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Long wait in works

School funding ruling won't have immediate effect

By The Times-News and The Associated Press

BOISE - Even with Monday's long-awaited judicial decision about whether Idaho needs to do more to resolve school safety issues, many school officials and lawmakers expect a long wait before anything is done to fix the pressing problem of failing buildings.

Fourth District Judge Deborah Ball ordered that the Legislature must decide how best to resolve what she found to be Idaho's unconstitutional system for ensuring public schools provide students with a "safe environment conducive to learning." The poorest districts have fallen behind and simply cannot catch up, she said. "It's my hope and expectation

that the Legislature will act to close the gap," Ball said. "The poorest schools cannot replace dangerous buildings with the current funding system."

Ball will retain jurisdiction in the case to determine whether the Legislature does enough to solve the problem.

Superintendents from Jerome, Wendell and Minidoka school districts were not parties to the

lawsuit but testified in the March 2000 trial about pressing facility needs in their districts and how they had been attempting to fix them.

"It'll be a long time before we know," said Nick Hallett, Minidoka County schools' chief.

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Restriction remains on livestock

TF County extends its moratorium

By John T. Huddy Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - County commissioners Monday unanimously extended a moratorium on livestock operations for another four months, despite growing opposition from dairymen, the head of the Idaho Dairymen's Association and the association's lawyer.

The moratorium is the county's third since July 2000.

Commissioner Bill Brockman said unresolved dairy problems present a danger to public health, safety and welfare. But Commissioner Marvin Hempleman said the moratorium "could end at anytime."

"If anything changes between now and 120 days - like a law from the Legislature or a miraculous invention of some sort we can remove this," Hempleman said Monday.

Commission Chairman Gary Grindstaff and Brockman vowed in November to keep the moratorium, on until an odor problem at the county's largest dairy was controlled, and until further state regulations were put in place to regulate dairy odors.

The large and controversial Hank Hafliger dairy south of Filer has been at the center of a debate between neighbors who want the dairy shut down and dairymen who say Hafliger is working to control the problem. District Judge Daniel Meehl has taken under advisement a lawsuit filed last year by several Filer residents who want the county to shut down Hafliger's operation, said Rose Mary Emory, the county's chief civil deputy prosecutor.

Monday's moratorium decision was no surprise to many people.

Grindstaff and Hempleman last week voiced their support for another moratorium - although they delayed a vote until Monday. Brockman had been out of town last week.

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

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

Campbell has declined to say whether the association would sue the county if it imposes another moratorium.

Eilers said it's not likely the association would sue - that decision is up to the dairymen's association's board of directors, he said.

"The county is breaking the law, however, Eilers said.

"I don't think they are doing the right thing," he said Monday. "This thing is so volatile."

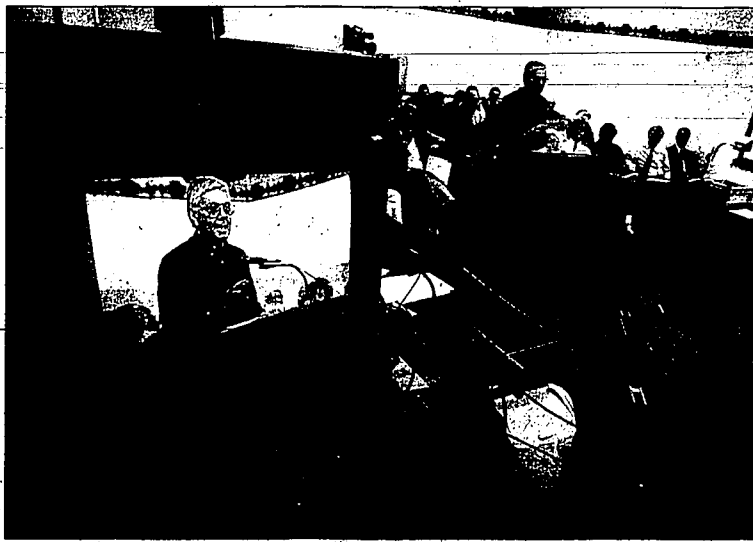
Emory said Monday that she has never found anything that says you can't extend another moratorium or have a new moratorium.

Meanwhile, a citizens' committee is continuing its work on a new county livestock ordinance. But the committee is waiting for more information about Minnesota's Odor from Feedlots Setback Estimation Tool program, which estimates the needed setback distance from animal production sites.

Grindstaff has scheduled a trip to Minnesota Wednesday and Thursday, along with University of Idaho extension agents Bob Ohlensehnen and Dean Falk, to gather more information about the Minnesota program.

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FIRST DIBS



Jack Straubhar talks to the Twin Falls City Council on Monday night about a proposed plan to put a power generating plant at Auger Falls on the Snake River.

Council votes to pursue Auger Falls permit

By John T. Huddy Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - In a move that would give the city first dibs on building a power plant at Auger Falls on the Snake River, the City Council Monday voted unanimously to file a \$2,000 preliminary permit application - the first step in what could be a long, contentious battle. "We'd feel like a bunch of village idiots if another municipality files instead," City Councilman Chris Talkington

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said Monday. Councilman Lance Clow agreed. "I think we would feel embarrassed if another city dropped in our back door," he said. If another city filed a preliminary permit with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission - the agency that regulates hydro projects - Twin Falls would take preference because it filed first.

But before anyone can build a power plant at Auger Falls - about three miles downstream from the Perrine Bridge - the state water plan would have to be amended, and environmentalists have threatened to sue anyone who tries to revive the project.

Before approving the permit application Monday, however, several council members asked whether the city would be bound into buying 550 acres along the river owned by the backers of a previous attempt to

build a power plant at Auger Falls. Jack Straubhar, a shareholder of Rock Creek Joint Ventures - the company that owns the 550 acres - said the city would not be bound into a contract.

"It's our desire to sell the land to the city of Twin Falls," Straubhar said Monday. "But the city is not contractively bound by this permit." Straubhar and Bill Block, also a Rock Creek Ventures shareholder, met with the council to Please see POWER, Page A2

Slow session doesn't seem to worry lawmakers

By Michael Journe Times-News writer

BOISE - For the fifth week of the session, things are a bit quiet around the Statehouse. Aside from a hot debate over tax cuts and the size of Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's proposed budget, committees have had little on their plates so far. "I'm on three committees, and a month into it and we haven't had a substantial bill, except maybe for the governor's tax bill,



in any of them," said Rep. Leon Smith, R-Twin Falls, who helped create one of this year's few stirrers by leading a mini-rebellion in the House Revenue and Taxation Committee against the governor's "preseeded" tax proposal. As of Monday morning, a mere 581 new bills had been prepared by lawmakers, compared to close

to 700 by this time in each of the previous four years, and 800 by this time in 1996.

Why? No one's really sure. The top theory seems to be the ongoing tax cut debate, and before that, the debate over how much of a surplus the state would have coming into the session.

"Everybody came into the session focused on the surplus and what kind of tax cut we were going to give," said Sen. Dean Cameron, R-Rupert, who is waiting for the House tax committee

to settle its differences on the tax cut so his powerful joint budget-writing committee can move on spending what's left.

"Normally there would be a number of other issues coming out in legislation," said Cameron, co-chairman of the budget-writing committee.

Not so this year. But things might change this week.

Rep. Dolores Crow, R-Nampa. Please see LEGISLATURE, Page A2

Bush opens bid for public support on tax cut plan

President wants to make proposal retroactive to Jan. 1

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - President Bush asked Americans on Monday to back his push in Congress for massive tax cuts that he wants to make retroactive to Jan. 1. "Everybody who pays taxes will get some relief," the president promised.

After wooing lawmakers for two weeks, Bush opened a tight-lipped public relations campaign for his \$1.6 trillion, 10-

year plan to lower income tax rates across the board. He invited to a White House press appearance families representing three of the four lower tax brackets that would be created under the plan: he sends to Congress this week.

"No American should pay more than a third of his income to the federal government," said Bush, standing before a jumbo check payable to "U.S. Taxpayer" in the amount of

\$1,600 - the average tax cut for a family of four under his plan, according to White House estimates.

Bush would reduce the five tax brackets under current law - 15 percent, 28 percent, 31 percent, 36 percent and 39.6 percent - to 10 percent, 15 percent, 25 percent and 33 percent.

In a back-and-forth with reporters in the White House

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President Bush

walks past a mock-up of a check that some tax payers would get under the president's new tax cut plan, as he leaves the Diplomatic Room of the White House, Monday.



AP photo

Lawyer: Bombings signal broad plan

Prosecutor claims U.S. Embassy bombings are part of global terror campaign

NEW YORK (AP) — Twin bombings of U.S. embassies in Africa were part of a broader scheme by Saudi millionaire Osama bin Laden to spill American blood across the globe, a prosecutor said Monday at the opening of the trial of four alleged terrorists.

"The bombings were neither the beginning nor the end of a terrorist plot to kill Americans," prosecutor Paul Butler told the jury amid tight security at U.S. District Court in Manhattan.

The closely watched terrorism case arose from the near-simultaneous bombings in Nairobi, Kenya, and Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, that killed 224 people, including 12 Americans, on Aug. 7, 1998.



In this artist's sketch, prosecutor Paul Butler, right, gives his opening statements to the trial of four suspected terrorists accused of bombing U.S. embassies in Africa begins in New York, Monday.

"Before the bombers struck, it was 'business as usual at the American embassy, which means busy,'" Butler said in his opening statement. "Then, in the blink of an eye, everything changed."

The blasts were strong enough to reduce buildings to piles of rubble, Butler said. "But what it did to human beings that day defies description. ... Words and numbers cannot describe the horror."

In his statement, defense attorney Sam Schmidt urged jurors to "show the world how our system really works, how it protects each individual from the power of the government."

Schmidt described his client, Washir El-Hage, as "a devout, caring person" who "would never participate in a criminal conspiracy to kill women and children."

Opening statements were expected to last the entire day.

Outside, heavily armed federal guards patrolled the perimeter of the courthouse where a line of thick, steel poles — designed to stop a vehicle moving at 50 mph — have been installed across the front entrance.

The trial began Jan. 3 in the courthouse that has been the site of four other major terrorism trials since the 1993 World Trade Center bombing, which killed six people and injured more than 1,000 others.

Two of the embassy bombing defendants — Mohamed Rashed Daoud Al-Owhali, 24, of Saudi Arabia and Khalid Khamis Mohamed, 27, of Tanzania — could face death if convicted.

Scientists hope to determine cannibal's role in killings

GRAND JUNCTION, Colo. (AP) — Scientists will examine the site of a notorious 19th-century cannibalism case this week in hopes of determining whether Alferd Packer was really a mass murderer or killed only in self-defense, as he claimed.

Packer was convicted of murder in the deaths of five traveling companions in the San Juan Mountains in 1874. The group, bound for Breckenridge, was snowed out and facing starvation. Packer admitted eating the bodies, but he contended that he killed only one of them — in self-defense after the crazed, starving man had hacked the other four to death.

Now, David Bailey, the chief curator at the Museum of Western Colorado, has brought together a team of chemists, soil and gunpowder experts and an archaeologist who will use modern X-ray and fluorescence techniques to try to find lead residue from the grave where the five were buried.

Bailey has spent the past seven years digging into every surviving shred of information. The lead residue would be proof that one of the men in the Packer party was shot, he said.

To his dying day, Packer said Shannon Bell, one of his companions, killed the other four with a hatchet, while Packer was out scouting, then attacked Packer when he returned to camp. He said he shot Bell twice.

Bailey has already uncovered paper evidence, such as inconsistencies in witnesses' accounts, court testimony and letters, to support Packer's story.

He also has uncovered key physical evidence, including the rusty, dented 1862 Colt pistol he believes Packer used to shoot Bell. It had been found decades ago in the massacre area. The five-shooter still had three bullets in the chamber.

When the bodies of Packer's companions were exhumed 12 years ago, one of the skeletons had a hole in the hip bone that Bailey and some other experts believe is a bullet hole. Others said the hole was caused by gnawing animals.

Bailey said he thinks if scientists can find lead residue in shreds of clothing and in the soil from under the bones, it will be hard to dispute the bullet-hole theory.

Doctors recommend SIDS investigations

CHICAGO (AP) — The nation's largest group of pediatricians is recommending for the first time that all suspected cases of sudden infant death syndrome be investigated by a child abuse expert because of growing fears that some such deaths are murders.

The American Academy of Pediatrics and the government already recommend death-scene investigations and autopsies for all SIDS cases.

But it is virtually impossible "to distinguish at autopsy between SIDS and accidental or deliberate asphyxiation with a soft object," said Dr. Kent Hymel, a member of the academy's child-abuse committee, which wrote the updated guidelines.

The new guidelines say that unless the autopsy examiner is a child abuse expert, a pre-autopsy exam should be performed by a specialist.

While cases of parents killing their babies are rare, more thorough investigations would probably reveal that some suspected SIDS cases are murders, Hymel said.

The updated guidelines were published in the February issue of the journal Pediatrics. They

mostly reaffirm the guidelines issued by the 55,000-member academy in 1999.

The changes stem from a few highly publicized cases and a 1997 report from British researchers who documented an alarming number of parents trying to suffocate their babies.

Parents were caught on videotape trying to suffocate 30 out of 39 children hospitalized after unexplained or suspicious accidents at home. The researchers also learned that 11 of the children's siblings had supposedly died of SIDS; parents later admitted to suffocation in eight cases.

"Physicians don't want to consider these kinds of acts," Hymel said. The revision was also prompted by the 1997 book "The Death of Innocents," about a New York state woman whose five children supposedly died of SIDS. She ultimately was convicted of smothering them all.

More recently, a Philadelphia mother pleaded guilty in 1999 to smothering eight children whose deaths initially were classified as SIDS.

"What we really want physicians to understand is that SIDS represents an admission by medical professionals that a thorough and exhaustive search for any other cause of death has occurred," Hymel said. "What's frightening is that in some cases, that's not happening."

The U.S. SIDS rate fell more than 40 percent from 1992 to 1998 — when there were about 2,800 cases — thanks to a national campaign urging parents to put their children to bed on their backs. SIDS has been linked to sleeping on the belly.

Still, SIDS remains the leading cause of death during the first six months of life.

The academy's recommendation has raised objections from members of the National Society of Medical Examiners, who say that having another person examine the body could alter evidence and interfere with the autopsy.

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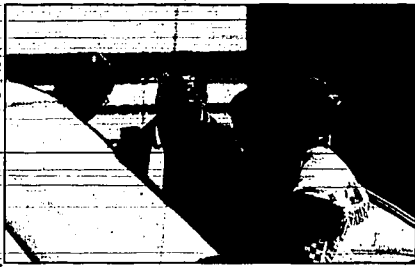
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NATION



Navistar Engine Plant employees talk outside the plant Monday, after a man shot and killed four people, then committed suicide.

Ex-factory worker kills four, commits suicide

MELROSE PARK, Ill. (AP) - A former factory worker who got caught stealing from his employer forced his way into the suburban Chicago engine plant Monday and opened fire one day before he was to report to prison. He killed five people, including himself, and wounded four others.

William D. Baker, 66, showed up at the Navistar International plant with an arsenal of weapons in a golf bag and made his way through the east building, blasting away with an AK-47 assault rifle, police said. Employees scattered in terror during the 10- to 15-minute rampage.

