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GOOD MORNING

WEATHER

Today: Mostly cloudy with occasional snow. High, 38. Same tonight. Low, 22.

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MAGIC VALLEY

Something in the air: Snowboarders and skiers converged at Pomerelle. Saturday to hurl themselves off giant jumps.



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MONEY

Good start for 2001: Twin Falls' construction values in January climbed a respectable 22 percent from the year-ago total.

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To state: Jerome's girls' basketball team reared the District IV-VI title and top seed to state with a resounding win Saturday.



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This is justice? Judge Deborah Bail has issued a non-decision in Idaho's school funding case, today's editorial says.

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In the light



The transmission lines at Shorock power plant carry thousands of volts of electricity into the Idaho Power network. The plant catches the energy of water falling out of Rock Creek and is close to the proposed site of a plant at Auger Falls.

Some cities own generating facilities, supply own needs

By John T. Huddy
Times-News writer

But officials from Redding and nearby Idaho Falls say the move has some risks.

TWIN FALLS - While rolling blackouts riddle the rest of California, the northern California city of Redding basks in the light of its own success. Redding, a city of about 80,000 people, is located in an area best known for towering evergreens. But these days, Redding is making a name for itself - for owning and operating its own electric utility, which is faring well during tumultuous times. Redding isn't the only city that owns and operates its own power system. And Twin Falls city leaders are looking closely at the idea of setting up a city-owned power plant on the Auger Falls stretch of the Snake River, about three miles downstream from the Perrine Bridge.

Pros and cons
Redding uses three city-owned gas turbine generators, a steam plant and a hydroelectric plant. Redding generates enough power to satisfy winter peaks of 110 megawatts and summer peaks of 215 megawatts - with energy left to spare. One megawatt is one million watts - enough to power 10,000 100-watt light bulbs.

Municipal power systems definitely have benefits, said Pat Keener, a spokesman for Redding's city energy services division. "Local control and local jurisdiction," he said. "Basically

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Burley's superintendent would jump at chance to generate power

By Aaron Brock
Times-News writer

BURLEY - If it were to generate and market its own power, Twin Falls would be unique in the Magic Valley, and might have advantages over other power distributors.

"If we could have our own generation today, and have our costs fixed, we would be in a very favorable situation," said Bud Tracy, general manager of the Raft River Electric Co-op, which purchases power from a range of suppliers, then markets it to area residents.

Given the opportunity, Burley Electric, which purchases power from the Bonneville Power Administration, would try to generate its own power, said City Electric Superintendent Dile Monson.

"I would be jumping over myself to try to develop that," he said. "The city has a lot more control over its power rates."

Prices for electricity around the nation are sky high. That increases the appeal of a generation plant, in which prices can be controlled and stabilized to a greater degree.

But prices might not remain so high.

"I think prices are higher now than they will be in the future," Tracy said.

Relying solely on hydroelectric power could backfire, especially in times of standardized water flow. The current power supplier for Twin Falls - Idaho Power - has a mix of resources, and does not rely entirely on hydroelectric generation.

Because Idaho Power is diversified, it is likely more capable of

Auger Falls project faces high hurdles

By N.S. Nokkentved
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Despite renewed interest in the moribund Auger Falls hydroelectric project, no one has asked the Idaho Water Resources Board about changing the state water plan to allow the project.

The state water plan - adopted in 1996 and approved by the Legislature in 1997 - put that section of river off limits to new hydro plants.

That could pose a legal question, board Chairman Joe Jordan said: Would a new project be allowed at Auger Falls, where a federal license was canceled last year?

The Twin Falls City Council last week submitted its own preliminary application for a power plant at Auger Falls to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, the agency that regulates non-federal hydro projects.

In addition to a competing application filed in January by a Rigby company, the city's proposal faces a number of obstacles. Skeptics have questioned the economic viability of the project that would have to meet tough environmental constraints, and would not be able to generate power during the part of the year when power prices are highest.

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A BRIGHT IDEA?

handling fluctuations in weather and market conditions than Twin Falls.

Like Burley, Heyburn purchases power from the BPA, and then markets it to customers.

Clinging a lawsuit filed by the J.R. Simplot Co., which is seeking the right to purchase power from an alternate source, Heyburn officials declined comment about the benefits or drawbacks of its system.

But one of Simplot's points of contention in the lawsuit is that Heyburn, which does not manufacture its own power, might not have exclusive rights to market electricity to the potato processing plant.

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U.S. sub accidentally sinks Japanese boat

The Associated Press

HONOLULU - The 35 people on board the 180-foot Japanese fishing vessel Ehime Maru heard a loud thump and felt a shudder. The lights went out and sea water flooded in, mixing with noxious diesel fuel as a U.S. submarine crashed into the hull from the depths of the Pacific.

Those who could, scrambled to the decks and jumped into the chippy 77-degree waters to save their lives. The 26 who made it crawled into automatically inflated life rafts floating in a field of debris as their ship sank in 1,800 feet of water 15 miles southeast of Pearl Harbor.

"I was in a panic," survivor Atsushi Kamado, 16, told the Honolulu Star-Bulletin through a translator. "We had believed the boat was completely safe and never thought it would sink."

On Saturday, Coast Guard and Navy search crews sought other survivors among the nine still missing, including three crewmen, two teachers and four high school students who'd taken the voyage to learn how to fish.

The Navy, meanwhile, said it was investigating what went wrong as the submarine practiced an emergency surfacing maneuver that put it on a collision course with the Japanese ship.

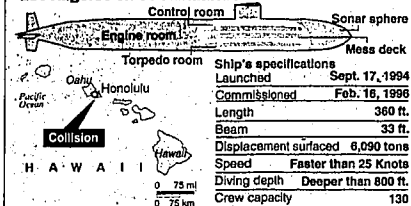
A search of 1,453 square miles by Saturday morning had turned up no sign of survivors, said Lt. Greg Fondran, spokesman for the U.S. Coast Guard.

"We're treating this search and

Submarine collides with fishing boat

On Friday, a U.S. submarine collided with a commercial fishing boat with 35 people aboard near Honolulu Harbor. The submarine is a nuclear-powered Los Angeles class attack class armed with Tomahawk missiles. Here's a look at the vessel the Navy considers the backbone of its submarine fleet.

Los Angeles class submarine



Sources: Military Analysis Network, compiled from AP wire reports

rescue case as if they're out there and we're going to find them," he said.

The nuclear-powered attack submarine USS Greenville was on a routine one-day training mission Friday afternoon when it surfaced underneath the Ehime Maru, splitting it open and sinking it within 10 minutes.

The survivors, many soaked in diesel fuel, were rescued by two Coast Guard boats that responded to an emergency locator signal activated when the boat sank.

They were taken to the Coast Guard's Sand Island base in Honolulu Harbor, and several were treated at hospitals for minor injuries and exposure to

the fuel.

A dozen stayed overnight at a hotel, emerging Saturday morning for breakfast. Having lost everything, they still wore blue jumpsuits issued at the Coast Guard base.

Kamado, who was studying engineering on the Ehime Maru, said he was on the second level from the bottom of the ship when the submarine hit. He said he heard a loud noise, the lights went out, and he saw smoke and oil coming from the engine room and water flooding in.

With no time to grab a life jacket, he raced to the bridge. He said

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A survivor from a Japanese fishing boat that collided with the USS Greenville walks from a U.S. Coast Guard vessel to a waiting ambulance.

Heyburn busts nets drugs, guns

The Times-News

HEYBURN - The Minidoka County Special Response Team assisted in a drug bust in Heyburn Friday night that uncovered drugs and 58 gns.

Dennis Mix, 43, was arrested at his home at 811 21st St. in Heyburn at approximately 9:30 p.m. Friday, said Lt. Dan Kindig of the Minidoka County Sheriff's Office.

Mix was charged with delivery of a controlled substance and was being held at the Mini-Cassia Criminal Justice Center on a \$20,000 bond.

The arrest ends an 11-month investigation conducted by the Minidoka and Cassia County sheriff's departments, with help from the Heyburn and Rupert police departments, Kindig said.

A confidential informant was used in the investigation, Kindig said. Two controlled drug buys, using the informant, led to the arrest, Kindig said.

An undetermined amount of marijuana, as well as another controlled substance, were found along with the weapons, he said.

Kindig said the case was still under investigation. No other details were available at press time Saturday.

Apologies

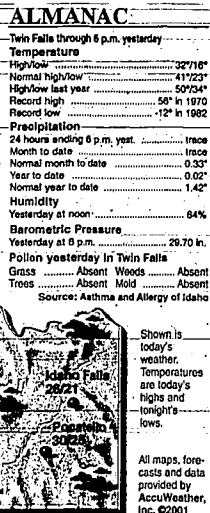
TOKYO - President Bush apologized to Japan Saturday for the accidental sinking of a Japanese fishing vessel by a U.S. nuclear submarine, as the search for four 17-year-old students and five other missing Japanese continued in the waters some 15 miles off the Hawaiian island of Oahu.

Bush expressed "regrets and condolences" and Secretary of State Colin Powell named Japanese Foreign Minister Yohel Kono to apologize for the incident.

- Knight Ridder News Service

FORECAST FOR MAGIC VALLEY

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REGIONAL WEATHER

Southern Idaho: Mostly cloudy today with occasional snow; the bulk of the snow will come in the afternoon in the west. Mostly cloudy tonight and tomorrow with some additional snow.

Boise: Mostly cloudy today; a few snow showers this morning, then a steadier snow this afternoon. Mostly cloudy tonight with occasional snow. Cloudy to partly sunny tomorrow with morning snow showers.

Northern Nevada: Another storm moving in from the Pacific will bring periods of snow to northern Nevada today and tonight; accumulations will average a couple of inches. A few snow showers tomorrow.

Northern Utah: Mostly cloudy today with occasional snow. Another storm moving in from the Pacific will bring an increase in snow across northern Utah tonight and tomorrow with several inches likely.

Northern Idaho: Cloudy to partly sunny today with no more than a few random snow flurries. Partly to mostly cloudy tonight with flurries possible in the south. Clouds and some sunshine tomorrow.

NATIONAL EXTREMES Yesterday (for the 48 contiguous states)
 High 88° in Fort Myers, FL Low -28° in Park Rapids, MN

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today 7:40 a.m.
 Sunset tonight 6:05 p.m.
 Moonrise today 10:31 a.m.
 Moonset tonight 9:59 a.m.

Next Now First Full
 Feb 14 Feb 23 Mar 2 Mar 9

UV INDEX TODAY

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

CANADIAN CITIES:

City	Today	Mon.
Calgary	13° 2°	14° -11°
Edmonton	10° 34°	7° 2°
Halifax	35° 19°	25° 12°
London	21° 9°	19° -4°
Montreal	8° -6°	4° -14°
Ottawa	13° 3°	28° 22°
Quebec	48° 31°	43° 29°
Regina	57° 0°	48° 28°
Winnipeg	9° -1°	8° -1°

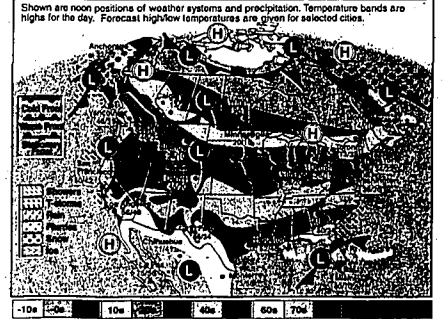
WORLD CITIES:

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Auckland	58° 48°	50° 43°
Bangkok	78° 70°	77° 70°
Beijing	54° 23°	28° 28°
Berlin	48° 45°	52° 45°
Buenos Aires	79° 84°	79° 88°
Chicago	50° 72°	54° 48°
Hong Kong	71° 65°	74° 67°
Los Angeles	57° 39°	62° 40°
London	55° 49°	54° 46°
Mexico City	72° 45°	75° 44°
Moscow	24° 13°	25° 23°
Paris	57° 0°	54° 43°
Rio de Janeiro	90° 75°	84° 73°
Rome	57° 39°	62° 43°
Sydney	76° 66°	73° 70°
Tokyo	44° 25°	37° 32°
Zurich	37° 36°	46° 43°

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Mon.
Boise	38° 24°	38° 22°
Bonners Ferry	35° 24°	34° 18°
Burley	37° 24°	38° 16°
Coeur d'Alene	34° 24°	37° 22°
Elko	34° 20°	35° 13°
Idaho Falls	46° 30°	46° 28°
Malheur	38° 35°	37° 22°
Idaho Falls	26° 21°	27° 15°
Kalispell, MT	31° 17°	33° 13°
Lewiston	38° 28°	40° 28°
Malheur	33° 26°	36° 21°
Malia	13° 4°	18° 11°

City	Today	Mon.
McCall	28° 16°	31° 23°
Moscow	32° 21°	34° 22°
Pocatello	30° 25°	34° 20°
Portland, OR	38° 32°	40° 30°
Richland, WA	37° 23°	41° 21°
Salmon	27° 14°	31° 12°
Shoshone Lake City, UT	36° 31°	40° 27°
Seattle, WA	46° 32°	46° 32°
Spokane, WA	34° 24°	38° 32°
Stanley	27° 12°	30° 7°
Sun Valley	30° 16°	31° 12°
Yelowstone, MT	24° 7°	26° 4°



NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Mon.
Atlanta	67° 43°	67° 43°
Atlanta City	50° 14°	38° 33°
Baltimore	39° 18°	39° 32°
Birmingham	26° 10°	28° 11°
Birmingham	62° 45°	63° 45°
Boston	28° 14°	28° 27°
Charleston, SC	61° 45°	60° 48°
Charleston, WV	42° 28°	48° 28°
Chicago	20° 20°	38° 30°
Cleveland	27° 20°	41° 33°
Dallas	42° 20°	52° 37°
Des Moines	28° 24°	46° 33°
Detroit	28° 15°	31° 30°
El Paso	66° 34°	66° 40°
Fairbanks	30° 6°	18° 5°
Fargo	14° 6°	18° 6°
Honolulu	80° 89°	80° 89°
Houston	52° 28°	57° 60°
Indianapolis	36° 28°	42° 35°
Jacksonville	68° 68°	68° 57°
Kansas City	38° 22°	52° 41°
Las Vegas	62° 42°	54° 41°
Little Rock	42° 35°	54° 44°
Los Angeles	56° 49°	54° 47°

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El Paso	66° 34°	66° 40°
Fairbanks	30° 6°	18° 5°
Fargo	14° 6°	18° 6°
Honolulu	80° 89°	80° 89°
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Genome turns out smaller than scientists expected

The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS — Scientists will present their first report from the book of life on Monday, revealing a host of once-unknown secrets about humans' genetic heritage.

Last June, two teams of scientists announced that they had each completed rough drafts of the human genome — the catalog of all the genetic information contained in human cells. In Washington, D.C., on Monday, both teams will officially announce their first analyses of the data, concluding that people possess roughly 25,000 to 40,000 genes — each a chemical recipe contributing to life's biological

processes. This figure is significantly lower than previous estimates.

"We were all prepared to be in awe, and I was in awe," said George Church, a geneticist and computer scientist who has scrutinized the newly analyzed recipe book.

The new reports to be published along with commentaries in more than 250 pages of the journals Science and Nature, show that humans require only about twice as many genetic recipes as a worm or a fly. Also, almost half of the human genome is a legacy of invading genetic material that entered the genome of humanity's ancestors and multiplied widely.

Marine Corps general still believes in Osprey

The Dallas Morning News

WASHINGTON — The Marine Corps' top general says he is reserving judgment on the controversial V-22 Osprey aircraft and is willing to abandon it if it proves "too fragile" for combat use.

Gen. James L. Jones, commander of the Marine Corps, said in an interview with The Dallas Morning News that he still believed in the aircraft's tilt-rotor technology. "I'm not aware of any fundamental flaws in the design," he said.

But after two Osprey crashes last year that killed 23 Marines, and recent allegations that the Corps' V-22 squadron had doctored maintenance records, "There are some legitimate questions that have to be answered" before the \$40 billion program's fate is determined, Jones said.

Hurdles

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And the state water plan would have to be amended.

The Water Resources Board generally favors hydro projects, but Jordan couldn't say whether the board would allow a new project at Auger Falls. Board members strongly opposed other projects proposed at Boulder, Empire and Kanaka rapids, now prohibited by the plan.

The Snake River drops about 140 feet at Auger Falls, and hydro developers have eyed the drop for its potential to generate electricity, ever since a change in federal law in 1978 opened the power market to small generators.

Yet so far, no one has been able to overcome economic, environmental and public opinion hurdles. A Salt Lake City businessman came close, but the federal license for his proposal, backed by several Twin Falls businessmen, was canceled last year.

Under the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978, utilities are obligated to buy power from "qualified facilities" at the utility's "avoided cost," the amount it would cost the utility to generate or buy additional power.

The 1978 act spurred a lot of filings for small hydro projects in the early 1980s, including Auger Falls, to cash in on favorable rates and 30-year contracts set by the state Public Utilities Commission.

Idaho Power is no longer required to sign contracts beyond five years. And rates are lower. The utility's cost to generate a kilowatt hour is about 2.5 cents, company spokesman Dennis Lopez said. But at times the company has to buy power on the market at considerably higher rates.

A contract with a project such as Auger Falls, with a possible capacity of about 44 megawatts, might be higher than 2.5 cents. But that is not certain, company attorney Bart Kline said.

Regulatory hoops

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) says that regulatory hoops the city of Twin Falls would have to jump through to secure a license, until the city's preliminary permit is evaluated.

But a previous proposal at Auger Falls required a permit from:

- Federal Energy Regulatory Commission — project license, which may require an environmental impact statement.
- Idaho Department of Environmental Quality — permit to ensure compliance with water quality standards, which may require studies and mitigation.
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers — permit for construction in the river, would require consultation with other federal agencies about potential effects on endangered species.
- Idaho Land Board — an easement to build or attach a diversion structure on the river bed, which belongs to the state.

annual revenue.

"We think that's a pretty good return on our investment," he said.

But those are numbers based on being able to sell the power for 4 to 6.9 cents per kilowatt hour.

The Idaho Department of Fish and Game would like far more water than 750 cfs left in the river. The previous minimum was set arbitrarily, said Dave Parrish, Fish and Game regional administrator in Jerome.

He would want a study to establish the minimum streamflow that would sustain life in the river. Such a study below Milner Dam showed the minimum required there was 2,300 cfs, Parrish said.

In addition to adequate flows for fish, Parrish and other environmental officials would insist on more stringent controls to protect water quality.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Idaho Supervisor Bob Ruscick said the project would face the same serious environmental issues that the previous proposal faced, and those issues would have to be answered a lot better, this time.

The Snake River in that reach already violates state and federal water quality standards. Efforts to curb pollution problems would make the water quality standards for a new facility tougher to meet, said Mike McMasters of the Department of Environmental Quality's Twin Falls office.

The primary concerns are over the amount of dissolved oxygen and water temperature. Rapids like Auger Falls increase the amount of oxygen in the water, and a structure slowing the river would lower water temperature to rise.

"Those issues are the same now as they were then," he said.

Sub

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he hung onto the railing of the bridge, but was sucked under the water as the ship went down. He was able to swim to a lifeboat on the surface.

"I want to tell my parents I am alive," Kamado said.

Ship engineer Sakichi Atsuta, 50, said in the Star-Bulletin's Saturday afternoon edition that the boat was moving at about 30 mph when the submarine came up and hit the boat's engine room.

"While it's not yet clear how the accident occurred, it is both tragic and regrettable," said Adm. Thomas Fargo, commander in chief of the U.S. Pacific Fleet.

"I want to express my apologies to those involved in the incident, their families and the government of Japan."

The Ehime Maru left Japan on Jan. 10 with 20 crew members to fish for tuna, swordfish and shark. The two teachers and 13 students on board were from the Uwajima Fisheries High School in the southwestern Japanese state of Ehime.

"Most of the people were below deck in the rooms or galley," said Coast Guard Petty Officer Michael Carr, who interviewed the survivors. "After the lights went out, everyone started yelling that the water is coming into the ship. That's when most of the people we saw started floating."

Secretary of State Colin Powell spoke with Japanese Foreign Minister Yohei Kono Saturday morning to convey his regrets and apologies and the president's

regrets and condolences, said David Denny, a State Department spokesman.

It was the second time in three days that the United States has apologized for an incident between the U.S. military and Japanese civilians.

On Thursday, the top U.S. Marine in Japan personally apologized for calling Okinawan officials "a bunch of wimps" in an e-mail to his staff. Lt. Gen. Earl Halilton's remark was related to an Okinawan court ruling that ordered a U.S. Marine arrested last month for allegedly hitting a high school girl's skirt and snapping photos.

In Uwajima, concern for the missing was mixed with anger as townspeople huddled around television sets in restaurants and shops to watch news updates.

The Greenville stayed at the search scene overnight and returned to port under its own power Saturday morning, Fargo said. The submarine's rudder and port side showed scrapes from the collision, he said.

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POWERBALL
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Saturday, February 10, numbers
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Congratulations to Mike Hillyard of Preston! Idaho Roadtrip Winner of a 2000 Jeep Wrangler. Mike bought the ticket at LaTienda in Franklin.

NATION

Astronauts install Destiny laboratory

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — With anxiety running high every step of the way, space shuttle Atlantis' astronauts installed the \$1.4 billion Destiny laboratory on the international space station on Saturday.

The shuttle's robot arm operator, Marsha Ivins, cautiously eased the laboratory module out of Atlantis' payload bay and, after almost two hours of maneuvering, hoisted it up to space station Alpha. Because Ivins had only camera views and no direct line of vision, two spacewalking crewmates assisted from outside, serving as her eyes.

As soon as he heard that the latches had clicked between the laboratory and the station, spacewalker Thomas Jones called out: "Excellent news."

Jones and his spacewalking partner, Robert Curbeam Jr., immediately began hooking up power, data and fluid lines between the laboratory and the rest of space station Alpha.

Their work was interrupted briefly when ammonia leaked from a coolant line that Curbeam was trying to connect. The ammonia instantly turned into crystals and created an ice storm around



Astronaut Tom Jones poses for a picture taken by astronaut Robert Curbeam Saturday.

Destiny. Within minutes, Curbeam plugged the line into the laboratory and stopped the spray.

"I can't see any visible signs of stuff stuck to him at all," Jones assured Mission Control.

As a precaution, Jones brushed Curbeam's suit before the men re-entered Atlantis and concluded their 7.5-hour spacewalk. Curbeam also floated a while in

direct sunlight to vaporize any ammonia crystals that might be clinging to his suit.

Destiny — an aluminum cylinder 28 feet long, 14 feet in diameter and more than 30,000 pounds — glittered against its new home. Space station managers consider it the "crown jewel," the module that justifies the entire complex.

"Destiny has traveled a long road, and it's nice to see that it

has, indeed, reached its final destination," Mission Control told the astronauts.

It is the most expensive and intricate piece of the space station, and is needed before any major science research can be performed. In addition, its 13 computers and other systems will enable NASA to assume control of the space station in another month or two; until now, the Russians have been in charge because they have the bulk of equipment up there.

Given that Destiny is irreplaceable — NASA didn't have enough money to build a backup lab in case anything went wrong — the mood inside Atlantis, Alpha and Mission Control was tense.

To ease the stress, commander Kenneth Cockrell piped down a country-Western rendition of the tune, "Release Me," as Ivins deftly removed a docking port from the space station to make room for Destiny. It was the first step in installing the lab.

"You and Marsha have a second career as DJs when you get back," Mission Control said.

Replied Cockrell: "That's if you let us come back. We'll see if we can get this job done first."



Nadia Duran, 6, studies English as a second language with her kindergarten teacher Jennifer Brooks at Rosemount Elementary in Gaithersburg, Md., late last month.

Schools look for help teaching Hispanics

GAITHERSBURG, Md. (AP) — A new face arrives in teacher Sharon Dreyfus' second-grade classroom about every couple of weeks. The youngster typically speaks little English and comes from a family of recent immigrants.

"The biggest challenge is to keep constantly changing the program around to meet the needs of all the kids," said Dreyfus, who teaches in a temporary classroom behind the main building at Rosemont Elementary School, about 30 minutes north of Washington.

"Not only are they learning a whole language, but learning about life in the United States," she said.

Those concerns are unlikely to go away soon.

The most recent Census Bureau estimates show that the Hispanic population increased 64.7 percent, to 32.8 million, between the 1990 census and November 2000. The growth rate in the 1990s in Montgomery County, Md., where Gaithersburg is located, was 64.3 percent.

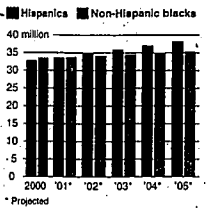
Projections show that by next year, Hispanics are expected to pass black, non-Hispanics as the country's largest minority group — 34.7 million to 34.3 million.

The effects are now evident in suburban and smaller public school districts facing challenges that, until recently, were primarily a concern for big-city schools. Administrators and civil rights groups hope some help arrives soon from new education proposals in Washington.

At Rosemont Elementary, 44

A growing minority

For decades, non-Hispanic blacks have been the nation's largest minority group. By 2002, Hispanics will pass non-Hispanics blacks, according to Census projections.



Source: U.S. Census Bureau AP

percent, or about 230 of the 527 students are Hispanic. In 1993, there were 239 students being taught in an older, smaller building, but only 19 percent, or about 45, were Hispanic.

"I could never have dreamt it would go this way, and it's going to keep right on growing," said principal Paul Schmittman, whose school won an award for having Maryland's best reading program last year.

The debate over how to deal with the problem rages around a number of topics, including bilingual education, achievement testing, vouchers, and how to best get immigrant parents more involved in their child's education.

Eminem will perform at Grammys

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Eminem, the hugely popular rapper often denounced as homophobic, will perform a duet at the Grammy Awards this month.

With Elton John, a champion of many gay causes.

Eminem's performance was announced Friday by *Nightline* on an Academy-

Recording Arts & Sciences President Michael Greene. The duet, rumored for weeks, was confirmed by John in an interview in Saturday's edition of the *Los Angeles Times*.

John said Eminem came up with the idea.

"I'm a big fan of his music, and I said I would be delighted to," the British superstar told the *Times*. "I know I'm going to get a lot of flak from various people who are going to picket the show. I thought for one minute that he was (hateful), I wouldn't do it," he said.

Eminem has drawn frequent criticism for his lyrics which include references to "fags," fantasies of raping his own mother and jokes about domestic violence.

The Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation called Eminem's participation in the event offensive and was particularly disappointed by John's decision to perform with him.

"It's hurtful," said Scott Seomin, entertainment media director for GLAAD. "It's embarrassing."

Ennis Cosby's killer confesses, drops appeal

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The man who killed Bill Cosby's son admitted his guilt, saying it was time for him to "do the right thing."

In a handwritten letter to Deputy Attorney General Kyle Brodie that was released Friday, Mikhail Markhasev, 22, also apologized to Ennis Cosby's family for what he called a "great wickedness."

"Although my appeal is in its beginning stages, I don't want to continue with it because it's based on 'falshood' and 'deceit,'" Markhasev's letter read. "I am guilty and I want to do the right thing."

Cosby, 27, was a Columbia University graduate student home for a vacation when he was shot to death while driving a flat tire near a freeway ramp in January 1997.

His family, which was informed of the apology, had no comment, said Cosby spokesman Joel Brooks.

Markhasev, now serving a life sentence without possibility of parole, said he tried to get a message to Cosby's family about a month ago but doesn't believe they received word that he wanted to confess.

Roman emperor ate poison

Researches blame it on his wife

BALTIMORE (AP) — In the palaces of ancient Rome, it would have been the perfect crime: The scheming wife of the emperor slips poisonous mushrooms onto the ruler's plate, causing agonizing pain and ultimately death.

Nearly 2,000 years later, the symptoms in the death of the Roman emperor Claudius were on the plate of a medical researcher who was trying to solve the murder at the University of Maryland's annual Clinicopathologic Conference.

Without knowing who the subject was, or even when he lived, Dr. William A. Valente narrowed the illness down to muscarine poisoning. History helped him fill in the blanks: Claudius died from eating a helping of poisonous mushrooms served to him by his fourth wife, Agrippina, whose notoriously cruel son Nero succeeded him on the throne.

If the historical record of Claudius' agonizing final hours is accurate, Valente said, the diagnosis that he was poisoned is "strongly likely."

However, he said as he presented his findings Friday, "I would suggest to you that his ultimate cause of death ... was one too many wives."

Previous conferences have posited that Edgar Allan Poe died of rabies, Alexander the Great was killed by ascending paralysis from typhoid fever and Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart was snuffed by a "rip-roaring rheumatic fever," said Dr. Philip A. Mackowiak, who directs the conferences and chooses the subjects.

The conference "reminds physicians that there's more to life and more to medicine than the science of medicine," Mackowiak said.

Valente, a clinical professor at the University of Maryland School of Medicine, was given a description of the emperor's death and medical history, but the brief case history included no information about who the subject was.

"Literally, it could be anybody in the five millennia of recorded human history," Valente said. "It was more daunting to me to figure out it was Claudius than it was to do the medical diagnosis."

Claudius became violently ill on Oct. 13 of the year 54 after devouring a large meal, including a large helping of what were called Caesar's mushrooms. He



Roman Emperor Claudius played by actor Reid Sasser, describes his symptoms to Dr. Joseph Longhitano during a special conference Friday at the University of Maryland School of Medicine.

died within 12 hours.

As their name suggests, Caesar's mushrooms were a staple of the aristocratic Roman diet, Valente said. But Agrippina very easily could have mixed some identical, deadly poisonous fungi into the emperor's dish.

"It's a really effective way to poison somebody," he said. "The emperor would have no idea he was eating poisonous mushrooms."

The long list of symptoms Claudius suffered before his death — extreme abdominal pain, vomiting, diarrhea, excessive salivation, low blood pressure and difficulty breathing — are consistent with muscarine poisoning, Valente said.

Historians have long suspected that Agrippina had a role in Claudius' death, motivated by her desire to catapult Nero, her son from a previous marriage, to the throne. She was acting in a narrow window of opportunity, because Claudius' own son, Britannicus, was about to come of age to enter public life, said Richard Talbert, history professor at the University of North Carolina.

"The circumstances and the timing were extraordinarily convenient for Agrippina's schemes," Talbert said. "If there wasn't any poison in those mushrooms, she had to be laughing all the way to the bank for months afterward."

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Elder resigns in protest of policy

Jehovah's Witness condemns denomination's position on child molestation

BENTON, Ky. (AP) — As a boy, William Bowen sat quietly in his seat while his classmates recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

As a member of Jehovah's Witnesses, he spent years going door-to-door evangelizing and serving the denomination. In time, he became an elder, a position of authority, in his western Kentucky congregation.

But as an elder, he was privy to information that caused him to question the Jehovah's Witnesses faith—and to question it publicly, an ultimate transgression in the denomination.

In a letter dated Dec. 31, Bowen resigned as an elder, in protest of how the denomination, a society that shuns the outside world, handles accusations of child molestation. His claim is that in such a culture, accusations of child sex abuse can go unreported to secular authorities by Jehovah's Witnesses members who don't want to go against their faith. The claims of abuse victims are discarded, he said.

"They want to act like pedophilia doesn't exist. Shame on them," said Bowen, 43, in an interview from his home in Draffenville where he runs a candlemaking business with his wife, Sheila.

Though Bowen expects to be kicked out of Jehovah's Witnesses—or disfellowshipped—for speaking out, no disciplinary action has been taken by his congregation. Still, some members refuse to shake his hand or associate with him outside the church.

"They treat us like we have the plague," said Sheila Bowen. "You don't go against God, and they think the organization is God."

Bowen's decision to resign has made him a hero among the denomination's dissidents.

"People have been intimidated into not saying anything. There are pieces of this all over the country where one person has a piece of evidence and another has a piece of evidence, but they're scared to bring it up because they'll be disfellowshipped..." Bowen said. "So these people stay silent and they think, 'I'm the only one.'"

A person who is disfellowshipped is considered invisible by denomination members and may even be shunned by members of his or her own family.

"It's not just being out of a health club," said Steve Hassan, a former Unification Church member who is now a therapist and author. "It's losing your connection to God and members of your family inside the group."

Bowen chose to speak out anyway, and his story has appeared in religious publications and the secular media. In Kentucky, The Paducah Sun and WPS-TV covered it. The (Louisville) Courier-Journal published a story in which it examined court records in seven child molestation cases around the nation involving members of Jehovah's Witnesses.

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"We deal with sin, and law enforcement deals with crime," Brown said.

In some cases however, the matter is turned over to secular authorities regardless of the law, Brown said.

Of Bowen, he added: "He's concerned about victims of child abuse and we are, too." Brown said the faith does require at least two witnesses to prove any kind of wrongdoing—including child molestation—because that is what is taught in the Bible.

The Jehovah's Witnesses denomination has 89,985 congregations and 5.5 million members worldwide, according to its Web site. It was founded in Pittsburgh in 1872 by Charles Taze Russell, a former Congregationalist layman.

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Book alleges IBM had links to the Third Reich

New York Daily News

NEW YORK — A tightly guarded book due to go on sale Monday will allege that IBM, now the world's sixth-largest company, had ties to the Third Reich and a role in carrying out Adolf Hitler's extermination of the Jews.

The book was written by Edwin Black, who previously wrote "The Transfer Agreement: The Untold Story of the Secret Agreement Between the Third Reich and Jewish Palestine."

IBM told its employees Friday that the book would report that company-made tabulating machines were used by the Nazi regime and would speculate on the activities of IBM's subsidiary in Germany at the time.

IBM said it could not comment further "without access to the book's contents."

The book will be released simultaneously in the United States by Crown Publishers and more than 40 other countries, although it's not in Crown's catalogue. New York-

area retailers have ordered it based only on a few details provided by sales representatives.

New York-based Crown declined Friday to identify the author or title but told news organizations that they would receive "an important and stunning book" about the Holocaust on Monday.

Crown said in an e-mail that the author tapped "previously undisclosed primary sources" and worked with researchers and historians in seven countries.

Crown also provided endorsements of the book, including one from famed Nazi hunter Simon Wiesenthal, who said it will "result in a shocking conclusion never realized before" and would address the "hidden history" of World War II.

Asked for further details, Crown spokeswoman Tina Constable said, "It reveals a missing piece of Hitler's plan of Jewish persecution. It's a major book that could involve a wide variety of parties in the U.S. and Europe."

Defense lawyers delay extradition of fugitives

The Gazette

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — Legal maneuvering will delay the extradition of three Texas fugitives until Thursday at the earliest, and probably until after Feb. 23.

Lawyers for Joseph Garcia, Randy Halprin and Michael Rodriguez have until Thursday to file paperwork contesting extradition or the escapees will be sent back without a hearing, according to state district Judge David Parrish's ruling Friday.

The three men plan to fight extradition, but as of Friday, none of their lawyers had filed a petition demanding that the state of Colorado justify its reasons for detaining and extraditing them.

When those petitions are filed, prosecutors must file a response by Feb. 20 and an extradition hearing will be held Feb. 23.

Prosecutor Dave Gilbert on Friday added the charge of escape as a second grounds for returning Garcia, Halprin and Rodriguez to Texas. Previously, the only charge listed on the extradition documents was capital murder.

Rodriguez, Garcia and Halprin sat in the jury box in Parrish's small Colorado Springs courtroom as a dozen sheriff's deputies from El Paso and Teller counties watched over them. The prisoners did not speak to each other or to the only other person in the jury box, Anthony Jimenez, who is accused of kidnapping, raping and killing a 16-year-old girl.

In Texas, Halprin was convicted of beating a baby for crying, Garcia was convicted of murdering a man who gave him bad directions, and Rodriguez was convicted of paying a man to kill his wife for \$400,000 in life insurance.

After the hearing, defense attorneys for the three former fugitives denied that they are trying to unnecessarily stall the men's return to Texas.

"The point is that we have a constitution, and every citizen is entitled to the protection of the Constitution," said Ann Kaufman, Garcia's lawyer.

The three men and Donald Keith Newbury, Patrick Henry Murphy and George Rivas are accused of breaking out of a south Texas prison Dec. 13 and killing Irving, Texas, police officer Corey Hawkins during a Christmas Eve robbery of a sporting goods store. They then fled to Colorado where they were caught.

A seventh fugitive, convicted rapist Larry Harper, killed himself Jan. 22 after police surrounded his Woodland Park hideout.

Rivas, the group's ringleader, returned voluntarily to Texas

where he said he will plead guilty to the charges that could send him to death row. Rivas was serving 99 years for kidnapping and burglary. Texas prosecutors have said they'll seek the death penalty for all six men.

Convicted rapist Murphy and convicted armed robber Newbury are scheduled for extradition hearings Monday before Colorado district Judge Jim Martinez.

Murphy and Newbury surrendered at 3:49 a.m. Jan. 24 after police surrounded their room at the Holiday Inn off Garden of the Gods Road. They are being held without bond at the Metro jail in downtown Colorado Springs.

Rivas, Halprin, Rodriguez and Garcia were captured Jan. 22 in Woodland Park. Halprin, Rodriguez and Garcia are being held without bond in the Teller County Jail in Divide.

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McVeigh suggests execution be broadcast

Bomber wants fairness

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Convicted Oklahoma City bomber Timothy McVeigh wrote in a published letter that his execution should be broadcast publicly.

In a letter published in The Sunday Oklahoman, McVeigh questioned the fairness of limiting the number of witnesses to his execution. The Federal Bureau of Prisons is considering a closed-circuit broadcast to accommodate survivors and relatives of victims.

"Because the closed-circuit telecast of my execution raises these fundamental equal access concerns, and because I am otherwise not opposed to such a telecast, a reasonable solution seems obvious: hold a true public execution — allow a public broadcast," he wrote.

McVeigh, 32, is set to be executed May 16 in section at the federal penitentiary in Terre Haute, Ind.

McVeigh's attorney, Rob Nigh Jr., confirmed that McVeigh wrote the letter and is serious about broadcasting his execution. "He is in favor of public scrutiny of government action, including his execution," Nigh told the newspaper.

About 250 people who survived or lost family members in the April 19, 1995, bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building have asked to see McVeigh's execution, but only eight seats are available for witnesses on behalf of victims.

A national broadcast is not an option, bureau spokesman Dan Dunne said. "It hasn't been considered: It won't happen," Dunne said.

Closed-circuit television has been a part of McVeigh's legal process from the start. His Denver trial was shown to bombing victims at an auditorium in Oklahoma City.

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Building have asked to see McVeigh's execution, but only eight seats are available for witnesses on behalf of victims.

A national broadcast is not an option, bureau spokesman Dan Dunne said.

"It hasn't been considered: It won't happen," Dunne said.

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Young students suffer from repetitive-strain injuries

Knight Ridder News Service

PHILADELPHIA — Thomas Gallagher gets an achy feeling in his wrists after he's been working on a computer for a while.

"If I keep on typing, I get a shocking pain in my elbow," said Gallagher, who lives in Nether Providence Township, Pa.

He is showing early symptoms of repetitive-strain injury, a leading cause of injuries among office and factory workers.

And he's only 11 years old. Repetitive-strain injuries, which afflict 1.8 million people in the United States each year, are turning up in college students, teenagers, and even elementary school children.

Although cases so severe as to require treatment are still rare in children, doctors, ergonomists and therapists warn that youngsters tethered to keyboards and mice — clicking, typing, surfing, messaging — are hurting themselves in ways that can prove disabling.

A survey published last fall of Harvard University undergraduates showed that 40 percent reported symptoms of RSI.

Universities including Harvard and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology assign people to take notes for students disabled by RSI.

In a 1999 survey, 170 sixth graders at an Andover, Mass., middle school complained of neck pain (35 percent), lower backaches (20 percent), sore wrists (17 percent), sore shoulders (17 percent) and sore elbows (10 percent).

