, a four-time Olympian, showed that he’s still among the best 800-meter runners in the world, winning his fifth Millrose title in a stirring finish with unheralded Daniel Caulfield of Ireland.

Ottey, who had to fight her way onto the Jamaican Olympic team last year after being suspended for allegedly using drugs, burst out front quickly in the 60 and won in 7.20 seconds, leaving five other Olympic relay medalists in her wake.

Ottey was Ottey’s first Millrose victory and her first appearance since finishing third in 1996.

“It’s never too late,” she said, referring to her age. “I love what I’m doing.”

“I got off to a bad start, then I broke loose.”

Burgeoning Boulder

Entries break record for today’s ski race

By Karen Bossick
Times-News correspondent

SUN VALLEY - A record number of skiers will test their lung-power, shin-strength and kick wax today in the 26th annual First Security Boulder Mountain Tour.

The field will include a couple dozen former Olympians who hope to skate ski their way into the 2002 Winter Olympics in Soldier Hollow, Utah, and six members of the U.S. Disabled Team - three of whom will pole their way down the 18-mile course using their arms.

Organizers cut off the entries at 850 - nearly 100 more skiers than last year’s record-setting field of 760.

Roberta Heinrich, who co-chairs the race for the Sun Valley/Ketchum Chamber of Commerce, attributed the record number of entrants to

Boulder Mountain Tour spectators are encouraged to grab their cowbells today and cheer the racers on at the finish line. Parking is available at the finish line in Sawtooth National Recreation Area facility north of Ketchum.

On Sunday: The Sixth Annual First Security Cross Country Festival will be held at Galena Lodge beginning at about 10 a.m.

Participants will get a chance to try out the newest classic and skate ski equipment for free. And some of the elite athletes in the Boulder Mountain Tour will offer beginning, intermediate and advanced lessons. Lessons are free but participants are required to purchase a \$9 trail pass. There also will be relays, raffles, face painting and a no-host barbecue.

Olympic fever - It’s already increased interest in the sport of Nordic racing in Utah, she said.

“Also, it’s a beautiful race,” she added. “And it’s always been a popular race.”

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FOOTBALL, XFL STYLE

Is America ready... Does anyone care?

COMMENTARY Jim Litke

Americans are in arrears. Some 10 years later, the United States Football League... American Football League...

"I'm afraid their cheerleaders will make the Dallas Cowboy cheerleaders look like Amish girls," said Allen Sanderson...

League debut Today N.Y. New Jersey at Las Vegas, 6 p.m. (NBC) Chicago at Orlando, 6 p.m.

does have a rooting interest. "I hope they don't make it," Sanderson said...

Tigers collect elusive second win

The Times-News

JEROME - Cole Lee hit the game winner with 11 seconds left Friday night to give the Jerome High School boys' basketball team its second win of the season, a 69-68 victory over Bonnevill...

Jerome led by nine points in the first quarter, and continued to hold a six-point lead going into the locker room...

Bonnevill's Burton Shaw led all scorers with 20 points, including six 3-pointers...

Jerome (2-16 overall, in 2-6 conference) hosts Declo next Wednesday.

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Twin Falls returns to winning ways vs. IF

By Holly Kayt Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - After dropping two in a row, the Twin Falls Bruins took a step in the winning direction Friday, defeating Idaho Falls 65-55.

Twin Falls (10-7 overall) finished its conference season 3-3 after falling to Minico Jan. 24. But the Bruins garnered Region III No. 2 seed for the conference tournament.

Before the clock even started, the Bruins had a two-point advantage. Idaho Falls was charged with a technical foul hanging on the rim in warm-ups and Nielsen stepped to the line for two free throws...

"This was unusual," Vogt said. "But you need every point you can get."

and the teams headed to the locker room with Twin Falls ahead by nine, 35-26.

"We put together 28 minutes," said senior Daniel Miller. "We just need the other four."

Another technical foul, this time on the bench, and Nielsen made two free throws to put the Bruins up 58-49.

"That's why we put the ball in his hand," Vogt said.

Boulder

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The Boulder Mountain Tour follows a gentle rolling course that drops 1,000 feet in 32 kilometers from Galena Lodge to a spot just across Highway 75 from Sawtooth National Recreation Area headquarters...

But this year's Boulder Mountain Tour is anyone's to win since three-peter Carl Swenson did not return to defend his title.

The contenders include an impressive array of past Olympic medalists and Olympians leading the men's field is Team Atomic skier Justin Wadsworth...

English teacher in Japan who participated in the 1994 and 1998 Winter Olympics and won the 1993 North American Birkebeiner.

"I think the sit-down skiers will blow people away," said Marc Mast, who runs the adaptive ski program at Sun Valley's Bald Mountain.

Boulder Mountain Tour race since 1984. And women like Ketchum resident Jean Kearney, who skis the course nearly every day in preparation for the Race.

Carrie Schiller Westergard, a relative newcomer to skate ski, who trains during her lunch hour on the cross-country tracks that run through Ketchum.

CSI

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The Rebels managed to cut it down again to under 100 through the latter minutes, but when CSI needed a defensive stop or a basket, Butler, Ferguson, Oskoff and Jansen usually came through.

As happy as Zeck was with the win, he said his thoughts are already focused on preparing for the Bulldogs.

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SPORTS

Mat Gogel gets his second chance Ladies

Tiger's victim turns the tables around

PEBBLE BEACH, Calif. (AP) — Matt Gogel, a victim in Tiger Woods' spectacular comeback victory last year, took a big step toward putting a bad memory behind him Friday in the Pebble Beach National Pro-Am.



Mat Gogel hits his second shot from the final fairway of the Poppy Hills Golf Course during second-round play of the AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am in Pebble Beach, Calif., Friday.

Gogel, who was on the back nine of the final round, got allowed Woods to make up seven strokes on the final seven holes, had a career-best round of 10-under 62 at Poppy Hills to take a three-stroke lead over Vijay Singh.

Gogel birdied four of the five, including the 555-yard ninth hole for a 62. His previous best round was a 63 in the third round at Las Vegas.

Eastwood takes lead at Biscayne

KEY BISCAYNE, Fla. — Bob Eastwood credits his new putter and a renewed commitment to fitness for helping him to the first round lead Friday in the Royal Caribbean Classic.

next several minutes until a hole-in-one on the 18th green.

But de la Cruz, Southern Idaho when the Rebels rebounded and lusted their way to a 26-17-run-and-59-57-lead on a layup and free throw by reserve Hayley Barker with 6:50 left.

son-long slump with 11 points on Feb. 1.

Trisha Gardiner's parents made the trip north on Friday. CSI reserve guard Aubrey Gouastall is being battling the flu this week, restricting a night's stay in the hospital.

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FRIDAY'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Table listing college basketball games, including men's and women's, with scores and locations.

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By Steve Moore. A cartoon illustration of a person sitting in bleachers, looking thoughtful.

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Jagr's injury makes World goalies important

DENVER (AP) — Jaromir Jagr's absence from the World team is good news for North America's goalies. The same can't be said for the opposing netminders, who must compensate for the loss of the high-scoring forward.

"The World team lost its top offensive weapon as Jagr was forced to pull out of Sunday's game because of a head injury, Jagr, the Pittsburgh captain who led the All-Star voting three of the last four years, experienced dizziness and a headache after he was rained into the boards Wednesday night by Philadelphia's Todd Fedoruk.

He was replaced Friday by Boston's Sergei Samsonov, who will be making his first All-Star appearance.

Without the scoring punch of Jagr, the league's leading scorer three years running and No. 2 so far this season, the unlikely Czech goalie duo of Dominik Hasek and Roman Cechmanek — along with San Jose rookie Evgeni Nabokov — will have the daunting task of making up for his loss.

The All-Star Game has averaged 14 goals in the three years of the North America against the World format.

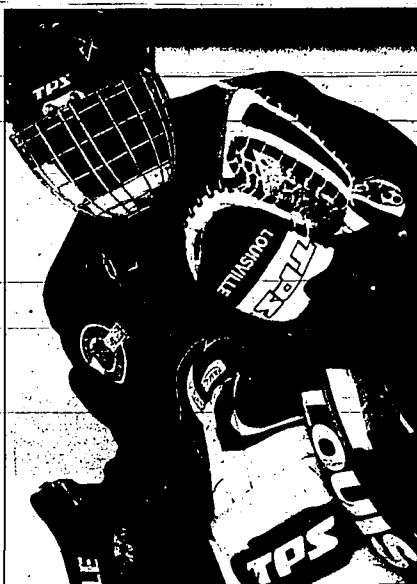
Hasek didn't know if he'd be back for another one and he certainly didn't expect to be backed up by Cechmanek.

Hasek intended to retire following last season, and a groin injury cost the five-time Vezina Trophy winner half the season and the All-Star Game.

He will start in goal for the World team at the Pepsi Center. North America captured the first two games in this All-Star format before the World squad won 9-4 last year at Toronto without Hasek.

"Of course I want to win," said the 36-year-old Buffalo Sabres star, who has been voted to start four straight years. "I've played two games for the World Team, and any time I've played we've never won."

More surprising than Hasek's



Buffalo Sabres goalie Dominik Hasek makes a glove save during practice in Buffalo, N.Y., recently. The five-time Vezina Trophy winner as the NHL's top goalie was not ready to call it a career after last season. So Hasek returned to the Sabres and was voted as a World team starter, the fourth straight year he has won the goalie election for his squad.

inclusion in the game is that of the Philadelphia Flyers' Cechmanek. The 29-year-old first-year player served as Hasek's backup on the gold-medal winning Czech Republic team at the 1998 Nagano Olympics.

"He's supposed to be a backup goalie in Philadelphia, but once he got his chance he proved that he can play at the higher level.

forming like a veteran. "He is not young, but I am really surprised for him to come in his first year in the NHL and make the All-Star Game," Hasek said. "It is a big accomplishment."

be around to play for his country next year at the Salt Lake City Games. If not, he feels comfortable leaving the goaltending duties to Cechmanek and St. Louis' Roman Turek, who easily could have been an All-Star this year as well. "I am here and I am focused on

this season," Hasek said. "The Olympics in Salt Lake City is going to be something really special and I never said I don't want to play in that. If that is still possible, I want to play there. And if I don't, then it is probably time for players like Cechmanek or Turek."

NHRA starts season at birth-place

By John Sturlin
Fort Worth Star-Telegram

Hot rodding's birthplace will serve as the only appropriate backdrop to the start of the NHRA 50th anniversary season this weekend, when professional qualifying is scheduled to begin for the 41st annual Winter Nationals.

Fifty years after magazine editor Wally Parks hit upon the idea of taking drag racing off the streets for purposes of safety and organized competition, the National Hot Rod Association boasts an ardent membership following from coast to coast. But the roots and romance of drag racing remain associated with the famed quarter-mile strip at Pomona (Calif.) Raceway.

"What makes it special is it's Southern California, where drag racing started," said Don "The Snake" Prudhomme, a four-time NHRA Funny Car champion and multirace team owner. "And it's

the Winter Nationals. It's the big kickoff, like the Daytona 500 (for NASCAR). It's what we've been working all winter for, and people are thirsty out here for drag racing."

The Winter Nationals, which are sponsored by AutoZone and conclude Sunday, are the first of 24 national events in the \$50 million NHRA Winston Drag Racing Series. Locally, the 16th annual O'Reilly Fall Nationals are scheduled at the Texas Motorplex in Ennis on Oct. 18-21, as owner Billy Meyer continues negotiations over possible sale of the all-concrete quarter-mile.

"We'll definitely have the fall race, and there's not 1 percent of doubt we'll continue to be NHRA-sanctioned," said Elton Werner, Motorplex general manager. "We built our reputation on quality NHRA events. I wouldn't do anything to jeopardize that."