He shot seven people, three of them fatally, in an engineering area, then went into an office, where he killed one more person and then shot himself, police said. Baker had been scheduled to surrender Tuesday to serve a five-

month federal sentence for conspiracy to commit theft from an interstate shipment. He pleaded guilty last June, six years after he was fired.

Martin Reutimann, a 24-year-old engineer, was sitting at his desk when he heard gunfire about 10 a.m. "I heard somebody yell, 'There's a guy in the center aisle with a gun!'" Reutimann said, referring to the long hallway where engines are tested. Reutimann said he didn't believe it at first, then saw people running past him. He grabbed his coat and cellular phone and dialed 911.

Police said Baker showed up at the plant with his weapons in a golf bag. When a security guard tried to stop him, Baker put a .38-caliber revolver to her side and forced his way into the plant, police said.

Reagan turns 90, battling Alzheimer's, broken hip

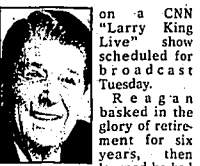
LOS ANGELES (AP) - Twelve years after leaving the White House with plans to spend his sunset years chopping wood and riding horses, Ronald Reagan celebrates his 90th birthday as a reclusive battling old age, Alzheimer's disease and a broken hip.

Reagan's birthday today will be a subdued celebration at the former president's Bel-Air home, where he is recovering from surgery to repair the hip he broke Jan. 12 in a fall.

"We will celebrate Ronnie's 90th birthday very quietly here at home with a birthday cake (likely his favorite chocolate), of course!" Mrs. Reagan said in a written response to questions emailed to her by The Associated Press.

The former movie star is one of only three presidents to reach 90 - John Adams and Herbert Hoover are the others.

"He looks fine. I mean, you know, his skin, and he's got a full head of hair. ... I mean, when the barber comes to cut his hair, he has to thin it!" Mrs. Reagan said.



Ronald Reagan

on a CNN "Larry King Live" show scheduled for Tuesday. Reagan basked in the glory of retirement for six years, then learned he had Alzheimer's. Mrs. Reagan, his wife of nearly 49 years, has vigilantly guarded his privacy since he withdrew from public view on Nov. 5, 1994, with a poignant letter about his Alzheimer's diagnosis. "I only wish there was some way I could spare Nancy from this painful experience," he wrote.

One close friend, Merv Griffin, fondly remembers past Reagan birthdays.

"Ronnie's birthday was always the fun event of the year - some times at the ranch with cowboy clothes and the horses milling around, sometimes at Chasen's (restaurant) with the Washington leadership," Griffin said.

Study: Gay black men have high HIV risk

CHICAGO (AP) - A stunning one-third of young gay-black men in large U.S. cities are infected with HIV, another sign of the growing racial divide in the AIDS epidemic.

The findings, based on a study released Monday, show that HIV infections are disturbingly common among gay men of all races in their 20s, especially considering that they grew up knowing how AIDS spreads.

However, HIV is particularly rampant among young, gay blacks, and experts worry that these men have missed the safe-

sex message that has been a drumbeat among white homosexual men since the mid-1980s.

The study found that among young-gay men - 3 percent of Asians, 7 percent of whites, 15 percent of Hispanics and 30 percent of blacks are infected with the virus.

"That 30 percent is an amazing statistic," said Dr. Helene Gayle, AIDS chief at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. "When people think 'gay,' they think 'white.' But the people still at-greatest-risk are sexually-active gay men, and that cuts across all races and ethnicities."

The study, directed by the CDC's Linda Valleroy, was presented at the Eighth Annual Retrovirus Conference, in Chicago. Since this was the first survey ever done among gays of this age group, 23 to 29, there are no previous numbers with which to compare these findings.

Since the epidemic's start, when AIDS was primarily a disease of gay white men, the burden of HIV has increasingly shifted to blacks. Now, just over half of the estimated 40,000 new HIV-infections annually occur among blacks. Among infected women, blacks

outrun whites almost 4 to 1. Many worry that homosexual men have grown complacent about catching HIV because effective treatments can hold the disease in check. Some of these gay men may be more likely to have risky sex, such as anal intercourse without condoms.

The new study does not reveal whether dangerous sex practices are growing among the young, but it does show that such habits are common. Almost half of the men surveyed admitted they had had unprotected anal sex during the previous six months.

Clintons say gifts were approved

WASHINGTON (AP) - Bill and Hillary Rodham Clinton said Monday they will give back any gifts they took from the White House if it turns out the items weren't meant for them personally.

The White House curator's office is working with the Clintons to figure out the intentions of the people who donated the gifts. President Bush's spokesman Ari Fleischer said. Gifts worth a total of more than \$23,000 - including two sofas, rattan chairs, an ottoman, an easy chair and a kitchen table - were in question.

"All of these items were considered gifts to us," Mrs. Clinton,



Bill Clinton

now a senator from New York, said in Rochester, N.Y. "That's what the permanent record of the White House showed. ... But if there is a different intent, we will certainly honor the intention of the donor."

The Clintons said every item they accepted was identified by the White House gift office as a present to them. They said none of the gifts they took was on a

curator's list of official White House property.

"Gifts did not leave the White House without the approval of the White House usher's and curator's offices," the Clintons said in a statement addressing the latest sour note to follow them out of office.

"Of course, if the White House now determines that a cataloging error occurred ... any item in question will be returned," they said.

Asked about the gifts in question, Bush said: "It's important for all of the facts to be laid out on the table." He expressed confidence the Clintons "will make the right decision."

Panel to investigate man accused of spying

WASHINGTON (AP) - Congressional investigators are looking into the question of whether financier Marc Rich, who was pardoned by President Clinton in his last days in office, may have been involved in spying during his flight from U.S. authorities, a congressional source said.

The House Government Reform Committee, which plans a hearing Thursday on the pardon, is looking into tips it received that Rich may have provided intelligence data to Israel and others, the House source said Monday, commenting on condition of anonymity.

People "in the intelligence community" have been in contact with the committee, but the panel probably will not bring the issue up at the first hearing because members don't have enough information from American intelligence officials, the source said.

The allegations were first reported Monday in the New York Post, which said Rich had a relationship with the Israeli Mossad intelligence agency.

A letter from former Mossad chief Shabtai Shavit to Clinton saying Rich provided assistance to the Israeli spy agency was among

the documents released by Rich lawyer Jack Quinn to support the Rich pardon, the newspaper said.

Messages left with Shavit on Monday were not answered.

"The government of Israel considered Rich a critical ally and the president took that seriously when he considered the pardon request," former White House spokesman Jake Siewert told the Post.

Rich has been based in Switzerland since 1983, just before he was indicted in the United States, accused of tax evasion of more than \$48 million, fraud and participating in illegal deals with Iran.

Train wreck injures 61

SYRACUSE, N.Y. (AP) - A slow-moving Amtrak passenger train rear-ended a freight train Monday, injuring 61 people, four critically.

Officials would not comment on what caused the crash. The eastbound Amtrak train had just left the Syracuse station when it hit the back end of the 92-car CSX freight train, also eastbound, in an industrial area north of the city, said CSX spokesman Robert Sullivan.

The five-car Amtrak train was headed from Niagara Falls to New York City with 98 passengers and four crew members, Amtrak said. Sheriff's Deputy J.F. D'Ereia said the Amtrak train was going 5 to 10 mph. Lumber from the rear car of the freight train was strewn on the tracks.

None of the Amtrak cars tipped over, but some of the wheels were off the tracks.

In addition to those critically hurt, 11 people suffered serious injuries, said Phil Politano, spokesman for Rural Metro Medical Services. Most of the rest of the victims suffered bumps and bruises.

There were a number of sight-impaired people traveling on the train, and two passengers were in wheelchairs. The most severe injuries appeared to be among those passengers, Politano said.

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NASA aims for landing on asteroid

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON - Imagine an old shoe thrown into the air, tumbling end over end. A spunky little dragonfly is flying rings around it, circling closer and closer and finally trying to settle on a certain spot without getting smashed flat.

Next Monday, as a grand finale to its year-long mission, NASA's Near Earth Asteroid Rendezvous Shoemaker spacecraft (NEAR) will attempt a feat not unlike the hypothetical shoe-fly act: the first landing ever on the surface of an asteroid.

It's worth the effort, mission managers have decided, because these space rocks harbor specimens of the primordial rubble out of which Earth and the other inner planets formed more than 4.5 billion years ago. If that isn't enough, some of the larger chunks have helped shape the evolution of Earth and its life-forms by slamming into it - and one of those still out there just may have to be deflected someday in order to save civilization.

Since last Valentine's Day, NEAR has been dancing gingerly around the 21-mile-long asteroid Eros 433 as it spins at a rate of one revolution every 5 hours and 17 minutes. Named for the Greek

Asteroid touchdown

On Monday, NASA will attempt to land on the asteroid Eros. The NEAR Shoemaker spacecraft has been orbiting Eros for a year. Scientists hope to gather close-up photos of the asteroid's surface during the descent.

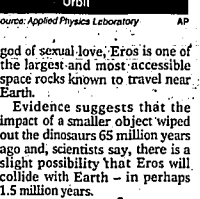
Four thruster firings will slow the approach of the spacecraft from 20 mph to 5 mph.

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god of sexual love, Eros is one of the largest and most accessible space rocks known to travel near Earth. Evidence suggests that the impact of a smaller object wiped out the dinosaurs 65 million years ago, and scientists say, there is a slight possibility that Eros will collide with Earth - in perhaps 1.5 million years.

Rescuers find brother and sister trapped in Indian earthquake rubble

BHUJ, India (AP) — Soldiers searching for the bodies of earthquake victims rescued a brother and sister Monday who survived 10 days trapped on the second floor of their damaged building, living off cereal and water.

"Everyone had given up hope of finding any survivors. This is a miracle," said Bakshi Singh, inspector general of the Border Security Force.



A painting of the Hindu god Shiva, god of destruction, lies under its broken glass in the rubble of the city center of Bhuj, India, Monday.

The rescue came even as demolition teams were clearing away the ruins of collapsed apartment buildings in Bhuj and other towns of India's western Gujarat state, and authorities turned to the monumental task of finding shelter for some 600,000 people left homeless by the Jan. 26 quake.

The two survivors were discovered by a team of soldiers who had gone into Bhuj's Karsana neighborhood to help a resident search for a relative's body. Once there, they met a policeman who said he had heard faint cries for help, said Nazim Khan, a team member.

The soldiers checked the area and spotted a man waving through the grill of a second-story window of his damaged apartment building. The entrance was blocked by rubble, but 20 soldiers formed a human pyramid to reach the second-floor window, where they discovered the sister inside.

"I was surprised to find someone alive. Then we climbed up, and found there was another," Khan said.

expected to rise to 30,000 as more bodies are found when rubble is cleared, said Gujarat's Home Minister Haren Pandya. The injured numbered 66,758, Gujarat state officials said.

The dead have been cleared from all but three of 400 villages in the region. The recovery of bodies was expected to end mid-week.

Meanwhile, authorities were undertaking ambitious plans to relocate thousands of people from devastated villages to new settlements, selecting sites and lining up materials and equipment.

But first, officials were urging quick action to stop refugees from the quake zone from moving to other parts of the country in search of food and shelter, straining support systems elsewhere.

"Immediate relief is required in the form of tents and plastic sheets, or else people will begin to flee the region," said P.K. Lahiri, the principal secretary to Gujarat's chief minister, Keshubhai Patel, the state's top elected official.

Authorities struggled to pump relief to remote areas, but there was criticism that people close to distribution centers and on main transportation routes were getting most of the aid, while millions of others in far-flung areas had not been reached.

Respiratory infections have spread among survivors, but health officials said there were no signs yet of an epidemic.

Barak falls further behind election rival

JERUSALEM (AP) — A day before Israel's fateful election, Prime Minister Ehud Barak was still trailing far behind challenger Ariel Sharon on Monday, despite his renewed warning that a Sharon victory would plunge Israel into war with the Palestinians.

Palestinians threatened to stage a "day of rage" during today's election. Protests and a commercial strike were planned in the West Bank, and in the Gaza Strip, the militant Islamic Jihad group threatened to bomb Tel Aviv.

"We will burn the soil under the feet of Barak and Sharon," said Moussa Hassan, an Islamic Jihad activist.

Israeli troops and Palestinians traded a gunbattle Monday in the West Bank town of Hebron, and an Israeli tank fired 20 shells at the Rafah crossing between Gaza and Egypt, apparently in response to Palestinian gunfire.

Israeli security forces were on high alert for election day terrorist attacks. Palestinians have been largely barred from Israel since fighting began Sept. 28, and over the weekend, Barak ordered the restrictions tightened further by preventing most West Bank residents from leaving their towns.

For months of fighting that has killed 384 people, mostly Palestinians, has drained support for Barak and boosted Sharon, who rejects Barak's compromises with the Palestinians.

One day before the election, the Jewish Shin Bet had the backing of 56 percent of the voters, compared to 38 percent for Barak, according to a poll in the Yediot Ahronot daily. A survey in the Maariv daily gave Sharon 55 percent and Barak 36 percent. The polls had margins of error of 9 percentage points and 2.3 points, respectively.

Former Barak supporter Hila Hanchinsky, 21, said she was upset about the recent violence, and would vote for Sharon this time. "Now our people are being killed and it's stopping the peace process," she said. The violence has killed 323 Palestinians, 13 Israeli Arabs, 47 other Israelis and a German doctor.

Libyan leader fails to clear Lockerbie bomber

TRIPOLI, Libya (AP) — Moammar Gadhafi failed Monday to produce any new evidence to exonerate a former Libyan intelligence agent convicted in the 1988 Lockerbie bombing, despite a promise of revelations so grand they could drive the trial judges to suicide.

In a tirade lasting two hours and 15 minutes, followed by a 30-minute news conference, the Libyan leader ridiculed the "triviality" of the evidence in the Lockerbie trial, read from published reports by analysts

and experts who had expressed skepticism about the verdict and looked for holes in the court's ruling.

When eventually asked for the promised information, Gadhafi said what he had read and quoted was the "evidence that was absent" in the case against two Libyans.

"The world didn't know about these facts. I returned the whole case, destroyed it," he said.

A Scottish court last Wednesday acquitted one of two Libyan suspects in the bombing, Lameen

Khalifa Fhimah, but convicted Abdel Basset Ali al-Megrahi and sentenced him to life in prison for planting the bomb that destroyed Pan Am Flight 103. The court gave him 14 days to appeal.

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Kempthorne calls logging ban delay a 'refreshing sign'

WASHINGTON (AP) - A ban on road-building and most logging in a third of the country's national forests was delayed for two months Monday by the Bush administration.

The forest plan, which President Clinton announced Jan. 4, has been attacked by Republican Western lawmakers, and by energy, timber and mining industries.

Idaho Gov. Dirk Kempthorne,

chairman of the Western Governors' Association, called the delay "yet another refreshing sign that this administration is serious about listening to the states."

The delay is in line with an order President Bush made on taking office last month to halt or slow down a series of regulations and rules the Clinton administration issued in its final days.