The average American child spends one to three hours a day staring at a computer screen, according to a 1999 Roper Starch survey. The result, for some, ranges from wrist problems to stiff necks to weary eyes. In the worst cases, teenagers have developed carpal tunnel syndrome, involving nerve damage in the wrist.

"It's a very real problem," said John P. Dormans, chief of orthopedic surgery at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, which gets several cases a year of overuse injuries.

Energy

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you're the master or your own resource. He who owns the generation, basically owns the customer, whereas with inventory utilities, the company is acting more for the investor than the customer."

But running a municipal system can also be tough. "We're not bulletproof," Keener said. "If one of our transmission lines went down or we experience some kind of other major problem, we could find ourselves in the same situation."

Closer to home, Idaho Falls — population about 50,000 — generates more than 40 percent of its own power.

The city has been in the power business for 100 years, using four hydro plants that generate a total of 50 megawatts.

Idaho Falls buys the rest of its energy from the Bonneville Power Administration. Municipal systems have their pros and cons, said Mark Gendron, manager of Idaho Falls' city electric division.

"You invest in your own system for the benefit of the consumers. You have to rely less on outside companies," he said.

But Gendron cautioned that a power plant can be mighty costly venture, especially if the city doesn't have its own distribution system, which Twin Falls doesn't. Idaho Falls Mayor Linda Milam said Idaho Falls has done very well with its own electric system. But before a city jumps into the power business, it should weigh its options.

"If you do decide to go into generation, what is the most cost-effective way to do that? Not just cost-effective, but what are the other impacts?" she said. "It's really a judgment call — you have to look at history, current wholesale market prices and do your best to get all the information."

the hydro idea — said the plant could generate about \$7 million to \$11 million in revenue per year — depending on rates.

The city could take in a net profit of \$2 million to \$5 million.

But a bond issue election would likely be necessary — a tough sell with voters, who might be wary of paying off years of debt.

The cost to taxpayers would have to be determined. Utah businessman Steve Harmsen had proposed building a plant in the same spot on the river. His plans flopped and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission — which licenses hydro plants — canceled his license last year.

But now, the city — which decided last week to file a preliminary permit application with FERC — plans on using Harmsen's environmental studies.

The city would have to spend about \$90,000 on economic and financial studies, according to the city's FERC application, obtained by The Times-News Friday. Using Harmsen's environmental studies will save time and money.

Options and advice

With market prices fluctuating as much as they are, a municipal power plant might not be cost-effective or viable.

That is something city leaders will look at in the coming months.

If the city were to own a power plant at Auger Falls, it could

have several options:

- It may be able to sell electricity to Idaho Power.
- It could build a distribution center and compete with Idaho Power.
- It could sell the electricity on the open market.

City Manager Tom Courtney said the city would likely sell its energy to Idaho Power.

"At this point I would think it would be highly unlikely that the city would get into the distribution aspect," Courtney said.

Courtney said city leaders will talk to other cities. "We certainly will talk to Idaho Falls and certainly other counties," he said. "But out-of-state cities have different laws than we do. In the case of Redding, they have different laws and ways of financing projects."

Keener encouraged city officials to look into the idea. "All in all, if you have a strong city and strong City Council and you have the availability to take control of your own generation, I would strongly encourage you to do that," he said.

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FBI renews interest in old bank robbery

Los Angeles Times

The FBI is taking another look at an unsolved bank robbery and shooting death of a woman in Sacramento County, Calif., 25 years ago long believed linked to the Symbionese Liberation Army, a spokesman for the FBI's Sacramento office said last week.

Any decision to pursue charges in the case likely will rest with local authorities, the spokesman said. For years, the Sacramento District Attorney's office has declined to pursue charges in the Carmichael, Calif., bank robbery case. But new ballistics evidence discovered since the 1998 arrest of alleged SLA member Sara Jane Olson has led Los Angeles authorities to urge that the Carmichael investigation be reopened.

"We are evaluating our options. We believe it is important to coordinate our actions with the Sacramento Sheriff's Department and District Attorney's Office," FBI spokesman Nick Rossi said Friday. "At this point we haven't made any official announcement about the case."

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Group meets to develop agreement on mine cleanup

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — Frank Frutchey and Mike Schleppe are the last commercial farmers on the lower Coeur d'Alene River and they have a big stake in a cleanup of mining pollution there. They have been regulars at cleanup meetings for years. Now they have joined with two dozen people in Washington and Idaho trying to find consensus on dealing with the heavy metals. But some members of the group

say they were being ignored and have departed.

The panel hopes to influence U.S. Environmental Protection Agency plans with a common-sense direction for cleanup developed by a range of interests and local residents.

"We've got a lot at stake," Frutchey said. "I thought they came to some practical conclusions."

The EPA expects to have a

cleanup plan for pollution from Mullan to Lake Roosevelt by year's end. The EPA, Idaho and the mining companies paid for the \$70,000 consensus project.

Lead and other toxic metals from a century of mining and smelting flow into Lake Coeur d'Alene and the Spokane River.

Generally, the group placed the highest priority on cleaning up tailings piles along the South Fork of the Coeur d'Alene River

and contaminated soil in the Silver Valley.

Further down the valley in a metals-loaded floodplain, it favors less drastic cleanup measures. Instead, they generally supported protecting contaminated riverbanks against erosion. Idaho's cleanup preference favors more aggressive removals in the upper basin, and stabilizing 80 miles of bank downstream.

Kathy Johnson, state consensus

coordinator, is thrilled the group is finding common ground on those issues.

The consortium, however, is becoming less and less mixed as disgruntled players leave the table.

The effort centered on a diverse roster that ranged from mining companies to Indian tribes and agencies in Idaho and Washington.

Many of the environmental

and tribal players, however, have left the group, saying their interests are not being served. The Washington Department of Ecology and Department of Natural Resources bowed out, as did The Lands Council, a Spokane environmental group.

Last week, the Spokane Tribe pulled out over the group's failure to address mine waste that washed down to its reservation lands along the Spokane River.

Tax-cutters continue to wrangle over Idaho budget

BOISE (AP) — As proposed tax relief got bigger and broader last week, tax cutters continued maneuvering for advantage while legislative budget writers zeroed in on a 2001-2002 spending target intended to finally get the tax debate focused.

Leaders of both houses have generally endorsed a \$3 million reduction in Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's \$2.08 billion general tax budget, and a clear majority of the Joint Finance Appropriations Committee was ready to begin this week trimming a proposed 11 percent spending increase down to 9 percent.

It should take little political spine, especially since the target still gives Kempthorne and lawmakers most of their spending priorities.

But the pressure is on, especially from conservatives in the House, to reduce the increase on this year's budget by two to three times what the target contemplates.

And while the growing magnitude of the tax cut might support that approach, leaders agree the votes are not there for the kind of cutbacks it would require, particularly with the high expectations Kempthorne's aggressive budget blueprint originally generated.

Although the road could be bumpy, budget writers could drive a resolution with passage of the politically palatable spending plan that will essentially paint tax writers into a corner.

"If it has the effect of giving some direction to the tax committee in how much money is left, then that's a benefit," Senate Finance Chairman Dean Cameron of Rupert said.

Senate President Pro Tem Robert Geddes of Soda Springs said the tension is intensifying between the desire for deeper tax cuts and the difficulty of reining in spending to accommodate them.

"Those are hard issues," Geddes said. "There's going to be some bitter fights over this budget before it's all said and done."

The combination of continuing and one-time spending in the target budget essentially matches the projected revenue for the fiscal year that begins in July. Kempthorne's plan had \$37 million more in spending than revenue.

But the governor's package came close to balancing after the one-time spending was removed and the revenue lowered to reflect his more cautious tax cut proposal.

That is not the case with the target budget under the latest tax package, which takes Kempthorne's package and adds another \$24 million in immediate permanent cuts. Continued spending commitments would exceed revenue after the tax cut by \$20 million. Cash from the record surplus plugs the gap.

But it gets tougher a year from now when another \$67 million in permanent tax cuts kicks in on the 2002-2003 budget. If revenue grows 6 percent as economists now speculate, that additional tax cut eats up two-thirds of the new cash, leaving budget writers with less than needed just to keep existing programs going another year.

"They will see that if you increase the tax cut, necessitating further cuts in spending, just where do you do that?" Kempthorne asked.

The target budget would show that less cash available for tax relief.

Those have been the concerns that have again been raised by some members in the Senate, where last winter's tax-cutting fever was tempered. This year, there is talk of paying off the \$95 million in outstanding debt on state buildings in place of an equivalent amount of tax relief.

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Debate continues over street closure

Recent confrontation renews dispute over Pennsylvania Avenue

Knight Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON — The confrontation between Secret Service guards and an armed man on the edge of the White House grounds has renewed a debate over whether one of America's most famous streets — Pennsylvania Avenue — should be opened to traffic in front of the White House.

Pennsylvania Avenue borders the White House on the north, and with only 300 feet between the street and the president's doorstep, it's the closest public thoroughfare to the building. But the two-block area in front of the White House and the Treasury Department next door has been closed to vehicle traffic since shortly after the Oklahoma City bombing in April of 1995.

The Secret Service was concerned it was too easy for a vehicle loaded with explosives to get close to the president's home and office.

Many city leaders and residents have pushed in recent years to reopen the street. Even then-candidate George W. Bush expressed interest last fall in the issue, which his administration will ultimately decide. "I believe the White House and Pennsylvania Avenue symbolize the freedom and greatness of America," Bush told The Associated Press in October. "It saddens me that threats of violence have closed this historic area to the general public."

Those who share that view point out that White House is more accessible to the public than the residences of most other world leaders, but the roadblocks outside its windows characterize a city on the defensive.

"It says to the world we have to close down a part of the city to protect ourselves. It's a terrible symbol," said Rep. Elmer Holmes Norton, the District of Columbia's non-voting delegate to Congress, who has long contested the street's closure. "But it's not about symbolism if you live here. It's a symbol plus an outrageous way to run a city."

Though the street remains intact and no asphalt has been overturned, it is now blocked at both ends by guard towers, huge concrete planters and steel barriers.

"We feel that the compelling reasons that support the closure of Pennsylvania Avenue still remain today," Secret Service spokesman Marc Connolly said Friday.

Opponents say it creates major traffic congestion on surrounding streets and hinders emergency vehicles. Traffic on E Street, which borders the White House's south lawn, now travels in two directions to help alleviate this problem.

There had been several threats to the White House itself before the street was closed. In September 1994, a man crashed a small plane into the south lawn in an apparent suicide attempt. The next month, a man on Pennsylvania Avenue fired 29 bullets at the White House with a semiautomatic rifle. He was restrained by three bystanders and arrested. Two months later, the Secret Service killed a man after he brandished a knife on Pennsylvania Avenue.

Wednesday's confrontation took place on the other side of the White House grounds, near the Ellipse where tourists gather to take the daily tours of the White House.

Robert W. Pickett, 47, of Evansville, Ind., was shot in the leg by a Secret Service officer after he was spotted waving a gun toward the White House while standing outside the iron barred fence that surrounds the grounds. He was believed to have been distraught about losing a lawsuit to get back his job at the Internal Revenue Service.

Pennsylvania Avenue originally was laid out to connect the White House and the U.S. Capitol, a physical symbol that links the legislative and executive branches, but also symbolizes their separation.

The inaugural ceremony every fourth January underscores the linked separation. Presidents take the oath of office in front of the Capitol, then lead a parade that flows up Pennsylvania Avenue to the White House.

Clinton library-museum complex to cost \$200 million

New York Daily News

NEW YORK — Like his proposed post-presidency office suite in Manhattan, former President Bill Clinton's library-museum complex in Arkansas will be the most expensive in history.

The expresident is planning a sprawling 27-acre campus in downtown Little Rock that was initially estimated to cost \$125 million but has grown to \$200 million.

To pay for Bubba's legacy, the Clintons and their allies are soliciting big money from supporters including the ex-wife of controversial pardon recipient Marc Rich.

The massive fund-raising drive, headed by Terry McAuliffe, the Clinton friend who is the new head of the Democratic National Committee, is now being eyed by a House committee for links

between other pardons and donations.

The ambitious complex will cost \$100 million to build, \$17 million more than George Bush's presidential center in College Station, Texas, and \$43 million more than Ronald Reagan's library in Simi Valley, Calif.

Clinton also aims to raise \$100 million for an endowment to run the library, the museum, a policy center and a master's degree program in public service. The complex is scheduled to open in late 2003 or early 2004.

Polshek Partnership, a New York firm that designed the new Rose Center for Earth and Space, has proposed a modernistic structure of glass and steel. Planners hope the transparent building, to be built in a rundown warehouse district, helps reinvigoarate downtown Little Rock.

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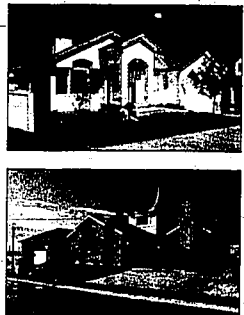
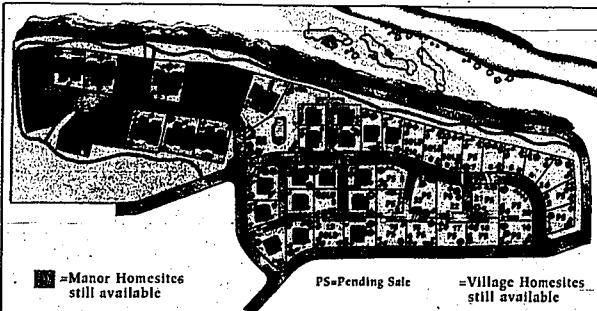
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Tribes press land claims as casinos grow

Miami Indians want homelands back

LUDLOW, Ill. (AP) - The Miami Indians hunted and fished this vast expanse of farm fields and former prairie in the Wabash River valley until white settlers pressed them west in the 19th century. Their descendants, now living on a reservation in Oklahoma, want their homelands back.

But people like John Stevenson, a farmer who toiled for decades to make his own home here in what is now called Ford County see it differently.

So the tribe sued Stevenson and 14 other private property owners, claiming the land on which they live and farm is part of 2.6 million acres of eastern Illinois that the Miami people were promised forever in treaties signed almost 200 years ago.

"The roles have been reversed," said George Tiger, a tribal spokesman who expresses sympathy for the current land owners. "The Miami people were in the same situation in the 19th century. So, yes, we can relate."

But this battle, like a spate of claims across the United States, appears to be more about getting approval for a land-based casino than about recovering long-lost homelands.

Tribal leaders now play down any interest in gambling. But their chief has said he might settle the federal lawsuit for a gaming license, and has been working in Illinois with a developer who consults with several tribes seeking to build casinos around the country.

Gov. George Ryan contends that tribal leaders have offered to settle their claims for 5,000 acres and the go-ahead for a casino. Ryan, who has presided over the expansion of riverboat gambling



Thomas Wilnot Sr.

Thinks tribe have valid claims in Illinois, says the state won't settle. The state isn't named as a defendant, but is trying to intervene to get the lawsuit dismissed.

Opponents say the Miami are among a growing number of American Indian tribes using the threat of long legal tussles in attempts to force politicians to settle - for cash, for land and sometimes for the right to build new casinos.

"They held hostage thousands of innocent property owners in the misguided belief that property owners would besiege elected officials to surrender and give the Indians whatever they wanted," said Connecticut Attorney General Richard Blumenthal, who has battled casino-related claims by the Golden Hill Paugussets.

In Connecticut and New York, more than a dozen tribes have sued for land or bought it and then asked the federal government to recognize it as Indian ground so they could build casinos.

In Kansas, the Wyandotte Tribe wants two acres next to City Hall in downtown Kansas City deemed a reservation so it can

open a casino. In California, Wisconsin, Michigan and Alabama, variations of such claims for land, federal recognition or both are ongoing with tribes seeking to build casinos.

Experts said tribal claims are big business, attracting wealthy investors who pay legal and research bills in exchange for a share of the \$10 billion-a-year Indian casino business. In 2000, 195 tribes ran 309 gaming operations in 28 states, according to the National Indian Gaming Commission.

One such investor, Thomas C. Wilnot Sr. of Rochester, N.Y., said he is paying for the Miami claim in Illinois and the Paugussets' effort in Connecticut.

Wilnot, chairman of shopping mall developer Wilnot Inc., told The Associated Press he is building a new company on investing in Indian claims that could yield lucrative casino contracts.

His job as consultant also includes lobbying Congress and federal bureaucrats who might make critical decisions about his

tribes' claims. Federal records show Wilnot has also become an avid campaign donor.

"We think they've got valid claims. We're trying to get people aware that this isn't some kind of joke - this is a serious matter," Wilnot said.

Concerns that such claims could become epidemic prompted Sen. Peter Fitzgerald, R-Ill., to propose a bill to clear up a discrepancy in the law created by a 1985 U.S. Supreme Court decision allowing tribes to sue based on centuries-old land claims.

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BIG BEAR LAKE, Calif. (AP) - An earthquake with a preliminary magnitude of 5.1 rattled a wide swath of Southern California on Saturday afternoon. No damage or injuries were immediately reported.

The quake struck at 1:05 p.m. and was centered 4 miles northwest of this San Bernardino County ski resort, according to preliminary estimates from the U.S. Geological Survey.

The quake was felt as far away as downtown Los Angeles, 80 miles west.

"It was a good rolling earthquake," said David Delay, a Big

Bear City fire engineer. "Everybody was doing the typical duck and roll."

At least eight small aftershocks followed.

The tremor was not connected to a magnitude-3.9 earthquake that rattled the desert southeast of Los Angeles about three hours earlier, said Joe Franck, a seismologist at California Institute of Technology.

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New research shows intelligence in animals

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WASHINGTON — Animals are a lot smarter than most people realize.

In a flurry of recent books and research papers, scientists report that some animals can perform simple arithmetic, form mental maps of their environment and understand bits of human language. They also can exchange elaborate messages with each other, master intricate social relationships, create tools and teach others to use them.

A few animal whiz kids even demonstrate a rudimentary self-awareness and can handle abstract concepts — such as whether things are the same or different — intellectual capacities previously thought to be limited to human beings.

"We share the planet with thinking animals," said Marc Hauser, a neuroscientist at Harvard University. "Insights from evolutionary theory and cognitive science have begun to revolutionize our understanding of animal minds," Hauser writes in his new book, "Wild Minds."

The brainiest are chimpanzees, which share 99 percent of our DNA and can be taught an elementary form of human language. Next come talking birds, whose ability to make intelligible sounds opens a window into the non-human brain that no other species provides. Many other species, including dolphins, whales, elephants and crows, also exhibit intelligent behavior, but have not been studied as intensively as apes and talking birds.

Irene Pepperberg, a biologist at the University of Arizona in Tucson, has trained a parrot named Alex to name, request or refuse more than 100 objects. She

What pigeons can learn

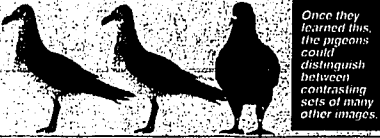
Scientists now realize that animals can handle abstract concepts previously thought to be limited to humans.

What's the same, what's different

Pigeons learned to tell that these three flowers were all the same.



...but that one of these birds was different than the others.



Once they learned this, the pigeons could distinguish between contrasting sets of many other images.

SOURCE: Twin Falls, psychologist Robert Cook, KRFF Photo Service. Graphics: TODD LINDSEAN © 2001 KRFF

said Alex now understands such abstract concepts as "same," "color" and "how many?"

Pepperberg calls Alex an "avian Einstein." Alex knows his numbers up to six, she says.

When he is shown five keys or corks and is asked, "How many?" he answers "Five." He also can combine the notions of color and number, answering correctly when asked, "How many blue key?"

Alex has "changed our perception of the term 'bird-brain,'" said Pepperberg.

Scientists acknowledge that there is an enormous gulf between human and animal mental capacities, and animal researchers compare their subjects to human babies — not to adults.

In her book "Minds of Their Own," Australian animal psychologist Lesley Rogers says a baby's developing brain forms "maps of the infant's own body and the world around it. Animals do likewise. Neurophysiologists have found such maps laid out in the

cortex (the outer layer of gray matter over most of the brain) of cats and monkeys."

According to Hauser, many animals, as well as human babies, exhibit rudimentary numerical abilities spontaneously and without training. He said this "mental tool allows (them) to assess the number of objects or events, be they seeds, bananas, pacifiers or coins."

In a report in the January issue of the Journal of Experimental Psychology, Columbia University researchers Elizabeth Brannon and Herbert Terrace describe how three monkeys were trained to understand the sequence of numbers from one to nine.

First the monkeys learned to touch groups of symbols — circles, squares or diamonds — in ascending order from one to four. When they had done this, they were shown similar groups consisting of five to nine symbols. Without further training, the monkeys touched the higher numbers in the proper order.

Terrace said the experiments

"provide compelling evidence that number is a meaningful dimension for rhesus monkeys."

According to Hauser, some adult monkeys are "at least as talented as a 1-year-old human when it comes to counting objects. Like a human infant, rhesus monkeys appear to understand that 1 + 1 equals 2, 2 + 1 equals 3, 2 - 1 equals 1, and 3 - 1 equals 2, but fail to understand that 2 + 2 equals 4."

Before the new wave of research, it was considered "scientifically unsound to even contemplate whether animals think," said Rogers. "Attributing humanlike characteristics to animals exposed scientists to ridicule."

Researchers attribute their new appreciation of animal intelligence to recent developments in cognitive psychology, infant development and neuroscience. For example, PET (positron emission tomography) scans, which show the chemical functioning of tissue and organs, and magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), which reveals the structure of organs, reveal similar patterns of electrical activity in human and animal brains.

Advances in computer science, particularly in the fields of artificial intelligence and machine learning, also indicate that mental skills — such as playing chess — are not limited to human beings.

In his book "Animal Minds," Griffin asserts that "levels and types of intelligence in non-humans form a continuum with those of humans."

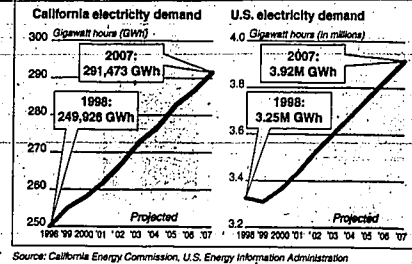
Rogers agrees, saying: "It is possible that we humans are just another step in the continuity of the evolution of mind."

To learn more about Alex the parrot, see www.alexofoundation.org. For information about gorilla sign language, see www.koko.org. For information about Kanzi, the chimpanzee, see www.gs.edu.edu/tldc/www/rlr/biogr/aphies/kanzi.html.

California and U.S. electricity demand

California's electricity demand is expected to grow at an annual rate of 1.8 percent through 2007, paralleling nationwide trends. Between 1990 and 1990, demand in California grew at an average annual rate of 3.6 percent, but slowed to 1.1 percent between 1990 and 1997.

A gigawatt hour is enough electric power to keep an average of 1 million homes in California lighted for one hour.



Source: California Energy Commission, U.S. Energy Information Administration

Officials hopes to have new plants by summer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — As California's energy crisis accelerates toward a summer of uncertainty, lawmakers are attempting a quick fix for longtime neglect that has created an aging and inadequate power system.

Years of inactivity — partly because utilities hesitated to spend money in anticipation of a deregulated market — have left the state playing catch-up.

Gov. Gray Davis announced Thursday that he hopes to have enough new power plants built by summer to light 5 million more homes. But state officials say it will be two to three years before California's energy production fully catches up with demand, and the threat of rolling blackouts will continue at least through the summer.

Until last week, when Davis appointed a utility executive to oversee construction of new plants, there appeared to be no clear plan to deal with the state's energy infrastructure.

"Who's responsible for strengthening various parts of the transmission system? The answer so far seems to be nobody," said Roger Bohn, a professor who studies technology management at the University of California, San Diego.

California generates about 75 percent of the electricity it uses, relying on imports from the Southwest and Northwest for the rest.

Officials acknowledge that California has not added enough power plants to accommodate the roughly 2 percent annual growth in its demand for electricity.

To meet that each year, the state has to add either 1,000

megawatts of generating capacity — enough to power 1 million homes — or cut its use by an equal amount.

Recent events also have underscored the frailty of the transmission system, whose backbone is 26,000 miles of high-voltage lines cobbled together over the last 50 years.

It's a system that continues to fall prey to severe bottlenecks that restrict the flow of electricity.

Inability to move power from Southern California, for example, contributed to blackouts in Northern California last month. The southern part of the state, meanwhile, escaped outages.

Some experts say the state also needs thousands of miles of new transmission lines, an expensive fix that is certain to meet resistance from residents opposed to high-voltage lines near their neighborhoods.

Lawmakers want the state to play a larger role in the electricity business by acquiring transmission lines now owned by Pacific Gas and Electric Co. and Southern California Edison.

In exchange, the state would help the utilities pay down the nearly \$13 billion in debt they have amassed under deregulation.

As wholesale prices soared, utilities were blocked from passing those costs to ratepayers. There are signs the utilities have begun to undertake some of the upgrade work on their own. PG&E agreed to fix one transmission bottleneck partially blamed for the rolling blackouts that struck Northern California last month. But it could cost \$300 million and take up to five years.

Mother suits school district for son's death

Knight Ridder News Service

PHILADELPHIA — The mother of the 5-year-old boy who was killed last week when a lunch table fell on him at school filed a wrongful-death lawsuit against the School District of Philadelphia Friday.

Tom Kline, the attorney who sued SEPTA and won a \$7.4 million settlement last year for a boy who lost a foot in a subway escalator when he was 4, has been retained by Angelina Uberti, the mother of Jonathan Cozzolino.

Jonathan, who was buried Wednesday, was crushed to death Feb. 1 when a table fell on him as he waited in the lunch line at the gymnasium of Disston Elementary School, in the city's Ricony section.

The table, which was broken, was being stored against a wall in an upright position at the time of the accident. The school district does not comment on cases in litigation, two school spokesmen said Friday.

Kline, who also represents the family of a woman who died last spring when Pier 24 collapsed into the Delaware River, said the suit filed in Common Pleas Court alleges that the district was negligent in allowing the accident to occur.

Kline said that the suit was filed so quickly to "make absolutely certain that the evidence — the folding table that is at the center of this tragedy — is preserved and to make sure that the mother of this little body has the same rights and access to the evidence."

Kline said he had been approached to take the case by Uberti and her father, who learned of him from the SEPTA case.

The lawsuit doesn't specify a monetary amount.

A jury would eventually be asked to "place a value on this child's precious life," Kline said.

Tenor opens ward for leukemia patients

HAMBURG, Germany — Spanish tenor Jose Carreras opened a new ward for leukemia patients Friday after helping a German clinic fund the facility.

The Jose Carreras International Leukemia Foundation gave \$1 million toward the cost of the ward at the Hamburg University clinic. The ward is to help patients recovering from bone marrow transplants.

The 54-year-old singer set up the foundation in the late 1980s after making a successful recovery from the blood disease. Carreras regularly holds benefit concerts for the foundation, which has supported 140 cancer projects in the last five years.

Nikki Cox dates 'Bobcat'

NEW YORK — Nikki Cox has played sexy characters on television, but in real life she only has eyes for one man — Bob "Bobcat" Goldthwait.

The 22-year-old star of the WB sitcom "Nikki" is engaged to the caffeinated comedian, who is 16 years her senior. The two met on the set of "Unhappily Ever After," the defunct WB comedy in which Cox got her big break and Goldthwait was the voice behind a puppet named Mr. Floppy.

"I had a mad crush on him and told him so," she says in the March issue of Gear magazine. "He's a really shy, sweet-natured fellow. It's not like he's so boisterous and outgoing."

Cox says she knows the tight, skimpy outfits she wears on

People in the news

television give her the image of being a vixen, but that doesn't bother her.

"I would be completely ignorant to act like I'm here because I'm so ... talented," she says. "I know it's because I fit the clothes."

Davis lied about height

NEW YORK — For years, Geena Davis thought Less was more.

The 6-foot actress, who stars in ABC's "The Geena Davis Show," admits she used to lie about — her height and say she was shorter.

"When I started to model, I went to a couple of agencies and they said, 'No, you won't fit the clothes,'" Davis says in the March issue of Ladies' Home Journal, on newstands Tuesday.

"So I started saying I was 5-foot-10 and it worked out better in interviews. I kept that up for a long time. But then a couple of years ago, I said, 'To hell with it. My career is working. I'll admit I'm 6 feet tall.' Now I've noticed the press saying I'm 6-foot-2. I'm growing. In a few years I'll be 6-4!"

dragged into a Brooklyn precinct bathroom and sodomized with a roman broomstick.

Rosario was sentenced to three years probation on Friday by U.S. District Judge Eugene Nickerson. Rolando Aleman, 30, was given two years probation.

Prosecutors said they saw Justin Volpe, one of the attackers, throw a battered, half-naked

Duffy remembers health

NEW YORK — Model-actress Karen Duffy remembers the day that marked the end of her life as a healthy person.

It was the day after the 1995 Emmys, which she attended as George Clooney's date. She woke up with an intense headache that she mistook for a hangover, Duffy told the AP.

Now she spends at least one day a week in doctors' offices and hospitals for neurological work-ups and MRIs. She's gone through chemotherapy, and she's been bedridden for weeks at a time with sarcoidosis, an incurable, painful and debilitating illness.

"Who's responsible for 'Model Patient My Life as an Incurable Wise-Ass.' She is donating profits from the book to a variety of health care charities including groups funding sarcoidosis, breast-cancer and ovarian-cancer research.

Duffy said she wanted to write about her illness in a lighthearted fashion.

"There's a saying that you become what you think about the most. So, I didn't want to be so preoccupied with being a patient that that's all I am," she said. "I wanted to occupy myself with romance, passion, humor; with leading an active life to the best extent that was possible."

As for her prognosis, Duffy said, "I've never asked because that's a little more information than I could handle, and whatever it was, I've probably proved them wrong by now."

— compiled from wire reports

Former officers receive sentence for misleading FBI

NEW YORK (AP) — Two former police officers were put on probation for misleading FBI investigators about the torture of a prisoner in 1997.

Francisco Rosario, 36, and Rolando Aleman, 30, were among six officers to either be convicted or plead guilty in the attack on Abner Louima, a black Haitian immigrant who was

Louima into a holding cell. Volpe admitted in a guilty plea that he wanted to punish Louima because he believed he had punched him outside a nightclub.

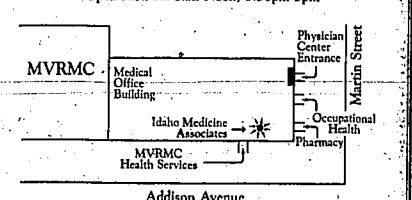
Prosecutors accused the officers of lying to the FBI, first claiming they were not there and later saying the officer they saw was not Volpe.

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Both Bush and Fox have much to gain

Presidents hope to bolster ties

MEXICO CITY (AP) — One astonished the world by wresting the presidency from the long-ruling establishment party. The other took office after the outcome of his election was in doubt for six weeks.

Vicente Fox, who ended a 71-year grip on Mexico's presidency by the Institutional Revolutionary Party, meets this week with his American counterpart, George W. Bush, and both have much to gain.

Fox wants a new, more equal relationship between the two countries — for the United States to be a "good neighbor, not a distant one," said a top Fox aide, Juan Hernandez.

He wants the kind of relationship the two countries haven't had since the United States sparked 150 years of resentment by grabbing half of Mexico in 1848.

"Fox wants to get something out of Bush, but not something explicit that can be presented as a trophy to the Mexican public," said Lorenzo Meyer, a professor of history at the Colegio de Mexico.

What Bush wants is to establish his foreign-policy credentials. He has had limited experience dealing with other countries, but in his campaign he cited his experience dealing with Mexico as the governor of Texas as proof of his



Secret agents guard the entrance of the ranch of Mexico President Vicente Fox on Saturday in San Cristobal de los Ranchos, Mexico.

foreign-policy ability.

"I cannot think of better circumstances to reach something mutually beneficial," said Primitivo Rodriguez, a Mexico City political analyst. "Both are business-oriented people, very direct. They know each other, and they have chemistry."

In their talks, the Mexican side is expected to focus on immigration, particularly a U.S. program for documented temporary workers.

Mexico wants to change the way immigration is seen, to focus on it as a labor issue rather than a law-enforcement matter.

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some progress, it would be a great advance for Mexico, and it would not be a defeat for the U.S."

Fox is likely to get a warm response from Bush.

"Vicente Fox will be knocking on an open door," said Dela Baer, an analyst for the Center for Strategic and International Studies, a Washington think tank.

"The Fox administration knows exactly what it wants from the United States," Baer said. "I hope the United States sits down and thinks out what its strategic game plan is."

One central U.S. concern at the meeting will be Mexico's potential role as a source of electricity. Electrical power plants are already being built or planned on

the Mexican side of the border to generate electricity for California. Bush foresees an intertwined web of regional energy planning, perhaps with U.S. pipelines supplying northern Mexico with cleaner fuel, while Mexican power plants churn out electricity for U.S. customers.

The meeting at Fox's central Mexico ranch — expected to be a mix of serious talks and kick-off-the-boots informality — will play up similarities in the two men's personalities: Bush probably has closer ties to Mexico than any previous U.S. president.

"Vicente Fox is an informal person. He likes to take off the ties, have a nice dinner and create friendships," Hernandez said.

Fox and Bush have met twice before, once when both were governors and again in Dallas after Fox's election when Bush was still competing with Al Gore.

Friday's meeting, Bush's first trip abroad as president, will certainly reflect the changes in Mexico, and its image in the United States, as a result of Fox's election.

"The traditional Mexico bashers are now engaged in a love fest," Baer said.

"Think about it: (Alleged drug lord) Joaquin 'Chapo' Guzman escapes from prison. Normally, there would have been shouts to the high heavens in Congress about Mexico's lack of commitment to fighting drugs. This time, we haven't heard a peep. People do not assume that Vicente Fox is complicit with drug trafficking."



A Palestinian man is carried into a clinic after being overcome by teargas in the West Bank City of Hebron, Saturday.

Israel boycotts U.N. human rights mission

JERUSALEM (AP) — As heavy fighting flared between Israel and the Palestinians, Israel said it would not cooperate with a U.N. human rights mission that arrived Saturday for a fact-finding tour of Palestinian areas.

Foreign ministry spokeswoman Yaffa Ben-Ari said the mandate of the mission is "biased and unacceptable to us and its findings are predetermined."

The mission was appointed last October in Geneva by the U.N. Human Rights Commission, which adopted a resolution accusing Israel of "widespread, systematic and gross violations of human rights."

The team consists of American Richard Falk, a professor of international law at Princeton University, South African John Dugard of Leiden University in the Netherlands and former Bangladeshi Prime Minister Kamal Hossain.

After meeting with Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat late Saturday in Gaza, Dugard said if

Israel does not cooperate, the mission will obtain its information by other means.

"If the Israeli government is not going to give us the information, we will work on that information from Israeli NGOs (non-governmental organizations)," he said.

Next, the team will visit the West Bank and Jerusalem.

There was heavy fighting Saturday between Palestinian gunmen and Israeli soldiers at Rachel's Tomb in the West Bank town of Bethlehem. Palestinians and Israeli soldiers also exchanged fire Saturday at el-Khader, a suburb of Bethlehem. No injuries were reported.

A grenade was thrown at an Israeli-fortified position on the border between Egypt and the Gaza Strip, and a mortar bomb landed in the Jewish settlement of Netzarim, just south of Gaza City. Nobody was hurt in either attack. It was the second time the settlement had been hit by a mortar.

Russian troops apprehend Chechen rebel commander

URUS-MARTAN, Russia (AP) — Clashes between Russian troops and Chechen separatists left seven dead Saturday, media reports said, after a rebel commander was captured by Russian authorities in the breakaway republic.

Three Russian officers were killed on their way to a farmers' market in the Chechen capital of Grozny when their armored vehicle was exploded by a mine, the military command told ITAR-Tass.

Three other servicemen were killed when their vehicle blew up on the outskirts of the southeastern town of Shaluzhi, an RTN television report. Earlier in the day, a senior officer was killed during a shoot-out with rebels in the town of Argun, RTR reported.

Rebel commander Ali Shabazov was captured by Russian troops Friday during a raid in the village of Shaluzhi, in southwestern Chechnya, Interior Ministry officials said. Rebel sources said 18 militants were arrested in the raid.

According to the Interior

Ministry, Shabazov was a top lieutenant to Ruslan Gelayev, one of the most influential rebel commanders in Chechnya.

Russian troops claim they control most of Chechnya, and say the militants, heavily outnumbered and outgunned, are on the verge of defeat. But rebel raids and mine explosions in supposedly Russian-held areas have inflicted daily casualties for months.

Also Saturday, in Gudermes, the head of Chechnya's pro-Kremlin civilian administration signed a decree making the first appointments to a new government. The government formed by Akhmad Kadurov will have seven deputies in charge of 34 specialized ministries and agencies.

Russian troops withdrew from Chechnya in 1996 at the end of a 20-month war against the separatists, but returned to it in September 1999 following rebel incursions into neighboring Dagestan and the deaths of some 300 people in apartment bombings in Russia that officials blamed on the rebels. Rebel commanders denied any involvement.

Women rally against violence; protest short prison terms

ADDIS ABABA, Ethiopia (AP) — Singing and waving banners, Ethiopian women culminated a week of protests against rising domestic violence at a rally Saturday in the capital's Meskel Square.

Then, in the first public act of its kind in Ethiopia, hundreds of women marched to the office of Prime Minister Meles Zenawi and to parliament and delivered petitions demanding more police protection and harsher sentences for offenders.

"The conspiracy of silence is frightening when the violence is against toddlers, and it is time that we spoke out," Konjit Fekade, chairwoman of the protest committee, told the crowd of about 1,000 women in the square that usually is the setting for military parades.

She said the incidence of rape of very young girls and teenagers is on the rise, and that street children, domestic workers and the handicapped are among the most vulnerable.

Large numbers of police looked on as the women wearing white T-shirts saying, "It's time

that the violence stopped" in the Amharic language chanted and waved placards.

"Three nights of candlelight vigils preceded Saturday's rally, a remarkable event in a country where public demonstrations usually support the government."

In Africa in general, violence against women and girls is on the rise.

In neighboring Kenya, newspapers are filled with stories of 2-year-old girls "defiled" by 60-year-old men.

From Addis Ababa to Johannesburg, women who refuse to turn over money to partners or husbands or are slow to prepare meals are routinely beaten or dosed with kerosene and set on fire.

Sociologists and doctors attribute the rising violence in part to growing poverty, lack of jobs for young men and seething frustration fueled by alcohol and drugs.

The women's petition demanded that the penalty for rape be increased to a mandatory 20 years, and in exceptional cases, life in prison.

Zimbabwe government targets Supreme Court judges

HARARE, Zimbabwe (AP) — A government offensive against the independent judiciary, the opposition and the media has intensified, with the justice minister telling two Supreme Court judges to quit or face possible violence.

Moreover, the government said it was pushing for the resignations of all the remaining Supreme Court judges, who have

repeatedly ruled against President Robert Mugabe.

Judge Nick McNally said Friday that Justice Minister Patrick Chinamasa had already asked that he and Judge Ahmed Ibrahim resign.

"We were told very nicely and politely we should take our leave and go, otherwise anything could happen. They didn't want me to

come to any harm," McNally said. McNally, who is white, said he would not quit, Ibrahim, who is of Asian descent, could not be reached for comment.

Mugabe has accused the nation's judiciary of bias toward Zimbabwe's white minority, more than 20 years after blacks overthrew the oppressive, white-minority government.

"On Feb. 2, Anthony Gubbay, the white chief justice of the five-member Supreme Court, was forced into agreeing to resign at the end of February after being told the government could not guarantee his safety in the wake of threats from ruling party militants."

The court's other two judges are black.

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MOSCOW — This is one group that is finally not ready for prime time.

