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Marines join the battle

Bush points to Iraq as possible future target

Knight Ridder News Service
RABUL, Afghanistan - U.S. Marines saw their first action in Afghanistan, some Taliban troops and their last base and President Bush signaled Monday that America soon could turn to face another obstinate foe: Iraq's Saddam Hussein.
The president said Hussein, defeated but not deposed during the Persian Gulf war, must allow U.S. inspections of sites that could produce chemical or nuclear weapons. What would happen if Hussein refused? "He'll find out," Bush said.
In Afghanistan, more than 500 Marines secured "a forward base of operations" at an airfield near Kandahar. The vanguard of a larger U.S. combat force, they called their campaign Operation Swift Freedom, and the operation rapidly flew into action.

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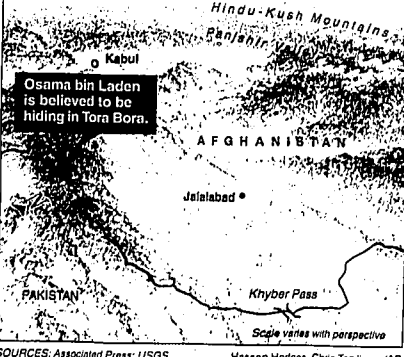
Marine Cobra helicopter gunships joined Navy F-14 Tomcat jets in a strike on an armored column Monday night and destroyed many of the 15 tanks and other vehicles, U.S. officers said. It was unclear if the helicopters actually fired on the convoy, and there was no immediate word about casualties on either side.
Military spokesmen refused to confirm that the convoy belonged to the Taliban or that it was heading toward the Marines' new base. But the action flared near there, and near Kandahar.
The other stubborn pocket of resistance - the northern city of Kunduz - fell completely into the hands of the opposition northern alliance Monday. In the streets of Kunduz, the liberators found Taliban bodies - and joyous residents offering warm handshakes and hot tea.
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A northern alliance soldier sits in front of a map of Afghanistan after alliance forces took over the Afghan city of Kunduz Monday. After losing the northern city, the Taliban now control only Kandahar in the southern part of the country.

Hiding out in rough terrain

Osama bin Laden is suspected to be hiding in a mountain top complex in the Spin Gahr mountains. The Tora Bora base is located about three miles from the border of Pakistan and about 35 miles from Jalalabad.



SOURCES: Associated Press; USGS Hassan Hodges, Chris Tomlinson/AP

Afghans say bin Laden is in fortress

The Associated Press
JALALABAD, Afghanistan - Osama bin Laden has no shortage of hiding places - from the thickly forested region west of Kandahar to an impenetrable fortress built with U.S. aid during the Afghan war against the Soviets.
Hundreds of U.S. Marines began landing Sunday in the Kandahar area, where President Bush said they were chasing those responsible for the Sept. 11 terror attacks in the United States - for which bin Laden is the prime suspect.
Yet if the United States knows where bin Laden is hiding, no one in the Bush administration is saying so publicly. And in
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Council seeks recycling info, ups golf fees

By Mark Halzn
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - If the city of Twin Falls is ever to have a curbside recycling program, a clear picture of the market for the recycled materials is needed, some City Council members said Monday.
And the manager of the waste collection company that would probably have to run any such program said it might not be cost effective.
The Twin Falls City Council on Monday took no action regarding a proposal for a curbside recycling program that was presented to the council by College of Southern Idaho student Stephanie Serrano. But Mayor Elaine Steele and others said Serrano and others from her environmental science class, who had drawn up the proposal - would be welcome to come back if they could give the council more detailed information about how recycled materials could be marketed.
Some council members expressed misgivings about unstable prices for some materials, such as glass, and the shipping costs of getting materials to adequate markets.
The plan as presented to the council would involve a \$3 to \$5 hike in current city waste fees to cover the costs of a truck and crew to recover material from curbside bins outside residents' homes.
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PSI Manager Les Reitz, who was not at the council meeting, said earlier Monday that he has doubts about a curbside recycling program being able to pay for itself.
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Aluminum beverage cans, such as these at Pacific Recycling, are just one of the items proposed for a curbside recycling program being pushed by some Twin Falls residents.

Bush asks Senate to pass ban on human cloning

The Associated Press
WASHINGTON - President Bush appealed to Congress Monday to outlaw human cloning after scientists reported they had created the first cloned human embryo.
"The use of embryos to do one is wrong," Bush said. "We should not, as a society, grow life to destroy it, and that's exactly what is taking place."
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Report: BLM at fault for damage

DuPont seeks to deflect Oust suits

**By Lorraine Cavener
Times-News correspondent**
PAUL - Documents released recently from DuPont point a finger at the Bureau of Land Management for crop damage caused by spraying of the herbicide Oust by BLM workers last fall.

The documents show that BLM officials were aware of dirt-blowing conditions prior to applying Oust to public lands burned by fire adjacent to farmland.
DuPont release the documents as the issue heads closer to the possibility of court action. Farmers in Mini-Cassia claim BLM-sprayed Oust caused \$35 million in damage to their crops.
"We felt that we needed to get our message out. We felt that we needed to be more proactive in making the information available to congressional staff as well as the general public," said Gabrielle King, public affairs manager for DuPont Crop Protection.
"We don't feel that we're at fault for anything that has happened," King said.

The documents also provide evidence that BLM officials were aware of the herbicide's label, which says the chemical should not be used on dry, powdery soil when there is little likelihood of rainfall soon after treatment. Using the herbicide incorrectly may result in off-target movement and possible damage to susceptible crops when soil particles are moved by wind or water, the label says.
"Exposure to Oust may injure or kill most crops. Injury may be more severe when the crops are irrigated," the label says.

BLM officials countered DuPont's documentation of the incident by saying that they followed the label, but were expecting moisture - which would have settled the herbicide into the soil it was sprayed on - last fall when the climate was not as dry.

Prior to the application of Oust over a 17,000-acre area in late October 2000, at least one Paul area farmer had notified U.S. Sen. Larry Craig, R-Idaho, about the windy, dry conditions.
"The wind erosion is so bad that you can't see the sun or sky," said a letter from Perry Van Tassel dated Sept. 21, 2000. "There is dirt drifts clear across the road and they are deep. Hand lines are buried in dirt."

Van Tassel's letter apparently stemmed simply from concerns about dirt blowing from the adjacent public land that had burned in a range fire. The letter did not mention any BLM herbicide-spraying plans.
On Sept. 22, 2000, Craig wrote to Bill Baker, area manager of BLM, asking him to respond to Van Tassel's concerns.
James May, district manager for BLM, replied to Craig's letter on Oct. 2, 2000.

"Specialists working in the burned area during the weeks following the fire have noted erosion impacts," May said in the letter. "A pattern of erosion in the wake of a large wildfire is common. The recent high wind has intensified this erosion."
May wrote that wind erosion expected to decrease as fall and winter conditions developed.
Baker said Monday that BLM officials followed the label and did not apply the herbicide during wind. Unexpected drought compounded the issue, he said.
Oust has been used many times before, he added.
"It has been during its job on public lands," Baker said. "Nobody has ever realized what occurred this year."
Since the Oust incident, BLM officials have started work to revise the agency's environmental impact statement policies. But the agency was planning to revise outdated policies anyway and did
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FORECAST FOR MAGIC VALLEY

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Idaho Extremes Yesterday:

High 53	Low 17
Hollister	Ketchum

Coolest 30/24
Warmest 50/24

Lowest 10/28
Highest 50/28

McCall 20/10
Salmon 26/12

Bowling Green 30/24
Sun Valley 28/10
Idaho Falls 27/10
Pocatello 26/12

TWIN FALLS 30/20

Two Falls through 6 p.m. yesterday

Temperature	35/29*
High/Low	43/24*
Normal high/low	48/30**
High/Low last year	47/30
Record high	66 in 1990
Record low	-9 in 1985

Precipitation
24 hours ending 6 p.m. yesterday: 0.78
Normal monthly to date: 0.0
Normal year to date (Oct 1) 1.50
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Humidity: Yesterday at noon 75%
Barometric Pressure Yesterday at 6 p.m. 30.14 in

Pollen yesterday in Twin Falls

Grass	N.A.	Woods	N.A.
Trees	N.A.	Alcid	N.A.