But since the forest restrictions were published in the Federal Register before Bush took office, he cannot block or alter them without going through a new rule-making process. The Forest Service held 600 hearings and received 1.7 million comments while developing the plan. Monday's action changes the plan's effective date from March 13 to May 12.

"This will give the current

administration an opportunity to conduct a full review," Idaho Republican Sen. Michael Crapo said in a statement. "Increased scrutiny will show that it is an ill-conceived regulation that ignored local concerns and binds the hands of local forest supervisors, which could be harmful to overall forest health."

Sierra Club spokesman Sean Cosgrove said the delay buys the administration some time while

they decide how to roll it back.

"I don't know exactly what the Bush administration thinks they need to review or what they want to look at except at how they can take it apart," he said.

Under the plan, the Forest Service will ban road-building in 58.5 million acres of federal forests where no roads currently exist, including 9 million in Idaho.

Police look for clues

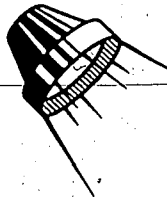
ST. GEORGE, Utah (AP) - Police questioned suspects during the weekend in the investigation into the death of Cynthia Kay Boggs, whose body was found four miles north of her burned trailer near Cedar City on Wednesday.

No one has been charged, but Boggs' husband, John Wayne Boggs Jr., is a suspect in both the fire and the killing, Iron County Attorney Scott Burns said Sunday.

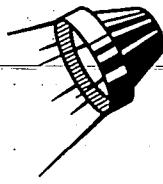
Boggs is still in jail on charges of marijuana distribution.

A second suspect, John Vincent Hoffman, 41, of Cedar City, was arrested with Boggs and is being held on a warrant for criminal trespass.

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COMPUTERS AND TECHNOLOGY

Students popularize digital assistants

Principals weigh devices' worth

TINLEY PARK, Ill. (AP) — Katie Hadac and Nicole Sorensen squint through goggles at the instructions for their latest chemistry experiment.

Beaker with distilled water? Check.
Probe? Check.
Palm Pilot? Check.
Palm Pilot?!

The handheld digital organizers are as common as notebooks at Andrew High School, which started providing students with the devices this year.

Once primarily tools of business executives, personal digital assistants are fast moving into the classroom. And that is forcing principals to weigh the devices' great educational potential against a serious potential for abuse.

"It's a great tool for science," said Jack O'Donnell, a chemistry teacher at the suburban Chicago school. O'Donnell has students practice special probes on their handhelds, allowing them to transfer the probes' readings directly into the computers.

Personal digital assistants (PDAs) don't just help people organize themselves. They now obtain from the Internet every-



Dan Grunauer and Angle Sikora, Juniors at Andrew High School in Tinley Park, Ill., use a Palm Pilot in their chemistry class last month.

thing from news to games to stock quotes. They also use infrared light to beam information among themselves, and can be coupled with wireless modems to become instant communicators.

It's those last functions that make them both intriguing and scary for educators.

Sure, teachers can save time and paper by beaming assignments to students. But those same students could use the devices to

zap answers to each other or distract classmates with news that "Johnny loves Suzy."

"The beeper and phone thing — basically kids were getting calls and beepers were going off in classrooms. This is a little different because communication can take place between kids without any noise except maybe some giggles of the users," said Michael Carr, spokesman for the National Association of Secondary School

Principals. Although many districts have banned cellphones and pagers, handheld computers are so new — and relatively rare outside wealthy districts — that principals are still scratching their heads over the devices, Carr said.

Palm Inc. doesn't track how many of its handhelds show up in schools, but a spokeswoman for the company said their use among schoolchildren is growing.

Jim Forbes, executive editor of the technology industry newsletter DEMOletter, said he expects more and more teenagers will get handhelds over the next few years. But because of the cost, personal digital assistants may never be as common in school as their manufacturers may hope, he added.

"Will it ever be more than 10 percent of the school districts? Probably not," he said. The cheapest handheld models retail for about \$130.

Forbes said the tiny computers definitely have educational benefits; his 16-year-old daughter uses a Handspring Visor to keep track of assignments.

But he also worries that as the text-messaging craze spreads from Asia — where cellphones and pagers are used as often-to-trade messages as calls — students may not be able to resist wireless "chatting" in class.

Experts predict copycats

The Chicago Tribune

Watch your step on the Internet.

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Computer users should avoid suspend settings

By James Coates
Chicago Tribune

Q: I have a Hewlett-Packard running Windows 98SE that is out of suspend mode whenever the phone rings. I have contacted HP five times, and every time I end up worse off than I was before. They have got me so that I can't log on to anything. When I got a tech support guy who said, "I have one at home that does the same thing. I knew I was in trouble and hung up on him."

I have been told by HP that I should never use suspend mode. (Why is it there?) HP says it is a Microsoft problem; Microsoft

Computer Q & A

says Windows was a factory installation so it is HP's problem. Do you have any ideas on this?

—Robert R. Tonguetre

A: Don't hang up, Mr. T., but like that tech support guy you mentioned, I have one at home that does the same thing too. As you were told, people with computers that have suspend settings should avoid using them like the plague on humanity that they have become. The idea is to have your computer go into a form of hypertext hibernation with the monitor turned off and the hard drive at rest awaiting to kick

back into life once a key is tapped or a mouse moved.

In reality, the suspend option works about as well and as long as those little handles on the floor of automobiles that are supposed to unlatch the trunk when you pull them. Some people use them for years without a problem, while others have trouble from the start and often get told by the mechanics that they have the same problem with their own cars.

Suspend? Fuggedaboutit. More trouble than it's worth.

Actually, the original problem you had with phone calls waking up the PC is fairly minor compared to the more common prob-

lem when people put their machines into suspend and then find they won't come back to life no matter what, short of pulling the plug from the wall, which causes Windows machines to run that nagging ScanDisk routine we all know all too well.

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World, corporate leaders fall victim to hacker attacks

GENEVA (AP) — Hackers appear to have stolen data on thousands of world and business leaders, including former President Clinton, organizers of the World Economic Forum said Monday.

The weekly SonntagsZeitung of Zurich reported Sunday that hackers have produced a CD-ROM containing secured information on 27,000 people who have attended the global forum in recent years, including Clinton, former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright and Microsoft founder Bill Gates.

Lawyers for the World Economic Forum, held annually in Davos, Switzerland, were filing for an injunction to stop further dissemination of the data, the forum's chief spokesman, Charles McLean, said Monday. The perpetrators are unknown.

"We regard this as a serious crime, not as a prank," he said. The newspaper said the material — including the credit card numbers of some 1,400 prominent people — had been collected by anti-globalization protesters.

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EDITORIAL

Credit departing leader for United Way's growth

With little fanfare and great efficiency, the United Way of South Central Idaho is a financial guardian angel for many of the Magic Valley's charitable organizations. But the local United Way soon will need a new guardian angel of its own. Executive Director Diane Boyd is stepping down at the end of the month.

Boyd's successor will be measured against a high standard of achievement. She brought focus and vision to the local United Way. She also proved herself a master fund-raiser.

By encouraging donors to consolidate their charitable gifts in a single payroll deduction, the United Way lets its member organizations concentrate on their core missions rather than on fund-raising.

Results of the just-concluded 2000-2001 fund drive underscore how the local United Way has flourished. Against a backdrop of economic slowdown, the campaign raised \$418,000 - nearly 18 percent more than last year. That's quite an accomplishment, and it makes a real difference for the United Way's local members.

Who are these member organizations? The Salvation Army, the Red Cross, senior centers in several Magic Valley communities, the Boys and Girls Club of Magic Valley, Valley House, and the Crisis Center of Magic Valley, to name a few.

Raising money for such worthy organizations is a noble endeavor. But

Boyd doesn't merely raise money, says Jim Ponzio, chairman of the United Way's local board.

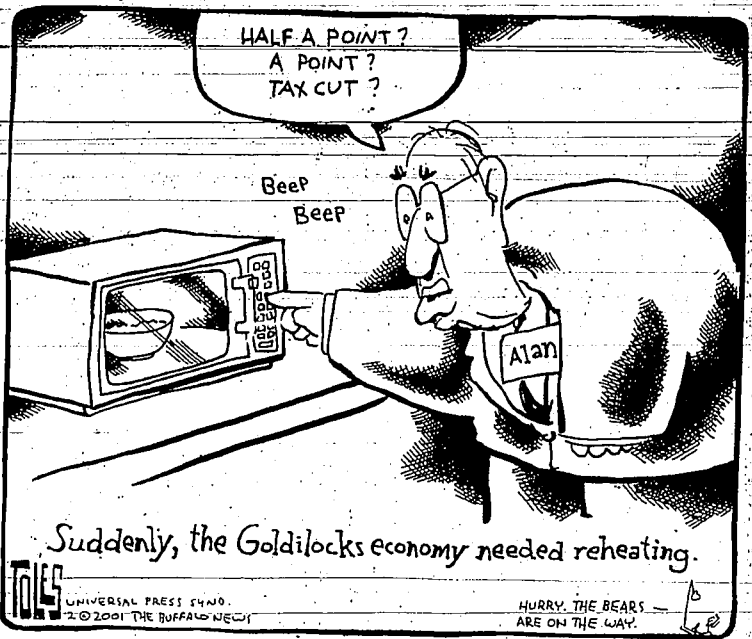
"She has made the United Way focus on problems that have been identified here," Ponzio says. For instance, Boyd pushed for the local United Way to get involved in the Success by Six program - an early learning initiative for children ages 1 to 6.

Boyd also urged United Way's client agencies to develop outcome-based measurements to chart their accomplishments. The measurements - such as the number of people who stay at a homeless shelter, or the number of sexually abused children who receive counseling - form the basis for a system of accountability. And accountability, especially with donated money, is essential.

Boyd has an intuitive grasp of these concepts, which is why the United Way prospered under her leadership. "She was the right person at the right time," Ponzio says. "She brought a real business sense and a different perspective on things."

Despite Boyd's successes, big challenges remain. For a variety of reasons, south-central Idaho's per-capita support for the United Way traditionally has lagged behind other areas of Idaho and the nation. Though Boyd has led the organization in building momentum, continuing the trend will be neither automatic nor easy.

By consolidating local charitable giving, the United Way lets its member organizations concentrate on their core missions. During Diane Boyd's five-year tenure, it has performed that role exceptionally well.



Ronald Reagan's ideas will outlive him

Today, on Ronald Reagan's 90th birthday and the 20th anniversary of the launching of his big tax-cut initiative, President Bush is preparing to send Congress his own proposal for across-the-board reductions in tax rates.

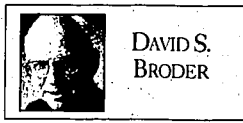
This is more than a coincidence. It is a further certification - if one is needed - of the central and enduring role Reagan has played in the conservative politics that has dominated American government for a full generation.

You would not know that from looking at the makeup of the new administration. Alumni of the 1989-92 Bush White House and agencies and retreats from the Gerald Ford years in the 1970s far outnumber the Reaganites around George W. Bush. There was burnout by the end of Reagan's eight years in office, and few of those who served with him have the energy or desire to return to government service.

But there's been no burnout for Reagan's ideas - even when Democrats held power. President Clinton took up Reagan's effort to "end welfare as we know it," and saw it accomplished in 1996. Vice President Gore campaigned in 2000 on his "reinventing government" project, a variant of the Reagan plan to reduce the size of the federal bureaucracy and shift responsibilities to the states.

Now that the Republicans are back, Reagan's ideas will loom even larger in Washington. The Bush tax cut is 100 percent Reaganomics, resting on two ideas that Reagan taught his party.

The first is the proposition that wealth creation spurred by lowering marginal tax rates is the surest way to expand economic growth. Derided by Democrats as "trickle-down" economics and faulted by liberal critics for its impact on America's uniquely high disparities in income, it nevertheless has become the bedrock



principle of Republicanism. Larry Lindsey, Bush's White House economics adviser, believes it just as fervently as Arthur Laffer and Jack Kemp - who sold Reagan on "supply side" economics - did a generation ago.

But Reagan was not content simply to argue the policy case for lowering taxes. He insisted that it was immoral for the government to take as much as it had been taking from the people of the country, because Washington is inherently a worse steward of financial resources than private individuals.

And that is a view with which President Bush entirely agrees. "I don't believe government should take more than 33 percent of anyone's income," he has said repeatedly. The one-third rule has no economic rationale; it is a moral proposition. And like any such statement, acceptance is a matter of faith.

Others may condemn the contrast between private affluence and the poverty of public services, comparing the sums that will be spent on lavish corporate entertainment at this weekend's National Basketball Association All-Star Game in Washington with the search for public funds to prop up struggling D.C. General Hospital. But Bush, like Reagan, believes the journey of dollars from private bank accounts to government coffers is fraught with moral danger.

Like Reagan, Bush has learned to pitch his economics through populist anecdotes. Thus, the frequent mentions in Bush speeches of the waitress with two

kids who will, in his telling, be the real beneficiary of his tax cuts. It's a great argument - until you look at the numbers and see the financial bonanza that awaits the wealthiest Americans in the Bush plan.

But the combination of moralism, populist anecdote and the promise of economic growth is a powerful one. And this year, as in 1981, you can see congressional Democrats recalculating how far they have to bend their principles and suppress their doubts in order to avoid being caught on the losing side of the tax debate. They are raising the same arguments that were heard in 1981 about the impact these tax cuts will have on the budget and the government's ability to meet its other obligations. And, once again, these cautions do not seem likely to prevail.

All of which is, in a real sense, a tribute to Reagan's enduring influence. Nor is this the only one. It was also Reagan who introduced the idea of shooting down nuclear missiles - the Strategic Defense Initiative, better known as "Star Wars." And now Bush wants to develop the "son of SDI" in the form of theater missile defense systems. There'll be a major debate with both allies and old opponents like China and Russia about this, but Bush seems committed to carrying through on this Reagan notion as well.

All it goes to prove the point that Jeffrey Bell, a conservative author and campaign consultant, makes in his essay on Reagan in the Feb. 5 issue of The Weekly Standard. Calling Reagan "the great communicator" badly underestimates the man, Bell says. His voice is stilled by age and infirmity, but his ideas live on.

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LETTERS

Anniversary calls for reflection

In the wake of the 28th anniversary of legalized abortion in this country, we should reflect and take time to look at our lives and what has been happening in our society.

As a mother of three, I am blessed to have the experiences of bringing other human beings to life. From the moment I knew I was pregnant, I believed very strongly that there was another unique human being within me, even though that being was part of me. In every culture, society and race, no other relationship can compare to this sacred and unique relationship between a mother and her unborn baby.

However, when we promote the idea that the mother has the right to abort her unborn baby if the baby is an inconvenience to the mother, we have destroyed that sacred and unique relationship established since human life has existed on earth. What message do we give to our children? Is human life worth nothing when it interferes or inconveniences us to pursue our self interests?

We are abhorred by those heinous crimes committed these days in our society by young adults and children. However, we forgot that we have sowed the seeds for those crimes by legalizing abortion on demand in the name of free choice. I appreciate the freedom to choose because I have known what it was like when I didn't have freedom to choose. But abortion is not the same as to choose where to live, what to do, who to love and what to say. Abortion is to end another human's life. Millions of unborn babies are being killed because they are defenseless human beings and have no voices in the political process. Because it is legal to kill unborn babies, we are gradually conditioning our world to think

that it is all right to eliminate those who are not useful or beneficial to us.