Annoyed at turning on their televisions and settling down in front of a good movie only to have the best parts interrupted by commercials, members of Russia's lower house of Parliament decided such uncultured behavior must stop.

Appearing blissfully unaware of certain financial realities — such as advertising revenues paying for television programming — they overwhelmingly approved the first reading of a bill drastically limiting television ads.

Movies, they decided, should be shown without commercial interruption.

"Is this country really full of idiots?" asked Yuri Zapol, president of Video International, a huge agency that dominates television advertising. Television advertising is expected to produce nearly \$20 billion this year, representing about one-third of all advertising revenue in Russia.

The bill was drafted and introduced by Communists and their sympathizers, but it won broad support, passing by a vote of 275 to 73 on Thursday.

"Advertising cannot drift by itself, it cannot be uncontrolled," Adrian Puzanovsky, a member of the State Duma who helped draft the bill, said Friday. "We should protect the health of the nation."

Nikolai Arefyev, a Communist deputy who introduced the bill, asserted that people had gotten along just fine in the Soviet days without benefit of advertising.

"Commercials provoke so much irritation," Arefyev said during the Duma debate. "Rich people don't need them because they already know what they want and how much it costs. Poor people don't need them because they can't afford anything that's advertised."

Gennady Seleznyov, the speaker of the Duma, complained that the volume suddenly goes up when commercials come on and that many people don't have remote controls to turn them down when they suddenly start blaring.

"You have to get up off the couch and run back and forth," he said.

Trackers set off for wolves in contested hunt

HANESTAD, Norway (AP) — Trackers set off Saturday to stalk nine wolves roaming outside a protected territory, for a hunt organized after frightened residents complained and despite the objections of conservationists.

Wolves were hunted to near-extinction in southern Scandinavia until they were protected about 30 years ago. Now there is a fast-growing population of about 100 in the border region of Norway and Sweden.

Norway ordered the nine animals shot because they have established their territory outside a zone designated for wolves. The government-selected hunters have until April 6 to kill them.

Residents of Osterdalen, a remote, largely wilderness valley, complain of wolves killing livestock and pets and say they are afraid for their children, although no human has been attacked for more than a century. A dog was attacked and injured in its kennel Thursday.

Conservation groups have sued to stop the killings, but the trackers set out as scheduled Saturday.

The 23-member group will be split into two teams, each hunting with rifles and shotguns for about a week at a time, using skis, snowmobiles and probably a helicopter.

"It's a difficult job," head hunter Leonhard Mikalsen said early Saturday, with a full moon still hanging over the group's base camp.

The base, usually a school camp, is in Hanestad, a tiny settlement 140 miles north of the capital, Oslo. The snowy yard between a red log, a small barn and a sprawling old white house was filled with vehicles, many with trailers for snowmobiles being used in the hunt.

Reporters outnumbered the hunters, whose every move was filmed and photographed.

Sources: U.S. investigators won't participate in Cole probe

SAN'A, Yemen — Yemeni authorities have refused to let U.S. officials participate fully in the next stage of their investigation into the bombing of the USS Cole, sources close to the probe said Saturday.

American investigators asked to attend sessions in which Yemeni prosecutors will question the suspects, said the sources, who spoke on condition of anonymity. They said Yemeni authorities denied the request, citing sovereignty concerns.

Yemen is preparing to put at least six people on trial for the Oct. 12 suicide bombing that killed 17 American sailors. The United States and Yemen have tussled over the extent of U.S.

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participation in the investigation and access to suspects.

The trial will follow the next stage of the investigation, which will begin when case files are handed over to prosecutors for review and is expected to last 10 to 15 days, said Yemeni legal sources who also spoke on condition of anonymity. They said the files should be in prosecutors' hands soon.

Plane crash kills 10 people in Suriname

PARAMARIBO, Suriname — A plane crashed into a mountain

side in Suriname on Saturday, killing all 10 people on board, including six Brazilian musicians traveling to a carnival celebration, authorities said.

The twin-engine plane was on a charter flight from the South American nation's capital, Paramaribo, to Jakobkondre, a gold mining town about 40 miles to the southwest, said Vivian Harenberg, the Civil Aviation Authority's safety chief.

He said rescue workers have removed the victims from wreckage at the crash site, 2 miles from Jakobkondre. The badly burned bodies arrived Saturday evening in Paramaribo, where forensic experts would aid in identification, he said.

Rebel sympathizers protest military occupation

GUADALUPE TEPEYAC, Mexico — Zapatista rebel sympathizers protested Saturday demanding an end to the military occupation of a jungle hamlet that rebel forces once used as their headquarters in the southern state of Chiapas.

Protesters carrying candles and white flowers gathered in front of the military base in Guadalupe Tepeyac and called on President Vicente Fox to close it — as he has done with several others in Chiapas.

If Fox wants peace, "he has to make amends with his people and

withdraw the army," said Fernando Velazquez, a spokesman for the demonstrators.

Bus accident in Guatemala kills at least 26 people

GUATEMALA CITY — A trailer carrying paper and cardboard came unhooked from the truck pulling it Saturday, crashing into a bus in eastern Guatemala and killing at least 26 people, emergency officials said.

The bus started its trip in Guatemala City and was nearly halfway through its trip to Chiquimula, 100 miles to the east, when the accident occurred. — compiled from wire reports

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EDITORIAL

School funding judge earns a failing grade

One year after hearing oral arguments, 4th District Judge Deborah Bail has finally made a decision in Idaho's landmark school funding case. After waiting so long, any reasonable observer would expect a thoughtful decision that charts a clear path forward.

But Bail's decision wasn't worth the wait. She merely said Idaho's poorest school districts can't fulfill their building needs because the current system of school financing is unconstitutional. "It's my hope and expectation that the Legislature will act to close the gap," Bail said. "The poorest schools cannot replace dangerous buildings with the current funding system."

Aside from ordering the Idaho Legislature to fix the problem, Bail proposed no solution. But she retained jurisdiction so she can take a red pencil to the Legislature's proposed solution, or kick it back again.

By doing so, Bail has created the impression that the Legislature is in control - but the truth is that she's still calling the shots. In effect, she is saying, "Bring me something I like better, something with more money."

House Speaker Bruce Newcomb and other state lawmakers denounced Bail's ruling as a non-decision masquerading as a decision. They are correct.

A far better decision would have been to dismiss the case, as Bail's former colleague on the 4th District bench - Dan Eismann - had the guts to do.

Eismann's dismissal didn't win him any friends in Idaho's liberal education establishment, but it gained him plenty of supporters among the state's taxpayers. They voiced that support last year when they elected Eismann to the Idaho Supreme Court.

Bail is clearly angling for the state to

step in and pay the bills for school districts that want others to fix their schools. But that way lies fiscal irresponsibility. It would encourage taxpayers to let things slide in their own school districts because - hey, the state will bail them out. Remember, "the state" is a euphemism for taxpayers elsewhere.

Think about it. Taxpayers in District A vote to keep their schools up to snuff, but taxpayers in District Z refuse to pass the bond issues or levies needed for new school construction. Is it fair to ask taxpayers in District A - who are already paying their own bills - to then pay the bills for District Z as well? Where's the incentive for fiscal responsibility?

School bond and levy elections are those rare instances when taxpayers get to vote on whether to raise their own taxes. When the need for a new school is shown, and when the asking price is reasonable, voters often say yes.

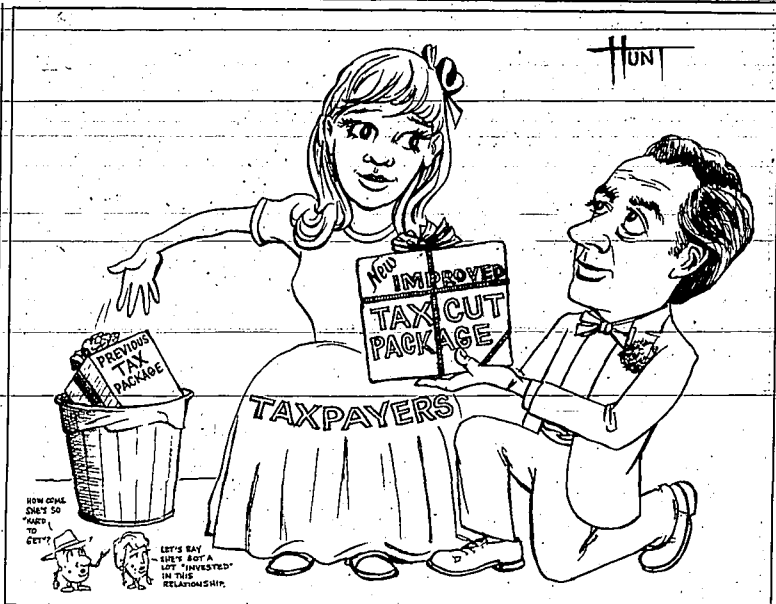
Is approval always given? No. Just look at Jerome, where five multimillion-dollar bond issues have gone down to successive defeat.

But has public education ground to a halt in Jerome? No. Instead of trying to hit a high-dollar home run, the school district now has scaled back its ambitions and has asked taxpayers to approve small, tightly focused projects. Approval has been given, and Jerome is slowly getting to where it wants to go - and it's getting there under its own power.

That's what local control is all about. You pay the bills locally, and you get to set policy locally. If the state pays the bills, then local control goes out the window - and that's not what most Idaho taxpayers want.

Bail's non-decision ducks this basic issue.

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It's downhill for Democrats

The disarray so evident among Democrats in these first weeks of the Bush presidency is the result of their not knowing where they are or who they are. While George W. Bush advances his own agenda and pushes his outreach to the opposition, the Democrats are struggling to find their footing.

Over the past several days the Democratic National Committee elected Terry McAuliffe as its new chairman, and the unofficial but influential Democratic Leadership Council - the policy home of Bill Clinton, Al Gore and Joe Lieberman - installed Sen. Evan Bayh as its new chairman.

Both of these young men - McAuliffe, a record-setting fundraiser in Washington, and Bayh, a champion voter-getter in normally Republican Indiana - spoke with brimming confidence about their party and its future. But all around them, you could see and hear Democrats crashing into other Democrats.

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DAVID S. BRODER

Gore told the same convention how happy he was to "stand here as my own man," no longer burdened by the need to defend his tarnished partner.

During the campaign, White House sources leaked word that Clinton was champing at the bit to get out and rally the Democrats, while top Gore campaign officials told me and other reporters that their polling showed Clinton would cost Gore more votes than he could attract. So they kept him on the sidelines.

Harris added the information that when they met, Gore told Clinton how much of a drag the president's scandals had been and Clinton replied that the real scandal was Gore's failure to capitalize on the administration's economic success and solid record of achievements.

That argument has consumed the Democratic Party for the past six weeks, along with a parallel, finger-pointing discussion about the inability of the Democrats in four straight elections to establish themselves as the majority party in the House of Representatives.

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This tiff has less to do with Gore than with the jockeying for control of the Democratic Party in the next four years. The trashing of Gore by his old allies in the DLC is unseemly - an echo of the disdain former friends showed Fritz Mondale and Michael Dukakis, when they had the bad grace to lose in 1984 and 1988. But the DLC, which gained intellectual ascendancy in the Democratic Party in the past decade and also scored notable political victories with the nominations of Clinton, Gore and Lieberman, is desperate not to have its influence over party policy reversed by Gore's defeat.

While the DLC has been winning adherents in the salons of Washington, and among Democratic elected officials, the rising grass-roots Democratic power centers belong to what Teixeira calls the "1930s and 1950s coalitions" - organized labor, minorities, teachers, environmentalists, women's groups, and abortion-rights and gay-rights advocates. Since the Republican takeover of Congress in 1994, all of them have become more adept at turning out the vote, and together they tug the party to the left.

Bayh told me he thinks the schisms can be bridged, "because everyone realizes we have to maximize the turnout of our base and, at the same time, attract more independent, suburban voters." But that is easier said than done. Parts of the base - especially the African-American community - claim that Gore was cheated out of victory and want to wage war on the Republicans. Others are more than willing to make Gore the fall guy. And still others, apparently including Gore himself, are pointing the finger at Clinton, who, goodness knows, continues to provide ammunition to his critics.

These are troubled times for the Democrats.

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LETTERS

Lifestyle is on the line

As the economy weakens, each citizen must ask, "What can I do to continue in the lifestyle that I have become accustomed to?"

Half of Congress will be pressing for a tax cut. The other half will be subtly trying to raise the next four years' most of the proposals could have some distributional effects, but in terms of resolving the economy, no American businessman should be fooled. The country is coming down from a boom that was fed by easy credit and an administration that did not pay attention. President Clinton's Collidge said that "The business of America is business." We produce prodigious amounts of goods and services with no large markets that are capable of buying. These same goods and services must be sold to a wider market or our standard of living will suffer. Potatoes, milk and sugar beets are a good example of excess supply.

Consumers and farmers are burdened by debt. The flow of private foreign investment into this country has been falling off sharply. Compared to these forces, the kind of policy changes being trumpeted in Congress and the White House are hardly more than froth. The Federal Reserve has over played its interest rate hand. Greenspan will be in complete charge of the nation's economy and, indirectly, the global economy for the next few years. Executive fiscal policy vanished when the Clinton administration rushed to reduce the money supply. Instead, we need to raise taxes across the board and increase the money supply by lowering interest rates.

A larger vision must be advanced, calling upon the American people to alter the way they conduct their lives. We are in a global economy, but the majority of the world's population does not have the means to purchase our goods and services. Hence, a lowering of our standard of living to the level that will not be agreeable to most Americans. We must adjust our voracious appetite for foreign goods and be prepared that if this era of prosperity and peace should come to an end, our country can survive. Let's hope that we will rebuild our military and start preparing for what could be a hard economic landing and understand that we can't tax ourselves to prosperity.

JOSEPH E. EYRE
Jerome

Dementia may ease death pangs

Recently, a good friend talked to a group of us about her mother-in-law who is in the first stages of Alzheimer's dysfunction. My own mother, who is 97, has been in a state of nearly total disconnect for two or three years. She is unable to recognize any of her 10 children or remember her own name and perhaps is no longer in touch with self. Biologically, she is apparently quite functional and may live well past her hundredth.

No claim is made here of any kind of expertise in cognitive disorder, and the thoughts expressed herein may be inconsistent with up-to-date knowledge possessed by those who are experts.

Nevertheless, it occurs to me, as I'm sure it has to others, that some of the people with extreme dementia may experience a relatively untraumatic, easy dying process. Fear may be the most disturbing part of dying and my mother may no longer have foreknowledge of death (just as small children do not) and therefore has no fear. Is this just wishful thinking? Maybe. As in the case of death itself, I have no knowledge of an Alzheimer's patient who has recovered or was somehow resurrected and told us what his or her journey was like. By definition, I suppose, he or she wouldn't remember anyway.

On the other hand, the presence of Alzheimer's disease, or similar states of dementia, probably has no effect on the pain component of dying and I try not to delude myself in that regard.

My thoughts expressed here are, of course, speculative and I won't be surprised if I realize later there are fallacies in my conjecture. But the theory, however shaky it may be, gives me hope that mom may be suffering less because of this deterioration of mind than she would otherwise suffer. In my heart, she has died already; our minds are who and what we are, and hers is gone. If she is suffering some inner turmoil, it is not apparent in her demeanor or behavior.

Hope this may bring a small measure of comfort to my friend, her husband and anyone dealing with a similar situation.

JACK HARTLEY
Twin Falls

George W. raises adrenaline

It is no brainer today what is important to many American citizens. To define what isn't important is easier than what is. We just finished eight years of Bill Clinton. He left office with polls showing 64 percent thinking he did a good job. These polls were no doubt taken in Michigan, California, Illinois, New York - these states fit Clinton's lifestyle. I have a problem with this. Power of electro votes resides there also. If you want to run for office in federal brackets run in these states, if you are a non-believer, have no morals, have been convicted of a crime, been in prison, all that is important in any other state. The case of people like Clintons, Jesse Jackson, Ted Kennedy, they fit right in. Diane Feinstein.

What is sad, though, is what freedom of speech, all civil rights and social programs that fail. People feel pain of parts of our system that don't work. If you are a minority and can't succeed. If you have a brain you gravitate to these states. In California, it's easy to see why folks are there. It's the weather, dummies. If you are hungry, no job, kids are crying, try and be in a warm climate. Why do you think the first humans were found in warm climates? No one has proven to me why any humans lived in Alaska. I believe they got stranded and didn't know how to leave. Africa still today has the lowest economy of any other place in the world.

Our country has gone through the most

drastic changes in lifestyle in the past 20 years than in any other 53 years - Stu type GW, our new president is speaking. This is the first time in seven years I haven't shut off the TV or changed stations. I think I see a new beginning. It isn't going to take much to improve. Just being a decent father, husband, be able to tell the truth. Isn't it a sick world when all one wants in our leader is a man capable of speaking true facts. The bar has finally been raised, though not by more than a few hundred votes. I am sad that so many of my fellow men seek so little. The president of my United States needs to make the adrenaline rise in all our veins.

Good luck, GW!
BARNY "B" ROWLAND
Hagerman

Child requires discipline

To the parent complaining about inhumane treatment during time-out at school, here's a brain storm for you: Instead of complaining, encourage your child to obey the rules and not get into trouble, hence "time-out." Perhaps adverse conditions will make your child think twice before breaking the rules next time.

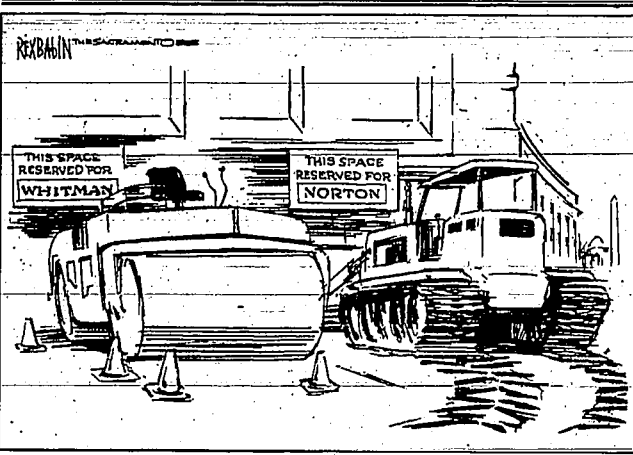
Quit whining and making excuses for your child and teach your child how to behave or to accept the punishment if he or she chooses not to.
CHRISTI LAMUN
Hazelton

Editorial testified racism

I was shocked and disgusted by your editorial of Jan. 24. Of course the internment camps were a result of racism. Were there any camps for Germans or Italians? Anyone who believed then, or even worse believes now, that such action was "reasonable, even prudent" is the same type of person that hate groups rely on for their continued existence. I'm sure that your editorial would gladly be reprinted in any Aryan Nations or KKK publication you wish to submit it to.

Our nation stole three years of life and their dignity from the people in the camps. In many cases, these people lost their homes, property and businesses. The paltry \$20,000 compensation and apology to the survivors which came only relatively recently hardly makes amends for what happened.

I am sure from the tone of the editorial that Mr. Hartgen and staff would rather see a hog farm on the property than a reminder of a grievous wrong committed by our country. I continue to be amazed that no apology has been issued. A person of integrity sets things right when they know they have made a mistake. Martin Luther King said, "The time is always right to do right." Mr. Hartgen, the time is right.
JACK C. KULM
Jerome



LETTERS

Hunt was justified injustice

May I have my turn now regarding the Hunt camp controversy?

As a veteran of World War II and serving in the South Pacific Theater throughout the Solomon Islands campaign attached to Fleet Air Wing 1, Headquarters Squadron (USNR) and serving two years in that theater as an aviation machinist mate, I was given (post-war days) a unique opportunity to have my name placed in the hat for a farm unit drawing on the Hunt project, Jerome County.

I had already become eligible in two "land drawings," one in Yuma, Ariz., the other in Tule Lake, Calif. Luckily, I was unsuccessful in both. Then came the Hunt camp and I tried again. Again unsuccessful (or successful, whichever is preferred by the reader). My father, also a California war veteran, was a winning "entryman" on his first try.

We came to Idaho together in the fall of 1947. I bought him out and stayed on, he packed up and went back to California. Smarter than I was or am.

Having lived in southern California and joining USNR there in June 1942, I know what it means to have placed my life in the line for glamorous pay at \$16 per month, seven days per week. Ms. Ford, however, received \$21 per month. Don't know how many days per week she worked.

However, before the war and up until I entered service, I would quite often stop at a small wayside Japanese-owned vegetable stand to buy our fruits and vegetables. Owner-operator and I became friends. Then after the war began on Dec. 7, 1941, and before my friend was moved away from coastal areas along with many others by War Relocation Act of President Roosevelt, I stopped at my friend's vegetable stand. I sorted through as shoppers do to select the best. My friend made this remark to me: "Mr. Ford, it won't be long until you'll be forced to take what is displayed without choosing or go without."

I never saw my friend again, but when he had made the above remark to me, I knew then the president had no choice. This friend was a Nisei, however rightfully had become an American citizen. An injustice to so many, yes, but a justified injustice.

I will add that I have numerous Japanese (American) friends here and they (who know me) will agree that I am their friend as well.

PETE FORD
Rupert

Idaho needs new options

Beneficial use is the underpinning of Idaho water law. How is water for crops that cost more to produce than the market will pay considered beneficial use? The Hagerman irrigators have real reason to question eastern Idaho pumpers. What has over-production of commodities cost Idaho in time, water, power, fertilizer, equipment and land use? Currently, spuds are merely dumped on the ground. The Feb. 1 editorial lists the costs of salmon recovery. It would be interesting to list the cost of deficit operations in Idaho. Will government subsidy of ag be any more successful and economical?

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needed to be more nutritious, higher yielding and more drought and disease resistant. Other grains will follow, and how does this impact Idaho ag? Is \$2.99 per 25 pounds of flour great for grain farmers?

Democratic legislators have asked that Idaho scale back growing taxes. Republicans want to spend a lot of time and money arguing and mailing checks that cost more to cut than face value when received. How much waste in legislative time and tax money? Come on, Times-News, the latest tack on this effort is more refund to rurals, meaning farmers.

Idaho needs to look at some new options. If all public land was kept for grazing wildlife, would hunting and fishing pay more than a few animal units? What will it cost if we don't save salmon and how many other natural species will follow?

On page 8 of the Jan. 15 issue of U.S. News and World Report, it states the feds pay \$1.5 trillion annually to the states. Idaho receives \$829 more per person than we pay in federal taxes. Connecticut pays the feds \$2,840 more per person than they receive back.

Why is Republican Idaho always denigrating the federal government? Would a little respect be better? Idaho's one-sided Republican view has no vision.

P.S. For every Idahoan, there are 281 other Americans owning and paying upkeep on federal land. Is it fair for Idahoans to demand local control?

EARL D. OLSON
Twin Falls

Auger Falls hydropower scheme has never made sense

The Twin Falls City Council fell prey to folks taking advantage of the energy crisis in the Pacific Northwest.

Fueled by fear and duped by inadequate and inaccurate information provided by would-be hydro developers, the City Council voted unanimously Monday night to waste taxpayer money filing for a preliminary license for the Auger Falls hydropower development. The council excluded the public and heard only from those who would profit from the proposal.

The shortsightedness of the Auger Falls project is stark. The Mid-Snake River is a state-protected river, meaning that no new hydropower projects or dams can be built. The Northwest Power Planning Council also designated this a protected river reach. The 91 miles of river from Milner to King Hill have been legally exempt from hydropower development and new dams since 1993 by the Idaho Legislature.

The original Auger Falls project was grandfathered into the plan because the original license was issued before the state protection was approved. However, that license has been terminated, kicking in state protection.

There are a variety of reasons for the current prohibition on new hydropower projects and dams. The Mid-Snake is home to sensitive species like white sturgeon. It also supports five species of Endangered Species Act-listed threatened or endangered snails. It has deplorable water quality and is under a court-ordered cleanup. All of these problems are a result in part of operations of several existing hydropower projects in the Mid-Snake reach.

READER COMMENT
Marti L. Bridges

The river is a working river that is being worked to death. The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, which licenses dams, must honor state protection of the Mid-Snake. That means FERC cannot license a new project on the Mid-Snake. The state of Idaho denied the previous developer a submerged land easement for the dam based on the testimony of more than 200 Twin Falls-area citizens, and the Department of Environmental Quality found that Cogeneration Inc. never met even the most basic of water quality requirements.

Not only that, but this project makes no economic sense. It's been a loser from Day 1. Hydro developers say it will cost \$80-\$90 million to build a 40- to 50-megawatt plant. The rule of thumb suggests that if costs are more than \$1 million per megawatt, the project will be a financial loser. This project is more than twice the cost to break even. How unfortunate is the city of Twin Falls is poised to waste an estimated \$2,000 in filing fees.

The city claims it needs this project because of the energy shortfalls in the West. But hydropower production at run-of-river projects such as Auger Falls is entirely dependent on flow. River flows are lowest in winter, when power demands are highest. Furthermore, the 5,000 cfs required by the Auger Falls project is rarely available at any time in the year. So new hydropower is a poor choice to meet short-term peak load.

A better short-term tactic to relieve an energy shortfall is conservation. Simply replacing regular light bulbs with new compact fluorescent bulbs saves loads of energy, thus avoiding the need for new energy sources.

The energy crisis we're facing in the Northwest will be solved shortly by the large number of new power plants that will come online by the end of 2001. We are short 3,000 megawatts of power in the Northwest. But more than 4,000 megawatts of new power supply is scheduled to go online by the end of 2001, including the world's largest wind farm in Washington state.

Furthermore, building new hydropower will not make our power supply more reliable. To establish a reliable power supply, we need to diversify our sources. In the Northwest, 94 percent of our energy comes from hydro or fossil fuels. Right now, fossil fuel prices are skyrocketing while water supplies are very low. If we add another leg to our energy supply, we'd be in much better shape. That third leg should be non-hydro renewables - solar, wind, biomass, fuel cells, etc.

So why would the city of Twin Falls buy a lottery ticket for this project? It's a much better idea for local residents to buy some compact fluorescent light bulbs, look to truly renewable energy and lessen our dependence on water for electricity. You'll sleep better knowing you didn't lose your beloved free-flowing Auger Falls to yet another private profit scheme.

Marti L. Bridges of Boise is the conservation director for Idaho Rivers United.

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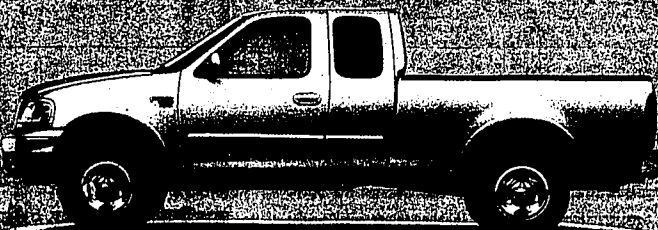
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Time to pull the plug on Los Angeles

Californians have their knickers in a knot this winter over the fact that they're shivering in the dark because every Californian owns three PCs and never turns them off, thereby leaving the state with insufficient electrical energy to run Catherine Zeta-Jones' blender.

This is just silly, and reflects the lack of perspective at the heart of the Golden State's everything, all-the-time philosophy of life. Clearly, in times of crisis, sacrifices must be made, and the most logical at the moment would be to pull the plug on Los Angeles. That's right: Shut L.A. down for the winter. Angelenos who object to huddling around campfires in their gang-infested neighborhoods would have to go to Fresno.

Look, L.A. sucks up about 3,500 megawatts of electricity each day this time of year - enough to heat, light and raise and lower the garage doors of, by my calculation, 4,936 Kimberlys or at least three or four Ketchums. Plus, to be awfully frank, California and the nation as a whole could learn to do without Los Angeles. The National Football League certainly has.

This is a metropolis whose most distinguished citizen, Los Angeles Lakers' guard Kobe Bryant, devoutly wants to leave town to avoid playing on the same basketball team with its least-distinguished citizen, who would be Shaquille O'Neal. This is a city that has Regis Philbin's footprints enshrined in concrete on a public sidewalk. And not to put to fine a point on it, but L.A. is an awful place to live. You could look it up in Money magazine.

Violent crime (per 100K population)

- Los Angeles - 1,017
- United States as a whole - 506
- Median home price
- Los Angeles - \$200,600
- United States - \$129,572
- Home utility cost index
- Los Angeles - 121.2
- United States - 105
- Cost of living index
- Los Angeles - 130.1
- United States - 104
- State and local taxation
- Los Angeles - 14.3%
- United States - 10.4%
- Auto insurance, per year
- Los Angeles - \$1,450
- United States - \$829
- Air quality index (higher is better)
- Los Angeles - 1
- United States - 65.9
- Commute time (in minutes per day)
- Los Angeles - 26
- United States - 19.3
- Bad Dodge teams
- Los Angeles - 1
- United States - 0
- Marv Hart
- Los Angeles - 1
- United States - 0

Los Angeles, in my judgment, has failed to achieve distinction since Cheech and Chong broke up and moved to Marin County - and certainly since it missed an Oscar nomination for its star turn as a penal colony for cyborgs in the movie "Blade Runner."

No one, frankly, will miss L.A. at all: Not the WWF. Not the NFL. Not MTV. Not Robert Downey Jr. and certainly not George W. Bush.

Matter of fact, we just might keep the lights off in L.A. after the lights come back up everywhere else. Seems to me that it's time for a new kind of California Lotusland - a palm-fringed, energy-efficient trailer park, maybe. Yuba City, perhaps, but without the whimsy.

And it's not as if the City of Angels hasn't had plenty of chances to be blinded by the light. Sixty years ago, novelist Raymond Chandler - still the definitive voice on Los Angeles - wrote this of her:

"Across the street, a mixed quartet of small strips and did what they could to make the strips miserable. While this was going on the exotic brunette didn't move more than one eyelash."

At about the same time, Louie B. Mayer, the legendary movie studio boss, was on a bench at Malibu urging a director and cast to complete a picture on time and under budget. It was late afternoon, and the sunlight was fading. Told that the company was "losing the light," Mayer snapped, "Then turn it off!"

Chandler obviously wasn't a Southern California Edison stockholder. I suspect that Mr. Mayer was.

Steve Crump is The Times-News features editor.

Plant filters might pose nuke risk

By N.S. Nokkervet
 Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Perhaps the greatest risk of a spontaneous nuclear reaction in buried radioactive waste in Idaho is from air filters from a Colorado nuclear bomb factory.

Officials at the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory say monitoring would have detected any spontaneous nuclear reactions in the buried waste. But documents obtained by The Times-News suggest no monitoring was done that would have detected such

What is a criticality?

A criticality is an uncontrolled nuclear reaction. In such an accident, nuclear materials sustain a reaction - or "go critical," in the parlance of nuclear science. This is not the same as a nuclear explosion, but it releases energy, a characteristic blue glow and potentially lethal levels of radiation. The leftovers remain radioactive for many years.

State and federal regulators met with Energy Department

and INEEL officials from Dec. 6 to 8, 2000, to discuss the likelihood of a spontaneous nuclear reaction - known as a criticality - in plutonium-contaminated waste buried at the INEEL.

Such a criticality might not raise any immediate concern, but the possibility of such an event is a factor in deciding whether and how best to clean up the buried waste that threatens the Snake River Plain. Please see FILTER, Page B3

Budget cuts cause no hurdle to cleanup

By N.S. Nokkervet
 Times-News writer

IDAHO FALLS - A \$40 million cut in the cleanup budget, and increased efforts to ship stored waste out of Idaho, will not affect efforts to clean up buried radioactive waste that threatens the Snake River Plain Aquifer, officials say.

The Energy Department is behind schedule in shipping plutonium-contaminated waste stored above-ground at the

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National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory to a New Mexico disposal facility.

But increased efforts to ship waste out will not affect funding for buried waste work, INEEL spokesman Nick Nichols said.

Critics have long held that INEEL's focus on shipping out waste, essentially benignly stored

Skiers, boarders flock to Pomerelle

By Aaron Brock
 Times-News writer

ALBION - Snowboarders and skiers alike converged on the slopes Saturday to hurl themselves off giant jumps, seeking a terrifying amount of air and distance.

The third annual Big Air competition at Pomerelle Mountain Resort drew 83 competitors from as far away as Oregon, ranging in ages from seven to 33 years old.

"It just gets bigger every year," said Mountain Manager Tom Burrows, adding that while it is a competition, having fun really is more the order of the day.

Some entrants were happy to take it easy, getting only moderate air, but others hurled themselves into space, shaking off the bounds of gravity for a few long seconds before touching down 60 or 70 feet away from the takeoff point.

Eighteen-year-old Tyler Stanczak, a skier and a Boise resident, was one of the thrill-seekers in the last group. His first jump of the day saw him spin around twice - a 720-degree turn - with his skis tightly crossed in an iron cross behind him.

It was an impromptu voyage into space, he said.

"I just throw it when I get there," he said, noting that if he thinks ahead and plans out a jump, he typically crashes.

Michael McClure, a 15-year-old skier from Sun Valley, was disappointed in his 360-degree iron cross.

"Not as big as I wanted it," he said.



Michael McClure, 15, of Sun Valley catches some tremendous air on his first iron cross aerial during Saturday's Big Air Competition at Pomerelle Ski Resort.

Results

Winners of Pomerelle's third annual Big Air Competition are:

- Snowboarders**
 Shawn Black, 30, from Twin Falls, 17 and older category.
 Chris Irwin, age 15, from Twin Falls, 12 to 16 year old category.
 Andy Sheppard, age 11, from Twin Falls, 11 year old and under category.
 Rachel Boer, age 18, from Jerome, female 17 and older category.
 Jason Lee, age 18, from Burley, won the employee contest.

- Skiers**
 Travis Purrington, age 21, from Pocatello, 17 and older category.
 Drew Stocklein, age 16, from Sun Valley, 16 and under category.

Tricks were present and fun to watch, but they were basically icing on the cake for a competition that awarded the most points for getting huge air. And many of the participants

geared their runs toward that simple goal.

"I'm just going to try to go as far as I can," said Tyson Jones, a 17-year-old snowboarder from American Falls.

Trips to the emergency rooms would seem commonplace, what with the myriad of daredevils launching themselves into the sky and then slamming down

It is important people do not take artifacts from public lands, she said. Proper excavation ensures no other valuable clues

Daredevils in chaps compete in skijoring competition

By Karen Bossick
 Times-News correspondent

FAIRFIELD - Who needs a multimillion dollar chairlift when you've got a horse?

Three dozen daredevils dressed in cowboy chaps, ski boots, sheepskin jackets and ski helmets eschewed modern-day lift power for old-fashioned horsepower Saturday to compete in Idaho's first skijoring competition of the new millennium.

More than 150 spectators turned out to stand in sideways-blowing snow to cheer them on as they skied behind horses jumping over three ski jumps, schussing around slalom gates, trying to spear rings with their arms and hold onto the rope dragging them the same time.

It was a wild ride that involved the mechanics of water skiing and snow skiing with the frenzy of a demolition derby.

"It's a crowd pleaser," said organizer Kurtis Stutz, a lineman

from Fairfield who grew up in Red Lodge, Mont. - home to the national skijoring finals.

"You get a horse running 35, 40 miles per hour down a straight track with a skier hanging on for dear life, then throw a few jumps and slalom gates in their way and you've got quite a spectacle. Last year I saw one kid manage to make three jumps ski-through a dozen gates after losing one ski."

Skijoring isn't new to Idaho. Cabin-fever craved McCall residents skied behind horses on Payette Lake during McCall's first Winter Carnivals more than a half-century ago. And Fairfield residents proudly offer up a 1924 photo of a skijorer bombing down Fairfield's Main Street.

But being few of the competitors who turned out for Saturday's competition had ever seen a skijoring event, let alone competed in one, Saturday's inaugural Smoky Mountain Skijoring competition kicked off

And the winner is...

Winners in Saturday's Smokey Mountain Skijoring Association race

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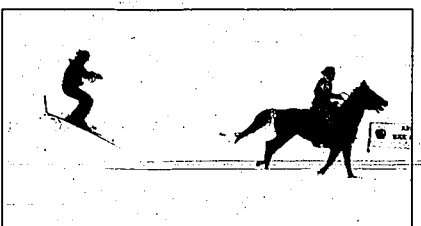
- First: Matt Loidocker and George Pater - 48.0
- Second: Nate Scalos/Mary Diges - 50.4
- Third: Scott Miller/Mark Fisher - 58.22

Women's Division

- Shell Schroeder/Cheryl Bennett - 59.79
- Julia Wietham/Andrea Roche - 71.4

with the slow mo of a tractor pull rather than thrills car rally.

"The tricks - and spills - increased as the skiers became braver. One of the more memorable incidents: the perseverance of Andrew Diges, who crashed, continued to hold onto the rope while the horse pulled him



Shell Schroeder of Fairfield pulls Cheryl Bennett to the finish line in Saturday's Smokey Mountain Skijoring Association race in Fairfield. The two women took home first-place honors in the women's division.

across the snow on his belly and finally got back on his feet only to have his partner Mary Diges fall off her horse.

Tim Bennett, of Fairfield, was one of the first to get the crowd roaring, as he swung out around

a slalom gate and sailed over a 4 1/2-foot jump only to crash head over heels.

"You get points for style, man," yelled one of the spectators.

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Jet-stream causes fog in Boise area

BOISE (AP) — Residents can blame much of this year's low mountain snowpack and Boise's high number of foggy days on a jet stream that is out-of-sorts.

Typically, high-altitude winds bring heavy winter storms laden with moisture to Idaho from the Pacific Ocean across Washington and Oregon, said Jim Jannuzzi, meteorologist in charge of the National Weather Service office in Boise.

Those storms tend to drop lit-

tle snow in Boise, because the "in its shadow" of the Owyhee Mountains, which bring out moisture as the storms pass over. Meanwhile, the west-central mountains farther north catch the majority of the snow.

But for the last 30 days, the jet stream has veered south over the Pacific to California before heading east well south of Idaho, Jannuzzi said.

A comparatively weak spur of the jet stream has come north to

Idaho, carrying less moisture and lower winds than storms from the west. The Owyhees were not in the path of these storms to prevent snow from dropping on Boise.

And the winds were not strong enough to carry the moisture to the mountains and build up the snowpack, Jannuzzi said.

In other words, this has been a dry winter in the mountains while Boise has had more snow than usual.

Man pleads guilty to wildlife violations

BOISE (AP) — It took two years of investigation, but game officers tracked down and convicted a man for multiple wildlife violations in Idaho and Utah.

Randie "Buck" Cowdin of Brigham City, Utah, pleaded guilty to numerous counts and fines totaling \$15,692 with \$4,200 suspended, 1260 days in jail with 1,110 suspended; 60 days home detention; five years' probation; five years with no hunting or fishing privileges nationwide; 15 years of no sportsman privileges in Idaho; and 30 days jail time for violating probation.

"We received information that Cowdin killed several large bull

elk and mule deer north of Soda Springs," said Larry Hlavaty, Idaho Fish and Game senior conservation officer. "Further information indicated he killed two large mule deer bucks found with their antlers locked together near the Black Pine area."

At the same time, the Utah Division of Wildlife received tips Cowdin was involved in the illegal killing of one or two large elk from the huge Deseret Ranch in Utah.

"Hlavaty, a Utah conservation officer and a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service agent began interviewing people. Cowdin pleaded guilty to Idaho

charges including hunting with a suspended license; taking bull elk during a closed season; hunting without a license; hunting without elk tags; and hunting without an archery permit.

In Utah, investigations centered around the killing of two bull elk on Deseret property. Cowdin pleaded guilty to killing a six-point bull. He charged under Utah's wanton destruction of protected wildlife law.

Cowdin also pleaded guilty to three federal charges of violating the Lacey Act through interstate transportation of illegally taken deer and elk killed in Idaho and moved to Utah.