Source: Asthma and Allergy of Idaho

FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR TWIN FALLS

TODAY	TONIGHT	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Partly to mostly sunny	Clear to partly cloudy	Windy; snow late, changing to rain night	Windy and mild with a few showers	Clouds may break for some sunshine	Mostly cloudy; it may shower/rain
▲ 36°	▼ 20°	▲ 36° ▼ 32°	▲ 46° ▼ 28°	▲ 38° ▼ 28°	▲ 40° ▼ 28°

CANADIAN CITIES

Today		Wed.	
City	Hi Lo W	City	Hi Lo W
Calgary	15 10	Edmonton	23 8
Edmonton	19 11	Regina	17 12
Calgary	35 21	Saskatoon	35 24
Edmonton	38 24	Winnipeg	46 31
Calgary	38 24	Vancouver	46 31
Edmonton	46 31	Victoria	46 31
Calgary	46 31	Winnipeg	46 31
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REGIONAL WEATHER

Southern Idaho: A mixture of clouds and sunshine in the east today, but the west coast to be mostly sunny. It will be cold. Highs from the teens in the mountains of the west to the 30s in the lowest valleys of the west.

Boiler: Cold today with sunshine and patchy clouds. High 30. Clear to partly cloudy and cold tonight. Low 24. Cloudy and windy tomorrow with snow and rain developing during the afternoon. High 36.

Northern Nevada: It will be dry and cold today with sunshine and patchy clouds as high pressure settles across the region. High temperatures from the 20s in the high- or elevations to the 30s in most other spots.

Northern Utah: Cold today, a mixture of clouds and sunshine this morning, then becoming sunny this afternoon. Highs from the teens in the highest mountains to the lows in the lower elevation of the west.

Northern Idaho: Sensationally cold today with a mixture of clouds and sunshine; a passing snow flurry cannot be ruled out across the mountains. Highs 24-40. Partly cloudy and cold tonight. Lows 10-30.

NATIONAL EXTERMS

High 87° in Harding, TX Low -13° in Dodge State Park, CA

NATIONAL WEATHER

Show us mean pressure of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are shown for the day. Forecast high/low systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are shown for the day. Forecast high/low systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are shown for the day. Forecast high/low systems and precipitation.

Shower
Thunder
Rain
Flurries
Snow
Ice

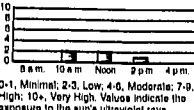
SUN-AND-MOON

Sunrise today 7:43 a.m.
Sunset today 5:07 p.m.
Moonrise today 3:43 p.m.
Moonset tonight 4:09 a.m.

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Nov 30 Dec 7 Dec 11 Dec 22

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NATIONAL CITIES

Today		Wed.	
City	Hi Lo W	City	Hi Lo W
Atlanta	71 54	Atlanta	71 54
Baltimore	68 51	Baltimore	68 51
Birmingham	73 60	Birmingham	73 60
Chicago	54 44	Chicago	54 44
Dallas	70 57	Dallas	70 57
Denver	18 11	Denver	18 11
Houston	88 71	Houston	88 71
Los Angeles	50 40	Los Angeles	50 40
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REGIONAL CITIES

Today		Wed.	
City	Hi Lo W	City	Hi Lo W
Boise	34 24	Boise	34 24
Idaho Falls	27 18	Idaho Falls	27 18
Pocatello	26 16	Pocatello	26 16
Twin Falls	30 20	Twin Falls	30 20

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Poliline At Blue Lakes North

Council

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such sets of bins in Twin Falls, he said.

And even the drop-off bins have drawbacks, he said.

"Some people abuse them," he said. "We find garbage in them all the time."

In his office, the council voted 5-7 to like some greens fees and surcharges at the Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course to pay for a new sprinkler system and other improvements at the course.

Councilmen Lance Claw and Terry Crow voted against the likes. Steele and council members Howard Allen, Gloria Galina, Chris Talkington and Glenn Thompson voted for them.

Nobody spoke against the fee hikes during a public hearing just before the vote. Members of the city's advisory committee spoke in favor of them.

The advisory committee was formed partly in response to widespread opposition to the last proposed round of fee hikes a few years ago.

Approved to write a letter of approval for the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce plan to look into building a convention and interpretive center near the south rim of the Snake River Gorge in Twin Falls. Chamber member Ken Edmunds said it's estimated that at a cost of about \$8.5 million for the center and the property it would sit on, the area might be able to snag up to \$10 million each year in added business from tourists and other visitors to the center would draw.

Chamber members are now trying only to get support for the idea, which will be pitched to the

New golf fees

New greens fees and surcharges at the Twin Falls Municipal golf course

Includes:	Juniors: \$2, up from \$5.
Seniors: \$12 (weekdays only), up from \$9.	Adults: \$15 (weekdays only), up from \$12.
Weekends/holidays: \$18, up from \$14.	Juniors: \$2, up from \$1.
Junior surcharge: \$1.	Surcharge on only fees charged only to season pass holders.

Lumber's executive heard next month, he said.

Approved plans to draw up a comprehensive water protection plan for the city, based upon the 1976 Federal Safe Drinking Water Act.

Approved preliminary plans to remodel the city's animal building to house the council chamber and other city offices at an estimated cost of \$250,000. The council requested that City Manager Tom Gantmy and other officials draw up a detailed proposal on how to finance the project within the limits of the city's budget.

Approved to enter into a lease with Alice Sanderson, who will take over operations of the restaurant at Jolly Field, Magic Valley Regional Airport.

Approved the appointment of Mark Koffer to the city's tree commission to replace Cathy Walworth, who resigned from the commission in September.

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Marines

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Though dramatic progress is being reported recently daily, President Bush reminded Americans that this was only the first phase of the war against terrorism. Many goals will need to be achieved, he said, including the capture or elimination of terrorist leader Osama bin Laden, Taliban leader Mullah Muhammad Omar and their followers.

"We're smoking them out, they're running and now we're going to bring them to justice," Bush said in Washington.

The president also warned that ground operations carry heightened risk and "America must be prepared for loss of life. I believe the American people understand

that we've got a mighty struggle on our hands and that there will be sacrifice."

The Pentagon reported that five U.S. military personnel suffered serious wounds Monday when a U.S. bomb or rocket struck close to their position near Mazar-e-Sharif in the north. An American, possibly a contract CIA employee, was believed killed or wounded Sunday in the same area.

Obviously, no president or commander in chief hopes anybody loses life in the theater of war," Bush said. "But it's going to happen."

Back in Afghanistan, ethnic Pashtun opposition forces advanced within six miles of Kandahar, and witnesses reported

that 400 trucks loaded with Taliban fighters left the city of 200,000 people. The convoy was headed east to the Maruf mountains under the command of Mullah Usmani, the Taliban's No. 2 leader, the witnesses said.

Meanwhile, opposition fighters loyal to former Kandahar governor Gul Agha Shirez claimed to have seized the city's main airport.

And the forces of Ismail Khan, the warlord who captured Herat in northwest Afghanistan, moved to Polaram, about 120 miles from Kandahar. "We are organizing and preparing soldiers and ammunition in order to have a huge offensive on Kandahar," Khun said.

Taliban officials conceded that

their foes control part of a strategic highway connecting Kandahar to Pakistan, and that negotiations were under way for a Taliban withdrawal from the border post of Spinlokd.

"The Taliban 'know it's finished,'" said Ahmed Karzal, brother of a senior Pashtun leader who controls most of central Afghanistan's province. "They know Mullah Omar's dreams are over."

Still, the Taliban remained publicly defiant.

"We're not going to surrender. The war will go on and we will not stop," Najibullah Pakizai, a Taliban foreign ministry official, told reporters at the Pakistani border town of Chaman - before he drove into Pakistan.