God is the authority of life and life is a gift from God. We need to support and encourage mothers to carry their babies to birth. There are many couples on long waiting lists to adopt babies.

Let us pray for our leaders and for all of us that we have respect for life. Let's not presume that we are God and take the authority of life into our hands because it is only God who has that authority.

PHUONG SMITH
Filer

Pennies for a pound

Our third-grade class is having a penny drive to raise money for a pound in our community.

Dogs are always running loose and people at night can't see and sometimes hit them. There are some dogs that do not have homes and no food. They run around the school yard sometimes and scare the kids. There's nothing anybody can do because we don't have a pound.

People should take better care of their animals, feed them, neuter or spay them, and keep them home. But if they don't, it is a community's responsibility to take care of these animals. They howl all night and dig in the trash to get food.

A town should have a pound to take care of the animals, but our town can't afford one right now. We want to raise money to buy dog food and some kennels. People always have pennies laying around and we think this is a good way to put them to use. If people care enough, they can bring pennies to help our community's animals.

Thank You,
LAUREN HAMPTON
Hagerman

Concentration camps were justified

It is unrealistic to think that racism was a factor in the government's decision to relocate west coast Japanese-Americans to camps inland from the coast. It was the military, not racial bigots or white supremacists, who made that decision. In 1941, there were more than 100,000 Japanese-Americans living on the west coast. Of these, 33,000 were Japanese citizens. Only extremely naive people would not suspect that there were Japanese secret agents among them, since Japan had been planning to bomb Pearl Harbor for years.

California was saturated with defense plants, military bases and strategic seaports. The probability that an agent of Japan would watch the movement of

troop ships from one of a thousand vantage points around San Francisco Bay and report movements to Japanese submarines lurking in the Pacific Ocean was a risk that the military could not afford to take. A sweet old lady could observe these ship movements as well as a seasoned spy. There was no way to tell which ones posed a threat to our security.

The American generals of World War II were extremely intelligent and were fighting to win the war. It is asinine to think - as some of your bleeding heart readers have suggested - that they would waste time, energy and materials to prepare housing for 100,000 evacuees because of malice or racism. No way. In 1942, our military was frantically trying

to build army bases and military compounds to house and train an army and navy to eventually number 5 million men.

Living conditions at Hunt were harsh, even pathetic, but "war is hell" - everyone suffered. Many families who had sons, brothers, fathers and husbands in the war zones suffered a mental anguish which was more severe than the physical discomfort endured by the occupants of the Hunt camp.

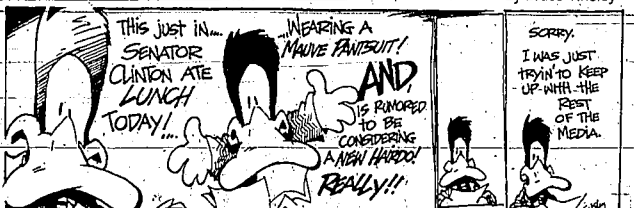
The real culprits in this scenario were the greedy Californians who bought the property of the evacuees at a pittance - and the agencies which allowed it.
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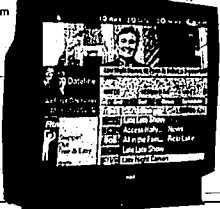


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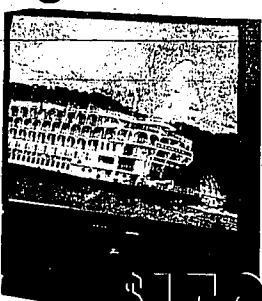
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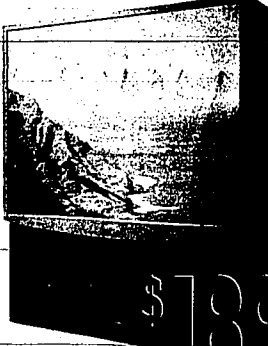


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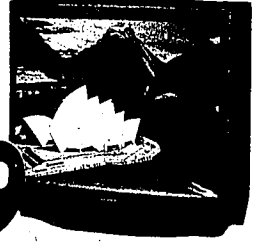
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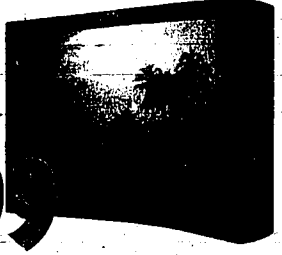


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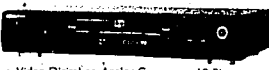
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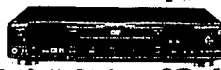
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AROUND THE VALLEY

Deputies find body; autopsy is pending

JEROME - Acting on a report early Sunday, Jerome County sheriff's deputies at about 6 a.m. recovered a man's body, according to a sheriff's department report.

The body was found beside the road near the intersection of 240 North and 100 East, and was reported to be that of a white male, about 40 years old. The man's name was being withheld Monday, pending the notification of relatives.

An autopsy was being performed Monday to determine the cause of death, and the sheriff's department was not releasing any more details.

CSI to halt Fine Arts construction applications

TWIN FALLS - Anticipating the final state funding installment for its Fine Arts Center expansion this spring, the College of Southern Idaho has taken the first step to allow for a construction schedule expected to last about 18 months.

Beginning immediately, CSI will not take applications for the use of any Fine Arts building rooms or stage after May 31. A CSI administrative planning group has decided to take this step to prevent complicating the schedule any further.

A number of CSI and community events already are scheduled through 2002.

CSI Vice President of Instruction Jerry Beck said the college and the construction manager will make reasonable efforts to accommodate scheduled events.

CSI Dean of Finance Mike Mason said a construction manager could be hired within six weeks. That person will make more definite plans for the Fine Arts Center's limitations through December 2002.

For information on scheduling any CSI facilities, call Cindy Flowers at 733-9554, ext. 2282.

Sun Valley seeks cultural center on city property

SUN VALLEY - Sun Valley Mayor Dave Wilson wants to build a cultural center on city property, arguing that the city needs it.

Earl Holding is planning a major facelift of Sun Valley Co. properties after the 2002 Winter Olympics. The facelift will likely mean a building project on the Sun Valley soccer field, meaning the loss of a venue for major cultural events such as the Sun Valley Summer Symphony.

The soccer field is where the symphony, the Sun Valley Arts and Crafts Festival, the wine auction and other cultural and revenue-generating events have been held.

Local tax revenues produced by those events would be lost if the venue is not replaced.

Wilson believes it is in the best interest of the city and sponsors of cultural events to build a center on a newly acquired five-acre parcel.

Even if the city didn't own the property, Wilson said, Sun Valley's growing summer convention business demands the space. Building a cultural center on the five acres on Sun Valley Road found favor with Marybeth Flower of the Sun Valley Center for the Arts.

Flower said that one-third of a \$1.5 million budget is generated by the wine auction. A loss of venue for this event would be disastrous, she said.

Senate panel opposes Canyonlands monument

BOISE - A Senate panel endorsed a resolution Monday opposing the establishment of a national monument in Owyhee County.

Sponsored by Sen. Robbi King-Barnia, R-Clearwater, the measure was unanimously passed on to the full Senate by the Senate Resources and Environment Committee.

Opponents to the designation are afraid the land's traditional multiple-use status will be jeopardized by the upgrade in status.

The resolution opposes the setting aside of 2.7 million acres in southwestern Owyhee County as the Owyhee-Bruneau Canyonlands National Monument.

A coalition of environmental and hunting groups have been campaigning for the designation that would stretch from the Bruneau-Jarbridge rivers to the Oregon border and from the Nevada line to just south of state Highway 78 - more than half the 4.9 million-acre Owyhee County.

Owyhee County is 82 percent publicly owned.

Compiled from staff reports

Tax cut could hurt program

The Associated Press

BOISE - The chairmen of the Legislature's budget committee indicated Monday that the fate of the Kemphorne Administration's huge public works program is directly linked to the decision lawmakers eventually make on a tax cut.

The bigger the tax cut, House Appropriations Chairman Maxine Bell of Jerome and Senate Finance Chairman Dean Cameron of Rupert said, the smaller the building program, which now totals \$122 million for the coming spending year and could quickly balloon to nearly \$200 million.

Gov. Dirk Kempthorne had wedged his

Budget committee chairmen say big cut will shrink public works funding

construction priorities, including \$32 million for half the cost of renovating the Capitol, in a financial blueprint including a \$140 million tax reduction.

But his tax-cut package was derailed last week, and the new plan is at least initially expected to exceed the governor's proposal and include substantially more permanent tax reductions.

Kempthorne met for nearly an hour Monday morning with House and Senate

leaders and then with House tax committee Chairwoman Dolores Crow, who said later that a new tax package would be proposed today.

Senate President Pro Tem Bob Gude said the plan will apparently be a compromise between the governor's and a House proposal that called for an immediate and permanent \$73 million cut in personal income tax rates and \$17 million cut in corporate tax rates.



Rep. Maxine Bell Sen. Dean Cameron
Kempthorne's original plan included a \$91 million one-time individual income tax cut.
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SCHOOL IS IN SESSION



Debi Molina teaches Rox Jessup how to use a database used for tracking student's progress during a workshop at Twin Falls High School. Jessup teaches math and social studies at the Snake River Juvenile Detention Center.

TF teachers consider requirement reform

By Jennifer Sandmann
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Academic advising, higher academic expectations of students, and tracking student progress after graduation are among the key pieces of a national school reform model that has the attention of local educators.

Twin Falls School District's ninth- through 12th-grade teachers will conclude workshops today that explain the principles of High Schools That Work. It covers many concepts that boil down to setting high expectations for all students and having a system in place that helps students reach them.

The Advanced Regional Technical Education Coalition area school districts and businesses that want to provide advanced technical education choices for students - is sponsoring the High Schools That Work seminars. High Schools That Work puts into practice the same principles promoted by ARTEC, including incorporating academics into vocational-technical programs to adequately prepare

Characteristics of most improved schools

- Characteristics of schools that saw better-than-expected results in rising student achievement through the High Schools That Work model:
- Expectations for students were clear and high. The general track was no longer an option, and students were required to take more rigorous classes and choose an academic or vocational/technical concentration. Schools had taken steps to eliminate "twelve" English, math and science classes, and some had raised graduation requirements by converting a semester block schedule that allows students to complete more credits for graduation.
- A guidance and counseling system worked to get students to complete a

- challenging program of study. Some schools developed teacher-advisors. Parents were involved in the guidance process. Guidance and advisement at the most-improved schools placed all students in an upgraded academic core and a concentration.
- Teachers received focused staff development on techniques and strategies directed at teaching more students a challenging academic core. Staff development focused on improving student achievement.
- Teachers worked together to find, and implement solutions to major problems.
- Students had access to a structured system of extra help and extra time. Students who performed poorly on

- standardized tests or failed core academic subjects were required to participate in extra-help sessions. Successful schools refused to accept substandard performance.
 - The schools had formal connections to middle and post-secondary schools. There was communication between the schools and also between students, parents and schools about what would be expected as students advanced to the next level.
 - Teachers and administrators felt they had district support. Support included teacher training opportunities and resources for new materials.
- Source: Southern Regional Education Board, which sponsors High Schools That Work.

students for today's work force. Last month, six ARTEC-member districts sent representatives to Charleston, S.C., to learn about High Schools That Work. Twin Falls High School educators were on the trip, which precipitated this week's local workshop.

Ben Allen, principal of Twin

Falls High School, said the faculty as a whole will decide whether to use the reform model.

"This program fits what we're doing already," he said.

High Schools That Work focuses on using data to make programming decisions and monitor student progress. That is a goal

the district has been working on, as evidenced by another high school training workshop that concludes today: Teachers are learning how to use computer software that helps them track student performance.

High Schools That Work focuses

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Advisory group discusses school needs

By Aaron Brock
Times-News writer

RUPERT - Another in a long line of meetings leading up to a May local election takes place tonight, with an advisory committee gathering at the Minidoka County School District office to discuss needs, wants and possibilities for district schools.

"We've got to analyze each building and put a cost to it," committee co-chairman Dan Lloyd said. "It's pretty cut and dry."

A Plant Facility Levy Advisory Committee, making a proposal for an upcoming levy for Minidoka County schools, will meet at 6:30 p.m. today to go over needed improvements for particular schools.

Minidoka High School needs repairs and additions to accommodate incoming ninth-graders, who could join the high school by 2002-03. Heyburn and Acquila elementary schools are also expected to see potential

More Information

The committee will meet following a special meeting of the Minidoka County School Board, which meets at 5:30 p.m., to discuss February bills. Both meetings are at the district office, 633 Front Ave., in Rupert.

repair money allocated to them.

District Superintendent Nick Hallett said he hopes the committee will come to some sort of conclusion tonight about what

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U.S. Forest Service tests fee enforcement tolerance

The Times-News and The Associated Press

PORTLAND, Ore. - The U.S. Forest Service is testing the public's tolerance for its confusing mishmash of land passes and fees with a plan to toughen enforcement this summer - but things might not get tougher in southern Idaho.

Entrance fees at national parks and campground fees in national forests have long been accepted

by most who use them, but it is not as clear how willing they are to pay for such simple pleasures as day hikes.

Critics say the recreation fees are poorly designed, but land agencies say the public supports the fees that have raised millions of dollars.

Congress created the Recreation Fee Demonstration Project in 1996, and instructed the Forest Service, National Park

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Police dog bites girl in Heyburn

By Ruth Streever
Times-News writer

HEYBURN - Cassia County Sheriff Jim Hignens defended the actions of a police dog, who bit a Heyburn girl late Sunday night during a traffic stop.

But while Hignens said the dog perceived the girl as a threat and acted in accordance with training, the girl's father questioned whether the department had trained the dog properly.

The dog bit Emilie Robirds, 16, of Heyburn during a traffic stop around 11 p.m. Sunday on the 1500 block of Oakley Avenue, according to a Cassia County sheriff's report.

When she was pulled over, Robirds said police "overreacted" and went out, the report said. Police say Robirds was acting excited as she talked, and at one point threw up her arms and said she would move the car, the report said.

As Robirds ran toward the back of the car, the dog, Enzo, who was on a leash, seemed startled, the report said. The dog sat up and bit Robirds on the front of her left thigh, the report said.

The dog immediately released Robirds' leg and Robirds fell to the ground, while the deputy took control of the dog and backed him away from the girl, the report said.

The incident was the first time in 10 years a Cassia County K-9 had bitten a person without being commanded, Hignens said.

Hignens said the department would not destroy the dog, because the report indicated the incident had been the result of poor training. Hignens said the dog had simply responded to what it thought was aggression toward its handler.

K-9s are drug dogs that are also trained to protect officers, Hignens said. Robirds' behavior had led the dog to believe its deputy was threatened, Hignens said.

But while Robirds' father, Tom Robirds, said that his daughter can be "high strung" at times, he couldn't imagine her actions provoking the dog. He accused the department of failing to properly train the dog.

Emilie Robirds was treated and released from Cassia Regional Medical Center, Tom Robirds said. Emilie Robirds declined comment Monday afternoon, saying she first wanted to speak to an attorney.