Bill might help curtail drivers' use of cell phones

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — New legislation may make driving while chatting on cell phones a ticketing offense.

Under the bill, police would only be able to ticket a driver if using a cell phone contributed to another traffic violation.

The House transportation com-

mittee is scheduled to debate it. "We need to increase the public's awareness in driving. When driving, your primary focus should be driving, and not calling your mom," said the bill's sponsor, Rep. Kory Holdaway, R-Taylorville.

Similar bills have been presented to the Utah Legislature for the


past three years, but have been defeated each time.

Originally, Holdaway's bill would have completely restricted the use of cell-phones when driving, unless the driver was a law enforcement officer, reporting a crime or having a medical emergency.

SERVICES

Jeneal Jones Stevens of Garland, Utah, and formerly of Wendell, service at 10 a.m. Monday at the Garland LDS Tabernacle, 140 W. Factory; family and friends may call from 4-7 p.m. today at Rogers and Taylor Funeral Home, 111 N. 100 E., Tremonton, and 8:15-9:30 a.m. Monday at the tabernacle. Local service at 4 p.m. Monday at the Wendell LDS Stake Center; family and friends may call a half hour before the service.

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TWIN FALLS



Ginger R. Hoover

Ginger Rae Read Hoover, 54, of Twin Falls, died Thursday, February 8, 2001, at age 54. She was a member of the Regional Medical Center, following a courageous battle with cancer.

She was born July 22, 1946, in Kimberly, Idaho, the daughter of Ray and Hannah Rudolph Read. She was reared and educated in Kimberly, graduating from Kimberly High School in 1964. She married Wayne Hoover on May 27, 1972, in Elko, Nevada, and he preceded her in death on April 3, 1989. Ginger worked at Young's Dairy, in the Sears bookkeeping department, Avco finance for 20 years, Twin Falls Medical, and has worked in the Trust Department of U.S. Bank for the past 10 years. She enjoyed making various crafts, counted cross-stitch, knitting, crocheting, and was an excellent seamstress. She was a volunteer with the Ageless Senior Citizens in Kimberly, and a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Ginger was a beloved mother, daughter, sister, and friend.

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Eden. He moved to Twin Falls in 1927 and graduated from Twin Falls High School the following year. Harry was a farmer for 10 years in Shoshone, Idaho, and was active in the Local and State Grange. In 1950, he became owner of the Greatwood Store and Service Station. In 1960, he moved back to Twin Falls and worked for a local wholesale company until his retirement at age 65.

Harry married Ann Myers in 1963. Both were active members of the First Christian Church of Twin Falls. Harry loved sports, dancing, and visiting with his many friends. He will be missed by his family and friends.

Harry is survived by two daughters, Karon (Del) Blevins of Council, Idaho, and Delores (Ralton) Womack of Tracy, California; one son, Kenneth (Wanda) Ohlinger of Gooding, Idaho; seven grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren; one stepdaughter, Ruby (Bob) Gillespie of Twin Falls; one brother, Wayne (Marge) Hogue of Twin Falls; and one sister, Helen (Ed) Seal of Hazelton, Idaho. He was preceded in death by his wife Ann, who died September 29, 1991.

Funeral services will take place at 2 p.m. Monday, February 12, 2001, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel with Rev. Dave Drullinger of First Christian Church of Twin Falls officiating. Friends may call at the funeral chapel one hour prior to the services on Monday. Private burial will take place at Sunset Memorial Park.

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many great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Mary will be missed greatly by young and old.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, February 12, 2001, at the Larkin Community Church in Carey, Idaho. A viewing is scheduled from 12:30 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Monday at the church. Inment will follow in the Carey Cemetery. Arrangements are under the care of Wood River Chapel of Hailey, Idaho.

RUPERT



Ray Garr Hovey

Ray Garr Hovey, 84-year-old Rupert resident, passed away Wednesday, Feb. 7, 2001, at the Mindaco Memorial Hospital in Rupert.

He was born July 21, 1916, at Millville, Utah, the son of A. Ray and Hazel Garr Hovey. He married Beth Reese of Logan, Utah, in the Logan Temple. They had two daughters, Annette and Marilyn. They were active in community affairs in Logan and Burley, where their ranch was located.

Garr was a member of the Logan Junior Chamber of Commerce, an officer in the Idaho Farmers Union, and often a delegate to the Utah State Democratic Convention, a member of the Utah State University Alumni Association, and an active lifelong member of the LDS Church, serving a variety of positions.

After his wife's death in 1996, Garr married RaNaee Smith Ruperi. RaNaee is the mother of five children. Pam (Val) Nish, Cynthia (Paul) Mickelsen, Andrea (Tim) Jolley, Jeremy (Lisa) Smith, and Carey (Melinda) Smith. RaNaee is the grandmother of 21 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Survivors include his wife, RaNaee; two daughters, Annette (Donald F.) Hull of Los Altos Hills, Calif., and Marilyn (Jon W.) Wright of Chicago and Wollsville, Utah; two sisters, Bernice Windborg and Norma Horsch; nine grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; his first wife; and a sister, Eltha Rosding.

Funeral service was held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 10, 2001, at the Paul LDS 3rd and 4th Ward Chapel. Burial was in the Logan, Utah Cemetery. The family suggests that memorials be made to LDS Humanitarian Services in care of Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel, 710 6th St., Rupert, ID 83350.

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Jack Nile Price of Twin Falls, memorial service at 11 a.m. Monday at the Filer Community Bible Church, 610 Yakima St., Filer. (Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls).

Iris Lambert McKendrick of San Francisco, Calif., graveside service at 1 p.m. Monday at the Rupert Cemetery (Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel).

Claude Alan VanEpps, formerly of Hagerman, service at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls; visitation will be 4-7 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Thomas M. 'Bus' Kendrick of Twin Falls, service at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl.

Nelise A. Sissiam of Hailey, memorial service at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Hailey LDS Church.

Ernest 'Ernie' Lemar Hanes of Oroville, Calif., and formerly of Kimberly, service at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Christian Center, Four Square Church, 181 Morrison, Twin Falls.

DEATH NOTICES

Gladys Davis
GOODING — Gladys Davis, of Gooding, died Friday, Feb. 9, 2001, at the Gooding Rehabilitation and Living Center.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Demaray's Gooding Chapel.

George Coiner
HANSEN — George Coiner, 75, of Hansen, died Friday, Feb. 9, 2001, at his home.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

Richard Hawkins
HAZELTON — Richard Hawkins, 53, of Hazelton, died Saturday, Feb. 10, 2001.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

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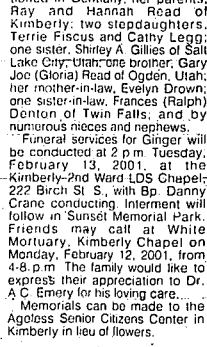
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Mary Ann (Keeley) Kimball

Mary Ann (Keeley) Kimball, passed away peacefully at age 94, on Thursday, February 8, 2001, at the hospital in Gooding, Idaho.

She was born July 3, 1906, in Hazen, North Dakota, the third of nine children born to John and Minnie Keeley. She spent her early childhood in North Dakota. The family moved to Hazelton, Idaho, when Mary was a teenager. She graduated from the Hazelton High School. Mary exchanged wedding vows with Harold Kimball on November 24, 1934, and they moved to Carey, Idaho, to homestead and raise their family.

Mary was an outdoor person who loved fishing and hunting, and horses were her favorite animals.

She was a longtime member of the Friendly Neighbors Club, and was a past-president of this local organization. She loved her family and friends, and was well known for her hospitality and sense of humor.

Mary was preceded in death by her husband, Harold Kimball in 1979, six brothers, one sister, Eddie (Barbara) Kimball, Max Kimball, Bernice Hanks, Ramona Kimball, Pat (Louie) Vaughn, Elda (Barney) Sparks, Kenny (Mary) Kimball, Lawrence (Daria) Kimball, and John (Annie) Kimball; thirty grandchildren; and

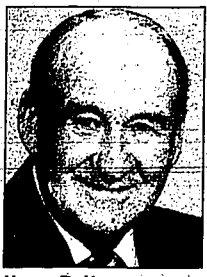
OBITUARIES

she was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. She was a beloved mother, daughter, sister, and friend.

She is survived by her son, Robert Ray (Monika) Hoover, stationed in Germany; her parents, Ray and Hannah Read of Kimberly; two stepdaughters, Terrie Fiscus and Cathy Legg; one sister, Shirley A. Gillies of Salt Lake City; three brothers, Gary Joe (Gloria) Read of Ogden, Utah; her mother-in-law, Evelyn Drown; one sister-in-law, Frances (Ralph) Denton, of Twin Falls, and by numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services for Ginger will be conducted at 2 p.m. Tuesday, February 13, 2001, at the Kimberly and Ward LDS Chapel, 222 Birch St. S., with Bro. Danny Crane conducting. Inment will follow in Sunset Memorial Park. Friends may call at White Mortuary, Kimberly Chapel on Monday, February 12, 2001, from 4-8 p.m. The family would like to express their appreciation to Dr. A. C. Emery for his loving care.

Memorials can be made to the Ageless Senior Citizens Center in Kimberly in lieu of flowers.



Harry B. Hogue

Harry B. Hogue, 89-year-old Twin Falls resident, died Friday, February 9, 2001, at the SunBridge Care Center.

Harry was born July 29, 1911, at Cutler, Illinois, to Howard and Ina Stevenson Hogue. He moved to Idaho in 1914 with his parents, who homesteaded a farm south of

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Games might bring visitors to Rupert

By Lorraine Cavener
Times-News correspondent

BURLEY — Thousands of tourists will drive past the city on their way to the 2002 Olympic Winter Games in Salt Lake City, but how many will stop is open to debate.

"Salt Lake City will be overrun with people and won't be able to handle the immense amount of tourists there," said Joan Asson, executive director of the Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce.

"We could get a good impact." Despite Asson's optimism, the prospect of Olympic trickle-down hasn't made much of a stir among Mini-Cassia businesses.

"I'm not convinced, but I don't discount it," said John Webster, manager of the Best Western Burley Inn. "So far, I have received no calls from people afraid they can't get a room," he said. "Everybody will be attempting to get as close to Salt Lake as possible."

The motel does not normally fill up in the winter, Webster said. "Anything we get would be a benefit to us," he said.

The Winter Games' opening ceremony is expected to attract 52,000 guests, according to Visitor's Information Services Coalition of Utah, with tickets costing upwards of \$885 a seat.

Estimates show there will be enough rooms to support the number of tickets sold, but VIS is encouraging people to pursue lodging options through family



Brandi Freytor bows at Snake River Bowl during a Burley High School physical education class Friday. Alley owner Wally Studer says any business brought in by the 2002 Winter Olympics would be a bonus.

and friends. VIS has a limited inventory of hotel, motel and condominium accommodations available, officials said.

Travelers to the Olympics will not be Mini-Cassia's only influx during that time. Displaced Utah skiers may want to get out of town and come here instead, Asson said.

Pomerelle Ski Area would likely benefit, though the ski area already is busy keeping up with the guests it attracts on its own.

Pomerelle owner Woody Anderson has had \$4 million to \$5 million expansion plans in the works since 1996, unrelated to the Olympics. Alas for Pomerelle, the expansion won't

be ready by next winter. Other businesses expect a small increase from Olympic traffic.

Wally Studer, co-owner of Snake River Bowl, said the bowling alley is normally promoted through the motels.

"Burley is a natural stopping place," he said. "Any money we get from that is a bonus."

The Idaho Department of Commerce is working to raise awareness about what Idaho has available to tourists, said Mitch Knothe, tourism development specialist. The Department is hoping to secure a visitor center booth at the games.

"Local businesses could send the department information to be displayed at the games, he

Hunting big Games

- The 2002 Olympic Winter Games will be held Feb. 8-24, 2002, in Salt Lake City and surrounding areas. An estimated 2,400 athletes and officials are expected to participate.

- The Paralympic Winter Games will be held on March 7-16, 2002, with about 1,100 athletes and officials expected to participate.

- The State of Utah predicts the 2002 Games will provide significant economic benefits to Utah, including \$970 million in income to Utah workers and business owners. State and local governments are expected to collect an estimated \$236 million from various taxes and other revenue sources.

- An estimated 18,000 volunteers will help stage the Games.

- An estimated 9,000 broadcast and print media representatives are expected to cover the Games.

- Initial ticket orders have brought in \$76 million.

said. The department is also trying to learn who ticket holders are and send a direct mailing, he said.

"The most hope is for passing through traffic, possibly stopping and from games," he said.

But he and Asson say the more people learn about southern Idaho while they are here, the bigger the chance they'll remember it when they plan their next vacation.

"Who's to say in the future they won't come back?" Asson said.

Washington standoff

ends with tear gas use

BELLEHAY, Wash. (AP) — A two-day standoff between police and a couple sought on a California child molestation warrant ended Saturday after police used tear gas to flush the husband out.

Phillip Lee Roberts, 36, was arrested at about 4 p.m. Saturday. His wife, Frances Nicole Roberts, 33, had been arrested early Saturday morning after she walked out of the apartment with two of their children.

The standoff began Friday morning when police arrived at the family's apartment to serve an arrest warrant from Modesto, Calif. Officers reported three or four shots were fired from the family's upstairs unit as they tried to serve the warrant.

The home was soon surrounded by SWAT team members and officers began negotiating with

the couple by telephone. About 15 nearby homes were evacuated and the residents offered shelter at a local church.

Phillip and Frances Roberts are sought by police in Modesto, Calif., for a investigation of 12 counts of child molestation. They fled Modesto in September.

At issue are sex videos that allegedly show Phillip Roberts, and a son, 16, having sex with the oldest girl, then 13. The son was arrested Feb. 7 and booked into juvenile detention in Stanislaus County, California for investigation of child molestation.

Police began investigating in early September when the daughter took a video to a neighbor's home that depicted her in "lewd poses," The Modesto Bee newspaper reported.

The neighbor called police, who interviewed Mrs. Roberts and confiscated more than 100 videotapes. When officers returned to the house Sept. 1, the family was gone.

Filter

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Aquifer. INEEL officials denied a Freedom of Information Act request for minutes from that meeting, but The Times-News obtained the minutes elsewhere.

According to a draft of the minutes from Dec. 6, "There have not been any records identified to indicate that any monitoring for criticality was done during the flooding events."

INEEL spokesman Tim Jackson noted that the minutes say personnel were not contaminated during the flooding, and that shows personnel were monitored.

The monitoring has been a source of contention among federal and state agencies.

EPA officials suggest that a small spontaneous uncontrolled nuclear reaction might have gone undetected during one of the flooding events at the INEEL's burial ground.

Sue Stiger, head of environmental cleanup at INEEL, in December told The Times-News that monitoring was in place at the time that would have showed the evidence of a nuclear reaction.

"We would have been able to detect it," she said.

But EPA officials challenged the assertion that a past criticality would have been detected by the kind of monitoring done at the time. That conclusion could not be made without an evaluation of the personnel, their location and monitoring data from the time of the event, Wayne Pierre of the EPA's Seattle office said in his responses to the minutes.

With sufficient plutonium within a given space, water could act as a "moderator" during a flood and allow a nuclear reaction to occur. Without water, small amounts of plutonium are not likely to sustain a nuclear reaction.

The burial ground was flooded in 1962, 1963 and 1984. And officials act as a "moderator" during a flood and allow a nuclear reaction.

But INEEL officials assert that the material did not go critical during the flooding, the minutes say.

"Not everyone at the meeting agreed Pierre said.

"This issue is not closed," he said.

According to the minutes, based on what is known today, the Energy Department is not worried about a criticality risk.

But EPA officials are concerned, Pierre said. They are

particularly concerned about air filters from the nuclear bomb plant at Rocky Flats, near Denver, Colo. The filters, most of them shipped to INEEL in wooden and cardboard boxes, were heavily loaded with plutonium.

Rocky Flats gave up trying to recover plutonium from the discarded filters.

The Rocky Flats Plant "aggressively tried to get the plutonium off the filters, but could not," retired plant supervisor Al Williams said in the minutes.

The filters were dumped in the burial ground pits along with the other waste. They may constitute the greatest risk of an accidental criticality, Pierre said. Yet information about the filters and the amount of plutonium they contain is uncertain.

Some data suggests that some drums of filters could contain more than one kilogram of plutonium distributed through the filters — a favorable configuration for a potential criticality if water were present, Pierre said.

INEEL officials said the likelihood of finding such overloaded waste drums would be rare. But officials agreed to investigate the apparent gaps in information about filters.

From 1952 through 1970 plutonium-contaminated and other waste was dumped willily-nilly into pits and trenches at the 88-acre burial ground at INEEL — a site now known as the Subsurface Disposal Area.

The waste came primarily from the nuclear bomb factory at Rocky Flats, near Denver.

I would like to say goodbye to all of the good friends that I have made over all the years that I worked for State Farm Insurance on Overland Avenue in Burley. It has been a pleasure to get to know you, visit with you, and to help you with your insurance needs. I will always remember the good visits and the smiles.

Leslie Hunter

Researchers link off-road vehicles, spread of disease

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Scientists think they may have found a link between off-road vehicles and the spread of the hantavirus, according to new research.

The research suggests that dune buggies, motorcycles, Jeeps and all-terrain vehicles can disrupt and destroy rodent habitat, forcing mice and rats to live in close quarters.

Led by University of Utah biology professor Denise Dearing, researchers are investigating whether the result is an increased rate of transmission of hantavirus among and between species.

"We are not sure there is a

cause and effect here, but what's known about (habitat fragmentation) is that it might increase transmission and prevalence of this disease," Dearing said.

Dearing is seeking additional funding to investigate the possible role of off-road vehicles in spreading the virus.

The theory was born last year during research intended to investigate why wood rats near Tintic, about 40 miles southwest of Provo, were infected with the virus.

The rats rarely carry hantavirus, which is most common in deer mice. To find out why wood rats were infected, Dearing,

University of Utah biology student Rachel Mackelprang and University of Nevada-Reno virologist Stephen Jeor trapped rodents from rat middens in the West Tintic Mountains, near Little Sahara Recreation Area.

The researchers found that deer mice had a 30 percent infection rate for hantavirus — almost three times the rate for mice in other parts of the Great Basin.

The researchers then wondered whether the landscape in and around Little Sahara, a popular area for off-road vehicles, may be a factor.

After reviewing existing research about habitat fragmenta-

tion, the team has turned its attention to these vehicles.

Dearing's team does not suggest that their initial research presents an immediate threat to human health.

"But if you have higher prevalence of hantavirus, you have higher chance of coming into contact with infected material," she said.

Communicated to humans through rodent feces and urine that become airborne in dust, usually in confined spaces such as sheds or garages, hantavirus has been diagnosed in 277 people in the United States, 38 percent of whom have died.

Budget

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concrete or asphalt pads was diverting energy and money from efforts to clean up chemical and radioactive waste buried uncontained above the aquifer.

The buried waste already has leaked solvents into the aquifer and plutonium has been found in a core sample about 240 feet below the burial site — about 10 feet down to the aquifer.

INEEL's cleanup budget was cut from \$665 million to \$625 million this year.

A 1995 agreement between Idaho and the federal govern-

ment requires the INEEL to ship 3,100 cubic meters of waste to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant in New Mexico by the end of next year.

So far, INEEL has shipped 256 cubic meters since the shipments began in April 1999 — officials had planned to ship 360 cubic meters by this time. The site has 23 months to ship the remaining 2,844 cubic meters.

INEEL officials say it will be difficult, but they have a plan to catch up. They are buying extra equipment and putting on extra shifts to meet one of its next

major deadlines for shipping thousands of drums of nuclear waste out of the state.

INEEL officials plan to add another "graveyard" shift within the next month to process waste around the clock seven days a week. The site also is buying duplicate X-ray machines, and managers have sent out bids for mobile radiological equipment to boost the numbers of barrels that can be analyzed.

Meanwhile, more than 2 million cubic feet of waste remains buried above the aquifer.

INEEL and EPA and state offi-

cial disagree on how best to proceed on the cleanup of that waste. State and federal regulators say the waste needs to be sampled, to verify historical data about the waste.

INEEL plans call for a decision by next year. But a test dig in a 20-foot-square patch of waste is not expected to be completed for 10 years. It would cost about \$100 million.

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Compete

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"It was a little too much speed," said Bennett, who later gave another dramatic performance teetering on one ski after another only to lose five seconds for missing a gate. "It was like the horse got away from me and I couldn't catch up."

Contestants were scored according to the time with which they negotiated the 895-foot track. They lost two and five-second deductions for dragging a stick or missing a gate or jumping.

Short straight slalom skis seemed to give competitors an edge. Choking up on the rope

gave them extra speed. Former ski racer Matt Leidecker and horseman George Peter whipped down the course to victory, with Leidecker showing sparks of the slalom racer he once was.

"Pretty good, considering I've never done it before," said Leidecker, of Ketchum, a big grin on his face. "I'd never even heard of it until yesterday. But it really feels just like ski racing — with the added energy of the horse."

"Those horses have a lot of energy," interjected Nate Scales, who finished second in the open division. "It's kind of scary

because you don't have any idea what's going to happen. You're helpless, just letting the horse pull you forward. But it's really fun."

"It's awesome," chorused Cheryl Bennett, an Idaho Power Company worker from Fairfield. "I've been skiing for 31 years, been on horses since I was six months and this was a whole new feeling."

Organizers said they hoped to stage a competition again next year with the addition of a Pee Wee division. Eventually, they'd like to join towns like Bozeman, Mont., Cody, Wyo., Red Lodge,

Mont., Jackson Hole, Wyo., Leadville, Colo., and Durango, Colo., on the skijoring circuit.

The sport is gaining in popularity, observed Stutz. A total of \$25,000 at the national finals last year.

"What better way to spend a snowy day?" observed Mike Jaskowski, of Hailey. "I think a lot of kids will probably get jazzed up after they see this and want to come out next year."

Times-News correspondent Karen Bossick can be reached in Hailey at 578-2111.

Skiers

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into the hard-packed snow, but injuries are actually virtually unheard of, said Pomerelle officials.

"They're kids," said resort manager Jodi Burrows, "and they're flexible."

With well over half the typical visitors to the mountain wearing snowboards, bringing in such competitions was designed to give them a venue for aerial acrobatics, said resort owner Woody Anderson.

"The boarders really get a hoot

out of the Big Air," he said. Indeed, at Saturday's event, more than two-thirds of the competitors were on snowboards.

As the competition has grown in size, contestants are coming from further and further away, Anderson said. A large number of

big air seekers were from Pocatello, Boise, Idaho Falls and Sun Valley.

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Museum

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ancient cultures are destroyed or overlooked.

"A lot of people just want the pieces, and they discard a lot of useful information that could tell how people lived, what they ate and how they survived," she said. "I found only one gallery in New Mexico. The museum finally recovered the piece last spring.

or more. There is a big demand for them.

Someone stole a beaded tobacco bag from the Idaho Museum of Natural History in 1989 that had been part of the center's collection since 1937. It surfaced at an auction house in Scotland and then was sold to a gallery in New Mexico. The museum finally recovered the piece last spring.

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The Associated Press

Completes for Friday Sent to Governor

HB93 (Appropriations) - Makes an emergency \$1.5 million appropriation to the Department of Juvenile Corrections for the current budget year.
HB125 (Appropriations) - Makes an emergency \$20 million appropriation to the Superintendent of Public Instruction for the current budget year.
HB126 (Appropriations) - Makes an emergency \$146,400 appropriation to the State Tax Commission for the current budget year.
SB1034 (Finance) - Appropriates \$3 million to the state Board of Education for the Promise Scholarships program.

Introduced in Senate

SB1092 (Transportation) - Raises the value for disposition of low-value vehicles in \$750.
SB1093 (Transportation) - Reduces from 65 to 55 the age for which an automobile emergency \$20 million appropriation to the Superintendent of Public Instruction for the current budget year.
SB1094 (Transportation) - Raises the fine for failure to wear seatbelts to \$200 and the equipment requirements.
SB1095 (Transportation) - Increases the emergency medical services fee on driver's license for those under 21 to \$10 and for the eight-year license for adults \$50.
SB1096 (Transportation) - Exempts motorcycles from the sales tax and eliminates from the sales tax.
SB1097 (Transportation) - Limits storage charges on abandoned vehicles under certain circumstances.
SB1098 (Transportation) - Extends eligibility to purchase vehicles at salvage pools.

Cassia County

MURLEY - Recent activity in 5th District Court in Cassia County included the following:

Misdemeanor dismissals

James Allen McClain, 27, 3665 E. 3100 N., Kimberly, motor carrier log book violation; pleaded guilty; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.
Patricia L. Reyes, 21, 742 Main St., Caldwell, 1st, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st, 32nd, 33rd, 34th, 35th, 36th, 37th, 38th, 39th, 40th, 41st, 42nd, 43rd, 44th, 45th, 46th, 47th, 48th, 49th, 50th, 51st, 52nd, 53rd, 54th, 55th, 56th, 57th, 58th, 59th, 60th, 61st, 62nd, 63rd, 64th, 65th, 66th, 67th, 68th, 69th, 70th, 71st, 72nd, 73rd, 74th, 75th, 76th, 77th, 78th, 79th, 80th, 81st, 82nd, 83rd, 84th, 85th, 86th, 87th, 88th, 89th, 90th, 91st, 92nd, 93rd, 94th, 95th, 96th, 97th, 98th, 99th, 100th, 101st, 102nd, 103rd, 104th, 105th, 106th, 107th, 108th, 109th, 110th, 111th, 112th, 113th, 114th, 115th, 116th, 117th, 118th, 119th, 120th, 121st, 122nd, 123rd, 124th, 125th, 126th, 127th, 128th, 129th, 130th, 131st, 132nd, 133rd, 134th, 135th, 136th, 137th, 138th, 139th, 140th, 141st, 142nd, 143rd, 144th, 145th, 146th, 147th, 148th, 149th, 150th, 151st, 152nd, 153rd, 154th, 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Idaho historian studies crime link

Jack Owens receives

faculty research grant

POCATELLO (AP) — Buying time to flesh out the larger, global implications of what may be a 16th century Spanish crime cartel is the goal of an Idaho State University history professor.

Jack Owens received a faculty research grant to enable him to return to Cuenca, Spain, to follow up on an accidental discovery made while examining documents in the Royal Archive.

He calls his discovery the "Villena Cartel," stating that no one has discovered any other European criminal organization as sophisticated and geographically extensive for such an early period.

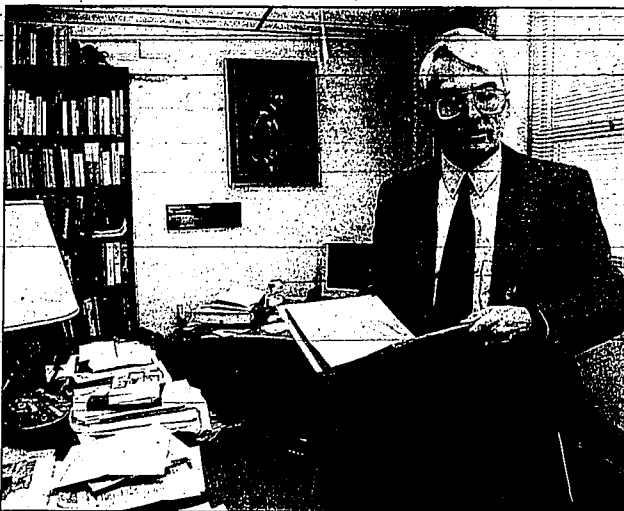
Owens believes his research could challenge the "fundamental view of what's gone on in the 16th-century—Historians turn abstractions (development of the state, capitalism, individualism) into actors, but that denies human agency."

Further implications of his research could suggest that the Mafia, or Cosa Nostra, could have older roots than historians believe. Spanish ports were within easy reach of Palermo, Sicily, the long-reputed home of Italian organized crime.

"Most of the handwriting is terrible," Owens said. "But this one was actually pretty and readable. I looked at it really to rest my eyes."

Documents included a peace treaty among several prominent families that puzzled Owens, and a document from 1565, a royal commissioner's report, or "special prosecutor's" report, about a secret investigation.

"I've never been able to fig-



Idaho State University professor of history Jack Owens works in his Pocatello office.

ure out what the treaty meant," Owens said.

After a time, Owens discovered connections with the secret investigation to the prominent man in whose house the mysterious treaty was signed. The families had murdered each others' members.

"It could be the families signed the treaty to put a stop to other investigations," Owens said.

Further examination into other documents in the commis-

sioner's handwriting revealed what could possibly be an extensive organized smuggling ring involving myriad merchants and prominent families. Government officials may have also been involved.

"The documents showed the commissioner's growing amazement that there was actually an organization," Owens said.

The commissioner appeared later in a different part of Spain, further west in the center of the cloth and sheep products

trade, and tried to arrest a merchant from Milan. The merchant escaped out a secret back door and visited Inquisition judges in order to claim the commissioner had no jurisdiction over him.

"They were smuggling gold and silver out of Castile," Owens said. "Silver came from 'greater' Peru and what is now Bolivia."

Sneaking out a secret door, secret investigations, organized crime, financial irregularities "all sounded like modern day Colombia," he said.

Church will close BYU for Olympics

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Brigham Young University will cancel classes during a part of the Olympics next year, and Mormon leaders are calling on students and other church members to volunteer at the games, officials said Friday.

The university will cancel classes for four days during the second week of the Winter Olympics and adjust Winter Semester 2002 to make up the canceled days, which will run Feb. 19-22.

No classes were scheduled for Monday, since it is Presidents Day.

University officials also asked professors to allow students to make up classes they might miss while volunteering during the first week of the games.

"In keeping with (church) President Gordon B. Hinckley's conviction that the Winter Games provide a great opportunity to serve, we believe that members of the BYU community have much to contribute to this effort," said BYU president Merrill J. Bateman.

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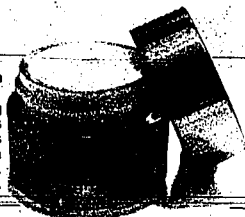


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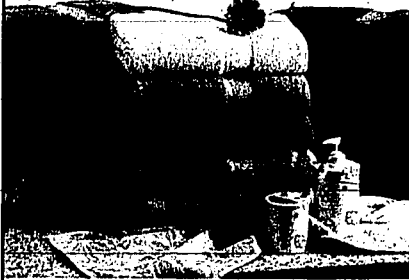
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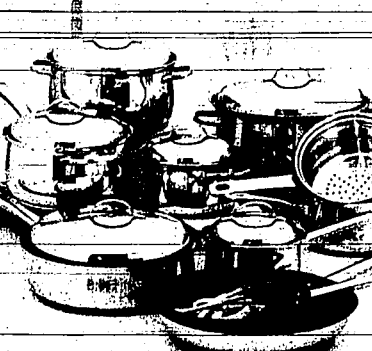
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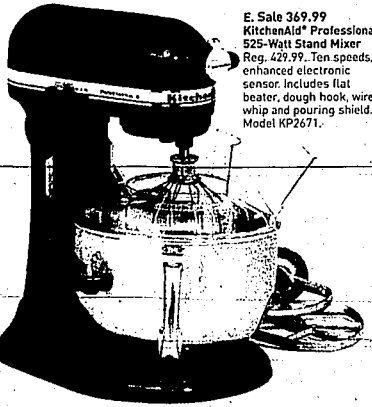
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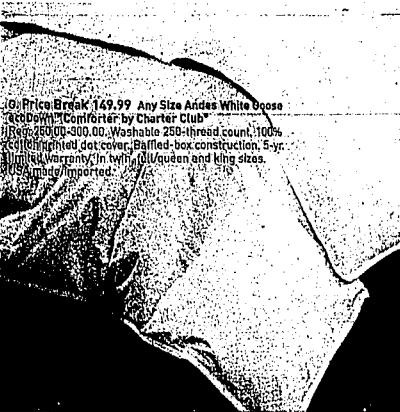
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—Jim Armstrong of the Denver Post

TRIVIA

QUESTION:

What is the longest-standing men's track and field indoor world record?

...answer below

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

Recreational tennis
2001 Singles Tournament, at M.V. YFCA

IN BRIEF

AT&T will air the girls' state tourney games

TWIN FALLS - AT&T Broadband announced this week that it plans to broadcast this year's state high school girls' basketball championship games on Saturday, Feb. 17.

The games, from 6:30 p.m., will air on Channel 10 in the Twin Falls area and Channel 34 in the Minnicasin area.

Cal Ripken sign-ups take place this week

TWIN FALLS - Magic Valley Cal Ripken Baseball sign-ups will be held this week at the Harmon Park Recreation Building.

Registration for 9- and 10-year-olds will be Monday from 7-9 p.m. Signups for 11- and 12-year-olds is Tuesday from 7-9 p.m. Each player must bring a copy of his birth certificate and \$50 for the registration fee. For more details, call 734-8455.

Twin Falls Kids Wrestling program starts March 6

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls Kids Wrestling program, coached by Twin Falls High School coaches Dave Slotten and Scott Thompson and sponsored by the Twin Falls School District and the Twin Falls Recreation Department, kicks off March 6.

The program is for young wrestlers in kindergarten through sixth grade. Cost is \$12 in city limits and \$15 outside. Practices in the new gym at Twin Falls High School are set for March 6, 8, 13, 15, 20 and 22 - all Tuesdays and Thursdays. Times are 5:45-6:30 p.m. for K-2, 5:45-6:30 p.m. for third through sixth grade.

Registration will be taken on the first two days of practice half an hour before each scheduled practice time.

Matches are set for three Saturdays - March 10 at Kimberly High, March 17 at Filer High and March 24 at Twin Falls High.

ISU women run Big Sky record to 10-0

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz. - The Idaho State women's basketball team improved to 17-4 overall, 10-0 in the Big Sky Conference, using a second-half burst to subdue Northern Arizona on Saturday, 63-56.

The win was the Bengals' 13th in a row and school record of 17th of the season. ISU, which rallied from a 10-point, halftime deficit, placed four players in double figures, led by Sarah Nelson's 16 points. Ashley Toner had 14 for ISU, while Mandi Carter reached her 30th double-double with 11 points and 12 rebounds.

Toner had a career-high 23 points Thursday as ISU topped the Cal State Northridge Matadors 75-59. ISU has two home games remaining, Friday and Saturday night at Reed Gym against Montana and Montana State. A sweep would clinch the conference crown, and a hosting gig, for ISU.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

TRIVIA ANSWER:

Long jump, 28 feet 10 1/4 inches, by Carl Lewis in 1984.

Tigers take no slack

Jerome clamps down on Broncos, grabs district title

By John Dorr
Times-News writer

JEROME - Defense wins championships.

The Jerome Tigers proved that Saturday night as they shut down the offensive attack of the Blackfoot Broncos on their way to dominating 50-29 victory and the Class A-1, Div. II District IV-VI girls' high school basketball cham-

ampionship. Jerome, already assured of a state berth with a win over Century on Tuesday, now takes the top district seed to face Nampa at Timberline High School in Boise at 1:45 p.m. Thursday. Blackfoot, the second seed, will face Mountain Home at 6:30 p.m. Earlier in the day, the Century Diamondbacks defeated Bishop Kelly in overtime to earn their own trip to state.

The teams have played three times in the past eight days. Each time, the Tigers controlled in the first half, but last Saturday the Broncos dominated in the third on their way to a seven-point win. Thursday in Blackfoot, the Tigers withstood the charge and held on

down the stretch to force the second championship game.

The Tiger defense was impressive, limiting Blackfoot to single digits in the first three quarters. Rarely did the Broncos attempt a shot without a hand in their face. Every Bronco that tried to drive the lane found company, and lots of it.

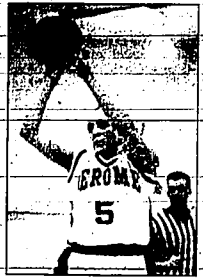
"I can't say enough about our defense. We played great defense," said Jerome coach Michelle Skyles. "We did not play exceptionally on offense. We had spurts, but got it done. I like where we are, having a three-game win streak heading into state."

The first spurt came early. Senior post Kendra West convert-

ed on the three-point play and the Tigers would never trail again. Sophomore post Jennifer Bond took a West assist, then scored on a putback as Jerome led 7-1. The period ended with the Tigers up by six.

"We played together as a team," said Bond, who tossed in 11 points. "Last week we played with fear. Today we were fearless."

The teams traded baskets in the second quarter until West hit a jumper and Bond added a free throw for a 20-12 advantage at the break. Skyles used her usual substitution pattern, playing the starters for most of the period then bringing in five new players. No Please see JEROME, Page C2



Jerome's Brandi Escover helps clinch the Tigers' District IV-VI championship win against Blackfoot with a 3-pointer Saturday.

Radar love

Speedy point guard adjusts game, life at CSI

By Kevin Hall
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - His name is pronounced "unique."

Fitting for the nitro-like explosiveness that Enrique "Ricky" Clemons flashes daily on the basketball floor.

For the 20-year-old College of Southern Idaho freshman, basketball is a best friend, a means to a better life, his purpose for being alive.

"I really wouldn't know what I would do if I didn't have basketball," he said, spinning his world on the end of a fingertip.

For as long as he can remember, Clemons' life has revolved around the ball he so easily keeps twirling atop his finger. From tossing a ball around in his crib to sleeping in gymnasiums as a teenager so he could be the first one shooting before pickup games, basketball has been the one constant in a life rife with unknowns.

Born to play

"Little Ricky," as his childhood friends would call him, grew up without a father. To this day, Clemons doesn't know his father's name, nor does he care to know. At age 7, he lost his mother, Gwendolyn, to a drunk driver.

By that time, Clemons was already a burgeoning playground legend.

"That's all I did every day was play basketball," he said. "Ever since I can remember, I played basketball. My grandmother used to say that I'd throw my ball up in my crib and just shoot it up in the air all the time."

"She knew I was going to play basketball." It was his mother's wish to have Ricky play.

"I just played basketball to get (her death) out of my mind," he said. "She was always smiling. I remember her always telling me to keep playing. That's all I did



Southern Idaho freshman Ricky Clemons is relearning the X's and O's of basketball that have come so naturally for him in the past. On his own since age 15, the lightning-quick point guard sees CSI as an opportunity to gain the skills necessary for him to become one of the nation's premier NCAA Division I players in two years.

and that's all I wanted to do. She (gave) me a basketball for Christmas every year. Every year I got one."

And it didn't matter who was on the other side of the ball. Clemons didn't mind playing against people three, four, 10 years older than him. Just as long as he was on the court and in a game.

"We played at Miami (Fla.) Senior High all the time," he

said. "I moved there to live with my grandmother for a while. ... I was always the little guy, playing with the older guys. I'd always make sure they would pick me. When you play with older guys, they always seem to pick older guys. But everybody wanted me to play with them because everybody knew I could play."

Clemons lived in Miami with his grandmother as a child, but

later called Raleigh, N.C. home. Back in North Carolina, Clemons continued to develop his game.

By the time he was in junior high, Clemons had begun to gravitate toward a new "family" in the basketball suburb.

"When I went to middle school, basketball really took off," he said. "Everybody saw that I could play and they all wanted to help."

He stayed at friends' houses, becoming part of their lives as he struggled to find his own.

"I just kind of went from here to there," he said. "Then when I was 15, I moved out and just everybody was helping me when I was playing basketball."

Along the way, Clemons was mentored by "big brothers" Jerry Hanes and Rod Green.

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All-Star Saturday

Wanna fail? Wear a headband

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Bad day for Generation II with the "H" standing for headband. Bad night, too.

Desmond Mason of the Seattle SuperSonics won the slam-dunk contest at All-Star Saturday night when Baron Davis of the Charlotte Hornets couldn't make his final attempt while using a doctored headband as a blindfold.

"I thought he could see through it at first, but obviously he couldn't. It was about 3 feet short when he tried to dunk it," said Mason, a rookie from Oklahoma State who beat Davis and Utah's DeShawn Stevenson in the final round. "It wasn't the strongest dunk contest ever, but it was fun doing it."