Werner said the Motorplex has two special events planned for the sanctioning body's 50th birth-

day. As part of the annual Night of Fire show July 4, the Motorplex will stage nostalgic racing including dragsters and specialty vehicles.

This weekend marks the debut of the NHRA's five-year TV package with ESPN and ESPN2. Each national event will air on ESPN and/or ESPN2 on a same-day basis.

"We're going to have the view. Now we've got to give 'em good side-by-side racing," said Joe Amato, retired five-time Top Fuel champion who will field a car for former Federal-Mogul Dragster driver Darrell Russell of Cypress.

Drag racing's most marketable personality, 10-time Funny Car champion John "The Brute" Force, will attempt to extend his stranglehold over the division in his Castrol GTX Ford Mustang. Top Fuel's top gun is Gary Scelzi, aiming for his fourth title in five years in the Team Winston Dragster.

Ertl wins combined as favorites crash

ST. ANTON, Austria (AP) — With her rivals slipping and crashing, Germany's Martina Ertl completed a comeback from a serious injury by winning the women's combined Friday at the world championships.

"It's really a fairy tale for me," said Ertl, who partially tore ligaments in her right knee a month ago. "A great day for me. ... I never thought I could win."

Leaders Renate Goetsch of Austria and Caroline Lalive of the United States failed to finish the second slalom run. Janica Kostelic, the sensational 19-year-old Croatian, fell in the first run.

"I'm in a state of shock that I am down here and disappointed," Lalive said. "It's a lot of pressure to be a medal contender at the world championship. We always say it's not a big deal, but it is."

Another American, Kirsten Clark, led after the downhill run. But she is not proficient in the gate race and dropped back to eighth place.

Ertl marked the third straight event of the world championships that the top favorites finished without a medal.

In the combined, the winner is determined by adding the two slalom run times to the morning's downhill time. Ertl won the combined silver medal at the 1998 Winter Olympics. This was her third world championship medal in eight years and the first gold. She won a pair of bronze medals in 1993 and 1996 in the giant slalom and the 1994 Olympic silver in that event.

"I just went out and let the skis run," Ertl said. "I know sport is not everything, but you wish for something like this and it's wonderful when it happens."

Ertl had a blistering second run

and took the gold with a total time of 2 minutes, 55.65 seconds. Christine Spöring, a 17-year-old Austrian, won the silver in 2:58.23 and Karen Putzer of Italy earned the bronze in 2:59.69.

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Confidence index doesn't signal recession

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Arts Council

By John Cunniff
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — You can understand why the latest consumer confidence index plunged like an unopened parachute if you just recap some of the big news over the past few months.

Most of it was negative. It wasn't just the events, such as the billions of dollars lost on stocks, trillions of inflation, warnings about recession, massive layoffs and the zapping of the most extreme high-tech hopes. They were bad enough.

Adding to the impact, however, were the preceding 10 years of easy times when little in the business and economic area wasn't just good — but very, very good. That left people psychologically vulnerable to bad news.

Was the decline in consumer confidence an overreaction? Maybe, but for now it can't be determined one way or another.

"American consumers don't

always signal mood changes clearly as indicators suggest. They aren't automats. They think, they reason, they wait and see. Uncertainty, it is that which is expressing, it's a well-reasoned response to a period of economic flux, and as the economic signals become more mixed in the mind of the American consumer.

It takes time to digest the significance of, for example, the news about massive layoffs among large companies and the realization that despite such things the jobless rate remains at all-time lows.

And if their personally chosen stocks sailed higher than the averages before plunging, it is only understandable that they should begin to doubt themselves, lower their expectations and maybe seek help.

A lot of them have done just that. They didn't simply abandon stocks altogether during the recent plunge in averages. Much of their remaining money went into mutual funds, a record \$309

billion worth last year. That was last year, but now the Wall Street Journal reports there are indications the flow of money into mutual funds is continuing, suggesting that even after a horrible 2000 they remain committed to investing.

While the situation still might change, you can hardly read fear into the latest housing statistics. They show a sudden, spectacular rise in home purchases, the biggest monthly gain in more than seven years.

A home, as every buyer and potential buyer is aware, generally represents the biggest financial commitment of a consumer's life, the sort of action nobody is inclined to make if they've given up on the economy.

There is little question that slowdowns hurt, and this slowdown already has inflicted real pain in some of the industrial centers and high-tech areas. A slowdown, however, is no surprise. It was to be expected.

American producers made an extreme effort for a decade, longer than any other period this century, flooding this country, and others with an unprecedented supply of stuff from toys to automobiles, straining the devices of marketing and advertising to do so.

A slowdown from such a rugged pace means an adjustment, but the plunging consumer confidence index of The Conference Board still leaves it at the same level as in 1996, when such a level was viewed as very high.

The consumer has sent a message, but it isn't necessarily about a recession.

Perhaps it just indicates a reasonable, defensive economic position, an intelligent hiatus to see how low the Fed will push interest rates. It happened in another half point on Wednesday — and if, when and how much — the White House and Congress might chat taxes.

Kim Stevenson — who has been in the floral business for 20 years, learned from a general contractor in Shoshone that Godfrey needed a new place. Godfrey was hired in January. She filled the shop with silk wreaths she made, and Godfrey brings she has a keen eye for fresh arrangements.

"I love having her here," Godfrey said. "You have to have the knack. Either you can't do it or you can't."

Wednesday, Stevenson ran from one delivery to the next and talked about how business is picking up at the shop.

"People finally realize, we're here," she said. "The third new business in the building is Kiri's Portraits. Kiri Goldberg moved to Shoshone from Chicago recently with her fiancé, Dr. Greg Hill, who is in practice with a longtime Shoshone doctor, Dr. Keith Dan."

Goldberg has had a few customers since she opened her portrait studio about 2 1/2 months ago. She also became involved in the renaissance of the Junction City

Painting has always been something she enjoyed. "When I was a kid I was always drawing. I was always putting in trouble at school, daydreaming and doodling," she said.

Although art is not normally a career in which to make a fortune, it is more important for Goldberg. Portraits seemed to be the ticket. "Humans are such a varied, beautiful subject," she said. "I like different personalities, seeing how they hold themselves and how I react to them."

Other businesses which have opened in Shoshone in the past six months include:

- Napa Car Care Center and Sage Tire and Auto Repair at 115 S. Greenwood St. The shop specializes in engine rebuilding, brakes, clutches, jobs, tube tups and tire work.
- Lee's Automotive, a parts store on South Hill Street.
- Sageberry House restaurant, 103 E. St. or U.S. Highway 93.
- JC Burger and Brew on North Hill Street.

Big snow urges Vail's economic turnaround

VAIL, Colo. (AP) — Phones used to ring off the hook with complaints when skiers parked on roads in this ski area that is now second home for some of the nation's wealthiest. Now all one hears is cash registers ringing.

After three straight downhill years, "it's refreshing to see cars along the frontage road," said Suzanne Silverthorn, spokeswoman for the ski area.

First, economic terrorists opposed to the resort's expansion set a \$12-million fire that destroyed a major mountain restaurant and damaged lift facilities in October 1997.

Late snow the past two seasons cost Vail its crown as the nation's

busiest ski area. The town was forced to make its first-ever layoffs of employees and businesses suffered.

"People have been through 2 1/2 years of difficult circumstances when the rest of the county was booming," said Vail CEO Bill Jensen.

This season, Vail appears headed to retake its crown. The resort will release skier day information in advance of its quarterly earnings reports, but Jensen says, "We've seen skier growth in all our market groups."

He added, "We lost some pride in who we were and this season I've seen a resurgence of that pride." Colorado Ski Country, the

industry trade group, reported a 29 percent increase through January. Given that Vail is a big part of that total, it's unlikely its increase would be any lower. Last month, it reportedly had 20,500 skiers in one day, slightly exceeding the daily limit it had agreed to impose.

The town says its parking lot numbers are up 26 percent this season. Last year the lots were full three times. This year parking has overflowed to the frontage road 20 times.

One reason Vail has come back is the company's decision to allow skiers using so-called "huddy passers" at Keystone and

Breckenridge, both owned by Vail, to ski or snowboard at Vail 10 times this season. Most passholders are Coloradans, and they pack the resort on weekends, leaving it uncrowded for out-of-state and international visitors during the week.

Local and local businesses had lobbied the company hard for the move. In fact, Breckenridge had led the nation in skier visits the past two seasons partly because of the cheap passes.

Silverthorn says the decision is seen as part of an effort by Vail Resorts to heal rifts that have developed with the community and local businesses.

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million more than the utility spent on purchased power in 1999.

"Today's snopack is just 55 percent of normal," Packwood said in a statement. "If we cannot achieve meaningful reductions in load through conservation, we will have to purchase significant amounts of energy from the wholesale markets where energy prices are averaging 15 to 20 times our cost of production."

In 2000, the utility spent nearly \$372 million to purchase wholesale power to meet the demands of a customer base that grew nearly 2 percent. That was almost \$180

million more than the utility spent on purchased power in 1999.

But the same market that was running up the price of wholesale power by an average of 172 percent for Idaho Power last year was the same market that enabled IDACORP's power-marketing subsidiary to generate \$145.4 million in power sales. That compared with just \$31.4 million during 1999.

A week and a half ago, Idaho Power officials warned that their 391,000 customers that if water conditions do not improve during the final half of the winter the utility would be looking at a 24 percent rate increase.

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DJIA	1142.45	+8.64	+0.76
RUS 2000	1094.10	-11.93	-1.09
NASDAQ	1418.12	+4.96	+0.35

STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST

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GOOG		42.10	+0.50
MSFT		29.15	+0.10

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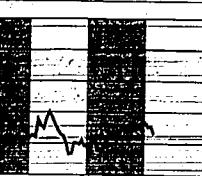
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Stocks take a tumble amongst volatile trading

NEW YORK (AP) - A mixed employment report set the stock market tumbling Friday as investors fretted about the economy's direction, undulating technology shares and retreated to the energy and health care sectors.

Analysts said the sell-off reflected Wall Street's worries that the employment numbers were not weak enough to persuade the Federal Reserve to cut interest rates again before its next scheduled meeting in March.

The Dow Jones Industrial average closed down 119.53 to 10,864.10, but still gained 1.9 percent for the week.

The tech-dominated Nasdaq composite index slid 122.29 to 2,650.50, dropping 4.5 percent for the week.

Residents don't think of repairs until they need them

POCATELLO (AP) - The phone doesn't work. The television projects nothing but snow and noise. It's Tuesday morning and the house is freezing.

There are people that know what to do. They can fix these problems. It's their job.

Some men and women spend hours crawling along, climbing backyards so we can make a long distance phone call or watch Sports Center in the comfort of our temperature-controlled homes.

We meet them, briefly. They're over in a heartbeat. Nick Crowder ever stopped on the street by the friends he makes on the job. Dave Thompson with Intermountain Gas has helped hundreds of people in his 24 years with the company and although some people know him as a gas guy, he's not.

None of them are and none would ask to be. Dave Scott is a simple man. He likes working on his own, away from a desk and he's been doing it for more than two years. Scott, a West Communications phone technician, uses his hands to help people.

"You get people that are upset that their phone doesn't work," he said. "But then when you fix it for them you're the neatest guy in the world."

So each person, whether it fixes cable, snakes a drain, lights a water heater gas pilot, becomes a hero many times over.

Crowder said he's never there while knocking on a door at 9 a.m. to install some digital cable or while he's driving over a fence to provide a protective Rottweiler.

The job isn't incredibly stressful. It can be busy - there are plenty of people who want new cable or a warmer home - but each company gives their service employees time to get the job done right.

Scott repairs phone lines from Fort Hall to Inkom and can have anywhere from three to 15 jobs a day.