A witness and friend of Emilie Robirds, Alyssa Krobath, 17, said the only thing Emilie Robirds had done to provoke the dog was walk quickly toward it. But Krobath said she didn't think police dogs were supposed to attack people unless commanded to do so.

Emilie Robirds faces a traffic citation on a count of parking too close to a stop sign, but officers will issue the citation at a later date, the report said.

MAGIC VALLEY/IDAHO

INEEL struggles to meet waste shipment deadline

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — The Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory is struggling to meet one of its next major deadlines for shipping thousands of drums of nuclear waste out of the state. The shipments have lagged behind schedule so far, and although managers have a plan for making up those losses, they say it will be difficult. Reasons for the schedule slip vary, but include government permit uncertainties, delays in receiving testing equipment, trucks socked in by snow and overly optimistic estimates of how many drums of waste would qualify to go to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant in New Mexico.

had assumed a lot of good things would happen all at the same time. It just hasn't worked out that way," said Site Project Manager Thomas Monk. In roughly the last year and a half, the INEEL has shipped about 250 cubic meters of radioactive waste to the permanent repository in New Mexico. By the end of next year, it must ship 2,850 cubic meters more to meet a court-enforceable settlement agreement with the state of Idaho. "We have said that we will not know until the April-through-June time frame whether or not this is a horse that's going to come in real close to first," Monk said, referring to the odds of meeting the deadline.

HOSPITAL

MINIDOKA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL Some names are omitted at the patient's request. Admitted Alfredo Gasper of Rupert, Vernon Tucker of Pocatello,

Brian Lewis of Rupert, John Herbert Ashby of Heyburn and Jose Luis Hernandez of Rupert Dismissed Alfredo Gasper of Rupert, Riley McCreaw of Heyburn and Sarah Saunders of Heyburn

Thomas Tom Martin Huber of Jerome, vigil service at 8 p.m. today at St. Jerome's Catholic Church, 216 Second Ave. E. in Jerome; Mass of Christian Burial at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at St. Jerome's Catholic Church (Farnsworth Mortuary in Jerome).

Wednesday at the church; interment to follow at the Hazelton Cemetery.

Neva Elaine Robinson of Twin Falls, open house memorial service at 2 p.m. today at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home; private family burial to follow at a later date.

Earl E. Walker of Rupert, service at 2 p.m. today at Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel, 710 Sixth St.; friends may call before the funeral today at the chapel.

DEATH NOTICES

Harley F. Hann TWIN FALLS — Harley F. Hann, 71, of Twin Falls, died Sunday, Feb. 4, 2001, at the Twin Falls Care Center.

Gooding Chapel.

Leon Wilbur Loucks GOODING — Leon Wilbur Loucks, 65, of Gooding died Monday, Feb. 5, 2001, at his residence in Gooding. Funeral services are pending under the direction of Demaray's

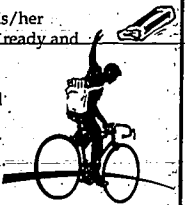
Betty Stewart Southwick — Betty Stewart Southwick, 59, formerly of King Hill, died Friday, Feb. 2, 2001, at the Gooding County Memorial Hospital in Gooding. A graveside service will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 7, 2001, at the Elmwood Cemetery in Gooding. Family and friends may call from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Wednesday at Demaray's Gooding Chapel.

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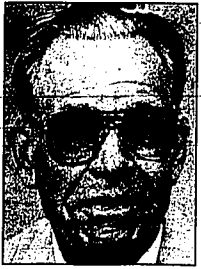


Jeanette married Ebon W. Carlton on June 26, 1947, in Gooding. They had one son, John Clinton Carlton, born on November 25, 1949. He died on Dec. 27, 1972. The family enjoyed many vacation trips and camping through the years. They built a cabin at Boulderview, above Ketchum, which they enjoyed very much. She was a member of the First Church in Gooding. Jeanette enjoyed the senior citizen organization and served as a board member. Jeanette is survived by her husband, Ebon W. Carlton, her daughter, Dolores Rork of Gooding; her niece, Diana Ibarra of Gooding; two sons, Mary E. Gill of Wendell and Wynna Wood of Ardy, Ariz.; and several cousins, nieces and nephews. In addition to her son she was also predeceased in death by her parents; a sister, Melba Jean Collins; a special niece, Susan Rork Copococha; and several aunts and uncles.

Baylee Ashton Waymont

Our little cowboy, Baylee Ashton Waymont, born June 7, 1998, rode off to the little buckaroo heaven Feb. 4, 2001 following an accident. Baylee is survived by his mother LaRae Stroberg; his father Ryan Waymont; brothers Cooper Stroberg and Hayden Waymont; his grandparents Larry and Diane Stroberg, Tami and Dave Naber and Don Waymont. His great-grandparents are Fred and Carole Feilder, Lorna Stroberg; Lulu Waymont, Joanne and Grant Stevens. His surviving aunts and uncles include Susan and Heather Perkins, Spence and Nancy King and J. and Jessie Williamson. Surviving cousins include Taylor and Torie King, Shanni, Dylan and Wyatt Williamson.

TWIN FALLS



Arnold Austin Matheney died of heart failure at Alterra Wynwood Center on Saturday, Feb. 3, 2001. Austin was born Jan. 11, 1917 in Ardeola, Mo., to Tom and Ernie Matheney. He attended schools in Missouri. Then in 1936 moved to Idaho to join his brother Jack. He worked at various jobs until induction into the Army in January, 1940. Austin was stationed at Fort Ord, Camp Roberts, Idaho, Blythe, and Mesquite, Calif., as well as Mississippi and Oklahoma. He helped to train recruits at Fort Bragg, N.C., with the 66th Medical Battalion as 1st sergeant in charge of an ambulance unit. He participated in the WW II D-Day invasion of Europe, landing on Omaha Beach June 10, 1943 through the town of St. Mere Eglise, France. His ambulance unit subsequently transported wounded soldiers from the beach stations to nearby central hospitals in the Battle of the Bulge campaign.

He is survived by his wife Lois of Twin Falls; daughter Deanna of Boise; stepsons Bill Reed of Twin Falls and Glenn (John) Reed of Eden. He also leaves his beloved six grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews. Also surviving are many family members in Missouri. The family wishes to express grateful appreciation to First Choice Hospice, Dr. Mogelson and staff of Twin Falls Hospice, Alterra Wynwood staff, and Dr. E. Pharmacy for their loving care in the last stages of Austin's illness. Funeral services for Arnold Austin Matheney will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 6, at 11 a.m. at First Presbyterian Church in Twin Falls with Rev. Paul Reeves officiating. Military rites will be performed at the church by the Eden American Legion. Cremation and local arrangements are under the direction of White Mortuary of Twin Falls. Austin believed in the work of the Idaho Youth Ranch. The family suggests memorials to the Idaho Youth Ranch, P.O. Box 8538, Boise, ID 83707-9921, or to the Twin Falls First Presbyterian Church Memorial Fund.

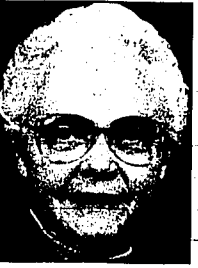
IDAHO FALLS



Barbara Joyce Thompson Tubbs

Barbara Joyce Thompson Tubbs, 55, of Idaho Falls and formerly of the Jerome area, passed away peacefully at her home Monday, Jan. 29, 2001, of natural causes. She was born Aug. 22, 1945, at Wendell, the daughter of Arthur Soren and Dora Jensen Thompson. She was reared and educated in Carlisle, Idaho, and attended high school in Blackfoot. Barbara married Juiy Tubbs at Blackfoot on Nov. 10, 1961 and he predeceased her in death in 1974. She operated Juiy's Restaurant and Lounge at Gooding and later moved to Idaho Falls where she has since resided. Barbara is a member of the LDS Church. Survivors include her children Juiy Tubbs of Twin Falls, Brian (Shelli) Tubbs of Whitehall, Mont., Jennifer (Alan) Ebaugh of Nampa, Jeremy (Bonnie) Tubbs of Bremerton Wash., Janette Tubbs of Nampa; two sisters, Marilyn Hamarynck of Oregon; Rosemary Thompson of Denver, Colo.; two brothers, Stephen Thompson of Rochester, Minn., and Lee Johnson of Idaho Falls. Also surviving are nine grandchildren. Barbara was also predeceased in death by her parents. A memorial service will be conducted at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 7, in the Hope-Roberson Funeral Chapel at Jerome, Idaho. Interment of the ashes will follow at the Jerome Cemetery. No viewing is planned.

GOODING



Arnold Austin Matheney

Austin's death took him to the Elbow River where the Germans surrendered to the Americans and Russians. After the war he returned to the U.S. at Norfolk, Va., and was discharged from the Army on Oct. 20, 1945, after proudly serving his country. Austin married Lois Reed Oct. 13, 1946. Lois had two sons, Bill and Glenn, and Austin loved these boys as if they were his own. They purchased a farm just west of Eden where they farmed and raised cattle for 26 years. In 1954 their daughter, Deanna, was born in Twin Falls. Austin was active in his community

RUPERT

Celeste Marie Toolson

Celeste Marie Toolson, age five, of Rupert died Monday, Feb. 5, 2001, in Rupert. She was born April 8, 1995, in Rupert, Idaho to Donald and Kristi Toolson. She attended kindergarten at Memorial School for two years in class. Celeste loved every minute of school—she had a zest for life and conquered whatever she needed to do. She loved her brothers and tried to do everything they did. She did not like to eat her vegetables. She also loved being with her cousins very much. She enjoyed dancing and piano lessons. Celeste enjoyed the time she spent with her family and her animals. Her sweet spirit will be greatly missed by those lives she touched. She is survived by her parents of Rupert; two brothers, Philip and Adrian; grandparents, Doris and Russ Hayden of Soda Springs, Idaho, and Don and Jeanette

Jeanette Shaw Carlton

Jeanette Shaw Carlton, 78, of Idaho Falls, died Sunday, Feb. 4, 2001, at the Gooding County Memorial Hospital in Gooding. Jeanette was born on June 28, 1925 in Gooding, the daughter of Clinton and Susie Hansen Shaw. She graduated from Gooding High School on May 3, 1943. She worked at M. H. King Co. for about two years before moving to California for a short time. She returned to Gooding where she went to work for First Security Bank in February of 1945. Jeanette retired from First Security Bank on April 1, 1985, after forty years of service.

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KING AUCTION THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2001

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Advertisement for King Auction listing various vehicles and machinery for sale, including Chevrolet trucks, trailers, and tractors. Includes contact information for Diane & Rodney King.

E&G official from Burley warns against open season

BOISE (AP) - Fears that it would lead to a bloodbath prompted the House Resources and Conservation Committee to reject the idea of a special three-day open season on moose for anyone with an Idaho hunting license and tag.

before his voice vote to hold the bill sponsored by Sandpoint Republican Rep. John Campbell.

usually wiped out. The Idaho Wildlife Federation and Idaho State Bowhunters Association were among the sportsmen's groups that lined up with the Fish and Game Commission.

opportunity to hunt for Idaho moose. The Fish and Game Commission recently responded to the same threat by approving a rule allowing nonresidents for the first time to hunt moose in Idaho.

Twin Falls School Board talks facilities, test scores

TWIN FALLS - A variety of items are scheduled for review at today's Twin Falls School Board meeting, including selection of a contractor for the roofing project at L.P. Perrine Elementary School.

Valley in brief

KLIX radio sponsors meeting to discuss animal shelter

TWIN FALLS - A meeting is scheduled tonight to discuss raising money to build a new animal shelter.

GOTCHA!



Brian Baker, 11, right, watches as his snowball hits Bobby Armstrong, 11, during a snowball fight Sunday in Pocatello.

GOP chairman continues defending his statement

BOISE (AP) - Idaho Republican Chairman Trent Clark continued claiming he was misquoted and apologizing to blacks for a racially charged statement that he said was meant to "denounce guilt by past association."

"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."

Clark disputed making that statement, but admitted to saying: "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."

The Spokesman-Review stood by its story and the quote. Gov. Dirk Kempthorne late Friday called on Republican operatives to be sensitive about comments concerning racial or ethnic groups.

He then was quoted as saying: "What's more, he said, it resulted in a setback for his effort to convince people that 'politics is honorable, that public corruption can be checked by grassroots passion; that there is one person who can make a difference.'"

Governor seizes contracts

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) - California's governor, Gray Davis, used his emergency authority Monday to seize at least \$150 million worth of Pacific Gas and Electric Co. power-buying contracts before the assets could be sold by one of the utility's creditors.

strapped PG&E and Southern California Edison. And Davis said lawmakers must develop a debt-relief plan for the utilities before next Monday, when a judge could order hefty rate increases sought by the state's two largest utilities.

Attorney: Client didn't knowingly commit fraud

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) - Former rancher Walter "Jay" Hoyt III was a "cowboy with a dream" who never intended to defraud nearly 4,000 investors of \$100 million, Hoyt's defense attorney argued Monday.

Edison and PG&E say that together they have lost \$12.7 billion since June due to high wholesale electricity costs that the state's 1996 deregulation law blocks them from passing onto consumers.

Jerome City Council to consider annexations

By Dixie Thomas Reale Times-News correspondent

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

JEROME - The City Council tonight could wrap up an annexation process started last year.

At tonight's meeting, the council will consider a proposed ordinance - including property annexed in December, plus properties excluded at that time, such as parcels larger than five acres.

In November the city proposed annexing 82 acres in the northeastern section of the city bordered by 16th Avenue East, Lincoln Street North, Mountain View Drive and Davis Street North.

The city will discuss the stop sign at Tiger Drive and Eighth Avenue East. The two-way stop

was converted to a four-way stop recently, at the request of the Jerome Recreation District, which would like to apply for grant money to expand a bike path.

LEGISLATIVE LOG

- Confirmed by Senate**
 - Stephen Allred, Boise, as director of the Department of Environmental Quality.
 - Paul Agidius, Moscow, to the Board of Environmental Quality.
 - Mari Calabretta, Osburn, to the Board of Environmental Quality.
 - Donald Chisholm, Burley, to the Board of Environmental Quality.
 - Jean Cloonan, Boise, to the Board of Environmental Quality.
 - Marguerite McLaughlin, Orofino, to the Board of Environmental Quality.
 - Nick Purdy, Picoabo, to the Board of Environmental Quality.
 - Introduced to Senate SB116 (Education) - Authorizes criteria to evaluate teacher effectiveness.
 - SB1062 (Judiciary and Rules) - Clarifies exempt property under the uniform probate code.
- Introduced in House**
 - HB144 (State Affairs) - Prohibits telemarketers from charging consumers' accounts without first obtaining authorization for the specific charge discussed.
 - HB145 (State Affairs) - Clarifies and standardizes election laws involving cities and counties.
 - HB146 (State Affairs) - Clarifies that election day registration is allowed at absentee polling places.
 - HB147 (Transportation and Defense) - Gives members of the Idaho National Guard the option of declining commander's nonjudicial punishment and demanding trial by court martial.
 - HB148 (Revenue and Taxation) - Eliminates the requirement that payment of \$100,000 or more in taxes and fees be made by electronic funds transfer.
 - HB149 (Revenue and Taxation) - Adds Gem Youth Services to the youth and rehabilitation facilities qualifying for a charitable contribution income tax credit.
 - HB150 (Revenue and Taxation) - Makes various amendments and updates to "circuit breaker" provisions of property tax laws.