Earlier Saturday, every member of the rookie team donned this season's hottest NBA fashion accessory, and the youngsters - with the exception of Orlando's Mike Miller - certainly looked hip. But the sophomore team, with



Seattle's Desmond Mason puts the ball through his legs while attempting a dunk during the NBA Slam Dunk contest at the MCI Center Saturday in Washington. Mason won the contest. Their mostly unadorned foreheads, were the better team as they

Super Sunday

The NBA's best go toe to toe today in Washington, D.C.

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defeated the rookies 121-113 in the rookie challenge.

Wally Szczerbink of the Minnesota Timberwolves - who does not wear a headband - scored 27 points to lead the team of second-year players in a fast-paced, above-the-rim game featuring slams, no-look passes, alley-oops and little defense.

Szczerbink finished with five 3-pointers while shooting 11-of-13 from the field.

The game ended with Darius Miles of the Clippers missing a windmill dunk after the sophomore team's defenders stepped aside

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Eagles find some offense

CSI downs Snow, loses to GEU

By Joe Sunnen
Times-News writer

LAS VEGAS - After being in an offensive deep-freeze the first two games of the season, the College of Southern Idaho baseball team thawed out, then caught fire.

The Eagles downed Snow College 19-3 Saturday afternoon to collect their first win of the season but lost the late game to the College of Eastern Utah when a disputed call resulted in a forfeit. The split moved the Eagles' record to 1-3 this season.

"We really came out swinging

the bats in the first game," CSI pitching coach Boomer Walker said. "We got some production from a lot of people."

The Eagles used a five-run first inning to jump ahead of the Badgers in the first game and never looked back. Sophomore Toby Barnett grabbed his first hit of the season and opened the Eagles' scoring with a two-run double. Freshman Christian Colon singled in Barnett and the Eagles were off to a quick 3-0 lead.

"Having Barnett back was nice," Walker said. "He had a good game for us. A lot of guys played well."

Snow managed one run in the first but failed to score in the second and fell behind 6-1 after two

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Toby Barnett

SPORTS

Indians refuse to lose

By David M. Ward
Special to the Times-News

POCATELLO - When Buhl guards Anni McCauley and Katie Williamson began the second quarter with a pair of long jumpers, Salmon girls' basketball coach Jeremy Burgess took a deep breath.

When McCauley stole the ball at midcourt and drove in for a layup, Burgess knew his team was in trouble. The Buhl Indians caught fire in the second quarter, setting off a 26-16 halftime lead, and held on to send Salmon home with a tough 48-41 loss Saturday in a Class A-2 state-play-in game at Century High School.

"Buhl shot the ball extremely well," Burgess said. "When (the run) first started, I thought we would have to wait it out, but it never stopped."

Williamson ignited the Buhl offense with a pair of 3-pointers and several key jumpers, finishing with a game-high 14 points. The senior kicked off a 10-2 Indian run at the end of the first half with a baseline jumper, and capped off the victory with a pair of free throws down the stretch.

With the win, the Indians (18-8) barked their way into this week's state tournament to face District I champion Lakeland (21-1) on Thursday at 3:15 p.m. at Kuna High. "You've got to give it to Buhl," Burgess said. "They just outplayed us and outshouted us."

After trailing by 10 at the half, Salmon rebounded in the second half behind a smothering full-court press. Jessica Shanafelt opened the third quarter with a

Who's going to state
Ten Magic Valley girls' basketball teams will take their games west to this week's 2001 Real Dairy Shootout state tournament.

three-point play for the Savages. The senior swiped a steal and drove the ball in for a layup while being fouled. The ball bounced softly through the net, sending the Salmon faithful into a frenzy. The ensuing free throw pulled Salmon within 26-19 with 7:40 remaining in the third.

The Savages began the fourth quarter with a 9-4 run, and appeared to have Buhl on its heels with three minutes remaining. Heather Olson nailed a baseline jumper and Kacey Skrlitzek converted a free throw to make the score 41-36 in favor of the Indians.

Salmon drove the ball aggressively down the stretch, earning eight trips to the free-throw line. But the Savages only converted two. Buhl finished the game 12-of-17 from the charity stripe, including

a 4-for-4 stint during the final 43 seconds. Salmon missed one of its final three shot attempts to seal the loss.

McCauley finished with 12 points for Buhl, while Sherry King and Hattie Hiatt each added eight. Julie Hobbs led the Savages with 12 points, including two 3-pointers, while Olson chipped in eight. Hawkins added seven points for Salmon.

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Love hopes lightning strikes twice

SAN DIEGO (AP) - A week ago, Davis Love III needed a career round to come from seven strokes behind and win at Pebble Beach. This time, he has a one-stroke lead in the Buick Invitational and finds himself in need of a round no less brilliant.

A two-putt birdie on the final hole Saturday gave Love a 2-under 70, a one-stroke lead at Torrey Pines Golf Course and hardly any reason to feel like he's the favorite.

Not with defending champion Phil Mickelson, Tiger Woods and 20 other players within four shots of him.

"It's going to be an interesting tournament," said Love, who was at 14-under 202. "There are a lot of guys who can hit a tournament. Anything can happen."

Everything did on a wild day along the bluffs of the Pacific Ocean, when Love hit a toddler in the chest, Mickelson hit a tree shot that got stuck in a tree, and guys like Woods and Mike Weir were pleasantly surprised to be as close to the lead as they were.

Despite a bad break on the 18th, Weir had a 68 and joined Mickelson and four others at 203. Woods hit the ball as poorly as he has all week and still managed a 67, good enough to put him only two back, the best 54-hole position he's been in this year.

Love finished with a 69, a 2-under par 66 on the Kona Country Club course for a tournament record 11-under 205 total. She earned \$127,500 for her fourth victory in seven months.

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Davis Love III hits out of the rough on the 18th hole of the North Course during the second round at the Buick Invitational at Torrey Pines in San Diego, Friday to go 9 under-par. Love takes a one-stroke lead into today's final round.

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Indians, Musers advance in Northside

SHOSHONE - The Shoshone Indians and Camas County Musers kept their seasons alive at the expense of Dietrich and Ketchum in Saturday's Interstate action at the boys' Northside Conference High School Basketball Tournament.

In the first game of the night, Shoshone raced out to a 15-7 lead and held on the rest of the way thanks to 12 points from Jackson Uhrig and 11 from JD Sologa. Chris Maughan added 14 and Stetson Webber added 10 for the Blue Devils.

In the second contest, the Musers built a 25-22 halftime lead and outscored the Coutrouts 21-14 after the break. Tony Krahn poured in 18

points for Camas County and Brandon Blagden added 11. Alex McCoy paced Ketchum with 14 points and Carson Sofro added 10.

On Monday, as action in the tournament resumes, Shoshone meets Camas County at 6 p.m. and Carey pays Richfield at 7:30 p.m.

In the Saturday junior-varsity championship, Carey beat Ketchum 58-55 to cap an undefeated 22-0 season.

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throw festival in the fourth quarter. Murtaugh went to the line 22 times and Hansen shot 12 free throws in the final period.

"Any time you play Hansen, it's that kind of game," Murtaugh coach Clair Anderson said of the spirited play.

The game was close through most of the first half, but Hansen went eight straight possessions with a turnover or missed shot to start the second half as Murtaugh pulled away.

"We pounded it inside most of the night," Anderson said. Kenny and Ben Roseborough led a quintet of Red Devils in double figures with 15 points apiece. Derek Davis led all scorers with 20 points for Hansen.

Murtaugh (10-13) plays at No. 2 Raft River Monday at 7 p.m.

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Hansen plays a loser-out affair on Tuesday.

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Kovalev chalks up second hat trick

PITTSBURGH (AP) - Alexei Kovalev scored 18 seconds into overtime for his second hat trick in as many games and the Pittsburgh Penguins rallied from three goals down to beat New Jersey 5-4 Saturday.

The Penguins led 4-3 on Kevin Stevens' goal - their power-play goal - in the second period, but Scott Stevens tied it with 4:12 left in regulation.

Kovalev, who had scored twice about a minute apart during a furious Penguins rally early in the second period, won it by flicking a backhand past Martin Brodeur off Martin Straka's pass from the right boards on Pittsburgh's opening rush of overtime.

Kovalev's three goals at least temporarily gave him the NHL lead with 33. Jan Hirdina also scored for Pittsburgh.

Panthers 7, Thrashers 3
ATLANTA - Pavel Bure scored four times to take the NHL goal-scoring lead. Bure began the night tied for second in the league with 31 goals, one behind Washington's Peter Bondra.

Bruins 6, Lightning 2
BOSTON - Jonathan Girard had two of Boston's four power-play goals and Jason Allison also scored twice.

The Bruins, 2-for-45 on the power-play in their previous 10 games, are 11-0-2 against Tampa

Pittsburgh's Alexei Kovalev nets his third goal of the game past New Jersey's Martin Brodeur 18 seconds into overtime Saturday in Pittsburgh, to lead the Penguins to a 5-4 win over the Devils.

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All-Star

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and let him have a clear path to the basket.

"I missed a windmill, man," said Miles, who wears a headband. "I never miss windmills."

In a show of solidarity, the rookie team all sported headbands, including Miller, who had never worn one before.

Sacramento Kings forward Peja Stojakovic and Monarchs guard Ruthie Bolton-Hollifield were the 23rd event, beating Cleveland's Tyson Langdon 4-3 Eva Nemcova 62-57 in the final.

Davis, who jumper over teammate David Wesley while Wesley held a video camera to end the first round, needed 46 points on his final dunk to surpass Mason's total.

His blindfolded dunk missed by a couple of feet, though, despite his headband having hole cut out so he could see.

"I guess you could say it's a bad day for headbands," Davis said.

CSI

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The Eagles scored five more runs in the third and four more runs in the fourth to open up the game.

Barnett went 4-for-5 with five RBIs to lead the Eagles, and freshman Stosh Paluch was 2-for-3 with three RBIs.

Freshman pitcher Andy Myette collected his first win of the season after three innings of work.

"We still need to be more consistent," Walker said. "We need to work on our control and our damage control but it wasn't bad."

Thomas also islanders for the Leafs.

Canadiens 5, Islanders 3
MONTREAL - Trevor Linden scored on a power play and Patrick Poulin added an unassisted goal later in the second period for Montreal.

Blue Jackets 3, Predators 2
COLUMBUS, Ohio - Geoff Sanderson scored three times, the first hat trick in Blue Jackets history.

Jerome

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matter what players were on the court, Blackfoot couldn't hit much.

There was no let-up in the second half. Blackfoot scored first, but Jerome answered with a 13-2 run over the next seven minutes with four Tigers getting into the act.

Pond tossed in a putback, Brandi Escod nailed a 3-pointer, Nicole Faulstich hit a jumper in the lane and Whitney connected on the shot from outside.

Jerome had doubled up the Broncos, 32-16, going into the final period.

A 12-0 run in the fourth quarter made sure there would be no miracle comeback. Both coaches went to the reserves mid-way through the period to prevent injuries.

Despite the lopsided victory, the Tigers were not overly excited afterward.

The reason came from West. The Tigers are not done yet.

"This was something we had to do to get to state and play on," said West, who had five points, a handful of assists and was a force in the paint. "Our offense gets the offense going."

For the Broncos, it was a much different game than a week ago. Blackfoot finished the night shooting 9-of-49 (18 percent). Blackfoot's Angie Layton, who scorched the Tigers for double-digit points the last two games, was held to just two points while the other top scor-

ers, Krystal Keller and Alessa Beck, had just three points combined.

Nicole Gregory was the only player in double figures, with 13, but six of those came from the free-throw line in the final minutes.

"We didn't come out with a lot of energy. It just wasn't our day," said Blackfoot coach Gerald Humphreys. "We will go down to state and regroup. Mountain Home is a good team, but anything can happen."

Blackfoot (10-11) is 19-13 overall. The Eagles (10-11) are 11-12 overall. The Broncos (10-11) are 11-12 overall. The Tigers (10-11) are 11-12 overall.

Dodge, Elliott make impressive debut

Enforcers in double OT

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Dodge Different. The car manufacturer's slogan became reality Saturday when NASCAR's newest entry, led by owner Ray Evernham, won the B-1 Elliott debut with an impressive show. Daytona was in qualifying for the Daytona 500.



Bill Elliott drives his Dodge through turn four at the Daytona International Speedway during qualifying Saturday in Daytona Beach, Fla. Elliott took the pole position for next Sunday's running of the Daytona 500 with a speed of 183.565 mph.

Winston Cup champion and counted on by new team owner Ray Evernham to lead by experience, did just that at Daytona International Speedway in the official debut of the Intrepid. NASCAR's all-time speed champion — who set numerous records more than a decade ago during the era of unrestricted engines — showed he still knows the fastest way around the 2.5-mile, high-banked Daytona oval, turning a lap of 183.565 mph. The other front row spot for the Feb. 18 race went to Jerry Nadner, whose Chevrolet Monte Carlo roared the track at 182.765. But Dodge — whose only history

was established in winter testing — wound up taking three of the top eight spots. "The lap didn't feel fast and the car was jumping around," Elliott said. "When (crew chief) Mike (Ford) told me the time, it blew me away."

late last season when he agreed to sell his team to Evernham and signed to drive for Jeff Gordon's former crew chief.

"The Georgian once known as 'Awesome Bill' from Dawsonville," said one key to Saturday's success was retaining the chemistry his team exhibited in finishing last season under the direction of Evernham. "We kept a lot of the key guys from my organization last year that rolled on over into the winter," Elliott said. "I think that was a part of where we needed to be. The only question was the engines, and I felt confident that Ray was going to put the right group of people together to accomplish that feat."

Evernham, selected by DaimlerChrysler to spearhead the return of its Dodge brand to Winston-Salem for a 19-year absence, directed the development of both the new Intrepid and the new Dodge engine while also putting together the two-car Evernham Motorsports team. "Of Bill Elliott, it's a genuine Evernham said. "This is unbelievable."

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A hot tub brimming with bikini-clad women, a lifeguard stand on a patch of sand and a party tent just beyond the end zone: Pro football returned to Los Angeles on Saturday night, but it obviously wasn't the NFL.

Former UCLA and NFL quarterback Tommy Maddox threw 65 passes, completing 38 for 512 yards and four touchdowns Saturday night, the last on Los Angeles' second possession of overtime, as the Xtreme won their home debut 39-32 over Chicago.

A loud, slightly rowdy crowd of 35,813, many of whom wore Raiders' gear, watched as the Xtreme claimed their record at 14 and the Enforcers fell to 0-2.

After bringing Los Angeles back from a 25-13 deficit with two fourth-quarter scoring drives, Maddox capped his big homecoming with a 20-yard scoring pass to Darnell McDoom in the second overtime.

The Enforcers failed to score on their ensuing possession, as Tim Lester's final pass was incomplete in the end zone. The game, the first pro football contest of any significance in the Los Angeles area since the Raiders and Rams left following the 1994 NFL season, had a few technical glitches.

NBC, which co-owns the new league with Vince McMahon's World Wrestling Federation, lost part of its truck — a generator ran out of gas — and missed televising most of the first quarter. The network lost its feed 1:45 into the contest, which aired on San Francisco's game at Orlando, then returned to the Enforcers-Xtreme

with 4:30 left in the first quarter when the generator was refueled. When Los Angeles' Rashan Sheehee headed for the goal line early in the game, celebratory fireworks erupted on the rim of the Coliseum. Only Sheehee's 3-yard run was a yard shy of the end zone. Maddox then sneaked in for the TD, and the fireworks began again.

Rage 26, Demons 14

ORLANDO, Fla. — The crowd was smaller, but no less appreciative of the show. The Orlando Rage beat the San Francisco Demons 26-14 on Saturday night in an announced crowd of 25,049, down nearly 11,500 from the first XFL game at the Florida Citrus Bowl.

Once again the fans seemed more entertained by fireworks, blaring music and dancing cheerleaders than football, which by design qualified the night as another raucous success for the fledgling league, owned by NBC TV and the World Wrestling Federation.

Jeff Brohm completed 10 of 21 passes for 161 yards and one touchdown to pace Orlando (2-0). Mike Pawlawski was 36-of-52 for 294 yards and two TDs for San Francisco (1-1), which kept itself within 13 penalties, a fumble that was returned for a touchdown and an end-zone interception.

Defending champion Spain loses to Netherlands

LONDON (AP) — Spain's two-month reign as Davis Cup champion ended Saturday against the Netherlands, while the United States was on the brink of first-round elimination after losing in doubles to Switzerland and falling behind 2-1.

In the Dutch city of Eindhoven, Sjeng Schalken and Paul Haarhuis ended Alex Corretja and Juan Balcells 4-6, 6-3, 7-6 (7), 3-7, 7-6 (12-10) to clinch with a 3-0 and render today's singles matches irrelevant. The result came just two

Tennis

months after the Spaniards had won the trophy for the first time by beating 27-time champion Australia in Barcelona.

"It was incredibly unexpected to win here 3-0 on Saturday," Haarhuis said. "We were pleased with the fast court, but that was our only advantage so we showed great class to win." With Andre Agassi and Pete Sampras not making themselves

available for the first round, it could be down to Gambill and either Gimelstob or 18-year-old Andy Roddick to keep the Americans in the competition if Martin fails to make it.

Gambill faces Switzerland's top player, Federer, in the first of today's matches.

Mauresmo, Huber advance to Gaz final

PARIS — Amelie Mauresmo of France beat countrywoman Nathalie Tauziat 6-2, 6-1

Saturday and will meet Germany's Anke Huber in the Gaz de France WTA Tour tennis tournament.

Mauresmo beat Bulgaria's Magdalena Maleeva 6-4, 7-5 at Paris' Pierre de Coubertin indoor tennis stadium.

It is the second time for both Mauresmo and Huber in the finals of the Gaz de France. Mauresmo, 21, was runner-up to Serena Williams in 1999, and Huber lost to Martina Hingis in 1997.

BASEBALL

San Francisco 6, St. Louis 5. Los Angeles 10, New York Yankees 7. Chicago 6, Milwaukee 2. Tampa Bay 10, Florida 5. St. Louis 5, Atlanta 2. St. Louis 5, Atlanta 2. St. Louis 5, Atlanta 2.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League Eastern Conference. Colorado 4, Pittsburgh 1. Philadelphia 3, New Jersey 2. Pittsburgh 2, New York Islanders 1.

ON THE AIR

College Basketball, Michigan at Indiana CBS 11 a.m. College Basketball, Miami (Ohio) at Ball State ESPN 11 a.m. Tennis, Davis cup ESPN 6 p.m.

SCORES AND STATS

Baseball scores: San Francisco 6, St. Louis 5. Los Angeles 10, New York Yankees 7. Chicago 6, Milwaukee 2.

SKIING

World Alpine Championships. Men's Downhill: Austria 1, Canada 2, Switzerland 3.

WORLD ALPINE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Men's Downhill: Austria 1, Canada 2, Switzerland 3. Women's Downhill: Austria 1, Canada 2, Switzerland 3.

BASKETBALL

NFL Scores: Dallas 24, New York Giants 17. San Francisco 34, Oakland Raiders 14. Tampa Bay 30, Carolina Panthers 14.

SOCCER

World Cup Qualifiers: USA 1, Mexico 0. USA 1, Mexico 0.

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SPORTS

Saturday's college games

Heels beat Terps with role players

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. (AP) — Top-ranked North Carolina turned to its role players to beat No. 13 Maryland on Saturday.

The Tar Heels got career highs of 27 points from Jason Capel and 18 from Julius Peppers as they broke open a close game in the second half en route to a 96-82 victory over the reeling Terrapins. The Tar Heels (21-2, 11-0 ACC) won their 18th straight — the nation's longest streak and the program's best since starting 21-0 in 1985-86.

Stanford 82, Oregon State 63 — CORVALLIS, Ore. — Jason Collins scored 21 points as

Stanford struggled for the second straight game but pulled away to beat Oregon State. Stanford (22-1, 10-1 Pac-10) led 58-54 with 9:48 left, but went on a 19-4 run to put away the over-matched Beavers (8-15, 2-9).

Michigan St. 94, Minnesota 83 — MINNEAPOLIS — Fourth-ranked Michigan State survived a scare from undersized and out-manned Minnesota and escaped with a victory, despite a career-high 34 points by the Gophers' Terrace Simmons. Charlie Bell led a balanced Michigan State (19-3, 8-3 Big Ten) attack with 17 points.

Kansas 77, Oklahoma St. 61 — LAWRENCE, Kan. — Kirk Hinrich scored 20 points and hit a driving reverse layup that halted an Oklahoma State rally and



North Carolina's Julius Peppers, right, wrestles a loose ball away from Maryland's Juan Dixon Saturday at the Smith Center in Chapel Hill, N.C.

helped Kansas to a victory. Melvin Sanders and Victor Williams had 13 and 11 pieces for Oklahoma State (14-6, 5-4).

No. 7 Illinois 82, Purdue 62 — WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. — Brian Cook scored 17 points and Illinois used a 24-7 second-half run to breeze to a victory over Purdue. The Illini (19-5, 9-2 Big Ten) ended a nine-game losing streak to Purdue (13-9, 5-6).

Florida 73, Arkansas 63 — GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Udonis Haslem scored seven of his 19 points down the stretch in Florida's grinding victory. The Gators (16-5, 6-4 SEC) won for the fifth time in six games in a contest that had all the markings of a February clash in the rough

lead Washington State (9-12, 2-9).

Northwestern 69, Iowa 61 — EVANSTON, Ill. — Northwestern sure knove how to snap a losing streak. Winston Blake scored points and Jitum Young added 16.

Providence 103, Georgetown 77 — PROVIDENCE, R.I. — John Linehan had an almost-perfect first half and Providence became the first team to score 100 points against Georgetown in a Big East game. Demetrius Hunter and Mike Sweetser each had 17 points for the Hoyas (19-4, 6-4).

Ohio St. 63, No. 16 Wisconsin 58 — COLUMBUS, Ohio — Ken Johnson hit two foul shots with 4:17 seconds left and Ohio State limited Wisconsin to two free throws in the last four minutes. The Buckeyes (16-8, 7-5 Big Ten) have now beaten No. 3 Michigan State, No. 10 Iowa and the Badgers in the last two weeks.

Boston College 83, Virginia Tech 59 — BLACKSBURG, Va. — Off to its best start in more than 30 years, Boston College didn't let Virginia Tech upset its rhythm, beating the Hokies for its sixth straight victory.

Alabama 76, Georgia 68 — TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — Travis Stinnet made four three throws in the final 19 seconds and Alabama dominated the boards in

a victory over Georgia. Anthony Evans scored 17 points for the Bulldogs (13-11, 6-5).

Wake Forest 71, Florida St 65 — TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Robert O'Kelley came off the bench to score 18 points and lead the Demon Deacons (16-7, 5-6 ACC). Mike Mathews led the Seminoles (6-17, 1-9) with 15 points.

O'Kelley, who has not started the past four games for slumping Wake Forest, hit 6-of-10 shots, including 3-of-6 from 3-point range, in 26 minutes.

Oklahoma 75, Texas 54 — AUSTIN, Texas — Nolan Johnson scored 23 points and No. 21 Oklahoma snapped Texas' 25-game home winning streak. J.R. Raymond hit five 3-pointers in the first half and finished with 19 points for the Sooners (19-4, 8-3).

Xavier 78, Temple 71 — CINCINNATI — Romain Sato hit his first five shots, all 3-pointers, and scored 19 overall as No. 24 Xavier went up by 15 points and held on against Temple.

No. 25 Mississippi 87, No. 10 Tennessee 71 — OXFORD, Miss. — Aaron Harper scored 23 points as Mississippi handed the Volunteers their fifth straight road loss.

Vincent Yarbrough led the Volunteers with 16 points and Isaiah Victor had 15 points.

Men's Scores

FAR WEST
Ariz. St. 81, New Mexico 61
Arizona St. 89, Washington St. 67
Cal State Fullerton 77, Cal State Northridge 71
California 82, Oregon St. 63
Cincinnati 70, Miami 61
Cleveland State 71, New Mexico St. 61
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EAST

Boston College 83, Virginia Tech 59
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SOUTH

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MIDWEST

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Pointer's triple-double leads Rutgers; Providence loses

PISCATAWAY, N.J. (AP) — Karlita Washington scored a career-high 25 points and Tasha Pointer had her third triple-double of the season as No. 12 Rutgers beat Providence 97-68 on Saturday.

Pointer finished with 17 points, 10 rebounds and 11 assists. Tammy Sutton-Brown scored 20 points for Rutgers (17-5, 9-2 Big East), which capitalized on nine early turnovers and opened the game with a 24-2 run.

The Scarlet Knights shot 24-for-32 from the floor while building a 55-30 lead in the first half. Kristin Quinn had 16 points and Monika Roberts 10 for Providence (8-13, 2-9).

No. 8 Louisiana Tech 67, Western Kentucky 52 — BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — Takeisha Lewis had 20 points and 11 rebounds as Louisiana Tech won its 47th consecutive regular-season conference game.

Amber Obaze scored 15, Ayana Walker added 13 and Essence Perry scored 11 for Louisiana Tech (21-4, 12-0 Sun Belt).

Iowa St. 81, Kansas St. 52 — AMES, Iowa — Angie Walls and Megan Taylor each scored 20 points, Lindsey Wilson added 18 and Iowa State put the game away with an early 25-0 run.

Oklahoma 76, Oklahoma St. 47 — STILLWATER, Okla. — Canton

Hill had 22 points and 19 rebounds as Oklahoma won its 10th straight game.

LaNeshia Caulfield scored 20 points and Stacey Daley had 18 points and 10 rebounds for the Sooners (19-4, 10-1).

No. 17 Utah 74, UNLV 43 — SALT LAKE CITY — Lauren Beckman had 19 points and a career-high 14 rebounds as Utah (20-2, 9-0 Mountain West) clinched its seventh consecutive 20-win season.

Reserve Lori Red-Castagneto had 16 points for Utah, which won its ninth straight.

Texas Tech's home winning streak at 41 games. Before the loss, Texas Tech was tied with Kent for the nation's longest home winning streak.

Volkmann broke a late tie with a 3-pointer and added three free throws down the stretch for Washington State.

Volkmann had 22 points and 11 rebounds, and Katie Nyseth had a career-high 20 points, eight assists and five steals for Washington State (9-12, 4-5).

Washington 79, Arizona State 60 — SEATTLE — Megan Franza scored 21 points as Washington swept its season series with Arizona State and moved into a tie for first place in the Pac-10 with the Sun Devils.

Andrea Lalum had her third, double-double of the season, with 14 points and 11 rebounds for the Huskies (15-6, 8-3).

Radar

Continued from C1. Clemons has also found help from current North Carolina Rep. Richard Moore, whom Clemons met after scoring 75 points per game last season at a church game.

"They were having pizza after the game and he asked me to stay over," Clemons said. "I stayed with him my first two years of high school. He has helped me throughout my life."

A Carolina legend Dr. James Naismith may have invented the game of basketball, but a man named Air Jordan from North Carolina redefined it for the modern age.

Five times an NBA most valuable player, six times the NBA Finals MVP, eight scoring titles — Jordan's name is legendary when it comes to North Carolina basketball.

But Jordan is but one of an endless list of North Carolina basketball heroes: Bob McAdoo, Dick Groat, David Thompson, Grant Hill, James Worthy, Jeff Mullins, Phil Ford, Sam Perkins, Jerry Stackhouse, ... the list goes on.

And then there's Clemons, who has been hailed as "a summer league legend" by several national recruiters.

Though his legend may be that of Jordan's, make no mistake about it — Clemons has left his own stamp on the playgrounds and high school gymnasiums of Carolina.

As a junior at Bonner Academy, Clemons led the nation in 1999-2000 averaging 39.0 points per game. Known for his propensity to put up points, Clemons had games of 63, 57 and 49, garnering the nickname "Radar" along the way. One of his more memorable games, he said, was the 52 points he scored against Oak Hill Academy, the nation's premier prep school pro-

gram, which Clemons even attended for a year and a summer.

Last summer, Clemons played in a league with Stackhouse and several former University of North Carolina and current Wake Forest players, such as Donald Williams, Derrick Phelps, Los Perry and Cliff Guard. Jeff McInnis and Wake's Craig Dawson.

"Everybody loves Carolina basketball," Clemons said. "It is so much fun playing Carolina basketball. There's a lot of talent in Carolina."

The man who brought Clemons to Twin Falls, CSI assistant Jay Cyriaq, said he had heard of Clemons' skill but was amazed by what he saw in the raw point guard.

"I was able to go down there and watch him play," Cyriaq said. "It comes little Ricky with a Superman shirt on and a bop. He put on a show ... His speed, his quickness, is phenomenal."

Clemons once ran a 4.1 in the 40-yard dash as a high school freshman. Cyriaq said Clemons' game can only improve, if he becomes disciplined.

"In an unorganized setting of street ball in a summer league, he's tremendous," Cyriaq said. "You could tell all the talent was there, it just had to be harnessed."

under former Philadelphia 76ers guard and UNC standout Bobby Jones. From there, he was recruited to high school basketball factory Oak-Hill-in-Mouth-of-Wilson, Va.

Clemons lasted a year and a summer at Oak Hill, where the 5'10 team finished No. 1 in 1998-99. But it wasn't his setting.

"When I got there, I didn't like it because it was too far away," he said. "It's like two hours away from the closest city and it's a boarding school for bad kids. It's hard to go to school with kids who do stuff that they don't care about doing."

But while playing at Oak Hill, Clemons got his first taste of what life is like west of the Mississippi River. The team played at tournaments in Hawaii, Las Vegas and Alaska.

"That's the fun part of basketball. You get to travel," he said. "That was the funnest trip, going to Alaska. We went to a Christmas tournament. On Dec. 21 of every year, Alaska is night all day. And they have like, these eight- and nine-foot tall moose that just roam the streets. So it was exciting, cold and dark, and we were driving and we saw this eight-foot moose just walking around."

"It was crazy and funny." But unhappy, too. Clemons transferred from Oak Hill to Bonner Academy in Raleigh, N.C., a 65-student, K-12 college preparatory school for at-risk students. Though his basketball skills were advancing, his grades still lagged.

"A Bonner, I had (earned) 13 credits, where I'd only had 13 credits total from the other schools," Clemons said. "I was stable (at Bonner) my last year and I did well. That was my only problem. (In the past), I was running around, running around and never got stable."

without a diploma, the Demon Deacons could not take him. He realized he'd need a General Equivalency Diploma if he ever wanted to fulfill his dream of playing Division I basketball.

So with numerous junior college offers on the table, he came to CSI.

Honing his game When he came to Twin Falls, Clemons was starved for stability. Earning his GED from CSI in October was a step in that direction.

The thing that I am so happy about with him is that he has bought into (the CSI system)," Zeck said. "He has jumped around from school to school, place to place ... that's been his life and it's gotten through for him."

He has surprised me by his stick-to-it-ness. When I've gotten on his rear, when he has not played well, a lot of kids would just shut it down and you wouldn't be able to get it back. But he has just stuck in there."

Clemons is no longer counted on for the bulk of the Golden Eagles' scoring. He's averaging just 6.5 points and 3.3 assists at Southern Idaho, but the numbers don't matter to him.

"It's not a problem," Clemons said. "I mean, if I'd had help in high school, I would've probably scored less points. If I'm called upon to score, I score. If I see that we already have a scoring machine, then I'll raise my assist average."

the new stuff you've learned. You've just been able to play. And when you play, you don't have to think, you just react. You just go off instinct."

"Now he's having to think a little bit, and it's not a habit for him." But Clemons is quickly adapting from being The Man to being one of many.

"It's a big transition from high school to college," Clemons said. "When I was at home, we had a lot of freelanding. Here, it's structured ... It will help your game in the long run."

Clemons said he's lucky to be in a program with coaches and players who are helping him become a better all-around player.

CSI roommate Tony Bobbitt attests that Clemons' game has evolved. "Ricky, he's a player," Bobbitt said. "He's learning."

Zeck has also seen a shy, quiet kid steadily emerge from his shell. "I imagine not really having a family — that would be tough," Zeck said. "He doesn't trust a lot of people. But he has really tried to improve himself as a person and tried to be more happy around people ... Ricky really is a very, very good kid. He has a big heart, and he is a very moralistic kid. He understands right from wrong and he really is just a good person."

Clemons sees that growth coming as a result of his expanding game. "My game has gotten better, since coming here," Clemons said. "If I knew what I know now back in high school, I would've probably been a much better player."

"I just like to play." Times-News sports writer Kevin Hall can be reached at 735-3239, or by e-mail at kevin@magicalvalley.com.

NBA ALL-STAR SUNDAY

No Shaq, no Mourning, no Hill League standings

Will people watch NBA All-Stars?

By Chris Sheridan The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Michael Jordan is the host. Shaquille O'Neal isn't playing. Alonzo Mourning and Grant Hill haven't been on the court in months.

So much for the biggest star of the last generation and three of the biggest names of the current one.

As for what remains, the NBA hopes there's still enough to make the 50th All-Star game intriguing to a public that seems to have lost interest.

Will people tune in at 4:36 p.m. MST today to see the best of the rest of the new generation of stars? Or will they tune out the likes of Kobe Bryant, Kevin Garnett, Allen Iverson and Latrell Sprewell because they haven't really connected with the NBA since Jordan left nearly three years ago?

In a way, it'll be another barometer All-Star game for a league still working its way through the middle stages of a post-Jordan, post-dynasty comedown.

The bad news is that O'Neal and Theo Ratliff won't play because of injuries. No Hill and Mourning, who were voted in

Showtime Today, 4:30 p.m. (NBC)

as starters by fans despite being out for the season.

The good news is that Bryant and Vince Carter will play, their nagging injuries notwithstanding. Bryant didn't want to come and was threatened with a five-game suspension if he tried to get out of playing.

Other All-Stars have different attitudes. ...Tracy McGrady is pumped, Stephen Marbury is geeked, Antonio McDyess is down - as youngsters might say.

Or putting it another way, for those who don't know a bling-bling (diamond jewelry that makes a "bling-bling" sound) from a Ring Ding, even crusty old Karl Malone is looking forward to this one.

"It's probably the first time in a long time that I'm just going to go and enjoy it," Malone said. "I'm getting older. I'm 37. I've lost a step. It might be my last one."

For the NBA, it'll be a golden anniversary game with eight gold medalists from Sydney and two from Barcelona mixed with six green first-timers among the 24

All-Stars

"There's still a lot of talented players," said Sprewell, a four-time All-Star making his first appearance as a member of the New York Knicks. "Although it won't be quite the same, there's still enough talent for a good competitive game. It should be entertaining."

Whether it will be competitive is debatable. Some believe the All-Star game will mirror what's happened during the regular season, with the West being bigger and stronger than the East.

Bryant, Jason Kidd, Chris Webber and Tim Duncan will start for the West, along with Kevin Garnett, who was selected by Sacramento coach Rick Adelman to replace O'Neal. The reserves are McDyess, Vlade Divac, Gary Payton, Malone, Rasheed Wallace, David Robinson and Michael Finley.

The Eastern Conference team is comprised of starters Iverson, McGrady, Carter, Antonio Davis and Anthony Mason, and reserves Sprewell, Marbury, Allan Houston, Glenn Robinson, Roy Allen, Jerry Stackhouse and Dikembe Mutombo.

"If it was keepaway, I'd love our chances," Eastern Conference coach Larry Brown said.

2001 NBA All-Stars

Here is a look at the players selected to play in today's 2001 NBA All-Star game in Washington, D.C.

Western Conference

Coach: Rick Adelman, Sacramento

Starters

- Kobe Bryant, LAL - Guard
Jason Kidd, Pho - Guard
Tim Duncan, SA - Forward
Chris Webber, Sac - Forward
Shaquille O'Neal, LAL - Center

Reserves

- Valde Divac, Sac - Center
Michael Finley, Dal - Guard
Kevin Garnett, Min - Forward
Karl Malone, Utah - Forward
Antonio McDyess, Den - Forward
Gary Payton, Sea - Guard
David Robinson, Sac - Center
Rasheed Wallace, Por - Forward

*Injured, **injury replacement

Eastern Conference

Coach: Larry Brown, Philadelphia

Starters

- Allen Iverson, Phi - Guard
Tracy McGrady, Tor - Guard
Vince Carter, Or - Forward
Grant Hill, Or - Forward
Alonzo Mourning, Mia - Center

Reserves

- Ray Allen, Mil - Guard
Allan Houston, NY - Guard
Stephen Marbury, NJ - Guard
Anthony Mason, Mia - Forward
Dikembe Mutombo, All - Center
Theo Ratliff, Phi - Center
Glenn Robinson, Mil - Forward
Latrell Sprewell, NY - Forward
Jerry Stackhouse, Det - Guard

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Michael's back in the house

But 'His Airness' is hardly an All-Star president after rocky rookie.



Michael Jordan

WASHINGTON (AP) - With the NBA having descended on the nation's capital for the All-Star game, players and league officials will get a rare glimpse of another visitor: Michael Jordan.

Of course, given his embarrassing first year as a front-office executive with the last-place Washington Wizards, Jordan might want to stay away from this game, too.

"I'm embarrassed," Wizards guard Mitch Richmond said. "I know Mike is. It's his name on it. The players are embarrassed by it, too."

Medicine for more than a decade, the Wizard is never been as bad as they've been this season.

They are 12-37, 23.5 games behind first-place Philadelphia in the Atlantic Division. That's the second-worst record in the NBA behind the Chicago Bulls (6-42), the team Jordan led to six championships.

This is Jordan's first full season as a part-owner and president of basketball operations, the season he predicted a 500 record and the playoffs.

Judge me by what happened this season - not what happened last year because I didn't have my print on it," Jordan said before training camp. "Whatever happens after the season, I will take full accountability."

Whether Jordan is judged from Jan. 19, 2000, the day he joined the Wizards, or from any point thereafter, the only positive way to spin his performance would be to say he's got a lot to learn. He's trying to do it the most difficult way possible - as a telecommuter 600 miles away.

Although he spoke assertively about practicing with the team and "leaving his imprints" on the Wizards when he joined them, Jordan attended only seven games this season.

He didn't even come to town when there was trouble with Rod Strickland and Tyrone Nesby. In fact, Jordan was at a golf tournament in the Bahamas on the day before Nesby had to be escorted off the bench by a security guard during a game because of an argument with coach Leonard Hamilton.

In the 29-team NBA, Jordan is the only person trying to run a team by remote control. The only other front-office executive with day-to-day responsibilities who telecommutes is Portland president and general manager Bob Whitsitt, but he lives not far up the road in Seattle and attends all the Trail Blazers' home games.

"It won't become a trend. "There's a quite a bit of leadership that goes into the job that requires a relationship with the players and with others in management," Orlando general manager John Gabriel said. "I probably couldn't do some of the things that I currently do from far away."

Jordan has said he watches the Wizards on television and stays in phone contact with Hamilton and

general manager Wes Unseld. He also says he is behind all significant decisions and works the phone with other teams to try to make trades.

He does it all from his home in Chicago. Jordan's unwillingness to spend more time in Washington has side effects, mainly the perception that he's not really part of the team - or that he isn't committed to his five-year contract and will quit as quickly as he quit baseball.

In December, he offended his players - in an interview with a Chicago newspaper - by calling them "totally scared" and "a disgrace to the fans in Washington."

"I think Michael understood that he was in the wrong for that," Richmond said. "He knew that he hurt the team by saying that. When we make a mistake, we want the coaches to forgive us. And we forgive him for saying something like that."

Jordan's troubles began shortly after he joined the Wizards. He bungled the midseason firing of coach Gar Heard - also handled by phone - and mistakenly thought he had Golden State assistant Rod Higgins lined up as a replacement. He didn't. Suddenly without a coach, Jordan quickly hired Darrell Walker from the CBA to finish the season.