Fortress

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Afghanistan, rumors of his whereabouts abound.

Local militia leaders in eastern Afghanistan suspect bin Laden may be hiding up in a mountain base called Toru Bora that veteran Afghan guerrillas describe as an impenetrable fortress.

Built with U.S. aid during the Soviet occupation, Toru Bora sits about 25 miles south of Jalalabad, atop 13,000-foot mountains. Three towers by foot from the nearest road. Carved 1,150 feet into the mountain are a series of rooms and tunnels that reportedly can house some 1,000 people.

"I am sure he is there, 70 percent sure," Hazrat Ali, a militia leader in charge of security around the eastern city of Jalalabad, said Monday. He believes bin Laden wants to stay near the Pakistani border in case he wants to leave Afghanistan.

However, Toru Bora is about 500 miles northwest of the Kandahar area where the Marines landed, suggesting Washington has its eyes on other possible hiding places more accessible to the Taliban stronghold.

Mullah Muhammad Khazra, a former Taliban intelligence chief, believes bin Laden and his Taliban allies might head for the towering mountains that rise up to the northwest of Kandahar before heading toward Arzabad.

However, Khazra said bin Laden would probably not stay there because the area has been heavily bombed since the start of the air campaign Oct. 7. Instead, he believes bin Laden would push deeper into Islam Dara, a well-fortified, inaccessible mountain.

Still, officials in Jalalabad stick by their theory that bin Laden is in Toru Bora. All said he had heard reports that bin Laden was riding on horseback between caves at night in the White Mountain range, south of Jalalabad, and had been seen in Toru Bora as recently as Wednesday.

When Taliban and al-Qaida fighters abandoned their camps near Jalalabad in early October, bin Laden, headed south toward the White Mountain range, said Abdul Qadir, the new governor in Jalalabad. But he said he could

not confirm reports that bin Laden, who visited Toru Bora in the 1980s, was hiding there.

All, who used the base to launch attacks against the Soviet army in the 1980s, said Toru Bora was almost impossible to take by force. The Soviets bombed and decimated with little effect, he said.

Afghan guerrillas used U.S. funding to carve the antihillside Toru Bora complex into the side of Ghroz Khil mountain, a day's walk from the Pakistani border.

"Bin Laden and his followers means 'black dot' - are a series of rooms and tunnels, said an Afghan who visited the complex six months ago with Arab fighters. The man, who did not want to be identified for fear of retribution, said it can comfortably house 1,000 people.

The mouth of the cave is hidden behind tall pine trees. The 500-foot-long tunnel to the entrance is wide enough for a car, and a wooden door then opens to a maze of hallways.

"Bin Laden, the way is a concrete tunnel, just like an hotel, with doors on the right and

left," he said.

"The caves have a ventilation system and the Taliban have installed electrical wiring using a hydroelectric generator powered by mountain runoff.

Inside, the walls are cement, but the ceiling reveals the location - mountain rock, black with thin crystals. The man said the rooms vary in size from large to very small and include bedrooms, offices and communal rooms.

People from nearby villages sell supplies to the Taliban and al-Qaida members, said Soruh Qadir, one of All's intelligence officers.

"The Arab people in the mountains are giving a lot of money to them to work (to expand Toru Bora)," he added. Qadir said sympathizers sometimes slip into Jalalabad to buy supplies and then take them back to Toru Bora.

Only specific people are allowed to approach the heavily defended valley, flanked by cliffs crowned with fighting positions.

"Osama warned the villagers that if they come near the caves," he said, "they will be killed."

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Daniel Walock, circulation director

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Oust

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not start the project because of the incident, said Mike Pellant, Boise-based ringnecked ecologist with BLM.

The policies will cover vegetation treatments in public lands in the West, Pellant said Monday. It is the agency's first EIS policy revision since 1991.

"A lot has changed," he said. "BLM has put together a team and hired a contractor."

One change to the BLM's EIS will be the addition of an herbicide called Plateau, which Pellant said is as effective as Oust but has fewer side effects.

Plateau is more specific for

cheatgrass control, but care still must be taken in applying, he said.

The agency is also adding more strict criteria for herbicide application to the new EIS. New criteria will be concerned with the possibility of going beyond label recommendations, he said.

In the future, BLM plans to wait a full year after a fire to apply herbicide. Cheatgrass will be treated after it has had a chance to take root and stabilize the soil.

A whole package of conditions such as soil, wind direction, and weather data will be evaluated before applying chemicals, he said.

"Any use of any herbicide in this area will be very careful," Pellant said.

BLM needs to learn from the Oust incident, he said.

Since the fire, the 17,000-acre burned area has been reseeded with crested wheatgrass, angobush and other plants, which will provide wildlife habitat, Pellant said.

"In the future it will minimize the risk of fire," he said.

In the meantime, growers have said that they hope they do not have to take the issue to court. But a congressional conference committee so far has agreed to appropriate only \$5 million to com-

state farmers who suffered Oust damage, far below their claim of damages totaling \$95 million.

"The issue of liability has to be hammered out," Mike Tracy, Craig's communications director, said.

Facts will have to be evaluated as information emerges, such as the documents recently revealed by DuPont, he said.

"It may take a court of law to make a determination," Tracy said. "It is important that those producers are made whole one way or the other."

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School reopens after alleged plot uncovered

NEW BEDFORD, Mass. — A high school where three teenagers allegedly plotted a Columbine-style bloodbath reopened Monday after a sweep by officers and bomb-sniffing dogs, but many students stayed home.

While those students who did go to school listened to counselors and school officials describe what had happened, Eric McKeehan, 17, pleaded innocent and was ordered held without bail. Two 15-year-olds arrested in the case also pleaded innocent in closed juvenile court hearings.

The students allegedly modeled themselves after the two teenagers who carried out the 1999 Columbine High School massacre in Littleton, Colo.

They were arrested at their homes Saturday after a New Bedford High School janitor found a letter outlining their plans to detonate explosives in the school and then shoot fleeing students. Police said the students then planned to kill themselves when authorities arrived.

A search of the students' homes yielded bomb-making instructions, knives, shotgun shells and pictures of the teenagers holding what appeared to be handguns, police said. The guns were not recovered.

Two more students were being questioned.

Fresh Kunduz fighting leaves scores dead

KUNDUZ, Afghanistan — Stomping on the faces of captured Taliban and shooting others as they lay wounded, opposition forces rampaged through Kunduz on Monday, laying claim to the Taliban's last northern stronghold. Gunning crowds rioted. Taliban fighters lying dying in the streets.

"Talibi! Talibi!" little boys jeered as they ran alongside trucks carrying terrified Taliban prisoners. Beaten, mangled, and dragged, Taliban sat in the vehicles with their arms bound behind them.

Some alliance fighters turned immediately to Kunduz's spillover, hauling off captured Taliban pickup trucks, cars and vans on tow lines two, three or even four vehicles deep.

Kunduz's fall followed a two-week siege of this grimy market city of 100,000 people where thousands seen as the hard core of Taliban and allied foreign Islamic militia had holed up.

Utah loses attempt to gain another congressional seat
WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court settled one fight arising from the 2000 census Monday, but left open the prickly question of whether or how to include millions of Americans living overseas.

The high court upheld a ruling that gave the Census Bureau wide latitude to count some Americans living abroad while excluding others.

The court's action is a loss for Utah, which claimed it was cheated out of a congressional seat because the census did not count thousands of state natives serving as Mormon missionaries overseas.

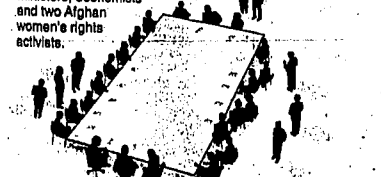
The state is still pursuing a separate challenge over the 2000 census and the award of an additional House seat to North Carolina.

The high court's action would not stop other groups apart from Mormon missionaries from filing a fresh challenge to the counting method, but makes such a case harder to win, lawyers said.