Authorities clear deputies in shooting

COLFAX, Wash. (AP) - The shooting death of a suicidal Clarkston man by sheriff's deputies, ending an armed standoff, was justifiable homicide, Whitman County authorities concluded.

Hunt, 26, died of a single gunshot wound to the chest after deputies fired at least 12 rounds.

manner." Whitman County Prosecutor Jim Kaufman said: He and Coroner Pete Martin issued a joint news release saying they determined that the shooting was justified, especially in light of Hunt's threat to "shoot a cop."

Judge declines to release documents

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) - A judge in Tacoma declined Monday to release documents showing why confessed serial killer Robert L. Yates Jr. feels he does not deserve a possible death sentence in Pierce County.

Court Judge John McCarthy ruled the package contained personal items from Yates' family that do not belong in the public domain.

County, where prosecutors have decided to seek the death penalty. Pierce County Prosecutor Gerry Horne has refused to let reporters see the mitigation package prepared by defense lawyers Roger Hunko and Mary Kay High.

Taxes

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rebrate, \$25 million in business tax cuts and \$21 in individual tax breaks.

building infrastructure. The electrical, plumbing, mechanical systems are essentially nearly a century old, and the building does not meet fire and other safety codes.

Within the next eight to 10 years, all the existing systems in this building will no longer be functioning."

The commission's proposal has had its skeptics, both those critical of the price tag and others fearing the Capitol would be turned into a museum.

Eiguren tried to reassure budget writers that the building would remain the working center of Idaho government; and admitted that the \$65 million total, half financed through bonds, was a substantial amount of money.

you talking about? That's a gorgeous building." And the other half have never been here and don't know what it's about.

Aggravating the problem is the development of the old Ada County Courthouse, which the state bought two years ago. The price tag for renovating or rebuilding the structure next to the Capitol is \$18 to \$20 million along with another \$5.4 million for a new parking garage north of the Capitol.

Dumping as much as \$90 million into government buildings has some uneasy when the state continues to deny direct financial assistance to schools for their building needs.

"The Idaho Legislature has not provided continuing help to Idaho schools to maintain and repair buildings," Democratic Rep. Ken Robison of Boise said. "I'm reluctant to vote for \$32 million in light of that."

House Republicans were expected to discuss the fate of the proposal behind closed doors before taking a public stand.

Fees

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Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and Bureau of Land Management to test ways of collecting new and higher fees.

The Sawtooth National Forest in southern Idaho has participated in that program with fee programs in the Sawtooth National Recreation Area and the Keckum Ranger District.

The forest charges a trailhead parking fee - \$5 for up to three days or \$15 for a year at 38 trailheads. Those who don't pay up face a \$50 fine.

But forest officials have no plans to change the program this year, including tougher enforcement, Sawtooth spokesman Ed Waldapfel said. This year will be the last of the demonstration program.

In the Northwest, the Forest Service levied nearly 20 different charges including annual passes.

than 10 federal and state land passes available in the region. Buying annual passes for two people to visit all federal and state land and visitor centers in the Northwest would cost well over \$100.

The Forest Service reported to Congress that forest users overwhelmingly support the recreation fees.

But some researchers say the conclusion is based largely on surveys taken at fee sites of people who have opted to pay the fees. It overlooks those who cannot or will not pay them.

The Forest Service, meantime, has muffled one of its scientists whose research suggested that fees drive low-income users off national forests.

In a mail survey of Vermont and New Hampshire households, Thomas Stevens, a University of Massachusetts researcher, and Thomas More, a Forest Service researcher in Vermont, conducted

the first broad survey of the way recreation fees affect all forest visitors.

One of every four low-income families visited national forests less often to avoid the fees, the study found.

Soon after the paper emerged, the Forest Service barred More from talking to the press, a prohibition that continues. The agency issued "talking points" to its spokespeople around the country dismissing the findings as "statistically insignificant."

"The Forest Service is very sensitive about this," Stevens said. "They have staked their future on this fee program. They do not welcome information that raises questions about it."

Meanwhile, a University of Montana report found that the Willamette National Forest in Oregon lures the most visitors, counts in 1997. The first year the fees were charged, to warrant a larger budget.

School

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to ask for.

The committee had its plans put on hold, while the School Board deliberated about whether to adopt a four-year high school and middle-school curriculum.

With the board deciding last month to move ahead with such a plan, the committee knows more of what the district hopes to accomplish if it passes a levy in May, and thus how much to request.

The board has kicked around a number of about \$16 million but will wait until it gets a recommendation from the committee before deciding what to ask for. If a levy of \$16 million passes,

es, a county homeowner with a \$100,000 residence would pay \$40.35 more a year in property taxes.

Without raising taxes at all, the district could pass a \$9.36 million levy.

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Reform

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es not only on current academic progress but on post-high school experiences as well. It includes surveying how well students were prepared for work or college - more data that can help direct high school programming.

Twin Falls High School teachers Mary Lu Barry and Sherry McAllister made the trip to South Carolina. Both teachers said they liked the focus on higher academic expectations for students and

support for students who need help reaching them, since not all students learn at the same pace.

"I felt there was a lot of support for students who need more time," McAllister said.

Barry said she also likes the focus of no longer accepting poor quality work, but requiring students to meet specific standards on assignments before they will be accepted as complete.

Five national education associations commissioned the

Washington-based American Institutes for Research to study 24 popular schoolwide reform models.

High Schools That Work was one of just three that showed strong evidence of improving student achievement, according to Education Week magazine.

Times-News education reporter Jennifer Sandmann can be reached at 733-0931, Ext. 241, or by e-mail at jsandmann@magicvalley.com

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Student remembers the 'Titans' as extra

By Dare Jensen
Times-News correspondent

BUHL — Drama student Tia Hosman already has had a taste of show biz.

While attending school in Marietta, Ga. in November 1999, she worked as an extra in the movie, "Remember the Titans," which stars

Denzel Washington. Her aunt, Amber Olsen of Buhl, who happened to be visiting, also was an extra.

"We were told to report to the gymnasium. We sat and sat from 6 p.m. until 2 a.m.," said Hosman, 17, a Buhl High School senior and daughter of Brent and Farah Hosman.

"As the time grew longer, people started leaving, but those that waited until they were told to go home were also told to return at 6 p.m. the next night to dress and makeup. They were hired."

"We wanted to be filmed, so we stayed," Hosman said.

The rate of pay was \$50 a day and she worked for five days. The filming took place over Thanksgiving vacation and at night in cold weather.

The students and townspeople played spectators for a championship football game. The work was hard and took a lot of patience.

"We had to clap our hands and make no noise, then do the same scene over again clapping with noise for the sound track," she said. "We were required to rush from the stands to congratulate and hug the football players - easy! It took over two hours to film that scene."

Although, she's in the crowd shots, closer shots of Hosman weren't used.

"I ran from the stands right behind the cheerleaders. The cameras rolled and got my picture full-faced. That part was cut," she said.

In the story, a star football player was injured in an automobile accident and his mother was honored at the game. The actress was seated just behind Olsen. As the actress rose to go down the aisle to the playing field, Tia's aunt made it into the scene.

"I was off to the side and just out of focus," Hosman said.

But she wasn't disappointed about left on the cutting room floor.

"I know that I was there and it was okay. It was really neat. We made friends among the actors and football players during lunch break at mid-night. The stars had their own bodyguards. Their trailers were off limits. I



wasn't in a scene with Denzel Washington, but I did get to shake his hand."

She loved the movie when she finally saw it in October.

"(While filming) we had no clue what it about so it was cool to see what the story was," Hosman said. "Would I do it again? Definitely."

Pat Marcantonio contributed to this story.



Above, Tia Hosman, standing right, and her aunt, Amber Olsen of Buhl, left, wait instructions for a key scene in the filming of 'Remember the Titans' in Marietta, Ga. Left, the movie's star, Denzel Washington was 'kind and accommodating,' said Hosman's father, Brent.

'Pirates of Penzance' cuts up the stage

RUPERT — Pirates will raise their flag over Rupert.

The Gilbert and Sullivan classic, "The Pirates of Penzance," will hit the stage this week at East Minico Junior High School.

The story concerns a hapless band of pirates about to lose their only apprentice pirate.

Frederic's old and also hapless nurse suffers angst for mistakenly making him a pirate.

her employer said to make him a "pilot" and her fear of being a spinster.

The plot is complicated when Frederic falls in love with Mabel, the daughter of a major general, and the pirates try to marry the major general's other daughters.



Cast members; left to right: Laree Lottemoser, Aaron Linard, All Coats, Arlen Hunsaker and John Lovelace rehearse for "The Pirates of Penzance." Performances are set this week at the East Minico Junior High School auditorium, 1805 H. St. in Rupert.

Singers deliver a tune and a rose

By Heather Abel
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — They call themselves four ordinary guys, but they make Valentine's Day truly extraordinary.

They are an a cappella (barbershop) quartet named Give & Take and will be taking Valentine's Day off from their regular jobs so they can deliver singing Valentines and roses around the Magic Valley.

The group starts out at 7 a.m. on Feb. 14 and even they will admit, that's a little bit early to be singing.

"It's the first one of the day is interesting," member Paul Bowman says.

After the first song, however, they are warmed up and ready to go. On Valentine's Day, they expect to perform approximately 50 singing Valentines, which means they will be singing every 10 to 15 minutes all day long.

"We drink a lot of water," Bowman says.

At 5 p.m., they will take their wives or significant others out to dinner. After dinner, they will sing to their sweethearts.

The group says they look forward to Valentine's Day and people's various reactions.

"The surprise element is the biggest thing," member Rick Carrico says.

"It's kind of touching too," says Rich Nystrom. "We've sang to people at the cancer center."

Some of the experiences they have had singing to people will always be remembered.

"Singing brings out emotion in people. And I like to see that," Nystrom says.

They sing to men and women. They will go to homes, offices, restaurants or wherever your sweetheart happens to be. They sing love songs like "I Love You Truly," "Heart of My Heart," "Wild Irish Rose" and "Something."

"It usually turns into something pretty neat," Carrico says. "It's just an extra special touch."

The group picks a local charity each year to donate some of their proceeds from the singing Valentines. Last year, they donated to the Southern Idaho Learning Center.



The Givo & Take singers will again be delivering singing Valentines and a rose. They are, from left, Rick Carrico, Rich Nystrom, T. J. Eldredge and Paul Bowman.

"They are also busy other days of the year, not just Valentine's Day. Carrico says received the most exposure with the singing Valentines, but they have performed for various groups, businesses and clubs around the Magic Valley. They also have shared the stage with the MagicHorns and Magic Valley Chorale. They have appeared on KMYT, PAX 55 and KTFI Radio.

"We'll sing any chance we get," Paul Bowman says.



Arlen Raugust and director Wendy Davis talk at his retirement party to honor his 16 years of service as a board member of the Jerome Recreation District.

Rec district honors board member

By Loretta Burkhardt
Times-News correspondent

JEROME — Arlen Raugust's love of basketball led to his involvement with the Jerome Recreation District.

He was recently honored for his 16 years of service on the district's board of directors.

Raugust said that when he began serving on the board in 1984 he had two agendas: he wanted to create programs and develop facilities for the citizens of Jerome County.

And he did.

Raugust was instrumental in securing the present Jerome Recreation District facility at 2032 South Lincoln St. that has a gymnasium and swimming pool. The center was initially built for employees of the former Tupperware plant.

He also helped to bring about renovations, such as changing the gymnasium's cement floor to synthetic plastic and upgrades to the pool so it could be operational.

Raugust was also involved with youth sports activities throughout his years with the district, including coaching for the youth basketball programs.

"In the early 70s before we had the (recreation) district, I'd have to drive to Heyburn just to play (league basketball) (so I was glad to get involved here," said Raugust, who is also the

Jerome Recreation District

Mission: To provide and develop a year-round program of recreation activities and facilities to enhance the quality of life.

The district is a taxing district governed by three board members representing different areas within the district. They are elected to four-year terms by district residents.

For more information, call 324-3389. Source: Jerome Recreation District

owner/operator of Raugust Strawberry Farm and a local sports host on KART Radio.

"We'll really miss him. He likes being involved and seems to bring a sense of balance in his approach to decision making," district director Wendy Davis said.

"I just can't say enough."

Davis also described Raugust as loyal, committed and with a mind like a "steel trap."

"He's a good person," added Jerome City Councilman Joe Skoug.

Lorri Prescott will take Raugust's spot on the board. Other board members are Dave Davis and Dave Parrish.

"The district offers a variety of programs, ranging from sports to crafts to dancing to fencing. The facility also has a volleyball court, two tennis courts, horseshoe pit, playground, two ball fields and picnic area."

"And I feel good about our accomplishments and I feel real confident that we have the right people in the right positions," Raugust said.

Dance and cheer



More than 100 kindergarten through sixth graders attended a cheer and dance workshop at the College of Southern Idaho gymnasium Jan. 20 led by the CSI teams. Participants later performed at half-time at a CSI men's basketball game. The proceeds help the teams with uniform costs and other expenses. "My kids had a good time working with the kids," said Cathy Trotter, coach for the CSI teams. "It was fun."

Notes on the economy
Magic Valley report
Someone out there needs help. Once again, local employers in January placed more newspaper ads looking for workers than they did a year ago. Last month, employers in the Times-News classified advertising section bought 877 employment ads. That's 2 percent more than the 862 such ads of January 2000 and 18 percent more than the 742 of January 1999.
 Sources: The Times-News' classifieds sales manager Debby Johnson

BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Custom furniture store opens on Main
TWIN FALLS — Tri-Valley Custom Furniture, a family-run business specializing in unique log and Aztec designs, opened at 161 Main Ave. E. in Twin Falls in January. Owner Augustine Ferrer, who has been building furniture for almost 20 years, said he makes most of the furniture found in the store. Hand-carved restaurant booths, Aztec "ipali" chairs and log bar stools are included in the inventory and are made out of woods such as mahogany, lodge pine, mesquite, rosewood and "pretty much anything we can get our hands on." Ferrer said he fills custom orders. Also included in the store's inventory are handmade baskets and handbags, three-dimensional paintings and magazine holders. Tri-Valley is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. The phone number is 735-1021 or toll-free 1-877-820-6700.

Pier 1 Imports to acquire furniture chain
FORT WORTH, Texas — Pier 1 Imports Inc. has been searching for more than two years for a small retailer that it could expand into a national chain. The company said it found one close to home. The Fort Worth-based operator of more than 800-home-furnishing stores — including one in Twin Falls — is buying Cargo Furniture, also with headquarters in Fort Worth, from TandyCrafts Inc. Terms were not disclosed, but Pier 1 said the amount was immaterial. Martin Girouard, chairman and chief executive of Pier 1, said Cargo, which now operates 21 stores, will be expanded into a 200- to 300-store chain. "Pier 1 plans to position Cargo as a mid-priced chain in the \$2.7 billion year-end children's furniture market, rather than compete with the more crowded high-end market. "We were patient and prudent and looking for an opportunity. We needed a growth vehicle," Girouard said. Cargo, which is best known for its bunk beds, will operate as a subsidiary of Pier 1. The store is located in strip centers and averages about 4,000 square feet, compared with 10,000 square feet for a typical Pier 1. For TandyCrafts, the Cargo sale ends a two-year divestiture of all but one of its operations, Pinnacle Art & Frame. A spokesman said the TandyCrafts name probably will be dropped.