Jordan practiced with the team a few times, then virtually disappeared from Washington. He hired rookie coach Hamilton over the summer, added new positions to the shoestring front-office staff and moved training camp to his hometown of Wilmington, N.C.

But he couldn't move the three overpriced veterans - Strickland, Richmond and Juwan Howard - whose salaries have the Wizards well over the salary cap through summer 2002. It's that inherited cap problem that keeps the jury out on Jordan as a wheeler-dealer.

"You're only going to be as productive as you can be with what hand you've been dealt," Gabriel said.

Kobe Bryant is sore, in more ways than one

WASHINGTON (AP) - Kobe Bryant's shoulder is hurting, and so are his feelings.

Bryant, who said he's playing in today's NBA All-Star Game because he feared he'd get suspended if he didn't, arrived in Washington on a redeye flight early Saturday - a day later than the other players.

"I didn't understand why people were making such a big deal out of it. ... I want my shoulder to recuperate to benefit my team in the second half of the season," the Los Angeles Lakers forward said. "It was a little hurtful to hear people's comments."

Bryant was fined \$10,000 for missing Friday's mandatory media day. He said he remained in Los Angeles so he could get treatment on his sore right shoulder.

Bryant, the NBA's leading scorer, doesn't want to play much today. Of course, playing time decisions are up to Western Conference coach Rick Adelman.

Mailman likes Oval Office

When asked to name one highlight of his 13 All-Star appearances, Utah Jazz forward Karl Malone opted for the Oval Office.

On Friday, Malone and his family were invited to the White House, where they spent a few private moments with President Bush.

"That's my highlight," Malone said Saturday. "I know I've got to play the game tomorrow, but I could go home, right now. That was awesome for me."

The visit was arranged by Malone's wife, Kay, through Malone's friend, Republican Sen. Orrin Hatch of Utah.

"A lot of things don't get me too excited, and I don't get too nervous with a lot of things, but I

Notes from D.C.

was nervous," Malone said. "When I got ready to take a picture, I didn't know if I was supposed to put my hand on his shoulder or what."

Vlade's nerves are acting up

Sacramento Kings center Vlade Divac, chosen to the West team as an injury replacement, is a nervous first-time All-Star.

"It's amazing. It's a big crowd," said the 33-year-old Yugoslav, surveying the huge gathering of fans before Saturday's practice. "I'm a little nervous."

Divac's sense of awe hasn't escaped Kings teammate Chris Webber. "I'm - liking that, because Vlade's usually cool," Webber said. "I'm teasing him a bit, telling him to go to the wrong locker room and telling him the wrong times and stuff. He doesn't believe anything I say right now."

Admiral passes NBA torch

With seven first-time All-Stars playing today, 10-time participant David Robinson - of the San Antonio Spurs - is feeling very old-guy.

"This is a whole new breed of guys," Robinson said. "When I first came in, we had all the guys I grew up with - Larry Bird and Magic (Johnson) and Michael (Jordan) and Charles Barkley and Clyde Drexler - and you don't see any of those guys now."

Robinson appealed to the fans to give the new generation a chance.

"The talent level is incredible," Robinson said. "But it's taken the fans a little time to get to know these guys and love these guys, but they're good guys."

Cash-strapped CBA crumbles; office is closed

PHOENIX (AP) - A message answering calls to the Continental Basketball Association headquarters said it is in a nutshell: "The CBA league office is closed."

The 10-team league that once sold for a reported \$10 million had shrunk to nothing by the weekend that was supposed to start the second half of the season.

Lacking money and reportedly \$1.5 million to \$2 million in debt, the league suspended play on Thursday.

On Friday, sale to the International Basketball League was off the table, and team futures were being left to their own devices.

Bill Ilett, former majority owner of the Idaho Stampede, said he saw no future in trying to go on. "All you're doing is extending the patient's life," he said. By Saturday morning, the scorecard read: Two teams joined the International Basketball League, five teams



Steelhead players, from left, Neil Edwards, Jimmy King and Chad Austin sit in a team meeting Friday at the Genesis Center in Gary, Ind., before they found out that the team would become part of the International Basketball League.

were shutting down and a sixth was leaning that way, another planned to outline its future next week, and one - like the main CBA office in Phoenix - wasn't answering phones. As the frantic scramble shook out, the

Sioux Falls (S.D.) Skyforce and the Gary (Ind.) Steelheads joined the International Basketball League and agreed to play each other Saturday in Sioux Falls, IBL Vice President Greg Burke said.

"We would welcome any teams that would like to join us," Burke said.

Two former owners of the Skyforce, Roger Larsen and Greg Heineman, said they acquired the Skyforce in return for assuming the team's debts and expenses for the rest of the year. The Sioux Falls (S.D.) Argus Leader reported that the Yakima (Wash.) Sun Kings' owner, Oris Harlan, said he didn't want the team back, and general manager Rich Austin declared everyone in the team's operation a free agent.

The Rockford (Ill.) Lightning suspended operations indefinitely until former team owner Wayne Timpe decided whether he would buy the team back. Jay Gellerman, majority owner of the Quad City (Iowa) Thunder, said he had no interest in resuming ownership.

The Fort Wayne (Ind.) Fury suspended operations Friday and won't join the IBL, general manager Rich Coffey said.

Former owner Jay Frye said his offer to resume ownership was rejected.

The Connecticut Pride said it plans a formal announcement about the team's future in Hartford next week and didn't hint what it might be. Bill Bosshard, a former principal owner of the "In-Cross" (Wis.) Bobcats, said he understood anyone interested could buy the team but added he didn't know anyone who would be interested.

"We were very happy to be a part of the way we were (before) Isaac Thomas' now with the Indiana Pacers, bought the (CBA)," he added.

Some owners - including Stampede president and part-owner Clay Moser - argued they were due various payments and vowed to fight for them.

"It is down to the attorneys now," Bosshard said, and in the meantime, "it's hard to get your money out of the CBA when there is no CBA."



SALT LAKE 2002 OLYMPICS



Fire and ice

Olympic spirit begins to take hold in Utah

By Jo-Ann Barnes
The Detroit Free Press

SALT LAKE CITY - It wasn't so much curiosity but a sense of obligation that made him so. Sometime after 5 p.m. Thursday, 21-year-old Kyle Mayfield decided to get into his car and drive 17 miles from his home in West Jordan, Utah, to the Gallivan Plaza, where the Salt Lake Organizing Committee was to announce the route the Olympic torch would take through the state next year.

With temperatures in the 20s and falling, Mayfield, wearing a black leather bomber jacket and no hat, huddled in the cold next to someone in a SLOC parka as he waited for the festivities to begin.

He looked around the crowd and at the ice rink ahead, part of the plaza that in a few minutes would be set ablaze, a trail of propane outlining Utah's Olympic torch route. At the end of the rink, the finish line for the fiery map, stood an ice sculpture that depicted the Olympic stadium - site of the opening ceremonies for the Winter Olympics on Feb. 8, 2002.

"Why am I here?" Mayfield asked. "That's easy. Right now, this moment, I'm part of the Games, even though it doesn't start until next year. This is my point in time, my piece of history."

Spend a few days visiting the site around the host city and you'll notice something that was virtually nonexistent just over a year ago. It's a sense of spirit that seems to be building, something that tells you that Utahans have become more than merely accepting of the Olympics.

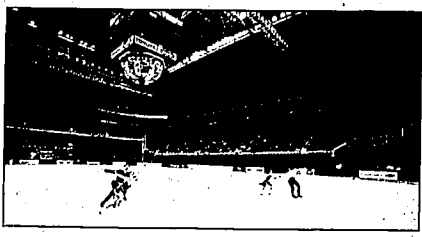
They're genuinely excited. A year from now, the morning after the Olympic cauldron is



Flames symbolically light the way through Utah during a ceremony announcing the Olympic torch relay route Thursday in Salt Lake City.



Lighted, the first Saturday of competition will get underway. Thousands of commuters will travel eastbound on Interstate 80 from Salt Lake City up Parleys Canyon to head for mogul skiing at Deer Valley, ski jumping at Utah



Left, Doug MacIsaac, senior manager of the Utah Olympic Park, poses at the base of the K90 and K120 Jumps Friday near Park City Utah. Above, Beata Handra and Charles Sinek share the ice with Debbie Koegel and Oleg Fedulikov during Championship Dance practice Sunday in Salt Lake City - a venue site for the 2002 Winter Olympics.

Olympic Park and nordic events at Soldier Hollow. Even though a criminal trial involving the former SLOC leaders smolders in the background, citizens are embracing the Games instead of, well, feeling humiliated by them. That was the case for many just over two years ago, in late 1998, when an alleged bribery plot quarterbacked by Tom Welch and Dave Johnson to bring the Winter Olympics to Salt Lake City was uncovered.

The Mormon games

Battle begins for soul of Salt Lake

By Tim Dahlberg
The Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY - The fight for the soul of the 2002 Olympics began over a barren parking lot barely a ski jump away from the Mormon Temple.

Olympic officials plan to build a plaza there for medal winners to celebrate, hoping 20,000 people will gather each night to toast the victors.

But they'll have to do it with nothing more potent than a hot chocolate or soda. The parking lot is owned by the Mormon church, which forbids its 11 million members from drinking alcohol.

Much to the consternation of Mayor Rocky Anderson, Olympic chief Mitt Romney declared the plaza beer-free in deference to the Mormon hosts.

"You don't borrow a barbecue grill from a rabbi to cook pork chops," said Romney, a devout Mormon.

The dispute drew headlines in a state where the mention of alcohol always stirs up controversy. Quietly, though, Romney and Anderson worked out a compromise for a beer garden within shouting distance of the plaza where revelers can watch on a big-screen TV and drink low-alcohol beer.

That hasn't stopped Anderson from planning celebrations of his own across town at turreted City Hall. Bands will play on stages flanking the building and the action probably will be livelier than the official Olympic gatherings.

There will be one big difference between the parties.

"At ours, you'll be able to get a hot toddy," Anderson said.

A dry Games?

A year away from the Winter Olympics, organizers finally succeeded in getting some of the



The Mormon Temple looms in the background of a church-owned parking lot that will be used as the medals plaza for the 2002 Winter Games in Salt Lake City.

attention shifted from the scandal-plagued bid process that won Salt Lake City the games.

Still, the focus is not entirely on ski jumps and ice-skating ovals. Officials have been squabbling over alcohol and how prominently the Mormon Temple will figure in the games.

The disputes were sparked by Anderson, the free-spirited mayor who swims against the tide in a city founded by Mormon prophet Brigham Young yet enjoys high approval ratings from city residents.

"There was a fear this would be the Mormon Olympics," said Anderson, the titular leader of the non-Mormon community. "We need to lighten up and show people how to have a good time."

In a state whose culture is dominated by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Olympic officials are being extremely careful about how they deal with the issue.

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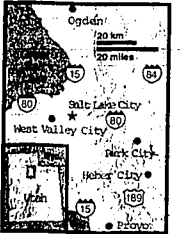
With 78 events, next year's will be the largest Olympic Winter Games ever. New events:

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Former Twin Falls resident eyes spot on U.S. bobsled team

By Mike Prater
The Idaho Statesman

Don McMurrian knows how to flirt with the Winter Olympics. He wants them badly. He keeps knocking on their door.

His problem is getting them to flirt back.

That's because McMurrian, a Twin Falls High School graduate and former Southern Idaho and Idaho State track athlete, is sort of a strange bird. He's a bobsledder living in Boise, which is akin to a golfer living at the North Pole.

It's hard to find a place to play, or more importantly, a place to practice, bobsledding. But McMurrian, a lifelong athlete with a resume full of impressive-but-moderate success stories, is determined to land a roster spot in the 2002 Salt Lake City Games.

The brakeman-pusher was fifth in the United States Trials for both the 1994 and 1998 Games. Both times, only three

teams were invited to the big party.

For the 2002 Games, the U.S. is taking three four-man teams and three two-man teams. McMurrian, 37, is what you would consider a bubble candidate with gold-medal determination.

"It's something that's very important to me. For someone who has had failure after failure, to stick with it would be complete nonsense unless it was important to you," he said.

To his credit, McMurrian has found a way to balance a life in Boise and a 90 mph joy ride down the slippery slope of the bobsled world.

Veteran U.S. driver Bruce Rosselli invited McMurrian to join his ride at the eight-nation's America's Cup in Park City last December. Competing on the Olympic course at the Utah Winter Sports Park, the four-man team won a gold medal.

A year ago, at the America's Cup in Calgary, pushing for veteran driver Joe McDonald, McMurrian picked up a silver medal, losing only to a sled driven by Prince Albert of Monaco.

McMurrian, a sales and configuration consultant with

Micron, has competed in Lake Placid, Canada, France, Germany, Norway, Austria and Italy.

McMurrian was discovered by a bobsled scout while competing in track events at the First Security Summer Games in Pocatello.

Within a month, he was pushing sleds at the U.S. Olympic Training Center in Lake Placid. He's also spent some time in a 1992 training camp for the Dallas Cowboys of the NFL.

Today, he runs the 40-yard dash in 4.3 seconds, has a 36-inch vertical leap, bench presses 350 pounds, power cleans 350 and squats 600.

He isn't competing any more

this season, and will spend the summer doing dryland training, mostly in Boise. There will be some Olympic qualifying camps in Lake Placid, and by the end of the year McMurrian hopes to have a full-time ride on an Olympic sled.

The U.S. squad will be determined in late December or early January. McMurrian knows his dream will cost a lot of money. He knows it will take a lot of time. He might have to quit his job.

It doesn't matter. He's done flirting.

He finally wants to catch the big prize - an Olympic medal.

"If I didn't believe that, I would have given up a long time ago," McMurrian said.

Pushing for the Games

Olympic torch to snake across Utah

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - After snaking across America, the Olympic torch will enter Utah through the red canyons of Monument Valley, cross the Great Salt Lake and follow Brigham Young's route into Salt Lake City.

In its 1,050-mile route through the state, the torch also will visit the spot where Utah, Arizona, New Mexico and Colorado touch as well as Bryce Canyon and Zion national parks, Salt Lake Organizing Committee president Mitt Romney said.

The torch's trail across Utah will be a bit simpler than its twisting course from Atlanta through 46 other states.

In all, the flame will travel 13,500 miles by air, train, ship, sled, sleigh, snowmobile, horse-drawn sleigh and other modes of transport, including runners.

The torch will stop in Boise on Jan. 25, 2002. On Jan. 26, 2002, the torch will make a stop in Twin Falls, followed by stops in Pocatello and Idaho Falls. Officials plan a short ceremony in each of those cities.

"We think it's a great privilege to showcase the city," said Randy Hansen, owner of Twin Falls' local Chevrolet dealership. Chevrolet is a 2002 Olympics sponsor.

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From Idaho, the torch will travel to Montana, Wyoming and Colorado, then onto Utah and Salt Lake City.

The torch will be carried by 900 Utah residents, although Romney had no details on how the torch will travel on its four-day trek through Utah - with the big question being how it will cross the Great Salt Lake.

Olympic dreams

Facts about the 2002 Olympic torch relay:
13,500: Miles the 2002 Olympic torch will travel.
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Austria's Matt grabs slalom gold

ONE YEAR TO GO

ST. ANTON, Austria (AP) - Austria's Mario Matt overcame waning confidence and beat teammate Benjamin Raich to win the gold medal in the men's slalom, the final race of the World Championships Saturday.

The two medals gave the Austrian men a championship-high 11, including three-golds, also more than any other nation. Their total was four fewer than in 1999 at Vail, Colo., where they had five golds and nine of 15 total medals.

The United States got only one medal - a gold by Daron Rahivles in the men's super-G.

Matt won a slalom at Madonna di Campiglio, Italy, and had two other medal finishes early in the season, establishing himself as a contender for the world title.

But after failing to complete the two races before the championships, while Raich was winning three times, the odds were not in Matt's favor coming into the meet.

However, an unexpected silver medal in the combined event behind Norway's Kjetil-Andre Aamodt earlier in the week, provided the lift the young Austrian needed.

"After the slaloms in Kitzbuehel, I was insecure," Matt said. "So the silver medal in the combined event gave me some confidence again. Now I feel absolutely wonderful."

Raich took the lead in the opening leg by 0.4 seconds.

But a near-perfect second effort down the soft Fang course, combined with a critical mistake by Raich, launched Matt into first place with a two-run combined time of 1 minute, 39.66 seconds, for his first major international title in front of 50,000 screaming fans.

"It is indescribable," Matt said. "I haven't raced before such a great crowd - madness. I wanted gold and risked everything."



Austria's Mario Matt skis to the gold medal in the men's slalom at the World Alpine Ski Championships in St. Anton, Austria, Saturday.

"After the start, I could hear the crowd cheering, but I did not put pressure on myself."

Raich, who nearly flew off the course midway on his second trip down, settled for silver at 1:39.81.

"I'm not sure if I'm glad or sad," Raich said. "We have a world title champion."

"I knew Mario was leading, but I did not know the margin. I tried everything but was not that successful."

Raich, 22, and Matt, 21, are considered the "young wolves" on the Austrian team.

Slovenia's Mirja Kunc prevented an Austrian sweep of the medals, taking the bronze at 1:40.36.

With the second run set by one of their coaches, three Slovenians, Kunc, Ren. Miekuz and Jure Kosir, posted the fastest three times of the second run.

"After the first run I did not think of winning a medal," said Kunc, who was seventh, 1:34 seconds after the opening leg. "The second run was good. The bronze medal is great."

"The Austrians were unbeatable in this moment."

American Erik Schlopy finished 21st.

Among the spectators were Russian President Vladimir Putin, a skiing enthusiast. He congratulated the winners at the medal ceremony.

Medals Table				
World Alpine Championships				
At St. Anton, Austria				
	G	S	B	Total
Austria	3	6	2	11
Switzerland	2	1	1	3
France	1	1	1	3
Norway	1	1	1	3
Germany	1	1	1	3
Sweden	1	1	1	3
United States	1	1	1	3
Italy	2	1	3	6
Slovenia	1	1	1	3

Nikodinov recovers from poor program

Japan's Suguri finishes first

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - Angela Nikodinov glanced at the television monitor, hoping to see her name somewhere in the top five. What a surprise to find it listed second.

Japanese national champion Fumio Suguri held off a comeback by Nikodinov to win the Four Continents figure skating championship Saturday. The American had a strong free skate and moved up from seventh after the short program.

When Nikodinov saw the results, she was stunned.

"I thought there was a mistake," she recalled. "I had my stuff to go back to the hotel. I thought maybe I got fourth or fifth. I saw second and I thought, 'Oh my God.' It was a big surprise."

Suguri won with a clean routine that featured five triple jumps and scored high on technical merit. Teammate Yoshino Ono was third at the arena where the Olympic competition will be held next February.

Nikodinov, last year's Four Continents champion, took third at nationals two weeks ago behind Michelle Kwan and Sarah Hughes. She arrived in Utah to find a newspaper headline that said she should win.

"Coming in here, I felt like I had to compete with myself," she said. "I wondered, 'How am I



Japan's Fumio Suguri, center, poses with USA's Angela Nikodinov, left, and Japan's Shizuka Arakawa after the Ladies Free Skate Program during the Four Continents figure skating championships Saturday.

going to top nationals?" and that's the wrong way to approach it. We had that day before the long, and I sat down and focused.

Nikodinov performed almost flawlessly through the first three minutes of her free skate, especially in nailing a triple salchow. But in the final 30 seconds she stepped out of a triple lutz and doubled a triple toe-loop.

"The sal is the hardest jump for me. I don't know why," Nikodinov said. "I was feeling unbelievable, like I could top nationals. I think I was just a little too excited and I didn't take my time."

Nikodinov said the pressure wore her down in the short program.

"After the short, being in seventh was amazing. I kept thinking it was a nightmare," she said. "So today, I totally forgot about placements, judging and totally skated my heart out. I fought through it."

Tatiana Malinina of Uzbekistan, the short program leader and 1999 Four Continents champion, fell to fourth. She looked tired and had a slow, uninspired performance in the free skate, worth two-thirds of the total score.

American Jennifer Kirk, 16, the reigning world junior champion, placed fifth.

Kirk was beaming after completing a clean program that included seven triples, but her smile faded when the scoreboard showed artistic marks ranging from 5.4 to 5.8, dropping her from fourth after the short program.

"I didn't see anybody else skate. I'm just happy with the way I skated. You can't control the marks," said Kirk, the last athlete on the ice.

A third American, Amber Corwin, was seventh. Kirk's result was more puzzling because she skated well, hitting every element. The judges penalized her, but the flag-waving, cheering fans liked what they saw.

"I just have to work on my skating overall. They can't all be jumps," Kirk said. "What the judges tell you is a message, so I have to work from the judges' marks. I also have to be happy with the way I skated both times."

Earlier Saturday, U.S. Skating officials disclosed that Todd Eldredge, who withdrew from Four Continents with a jammed left ankle, has a bruised bone and a cyst in a joint below the ankle.

Eldredge, the 1996 world champion, won't compete at next weekend's Grand Prix final in Tokyo. He hopes to return for the World Figure Skating Championships next month in Vancouver.

Zoeggeler takes top spot in World Cup luge

PARK CITY, Utah (AP) - Italy's Armin Zoeggeler wraps up his second consecutive World Cup luge title Saturday with a record-setting performance at the Utah Olympic Park track that will be used for the 2002 Olympic Winter Games.

Although there's one race left this season before the World Championships, mathematically no one can surpass Zoeggeler's point total.

No luger since 1964 has won a test event on the track to be used for a Winter Games and gone on to win an Olympic gold medal on the same track.

"It's for sure an honor, but I'm sure you can break it," said Zoeggeler, the silver medalist at the 1998 Nagano Games and the bronze medalist at Lillehammer in 1994.

In winning Saturday's race in 1 minute, 29.91 seconds before an announced crowd of 773 and several moose on a mountainside overlooking the track, the Italian covered the 17-turn, 1316-meter track in a record 44.590 on his first run, and came back with a 44.801-second run.

Second place went to Austria's Markus Prock, who finished in a combined 1:29.557, while third went to France's Johan Rousseau (1:29.798), who made his first career podium appearance.

Coming into the race American Tony Bonshoff, who tied his career-best finish with fourth, held the track record, having covered the course in 45.595 seconds in January 2000 when he won the U.S. national championship.

But that time was battered

from the start Saturday. Bonshoff, the first athlete on the course, immediately trimmed the record to 44.828, but by day's end it belonged to Zoeggeler.

"I wasn't very far off of a medal at all," said Bonshoff. "I've got a long way to go before the Olympics and hopefully everything will continue improving."

Zoeggeler, who had won three of the seasons six previous World Cup races, was happier with claiming the overall title than winning the race.

"It means a lot to me that I

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won the overall World Cup because it means I'm consistently running good races," he said.

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The 2002 Winter Games by the numbers:

- 23 million: Dollars made of first day of ticket sales
- 530,441: Tickets awarded thus far
- 200,000: Tickets still available
- 47,000: People who have signed up to be volunteers
- 20,000: People expected to attend medal ceremonies each night
- 9,000: News media expected to cover the games
- 3,500: Athletes expected to compete
- 477: Medals to be awarded
- 167: Events
- 80: Countries expected to be represented
- 10: New events on the program
- 1: Year to go

Olympic notes

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Ukrainians hit Sun Valley
SUN VALLEY - The Ukrainians are coming.

Sixteen of Ukraine's top male and female biathletes are returning to Sun Valley to train later this month. The athletes, among the top biathletes in the world, are expected to arrive Tuesday, according to Carol Walker of the Sun Valley/Ketchum Chamber of Commerce.

The Chamber hopes to throw a reception for the athletes as an opportunity for the community to get out and meet the athletes.

Salt Lake going forward

After a four-hour hearing Thursday on defense motions to dismiss, it appeared the Justice Department case against former Salt Lake Olympic leaders Tom Welch and Dave Johnson will go to trial June 1.

Federal Magistrate Ronald Boyce did not make a recommendation after hearing arguments on the motions, but he advised both sides to prepare for the discovery phase preceding an eventual trial.

"Based on what he said, he had studied this very carefully and decided before we got to arguments," said Max Wheeler, Johnson's attorney. "I don't expect any of the charges to be dropped."

Also Thursday, Utah attorney general's officials said they could find no evidence of a crime under state law.

Welch and Johnson were indicted last summer on 15 felony counts of conspiracy to bribe members for their votes in Salt Lake City's successful bid for the 2002 Winter Olympics.

U.S. hopes dim for IOC post
Green is always fashionable. Red, white and blue is out of style.

That is why Anita DeFrantz has almost no chance to become the

first person of color, as well as the first woman, to lead the International Olympic Committee.

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Olympic oval is not finished

From the outside the Utah Olympic Oval looks like an architectural marvel with its 24 suspension rods and connecting cables branching out across a clear-span roof.

From the inside the oval looks like a cross between a warehouse and an airplane hanger, with dirt and scraps of plaster littering the concrete floor.

This was not how the Salt Lake City Organizing Committee pictured the speed skating facility with just one year to go until the start of the 2002 Winter Olympic Games. Like all of the other 12 permanent venues, the oval was supposed to be completed and operational by now. Instead, the SLOC can only hope the oval is ready by March 9 for the World Single Distance Championships.

Hockey teams clinch berths
OSLO, Norway - Ukraine beat Norway 5-1 Saturday to clinch a berth in the Olympic hockey tournament at Salt Lake City next year.

Germany also qualified by tying Belarus 1-1. Ukraine and Germany both have three points atop the standings.

Winless Norway will meet Belarus today for the final berth. Belarus has two points and can qualify with a tie. Norway must win to gain an Olympic spot.

Austria and Latvia gained Olympic berths in a qualifying group in Klagenfurt, Austria. Both had three points after Saturday's games. Austria beat Denmark 6-2 and Latvia tied France 1-1.

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SPORTS

Twists and turns

Rachael Scodris stands by one of her dogs after completing a stage of the 2001 International Pedigree Stage Stop Sled Dog Race in Sinks Canyon above Lander, Wyo., recently. Legally blind, Scodris was competing in her first International sled-dog race. When she's not racing into the sun, Scodris can usually make out all of her dogs, though she can't discern their harness line.



all of her dogs, though she can't discern their harness line. The markers along the trail come into view as she passes them, and she usually can see the outline of the trail below her if it's well-groomed. It's the smaller details that elude her smoky blue eyes. Scodris entered her first sled-dog competition when she was 11, but she's been mushing before she could tie her shoes. Her father once raced competitively, and his love of the sport obviously was contagious. Jerry Scodris said entering his daughter in the Pedigree stage stop race was a "logistical challenge."

Despite her athleticism and bravery, Scodris could not tackle the nearly 500 miles of challenging terrain through some of Wyoming's most remote wilderness alone. After family friend Dan MacEachen of Snowmass, Colo., a veteran himself of Wyoming's sled-dog race, volunteered to ride ahead of Scodris on the trail, the

other pieces fell into place. Still, the first few days of the race were tense, especially for the elder Scodris. "When she went out of Dubois for her first long run, my heart was just with her," he said. "I could hardly contain myself. I didn't, really. It was very emotion-

She's a testament that guts and courage count for a heck of a lot more than seeing eyes.

fork, if the leaders veer the wrong way. "Dan will say, 'No, no, no, tell them to go this way,'" Scodris said. "If they don't, I'll just stop, and he'll (MacEachen) drag them over."

Even with MacEachen as a guide, there have been some scary moments for Scodris.

While plunging down steep, icy hill littered with rocks, one side of the brake on Scodris's sled broke. She had 50 miles left on the race leg. The brake was still somewhat functional, but whenever she stepped on it, her sled would veer to the right. She had to use her other foot as an outrigger to steer straight behind the dogs.

Another time, Scodris fell on ice while her team negotiated a tight turn. During the spill, she smashed her shoulder against the sled handlebar. But Scodris remains undaunted. Her ultimate goal is to race in the Iditarod in Alaska. She can't enter the Iditarod until she's 18.

"It's going to be my senior class project," she said.

Blind teen braves perils of sled-dog racing

The Associated Press

RIVERTON, Wyo. - As her sled dashes down a slick, steep, snow-packed slope, Rachael Scodris' heart pounds faster than her dogs' legs churn.

The youngest musher in the 2001 International Pedigree Stage Stop Sled Dog Race knows a sharp S-curve awaits at the bottom.

If only she could see it. Legally blind, Scodris competed in her first international sled-dog race. The 12-day race ended Wednesday with Scodris finishing 15th out of 22 mushers. Her time was 45 hours, 48 minutes, 54 seconds.

She's a testament that guts and courage count for a heck of a lot more than seeing eyes, not only on the trail, but in life.

"Out on the trail, I never think everyone else can see and I can't," she said. "I don't think of it as a problem any more."

Scodris, who celebrated her 16th birthday Feb. 1 during the race, developed quite a following in Wyoming. As her team pulled into Bruce's Bridge parking lot above Sinks Canyon State Park on the afternoon of her birthday, Scodris was greeted with songs of "Happy Birthday" as kids swarmed the lanky, easygoing teenager for her autograph.

Not far from Scodris's side was a National Geographic photographer who has been accompanying her on the trail, documenting the travails and triumphs of the pioneering musher from Bend, Ore.

The attention doesn't faze her, she said while preparing for the next day's 34-mile, mostly uphill

leg. "It's been fun," she said. "The week before I left school, I had two TV crews following me around. I suddenly had 50 new best friends."





Scodris has congenital achromatopsia, a nondegenerative condition that at best gives her 20/200 vision. The images in her world blend together.

"What you can see at 200 feet, I can see at 20 feet," she said.

"That's in perfect conditions," she added. "With any change of light, I can go from 20/200 to totally wiped out briefly. It takes me a long time to get used to different light settings."

Perfect seeing conditions for Scodris is darkness. She always wears sunglasses outside.

When she's not racing into the sun, Scodris can usually make out

			
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BizFacts

Barred from the firm

Almost 50% of students in top-tier law schools are women, yet only 16% of law partners in U.S. firms are female. What they say hinders advancement.

Family responsibilities 57%

Exclusion from informal networks at the firm 57%

Lack of mentoring 57%

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BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Groups offer business courses

TWIN FALLS - The Idaho Small Business Development Center at the College of Southern Idaho and the Small Business Administration are offering the NX Level Business Planning Course this spring.

The program is designed to help business owners and managers learn the skills they need to plan, operate and grow a successful business.

Each participant will produce a business plan and gain an understanding of the general business framework.

The class also will help business people better understand the ventures and make informed decisions, said a release from the Small Business Development Center.

The 12-session class will meet from 6 to 9:30 p.m. Wednesdays, starting this week, in Room 276 of the CSI Taylor Building. The trainer will be Mike McClymonds, a CSI marketing and management instructor. Cost is \$250 per business. Registration includes one set of books; additional sets can be purchased for \$70.

Center for New Directions plans WorkSmart classes

BURLEY - To assist with the preparation needed to plan a career, the Center for New Directions at the College of Southern Idaho is offering

WorkSmart: Career/Educational Planning Skills.

WorkSmart classes are for people entering the work force for the first time, changing occupations, gaining transferable employability skills for career upgrade or promotion or wanting to increase their value with their current employers.

In WorkSmart: Career/Educational Planning, students will first understand skills for planning a career, then focus on maintaining and improving a career, the center said.

Topics include an introduction to business values, organizational culture and how to match personal, career, education and lifestyle values and goals with those of an employer.

Class will be held from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, Feb. 14 through March 5, at the CSI Mini-Cassia Center. Registration deadline is Monday. One credit is offered. Cost is \$66.50; financial assistance and scholarships are available through the Center for New Directions.

For more information, call 733-9554, Ext. 2680, or (800) 680-0274, Ext. 2680.

Course will focus on investment goals, choices

TWIN FALLS - Edward Jones said it is offering a four-week course for individual investors who want to learn more about setting investment goals.

This course also will discuss the types of investment choices often used by individuals to meet their financial and investment goals.

The classes will meet from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursdays, Feb. 15 through March 8, at 1031 Etistland Drive N., No. 3.

Seating is limited and will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Call the company at 734-9106 to reserve a seat.

Compiled from staff reports



Rick Skeen cuts a piece of lumber in the new inside-sales office at The Times-News' annex building on Main Avenue in Twin Falls. Among other things, the remodeling project will put a historic-style customer door and redesigned windows on the Main Avenue frontage and add a tiled reception area and a bathroom.

Construction gets off to a better start

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Final exams are a long way off, but the city's construction sector brought home good marks from its first test of 2001.

Twin Falls construction values in January climbed a respectable 22.4 percent from the year-earlier total, which was deflated by the lack of any new apartments or new commercial projects. Helped by activity of those two types, the city last month issued building permits for projects totaling an estimated \$1.54 million - that's a modest \$282,883 more than in January 2000 - for combined construction types.

By comparison, the city's year-over performance was down by 27 percent from January 1999 construction values.

This January's positive start followed a year in which Twin Falls' bustling commercial sector more than compensated for a decline in new-home building and helped reverse half a decade of

GOING UP

contraction in the city's construction values.

Building-permit records for 2000 showed the city's first annual rise in values for combined types - up 4.7 percent for the year - since 1994's big spurt of commercial building on Blue Lakes Boulevard North.

The new-residential side in January had slightly more - but substantially less expensive - houses than a year ago.

January's number of permits for new single-family homes in the city crept up to 10 from the nine in January 2000. But those Twin Falls homes' average estimated value slid 19 percent to \$85,292 from the \$105,815 of a year earlier, when values had jumped by 33 percent from the \$79,750 average value of January 1999.

Last month's average, however, beat December's \$79,069 average new-home value for single-family projects.

The city's only permit for new multifamily units last month went to Twin Springs LLC for a new \$202,801 four-plex apartment house at 348 Lenore St. Only one mobile home got a permit.

A new warehouse, and medical and newspaper industry remodelings, topped the commercial sector's January construction activity

The January report			
Estimated values for construction that received permits in January from Twin Falls city			
Type	Jan. '01	Jan. '00	% change
New single-family homes	\$852,916	\$952,334	-10.5%
New multifamily units	\$202,801	0	N/A
New commercial projects	\$486,130	0	N/A
Commercial alterations/additions	\$174,707	\$112,208	+55.7%
Total (including such things as mobile homes, residential alterations/additions and signs)	\$1,543,188	\$1,260,303	+22.4%

Source: City building department.

Recent numbers at a glance			
Here's how Twin Falls' total construction values in the past six months stacked up against the same months a year earlier:			
January '01	up 22 percent		
December '00	up 3 percent		
November '00	up 56 percent		
October '00	down 9 percent		
September '00	down 57 percent		
August '00	up 73 percent		

Space for services

Construction company TENSOCO is building a new \$116,640 warehouse to lease at 1825 Floral Ave. and expects to finish off the project by mid-April, said Gerald

Dressing up Main

Martens, president of TENSOCO. The company is negotiating with several potential tenants, he said. All of them are smaller-local businesses looking to relocate, and TENSOCO is seeking tenants primarily among service businesses that serve the construction industry.

"There is a demand for small, service-type shops, and we hope

we fill some of it," Martens said. The 6,000-square-foot structure has some office space, too.

Digs for docs

An independent group of family practice physicians, pediatricians and physician's assistants - Physicians Center - leases most of the first floor of Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's medical office building at 630 Addison Ave. W.

Now MVRMC is remodeling a portion of the Physicians Center space to accommodate a couple of internal medicine physicians who are moving in, said Marc Harrison, the hospital's director of facilities. The remodeling will create examination rooms, a reception area and doctor's office space.

Harrison expects the \$65,000 project to be finished by the end of February.

South Central Idaho Works Board reports on youth council at meeting

The time downtown leaders finish their push to dress up the north end of historic Main Avenue, The Times-News aims to make its block-and-wood-beam annex building on Main one of the attractions. Please see CONSTRUCTION, Page D4

Symbol	Description	Thursday's Close	Previous Friday	Weekly change	52-week high-low	Annual Yield
ABS	ALBERTSON'S	29.23	28.49	.74	39.25 - 20.06	2.80%
ASCA	AMERISTAY	5.12	5.12	NC	2.58 - 3	NA
CAG	CONAGRA	24.76	24.02	.74	26.19 - 15.06	3.63%
COST	COSTCO	42.78	43.15/16	-1.17/6	60 1/2 - 25.15/16	NA
HST	HEINZ	42.87	42.74	1.33	45.06 - 21.00	3.51%
HD	HARLEY-DAVIDSON	43.48	44.55	-1.07	50.62 - 32.12	2.3%
HI	HOMES DEPOT	43.99	46.89	-2.90	70.00 - 34.69	3.6%
IDA	IDACORP	38.00	41.25	-3.25	51.81 - 23.62	4.89%
JCP	J.C. PENNEY	14.70	14.91	-.21	19.62 - 8.62	3.40%
JPR	JP REALTY	18.52	18.50	.02	18.99 - 13.38	10.69%
KEY	KEY CORP	25.65	27.00	-1.35	10.19 - 4.81	NA
KM	KMART	8.74	8.83	-.08	29.25 - 15.58	4.43%
KR	KROGER	25.15	24.81	.54	27.94 - 14.06	NA
LWD	LAD PROPER FIBRE	4.65	5.80	-.85	11.81 - 2.50	NA
LFB	LONGVIEW FIBRE	35.36	33.67	1.70	43.50 - 25.25	3.47%
MCD	MCDONALD'S	23.34	29.43	-.09	39.94 - 26.38	7.2%
MU	MICRON TECH	40.00	41.20	-1.20	97.50 - 28.06	NA
CMX	OFFICENTRY	5.92	5.66	.29	7.55 - 1.50	NA
PHA	PHARMACIA	53.00	57.81	-4.81	64.00 - 35.06	9.1%
Q	QWEST	41.00	39.76	1.24	66.87 - 32.12	12%
RAD	RITE AID	4.25	3.96	.30	8.44 - 1.75	10.80%
RF	REAR'S	37.65	38.00	-.05	43.50 - 25.25	2.45%
SKO	SHOPKO	9.05	9.00	.05	22.50 - 3.00	NA
SKYW	SKYWEST	25.21/22	24.15/16	23/32	30.38 - 12.15/16	3.1%
TGT	TARGET	35.36	36.97	-1.81	39.19 - 21.75	8.2%
UNP	UNION PACIFIC	53.05	52.97	.08	53.98 - 35.06	9.1%
USB	U.S. BANCORP	29.94	29.88	.26	32.75 - 16.88	2.87%
WMT	WAL-MART	52.30	54.76	-2.46	64.94 - 41.50	4.6%
WFSL	WASH. FEDERAL	28.14	27.916	1.87/6	25.94 - 13.114	3.47%
WNG	WASH. GROUP	11.95	11.78	.57	12.30 - 6.19	NA
WFC	WELLS FARGO	51.10	50.24	.86	56.38 - 31.44	1.88%
ZION	ZIONS BANCORP	56.7/8	56	7/8	54 - 32	4.4%

Supplied by Edward Jones (1-800-441-2357)

South Central Idaho Works Board reports on youth council at meeting

TWIN FALLS - The South Central Idaho Works Board will meet at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Magic Valley Job Service Building, 771 N. College Road.

Chuck Byler will give committee reports on the youth council's South Central Idaho Youth Best Practices Conference and a strategic plan for prioritization. Linda Langer will present the executive committee's board member nominations.

Jeff Crumrine will discuss the South Central-Idaho One-Stop Consortium, and the South Central Idaho Wage Gap Study will be presented by Greg Rogers, a labor market analyst.

For more information, call 732-5727, Ext. 3007.

YOUR BUSINESS

CAREER MOVES

TWIN FALLS - GMAC Mortgage announced Toni Rollins of its Twin Falls office is a top producer.