Most are like that, they have a schedule to keep. People want their services to work.

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Key leaders in central Africa war meet

WASHINGTON (AP) — Rwandan President Paul Kagame expressed cautious optimism Friday that the replacement of Congolese President Laurent Kabila by his son could advance the peace process in the six-nation Congolese conflict.

Kagame held a groundbreaking meeting with President Joseph Kabila on Thursday and said he found the young Congolese leader to be "positive about going ahead with the peace process."

Kagame, who spoke to a gathering at the U.S. Institute of Peace, was a bitter rival of the elder Kabila, who was assassinat-

ed two weeks ago. His son was sworn in Jan. 27.

"I don't necessarily think Joseph Kabila will do the same thing as his father," Kagame said.

Kagame maintains that the elder Kabila armed and trained Congo-based Rwandan Hutu exiles, many of whom are former military personnel who carried out the 1994 genocide in Rwanda.

Concerned that these exiles are intent on returning to pick up where they left off in 1994, Rwanda has dispatched troops to Congo who are supporting Congolese rebels fighting the Kinshasa government.

Once Congolese support for the

Hutu exiles ends, Kagame said, Rwandan forces could be withdrawn from Congolese territory. The Congo government has the backing of Zimbabwe, Angola and Namibia.

Kagame spoke only in generalities about his meeting with Kabila.

The two leaders had come to Washington on separate private visits to attend a congressionally sponsored, prayer breakfast Thursday.

Hopes for an end to the Congo conflict, now 30 months old, rose in July 1999 with the signing of a peace agreement. But none of the parties has adhered to its terms.

Kabila, who met with Secretary of State Colin Powell on Thursday, arranged to talk in New York Friday with U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan.

The cautious optimism generated by the meeting between Kabila and Kagame was reinforced by U.N. spokesman Fred Eckhard, who previewed the Annan-Kabila meeting.

He said there have been "frustrating suggestions" that the parties to the conflict might be interested in renewing peace talks. He added that that process could involve not only the non-Congolese participants but the rebel factions within Congo.



Students sit outside the American University of Beirut, Lebanon, Friday.

White supremacist leader shifts his sights to Russia

MOSCOW (AP) — Under investigation by federal agents at home in the United States, white supremacist David Duke has taken his crusade against Jews and non-Europeans to Russia, which he now sees as "the key to white survival."

During several trips to Russia over the past year and a half, Duke has spoken in public, exchanged views with hard-line Russian nationalists and published a book, according to his Web site.

The 412-page Russian version of "My Awakening" is now on sale in the Russian parliament's bookstore for 50 rubles, or about \$1.75, in hardcover. The Russian title translates as "The Jewish Question Through the Eyes of an American."

The former state legislator from Louisiana was in Russia on Nov. 16 when federal agents searched his home outside New Orleans. The search warrant was based on testimony from informants that Duke took money donated by supporters and gambled it away in casinos. Through a spokesman, Duke has denied wrongdoing. No charges have been brought. Duke did not immediately respond to an interview request made through an associate in Moscow. But a Duke associate in the United States told The

Associated Press he was still in Moscow on Friday.

Duke's ideas — that white people are threatened by the growth of nonwhite populations and by "Jewish supremacism" — are largely the province of tiny, splinter groups of extremists in Russia.

Parties with openly anti-Jewish or racist platforms get only microscopic support.

Nevertheless, the country has a long history of anti-Semitism running back through the czarist and Soviet periods. Some current politicians have made anti-Semitic remarks, there have been vandalism and bombings aimed at synagogues, and a Jewish official was stabbed by a man who reportedly had a swastika painted or tattooed on his chest. Political and religious leaders condemned the attack.

Duke, a former leader of the Ku Klux Klan, last year founded the National Organization For European American Rights, or NOEAR. He touted Russia's racist potential in an article on his Web site detailing his Russian travels. "Russia is a White nation!" Duke wrote. "In my opinion, Russia and other Eastern countries have the greatest chance of having racially aware parties achieving political power."

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Council suspends pathologist had a post-mortem." Van Velzen left Liverpool in 1995 to run the pathology department at a children's hospital in Halifax, Nova Scotia. He was fired in 1998.

Council suspends pathologist

LONDON (AP) — The General Medical Council on Friday suspended a pathologist accused of stripping organs from dead infants without getting permission from their parents.

Professor Dick Van Velzen did not attend the closed hearing of the council, which decides whether a doctor may practice in Britain.

Van Velzen was responsible for post-mortem examinations at the Royal Liverpool Children's Hospital, Alder Hey, between 1988 and 1995.

According to an official inquiry report published Tuesday, he "systematically ordered the unethical and illegal stripping of every organ from every child who

'Missing' administrator turns up alive and well

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — A U.S. administrator at the American University of Beirut was found alive and well Friday night, hours after reports of his disappearance sparked fears he had been kidnapped.

Dean S. Kevin, dean of student affairs, was located in an apartment in Beirut's Hamra neighborhood, said university spokesman Ibrahim Khouri. He gave no further details except to say that Kevin was with the police.

The apparent disappearance of the 51-year-old administrator from Brooklyn, N.Y., had provoked responses from the U.S. Embassy in Beirut, the U.S. State Department and the Lebanese police.

It also brought back memories of the Lebanese civil war of 1975-90 when Muslim extremist groups kidnapped dozens of Westerners in Lebanon, including 17 Americans, and held them hostage for years.

In announcing that he was missing, the university said Kevin had not been seen or heard from since he called his assistant Thursday evening to say he was returning to his office after having been called

to the emergency room at the adjacent American University Hospital to check on a student who was being admitted. "Hospital records show that no student was examined or admitted at that time," the statement said.

Later, university president John Waterbury said staff were relieved to hear that Kevin had been found "safe and in good health." He thanked security officers for their "promptness and efficiency in locating Kevin."

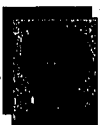



Kevin, who was born in Middlesx, England, has worked at the American University since November 1999.

The American University was a frequent target of armed groups during the civil war. The university's president, Malcolm Kerr, was assassinated on campus in 1984. His predecessor, David Dodge, was kidnapped in 1982 and held for months. Three other faculty members — two Britons and an American — were kidnapped and killed in the mid-1980s.

The kidnappings faded away after the government re-established its authority at the end of the war.



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Leaders come together in quake's wake

TIKER, India (AP) — With a telephone call between their leaders Friday, India and Pakistan came together as neighbors, not rivals, in the wake of an earthquake that killed thousands of Indians and left many more desperate for food, housing and help rebuilding.

Aid from around the world was on the way, but there were complaints that lack of coordination was hampering distribution and that remote villages were stranded while population centers got attention.

More than 15,000 bodies had been pulled from the rubble of the 7.7-magnitude quake by Friday afternoon, and officials estimate the final toll could reach 35,000.

In the first reported conversation between Indian Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee and Pakistani military Gen. Gen. Pervez Musharraf, Vajpayee thanked Musharraf for two planeloads of relief sent to the western state of Gujarat, where the epicenter of the Jan. 26 quake was located. Musharraf initiated the call "to convey his sympathy at the



Surju Nagar, 85, is comforted by an Indian army medic at an army hospital near Bhachau, India, Friday. Nagar was suffering from infection from a broken leg sustained in the earthquake.

great loss of life caused by the earthquake," said Mohammed Basbir, an official in Vajpayee's office. Gujarat borders Pakistan, where at least 18 people were killed in the quake.

India and Pakistan have fought three wars in 47 years and tested nuclear weapons in 1998. Vajpayee, blaming India-Pakistan clashes in 1998 on Musharraf because he headed

his armed forces then, had avoided speaking to Musharraf since the military leader came to power in 1999.

Asked about the possibility of resuming stalled peace talks, Press Trust of India quoted Vajpayee as saying, "We have always favored talks for which the right atmosphere has to be created. Violence, killings and terrorism must stop, and the climate should be such that fruitful and meaningful parleys can take place."

Musharraf has repeatedly offered talks anywhere, anytime over Kashmir, the Himalayan province that has sparked two wars between the nations.

India accuses Musharraf of aiding Islamic militants who have been fighting since 1989 to separate the Indian-controlled portion of Kashmir. Musharraf has said Pakistan does not aid them, only gives them moral support.

Since the devastating quake, Pakistan has contributed to a huge international aid campaign for India. The Indian government has sent thousands of its own soldiers to Gujarat to provide relief, and private Indian groups have bolstered the effort.

South Korean president: North sees U.S. as vital

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — Communist North Korea now views the United States, a battlefield for a half-century ago, as a vital means of guaranteeing its own survival, South Korean President Kim Dae-jung said Friday.

In an interview with The Associated Press, Kim said North Korean leader Kim Jong Il wants to boost ties with Washington to bolster his isolated country's national security and help restore its dilapidated economy.

"As far as I could see, North Korea's greatest goal is to improve relations with the United States," the 76-year-old president said.

"Toward that end, it has shown flexibility over its missile issue, it has kept to its nuclear freeze pledges," Kim told AP editors and executives at the Blue House, the presidential office. "There are problems still remaining between the two sides, but basically I believe that North Korea very much wants to improve things with the United States."

The two Koreas have taken

huge steps toward rapprochement since their leaders met one another last year at an unprecedented summit. However, the pace of change has often been fitful and concerns linger about whether the North really wants better ties with the outside world or, desperate to survive, is just craving for economic aid.

"We are promoting tension reduction on the one hand and exchanges and cooperation on the other hand with North Korea, in parallel," Kim said. "Both tracks, I believe, are still at the beginning stage. But the situation overall is not all that bad."

Kim, who met his North Korean counterpart in June in Pyongyang, said he was convinced Kim Jong Il would honor a pledge he made then to visit Seoul.

"The visit will take place within this year. That's for certain," said Kim, whose efforts to reconcile with the North have contributed to the biggest hopes for peace since the 1950-53 Korean War and won him the Nobel Peace Prize last year.

Polls show hard-liner victory

JERUSALEM (AP) — Four days before Israel's election — seen as a referendum on Prime Minister Ehud Barak's brand of peace-making — polls published Friday forecast a landslide victory for hard-liner Ariel Sharon, who opposes Barak's concessions to the Palestinians.

The embattled Barak, meanwhile, ordered troops to reimpose a blockade on most Palestinian towns and villages in the West Bank in order to prevent attacks on Israelis that could further undermine his standing before Tuesday's vote.

On Thursday, two Israelis, including a physician, were killed in West Bank ambushes by Palestinian gunmen, prompting Barak to call off international efforts to arrange a pre-election Mideast peace summit.

Such a high-profile international gathering had been seen as Barak's last trump card in the race. Now he faces voters without even the faint promise of a peace accord with the Palestinians, while the Israeli-Palestinian fighting of the past four months shows no signs of abating.

Barak has said he expected poll numbers to improve once a possible candidacy by Israel's popular elder statesman, Shimon Peres, was no longer an issue. Barak had been under pressure to step aside for Peres as the Labor Party's candidate, but the deadline for a switch passed at midnight Thursday.

In an interview published Friday, Barak insisted the polls did not reflect reality.

"When the citizens of Israel go behind the voting curtain, they will understand that its not the polls that are important," he told the Maariv daily. "What is important is the fate of the country's citizens and the future of all of us."

United Nations issues appeal to help Afghans

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) — With hundreds of Afghans dying of the cold in refugee camps, the United Nations pleaded for urgent help Friday from an international community that has largely ignored the plight of the refugees.

"The situation is desperate. Most Afghans have lost everything they have in their homes, mostly destitute," Erick de Mul, the U.N. humanitarian coordinator, said in Islamabad, Pakistan.

Conditions are so bad that camps are now in desperate need of medical equipment to amputate limbs gangrenous from frostbite, said Christine Berthiaume, spokeswoman for the World Food Program in Geneva.