Toward a new Afghanistan

Representatives of the northern alliance and three other factions open talks on forming a broad-based interim administration for Afghanistan on Tuesday in Bonn, Germany.

Rome delegation
Representing ex-King Mohammed Zahir Shah; includes former ministers, economists and two Afghan women's rights activists.



Cyprus delegation
Representing Afghan exiles close to Iran. The group will include two advisers.

United Front
Representing the groups that make up the northern alliance; including Tajiks, Hazaras and Uzbeks.

Peshawar delegation
Representing some Pashtuns and based in the Pakistani city of Peshawar.

UNITED FRONT

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — More than 30 Afghan leaders will sit down at the negotiating table today for the first time since the Taliban lost control over most of Afghanistan, according to U.N. brokers.

The United Front formula agreed to by the U.N.'s special envoy for Afghanistan, Lakhdar Brahimi, the Northern Alliance and a Rome-based group supporting the return of the exiled 87-year-old Afghan King Mohammed Zahir Shah will have 11 delegates. Two other groups representing Afghan refugees will be allowed five participants each.

The list, which is most notable for who is not on it. Burhanuddin Rabbani, the Northern Alliance leader who was Afghanistan's president until the 1996 Taliban takeover, will not be there.

Other major leaders of the Northern Alliance, such as the Uzbek ruler of Mazar-e-Sharif, Gen. Abdurrahid Dostum, and the Iran-connected warlord of Herat, Ismail Khan, will not be present.

Also not attending are deposed king Zahir Shah and Pir Sayid Ahmad Ghalani, the leader of an Afghan-group-in-exile based in Peshawar, Pakistan.

U.S. hostages plead on video for freedom from rebels

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — Wearing handcuffs, American Martin Burnham and his wife appeared Monday for the first time on videotape, looking terrified and surrounded by members of the Muslim guerrilla group that has held the Kansas missionary hostage since May.

"It takes me days to recover every time I hear even a twig snap," said Gracia Burnham, wearing a Muslim-style head covering as she tried to suppress her sobs during the brief tape, which aired on a local cable channel.

More than 7,000 soldiers, backed by U.S. equipment and training, have been deployed on the southern island of Basilan to rescue the Americans and wipe out the Abu Sayyaf guerrillas, who have been linked to Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida terrorist network.

The United States has stepped up its military help since the Sept. 11 terror attacks to help its longtime ally try to crush the small movement in the southern Philippines, a desperately poor home for about 5 million Muslims in the ever-growing Roman Catholic country.

The videotape was the first shown of the Wichita, Kan., couple since they were abducted May 27 while celebrating their 18th wedding anniversary at a tourist resort.

The couple, who are in their early 40s, said they have developed mouth sores from lack of nutrients, relying on scarce supplies of cassava and bananas.

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Marines send Ground Zero flag to unit in southern Afghanistan

NEW YORK (AP) — Scrawled with messages of anguish, vengeance and patriotic fervor, an American flag that flew at Ground Zero is being sent to U.S. troops in Afghanistan as a reminder of what they are fighting for.

"For my sons," "God bless and be safe" and "Pay back time," say messages written on the red and white stripes by victims' relatives and Ground Zero workers. The stars are reserved for names of the dead.

The 12-by-18-foot flag is being sent this week to the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit.

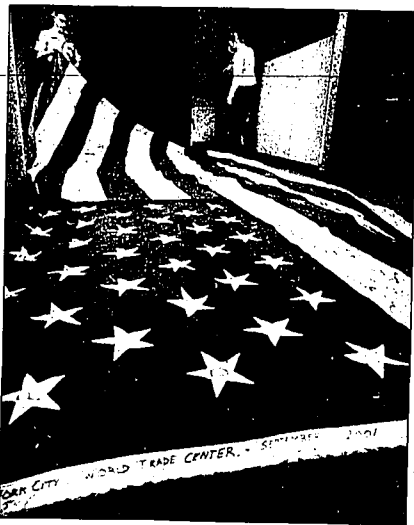
Members of the unit, based at Camp Lejeune, N.C., helped seize an airstrip in southern Afghanistan, the Pentagon said Monday. President Bush said the troops will help hunt down terrorists linked to the Sept. 11 attacks.

Maj. David C. Andersen, a Marine Corps spokesman in New York, said he believes the troops will treasure the flag.

"I think it's going to bring a little piece of lower Manhattan, of Ground Zero, to Marines who have never been here," he said.

The flag's story began two weeks after the terrorist attacks when it was draped over a building near the World Trade Center under a giant banner reading, "United We Stand." About a month later, it was taken to a command center occupied by the police department's emergency services unit.

That is where the flag became a memorial cloth. No one knows who wrote the first message, but the banner is now covered with names, statements, prayers and poems, most of them written in black marker by victims' relatives, police, federal investigators and Red Cross workers.



Staff Sgt. Robert Knoll, left, and Gunnery Sgt. Jolynn Owens prepare to fold an American flag that flew at the site of the World Trade Center ruins in New York Monday. The flag is being sent to the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit, which helped seize an airstrip in southern Afghanistan.

Some of the messages are patriotic: "United we stand, united we fight." "These colors don't run."

Others focus on the victims: "I will always miss my son Rodney." "For my sons... Joe and John Vigianno. They gave their lives doing what they loved - helping others."

Some of the messages are directed at the troops: "Unleash hell boys." "Be safe and do us proud."

Others are aimed at the terrorists themselves: "May the last breath you take be spent looking at this flag." "Sleep with one eye open."

Ashcroft names lawyer to manage fund for Sept. 11 victims, families

WASHINGTON (AP) — Attorney General John Ashcroft named Washington lawyer Kenneth Feinberg on Monday to oversee a government compensation fund for victims of the Sept. 11 attacks and their families.

Feinberg, a former assistant to Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., will play a pivotal role in deciding how much money victims' families will receive and how the compensation fund will work.

The program, established by Congress in September, is to begin Dec. 21 and will dispense money — the amounts have not been determined — to cover lost wages and victims' pain and suffering.

Ashcroft called the fund "an important step in the effort to provide both fair and prompt relief."

Under Feinberg, it "will be administered expeditiously and

fairly," Ashcroft said at a Justice Department news conference.

For "his part," Feinberg promised a "simple, efficient and clear" process to cut through federal red tape and promptly distribute the relief.

He said that the law that created the fund was ambiguous but that it gave him wide discretion.

Feinberg was selected based on his considerable experience as a mediator, government officials said.

Feinberg was one of three arbitrators who determined how much the government should pay the heirs of Dallas dressmaker Abraham Zapruder for his film that captured the assassination of President Kennedy.

He was also a special master in Agent Orange cases involving soldiers alleging they were sickened by chemicals used by the government in Vietnam.

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Bush warns Iraq, North Korea against developing weapons

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush said Monday he's just the beginning of the fight against terrorism, and he warned Iraq and North Korea there would be consequences for producing weapons of mass destruction.

The president, asked about potential military targets beyond the Afghanistan war, expanded on the list of ways a country can get crosswise with the U.S.-led coalition against terrorism.

"If anybody harbors a terrorist, they're a terrorist," he said. "If they fund a terrorist, they're a terrorist. If they house terrorists, they're terrorists. I mean, I can't make it any more clear to other nations around the world."

"If they develop weapons of mass destruction that will be used to terrorize nations, they will be held accountable," the president said.

White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said Bush was restating long-held views — not suggesting new policy or signaling post-Afghanistan plans.

Senior administration officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, did not dispute Fleischer but said Bush's remarks reflected a growing consensus at the White House that Iraqi President Saddam Hussein could be the greatest hurdle in America's war on terrorism unless he moves on the weapons issue.

The president — asked whether he had a message for Saddam as the administration looks toward the next phase of the U.S. campaign.

"My message is ... that if you harbor a terrorist, you're a terror-



President Bush, flanked by Dayna Curry, left, and Heather Mercer, speaks in the Rose Garden of the White House Monday where he welcomed home the two aid workers who were held captive for three months by the Taliban.

ist," Bush said. "If you develop weapons of mass destruction that you will be held accountable."