As a reward for the number of mortgages originated, Rollins joined the ranks of the company's "Tremendous Ten" group. The group rewards the top 10 originating loan officers throughout five Western states. She will be featured at the company's sales meeting Dec. 8-10 at the Mandalay Bay Resort and Casino in Las Vegas.

A member of the GMAC family of financial services, GMAC Mortgage has more than 200 lending locations nationwide.

TWIN FALLS - Westerra Real Estate Group welcomed Clay Nannini, who worked in a family real estate business in Elko, Nev., before relocating to Twin Falls and merging with Westerra.

He was raised in Wells, Nev., active in the sport of rodeo and a graduate of the University of Las Vegas. He has been in the real estate industry for several years and is a licensed broker in Nevada and Idaho. Westerra also welcomed Jack Stalley, who has been a Magic Valley resident for more than 30 years.

He has been in the real estate industry for more than six years and is a long-term resident of Twin Falls with his wife, Donna. Nannini and Stalley can be reached at Westerra Real Estate Group at 733-7653.

SUN VALLEY - Jack Sibbach was named director of sales, marketing and public relations, and Brent Gillette was named senior sales executive for Sun Valley Co.

Sibbach, formerly director of marketing and public relations, oversees strategic positioning, sales strategy and marketing support in all areas. He directs the company's advertising agency in Salt Lake City and its public relations agency in New York. He is the resort's chief spokesman and represents Sun Valley Co. at state and national tourism policy forums. He is chairman of the Idaho Travel Council, which is instrumental in marketing tourism as a major source of economic development. This is his second term as a member of the council. A Philadelphia native,

Sibbach joined the company in 1978 and advanced through the ranks in Sun Valley's operations and marketing.

Gillette has been Sun Valley's lead sales executive for more than a year. His promotion to senior sales executive for Sun Valley Co. formalizes a role he assumed during the lengthy illness of Bill Clifford, who died in January. He will oversee an expanded sales and support staff and will increase the company's presence with major client groups. He is the key contact person and will work closely with both state and national associations and professional organizations that visit Sun Valley.

A lifelong Idaho resident, Gillette was raised in Twin Falls and graduated from the University of Idaho in 1981. He joined Sun Valley Co. immediately after graduation.

TWIN FALLS - Deana Garcia of Jagggedge in Twin Falls attended the Redken International Symposium 2001 in Las Vegas.

For two days, Garcia interacted with top salon professionals from around the world in workshops on design and color, focusing on new celebrity looks and "fashion-forward individuals of today," a Jagggedge press release said. Garcia can be reached at 734-5970.

TWIN FALLS - Sheryl Patheal, owner of Jagggedge Salon, attended a Redken International Symposium in Las Vegas to learn new techniques in design and color, focusing on pop culture, fashion trends and celebrity looks.

Patheal also attended the International Beauty Show in Long Beach, Calif., on multicultural hair, attending workshops on hair extensions, chemical hair relaxing and new looks in locks, knots, loops and twists.

TWIN FALLS - Franchisees Noel and Donna Erickson received the Sales Incentive Award at their Kitchen Tune-Up national training conference in San Diego recently.

They said their sales increased more than 97 percent in 2000. This year's conference included technical training on wood care and cabinet refacing, franchisee roundtables

and the introduction of a new service - the one-day renovation of wood or laminate floors without sanding.

For information on Kitchen Tune-Up of Twin Falls, call Donna Erickson at 731-6150.

BOISE - For the past two years, Jerome native Patrick Rediker has flown for Conyan Aviation, which provides the Life Flight services for Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center. He files the company's Piper Cheyenne Life Flight plane used for long-distance transport.

Rediker was born and raised in Jerome and graduated from Jerome High School. After he earned a degree from the University of Idaho, he entered the Army as a lieutenant and for several years flew helicopters. Once he returned to civilian life, he went to work for a Nampa company that sold Kirox, then flew with the Red Barron Stearman Squadron.

His wife, Amy, gets to fly on Life Flights with him.

PAUL - Debbie Mong of Paul received a certificate for completing the course in professional photography offered by the New York State Institute of Photography in New York City.

The certificate is granted by NY under the authority of the New York State Department of Education. NY's distance education complete course in professional photography includes training in camera handling, lighting, portrait, photojournalism and advanced techniques. The Institute calls itself the largest photography school in the world, training thousands of students annually.

TWIN FALLS - The Times-News recently promoted Jill Van Beek-Stutzman to advertising representative for Southern Idaho Business, a monthly publication targeting business owners and managers.

Stutzman will work solely on Southern Idaho Business, which is mailed to those business leaders in Twin Falls, Jerome, Cassia and Minidoka counties. Stutzman has more than eight years' experience in the advertising industry. She is a Magic Valley native and lives in Jerome with her husband and two boys.

MILESTONES

Minolta division, ITEX become partners

TWIN FALLS - Minolta Corp.'s Office Systems Division and ITEX of Magic Valley Inc. in Twin Falls announced they have become partners. ITEX will sell and support the Minolta line of DIALTA black and white printer/copiers.

Lloyd Cirincioni, president of ITEX, said: "We are looking forward to building a strong relationship with Minolta. Our goal is to provide office infrastructure that helps our customers do their jobs professionally, quickly and cost effectively."

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Couple's venture evolves into family reunion center

CLAYTON - When Paul and Sharon May sold their Mini-Cassia assisted-living facility three years ago and moved to the Idaho wilderness area, it was to retire.

Their plans were to remodel an old ranch and create a place for their children and grandchildren to have lots of room to visit. But the May's plan gradually evolved into a family reunion center that will open this spring.

Located on the Salmon River Scenic Byway, the ranch is a place for individuals or families to have vacations, reunions or any number of get-aways. The nearby Salmon River, as well as the numerous streams and lakes, are a draw for fishermen, and there is a stocked pond in a nearby meadow. There is an abundance of big game to hunt or view. Winter is especially

fun there for cross-country skiers and snowmobilers, the Mays said.

The ranch is midway between the Stanley Basin and the community of Challis. Sleeping accommodations include private rooms with baths, bunkhouse, semi-private "pods" and teepees. There is a large lodge with cooking facilities. An amphitheater is available for family and group productions. There are also recreational vehicle spaces, tent pads, areas for sports activities, corrals and other amenities.

Arrangements with local outfitters for river and other trips can be made. Auto tours are available as well as child care. Help planning family reunions and tips for tracing family genealogy are available. The ranch is about three hours from Twin Falls, the Mays said.

For more information, call 838-2407 or write to P.O. Box 192, Clayton, ID 83277.

Glambia rewards Wendell dairy with top honor

TWIN FALLS - The Box Canyon Dairy No. 3 near Wendell recently received Glambia Foods Inc.'s top honors as Quality Farm Dairy of the Year for 2000. As this year's winners, Jeremy Craig, Doc Aardama and Tom Heida, co-owners of the 900-cow dairy, will receive an all-expense paid trip to Ireland, home of Glambia's global headquarters.

"We went through a pretty tough year and still were able to keep our standards up," Craig said on behalf of the dairy's partnership.

"Maintaining high standards in today's dairy industry can be time consuming and tough on the bottom line, Glambia said. Dairy operators have to stay in close contact with their employees, especially their milkers, and constantly clean and carefully inspect each cow before and after milking. Once the milking cycle has been completed, the milking parlors and equipment are thoroughly cleaned and sanitized.

The Box Canyon Dairy achieved an average somatic cell count of 69,000, an average bacteria count of 2,250 and better than 90 percent average score on Idaho Department of Agriculture inspections, and it earned a quality bonus payment for each of the 24 pay periods during 2000, Glambia said.

Glambia Procurement Manager Paul Boesiger said Glambia recognizes patrons that adhere to strict milk quality standards each year, rotating the annual award between small, medium and large dairies. The 900-cow Box Canyon fell into the large dairy category.

Glambia also presents Quality Awards to patrons who earned 22 or more quality bonus payments during the year, maintained an average somatic cell count of 250,000 or less and maintained an average bacteria count of 10,000 or less.

This year's recipients of Glambia Quality Awards were 4-Bros. Dairy No. 2, Shoshone; Aardama Dairy's No. 1 and No. 5; Jerome; Abernathy Dairy; Gooding; Anderson Dairy; Gooding; Atkinson Dairy; Buhl; Au Jercey; Wendell; Avelar's Dairy; Buhl; Baa; Dairy; Jerome; Ballard Dairy; Gooding; Beckley Dairy; Dietrich; Blom Dairy; Jerome; Nelson; Borges Dairy; Jerome; Box Canyon Dairy No. 1; Wendell; Brandisma Dairy; Wendell; Braun Dairy; Shoshone; C Bar M Dairy; Jerome; Cardona Dairy; Buhl; Clisham Dairy; Buhl; Clark Dairy; Shoshone; and Crawford Dairy, Shoshone.

Other recipients included Rob De Kruffy Dairy; Buhl; Deeds Dairy; Richfield; Emery Dairy; Wendell; Manuel Faria Dairy; Twin Falls; Franco Dairy; Jerome; Goodsell Dairy; Meridian; Gorzeman Dairy; Gooding; Hanson Dairy; Hazelton; Heritage Farms, Buhl; Holland Dairy; Gooding; Hoskovec Dairy; Hagerman; Johnson Dairy; Gooding; Johnson Dairy; Richfield; Jones Dairy; Richfield; Knight Dairy; Filer; Landis Dairy; Mountain Home; Lawton Dairy; Wendell; Long View Dairy; Jerome; M&N Dairy; Gooding; Martino Dairy; Gooding; and Moynihan Dairy, Carey.

Also winning milk quality awards were Northside Dairy No. 3, Jerome; Notch Butte Dairy, Jerome; Phelps Dairy, Homedale; Pocket Ranch Dairy; Gooding; Robinson and Sorensen Dairy; Richfield; Rond Dairy; Richfield; Si-Ellen Farms, Jerome; Son Rise Dairy; Wendell; Sorensen Dairy; Gooding; Sunrise Dairy, Jerome; Sweet Briar Dairy, Jerome; T&F Dairy; Wendell; T3 Dairy, Jerome; Ted Miller Dairy, Jerome; Valencia Dairy, Jerome; Don Vander Stelt Family Dairy, Jerome; and Vinco Dairy, Paul.

Glambia Foods Inc. calls itself the Pacific Northwest's largest cheese producer. More than 400 people are employed at its four Magic Valley locations.

Publication helps save time when reviewing records

SEATTLE - The U.S. Department of Labor has issued a new publication titled "Conducting Audits in Small Unions: A Guide for Trustees to assist trustees and audit committee members in small unions with annual receipts less than \$50,000.

According to John Heaney, district director for the Office of Labor Management Standards, the guide features a 10-step audit that can save time while providing a meaningful, systematic review of union financial books and records.

"We believe this guide is going to be extremely helpful to unions," he said. "By helping them with their audit responsibilities, these small unions are

going to be able to better safeguard their funds and assets."

Written in plain language, the guide describes the entire audit process from initial planning to completion of an audit report, with tools such as an audit planner, worksheets to help trustees complete an audit and suggested solutions for common audit problems. The guide includes an illustrated explanation of records typically maintained by small unions, definitions of common financial terms, and a four-page audit checklist, as well as optional audit steps recommended for trustees in larger unions.

OLMS developed the guide and

will conduct free one-day workshops throughout the country to teach trustees, audit committee members and others how to complete the 10-step audit. Experienced OLMS inspectors will lead the workshops, which will feature hands-on exercises involving the financial records of a fictitious union. Participants will gain a better understanding of union financial records, general auditing techniques and tips, and legal requirements relating to union funds, a department press release said.

Information about the workshops or a copy of the guide can be obtained from the Seattle District Office, Suite 605, 1111 Third Ave., Seattle, WA 98101, or by calling (206) 553-5216.

TELL US YOUR BUSINESS

YourBusiness is a weekly feature that highlights commercial activity in the Magic Valley. If you have information about any of the following, The Times-News wants to hear about it:

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Please e-mail items to Business Editor Virginia S. Hutchins at virginia@magvalley.com

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YourBusiness deadline: Noon Thursday for publication the following Sunday.

Real Estate group slates meeting

BOISE - The regularly scheduled meeting of the Idaho Real Estate Commission will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Feb. 22 at the commission office, 633 N. Fourth St.

Idaho Barley Commission will gather on Friday

BOISE - The Idaho Barley Commission scheduled a meeting for 1:30 p.m. Friday at the University Inn in Moscow. All barley growers and other interested parties are invited.

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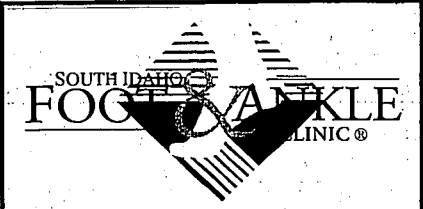
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Reports don't necessarily signal recession

By John Cunniff
The Associated Press

NEW YORK—Terrified voices have been heard shouting "recession" in the already jittery economy—it doesn't really matter who they are—and soon they had crowds running for the exits.

The guilty list, if that's what it is, might include Alan Greenspan of the Federal Reserve, the publishers of confidence surveys, and the purchasing managers who do the buying for industrial companies.

It really doesn't matter very much who shouted first—now everyone has recession on the brain. People are looking for gloomy omens of trouble rather than bright signs of success.

Last week, the big topic was recession, everyone, so to speak, was talking about it. And the danger, Greenspan suggested, was that consumers would be drained not just of buying power, but of buying confidence, too.

Subtle differences of interpretation can have great consequences. The January job report, which showed unemployment rising to 4.2 percent from 4 percent, was

viewed as unassailably negative evidence, while the 268,000 increase in jobs and the lengthening of the workweek were ignored.

Yes, the surveys of consumer and business confidence showed declines, sharply in some instances, but it seemed to matter little that confidence levels remained historically high. And if might still surprise some people to realize that consumption spending actually climbed in December.

The same phenomenon can be observed in homebuying, the very largest investment most families ever make. December new-home sales were at an annual rate of 975,000 units, very little changed from the best of times.

An impression exists that technology, a hefty supporter of the economic boom, has now sunk into the doldrums. But according to Dataquest, which compiles industry statistics, December sales of powerful computer servers, as used in the Internet, soared 21 percent over the December 1999 pace.

None of this proves that overall economic growth isn't slowing, or that many companies aren't laying

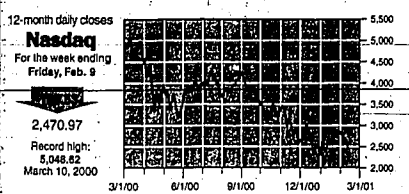
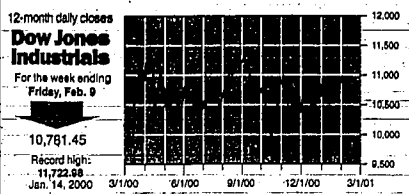
off workers in massive numbers, especially in manufacturing, and that others aren't distressed and fearful. Neither does it prove that the economy can't fall into recession.

It does mean that the bottom hasn't fallen out, that the worst-case scenarios can't yet produce the evidence, that recession isn't a certainty, and that recessions, if they come, need not be deep and long.

A slowdown, in fact, can be a remedy for an economy that is stressed and strained after an exhausting marathon run.

The Federal Reserve has all but promised immediate relief via lower short-term interest rates. Technological progress has kept inflation at bay. The Bush administration seems likely to obtain tax reductions.

Good reasons to calm the excitement.



Indecisive investors send markets mostly sideways

NEW YORK (AP)—As investors waded in and out of blue chip and technology stocks this past week, their quick changes might have hinted of big happenings on Wall Street.

In reality, they made no major commitments. The market's recent direction has been more sideways than up as investors rapidly, and frequently changed their minds about what was the best strategy.

"You are seeing a lot of sector rotation. Very rapid sector rotation," said Richard A. Dickson, a technical analyst at Scott & Stringfellow Inc. in Richmond, Va. "People are still confused about what their outlook should be. Should they be in defensive sectors? Should they get back in tech?"

Indecision will continue to dominate the market for a while longer, analysts said. Investors are putting off making big moves until they see the sluggish economy and disappointing corporate profits show signs of substantial improvement.

Given that the market ended this past week down on bad technology news, some analysts expect investors to at least temporarily return to their recent strategy of selling off tech in favor of the relative safety of blue chip sectors.

A litany of evidence Friday of just how much the economy has weakened sent the Nasdaq down 91.09, accounting for about half its weekly loss. Reports of possible layoffs at Dell Computer, a Wall Street Journal report of a government investigation into accounting irregularities at Lucent Technologies and Motorola's plans to cut as many as 4,000 jobs created the last minute self-off.

Friday's bad tech news followed disappointing earnings issued late Tuesday by Cisco Systems.

The week has been heavy on disappointment, particularly the Cisco shock that sent a shiver through Nasdaq and disappointing news on Dell and Lucent. Right now the only strategy is to sit tight, shepherd some cash and stay somewhat defensive," said Alan Ackerman, executive vice president of Fehnestock & Co.

Analysts say investors likely will continue to seek safety in safer havens like drug, consumer, financial and utility stocks. But rather than make grand buys in these so-called defensive sectors, they'll prefer to dabble.

"We don't have any conviction in the market right now, not even in defensive sectors," said Dickson, the analyst at Scott & Stringfellow.

For example, he said, the market is wondering if drug stocks, which have had a strong run up since late last year, can stand to go higher or whether they are overvalued. Stocks like Merck and Johnson & Johnson were mostly advancing—yet also retreating somewhat.

"The stock market has traded within a reasonably tight range, awaiting a catalyst to get it going," said Ackerman of Fehnestock.

One factor that could help induce investors to bid the market higher is that the bulk of fourth-quarter earnings reports have been released. Another impetus for a rally could be the year's third interest rate cut, a move the Federal Reserve is expected to make when it meets in March.

But despite two rate cuts so far this year, the market has failed to sustain upward momentum for long. Consider that the Nasdaq rallied in January, gaining as much as 15 percent, after the Fed lowered rates.

And then, "it petered out," said Dickson, the Scott & Stringfellow analyst. "You had earnings disappointments, most recently from Cisco, and (investors) turned their backs on tech."

For the week, the Dow Jones industrial average slid 82.65, a nearly 0.8 percent drop, to 10,781.45 after a 99.10-point loss Friday.

Broader market indexes also were down on the week. The Nasdaq composite index lost 189.53, or 7.1 percent, closing at 2,470.97 after falling 91.09 Friday.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index ended the week off 34.71, or 2.6 percent, at 1,314.76 after Friday's loss of 17.77.

The Russell 2000 index, which tracks the performance of smaller company stocks, lost 4.45, or 0.9 percent, for the week after losing 5.84 on Friday. It closed at 497.05.

The Wilshire Associates Equity Index—which represents the combined market value of all New York Stock Exchange and Nasdaq issues—ended the week at \$12.124 trillion, off \$311.13 billion from the previous week. A year ago the index stood at \$13.386 trillion.

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Reform sought to conform state taxes for 'e-tail' online shopping

By **Hermione Malone**
Knight Ridder Newspapers

For decades, states have lost tax revenue when shoppers buy merchandise online or from catalog companies that don't charge sales tax. Now, faced with mounting losses because of growing Internet sales, states are trying to recoup some of that lost revenue.

Early this year, a coalition called the Streamlined Sales Tax Project will begin lobbying states to adopt a unified sales tax code. The hope is that a simpler tax code would prompt online and catalog merchants to voluntarily collect sales tax.

Under the current system, sales tax rates vary by state, and five states have no sales tax at all. For example, clothing purchased in North Carolina is taxed at 6 percent but not at all in Massachusetts.

"But items purchased online or from catalogs are rarely taxed, unless the seller has a physical presence in the state where the buyer lives."

If a seller has no physical presence, the buyer is required by law to report all such purchases annually at tax time - and pay a so-called "use tax" to the state involved. But few consumers ever pay the use tax, officials say.

In 1999, the N.C. Department of Revenue estimates it lost \$110 million to \$150 million in uncollected use taxes. And in South Carolina, Elizabeth Duncan, a spokeswoman for the S.C. Department of Revenue, called the use tax the state's "most undercollected tax," accounting for about \$40 million in lost revenue each year.

Now, with e-commerce sales expected to reach \$2.7 trillion by 2004, states are trying another approach to collect the tax.

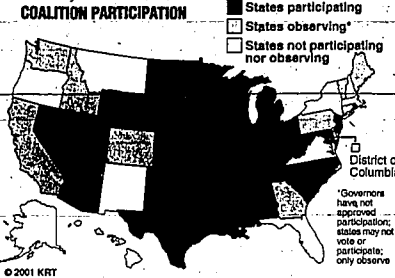
And that's where the Streamlined Sales Tax Project comes in.

The coalition - made up of representatives from 30 states - created model legislation for states to consider in December.

They also are testing new technologies, which would calculate, collect and remit the sales taxes electronically.

Online and catalog sales tax

A coalition of 30 states is trying to create one simple tax code for all purchases made in the U.S., regardless of which state items are purchased from. The coalition hopes this will prompt online and catalog merchants to voluntarily collect sales tax.



Observers say this project, which for the first time brings states to the table with trade associations and several national retailers, could work.

"There have been attempts to reform sales tax for years," said Jeremy Sharrard, associate analyst for Forrester Research in Cambridge, Mass. "This group has brought some of the right people to the table. It's traditional retailers and technology vendors, which is unprecedented in these discussions." Still, the effort won't be easy. The coalition must persuade the states' lawmakers to accept the idea of a uniform sales tax. Then those states must pass legislation that would reform tax codes. Sharrard says it could be 2005 before consumers nationwide see tax-free online and catalog shopping disappear.

So far, no pure-play e-tailers - those without actual stores, such as Amazon.com - have joined the talks. And for good reason.

If states adopt the plan, it would threaten the tax-free shopping advantage those online retailers enjoy.

A 1992 Supreme Court ruling

governs when e-tailers and catalog companies must collect sales tax. In Quill Corp. v. North Dakota, the court ruled that states cannot force retailers without a physical presence in a state to tax residents of that state. A physical presence includes stores, warehouses or sales representatives.

And so far, Congress has been reluctant to get involved. Even if a uniform tax code is adopted by the various states, there is no guarantee the pure-play e-tailers would agree to collect the tax. But even if they don't, it doesn't mean failure, the coalition insists.

A simpler tax code would still benefit "click-and-mortar" retailers such as Gap.com, Nordstrom.com, and CircuitCity.com, the group says. Retailers such as J.C. Penney have been wrestling with this issue for years.

Because J.C. Penney has stores in all 50 states, its online operations must calculate, collect and remit sales tax on all items sold. That is no easy feat in a nation where some states tax marshmallows as food and others tax them as candy.

Construction

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"We think the building will be a really nice anchor building on the street," Publisher Stephen Hartgen said.

Toward that end, and to accommodate growth in several of its operations, The Times-News in January got a building permit to convert a portion of the annex's warehouse space to offices and make other improvements at 311 Main Ave. W., across an alley from the main Times-News building. The permit is for a \$43,250 portion of a project Hartgen said will ring up at \$100,000, including furnishings.

The 1920s annex building - which longtime residents remember as the former Jenkins Ayto office and showroom - has offices for Magic Valley Ag Weekly and for Times-News telemarketing, plus a small photo studio. That's also where the newspaper stores newsprint, and where it does production tasks such as assembling its weekly television guide.

Hartgen said the newspaper already improved sidewalks and dressed up the front of the annex building.

"We've given it kind of a Victorian look with contrasting color," he said.

The current construction adds 1,100 square feet of office space and remodels about the same portion of the existing office. It accommodates both the growing Ag Weekly and the newspaper's

expanding inside-sales operation - advertising sales made by telephone.

"We've found that's an important and growing part of our business," Hartgen said. Meanwhile, he said, Ag Weekly's advertising sales revenue in 2000 topped 1999 revenue by 12 percent.

There's more to come.

The Times-News in the next year or two plans to landscape the employee parking lot on Main Avenue, said Hartgen, who added that the newspaper is committed to remaining a major downtown tenant for years.

Undercover work

Some truck drivers prefer the West. Others want freight runs in the other direction.

So Twin Falls-based Austin's Express Inc. lately has been doing more transloading from truck to truck - out in the cold.

That's not exactly pleasant, so the company is enclosing its outdoor truck loading dock with a new, open-ended building to warm up the transloading process, president Allen Hall said.

The 1,680-square-foot building's permit is for a \$23,541 portion of the \$25,000 project at 2516 Doc Taylor Drive.

The expenditure is a necessity, said Hall, who added that "just insane" fuel costs made last year a terrible one for his industry. Fuel prices are still high.

"The trucking industry's really

getting killed with it," he said. "It's a very volatile market, the trucking industry is."

Gas in Idaho is so costly that Austin's Express drivers buy just enough gas here to get out of state with their loads of food products, seed, nonhazardous chemicals or the like, and they try to fill their trucks' tanks at lower-priced pumps in Wyoming or Utah, Hall said.

Elsewhere in town

Other January permits on file in the city included:

- Newcom Wireless' \$17,360 remodeling for a telecommunications equipment room at 356 Third Ave. E., on City Hall property.
- Magic Valley Business Systems' \$16,038 addition for an 825-square-foot storage mezzanine at 393 Eastland Drive S.
- The city's own police department lobby remodeling at 356 Third Ave. E., a \$9,000 project.
- Emmanuel Lutheran Church's mobile unit, to be used as a temporary modular classroom at 2055 Fliter Ave. E.

Construction values the city lists on those building permits are estimated.

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Hot pockets glare in nitrate study

MAGIC VALLEY - Results of a statewide survey on nitrates in Idaho's water burn red when it comes to certain spots in the Magic Valley. Hot pockets found in Cassia and Twin Falls counties and one especially high reading in Blaine county flag something to check into, says the Idaho State Department of Agriculture, which conducted the testing.

The testing - done in 1999-2000 on 761 of Idaho's 942 dairies - specifically targeted water quality on dairy operations, but the results are inconclusive.

"We did find that some of the wells over 10 mg/L are clustered in certain areas," in particular south of Burley and near Buhl said Gary Bahr, ISDA Ag Bureau chief. "That's of concern. We don't know if it's history of dairy being there or farming being there. I believe we do have some situations where not dairy, but surrounding areas, are the factor," he said.

Of particular interest are those areas that tested above 10 milligrams of nitrates per liter of water, the breaking point for drinking water under the Clean Water Act. That breaking point showed up in seven of 92 tested dairy wells in Twin Falls County and 11 of 45 tested wells in Cassia County, all hitting between 10 mg/L and 20 mg/L. In Blaine County, however, one site tallied 42 mg/L.

Although the survey was set up to address water quality on dairies, the elevated levels aren't necessarily attributable to animal waste, Bahr said.

In fact, of the 43 higher-nitrate areas statewide, nitrogen isotope testing showed that only three could be attributed to animal or human waste. One was determined to be in the commercial fertilizer range and 30 in the organic nitrogen range. Residue from nine of the samples were not returned in time to be included in the report, and the department is continuing isotope testing in all the higher-level areas to zero in on the source, Bahr said.

Twin Falls Sugar

beets still salvageable

TWIN FALLS - On Monday Twin Falls ag manager Leonard Kerbs wasn't sure some 700 acres of frozen beets in the Twin Falls district would ever make it out of the ground.

But on Thursday he had changed his mind. Field samples taken during midweek convinced him that most of those beets are still salvageable.

"We're still in the 16-percent (sugar content) area with apparent purity in the 80s," he said.

During regular harvest the company average for sugar content was in the 17 percent range.

Paul ag manager, John Schorr is also optimistic. He said his tests were also coming out in the 16 range with some fields as high as 87.5 percent apparent purity.

"We're really encouraged," Schorr said. "There are some fields that aren't that high, but most are. There are a lot of beets that are still quite harvestable."

About 3,000 acres remain

Farmbeat

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frozen in Mini-Cassia fields.

Water legislation to watch

TWIN FALLS - Several proposals regarding water law, ranging from where to hear appeals to where to file boundary changes are before Idaho legislators this session.

House Bill 114, also known as the Sage-Willow bill, clarifies where appeals to Department of Water Resources decisions can be heard. Rather than jamming up the Snake River Basin Adjudication court, the bill would move appeals to District Court.

The Idaho Water Users Association has not supported the bill due to questions regarding some of the language in the bill, said Ted Diehl, chairman of the association's legislative committee. The committee will meet next week to review changes made to the bill in the House. H.B. 114 has passed the House, and is headed to the Senate.

Diehl said the association is supporting Senate Bill 1004, which requires that irrigation districts file their boundaries within the county where the irrigation district or canal company is located.

The proposal won't impact irrigators within the Magic Valley, but was introduced on behalf of American Falls Reservoir District #1.

Under today's law, a small irrigation district east of American Falls must record its boundaries within the county that make up the Reservoir District. That means filing information in Twin Falls County, even though none of the actual irrigated acres are in Twin Falls County.

A proposal that might impact the Magic Valley is a Senate bill of last year's drought. Resolute Bill 1003 has not yet had a hearing because of questions concerning the language and intent of the bill. In short, the bill would extend what can be done in emergency drought situation.

Wheat grower debate farm policy direction

RUPERT - The next farm bill was on the menu of the National Association of Wheat Growers convention in New Orleans last week.

Whether to have a world-centered farm bill or one who's focus is here at home was the topic of much of the discussion, said Duane Grant, a Rupert grain farmer and president of the Idaho Grain Producers Association. He was part of the board that set five principles that NAWG will lobby for the next farm bill.

"The biggest debate was whether to have a policy that's U.S.-centered or a policy that keeps U.S. prices at market clearing levels," Grant said.

That argument was settled in favor of pursuing a policy that lets the cash price go wherever the market drives it.

"We want the new farm to be very price sensitive to the world price, so we don't build stocks and artificially raise cash price," he added.

California's power woes could boost Idaho dairy

Idaho dairy farmers could get a small price boost thanks to the energy crisis, but only time will tell.

With California's rolling blackouts reducing cheese, cream, and other dairy processing plant capacity, as well as the ability of dairy farmers to store and pasteurize milk, many have resorted to tossing their product down the drain.

According to Tulare, Calif., dairy farm advisor Tom Shultz, large tanker-loads of milk have ended up either in waste ponds, calf feeding operations, or dumped on fields in the last two weeks as the state's industry tries to cope with a power shortage now going into its third month.

Tulare County is the state's largest milk producer.

"Some processing plants couldn't handle the usual amount of milk because of the energy crunch so dairies had to dump it," Shultz said.

In spite of thousands of gallons of milk going to waste, there haven't been any price changes so far. But if the situation continues, dairy consumers may find more Idaho products on store shelves.

"It would have to be a large amount to alter price. It is hard to say right now just what is going to happen. There are a lot of 'What If' questions," Shultz said.

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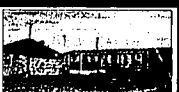
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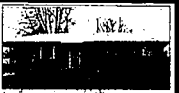
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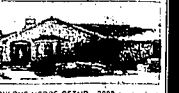
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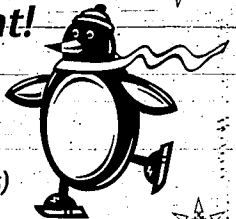
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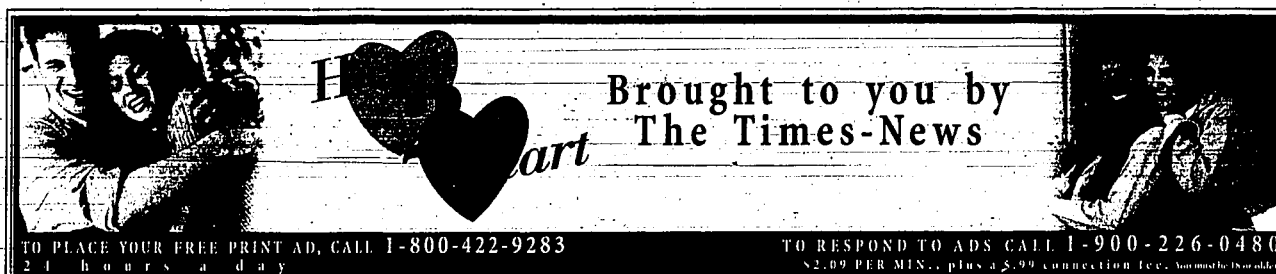
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Dear Mr. Wolff: At duplicate, our side vulnerable, LHO opens one heart in third chair, and partner overcalls one spade. RHO bids one no-trump, and I hold ♠A-10, ♥A-9-2, ♦10-9-8-3, ♣Q-6-4. What's my best action?

Tough Nut, Magalia, Calif.

ANSWER: There are no good choices. However, a timid pass would be the worst of a bad lot. I would choose two spades: Under pressure, the A-10 is reasonable support, and partner should have a good suit for his vulnerable overall. The spade 10 is a very important card because it may enable partner to finesse against your RHO's spade honor(s).

Dear Mr. Wolff: I dealt and opened one heart with ♠Q-9-3, ♥A-K-6-4, ♦Q-6-3, ♣Q-5. Partner responded two diamonds, and I bid two no-trump. If partner now bids three clubs, should I bid three no-trump, or should I take a preference to three diamonds?

Broken Record, Caspar, Wyo.

ANSWER: This decision is not even close. Bid three diamonds to describe the fit. Bidding three no-trump or three hearts is not partnership bridge. If three no-trump is the right spot, partner can always play it there.

Dear Mr. Wolff: At duplicate, RHO opens one spade, and LHO responds one no-trump. Partner overcalls two hearts, and RHO jumps to three clubs. After LHO raises to a heart game, should I lead a club or the diamond king? I hold ♠8-5, ♥5-4-2, ♦K-Q-J-10, ♣7-4-2. His or Hilton? Lakeville, Conn.

ANSWER: I would choose the diamond from the solid sequence. Leading partner's suit might work better, but declarer is expecting you to lead a club. Why not surprise him with a diamond lead?

Dear Mr. Wolff: LHO deals and opens two spades, a weak two-bid. After two passes, should I bid, or should I pass with ♠A-7-4-2, ♥A-J, ♦J-8-4, ♣K-Q-J-7?

Point-Heavy, Winston-Salem, N.C.

ANSWER: Your high-card strength suggests competition; your distribution does not. At either duplicate or rubber bridge, I suggest an aggressive two no-trump, despite the anemic spot cards in spades.

Dear Mr. Wolff: At duplicate, partner opens one heart, and RHO overcalls one spade. With neither side vulnerable, what is my best action with ♠K-J-8-5, ♥A, ♦K-8-5, ♣Q-9-7-7-3?

Nine-Pointer, Bayters, S.C.

ANSWER: Since a pass does not appeal, one must search for the most descriptive call. A negative double would be acceptable if one of your clubs were a diamond. Even then, most duplicate players would opt for a greater trick score and bid one no-trump. The singleton heart is a defect, but in an imperfect world one must sometimes choose an imperfect call.

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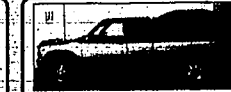
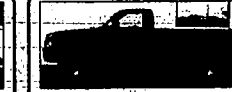
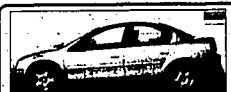














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Cupid, draw back your bow

Cupid is out there stalling us again. With Valentine's Day almost here, his messages of love and romance are everywhere.

Sweethearts candy is everywhere, too - you know, those little custom-printed hearts from the New England Confectionery Company that reappear every year. There is some updating, of course. The newer hearts have sayings like "Let's do lunch" and "You go girl, which make the 100-year-old sayings - "Be mine," "Sweet talk" - quaint in comparison.

Also new is a popular curriculum developed by the University of Idaho (Cooperative Extension) that's titled "Married and Loving It." According to UI extension educator Barbara Petty, "While research reveals that both partners are truly happy in only one of four marriages, it also shows that happily married couples score high in communication, finance, conflict resolution, roles and leisure activities."

Petty notes that learning to resolve differences is important in the happy relationships, and the new curriculum contains exercises in negotiating and listening that are both educational and fun.

I'm for that. I think there needs to be more fun in love and romance. Even during the dating game.

When I was in high school, we females had to sit around and wait for the phone to ring if we wanted to go out with a guy. That wasn't fun. But a while back, I read that a hot

trend in personal ads is the "I saw U" ad, where the admirer states where and when the "admiree" was spotted, and leaves a phone number with the newspaper.

Progress? I guess. But in a way, isn't that still waiting for the phone to ring?

And some of the other suggestions about how to bleed love from Valentine's Day, especially for married couples - just aren't very practical.

One magazine article suggests planning a second honeymoon, maybe to Hawaii.

I figure if I skip the mortgage and car payments for a few months, I can afford that one.

Another suggestion: Send the kids away for the weekend (anywhere is OK, I assume, since the place was not stipulated) and swap houses with friends who have agreed to turn their home into a honeymoon hotel, with candles and music and room service.

Sure. That would work. Why didn't I think of that myself?

A third suggestion: Buy a few new long beaded gloves for big evenings out.

But what should I do with all my old beaded gloves?

I think I'll skip the elaborate Valentine's Day celebrations and tell my husband that flowers would be nice, in return for a box of chocolates. That always works at our house.

Evidently, it works for other couples, too. The National Confectioners Association reports that more than 1 billion in sales of Valentine candy each year.

Once, the group even teamed up with the Chocolate Manufacturers Association to conduct a poll on chocolates and romance. They polled - who else? - players from the National Hockey League. (Picture a card reading, "Don't send me to the penalty box; be my valentine.") The hockey players were asked who they would like to give chocolates to on Valentine's Day. Sixty-one percent said wife or girlfriend, 29 percent chose Mom, 7 percent said the team owner and 4 percent listed their sisters.

Does the fact that this adds up to 101 percent say anything about the world we live in?

Well, I get the point. Sugar is good on Valentine's Day. Most of the time.

In 1881, the story goes, Virginia pharmacist Wade Morrison fell in love with the daughter of his store's proprietor, Dr. Charles Pepper. The doctor put an end to the romance, and Morrison moved to Texas to operate his own drugstore. Later, Morrison's employee, Charles Alderton, mixed together 23 flavors and concocted a delicious soft drink that Morrison dubbed "Dr. Pepper," still attempting to please his beloved's father.

Morrison's love for the woman remained unrequited, but love still won out.

Everyone loves Dr. Pepper.
Denise Turner is assistant features editor at The Times-News.

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VALENTINE'S DAY



Nicole Sommer packs candy for the Valentine's Day rush at Fredericksen's Candy in Twin Falls. Men buy more candy for Valentine's Day than any other day of the year.

Celebrate the upcoming holiday with these tips

Steve Crump writes

1. It's roses, stupid. Two-thirds of the roses sold during the Valentine's Day holiday season are ordered by men, and the overwhelming majority - 90 percent or more - are red.

"It's tradition," said Katey Gies, who runs Every Blooming Thing, a Twin Falls floral shop. "Occasionally, somebody will mix in some colored roses this one day, but it's almost always women. Men send red roses."

2. A rose is NOT a rose. Roses are priced by the size of the blooms - typically 50 centimeters to 70 or 80 centimeters. A dozen 80-centimeter roses may cost you as much as 30 percent more than a like number of 50-centimeter roses, Gies said.

"People tend to think all roses are the same," Gies said. "But there's a big difference, and you should be aware when you're ordering what size you're getting."

3. Don't order roses on Feb. 13. Although men, typically, do. "You can probably order red roses on Feb. 14 and get them, but you're taking a chance," Gies said.

"Because of California's electricity crisis, the Golden State is out of the red-rose business this Valentine's Day because growers have shut down their greenhouses to save power."

Most of the red roses sold locally come from Ecuador, and although they're plentiful here, that may not be the case everywhere in the United States.

"Ordering a little in-advance at least gives you a little flexibility," Gies said.

4. Get out your checkbook. A dozen roses ordered and delivered locally will cost you between \$64.95 and \$86.95. Add on delivery charges of \$3.50 to \$5.95. If you're sending flowers out of town, tack on another \$5 to \$10.