General Mills brands
KANSAS CITY — International Multifoods Corp., the biggest distributor of the U.S. food vending industry, said Monday it wants to exit that business while expanding another. The Minneapolis-based company said it would seek a buyer for the vending business and other foodservice distribution assets struggling with soaring expenses. At the same time, it will expand its presence in the nation's grain-based foods industry by purchasing several Pillsbury and Hungry Jack baking mix brands from its cross-town rival, General Mills. It plans to spend \$305 million for Pillsbury's specialty and desserts business, including Hungry Jack mashed potato and pancake mixes and Pillsbury's non-custom foodservice baking mix. Compiled from staff and wire reports

eBits offers free business consulting

Privately funded high-tech education effort brings help to MV businesses
 By Virginia S. Hutchins
 Times-News writer

Reach eBits instructor Scott Bennett at 385-2008, or by e-mail at scott@ebits.org. There are four ways eBits can help an individual small business, with no charge for labor:
 • Work with a small business that does not have a website to develop and maintain a web page using Net Objects 4.0.
 • Assess needs for new hardware and software, assist in upgrading the equipment and train employees to use their new resources.
 • Help a small business set up and configure a DSL modem as well as share the DSL over a network.
 • Assess the security of a network and help install a firewall and virus protection.

and the like, given by eBits, a nonprofit funded by a grant from Qwest Communications. "We've run into a lot of businesses that really need the next step," eBits instructor Scott Bennett said Monday. For example, a small company might need a hand creating a web page, improving an existing one or connecting its office connected to the Internet. The free classes addressed those topics, but with Bennett's hiring in early June as the nonprofit's third instructor, eBits is able to do more

now. Individual consulting sessions will work toward a specific end product, such as putting a web page online. "We want businesses to change the way they do things using technology," Bennett said, adding that forists with websites attract out-of-town customers who are researching flower options online, for example. Construction companies can create online portfolios with references, previous projects and certifications. Please see CONSULTING, Page C5

Western business YEE HAW!



Sean Rutledge, manager of Corral West Ranchwear, holds some of the hats he sells in Bend, Ore., recently. Today the nation is led by a Texan who wore boots to his inauguration and a vice president from Wyoming. If American fashion follows historic trends it could mean boots with suits will become standard business wear. "We're already seeing an upsurge in sales," said Rutledge.

Will Dubya's cowboy boots influence Fifth Avenue?

The Associated Press
BEND, Ore. — When President John F. Kennedy quit wearing a hat in public, millions of men abandoned their fedoras. FDR used a cigarette holder, and millions of smokers followed his example. And now the nation is led by a Texan who wore boots to his inauguration and a vice president from Wyoming. If American fashion follows historic trends, could this mean boots with suits will become standard business wear, that bolo ties may replace silk neckties, or that cowboy hats become common in Manhattan's concrete canyons? The prospect of surging Western wear sales has drawn an enthusiastic "YEE-HAW!" from local retailers. "We're already seeing an upsurge in sales," said Sean Rutledge, manager of Corral West-Ranchwear at the Bend River Mall. "Western wear sales have always been pretty consistent, but now we're seeing a country influence in a lot of other fashion areas." Corral West, a chain store headquartered in Wyoming, carries a full line of Western wear and is promoting spring lines of clothing based on Western styles, he said, but targeted at new consumers. "The whole Wrangler 20X line is geared toward younger people, and some of the fashions, such as Roper jeans, have flared bottoms,

fringe and look almost like the hip-huggers people wore 25 years ago," Rutledge said. "Some of the clothes are giving me flashbacks to the 70s." Michele Segel, owner of the Painted Pony Trading Co., said the Bush-Cheney fashion influence is "going to be really good for my business." Segel describes her store as a "Western boutique for the city cowboy." "I loved the inauguration. Bush wore boots, and you saw all these velvet dresses worn with boots," Segel said. "For the fashion people, this (trend) is going to be really good." The Painted Pony depends heavily on tourist trade, Segel said, and Western wear has always been popular. But another upscale clientele consists of well-heeled Californians who have moved to Bend, she said, and who are searching for a different "look." "They're changing their style from California to Central Oregon," Segel said. "They want the Western look, but they want it to be a little more sophisticated, English and fashionable, and they aren't afraid to spend money." Western formal wear is a small, but steady market for local retail stores. Bethany Dailey, formal wear manager at Roberts in Bend, said Western-style tuxes annually

account for about 10 to 15 percent of their total tuxedo rentals. The store carries three different Western-style tuxedos. Currently, the most popular accessories include bolo ties, a 1-inch black satin tie, and a banded collar with a large button in front. But for people looking for the real, honest-to-God cowboy look, there is Big R in Redmond, an all-purpose farm and ranch department store where real cowboys shop, and where a customer can buy anything from horse troughs to boots and hats. Cecelia Thomas, manager of the clothing and footwear department, said one of the store's most consistent sellers is Wrangler jeans. "The Central Oregon area is being swayed with the Western style," Thomas said. "And that (fashion influence from Washington) will just make sales better." Most of Big R's clientele are working cowboys, ranchers and farmers, she said, and getting that real Western look takes a certain panache. "It's easy to spot the wannabes," Thomas said. "They dress more high-fashion; their boots are always polished and their hats are clean. I know guys who send their jeans to the cleaners."

Thomas said, you have to be the right attitude. "Dressing up for these guys is putting on a clean shirt and jeans and a pair of oil-tanned boots with a trace of barnyard on them," Thomas said. "The real cowboy seldom polishes his boots, his hat is all crinkled up, and you can tell where he sweats it in." The cowboy dress code is really pretty simple, Rutledge said. High-water-pants are a dead giveaway, Rutledge said, and with the exception of John Wayne, most wannabes wear boots with jeans that are way too short. Rutledge advises buying jeans at least two inches longer than normal if they will be worn with boots. Steer away from loud or flashy shirts, he said and don't buy too big of a belt buckle. "The most popular boots right now are the round-toed, relatively flat-heeled Roper-style boots," Rutledge said. "The traditional pointed-toe, beveled-heel boots will never go out of style," he said. "But today's consumers are also looking for comfort." In the hat department, he said, the industry standard is a 4-inch brim with a 4-inch crown. Hats are a seasonal item, he added, and a real cowboy wears felt during cold weather, and straw when it warms up. Rutledge predicts that the Western look will do well back East, as consumers, influenced by the Bush example, discover the practicality, durability and comfort of Western-style clothing. "You'll probably be seeing a few more cowboy hats around the White House," Rutledge said. "And that's a good thing."

Feds, states work toward CanaMex Corridor

The Associated Press
POCATELLO — Public meetings already are taking place on a far-reaching proposal that would create a high-tech corridor along Interstate 15, from Canada to Mexico. The so-called CanaMex Corridor would pass through Montana, Idaho, Utah, Nevada and Arizona and a draft plan estimates it would create 117,000 new jobs in Idaho. A draft plan estimates the corridor would create 117,000 new jobs in Idaho. More than \$1 million has been spent studying the CanaMex Corridor Plan so far, and the U.S. Transportation Department has designated I-15 a high priority. "They are prepared to make major investments," said Paul Zelus, director of Idaho State University's Center for Business Research. "If this becomes a reality, we're talking about big, big money." But the job projections run through the year 2030, and the plan so far is only a consultant's report. And because it would free up borders from Canada to Mexico, Zelus said, Idaho's struggling agriculture sector would likely see the proposal as the end to business. "The last thing (they) need is cheap Canadian wheat coming into Idaho," he said. However, the proposal also calls for extensive revamping of telecommunications capabilities in rural areas. About 46,000 jobs would be created by that initiative alone. The plan calls for final details to be accepted in April. It recommends that up to \$70 million be spent in Pocatello for interchange enhancement and overpass reconstruction alone. If it is implemented, it also would call for overhaul and development of transportation, commercial and communications infrastructure of areas along the CanaMex route. The CanaMex Corridor Plan outlines a number of initiatives. They include creation of a smart freight corridor, a smart tourist corridor — which could mean branding; cooperative marketing and increased use of information technology — and the creation of smart process partnerships.

Idaho man faces charges in web scheme

The Associated Press
BLACKFOOT — Resident George M. Anderson is among six people being prosecuted by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission for allegedly creating an Internet scheme that bilked investors of \$8.8 million. Anderson and four others are named as relief defendants,

which means the commission does not accuse them of violating the law, but of profiting from illegal activity. Donald Allen English of Ohio is named as the primary defendant. The Securities and Exchange Commission recently reported that English, Ronald L. Warner of Utah, Aaron Carr and Joan M. Eveleno both of Florida, Steven McAllister of Massachusetts and Anderson founded E-Biz and EE-Biz. A U.S. District judge has issued an order freezing the companies' assets. The commission said English organized a scheme through which at least 22,000 investor accounts lost money. English registered two Internet web sites, which billed E-Biz as a Christian-based humanitarian organization

that could provide "very large, long-term monthly income with virtually NO effort." Government officials allege that English used investor funds to repay earlier investors and to purchase thousands of dollars worth of personal items. Anderson admits to being a company founder, but denies he intended to take anyone's money. He says he, too, fell vic-

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MONEY

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The report is a survey of more than 370 purchasing and supply managers from over 60 different sectors ranging from agriculture to wholesale trade.

The Federal Reserve Bank responded to the signs of a slowdown by cutting short-term interest rates by half a percentage point last week. It was the second rate cut in a month, and left rates at 5.50%.

The Federal Reserve committee that sets monetary policy is scheduled to meet again in late March.

Feds force divestiture in U.S. Bancorp merger

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Justice Department approved the merger of Firststar Corp. with U.S. Bancorp in the nation's eighth largest bank after the banks agreed to sell 13 branches with \$756 million in deposits in Minnesota and Iowa.

The agreement to sell the branches resolved competitive concerns raised by the department's antitrust division. With the sale, the divi-

sion will raise no objection to the required final approval of the deal by the Federal Reserve System's board of governors.

Firststar agreed to sell 11 branches in the Minneapolis-St. Paul area and about \$180 million in middle-market loans. In addition, it will allow the buyer to hire a number of its commercial loan officers.

The company also will sell two branches in Council Bluffs,

Iowa. Firststar also has agreed for the time being that any branches closed in the two markets as a result of the merger will be sold to a commercial bank if the bank's offer is equal to or higher than that of non-bank bidders.

Headquartered in Milwaukee, Firststar has \$7.4 billion in assets and \$52.7 billion in deposits in banks in Arizona, Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas,

Kentucky, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio, Tennessee and Wisconsin. U.S. Bancorp, headquartered in Minneapolis, has \$86.2 billion in assets and \$52.5 billion in deposits in banks in California, Colorado, Iowa, Idaho — including Magic Valley — Illinois, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, Wisconsin and Wyoming.

Phillips buys Tosco in unusual move

NEW YORK (AP) — In a move that runs counter to recent wisdom in the energy business, the pumping oil out of the ground is more profitable than refining it — Phillips Petroleum Co. is paying \$7 billion in stock for Tosco Corp., the nation's third-biggest oil refiner.

The integrated oil and gas company will gain Tosco's eight oil refineries in the United States, with a total capacity of 1.35 million barrels per day. Phillips' refining capacity — 1.7 million barrels per day — will be second only to ExxonMobil Corp.

And Tosco's 6,000 gas stations and convenience stores will make the combined company the nation's third-biggest gasoline retailer, with 12,300 retail outlets. The deal is scheduled to close by the end of the third quarter.

Phillips' proposed purchase of Tosco is the first example in recent memory of an integrated oil company buying an independent oil refiner. Integrated oil and gas companies have been shifting their focus away from downstream operations — refining and marketing — toward the upstream activities of exploration and production.

Oil merger

Phillips Petroleum Co. has agreed to purchase Tosco Corp. in a \$7-billion stock transaction. The deal is expected to close by the end of the third quarter, pending approval from shareholders and federal regulators.

Phillips Petroleum Company has about 5,900 gas stations across the country under the brand "Phillips 66." In August, Phillips announced a venture to explore and develop nearly 150,000 acres on the North Slope and Beaufort Sea in Alaska.

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Tech fall on earnings worries; blue chips rise

NEW YORK (AP) — Investors in search of safe investment bets sent blue chips sharply higher Monday. Technology issues slid for a second straight session, reflecting fears that the already battered sector will suffer the most in an economic slowdown.

Analysts said many investors unloaded high-tech issues amid their nervousness about whether Cisco Systems, which is expected to release earnings Tuesday.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 101.75 to 9,665.85. Broader market indexes ended the session mixed. The Nasdaq composite index slipped 17.25 to 2,643.21, but the Standard & Poor's 500 index advanced 4.84 to 1,354.31. Corporate profits again were the focus, with the tech sector under especially strong scrutiny in advance of Cisco's results and its outlook for future quarters. The apprehension spread to other tech stocks, particularly semiconductor and computer companies. Sun Microsystems lost \$1.31 to close at \$27.88, and Intel slipped 86 cents to \$34.81. But IBM gained \$1.95 to \$112.22.

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Consulting

Articles discussing consulting services, including website development and business strategy.

CSI schedules small-office network training

Article about CSI's small-office network training program and its benefits for businesses.

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Opinion piece by Hank Ebert discussing the value of his business and the importance of networking.

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Feds force divestiture in U.S. Bancorp merger

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Justice Department approved the merger of Firststar Corp. with U.S. Bancorp into the nation's eighth largest bank after the banks agreed to sell 13 branches with \$76 million in deposits in Minnesota and Iowa.

The agreement to sell the branches resolved competitive concerns raised by the department's antitrust division. With the sale, the division will raise no objection to the required final approval of the deal by the Federal Reserve System's board of governors.

Firststar agreed to sell 11 branches in the Minneapolis-St. Paul area and about \$180 million in middle-market loans. In addition, it will allow the buyer to hire a number of its commercial officers.

The company also will sell two branches in Council Bluffs, Iowa. Firststar also has agreed for the time being that any branches closed in the two markets as a result of the merger will be sold to a commercial bank if the bank's offer is equal to or higher than that of non-bank bidders.

Headquartered in Milwaukee, Firststar has \$74.4 billion in assets and \$52.7 billion in deposits in banks in Arizona, Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio, Tennessee and Wisconsin.

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Phillips buys Tosco in unusual move

BridgeNews

NEW YORK (AP) In a move that runs counter to recent wisdom in the energy business that pumping oil out of the ground is more profitable than refining it, Phillips 66 has bought Tosco Corp., the nation's third-biggest oil refiner.

The integrated oil and gas company will gain Tosco's eight oil refineries in the United States, with a total capacity of 1.35 million barrels per day. Phillips' refining capacity-1.7 million barrels per day-will be second only to ExxonMobil Corp.