Some advisers are pushing Bush to make Iraq his next target. Many of those aides worked for Bush's father who led the country through the Persian Gulf War that ended with Saddam's promise to stop producing weapons of mass destruction and to open his nation to inspectors.

In a Rose Garden news conference, Bush also:

- Urged the Senate to pass an economic revival bill by Christmas, his initial end-of-November deadline nearly passed.
- Welcomed Christian aid workers Heather Mercer and Dayna Curry to the White House, calling them "courageous souls" saved by prayer during three months in an Afghan prison.
- Left it to the Pentagon to announce the use of U.S. Marines to seize an airstrip in southern Afghanistan but said stepped-up

military action may well lead to U.S. casualties.

"America must be prepared for loss of life," he said.

On Iraq, Bush urged Saddam to allow weapons inspectors into the country "to prove to the world he's not developing weapons of mass destruction."

Asked what will happen if Saddam refuses, Bush replied, "He'll find out."

He said the leaders of North Korea must allow inspectors in if they want good relations with the United States.

"And they ought to stop proliferating," Bush said, adding that "part of the war on terror is to deny terrorists weapons."

Since the presidential campaign, Bush has urged Iraq and North Korea to allow weapons inspectors into their nations. He has warned Iraq of undisclosed consequences if they don't comply. The administration has long suspected both countries of trying to develop weapons of mass destruction.

Ashcroft wants to avoid a 'public blacklist'

WASHINGTON (AP) — Attorney General John Ashcroft said Monday he won't name all those detained in the terrorism investigation because he doesn't want to create a "public blacklist" that would violate their privacy and Osama bin Laden.

The law properly prevents the department from creating a public blacklist of detainees that would violate their rights," Ashcroft told a news conference called to announce his appointment of a special master to oversee compensation to victims of Sept. 11.

More than 1,100 individuals across the country have been arrested or detained by federal and state authorities investigating



Attorney General John Ashcroft

the terrorist attacks on New York and Washington. Most are being held on immigration violations — others are charged with unrelated criminal offenses or are being held as material witnesses.

Civil libertarians have criticized the Justice Department for not providing more information about those detained.

But Ashcroft said no one has been detained who has not violated some federal law, and no detainee has been denied the right to contact a lawyer. "They are not being held in secret," he said.

Providing a complete list of the detainees, Ashcroft said, also might be helpful to Osama bin Laden, whom U.S. authorities have named as the prime suspect behind the Sept. 11 attacks.

"If he wants such a list, he'll have to try and assemble it himself," Ashcroft said.

The Justice Department is preparing an undated accounting of the numbers of those who have been detained for various reasons during the course of the investigation and will release it later this week, Ashcroft said. But names will not be provided.

U.S. defends plan to use military tribunals

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush said Monday he's not the least bit concerned that U.S. allies are balking at administration plans to prosecute suspected terrorists before military tribunals.

"It is the right decision to make and I will explain that to any leader who asks," Bush said during a brief news conference in the White House Rose Garden.

The president responded to a question by Spain not to extradite a group of al-Qaida suspects it has in custody unless the United States promises that the suspects won't face the death penalty or trial in a military court.

Bush, a supporter of the death penalty, signed an order earlier this month allowing the Pentagon to form military courts to try non-U.S. citizens suspected of terrorism. The action has been criticized by members of Congress and civil libertarians who say the

U.S. civilian court system and due-process protections should be made available to terrorism suspects.

"I look forward to explaining to my friends, the president of Spain, why I made the decision. It makes imminent sense to have the military tribunal option available," Bush said. "It makes sense for national security purposes. It makes sense for the protection of potential jurors and it makes sense for it to be homeland security."

White House lawyers have said military tribunals could be conducted in secret outside the United States to protect against retaliation and the exposure of U.S. intelligence.

Attorney General John Ashcroft plans to appear before Congress in early December to defend Bush's anti-terrorism campaign.

Some lawmakers have said that recent actions to fight terrorism go too far in usurping civil

liberties. For example, more than 1,000 people have been arrested or detained following the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

Bush's order allowing secret military tribunals to try noncitizens has drawn fire from both Democrats and Republicans, as has Justice Dept. approval of eavesdropping on conversations between defense lawyers and some terrorist suspects.

"Just a few weeks ago, the administration asked us for new authority to declare certain crimes terrorism so they could be tried in the courts of America," Sen. Richard Durbin, D-Ill., said on CNN's "Late Edition."

"I think the administration, and the attorney general specifically, need to come forward in the next week or so and spell out in more detail what the lines are, how they'll draw them and define them, in terms of applying these military tribunals."

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Possible terrorist threat puts oil, gas industry on high alert

WASHINGTON (AP) — A possible terrorist threat against natural gas pipelines has put the U.S. oil and gas industry on high alert. Attorney General John Ashcroft called it "an uncorroborated report of undetermined reliability" but said it was being taken seriously.

Energy industry sources said Monday that Osama bin Laden may have ordered or authorized strikes against North American natural gas facilities in event of

his capture or death.

The sources, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the warning issued by the FBI last week was general and singled out no specific target — but referred specifically to natural gas infrastructure such as pipelines.

Ashcroft confirmed that the FBI became aware of such a threat 10 days to two weeks ago. He called it "an uncorroborated report of undetermined reli-

ability about natural gas."

Even so, "Those are the kinds of reports which we take seriously..." Ashcroft said.

He said industry groups and law enforcement agencies had been alerted and steps taken to elevate security.

Ashcroft was skeptical, however, over whether any threat would be conditioned by the al-Qaida terrorist organization on the death or capture of bin Laden.

"It didn't take anything specif-

ic to trigger the attacks on the World Trade Center or the Pentagon. This is an organization motivated by hate," Ashcroft said.

There are thousands of miles of gas pipeline, most of them buried, crossing the United States and Canada. Thirty interstate gas pipelines carry 90 percent of the natural gas transported, according to the Interstate Natural Gas Association of America.

One source characterized the warning as similar to one issued earlier this month on potential attacks against West Coast bridges that prompted security alerts, but no evidence of actual terrorist intentions.

The FBI alert prompted the American Petroleum Institute, which is the lead industry group coordinating with the FBI and Energy Department on security matters, to issue a warning.

"We have received uncorroborated information that Osama bin Laden may have approved plans to attack natural gas supplies in the United States," said the memo, adding that the information was "from a source of undetermined reliability."

The FBI warning continued that "such an attack would allegedly take place in the event that either bin Laden or Taliban leader Mullah Omar are either captured or killed."

Bush warns of rising risk of casualties

WASHINGTON (AP) — The risk of U.S. troop casualties in the war on terrorism rises with the landing of Marines in Afghanistan to help in the hunt for Osama bin Laden.

"This is a dangerous period of time," President Bush said Monday. "America must be prepared for loss of life."

He commented on a day when a CIA operative remained unaccounted for in Afghanistan and the Pentagon announced five service members had been hurt by a U.S. bomb.

Though there have been injuries and accidental deaths, no American military command posts have been hit while fighting alongside anti-Taliban forces — sometimes under heavy fire — in the seven-week-old

The 1,000 Marines being deployed this week are more than double the American troops who were already on the ground in Afghanistan, an increase that will raise the possibility of casualties. So will the work they will be doing after weeks, dominated by airstrikes.

"This is a period of time in which we're now hunting down the people who are responsible for bombing America," Bush said at the White House.

Bush was asked if Americans will be asked to sacrifice. "Obviously, no president or commander in chief hopes anybody loses life in the theater, but it's going to happen," he said, adding that he believes people understand "that there will be a sacrifice."

"I think the American people understand we're in for a long, long struggle in order to rid the world of terrorism and that there might be loss of life," he said. "I pray that not be the case. But our brave men and women who signed up for the military understand the risk inherent with being in the military."