5. Chocolates are king on Valentine's Day, but don't get your heart set on a heart-shaped box to put them in.

"The boxes got so they cost more than the chocolates inside," longtime Twin Falls candymaker Jack Fredericksen said.

Chocolates - Fredericksen's stock-in-trade - still dominate Valentine's Day, he said, and most of the buyers are men, who buy one-pound boxes.

6. "Keep it simple," writes columnist Robert Moritz for the online wedding website, The Knot (<http://www.theknot.com>). "Elaborate does not mean romantic. Instead of going for broke with an expensive dinner at a fancy restaurant, diversify the proceedings with a fun pre-meal activity. I'm thinking miniature golf, movie, air hockey, Jell-O wrestling, whatever."

7. Fix HER dinner. "Restaurants equal stress," Moritz says. "Take your cash and invest in the market. Grocery store, that is: food, drink, pizza rolls."

8. And if you're strapped for cash, try these suggestions from Gary Presley, a relationships columnist

for eHow.com:

- Leave a note on her pillow, a note on her dressing table mirror, a note on the breakfast table, a note on her car's steering wheel.

- Find a classic love poem and write it on the bathroom mirror. Something from Elizabeth Barrett Browning's "Sonnets from the Portuguese" would be ideal.

- Bring her breakfast in bed - with a love note on the tray.

- Draw a heart on her makeup mirror.

- Write her a long letter, one in which you recall the most emotional parts of your romantic history.

- Ask her to watch the sunset with you.
- Open the windows, put her favorite romantic song on the CD player, and invite her to dance under the stars.

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Divorce and kids: How to cope Etc...

While the storm continues to rage over whether divorced parents can raise sound children, people close to the issue - including mental health professionals, and children and parents of divorce - offer the following suggestions to ease the transition and soften the blow:

"It's more about things parents shouldn't do than what they should do," observes Greenwiel. Co-lead and family psychologist Jerome Brodrie. For one, they shouldn't get into a contest regarding custody, visitation schedules and legal matters, he says. If possible, they should live near one another, allowing for flexibility in the arrangement. "Obviously, if parents can communicate with each other after they are divorced and not get into a contest for attention or affection of the children, they should go on to have their own lives so that they don't become overly dependent on their kids."

Add to that observations by Philadelphia-based family law attorney Lynne Gold-Bikin, a former chair of the American Bar Association's Family Law Section and a divorcee who raised three children, now successful, happily married adults.

"The first thing you do is you don't pull them back and forth like

pieces of Turkish taffy," says Gold-Bikin. Equally important, she adds, is respecting and cooperating with your former spouse. To maintain a cohesive family unit despite the divorce, Gold-Bikin says her family keeps a computerized bulletin board. When one of the children had a problem while living abroad, the attorney says her ex was the first person she called. "There was never a time when our kids saw us as separate when it came to them," she says. "To this day, when (my ex-husband) comes to town ... and I pick him up (at the airport), the kids see us hugging. I frankly don't understand when people have slept together how they can hate each other."

New York City resident Mike Molnar, a child of divorce, says parents should routinely stay involved in their kids' lives. "If one of those parents comes to show up and the phone calls stop, the end result is that they become acquaintances rather than parental figures

later in life," he says. As Molnar was raised solely by his mother after the divorce, he says his dad missed out on his important high school years. "I don't know my father as well as most people know their fathers," he says. "We have gone years in seeing each other only a few times a year."

And now that his dad has remarried and Molnar has a little sister whom he "absolutely adores," he visits his dad's home more frequently. Still, he feels that his conversations with his dad remain "shallow. If one of your parents isn't around, ultimately both of you miss out because you can't recapture that relationship."

Parents should never bring up their disagreements and arguments with the child, says Paloma Nazario, another child of divorce. "It has nothing to do with (the child) needs to know is," adds the New York City resident. She says the only thing that a parent should be concerned about is his or her relationship with that child, not with his or her ex.

And in turn, she says, "all (a child) needs to know is that Mommy loves me and Daddy loves me."

- Source: Stamford, Conn., Advocate

'The Princess Knight' comes to high school

Tuesday

JEROME - Jerome High School's Tiger Troupe Theater will perform the one-act play "The Princess Knight" by Martin Follse at 7 p.m. at the Jerome High School auditorium.

The play features a princess who does not enjoy being a princess, a trash man who is really a prince and an evil wizard with a miniature sidekick.

The cost is \$2 for adults, \$1 for children and \$5 for families.

Upcoming

JACKPOT - Cactus Petes Resort Casino will present the second annual Carl Hayden Young Writers Contest.

Entry deadline is April 13. Fourth-, fifth- and sixth-grade students from the Twin Falls, Buhl, Kimberly, Filer, Gooding, Hansen, Minutago, Shoshone, Wendell, Mirdakoka and Jerome school districts

To do for families

Each grade level will be judged separately. The contest offers more than \$1,200 in cash prizes to participating students.

Additionally, the school with the greatest number of winning student authors will also get a \$500 donation to its library.

Contest rules and application forms are available from participating schools, or by phoning 841-3472.

Winners will be announced May 11.

Every week, To Do for Families list family oriented events in south-central Idaho. To get an item listed in the calendar, send it to Features Department, The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls 83303. Deadline is noon on Wednesdays.

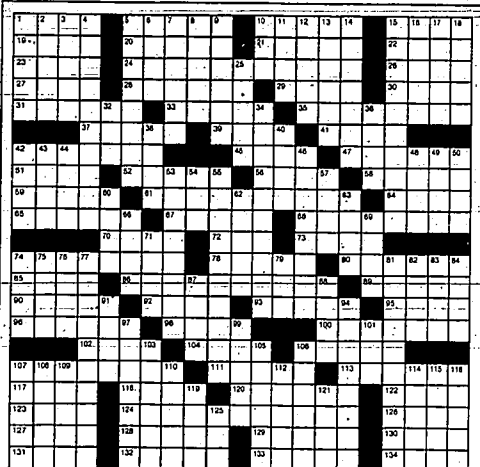
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Parents, pass on the pacifier



PARENTING
John Rosemond

Please bear with me while I rant and rave: What is this business of allowing children older than 6 months to walk/ride/be carried around with pacifiers protruding from their mouths? I see 'em everywhere! Some of the kids in question are 4 or 5 years old, for cryin' out loud! Not only does it look downright stupid, and the older the child the stupider it looks, but it also serves no good purpose other than to feed an addiction, one that never even has developed in the first place!

And don't tell me, you parent for whom this shoe fits, that your child can't do without it, because he or she certainly can. Throw it away today and your child will live! So why add? And let's face it: This is your addition, too!

That's right. We're not just talking about a child addicted to a "passy," but also a parent (or parents) who obviously cannot tolerate a crying (or chattering) child and is, therefore, addicted to the child being addicted to having a pacifier in his mouth. Once upon a time, I thought this was benign, inconsequential. I saw no problem with parents allowing children as old as 3 to suck on those vile devices.

For that reason, I accept my fair share of responsibility for having assisted in unleashing a monster. I hereby repent and commit myself to correcting this error.

No way should a child older than 18 months be allowed to suck on a pacifier. A growing number of pediatricians and speech therapists are convinced that the use of a pacifier beyond that age can adversely affect speech development and contribute to serious articulation problems.

Think about it: Pacifiers immobilize the tongue, possibly preventing the child from learning to properly pronounce words. The more the tongue is immobilized past the time when clear speech should be emerging, the more risk of speech problems.

"Hold on, John!" someone is shouting. "In your ranting, you implied children shouldn't have pacifiers beyond 6 months. Now it's 18. What gives?"

Caught that, eh? Good for you! Beyond 6 months, a pacifier is unnecessary, even counterproductive. Beyond 18 months, it becomes a risk factor. I have no problem with parents using a pacifier during the first few months of life to establish a routine feeding sched-

another column. Besides, the pacifier problem can be solved in a day, in an hour, in the next minute, even! Just lose it, toss it, whatever.

I have to believe that the ubiquity of 2-plus-year-old children strolling/riding through public places with pacifiers stuck in their mouths is just one more example of how American parents are slowly but surely extending infancy indefinitely. Other symptoms of "perpetual infancy syndrome" include children who sleep in their parents' beds, suck on bottles beyond 18 months, ride in strollers at age 3 and beyond, and still wear diapers during the day beyond 30 months.

Why are so many of today's parents having such difficulty letting their children grow up? Maybe it's because then they'd have to grow up, too. It's a thought.

John Rosemond is a family psychologist. Questions of general interest may be sent to him at *Affirmative Parenting*, 9247 N. Meridian, Indianapolis, Ind. 46260 and at his Web site <http://www.rosemond.com>

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Husband under fire for hunting trips

DEAR ABBY: I am, a loving father of two boys and have been happily married for six years. However, my wife and I are having a serious conflict.

I like to fish and hunt. About eight times a year, I take a trip to hunt or fish. The trip usually lasts from one afternoon until the next evening. I am gone about 32 hours. This infuriates my wife. We argue every time I get ready to go. This is the only thing we argue about, but the arguments are serious and affect both of us adversely.

Abby, I try to be the best father and husband I know how. I spend almost every day of the week with my family. We go places together all the time. We are both Christians and take our children to church every week.

I have offered to give up hunting to see if we could get some help. She says it's not necessary because the problem isn't that big. I can't help but believe that our problem is about more than just a question of hunting and fishing. I feel she wants to control me. She says she just misses me. She spends more time with the family than most husbands do. I do this out of love. Am I wrong? Should I offer to give up my hobbies? Is it wrong for me to go hunting and fishing on occasion? Abby, I would never neglect my family. Any advice you can offer will be appreciated.

DEAR ABBY
Abigail VanBuren

abuse. Notify the doctor's office. They should be able to contact a local agency that assists seniors and others who qualify for free or low-cost transportation to medical appointments.

P.S. Since her family is unwilling to monitor the health of their aged grandmother, it's possible that she should be visited by a social worker from time to time.

DEAR ABBY: What do you think of a man who had affairs throughout his marriage and, after his wife died, put "Beloved Wife" on her tombstone?

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LEGION AUXILIARY HONORS

Norma Brown, seated, left, and Lucile Bald receive plaques from Neoma Shouse, president of the Filer American Legion Auxiliary, for their 50-year membership and service to the auxiliary. Brown had served as president of the National American Legion Auxiliary between 1976-77 and in local leadership positions.



Photo courtesy of Bill Hensel

BUHL HIGH SCHOOL LEADERS

Buhl High School student council members for this year pose with Tonya Skinner and David Blaszkiewics, the advisers.



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LIBRARY CORNER

Buhl City Library
215 Broadway Ave. N.
543-6500
Library hours: 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, 1:5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. Tuesdays—and Thursdays and 1-5 p.m. Saturdays
Story times
Preschool story hour from 10-11 a.m. Wednesdays
Special speaker
Idaho Humanities Council Speaker Mary Inman will give a speech on "Oregon bound: 1843" from 7:15-8 p.m. Feb. 15 in the meeting room.

Filer City Library
219 Main
326-4143
Library hours: 3:30-6:30 p.m. Mondays through Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 3:30-6:30 p.m. Thursdays, 3:30-6 p.m. Fridays and 1:30-4:30 p.m. Saturdays
The library has three computers with internet access, books on tape, large print books and videos. The library also has an ongoing book sale with hardbound books for 25 cents and paperback books for 10 cents.
Story times
Preschool story time at 10:30

a.m. Thursdays
Discussion groups
Let's Talk About It meets at 10 a.m. Saturdays, Feb. 17, March 3 and March 17
Meetings
The board of directors meets at 6:30 p.m. the first Monday of the month

Hansen Public Library
120 Maple W.
423-4122
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120 Madison W.
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Library hours: 1-6 p.m. Mondays, 3-8 p.m. Tuesdays, 1-6 p.m. Thursdays and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays
Story times
After school reading program Mondays from 3:30-4:15 p.m.
Discussion groups
Let's Talk About It will be held at 7:30 p.m. Thursdays, Feb. 22, March 8 and March 22. All books are available for check-out.
Meeting
Board meetings are held at 7

a.m. the first Thursday of every month in the library building. The library is invited to attend.

Twin Falls Public Library
434 Second E.
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Story times
Book clubs
Teen Advisory Board will meet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 27. To join, call the library.
Discussion groups
Let's Talk About It will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesdays, Feb. 21, March 7, March 21 and April 4. Books discussed are available at the library. Those interested may sign up at the reference desk.
Special displays
"Rocks and Gems" are on display in the circular glass case. Books about the subjects are available for check-out on the display table.
Meetings
The library board meets at 5:15 p.m. the second Wednesday of the month.

SCHOOL LUNCH

BUHL SCHOOL

Wednesday: Baked potato, cheese sauce, ham, rolls, fruit, cookie
Thursday: Chili, cinnamon rolls, fruit, celery
Friday: Barilla, rater tort, corn, fruit
every day
Monday: Cereal, toast
Tuesday: Breakfast pizza
Wednesday: Pancakes and gravy
Thursday: Pancakes, maple syrup
Friday: Breakfast burrito
Lunch menu
Saled bar and milk served every day
Monday: Breakfast with french french toast sticks, maple syrup, ham, rater tort, pinesapples
Tuesday: French toast, cherry dessert
Wednesday: Hot dogs, ketchup, mustard, French fries, fruit, Valentine trees
Thursday: Ham and beans, corn bread, celery and carrots, Rice Krispie treat
Friday: Burritos with salsa, Spanish rice, peas, tater-tot

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL

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CASTLEFORD SCHOOL

Milk served every day
Monday: Nachos, salsa, bread sticks, peas
Tuesday: Rice puffs, macaroni salad, green beans
Wednesday: Scrambled eggs
Thursday: Pancakes
Friday: Cinnamon roll
Lunch menu
Monday: Hot dogs
Tuesday: Lasagna
Wednesday: Chili
Thursday: Turkey and noodles
Friday: Pizza

KIMBERLY SCHOOL

Milk served every day
Monday: Nachos, salsa, bread sticks, peas
Tuesday: Rice puffs, macaroni salad, green beans
Wednesday: Scrambled eggs
Thursday: Pancakes
Friday: Cinnamon roll
Lunch menu
Monday: Hot dogs
Tuesday: Lasagna
Wednesday: Chili
Thursday: Turkey and noodles
Friday: Pizza

CLOVER TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Milk served every day
Monday: Chicken noodles, peas, dinner roll, applesauce
Tuesday: Tuna sandwich, potato wedges, peaches
Wednesday: Chili, ham, corn, peas
Thursday: Sliced turkey, baked potato, dinner roll, pinesapples
Friday: Sloppy joe, green beans, strawberries, cookie

MAGIC VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

Choice of milk served every day
Monday: Tuna fish, french fry, mustard, ketchup, pickle relish, Lay's potato chips, sliced peas, pudding cup
Tuesday: Chicken nuggets, barbecue sauce, fried rice, hot, bread sticks
Wednesday: French dip sandwich, as ju, rater tort, strawberries and bananas, Little Debbie's Valentine cookies
Thursday: Chili and crackers, baby carrots, chilled applesauce, sliced potato wedges, orange quarters, cherry cobbler
Friday: Soft shell taco, lettuce, tomato, salsa sauce, sliced potato wedges, orange quarters, cherry cobbler

FILER SCHOOL

Milk served every day
Monday: Pizza
Wednesday: Chicken party sandwiches
Thursday: Turkey, baked potato, fruit
Friday: Chili

MURTAUGH SCHOOL

Milk served every day
Monday: Barilla, rater tort, corn, fruit
Tuesday: Barilla, rater tort, corn, fruit
Wednesday: Barilla, rater tort, corn, fruit
Thursday: Barilla, rater tort, corn, fruit
Friday: Barilla, rater tort, corn, fruit

HANSEN SCHOOL DISTRICT

Milk served every day
Monday: Cereal, toast, juice
Tuesday: Breakfast and gravy, juice
Wednesday: French toast, sausage, juice
Thursday: Cheese burrito, fruit, juice
Friday: Lunch pizza, cereal, juice
Milk served every day
Monday: Pizza, salad, fruit
Tuesday: Corn dogs, French fries, pudding, cookie

ROBERT STUART AND O'LEARY HIGH

Milk served every day
Monday: Cereal, toast, juice
Tuesday: Breakfast and gravy, juice
Wednesday: French toast, sausage, juice
Thursday: Cheese burrito, fruit, juice
Friday: Lunch pizza, cereal, juice
Milk served every day
Monday: Pizza, salad, fruit
Tuesday: Corn dogs, French fries, pudding, cookie

ST. EDWARD'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Milk served every day
Monday: Nachos, salsa, bread sticks, peas
Tuesday: Rice puffs, macaroni salad, green beans
Wednesday: Scrambled eggs
Thursday: Pancakes
Friday: Cinnamon roll
Lunch menu
Monday: Hot dogs
Tuesday: Lasagna
Wednesday: Chili
Thursday: Turkey and noodles
Friday: Pizza

TWIN FALLS ELEMENTARY

Milk served every day
Monday: Cereal, red grapes, cereal bar
Tuesday: Breakfast burrito bar, rater tort, kiwi
Wednesday: Cereal, apple slices, toast, peanut butter
Thursday: Pancakes, syrup, scrambled eggs
Friday: Cereal, peas, graham crackers
Lunch menu
Monday: Pig in a blanket, baked beans, kiwi, vanilla pudding
Tuesday: Hamburger deluxe, lettuce, pickles, French fries, sliced apples, peanut butter cookie
Wednesday: Chicken sandwich, lettuce, mayonnaise, french fries, strawberries, bananas, Little Debbie's heart cakes
Thursday: Chicken burger, lettuce, pickles, rater tort, sliced apples, apple sauce
Friday: Baked potato, chicken gravy or cheese, corn sticks, apple slices, cookie

VALLEY SCHOOLS

Milk served every day
Monday: Corn dogs, rater tort, carrot sticks, peas, chocolate
Tuesday: Hamburger, lettuce, pickles, French fries, sliced apples
Wednesday: Oven fried chicken, scalloped potatoes, broccoli, hot milk, butter
Thursday: Chicken burger, lettuce, pickles, rater tort, sliced apples, apple sauce
Friday: Baked potato, chicken gravy or cheese, corn sticks, apple slices, cookie

TWIN FALLS HIGH SCHOOL

Milk served every day
Monday: Cereal, toast, juice
Tuesday: Breakfast and gravy, juice
Wednesday: French toast, sausage, juice
Thursday: Cheese burrito, fruit, juice
Friday: Lunch pizza, cereal, juice
Milk served every day
Monday: Pizza, salad, fruit
Tuesday: Corn dogs, French fries, pudding, cookie

Magic Valley High School lists honor roll

TWIN FALLS — Magic Valley High School in Twin Falls announces the following honor roll students:
Students with a 4.0 grade-point average were: Megan Brown, Kathy McCabe, Paula Robles and Kelley Tovar;

3.50-3.99 grade-point average, Jessica Allred, Jabin Broderick, Misty Chandler, Shandara Davis, Juana Flores, Celia Kinney, Mike Leazer, Misty Rehn, Kortnee Saccomani, Esperanza Salinas and Gina Stapleton and

3.00-3.49 grade-point average, Junior Cortez, Kimber Gillaspay, Tiffany Hansen, Lora Lockwood, Craig Phillips, Maggie Ross, Logan Trowbridge, Jessi Boyer, Chelsea Maye, Toni Glenn and Maritza Concepcion.

CSI speech, debate team ranks third nationally

TWIN FALLS — The first semester rankings of the National Parliamentary Debate Association rank the College of Southern Idaho Speech and Debate Team third among all community colleges in the nation. CSI has amassed 38 points this season, just behind first ranked Sheridan College of Sheridan, Wyo. with 44 points and second ranked Fresno City College of Fresno, Calif. with 40 points, CSI spokesmen say. The colleges collect points from wins.
The overall rankings, which include all colleges, universities and community colleges that compete in NPDA debate, rank CSI 25th in the nation. The University of California-Berkeley leads the overall rankings of more than 200 active college programs.
For a complete list of the 2000-2001 rankings, visit the association website at www.bethel.edu/forums/Communitynpda/tournaments.html and click on the "2000-2001

Results" section.
CSI speech and debate team also won its second team sweepstakes award of the school year by winning the community college division of the William O. Douglas Forensics Tournament held at Western Washington University Feb. 24.
CSI outdistanced second place Clark College of Vancouver, Wash. and third place Lane Community College of Eugene, Ore. to win the tournament, which was attended by more than 15 colleges and universities from around the northwest.
The victory maintains CSI's slim lead over Clark College for the season long sweepstakes award which will be determined Feb. 15-17 at Whitman College in Walla Walla, Wash., CSI says.
CSI was led by Twin Falls freshman Rachel Webb, who placed first in novice informative speaking, second in novice persuasive speaking and was ranked the second overall speaker in novice parliamentary debate.

Elko, Nev. sophomore Flint Wright placed second in junior persuasive speaking and fourth in junior informative speaking. Marsh Valley High School, Idaho sophomore Chris Cuthbert placed fifth in novice persuasive speaking and sixth in novice impromptu speaking.
Twin Falls sophomore Christy Bowman placed third in senior communication analysis and sixth in senior extemporaneous speaking.
Blackfoot sophomore Jill Reading placed fifth in junior impromptu speaking and Twin Falls freshman Elizabeth Beale rounded out CSI's individual events scoring by placing fourth in junior persuasive speaking.
Beale also joined Rupert sophomore Terry Friarickson to place third in junior parliamentary debate.
For more information, call Chris Bragg, co-director of forensics at 733-9554, Ext. 2553 or Tiffany Sealey-Cast, co-director of forensics, Ext. 2561.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

20th Century Club hears about volunteer group
TWIN FALLS — The 20th Century Club will meet at 12 p.m. Tuesday at the Turf Club in Twin Falls.
Speaker Nora Wells of the Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers will discuss the needs for local volunteering.
For more information, late reservations or cancellations, call Esther by 10 a.m. Monday at 734-1487.

Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts hold pancake supper
TWIN FALLS — The Cub Scout Pack and Boy Scout Troop 65 will hold their annual pancake supper from 4-8 p.m. March 3 at the First Christian Church at 601-Shoshone St. N. in Twin Falls.
The menu will include buttermilk pancakes, scrambled eggs, link sausage, hash browns, coffee and punch.
Tickets are \$4.25 per person or \$12 per family and are available at the door or by calling 280-1145.

Junior Club recruits new members for projects
TWIN FALLS — The Junior Club

of Twin Falls will begin recruiting members for the new term beginning May 2001.
The Junior club is a service organization of women within the Magic Valley between the ages of 21 and 45 who are involved in fund-raising and community service.
For more information or to join, call Lisa at 733-6915 or Larisa at 734-1251.

Veterinarians hold spay day around the Magic Valley
TWIN FALLS — Pets Humane Society and veterinarians from Twin Falls, Jerome, Shoshone, Buhl, Filer, Gooding and Kimberly will offer to spay/neuter pets for \$15 from Feb. 19-27.
To get the reduced cost, pet owners must receive a coupon from the Humane Society. There is one coupon limit per family.
For more information, contact a veterinarian or call the Humane Society at 736-2299.

March of Dimes seeks registration for Walk
TWIN FALLS — The March of Dimes will hold WalkAmerica April 28 at the Twin Falls City Park and

seeks people to participate.
Registration will begin at 8 a.m. and the walk will start at 9 a.m.
The March of Dimes is an organization that helps raise money for premature babies.
For more information or a registration form, call the Idaho chapter of the March of Dimes at 1-800-336-5421.

Scouts receive Eagle Scout awards at Sunday event
TWIN FALLS — Sam Beutler, son of Calvin and Marilyn Beutler, and Daniel and Ben Haney, sons of George and Irene Haney, will receive their Eagle Scout award at 6 p.m. Sunday at the table for Valley House homeless shelter. Beutler is a senior at Twin Falls High School where he lettered in swimming. He is active

in snow and ski sports and bird watching.
Daniel Haney has completed 33 merit badges. For his Eagle Scout project he built a wall at Valley House to separate a bedroom and made a fire escape. Daniel Haney is a junior at Twin Falls High School where he lettered in swimming and debate. He is debate captain. He enjoys hunting and camping. Ben Haney has completed 33 merit badges. For his Eagle Scout project he replaced the Scout merit badge books in the public library.
Ben Haney is a senior at Twin Falls High School where he lettered in swimming four times. He is the swim team captain. Ben

Haney enjoys outdoor activities.

Woman helps young people help community
KIMBERLY — Cecile Griffith has become an Assst. Builder for the month of January by the Twin Falls County HealthNet Coalition.
She is a longtime resident of Kimberly and the owner of Kimberly's & Kur.
Griffith has been active in East End Providers, which extends help to needy families, and counts on the young people to help, the coalition says.
She will also often support school activities by providing a donation or

sponsoring an individual or team.
Griffith is always willing to volunteer for youth and other community projects, the coalition says.
The coalition is a nonprofit group that promotes the building of "Assets," which are defined as developmental building blocks needed by young people to succeed.

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BOWEN-REDD

BURLEY - Bruce G. and Kathy Bowen of Burley announce the engagement of their daughter, Stacy Bowen, to Matthew Redd, son of Frank S. and Myrna Redd of Logan, Utah.

Bowen is attending Utah State University in Logan, majoring in elementary education and early childhood development.

Redd will graduate in April from Utah State University and he will continue in the master's program. He served an LDS mission to the Portugal Lisbon North Mission.

The wedding is planned for Thursday in Logan. A reception



Matthew Redd and Stacy Bowen to honor the couple will be held from 6:30-8 p.m. Friday at the Springdale LDS Church, 559 E. 200 S., Burley.

ENGLES-CAUFIELD

KIMBERLY - Butch and Betty Taylor of Kimberly and Mike and Jinx Engles of Hagerman announce the engagement of their daughter, Roben Michelle Engles, to Jason "Jake" Caufield, son of Debby Lewis of Meridian and Mark Caufield of Riverdale, Utah.

Engles is a graduate of Gooding High School, Treasure Valley Community College and Boise State University. She is currently employed by Mercy Medical Center in Nampa as a diagnostic medical sonographer.

Caufield is a graduate of Meridian High School and Boise State University. He is employed by BMC West Tri and Components of Boise as a designer.



Roben Engles and Jake Caufield The wedding is planned for April 26 in Negri, Jamaica. A reception to celebrate with their friends and family will be held May 19 at the Gowen Field Officer's Club in Boise. The couple will reside in Meridian.

HORRAS-SMITH

KIMBERLY - Ted and Julie Ann Horras of Great Falls, Mont., announce the engagement of their daughter, Ellen Horras, to William Smith, son of Doug and Jerine Smith of Kimberly.

Horras is a graduate of Bishop Kelly High School, University of Idaho and U of I Law School. She is employed at the Jerome prosecutor's office.

Smith is a graduate of Kimberly High School, University of Idaho and U of I Law School. He is employed by Benoit Alexander Sinclair Harwood &



William Smith and Ellen Horras High in Twin Falls. The wedding is planned for March 17.

NIELSON-KENT

RICHFIELD - Mr. and Mrs. Vance Nielson of Preston announce the engagement of their daughter, Amber Nielson, to Callan Kent, son of Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Kent of Richfield.

Nielson is a 1999 graduate of Preston High School. She is employed at Gosmer's in Logan, Utah. Kent is a 2000 graduate of Ricks College. He is employed by Edward's Furniture in Logan.

The wedding is planned for Friday in the Logan LDS Temple. An open house to honor the couple will be held from 7-9 p.m. Saturday at the Richfield LDS Chapel.



Amber Nielson and Callan Kent The couple will reside in Smithfield, Utah.

TORGESSEN-BROWN

TWIN FALLS - Brian and Cindy Torgesen of Soda Springs announce the engagement of their daughter, Amandalyn (Mandy) Torgesen, to Michael Jay Brown, son of Robert and Cathryn Brown of Twin Falls.

Torgesen is a 2000 graduate of Soda Springs High School and is attending the College of Southern Idaho, studying to be a nutritionist. She is a member of the Golden Girls Dance Team for CSI.

Brown is a 1997 graduate of Twin Falls High School. He served a mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Australia Brisbane Mission. He is also attending CSI and is employed at Claude Brown Furniture.

The wedding is planned for Thursday at the Logan LDS Temple in Logan, Utah. A recep-



Amandalyn Torgesen and Michael Brown tion will be held Thursday at the Hooper-LDS Church in Soda Springs. An open house will be held from 7:30 p.m. Feb. 21 at the home of the groom's grandparents, Doug and Laura Brown, 581 Filer Ave. in Twin Falls.



John-Bradley Mason and Emily May

MAY-MASON

HAGERMAN - David and Deborah May of Hagerman announce the engagement of their daughter, Emily Marie May, to John-Bradley Mason, son of Becky Smirchek of Wickensburg, Ariz., and Bradley Mason of Kennewick, Wash.

May is completing her final semester of nursing school to obtain her RN degree from the Intercollegiate Center for Nursing Education and a BSN degree from Whitworth College in Spokane, Wash. She is employed by Valley Young People's Clinic in Spokane as a nurse technician and will continue employment as a registered nurse upon the completion of her studies.

Mason graduated from the University of Washington-Tacoma with a degree in liberal arts with an emphasis in Asian cultural. He continued his studies by obtaining a degree in journalism from Eastern Washington University and is now employed as a journalist for the Post Falls Press.

The wedding and reception is planned for Friday at Bozarth's Retreat in Spokane, Wash. An open house to honor the couple will be held in Hagerman following the bride's graduation this spring.

Spouse stepping out? Just look for the clue

Knight-Ridder News Service

CHARLOTTE, N.C. - Regardless of his politics, the Rev. Jesse Jackson was one of the most trusted men in this country - until several weeks ago when he admitted cheating on his wife and fathering a child. Anyone surprised by the news hasn't been paying attention. Verifiable statistics indicate 50 percent of marriages in the United States have had or are currently experiencing an episode of infidelity. Cheaters leave clues. It's a fact. To prove it, we collected the stories of some local victims of infidelity: two women and two men, all of whom say Jackson's wife should have seen this coming long before the National Enquirer.

Linda didn't recognize the voice, but the caller claimed to be a friend: "Your husband is cheating on you, and you better take notice," the woman said.

"Who, he's not," Linda recalls saying. "We're best friends." Yet there was something about the call she couldn't shake. A name had come up. The name of a woman who worked for her husband, and Linda's pride was hurt. The he might actually stoop so low. "She was not even attractive," said Linda, 47, who married at age 17. "Something better than me I could understand, but her?"

So the next night, Linda went unexpectedly to her husband's office and found him in the break room. "She was there and they were all over each other," Linda said. "The expression on his face was like 'oh, my god!' He tried to push her away and said that he had just gotten carried away. He almost started crying. I didn't mean it. I'm sorry. Don't walk away." Linda did just that. The next day, she packed her bags and moved out of the house, leaving him everything, including the car. It took another eight years for the two to finally divorce. She has since forgiven him, and

even went to his wedding this month. However, the bride wasn't the woman she caught him kissing 12 years ago.

Linda is still single and says she is happier than ever. Skating is what first brought Juanita and her husband together in 1962. But it also helped break them apart 20 years later.

After twice winning the state championships in her skating division, Juanita found her husband was having an affair with a woman intent on stealing him to be her skating partner and lover. This "other woman" was a 21-year-old student of Juanita's, having come to the more experienced skater for lessons. Juanita's husband was 35 at the time.

There were odd moments, including one New Year's Eve: "He told me he was going for a loaf of bread at 7:30 and didn't come back until 1 in the morning. I had too much pride to ask where he'd been. It never occurred to me he was seeing somebody."

A year later, she found out he had been on a date that night. The news came rather bluntly, when the other woman called in a fury to announce the affair, which had been going on years longer than Juanita suspected. In all, her husband had been cheating for five years.

They tried reconciliation, but a week later she discovered the two were exchanging calls again. She hung on another year, then finally gave up.

ANNIVERSARY



Gerald and Lois Hildreth

THE HILDRETHS

TWIN FALLS - Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Hildreth of Twin Falls will be honored at an open house on Saturday for their 50th wedding anniversary. Friends and family are invited to call from 2-4 p.m. at the LDS West Stake Center, 667 Harrison St. in Twin Falls. The couple requests no gifts.

Hildreth and Lois Gould were married Feb. 17, 1951, in Kimberly. Their marriage was later solemnized in the Idaho Falls Temple.

The event is being hosted by their children, Peggy (Walt) Hamby of Hollister, Mary Ann (Dennis) Hennefer of Carey, Carol (Carl) Jones of Hollister and Gerry (Louisa) Hildreth of Twin Falls.

The couple has 13 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

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DENNIS-LAMBING

WENDELL - Kristi Ann Dennis and Shane-Fredrick Lambing were married Dec. 21, 2000, at the Berean Baptist Church in Wendell.

Officiating was the Rev. Paul Kroeger. A reception dinner followed in the church fellowship hall.

The bride is the daughter of Wayne and Ann Dennis of Burley. The groom is the son of Fred and Marie Lambing of Wasilla, Alaska.

Jannell Kral, friend of the bride, served as the bride's maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Alicia Schiewe and Tessa Young, friends of the bride.

Wade Lambing, brother of the groom, served as best man. Groomsman were Jason Purcell, friend of the groom, and Wesley Hotchkiss, cousin of the groom.

Music was provided by Wesley Hotchkiss, who sang "Keeper of the Stars" accompanying himself on the guitar.

Special guests included H.D. and Eleanor Ingalls of Faith, S.D.



Kristi and Shane Lambing

grandparents of the groom, and Celestia Dennis of Twin Falls, grandmother of the bride.

The bride graduated from Buhl High School and attended the College of Southern Idaho and the University of Idaho.

The groom graduated from South Fremont High School in St. Anthony and the University of Idaho.

Following a honeymoon trip to Alaska, the couple resides in Seattle, where the groom is employed by Seed Intellectual Property Law, and the bride is employed by the U.S. Forest Service.

What Valentine's Day really means - love

Valentine's Day is Wednesday, and among all the hype and advertising is one word that stands out everywhere - LOVE. Wherever you look you see that word.

It is romantically entwined with hearts and flowers and verses that someone has made-up to sell a card to make sure a loved one is happy. Valentine's Day has evolved from a day in which children made cards to give to one another and their mothers, to a huge diamond conglomerate telling us that no one can truly feel they are loved unless a diamond is presented.

Now I realize that everyone has the right to make money, and



AFTER CLASS
Gay Petersen

Indeed, though money can be a source of evil, it is also certainly a necessary item in order for us all to survive. Yet I feel that we have allowed advertising to cause us to believe that unless we purchase something on Valentine's Day for a loved one they will not really believe

they are loved. I also believe that if it requires material things for a loved one to feel that way, then obviously neither partner has been doing their job of purveying that love throughout the rest of the year.

Love should never depend on gifts on particular days to keep it alive. Love should always be ongoing, renewed daily and never require proof of its viability by means of material items. It is the little things that add up to make a loved one feel cherished. It is genuine personal expressions of love and caring that come from the heart. It is the thank you that is sincerely given, the truly meant com-

pliment, the touch of a hand, a hug, a kiss. It is being polite. It is treating a loved one as you would like to be treated. It is working together to accomplish a goal.

It seems to me that husbands and wives, parents and children often take each other for granted. We say cruel things oftentimes that we would never say to a friend or acquaintance, perhaps because we know we will be loved anyway. I sometimes think it would be a real eye-opener to all of us if we were secretly filmed during an entire week, and that week's worth of film were played back to us. Often we simply do not realize how we sound or look or act around our loved

ones. It might do us all good to just pretend for a week that we are indeed being filmed.

Perhaps it would make us stop and think before we acted in an unloving manner to those we love. Valentine's Day is almost here. By all means give your loved ones gifts if that is part of how you express love on that day. But Valentine's Day should also, perhaps, become a day of resolve to give that love expression all year long.

The camera is running.

Gay Petersen is a retired teacher who lives in Wendell. Write to her at: petersen@magicklink.com.

Only some people qualify for SSI

Knight Ridder News Service

Q. My brother recently lost his job and has not been able to find a new job. Since he has no income and few resources, can he get Supplemental Security Income?

A. Probably not. While Supplemental Security Income, or SSI, is a needs-based program for which a person must have limited income and resources, the person also must be age 65 or older, blind or disabled.

This column was prepared by the Social Security Administration. For fast answers to specific Social Security questions, contact Social Security toll-free at 800-772-1213.

Simply For Seniors

AMERICAN HEART MONTH

To urge Americans to join the battle against cardiovascular disease - our nation's No. 1 killer - the U.S. Congress since 1963 has mandated that the president issue a proclamation designating February as American Heart Month. The American Heart Association works with the administration in drafting and signing the annual proclamation.

During American Heart Month, thousands of Association volunteers across the country spend one to four weeks canvassing neighborhoods to raise funds and provide educational information about cardiovascular diseases and stroke.

The 2001 American Heart Month theme is "Be prepared for cardiac emergencies." Know the warning signs of a cardiac arrest. Call 911 immediately • Give CPR

How do I know if a heart attack has occurred? A physician who's studied the results of several tests must make the actual diagnosis of a heart attack. The doctor will:

- Review the patient's complete medical history.
- Give a physical examination.
- Use an electrocardiogram (E.K.G.) to discover any abnormalities caused by damage to the heart.
- Sometimes use a blood test to detect abnormal levels of certain enzymes in the bloodstream.

Blood tests confirm (or refute) suspicions raised in the early stages of evaluation that may occur in an emergency room, intensive care unit or urgent care setting. These tests are sometimes called heart damage markers or cardiac enzymes.

The time to prevent a heart attack is now:

- If you smoke, kick the habit
- Eat a healthy, well-balanced diet low in saturated fat
- Shed excess pounds
- Get plenty of exercise
- Control high blood pressure and cholesterol
- Manage diabetes closely

Each day more than 95 percent of Americans who suffer sudden cardiac arrest die before reaching the hospital. By knowing what to do in an emergency, Americans can give victims of cardiac arrest a second chance at life. American Heart Association volunteer efforts have helped more and more Americans become aware of how they can live healthier lives.

If you think you're having a heart attack right now, call your emergency medical system immediately. The American Heart Association says the body likely will have one or more of these symptoms:

If you have concerns about heart disease, contact your physician.

For more information, check out The American Heart Association web site at www.americanheart.org

- Most common or "classic" warning signals of a heart attack:**
- Uncomfortable pressure, fullness, squeezing or pain in the center of the chest that lasts more than a few minutes, or goes away and comes back.
 - Pain that spreads to the shoulders, neck or arms.
 - Chest discomfort with light headedness, fainting, sweating, nausea or shortness of breath.
- Less common warning signs of heart attack include:**
- Atypical chest pain, stomach or abdominal pain.
 - Nausea or dizziness (without chest pain).
 - Shortness of breath and difficulty breathing (without chest pain).
 - Unexplained anxiety, weakness or fatigue.
 - Palpitations, cold sweat or paleness.



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1 chicken (2 1/2 lbs.) cut in pieces	1/2 tsp. ground cumin
2 Tbsp. olive oil	2 C. chicken broth
1 clove garlic, crushed	1/2 tsp. salt
1 C chopped onion	1 C. cross-sliced carrots
1 1/2 Tbsp. paprika	2 Tbsp. tomato paste

(more or less as desired)

DIRECTIONS:
Wipe chicken pieces with a damp paper towel and set aside. Heat oil in a deep 10-12 inch frying pan. Add garlic and onion and cook gently over low heat, stirring occasionally, until they are a very light golden color. Add paprika and cumin and continue cooking about 1 minute. Place chicken pieces in pan with skin side down. Add chicken broth, salt and carrots, cover pan tightly and simmer over low heat for 25 minutes. Stir in the tomato paste. Turn chicken pieces, cover again, and simmer over low heat for 25 to 30 minutes or until chicken is tender.

YIELD: 4 servings

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