Drought and war have driven hundreds of thousands of people from their homes to refugee camps.

Between Monday and Wednesday, 480 people — 220 of them children — died of the cold in camps in Herat, the World Food Program said. Nighttime lows went down to minus 13 and daytime highs reached only minus 3.

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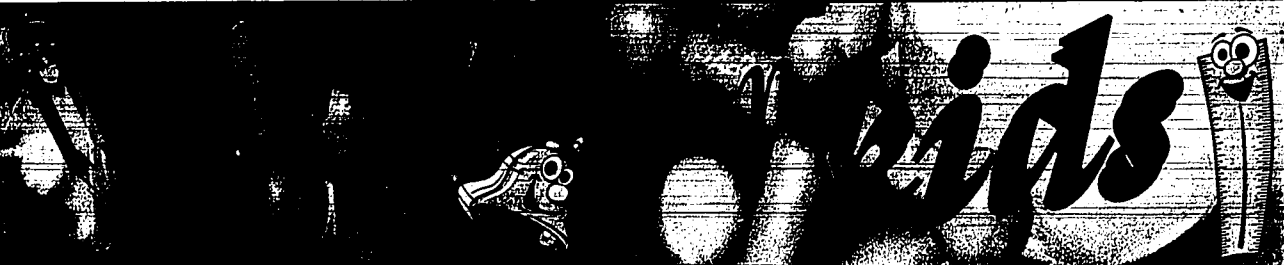
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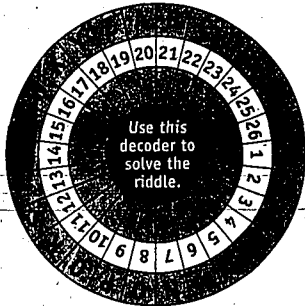
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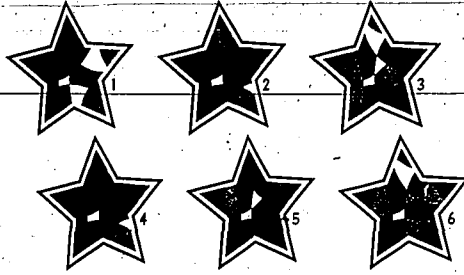
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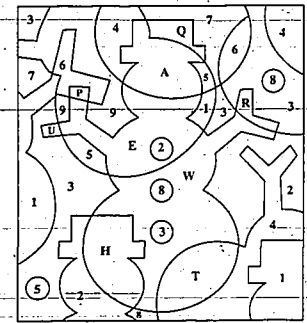
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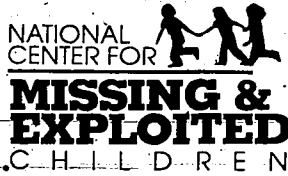
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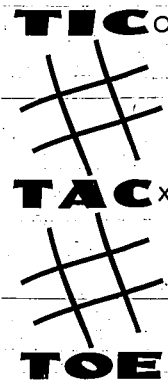
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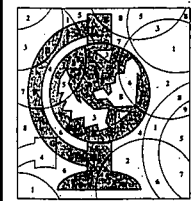
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City leaves 'Sweetheart' mark on valentines

LOVELAND, Colo. (AP) - Every year about this time, Colorado's "Sweetheart City" is transformed into an assembly line of love.

Dozens of volunteers file into the local visitor's center, take their seats in a long row, and begin the careful task of sorting through thousands of letters, hand-stamping them with a cowboy cupid and a poem, and then sending them on their way with the official Loveland postmark.

"The condition of the world can be measured by our valentine program," said postmaster Perry Buck. "You can tell how much love is in the world."

This year, the volunteers expect to process nearly a quarter million valentines. In the program's 54-year existence, volunteers say they have processed cards from 104 countries and every continent. The cards arrive in larger envelopes, then are sorted and sent with a Loveland postmark.

To the sorters, stampers and mailers, what started out as a promotional gimmick has become a labor of love.

"You just kind of feel if you're going to do something, you want to do it the best way," said volunteer Betty Hurder, 72.

The no-charge Valentine re-mailing program began just after World War II when then-Chamber of Commerce President Ted Thompson persuaded Loveland's postmaster to start stamping letters from the "Sweetheart Town."

The city of 45,000 about 45 miles north of



Postal worker C.J. Kilbourn applies a stamp to Valentine's Day cards last month in Loveland, Colo.

Denver was named for W.A.H. Loveland, the president of a railroad company, but the modern volunteers prefer to promote the city's first letters: "Love."

In one letter, a man from China added a spe-

cial note to the volunteers asking them to add their own note to his sweetheart to help him plead his case. Another man who had been married for 40 years wrote that he sent his first Valentine to his wife through their program.

Student biting into sandwich finds thumb

HYANNIS, Mass. (AP) - A student eating in a high school cafeteria discovered a small piece of a human thumb in her sandwich when she took a bite.

Officials determined the thumb piece belonged to a cafeteria worker who had severed the top of her thumb in a vegetable slicer this week.

The female student spat out the partial appendage while eating her lunch at Barnstable High School on Wednesday, the Cape Cod Times reported Friday. She asked not to be identified. "It was clear to the inspector that it was a small piece of fingernail and flesh from a right thumb," said Thomas McKean, director of public health in Barnstable.

Spokesmen for Sodexo Marriott Services, which serves the school, said they will contact the student who discovered the thumb piece. "Obviously this is completely unacceptable," said Scott Loretan, senior vice president of operations for the company.

By Thursday morning, state and town health officials had been notified. "Blood-borne diseases cannot be transmitted through food," said Roseanne Pawelec, spokeswoman for the Department of Health.

Woman decides to sue over 'Monica' moniker

New York Daily News

NEW YORK - Better jokes than those Monica Lewinsky jokes.

A federal judge has given a former student of State University of New York at New Paltz permission to sue her former professor for repeatedly referring to her as "Monica."

The woman, Inbal Hayut, 23, said Alex Young also made such remarks as, "How was your weekend with Bill?" and "Shut up, Monica. I'll give you a big-lantern" in reference to court papers.

He once mentioned she was wearing the same color lipstick as Lewinsky. Hayut is suing Young and several SUNY New Paltz officials who allegedly failed to respond to her sexual harassment complaint. Young could not be reached for comment, but his lawyer, Kenneth Kelly, said his client was just teasing Hayut

because he thought she resembled Lewinsky.

Young, who retired after the case surfaced, has not been accused of propositioning or improperly touching Hayut, Kelly said. The remarks were made while Hayut was a student in Young's political science class in the fall of 1998.

"The timing of these comments, occurring as they did at the height of the White House sex scandal, is ... significant ... in determining the legitimate inferences which might be drawn from them," Northern District Judge David Hurd wrote in a decision made public Thursday.

The judge said that looking at the facts from Hayut's standpoint, the comments were the equivalent of Young telling her classmates that she would perform, or was performing, sex acts on "older men in positions of authority."

Birthday today? You enjoy a laugh

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SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Review relationship, could be getting out of hand. Avoid self-deception. See people and places in realistic light. Pisces, Virgo play amazing roles. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Pressure on, you will be up to it. Hold back on direct action and play waiting game. Legal aspects require scrutiny. Capricorn will play key role.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Dramatic reunion tonight. Finish project started two months ago. Romantic relationship could end or begin, make your choice.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You might be asking, "Is this div?" Scenario highlights familiar places and faces. Let go of preconceived notions, stress independence and originality.

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Preachers must delve into life's meaning

I've been thinking about preachers lately and the trouble they have communicating with ordinary people.

The best preachers are talking about issues that really trouble people, such as the price of heating fuel. They don't talk about sanctification unless there has been a rash of requests to learn about holiness. They don't talk about justification unless a whole bunch of people have come into the office crying about God's lack of mercy. They don't even talk about the biggest theological issue - salvation - unless there's a tent revival in town offering to rescue people from hell for a \$1.29 donation.

The people I talk to don't want their preacher babbling about the mystery of bona fide religion. They're buried up to their necks in religion. The people I know - ones with the very deepest wounds - want to hear something about how to solve the mystery of life - how to get God's attention and discover spiritual answers.



FAITH TODAY
Clark Morphew

Some people are born with the answers they need. I know a guy who says the secret to a fulfilling life is to work hard, save money, pay attention to family, have a few good friends and go to church every Sunday. That's all the man needs, and with a little luck, he stays pretty happy. The kind of faith that fulfills needs is a word of encouragement, a preacher who steps into the pulpit and says, "You're all good people, and I want you to keep repeating what you're doing."

But too many preachers look at a text and start thinking about a seminary class in which the worn-out teacher talked about how the ancient contemplative monks made their prayers richer and deeper to please God. The preacher then gets into the pulpit and begins talking about prayer and how people don't work hard enough on their God talk. And he throws out a couple harsh rules for a God-pleasing prayer and finishes off the sermon with a good exhortation for those who don't pray every day.

You might agree the biggest issues in most people's lives are things that some preachers believe are trivial. And when the pulpites sit down to prepare, the last things they will think about are those issues. Rather, a good many preachers are trying to impress people with their learning. They spent thousands of dollars and almost 10 years studying for the ministry, and they think people want to be dazzled by big words and stuff out of books.

But if you're a visual person at all, just watch the reaction of a congregation when the big words begin to float above the people. You will see faces turn vacant because nobody is inside and awake. You will see people looking sad because they came to church for help, relief or encouragement and the guy in the pulpit is talking about the dusty roads of Jericho, where Joshua fought the battle.

I remember hearing the Dalai Lama speak a few years ago. It was an outdoor rally and the crowd was milling about. But when the Tibetan God/King uttered his first sentence, the crowd settled into absolute silence. He said, "The purpose of life is to be happy."

That sentence alone answered decades of wondering for a lot of people. Then the Dalai Lama, with a smile, began telling people how they can get happy.

In this age, the secret to great preaching is this: Every sermon must reveal something about the meaning of life. If it doesn't, then what good is religion? And if a preacher can't find clues to the meaning of life in the Holy books, what good is our learning?

As I encounter young people who are trying to build quality lives, I hear that religion is irrelevant to their experience. I shake my head and wonder what was preached in that person's life. Religion is relevant, yet some preachers are without a clue, and their sermons are shredding the fabric of religion.

If you worship on a regular basis and know of a preacher who talks about the meaning of life, grab your friends by the shirt and drag them to church. There is nothing as sweet, or as helpful, as a grace-filled religious foundation for life.

Clark Morphew is an ordained clergyman and is a religion writer for the Saint Paul Pioneer Press.

Voice to the heavens

Recording artist Kate Spence to perform with community choir

By Denise Turner
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Australian Kate Spence began singing "on stage" when she was a child - at a church her parents established in 1987. Eventually, she worked her way up to church music director and recording artist.

Spence to lead service

Kate Spence will lead a free worship event at 7 p.m. Friday at Calvary Chapel, 4002 N. 3300 E. (the road to Shoshone Falls) in Twin Falls.

The event will also feature a community choir, and will be broadcast live on CSN International - received on radio at \$9.9 FM locally. All are invited. For more information, call 734-4357.

As music director at Coffey Harbour Christian Life Center,



Australian gospel singer Kate Spence is performing in Twin Falls as part of a U.S. tour.

Photo courtesy Kate Spence

the church established by her parents, Spence leads worship, sings, plays keyboards and writes songs. She composes most of her music in a small music room at home on her great grandmother's piano, or on a 60-year-old guitar that her mother once found under a bed in a

vacated "hippie" shack. Spence still lives at home with her parents, her brother and the family pets - dogs Mo and Sam and cats Geoff and Brandon. There's also a cockatoo named Forest.