There have been four accidental deaths, all outside Afghanistan, since the U.S. campaign began Oct. 7. It was unclear whether the CIA operative was captured, killed, missing or injured over the weekend when Taliban prisoners began an uprising against rebel forces that had jailed them in a compound near the northern city of Mazar-e-Sharif.

"Until the compound is secured... we will not know the answers to those questions," Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld said at the Pentagon.

The Marine Amphibious Units that seized an airstrip near the Taliban stronghold of Kandahar over the weekend are trained for conventional ground combat as well as commando-style missions. Before their arrival, several hundred special forces troops were sent inside Afghanistan to try to hunt down bin Laden and other leaders of his al-Qaida network and to help opposition forces oust the Taliban. Some forces have moved in and out of the country, sometimes in for only a few days at a time, defense officials have said.

The Pentagon announced Monday that five service members were seriously injured near Mazar-e-Sharif when a U.S. bomb missed its target. No other details were available.

Among previous casualties reported by the Pentagon:

• Two Army Rangers died Oct. 19 in the crash of their Black Hawk helicopter in Pakistan, and three other crewmen were injured.

• An Air Force master sergeant died and an Army soldier was severely injured in separate incidents involving vehicles early in October. Both were in locations outside Afghanistan, Pentagon officials have said.

• A sailor fell overboard from an aircraft carrier in the Arabian Sea Nov. 7. The fireman apprentice has not been found and has been declared dead.

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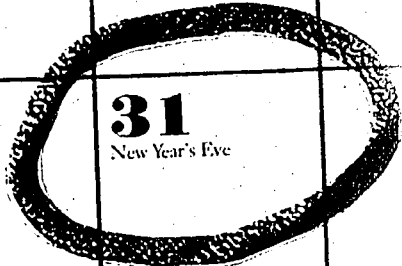
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Doris Hardy shows a photo of her son, Randy, his wife, Sheryl and their son, Billy, Sheryl Hardy, who was convicted after watching her husband kill her first son nine years ago, has won custody of her nine-month-old baby.

White House agrees with Cayman Islands on info-sharing

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Bush administration has reached a tax information-exchange agreement with the Cayman Islands, a British possession in the Caribbean long known as a haven for evasion of U.S. taxes.

Treasury Secretary Paul O'Neill is to sign the agreement Tuesday with Christopher Meyer, the British ambassador to the United States, and Cayman Islands Gov. Peter J. Smith, according to Treasury Department officials.

The accord would enable the Internal Revenue Service to pierce the secrecy of accounts at Cayman Islands financial institutions, paving the way for audits that could uncover tax evasion, drug money-laundering and other misdeeds, said former IRS Commissioner Donald Alexander.

"Right now, nothing is a fair description of the cooperation the United States is getting," said Alexander. "It's a hotbed of tax evasion. This is a good step in the right direction."

Woman convicted in son's murder wins custody Judge rules her competent to raise baby

JERSEYVILLE, Ill. (AP) - A decade ago, Sheryl Hardy was sent to prison in Florida for the murder of her 2-year-old son, who had been shoved headfirst into a toilet for soiling his pants - a death so shocking it prompted an overhaul of the state's child-protection laws.

Now, over the objections of prosecutors and Illinois' child-welfare agency, Hardy has been given a second chance.

An Illinois judge has awarded her custody of her 9-month-old son, who had been in foster care because of his mother's murder conviction.

"This may be one of those rare cases where a parent has been able to progress from a point of total inability to parent and protect a child to a point of competence," Judge Thomas Russell wrote in his Nov. 16 decision.

Hardy, 33, said she lit a cigarette and watched as her then-husband, Thomas Coe, shoved his stepson's head into the toilet like a plunger in Lakeland, Fla., in 1989. She and Coe then beat the boy with couch cushions. Bradley died the next day of head injuries.

Hardy served nine years in prison and now says she wants to start over in her hometown 50 miles north of St. Louis with her new husband and their son. She says she can be a good parent and wants the opportunity to cry.

The lead detective in Bradley's death says she doesn't deserve another chance.

"She's an evil person, a murderer," says Paul Schall of the Fort Meade, Fla., police department. "This baby is going to end up dead, too."

Illinois prosecutor Mary Kirby says she will appeal but declined to discuss the case.

The state's child-welfare agency also recommended Hardy not get custody of the boy, Martha Allen, the agency's chief of staff, says she can remember no other time that a parent convicted in the death of a child won custody of another child.

Hardy declined to discuss the case recently, saying only that her new son is "doing great, now that he's back with me." She then shut her from door on a reporter as she said, "I just want to live my life."

Hardy claims she was sexually and emotionally abused as she grew up in this poor rural town of 7,500. She says Bradley was conceived when she was raped. She moved to Florida after he was born.

There, she met Coe, who was living in his truck at the time. The two abandoned 4-month-old Bradley at a mall. He was placed in foster care, and Hardy and Coe married and had a daughter of their own.

Nearly two years later, when Hardy learned Bradley's foster parents wanted to adopt him, she sought and received custody. Sixty-six days after Bradley arrived at the Coes' secluded trailer home, he was dead.

Study links issue of three genes to heart attacks

DALLAS (AP) - Scientists say they have found evidence linking three genes to premature heart disease in what could be a step toward a better screening procedure for families at risk.

Using a new technique called high-throughput microarray genotyping to sift through some 50,000 genes, the researchers found that three produce thrombospondin. The protein governs blood's ability to clot, a factor in heart disease.

The study in Tuesday's issue of the journal *Circulation* found that families with a variant of a gene called thrombospondin-4 were 89 percent more likely to have a premature heart attack compared with those who had a normal gene of the same type.

Researchers also found that a variant of the gene thrombospondin-1 was 10 times more likely to form blood clots, while a variant of another gene - thrombospondin-2 - actually reduced the risk of heart attack by 69 percent.

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Mediators arrive hoping to quell violence

JERUSALEM (AP) — Two U.S. mediators arrived Monday to try to stop more than a year of Israeli-Palestinian fighting, and an Islamic militant blew himself up at an Israeli checkpoint in Gaza.

Assistant Secretary of State William Burns and retired Marine Corps Gen. Anthony Zinni are seeking to nudge the two sides toward implementing a cease-fire and restarting peace talks — calming the Mideast conflict as the United States and its allies concentrate on the war against terrorism.

Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon said Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat "has to make a strategic decision to abandon the path of terrorism," according to a statement from his office.

Sharon renewed a demand for seven days of "absolute quiet" — meaning no attacks on Israelis — before moving ahead with a truce negotiated by CIA chief George Tenet in May.

The Palestinians say the demand allows an extremist to scuttle the process and amounts to a ploy to avoid negotiations. U.S. officials have said privately they do not accept the Israeli stand but haven't confronted Israel publicly.

Sharon appointed Meir Dagan to head his negotiating team. Dagan, a counterterrorism expert, has often doubted publicly whether Arafat wants to make peace with Israel.

The Palestinians chose Parliament Speaker Ahmed Qureia, a veteran negotiator, to head their team.

The difference in levels of team heads suggested Israel wants to concentrate on a truce, while the

Palestinians hope for political progress. Palestinian Information Minister Yasser Abed Rabbo called on the U.S. mediators to "exert more pressure on Israel to curb its continuous aggression against the Palestinian people."

The U.S. officials were to meet Sharon-and-Foreign-Minister Shimon Peres on Tuesday and Arafat on Wednesday.

Burns and Zinni met at Israel's airport with Avi Dichter, director of Israel's Shin Bet security agency, and Maj. Gen. Amos Malka, chief of military intelligence.

Just hours earlier, a Palestinian approached an Israeli military checkpoint at the border crossing between Gaza and Israel and set off explosives, killing himself and wounding two Israeli border policemen.

Palestinians identified the attacker as Tawfik al-Jumri, 22, a laborer at a nearby industrial park, one of the last areas where Palestinians and Israelis work together. He was a member of the militant Hamas group, Palestinians said.