And Tosco's 6,400 gas stations and convenience stores will make the combined company the nation's third-biggest gasoline retailer, with 12,300 retail outlets. The deal is scheduled to close by the end of the third quarter.

Phillips' proposed purchase of Tosco is the first example in recent memory of an integrated oil company buying an independent oil refiner. Integrated oil and gas companies have been shifting their focus away from downstream operations-refining and marketing-toward the upstream activities of exploration and pro-

Oil merger

Phillips Petroleum Co. has agreed to purchase Tosco Corp. in a \$3 stock transaction. The deal is expected to close by the end of the 1201, pending approval from shareholders and federal regulators.

Phillips Petroleum Co. has about 5,900 gas stations across the country under the brand "Phillips 66." In August, Phillips announced a venture to explore and develop nearly 150,000 acres on the North Slope and Beaufort Sea in Alaska.

Bartlesville, Okla. Headquarters: 2000 sales

21.2 billion 2000 net income \$1.66 billion Employees 12,400 Sources: Hoover's; compiled from AP wire reports

Tosco

The company has 6,400 stations in 32 states or under Circle K and 76 refineries in 5 states he capacity to process 1.3 barrels of oil per day.

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Techs fall on earnings worries; blue chips rise

NEW YORK (AP) - Investors in search of safe investment bets sent blue chips sharply higher Monday. Technology issues slid for a second straight session, reflecting fears that the already battered sector will suffer the most in an economic slowdown.

Analysts said many investors unloaded high-tech issues amid their nervousness about whether Cisco Systems, which is expected to release earnings Tuesday.

The Dow Jones Industrial average rose 101.75 to 10,965.85. Broader market indexes ended the session mixed. The Nasdaq composite index slipped 0.32 to 2,649.21, but the Standard & Poor's 500 index advanced 4.84 to 1,354.31.

Corporate profits again were the focus, with the tech sector under especially strong scrutiny in advance of Cisco's results and its outlook for future quarters. The apprehension spread to other tech stocks, particularly semiconductor and computer companies. Sun Microsystems slid \$1.31 to close at \$27.88, and Intel slipped \$2.82 to \$34.81. But IBM gained \$1.95 to \$112.22.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

Table with columns: Name, Div, Last, Chg, High, Low, Volume, etc. Lists various stocks and their performance.

MARKET SUMMARY

Summary of NYSE, AMEX, and NASDAQ activity. Includes Most Active, Gainers, and Losers.

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Summary of INDEXES activity. Includes 52-Week, NYSE, and AMEX.

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HOW TO READ THE MARKET REPORT

Here are the 525 most active stocks on the New York Stock Exchange, the 400 most active on the Nasdaq National Market and the 100 most active on the American Stock Exchange. Mutual funds are listed by name, ticker symbol, and fund type. Stocks are listed alphabetically by ticker symbol. Each listing includes the company name, ticker symbol, price, change, and volume.

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Table of bean futures prices, including soybean and lima bean contracts, with prices and changes.

GRAINS

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CHEESE

Table of cheese futures prices, including cheddar and mozzarella contracts, with prices and changes.

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Table of potato futures prices, including Idaho and other varieties, with prices and changes.

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Table of sugar futures prices, including various grades of sugar, with prices and changes.

MARKETS

Table of market indices and prices, including S&P 500, Dow Jones, and other major indices.

LIVESTOCK

Table of livestock futures prices, including cattle, hogs, and sheep, with prices and changes.

FOSSIL FUELS

Table of fossil fuel futures prices, including oil, natural gas, and heating oil, with prices and changes.

METALS/CURRENCY

Table of metals and currency futures prices, including gold, silver, and various currencies, with prices and changes.

Consulting

Articles discussing consulting services, including website development, business strategy, and IT solutions.

CSI schedules small-office network training

Article about CSI's network training program for small businesses, highlighting the benefits of DSL and network services.

Some of eBits' new class offerings address DSL and networking

Article detailing eBits' new DSL and networking classes, aimed at helping small businesses improve their online presence.

Recent eBits classes in Hagerman were attended by folks from Hagerman, Wendell, Buhl and Twin Falls, said Scott.

Article reporting on the success of recent eBits classes in Hagerman, Wendell, Buhl, and Twin Falls, with local business owners attending.

These days are mostly about getting back to the arena if there's enough interest, Bennett said.

Article discussing the challenges of returning to the market and the importance of networking and support.

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NEW YORK (AP) - Idaho Farm Bureau International...

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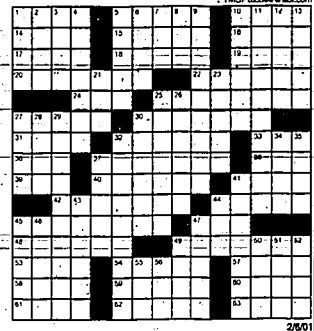
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Table of mutual fund performance data, including fund names, assets, and returns.

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52 Cop, to criminals
55 At this time
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Don't judge raffle winner by cover

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When I read the letter from the quilting, it reminded me of a raffle that took place about 50 years ago, held by an American Legion Post. I was still living in my native state of North Carolina at the time. The \$1 tickets were for a dance at the post and a chance to win a new Cadillac.

DEAR NOAH: I had many personal problems over the years. Earlier this year, after years of hard work, I finally received my college degree.

As for your advice to the complaining ladies, I would take it a step further. HE is the one with love and compassion, and it should rub off on THEM.

DEAR ABBY: I'm 76, and this is my first letter to an advice columnist. (I started reading advice columns years ago when Dorothy Dix wrote one.)

One ticket was bought by a black man. He knew he would not be allowed to go to the dance; however, he figured that his dollar was going to a good cause.

DEAR ROBIN: If you sent graduation announcements to the people in your life, and they didn't respond, I don't blame you for being hurt.

Taurus: Take special care in traffic today

IF FEBRUARY 6TH IS YOUR BIRTHDAY... you have an unusual voice and sense of drama. You are affectionate and usually side with the underdog.

HOROSCOPE Sydney Omarr
Taurus will play exciting roles. Get rid of fire hazards. GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Your kind of day! Focus on humor, communication and writing skills.

Virgo. Be discreet. Don't tell all. Don't confide or confess. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Focus on organization, distribution and promotion.

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Christian theme park opens amid protests

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) - A Christian theme park that recreates the Holy Land during the time of Jesus opened Monday amid protests from critics who say the attraction is aimed at converting Jews.

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20): Take special care in traffic. Be sure mechanical objects are in working order. Scorpio, another

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Be careful, someone wants to fool you. Don't give them the satisfaction! Get commitments in

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Scientists invent Korean dish without the smell

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) - Get in the back of a cab or into an elevator in Seoul and you might just catch a whiff of Korea's most famous dish, kimchi.

mouth-jarring food: scentless kimchi. The new kimchi does not cause bad breath either, he said.

at home, but most now buy kimchi produced in factories. Kimchi is exported to the United States, Japan and a few other European and Asian nations.

they used a new fermenting process that retains the taste but eliminates the aroma.

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The Twin Falls Highway District has declared the following equipment as surplus property and offers the same for bid purchase.

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SPORTS

Mario and Wayne back in the spotlight

DENVER (AP) — Two Hall of Fame players should dominate the headlines again in the month-long NHL season...



Wayne Gretzky behind first-place San Jose in the Pacific Division.

While Lemieux continues his comeback as the biggest star on the team he owns, the Pittsburgh Penguins, Gretzky is trying to finalize a deal that will put him in charge of the Phoenix Coyotes.

Behind first-place San Jose in the Pacific Division. Once the Coyotes' situation is settled and player movement begins, the rest of the NHL will be free to make other trades.

The much-talked-about and delayed sale of the Coyotes from Richard Burke to Gretzky and developer Steve Ellman has been completed by the end of 2000.

Aside from his Coyotes dealings, Gretzky is the executive director of the Canadian national team that will take part in next year's Salt Lake City Olympics.

When and if Gretzky takes over, it could open the trade floodgates leading up to the March 13 dealing deadline.

Lemieux has certainly made more noise with his stick than in front of the net since he re-joined the Penguins on the ice following a 3.5-year retirement.

Coyotes free agent goalie Nikolai Khabibulin has been played in a 15-year because of a contract dispute, and he is an interesting commodity to teams looking to make a run at the Stanley Cup.

If the Penguins can upgrade their goaltending situation, a run deep in the playoffs is quite possible with Lemieux and a rejuvenated

It is unclear if Phoenix would be willing to trade other top players such as Keith Tkachuk and Jeremy Roenick because the Coyotes are only seven points

ed Jaromir Jagr. The Czech superstar, who withdrew from Sunday's All-Star game Nov. 14-15 by North Carolina...

The St. Louis Blues could look to deal a goalie in exchange for help elsewhere to try to avoid a repeat of the first-round playoff elimination last year after completing the NHL's top record.

St. Louis has a goalie surplus with Roman Turek and super-backup Brent Johnson. Turek has 18 wins and a 2.22 goals-against average, Johnson is 16-4 with a 1.84 GAA.

Colorado enters the second half as the only team still with single-digit regulation losses (35-9-8-1). The Avalanche, who placed five players in the starting lineup for the All-Star game, seek to beat the Dallas Stars — the team that knocked them out of the Western Conference finals last two seasons.

San Jose and Detroit join the Blues, Coyotes and Avalanche as the favorites to win the West. "The Western Conference is an absolute debacle, mess, craziness," Edmonton's Doug Weight said.

In the East, the Stanley Cup champion New Jersey Devils are fighting division-rival Philadelphia and Northeast Division-leading Ottawa for the top spot.

Doherty gets first No. 1 as coach

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. (AP) — Matt Doherty became accustomed to being No. 1 when he played for North Carolina in the early 1980s. The Tar Heels were the top-ranked team in the Associated Press poll 29 weeks during his career.

College polls — Scores and Stats

Doherty said when asked to compare being No. 1 as a player and coach. "As a player you were concerned about yourself and that's about it. As a coach you worry about the opponents, your player's psyche, all these kind of different things."

first year: Guttridge did it with the Tar Heels on Dec. 15, 1997. This is the 80th-time North Carolina (192) has been ranked No. 1 and it's the first time since the final poll of the 1997-98 season.

Doherty joins former North Carolina coach Bill Guttridge as the only coaches in Atlantic Coast Conference history to take their teams to the No. 1 ranking in their

The Tar Heels, who extended their winning streak to 16 games with a victory over the Yellow Jackets, received 60 first-place votes and 1,787 points from the nationwide media panel in making the move from No. 4.

The 80 polls at No. 1 puts the Tar Heels third on the all-time list behind UCLA (128) and Kentucky (87). Duke is next on the list at 75 polls.

Irish still lead; Lady Vols surging

The Associated Press

Notre Dame held the No. 1 spot in The Associated Press women's basketball poll for the third straight week Monday and surging Tennessee replaced Connecticut at No. 2.

by solid margins last week to remain the nation's only unbeaten Division I team. The Irish received 39 of a possible 40 first-place votes from the national media panel and had 999 points.

games since Tamika Catchings, last season's national player of the year, was sidelined by a torn knee ligament.

Tennessee (23-1), which has won 12 straight since a five-point loss at Connecticut Dec. 30, received the other first-place vote and had 958 points.

Connecticut (18-2), which was No. 1 the first 11 weeks of the season, slipped from second to third — the Huskies rebounded from Tennessee loss to beat them Nov. 24 with a 75-69 victory. But they will have to play the rest of the season without Svetlana Abrosimova, who tore a ligament in her left foot against Tennessee.

The Lady Vols avenged that loss by beating Connecticut 92-88 at Knoxville last Thursday, then posted a 97-75 win at Alabama. They've won seven

Villanova dropped out of the poll, as did Baylor and Oregon.

BASEBALL

Baseball All-Time Top 25

Table with columns: Player, Record, Franchise, Position. Lists top 25 baseball players of all time.

1933-1934

Table with columns: Team, Record, Franchise, Position. Lists top 25 baseball teams of all time.

IN THE BLEACHERS

By Steve Moore

Table with columns: Team, Record, Franchise, Position. Lists top 25 basketball teams of all time.

ON THE AIR

TELEVISION

Table with columns: Event, Network, Time. Lists sports events on television.

ATP Money Leaders

Table with columns: Player, Points, Franchise. Lists top ATP tennis players.

Sanex WTA Tour Money Leaders

Table with columns: Player, Points, Franchise. Lists top WTA tennis players.

Collegiate Baseball

Division I Top 25

Table with columns: Team, Record, Franchise, Position. Lists top 25 Division I college baseball teams.

Division II Top 25

Table with columns: Team, Record, Franchise, Position. Lists top 25 Division II college baseball teams.

Division III Top 25

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BASKETBALL

NBA Standings

Table with columns: Team, Record, Franchise, Position. Lists NBA team standings.

WNBA Standings

Table with columns: Team, Record, Franchise, Position. Lists WNBA team standings.

College Standings

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PGA TOUR

PGA TOUR Standings

Table with columns: Player, Points, Franchise. Lists top PGA TOUR players.

LPGA Money Leaders

Table with columns: Player, Points, Franchise. Lists top LPGA money leaders.

WOMEN'S

Women's Top 25

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MONDAY'S

Monday's NBA Games

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Monday's WNBA Games

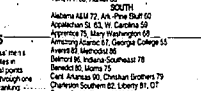
Table with columns: Team, Opponent, Time, Franchise. Lists Monday's WNBA games.

Monday's College Games

Table with columns: Team, Opponent, Time, Franchise. Lists Monday's college basketball games.

IN THE FINAL STAGE

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FOOTBALL

Football Standings

Table with columns: Team, Record, Franchise, Position. Lists football team standings.

WHL Standings

Table with columns: Team, Record, Franchise, Position. Lists WHL team standings.

TRANSACTIONS

Table with columns: Team, Player, Franchise. Lists player transactions.

PGA TOUR

PGA TOUR Standings

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LPGA Money Leaders

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SKIING

Skiing Report

Table with columns: Event, Winner, Franchise. Lists skiing results.

HOCKEY

NHL Standings

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World Alpine Championships

Table with columns: Event, Winner, Franchise. Lists alpine skiing results.

2001 Tennis

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Table with columns: Player, Points, Franchise. Lists top tennis players.

COMICS

Classic Peanuts

By Charles M. Schulz



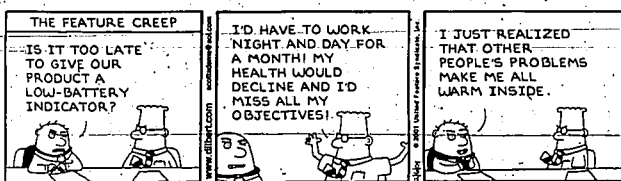
For Better or For Worse

By Lynn Johnston



Dilbert

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Blonde

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B.C.

By Johnny Hart



Pickles

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The Family Circus

By Bill Keane



Hi and Lois

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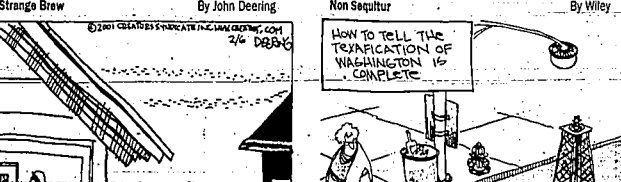


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