At the Twin Falls concert, a community choir with members

from the Reformed church, Amazing Grace, the Nazarene church, Lighthouse Christian Fellowship, the Christian Center church, Heritage Alliance Church and Calvary Chapel, will sing new praise and worship songs composed by Spence.

Marking a milestone:

Religion has gone through major changes in America

By Richard N. Ostling
The Associated Press

NEW YORK - Although the evolution in American religion over the past half-century has been gradual, it is vast - as is glimpsed in a look back at the religious landscape depicted 50 years ago this week in a groundbreaking series of articles printed in hundreds of U.S. newspapers.

The stories were reported by George Cornell of The Associated Press, a rangy 29-year-old Army veteran from Oklahoma who'd been covering assignments from

politics to the Alger Hiss trial. The project won such praise that Cornell emerged as the AP's first religion specialist during 1951. He continued on the beat until he died 43 years later.

When Cornell started out, religion specialists were rare in the working press. A mere dozen had formed the Religion Newswriters' Association in 1949, compared with a current membership of 225.

But expansion in media religion coverage is far overshadowed by the changes in religion itself. Little of what Cornell concluded after interviewing the leading clergy of 1951 would be framed the same way today.

"On a scale unprecedented in the nation's history," he wrote, "religious bodies have pooled their forces for common goals. The pattern is writing an end to the old days of feuding and sharp rivalry among separate denominations. Teamwork is the swelling tide."

The National Council of Churches had just been launched as a cooperative vehicle among the white mainline Protestant denominations; with Orthodox and black Protestant churches in a subsidiary role.

There were exceptions to the rosy ecumenical scenario, of course. Evangelical Protestants remained outside the new council. U.S. Catholics, under Vatican direction, was also standoffish. But those two groups did not set society's agenda. Mainline Protestantism had dominated the culture since Jamestown and Plymouth Rock and, as Cornell anticipated, the 1950s would be its heyday.

Membership, attendance and offering-plate income were swelling. New church buildings arose at a record pace. Youth no longer dismissed belief as old-fashioned, and clergy candidates filled the seminaries.

"This might be a prelude to a real revival of religion," the chief executive of the National Council asserted in 1951.

Overall, U.S. Christian church membership continued to rise and reached 60 percent of the population in 1965. But then the percentage started to slip, according to the "New Historical Atlas of Religion in America," just published by Oxford University Press.

A major reason: the unprecedented declines year after year that hit mainline Protestant groups like the Episcopal Church (to which Cornell belonged), the Methodist and Presbyterian churches and the United Church of Christ. The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), to which the National Council's evangelism director of 1951 belonged, eventually lost half its membership.

The 2001 edition of the National Council's "Yearbook of American & Canadian Churches," due in a few weeks, will report that losses generally persist, though at a reduced rate. The National Council, too, has lately suffered program cuts and grave financial woes that seemed to imperil its very existence.

Cornell accurately caught the exuberance of 1951 and how much of an achievement it was to surmount mainline Protestant rivalries, says historian Martin E. Marty, 72, professor emeritus at

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Christian theme park upsets jews

By Mike Schneider
The Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. - A film depicting the greatest hits of Bible stories and a stage show featuring the Holy Ark are not your typical Orlando theme-park fare.

In fact, "The Holy Land Experience," a Christian theme park, is unlike anything Orlando has ever seen. When it opens Monday, visitors will be able to enter a replica of Jesus' tomb, climb the stairs of a faux Herod's Temple and travel down a recreation of the Via Dolorosa, the street that Jesus walked before he was crucified.

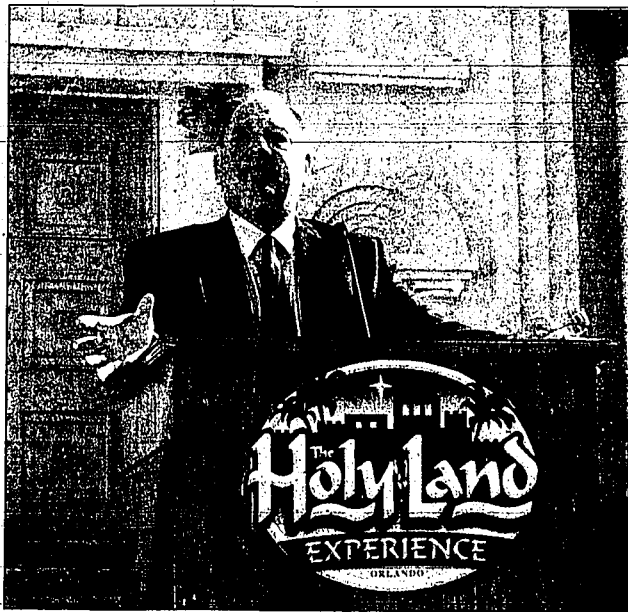
But members of Orlando's Jewish community are raising skeptical eyebrows about the theme park since its founder is a Messianic Jew or Hebrew Christian, a person who considers himself Jewish yet believes Jesus is the Messiah. In contradiction to traditional Jewish theology.

Some members of the Jewish community fear that there's an ulterior motive to the \$16 million theme park: to convert Jews to Christianity.

"If the purpose of the Holy Land Experience is to celebrate their tradition, then it's something I applaud," said Rabbi Dan Wolpe, chairman of the Greater Orlando Board of Rabbis. "If the purpose is to proselytize... then it's something I condemn."

There is no hidden agenda other than to share the word of God and exalt the Bible, said the theme park's founder, 65-year-old Marvin Rosenthal, who was raised Jewish in Philadelphia, became a Christian as a teenager and was ordained a Baptist minister at age 33.

The Holy Land Experience was designed by ITEC Entertainment Corp., which created rides for the Walt Disney Co. and Universal Studios. The entrance fee is \$17 per person. The fact that the park blends Jewish ritual with Christian



Marvin Rosenthal, founder of the Holy Land Experience, speaks at a news conference from the steps of a new Christian theme park's Herod's Temple in Orlando, Fla. Rosenthal is a Messianic Jew (Hebrew Christian), a person who calls himself Jewish yet believes Jesus is the Messiah in contradiction to traditional Jewish theology.

theology (Menorahs and other Jewish religious items being sold in the gift shop) in keeping with Hebrew Christian beliefs troubles the rabbis.

"If you accept Jesus as your savior, you are a Christian," Wolpe said. "Any study of Judaism shows their beliefs are incompatible with Judaism."

At the Wilderness Tabernacle show, an actor playing the role of Aaron, the brother

of Moses, re-enacts priesthood rituals carried out as the Jews wandered the desert after receiving the Ten Commandments from Mount Sinai. The 20-minute show, combining lasers and pyrotechnics, begins with three Hebrew prayers chanted over a loudspeaker and ends with the narrator saying the ancient Jews' wandering through the desert was a prelude to a greater understanding of their faith. A nativity

scene image of Baby Jesus, Mary and Joseph then flashes on the screen.

"I find that offensive," Wolpe said after hearing a description of the show.

The park's funding came from donors to Rosenthal's non-denominational ministry, Zion's Hope; subscribers to the ministry's magazine, "Zion's Fire"; and money from selling land.

RELIGION

CHURCH NEWS

Book offers formula for running church

Pastor has program called 'The Old Paths Broadcast'

BURLEY - Wynn Greer began a ministry as pastor of Faith Baptist Church in October 2000.

He moved to the area with his wife, Kim, and their children, Noah and Abigale, from North Carolina, where he served as a pastor and taped a radio program that has aired on KUPI-AM 980 for the past year.

Service set in Jerome for new church building

JEROME - The first official Sunday morning service at the new Lighthouse Christian Fellowship in Jerome is set for 10:30 a.m. Sunday at 900 N. Lincoln St.

Everyone is invited. For more

information, call 644-9709.

Interfaith Devotional planned for Sunday

TWIN FALLS - The monthly Interfaith Devotional will be held at 11 a.m. Sunday at the home of Glen and Judy Silecek, 3254 Falls Ave. E.

Christian center to celebrate 20th anniversary

HAGERMAN - The Christian Center of Hagerman will celebrate its 20-year anniversary during services set for 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday.

Pastor Jim and Pauline Davis started the center in February 1981. The first service was held in a real estate office, with 25 people attending.

A building on State Street was purchased in May 1981 and the church was dedicated in 1982, the same year the mortgage was paid off.

Church to conduct non-denominational studies

TWIN FALLS - Non-denominational

Bible studies are being conducted at the Guadalajara Chapel, 550 Falls Ave.

Services will be held from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. each Sunday during February and March. Stan Sullivan and Kevin Wilson will conduct the services, on New Testament teachings in ministry, church and fellowship.



Georgia and Tom Tappan

Knights of Columbus honors Buhl couple

BUHL - The Buhl Knights of Columbus honored Tom and Georgia Tappan as Family of the Year 2000 for the Immaculate Conception Parish following Mass on Jan. 21.

Buhl Knights Jamie McCreery and Craig Karel, along with Father John Worster, made the presentation. The Tappans also received letters of love and appreciation from their children and grandchildren.

Angela. Tom is a lifetime member of the Knights of Columbus and has been officiating at many grand weddings. He has been active in Rotary, and the Buhl Chamber of Commerce and was on the City Council for 16 years.

Christian writer's group to meet at Reformed church

TWIN FALLS - Writers of the Word, a Christian writers' group, will meet at 10 a.m. Feb. 10 at the Twin Falls Reformed Church, corner of Pole Line Road and Grandview Drive North.

The meeting will focus on the skill of writing, in addition to questions and answers related to writing for the Christian market. It is open to Christians who are interested in writing.

For more information about Writers of the Word, call Carolyn Lewis at 734-6115 or send e-mail to clew@magicklink.com.

The Dallas Morning News

BOOK

"How to Change Your Church (Without Killing It)," by Alan Nelson and Gene Appel (Word Publishing).

Successful churches have a lot in common with successful businesses, write the authors, both pastors of large churches. Like businesses, churches fail when they don't have a clear vision and a strategy for attaining it, they write.

Religious books and music

In the first half of the 12th century") and end, predictably, with Zwingli (whose view of the Lord's Supper is so pervasive that "a large proportion of modern Protestants are in fact Zwinglians," even if they don't know it).

Between those two entries come more than 600 others on the ideas, movements, places and figures that have shaped, for better or for worse, the long Christian story.

-Paul R. Buckley

MUSIC

"Open Sky," by Iona (Forefront).

Iona is hands-down my favorite Christian band, and though neither this nor their previous "Woven Cord" live CD captures them at their best, any opportunity to hear them at work should be taken.

-Beau Black

BOOK

"The Oxford Companion to Christian Thought: Intellectual, Spiritual, and Moral Horizons of Christianity," edited by Adrian Hastings, Alistair Mason and Hugh Pyper (Oxford University Press).

We begin with Abelard ("the most daring, and probably the cleverest, theologian and philosopher in Western Europe

Joanne Hogg's lovely, bright voice and Dave Baberidge's musical versatility on keyboards and a variety of stringed instruments form the group's foundation.

Moral and ethical standards run the gamut

By Tom Schaefer The Wichita Eagle

Commentary

Moral and ethical standards seem to swing like a pendulum. Here a few recent examples of behavior - good, bad, uncertain - for you to consider:

How often do you hear the words: "It wasn't my fault," or "I can't help the way it turned out," or "If only someone would have stepped in to help, this wouldn't have happened." That's why it was refreshing to hear one of the cornerbacks of the New York Giants - soundly defeated Sunday by the Baltimore Ravens in the Super Bowl - take responsibility for allowing the first and deciding score in the first quarter.

"I got beat and I can't place blame on anybody else," Jason Sehorn of the Giants told the Associated Press. "We all have a guy to cover, and we know our responsibility on the football field."

random (and typically improbable) donation of one kidney and one lung."