Also, Palestinians in the village of Beit Jalla opened fire at Gilat, a

Jewish neighborhood in the disputed section of Jerusalem, which the Palestinians consider a settlement. No one was hurt.

In another development, the Israeli military admitted Monday that a bomb it planted was responsible for the death of five Palestinian children in Gaza on Thursday. A statement said the bomb was placed at a spot where Palestinian gunmen repeatedly fired at an Israeli military post and settlement and said the resulting death of the children "was serious and very regrettable."



Palestinian women pass by an Israeli border police officer, right, who was guarding Palestinian men trying to enter Israel for work in the northern Gaza Strip Monday. An Islamic militant blew himself up Monday, injuring two Israeli officers.

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Nepal king declares state of emergency

KATMANDU, Nepal (AP) — Nepal's king declared a state of emergency Monday after weekend attacks by rebels killed at least 76 soldiers and police, the palace said.

King Gyanendra's decree suspends civil liberties and allows the government to send soldiers after the rebels for the first time since the rebels launched their insurgency in 1996.

Previously, the military was limited to defending Nepal from foreign attack. Until now, police were used against the Maoist rebels, who are fighting to abolish the monarchy and to establish a socialist state.

The king's declaration comes in the wake of an attack Sunday night that killed five soldiers, 48 police officers and the chief district officer in Sulkumbhu, 125 miles north of Katmandu, Interior Security Minister Khum Bahadur Khadka said.

The rebels also suffered heavy casualties, Khadka said. A total of 76 soldiers, police and government officials have been killed since Friday, when rebels broke off a four-month truce and launched assaults across the Himalayan kingdom.

The Maoists blame Gyanendra for the June 1 massacre at the royal palace that left the previous king and eight other royal family members dead. An official investigation found that Crown Prince Dipendra shot and killed his parents and other relatives.

On Monday, Prime Minister Sher Bahadur Deuba's Cabinet decided to call on the king to declare a state of emergency. Water resources Minister Bijaya Gachhadar said the king then made the declaration.

Airports and borders will remain open and government offices will function as normal but security will be tightened across the nation, Khadka said.

The emergency measures restrict freedom of the press, as well as freedom of assembly, expression and movement. Suspects can be detained for three weeks without charges, the palace said. The king's orders and the armed forces were being mobilized to comb rebel hide-outs, concentrated mostly in the remote hills of midwest Nepal.

The Maoist guerrillas fashion themselves after Peru's Shining Path guerrillas and draw their name from China's revolutionary communist leader Mao Tse-tung. The rebels are seeking an end to the constitutional monarchy and the creation of a socialist republic. Their six-year insurgency has claimed more than 1,800 lives.

Victim's isolation ends when she speaks out

DEAR ABBY: "Scared-and Alone in Briton, Mich." is not alone. Five years ago, I went through the exact same experience.

I too, had been drinking heavily at a college party and was raped by a guy who had been my good friend for years. He was a close friend of my boyfriend's, and I didn't know to whom I could turn. So, like "Scared," I remained silent. I was afraid of what the guy might do to me and of what people would think. I thought if I told, I'd lose my friends.

Sadly, I lost my friends anyway. After the rape, I lost my ability to trust people or let anyone get close to me. I became unable to open up to people without thinking they had some hidden agenda. My friends didn't know what was wrong with me, and they didn't stick around to find out. I was lost and alone.



I want to tell "Scared" from personal experience: Tell someone what happened right away! Go to a support group. Share your experience. Call your friend and tell her. Call a hotline if you wish to remain anonymous. If you don't, you'll have difficulty making and keeping relationships for the rest of your life.

I finally received help, and now, five years later, I have found a wonderful, patient man I want to spend the rest of my life with. I couldn't have done it if I hadn't spent time talking with a counselor and meeting others who have gone through similar experiences. It's not your fault.

You are not alone. The sooner you share your experience, the faster you'll heal.

- LIVING AND LOVING AGAIN IN PENNSYLVANIA
DEAR LIVING AND LOVING: Bless you for writing. A 1998

Centers for Disease Control study revealed that one woman in six in the United States is a victim of rape or attempted rape. Eighty percent of rapes are acquaintance rapes.

Assault victims: Please don't be afraid to speak up. People are waiting to help you. If you wish to remain anonymous, go to the Internet www.911rape.org to learn about your options. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: "Scared and Alone" has plenty of company. Five months ago, I got drunk at my graduation party and was raped by my friend's brother-in-law. He called me two days later,

and my sister overheard my end of the conversation when he denied raping me. When she confronted me, I burst into tears and told her everything. She told our parents for me and we all went to the police.

"Scared" must understand that everyone makes mistakes. But that doesn't give anyone the right to take advantage of that mistake and commit a crime against you. There is no doubt in my mind that my attacker had done this before and would have done it again. Believe me, it is a wonderful feeling to know that because of my actions, he'll never put anyone else through what I endured.

- NO LONGER ALONE IN MISSOURI
DEAR NO LONGER ALONE: Bravo! The attacker has power over his victim only if that person remains silent. To paraphrase an old saying, "Speak the truth and the truth shall set you free."

Four-word phrases cause nothing but trouble

High on our Love and War man's list of the most dangerous four-word phrases in matrimony is the familiar: "Trouble with you is..." It's even more sensitive than "I need more time." It's not quite as touchy, however, as the deadly interrogative: "Where have you been?"



Sir Winston Churchill before he got to be a Sir attended a

turkey dinner in the United States, and asked for breast. His hostess told him it was customary there to request white meat. Winnie sent her an orchid the next day with a note: "Here's something to pin on your white meat."

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Scorpio performs the impossible while changing style in clothes, hair

IF NOVEMBER 27TH IS YOUR BIRTHDAY, you have sympathy for underdog and will go out of your way to help those who require aid. You are very human when it comes to love. At times you give without receiving in return. You continue, however, to take chances on romance. Arries, Libra persons play major roles in your life, could have these letters in names: I, R, December will be your most memorable and dramatic month of this year. Be ready to enter the spotlight!

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CANCER (June 21-July 22): Check Gemini message for additional information. Individual who "overlooked" you will now be practically at your doorstep. Be kind but not subservient. Arries represented.

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You will perform what others believed to be impossible. Rewrite, rebuild. Wear hair and clothes in different style. Someone confides, "At times I can hardly keep my hands off you!"

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Love in bloom! What begins as mild flirtation is getting hot and heavy. Read, write, and learn by teaching. People are drawn to you; many ask special favors. Virgo featured.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Focus on home, property and safety measures that include removal of fire hazards. Domestic adjustment might mean change of residence, marital status. Taurus figures prominently.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Define terms, perfect techniques. Some people will expect you to be "perfect." If you don't stop trying to live up to impossible standards, you hurt yourself emotionally and otherwise.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): Emerge from emotional shell. Make crystal clear that you mean business! There is added pressure due to responsibility and financial goals. You ultimately win. Capricorn involved.

Elvis enters Gospel hall of fame

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) - It was no secret that the king of rock 'n' roll preferred gospel music.

"It more or less puts my mind at ease," Elvis Presley once said of the music he first heard as a boy attending the Assembly of God Church. "It does mine."

On Tuesday, Presley will be inducted into the Gospel Music Hall of Fame during a ceremony at The People's Church in Franklin, south of Nashville.

Already a member of the halls of fame for rock 'n' roll and country music, the gospel addition will give Presley the distinction of being the only entertainer inducted into all three.

Presley won only three Grammys in his career, all for his gospel work. "How Great Thou Art" won Best Sacred Performance in 1967; "He Touched Me" got Best Inspirational Performance in 1972; and a live version of "How Great Thou Art" won Best Inspirational Performance in 1973.

He died in August 1977 at age 42.

Joining Presley in the Gospel Music Hall of Fame on Tuesday will be Kurt Kaiser, Keith Green, Larry Norman, Doris Akeers, Alberta Walker, Wendy Bagwell & the Sunliters and The Rambo.

but the actors the dolls are modeled after aren't looking forward to being toyed with.