Despite being constantly harassed by his neighbor Homer Simpson, Ned lives by the biblical mandate to "love your neighbor as yourself" - no matter how hard that can be.

Beneath Ned's often exaggerated behavior, does he exemplify what a Christian should be or is he an embarrassment to faith?

"I did not watch the premiere of the new television show "Survivor: The Australian Outback," nor did I watch the original "Survivor." I am watching "The Mole," only because one of my daughter's best friends (Kathryn) is a participant in all of them - from what I've read and what I've watched - I can't help wondering, what are participants and those who watch the shows suppose to learn: Clever ways to be deceitful? How to cooperate with others till it's necessary to "do

them in?" The pursuit of fame and fortune at (almost) any cost?

Are these examples of morality run amok or merely harmless entertainment?

When the Rev. Jesse Jackson, acknowledged last month that he had fathered a child with a woman who isn't his wife, the public reaction was relatively mild. It's not that anyone wants to hang a big red "A" for adulterer around Jackson's neck - or around the neck of the woman he had an affair with (OK, a few might). At most, people shake their heads and go on with their lives. But is such a response a good or bad sign of our development as a society? Does the relative indifference mean people are becoming less puritanical or more accepting of behavior once considered sinful?

Tom Schaefer writes about religion and ethics for the Wichita (Kan.) Eagle.

RELIGION LETTER

Listen to the word of God

Hearing the word of God thought precept upon precept line upon line from His called out ones is a refreshing experience. Learning knowledge with understanding building our shield of faith. Joining a denomination following a system doctrine formed by men becomes your church.

what was revealed to him. The Lord adds to the church as should be saved. (Acts 2:47) He sent his angel to testify these things to the churches. (Rev. 2 & 3)

The Kingdom of God is within us. Our spirit will quicken (make alive) our understanding and belief. Jesus is the living word, Prince of peace, and redeemer. Listen to Him. Shouldn't you want to know? FT ANK POPPAY EVELYN L. POPPAY Buhl

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Faithful voted in presidential race, survey says

By Richard Schelmin San Jose Mercury-News

The "religiousity" of American political-passions-and-beliefs borne out-by-new-research showing that in a presidential campaign laced with religious rhetoric, the faithful responded.

Nearly 85 percent of white, Evangelical Protestant voters who attend church at least once a week cast their ballots for George W. Bush, according to a new survey. Yet the most solidly Republican religious group in the presidential race was the Mormons, whose bloc vote for Bush reached 88 percent - no match for the 96 percent of black Protestant voters who went for Democrat Al Gore.

inherit their religious tradition," says John C. Green, University of Akron political scientist and co-author of the new survey-based analysis of the presidential election.

The confluence of politics and religion is underscored by the survey results, found in "How the Faithful Voted: Religion and the 2000 Presidential Election," published in the Public Perspective. It concludes that "long-standing political differences among the faithful undergirded the Bush and Gore vote, but in addition, there was an increased polarization among religious groups."

Both Bush and Gore are Evangelical Protestants. "How the Faithful Voted" notes that the 84 percent of

white Evangelicals who worship regularly and voted for Bush represent a significant jump from 1996 when 70 percent of the same group cast ballots for Bob Dole, the Republican-presidential candidate. The increase represents the steady "Republicanization" of Evangelicals who tend to identify with GOP positions on abortion and other moral issues, and were turned off by Bill Clinton's sexual gambits.

In the 2000 election, the survey says, white Evangelicals - including regular and less-than-regular worshippers - accounted for 40 percent of Bush's vote and only 13 percent of Gore's. Traditionally Republican, mainline Protestants accounted for 21 percent of Bush's vote and 13 percent of Gore's.

Roman Catholics of European descent accounted for 20 percent of the vote of each candidate, though 57 percent of regular Mass attendees tipped to Bush. That's a change from a generation or two ago when faithful Catholics were faithful Democrats. Increasingly, Mass-attending Roman Catholics identify with the same conservative agenda that appeals to Evangelicals.

Who favored Gore? Among white Roman Catholics who do not attend Mass regularly, 59 percent voted for the Democrat. Gore also captured 77 percent of the Jewish vote, 76 percent of the Latino Catholic vote and 67 percent of the Latino Protestant vote, in addition to the 96 percent of the black Protestant vote.

Milestone

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the University of Chicago. The mainliners just failed to evangelize and educate enough of their own youngsters.

In addition, Mary thinks they were "champions to the establishment, and the establishment changed."

Roman Catholicism, once treated by Protestants as a "national menace," moved to the center of society, Mary says, and its involvement with the ecumenical movement after 1965 made intra-Protestant unity less important.

Black Protestantism also gained visibility.

As for the white evangelical Protestants, they're now the biggest segment in U.S. religion, according to a University of Akron poll last week that put them at 26 percent of U.S. adults. (Catholics were 22 percent and white mainline Protestants, 17 percent.)

In social action, mainline Protestants had notable impact, especially in the civil rights and Vietnam days. But their influence is now typically overshadowed by that of the Catholic bishops and the religious right faction within evangelicalism.

There have also been changes beyond the Christian ranks that merit to be foreseen in 1951.

Fifty years ago, "pluralism" meant Protestants, Catholics and Jews. And the Asian-American population has quintupled to 10 million the past three decades, the "New Historical Atlas" shows; the young Muslim, Buddhist and Hindu centers remain almost entirely in the Northeast and the West Coast.

In addition, organized religion faces "the challenge of individualized spirituality that's coming on so strong in the culture," Marty observes. "I hate organized religion, I'm spiritual." That's very strong in the bookstores, the campuses and the traveling religious speakers.

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'Left Behind' director embraces faith Feeling at home

By Christopher Kelly
Fort Worth Star-Telegram

"We are all searching. We all need an anchor. And this movie gives you an anchor in a clear and simple way. If you embrace Christ, you are going to go to heaven, if you don't you're going to be left behind."

So says film director Vic Sarin, on the phone from his home in Vancouver. Sarin's latest film, "Left Behind: The Movie," is based on the first novel in the hugely successful — and controversial — series of novels by Tim LaHaye and Jerry Jenkins.

"At the beginning of making the film, I was a nonbeliever," Sarin adds. "And now I'm a believer. That was my journey."

It probably sounds strange that

a film director should be embracing faith; but the "Left Behind" series is a pretty unusual phenomenon itself. The novels are built around The Rapture — the chapters of the Book of Revelation that tell us that those who embrace Christ will disappear to heaven, while everyone else will be "left behind" on Earth for seven years before Christ rises again.

In the hands of LaHaye and Jenkins, all of this is played out as a blend of science fiction and mystery thriller. On one evening, hundreds of thousands of people disappear around the world. Those left behind — including an airplane pilot and his teen-age daughter, and a television news reporter — must contend with the rising of an anti-Christ, who seeks to gain domination by taking con-

rol of the world's food supply and instituting a single world currency.

The Christian books began attracting non-Christian readers. Hollywood came knocking. The resulting film adaptation of the first novel stars Brad Johnson (as the airplane pilot) and Kirk Cameron of "Growing Pains" (as the news reporter). It has already been released on home video, but the producers — in the hopes of reaching as broad an audience as possible — are also opening the film in theaters nationwide Friday.

And the controversies that have attended the publication of these novels are being raised again: Is "Left Behind" pushing a conservative Christian agenda? And are too many readers and

filmgoers swallowing these messages unquestioningly?

LaHaye was quoted last year in the Los Angeles Times as saying he genuinely believes in his books' creepy formulations — that the Apocalypse could happen at any time, and that only those who believe in Christ are going to be saved. And "Left Behind" has struck a unique chord with the American public.

William Abraham, a theologian at Southern Methodist University, says the book series reflect a growing trend in our society: "I think we're seeing the re-emergence of a free debate about the relationship between religion and culture, and between church and state. This was picked up by both Joe Lieberman and by George W. Bush."

Newcomers to U.S. find comfort in Orthodox church

By John Mason
Coeur d'Alene Press

COEUR D'ALENE, Idaho — Vlad Rostov was frustrated. At 16, he had just left his home in Russia to become an exchange student at Post Falls High School. His English was getting better, his grades were good and his love for northern Idaho was growing every day. But he was lonely.

"I really didn't have any problems when I first came to America except that I didn't have many friends because they all had a different way of thinking about life," said Rostov.

Then one night he learned that a Christian Orthodox priest named Father Gregory Horton lived just two houses down from his host family. Rostov threw on his coat and ran out the door to find him.

Horton discerned he was Orthodox and invited him to the new church he pastored in Post Falls.

"I really did feel very close to home," said Rostov, now 20 and recently graduated from Lewis-Clark State College with a degree in management information systems.

"Always when immigrants came to America, they sought out the church," said Horton, who has pastored St. John the Baptist Orthodox Christian Church since it started five years ago. "It's a landmark for them that not only brings them back to their faith, but their own culture."

but their own culture."

"It's easier for immigrants settling in a large metropolitan area like Seattle or New York to find their own people than in less-populous places like Spokane or northern Idaho, said Horton.

When she moved from Romania to Priest River in December 1998, Aidriana Fast said, she had hopes for a better, fuller life for her and her son, Cristian.

"For a long period of my life, we were under the communists," said Fast. "The worst part of that was you didn't really have an identity."

Fast, now 45, discovered that although she was well-educated as a teaching assistant, dental assistant and bookkeeper, had a bachelor's degree in management and could speak four languages, the different American system made all her education and work experience almost useless.

"It's hard," she said. "Thank God I can come to this church at least once a week."

A sense of belonging has been a recurring theme for the members of this parish, including Joy Corey, who helped establish the Orthodox church five years ago through organized meetings.

Corey's vision for an Orthodox church started with a handful of families meeting in a borrowed building in Coeur d'Alene, and graduated into its current temple with almost 150 members.

The different nationalities — Greeks, Serbs, Russians, Romanians, Palestinians, Lebanese, Canadians and Americans — worship in their own language.

Church tacks 'dot.com' onto its name

By Berta Delgado
The Dallas Morning News

GRAPEVINE, Texas — If Jesus walked the earth today, the Rev. Ed Young said, there is no doubt that he would be on the information highway.

And so awesome is the Internet's power as an evangelistic tool, Young said, that Fellowship Church is beefing up its Web site and changing the church's name. Beginning Feb. 15, the signs on the building and the sign on the rooftop will read: fellowshipchurch.com.

"We think it's going to be a wonderful ministry tool," Young said. "To us, dot.com stands for dot community: community with God

through Christ, community in local venues, community in worldwide venues. It's all about community."

Many churches have extensive Web sites, but Carol Childress, of Leadership Network (a Dallas-based nonprofit organization that works with innovative churches and church leaders) said she knows of no church that has put dot.com in its name.

Fellowship, which has a weekly attendance of about 42,000, is known for hip approaches to church. Last year it broadcast baptisms live on the Internet. In 1998, the church's name was painted on the roof in 25-foot bright-blue letters for airline passengers to see. The energetic pastor has encouraged people to wear Dallas

Cowboys attire to church and give his sermons titles such as "The Perfect Storm," "Got Stree?" and "You Got Game."

But tacking dot.com onto the church's name?

"In one sense, they're acknowledging that the church should be engaged with new communication technology. That's a positive thing. In another sense, new technologies have a way of separating people from their historic traditions," said Bill Romanowski, author of the forthcoming book, "Eyes Wide Open: Looking for God in Popular Culture."

Romanowski said the church's name aligns itself not with a specific denomination or church tradition but with a new technology.

The new Web site — fellowshipchurch.com — will launch Feb. 15. The current address is <http://www.fellowshipchurch.com>.

"Our main focus is offering all the tools that the average user on the Internet wants on a daily basis and tie that into their local church," said Terry Storch, technology pastor.

Much like Yahoo and AOL, the church's Web site will provide e-mail and weather, sports, news and stock market updates. It will also provide information about the church and its ministries, archived sermons, Bible reference material, Bible games, daily devotionals and streaming audio and video of sermons.

Pastor finds love nuggets in Song of Solomon

By Bea L. Hines
The Miami Herald

"A bundle of myrrh is my well-beloved unto me; he shall lie all night between my breasts."

Lines from a romantic novel? Nope. The words come from the Song of Solomon in the Bible. And it gets much steamier.

You've probably never heard it in church; few clergy preach from that steamy Old Testament book. But Tommy Nelson, a former quarterback and graduate of Dallas Theological Seminary, has built a national ministry on it, using the Song of Solomon to teach couples how to have a successful, romantic relationship.

That's what brought him to Calvary Chapel in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., on a recent Saturday morning. The large sanctuary was packed with curious singles and couples ranging

from the early 20s to late middle-age years eager to hear how to make love the Biblical way.

Looking and acting more like a stand-up comic than a man of the cloth, Nelson has inspired thousands of couples with his teachings on the do's and don'ts of married love, and God's plan for dating and intimacy. Nelson's message: Marital love is ordained by God, and men should be gentle and tender to their wives.

"The wife becomes aroused because her husband is kind," Nelson said. "You can't be like John Wayne, who walks into the room and kicks the door in... he may be my kind of guy, but he's not God's."

The audience broke into laughter. "Women are turned on by gentleness and romance," Nelson said. "Take your six guns out and lay them down. Say to your wife, 'Educate me... help me make it right.' That's a lot more fun. We have to be able to talk," Nelson said.

Nelson warned the women in the audience against withholding sexual intimacy because of a fight or a misunderstanding.

"Remember in the Bible when they spat on Jesus? The Bible doesn't say, 'And Jesus, spitting back, said...'"

It is unclear when or why Solomon wrote the Song of Solomon. Nelson believes King Solomon wrote it in his younger days before writing Proverbs and Ecclesiastes.

Nelson, senior pastor of the 3,000-member Denton Bible Church in Dallas, first presented his Song of Solomon seminar in

1994. Now he delivers his message to Christian groups throughout the nation. His book, "The Book of Romance, What Solomon Says About Love, Sex and Intimacy" (Thomas Nelson, \$14.99), has sold 70,000 copies in two years.

Nelson, who played football for the University of North Texas and has a master's in biblical studies, has been married for 26 years and has two sons. He believes the "D (divorce) word" should never be mentioned between "good" Christian couples.

He admonished the couples to be "quick to apologize and forgive." And he challenged the wives to help their husbands in the romance department: "Leave a note for your husbands saying: 'I'm at the Sherman, Room 711. Be rested. I dare you to do it. It's unbiblical not to desire your mate.'"

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Christian leader compares Clinton to Belshazzar

The Associated Press

DENVER — Conservative Christian leader James Dobson has likened former President Clinton to King Belshazzar, a Babylonian king the minister described as an evil man who did not honor God.

"It is my belief that no man has

ever done more to debase the presidency or to undermine our Constitution — particularly the moral and biblical principles upon which it is based — than has William Jefferson Clinton," Dobson wrote in a commentary that is to be delivered to his 2.6-million supporters next month. The Associated Press obtained an

advance copy.

According to the Old Testament, King Belshazzar ordered a feast for his nobles, wives and concubines and had wine served to them in gold and silver goblets. His father, Nebuchadnezzar, had taken from the Temple in Jerusalem. During the evening, a hand appeared,

writing a prophecy of doom on a wall. That night Belshazzar was slain by invading Persians.

Dobson's Colorado-based Focus on the Family ministry runs 74 different ministries, publishes 10 magazines with a combined circulation of 2.3 million and has a radio program broadcast on 4,000 radio stations daily.

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"Religion & Ethics Newsweekly," Painter Deborah Rosenthal. (2:30 p.m., PBS, 30 min., 38)

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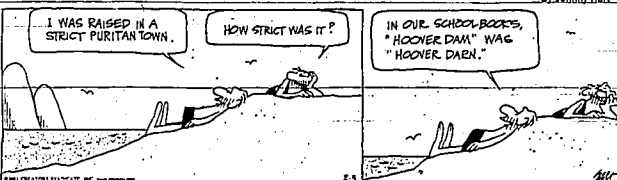
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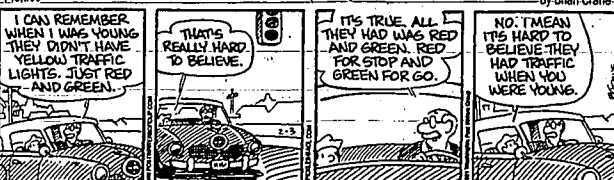
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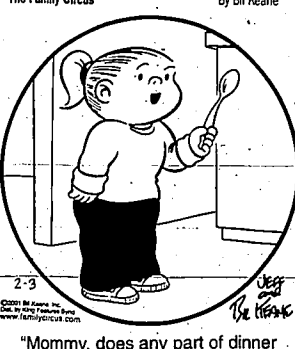
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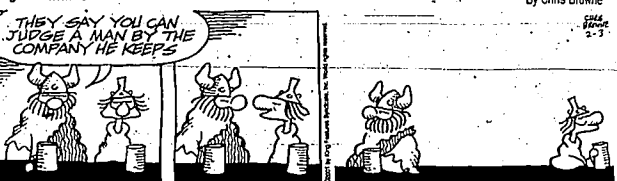
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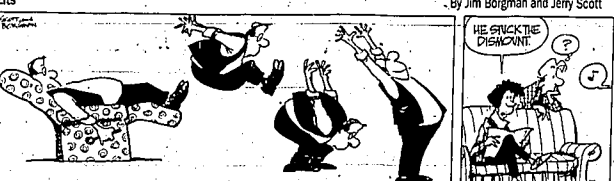
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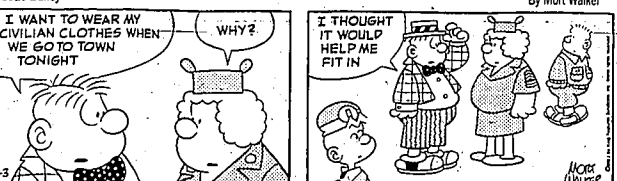
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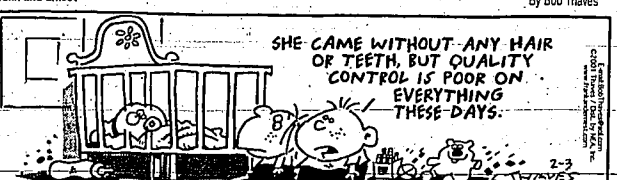
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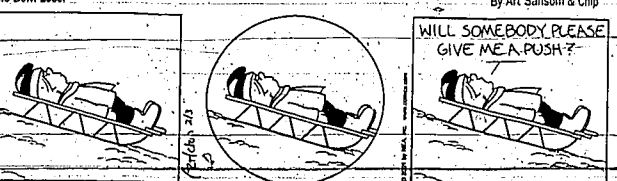
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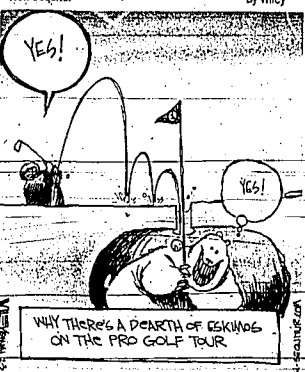
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Community Editor: Pat Marcantonio - 733-0931, Ext. 288

SOMEBODY NEEDS YOU

Transportation - Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers is in need of someone to transport patients home when family and friends are not available. Call 733-6333 or Sister Claudia at 324-4301.

Visitor - An elderly woman in Gooding is in need of someone to go to coffee or visit with once a week. Call Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers at 733-6333.

Child advocates - Guardian ad Litem is in need of volunteers to help in the safeguarding the interest of abused and neglected children. Call Jennifer Diehl at 324-6890.

Sheetrock - The Charity Anywhere Foundation is in need of sheetrock or \$400. to buy sheetrock to finish a hot therapy pool room for a 7-year-old girl with rheumatoid arthritis. Call 734-8041 or mail donations to P.O. Box 2747, Twin Falls, ID 83301.

Station wagon - The Charity Anywhere Foundation is in need of a running station wagon for a family in Tijuana, Mexico. The father is a cab driver and needs his own taxi. Call 734-8041.

Outreach - The Idaho Community HealthCorps is in need of a person to provide community outreach and health education services to rural Twin Falls area residents. Benefits include annual stipend, educational award, child care and health insurance. Call Barbara Cunningham at 282-4436, e-mail her at cunbarb@isu.edu or at visit the website at www.isu.edu/departments/irh/fiche.

Tutors - The College of Southern Idaho Adult Basic Education program is in need of volunteer tutors for adult students in math and English as a second language classes on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Call Ruth Scott at 733-9554.

Ext. 2536 or 1-800-680-0274, Ext. 2536.

Mentoring sixth graders - Volunteers are needed one hour each month to mentor sixth-grade girls in the Visions Girl School troop at Bickel Elementary School, to do an art and craft project, work with badges and other activities. Call Cindy Stanley at 731-0607.

Readers - Volunteers are needed at the Gooding Elementary School to read with children during school hours. Volunteers can work everyday or just for a half-hour once a week. Call Sally Walker at 934-4941.

Hospice volunteers - Magic Valley Staffing Service Hospice Division is in need of volunteers to assist with support to the patient or caregiver, newsletter preparation, office help, fund-raising activities and the new bereavement program. Volunteers are needed especially in Rupert, Jerome and Twin Falls. Call Susan Harris at 734-0600 or 1-800-303-0602.

Help to caregivers - The Respite Diala-Break program is in need of volunteers to give main caregivers a break from their duties and seeks clients who are homebound. Call the Office on Aging at 736-2122.

Aiding students - Volunteers are needed to mentor at-risk youth from 11 a.m. to noon at the Magic Valley High School between after school to 7 p.m. at the Boys and Girls Club and at the Gooding Accelerated Learning Center. Training is provided. Call Carlene at the Office on Aging at 736-2122, Ext. 320 or Kitty at 436-0727.

Young mothers mentors - The Born To Succeed program is in need of volunteers/mentors to help area teenage mothers make wise, educated decisions concerning their future and their babies development and care. Call Kristina Tapia at Twin Falls County Juvenile Probation at 736-4215, Ext. 3113.

Hospital volunteers - Magic Valley Regional Medical Center is in need of volunteer refreshment cart hostesses, information desk attendants, gift shop associates, outpatient surgery hostesses, patient visitors and computer literate people. Call Lorraine at 737-2006.

Hospice help - Hospice Visions Inc. is in need of volunteers to help with fund-raisers, bereavement mailings, correspondence, patient care and companionship and caregiver assistance. Orientations and

in-services are available monthly. Call Flo or Tami at 735-0121.

Shelter seeks help

By Trena Tegan Times-News writer

RUPERT - Community Oasis Outreach seeks help to build a new dining room for its shelter.

Community Oasis Outreach at 102 2nd St., Rupert, is a nonprofit organization providing much more than meals and temporary residency; organizers say. It works on an individual basis, offering every thing from overnight shelter to assistance in resources and referral in areas of resume writing, job skills, job search, housing, household management, health care, personal hygiene, transportation, legal issues, schooling and counseling.

"We are not here to offer a hand out, but to provide a hand up, to offer hope and to change that hope into a reality," says DeeAnn Brower, director.

Community Oasis serves families, single men and women and women's children. It operates a soup kitchen with a seating capacity of 25. Last year, more than 18,000 meals were served with a daily average of 49 people, Outreach spokesmen say.

Outreach has a 15-bed residential shelter. Staff members say they hope to add four to six beds by Summer's end. Last year's daily average was at capacity.

Because of the growing need in the Mini-Cassia area, Outreach



DeeAnn Brower, director of the Community Oasis Outreach, asks the community to help raise funds to build a new dining room for the shelter.

Want to help?

An account has been set up at D. L. Evans Bank where tax-deductible donations can be made. Checks should be made payable to Community Oasis Outreach.

This summer, businesses will hold a box-a-thon to raise money. For details, call Roy Shope at 436-2828.

leaders are asking the community for help. They want to build a 25 by 60-foot extension for a dining area, leaving the existing building to be used strictly as a shelter, spokesmen say.

"If unsure of what to donate, just give the amount you would spend dining out with your family," Brower suggests. She also invited businesses and organizations to sponsor a fund-raiser for the shelter project.

"Remember that the greatest percentage of the population of the United States is only one paycheck away from being homeless," Brower adds

LIBRARY CORNER

Burley Public Library
1300 Miller Ave.
678-7088
Library hours: 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays and from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays
Story times
Lapsi-story-time for children-up to 4 years old at 10:30 a.m. Fridays
Preschool story time for toddlers up to 5-years-old at 10:30 a.m. Fridays

Hansen Public Library
120 Maple W.
423-4122
Library hours: 1-6 p.m. on Mondays and Fridays and from 1-7 p.m. Tuesdays

Kimberly City Library
130 Madison W.
423-4556
Library hours: 1-6 p.m. Mondays, 3-8 p.m. Tuesdays, 1-6 p.m. Thursdays and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays
Story times
After school reading program Mondays from 3:30-4:15 p.m.
Discussion groups
Let's Talk About It will be held at 7:30 p.m. Thursdays, Feb. 8, Feb. 22, March 8 and March 22. All books are available for check-out.
Meeting
Board meetings are held at 7 p.m. the first Thursday of every month in the library building. The public is invited to attend.

DeMary Memorial Library
417 Seventh St., Rupert
436-3874
Library hours: 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays and from 12-4 p.m. Saturdays
Story times
Story time for children under 4-years-old from 10:20-11 a.m. Fridays
Meetings
The library board will meet at 4:30 p.m. Feb. 15

Oakley Free Library
125 E. Main
862-3434
Library hours: 3-7 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays and from 2-6 p.m. Saturdays
The library has three computers with Internet access, videos and books on audio tapes. The library also has an ongoing book sale with hardbound books for 50 cents and paperback books for 25 cents.

Buhl City Library
215 Broadway Ave. N.
543-6500
Library hours: 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, 1-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays and 1-5 p.m. Saturdays
Preschool story hour from 10-11 a.m. Wednesdays
Special speaker
Idaho Humanities Council Speaker Mary Inman will give a speech on "Oregon bound: 1843" from 7:15-8 p.m. Feb. 15 in the meeting room.

Community Library
415 Spruce Ave., Ketchum
726-3493
Library hours: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Mondays and Saturdays, 12-9 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesdays and 1-6 p.m. Fridays
Story times
Children's story hour at 10 a.m. Tuesdays and Saturdays
Discussion groups
The winter book club meets at 7 p.m. Feb. 21 and March 21

Gooding Public Library
305 Fifth Ave. W.
934-4089
Library hours: 12-5 p.m. Mondays, Fridays and Saturdays; from 1-8 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesdays
Story times
Preschool story time at 10 a.m. Tuesdays
290 S. State
837-6520
Library hours: 1-4 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays
The library has two computers, with Internet access

Halley Public Library
7 Croft W.
788-2036
www.halleypubliclibrary.com
Library hours: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays and from 12-8 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays.
The library has internet access
Story times
Preschool story time at 11 a.m. Wednesdays and 3:30 p.m. Thursdays
Discussion groups
The adult discussion group will meet from 6:30-8:30 p.m. beginning Thursday.

Jerome Public Library
100 First Ave. W.
324-5427
Library hours: 12-9 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays and 1-5 p.m. Saturdays
Story times
General story time is held at 11 a.m. Fridays
Discussion groups
Brown bag lunches are held at noon on the third Monday of each month
Special shows
Old paintings of Lila June McClellan on display through March 31
Watch for the "Writing Family History" workshop on Feb. 22
Meetings
Friends of the Library will meet 7 p.m. Jan. 29

Shoshone City Library
209 Rail St. W.
886-2843
Book clubs
The Book Club meets the third Wednesday of each month. Participants must be at least 12-years-old and are asked to sign up at the library.

Wendell Public Library
158 W. Main
536-6195
Library hours: 12-7 p.m. Tuesdays and from 12-5 p.m. Thursdays through Saturdays

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Harley Davidson Riders holds monthly dinner
TWIN FALLS - The Harley Davidson Riders monthly dinner will be held at 7 p.m. Monday at the Royal Restaurant.
For more information, call Roger or Brenda at 733-0151.

Castleford FFA schedules free tractor class
CASTLEFORD - Castleford FFA will hold a free tractor class at 1:30 p.m. Thursday.
The class will focus on ways to use home tools to check electricity and hydraulics on tractors.
For more information, call Justin Mink at 537-6511 or 655-4416 or Roger Wells at 537-6511 or 537-6972.

Burley Booster Club meets this week
BURLEY - The Burley Booster Club will hold its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. Monday in the conference room at the Burley High School.
All parents are welcome.

Gooding Duplicate Bridge Club announces winners
GOODING - The Gooding Duplicate Bridge Club winners for Jan. 28 for north-south were: first place, Frances and John Angler; second place, Riley Burton and Mary Cook and third place, Ruby Grimes and Jeanne McComb.
The east-west winners were: first place, Susan Faulkner and Sue Borden; second place, Gale and Charles Borden; and Jean Beruchoa and third place, Lonnie Burns and Cecil Davidson. Refreshments were served.
The Gooding Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. every Friday at Gooding City Hall.

St. Benedicts hosts annual meeting, social
JEROME - St. Benedict's Family Medical Center Foundation will host its annual meeting and social from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the Jerome Country Club.
The foundation has recently updated its vision and mission statements. The public is invited. Hors d'oeuvres will be served.
For more information, call 324-1122, Ext. 3283.

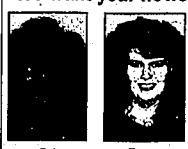
Christian Women's Club schedules prayer coffee
TWIN FALLS - The Christian Women's Club will hold a prayer coffee from 9:30-11 a.m. Tuesday at the home of Bonnie Barnes.
For directions and child care, call Diane Brown at 736-8453.

Assalation offers debate, speech judging clinic
TWIN FALLS - The Idaho High School Activities Association will hold debate and speech judging clinics Feb. 12 at the Twin Falls High School.
The speech judging clinic will be held at 6 p.m. and will be taught by Scott Coats. The debate judging clinic will be held at 7 p.m. and will be taught by Tim Neville.
To certify, participants must pay a \$7.50 registration fee, attend the clinic, score 80 percent on open-book exam and have graduated at least 20 months ago. Participants must re-certify yearly.
State debate will be held March 9-10 at Minico High

School in Rupert and state speech will be held April 20-21 at Meridian High School.
For more information, call the IHSAA at 375-7072.

Wood River Bridge announces recent results
HAILEY - Monday evening bridge winners at the senior center in Hailey were north/south: first, Jannette Johnson and Marilyn Walker; second, Martha Hale and Charles Borden; and third, Craig and Lynda Saunders. East/west winners were first, Mary Louise McConigal and Steve Frickey; second, Ernest and Sue Binz; third, James and Jeanne Welch.
Thursday afternoon winners at the Harker Center in Elkhorn were north/south, first, Anna and Fred Zauner; second, Clair Bailly and Shirley Renick; third, Max Thompson and Jim Welch; and fourth, Ginny Van Doren and Doreen Sander. East/west, first, Jeanne Welch and Vickie Currie; second, Barbara Akers and Sally Behnk; third, Sady and Tom Sevanson; and fourth, Claudia Murkin and John Bush.

We want your news

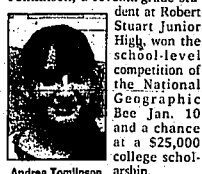


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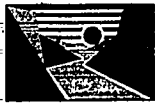
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Robert Stuart student wins school geography bee
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The school-level bee, where students answered oral questions on geography, was the first round in the 13th annual National Geographic Bee. Andrea will take a written test to qualify for the state competition. Up to 100 of the top scorers in each state and territory will be eligible to compete in their state Bee on April 6.

Accelerated Learning Center announces honor roll

GOODING - The Gooding Accelerated Learning Center released its latest honor roll. Students with all A's were: Sasha Chaterton, Alex Chavez and Brandi Henderson; all A's and B's: Lisa Baker, John Connor, Bernice Equillor, Brian Gussino, Brandi Holcomb, Ashley Huber, Marsha Lagle and Jasmine Mendez and all B's, Chris Jensen and Monica Lagunas. Students with perfect atten-

dance were: Lisa Baker, Chris Burns, Alex Chavez, Michele Dubina, Brandi Henderson, Michele Jolley, Monica Lagunas, Jasmine Mendez, Lisa Owens, Kris Stewart and Jeremiah Tuttle.



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MILNER IRRIGATION DISTRICT BALANCE SHEETS OCTOBER 31, 2000

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Statement of Revenues and Expenses - M&O Operation Fiscal Year Ended October 31, 2000

Table with 4 columns: Revenues, Expenses, Total Revenues, Total Expenses. Rows include M&O Assessment, Supplemental Water, Administrative Payroll, etc.

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Table with 2 columns: Description, Amount. Rows include Total Acreage of District, Assessments Levied for 2000, etc.

STATE OF IDAHO

County of Amber Falls

I, Amber McFarland, Treasurer of the Milner Irrigation District, hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct statement of the financial operations of the Milner Irrigation District covering a period of one year, and reports to the best of my knowledge, information and belief the financial condition of said District at the close of the fiscal year October 31, 2000.

Amber McFarland, Treasurer

Scott Reading, Director; Randy Brown, Director; Dale Peterson, Director

DATED January 27, 2001

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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

The Idaho Anti-Drug Abuse Statewide Multi-Year Strategy is available for review by the public pursuant to the federal requirements of the Drug Control and System Improvement Formula Grant Program of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988.

This act provides Federal financial assistance to state and local units of government for programs to improve the enforcement of state and local laws that establish offenses similar to those established in the Controlled Substance Act (21 U.S.C. 801, et seq.). This act also improves the functioning of the criminal justice system with emphasis on violent crime and serious offenders.

The Statewide Multi-Year Strategy is available for public review at the State Library and at the address listed below. Interested parties may offer comment Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

For more information, please contact the Twin Falls County Emergency Services Coordinator, Jackie Freyat 734-4087.

The Twin Falls County Local Emergency Planning Committee is required to publish this notice pursuant to section 324 (b), U.S.C. section 1104 of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-To-Know Act.

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LEGAL NOTICE

South Locust Mini Storage, 197 S. Locust, Twin Falls, ID will sell at public auction by Hunt Brothers Auction, 185 Eastland Drive, Twin Falls, ID, on February 10, 2001 at 11:00 am all stored items of:

material safety data sheets, chemical inventory forms and accidental release notifications submitted by Matt Smith, Unit 77, PO Box 513, Creede, CO 81130.

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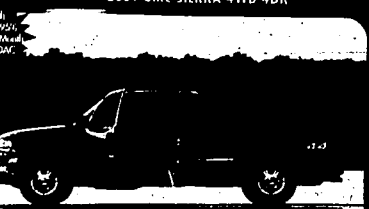
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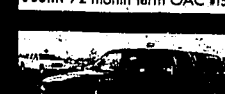
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