"Oh, they're scary. They are scary. To think that people are going to be playing with you," said Rupert Grant, who plays Harry's friend, Ron Weasley.

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EDITORIAL

Road to future deserves a name, not a number

With Twin Falls looking down the road toward its centennial celebration, maybe it would be helpful if residents knew which road they were on.

A proposal by the downtown area's Business Improvement District to rename downtown streets could give a new sense of direction to the city center.

Business leaders want the downtown area to remain economically strong, but to do that they need to attract customers. And that isn't easy when customers have trouble finding their way through the roadway riddle.

The centennial celebration would be an excellent chance to assign real names to downtown streets. Start with names with historical significance,

like Perrine and Bisbee. Add names from Idaho's political past and present, like Gooding, Evans and Butt. Maybe even throw in names from the City Council.

Implementing such changes will take time, funding, the right kind of planning, and a forum for public input. But the changes need to be made.

If you're standing on one of the 16 corners of Second and Second, the only way to find north is to check for mss on the mss.

If the Idaho Public Utilities Commission moves forward with an area code change for the Magic Valley, that may be the best time for street name changes - so that businesses can order stationery with new addresses and phone numbers all at once.

Name changes aren't the only way to enhance the downtown district. Changing the Second Avenues from one-way to two-way streets and improving parking along those avenues would make them friendlier for shoppers.

On the other hand, a suggested roundabout in the middle of North Five Points is an idea ill-suited to that intersection's high traffic and small space.

New street names are the best idea of the bunch. The road to progress in our second century shouldn't require a map and a compass. It's time to make this change.



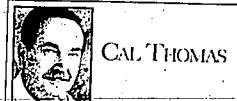
Writing dumb laws is back in business

President Bush has encouraged all Americans to return to a normal life and some lawmakers are obeying. They are returning to the practice of passing dumb and outrageous laws.

In Montgomery County, Md., a sleepy and harmless Washington, D.C. bedroom community during my growing-up years, the county council recently passed a law that will fine smokers up to \$750 for letting their fumes penetrate a neighbor's home. This legislation makes one wonder what the council majority was smoking.

The outrage is compounded because not a single county resident complained about the issue the law is supposed to address; the problem was conceived and "solved" solely in the minds of the council majority. One of two sane council members who voted against the measure, Democrat Michael Subin (the other opponent is a Republican), noted that if the law were broadly interpreted, a disgruntled person might have the right to seek county intervention to reduce the invading odors caused by his neighbor's flatulence. The county may find it difficult to recruit new police officers for this sort of duty.

This is the kind of legislation that would give politicians a bad name, if they had a good name. What about barbecue grilling? If smoke from someone's grilling steak offends his Montgomery County neighbor, can the neighbor call the cops? What about perfume? Some people are allergic to such scents. Could



the wearer be a potential criminal? This law is ripe for abuse, especially if one dislikes his neighbor.

Government is selective in what it demonizes. Certain behavior once considered immoral, as well as illegal, is now legit and even "moral." An objective morality - at least one about which most people might agree, if not always practice - disappeared sometime in the '60s. Concepts such as "bad" and "good" are now regarded as relative and best left to individuals to sort out for themselves.

Tobacco has replaced virtually all other evils, except terrorism, and even politicians who reject "imposing morality" on people seek absolution for their inattention to such things by fighting demon smoke wherever it can be found. If Montgomery County, Md., were the only jurisdiction to practice stupidity, the council might be ridiculed into reversing itself. The Web page appropriately named Dumb Laws (www.dumb-laws.com) offers a litany of other idiotic statutes. Some have been repealed but all were once on the books.

In New York, men could once be fined \$25 for flirting "in that way." A second offense could require the man to wear a

"pair of horse-blinders" whenever he went out for a stroll. How did the Taliban miss that one? Maybe liberated Afghan women could impose it on men who forced them into those hideous burqas.

Other New York laws have included a penalty for throwing a ball at someone's head for fun. A New York Yankee pitcher trying to beat a batter might not be a criminal under the law. Another law imposed the death penalty on anyone who jumped off a building, thus insuring that jumpers would pick only tall buildings to avoid capital punishment.

In Alabama, a law made it illegal for a driver to be blindfolded while operating a vehicle. It was illegal at one time to wear a fake moustache that caused laughter in a church (funny, real ones presumably were OK). You could not put an ice cream cone in your back pocket at any time. In Lee County, Ala., it was once illegal to sell peanuts after sundown on Wednesday.

In Arkansas, a statute once said that a man could legally beat his wife - but more than once a month. Another law prohibited alligators in bathtubs. Filtration between men and women on the streets of Little Rock once carried a 30-day jail term (obviously, that one was repealed before Bill Clinton became governor).

The Montgomery County, Md., drifting smoke law fits nicely into this category of dumb and dumber laws.

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LETTERS

Councilman commends voters

The 3,500 residents who took time to vote in the city council election stand 10 feet tall in my book. Everyone who voted spoke for five who did not. That 16 percent voter turnout studied the issues and the majority endorsed Lance, Elaine and myself.

I certainly am humbled at the opportunity to serve the city again. But more important, I am honored to know and have received the support of friends who distributed flyers door-to-door and made phone calls. Each one was energized by the teamwork of the current city council and acted as good citizens.

The arrival of Dell Computer is a victory for the teamwork of the city, chamber of commerce, College of Southern Idaho and private citizens. The company has a great reputation for community building, and I'm confident we will retain our quality of life while broadening the valley's economy. It's great to live in Twin Falls.
CHRIS TALKINGTON
Twin Falls

Professionalism in the Gooding County sheriff's department

I have lived in Gooding County for 10 years and am proud of that fact. But on Sunday, Nov. 11, I witnessed an incident by a Gooding County deputy that demonstrated his lack of professionalism and also lack of respect for others.

You see, my husband and I are volunteer firemen for the city of Wendell and were among the unlucky who got to view this incident. The deputy lost control of his temper in front of bystanders, fire and emergency crew. This minor incident could have been handled better and more effectively after the emergency was under control.

Emotions run high during these times, but we the fire crew are always reminded by our fire chief to always be professional and respectful both on and off the scene. I hope that the Gooding County sheriff will handle this matter properly and ask for an apology to all that witnessed it.

We all have to work these emergencies side-by-side and should be given the same professionalism and respect,

regardless of being a full-time deputy or a volunteer fireman. If you give respect, you will get respect in return.

BECKY AND TED ANDERSON
Wendell

Dean, teacher was good example

It is with sadness that we note the passing of Kenneth Kail. He was the dean of boys for our 1955 class. Along with this duty, he taught American history. I would have to say that, personally, he is among three teachers of our class who had an impact upon me. He was fair, he listened-but above all, a friend who you could talk to - about darn near anything.

To say he will be missed is a gross understatement. We wish his family well in these trying times, but please remember, someone above is gaining one tremendous individual.
BILL LAMBING
Greenwood, Ind.

Terrorism in homeland must end

While our military fights terrorism in

Afghanistan, the real immediate terrorist threat is here at home!

The horrendous attacks of Sept. 11 involved only a small number of the numerous terrorists still within our country. This legion of terror must be rooted out before it can launch even more cataclysmic attacks of death and destruction on America.

For many years, terrorist organizations and their sponsors from all over the world have been building their support apparatuses in our country. At the same time, many "domestic" terrorist groups consisting of U.S. citizens who are supported by foreign powers, including Russia and China (supposedly our friends now), have been honeycombing America with their subversive networks.

Terrorist groups working with radical and communist lawyers posing as "civil libertarians" have coordinated their systematic legal attacks on U.S. intelligence agencies and police. Their plan has been simple and very effective:

1. Present themselves as victims of political and ethnic persecution by law

enforcement,

2. Demand an end to "police and intelligence spying."
3. Bring harassing lawsuits and orchestrate media attacks to demoralize and dismantle investigative agencies, and
4. Use their new-found freedom from surveillance to patiently advance their subversive war on our civilization.

The United Nations is another important source of terrorism in our country. It has been a Trojan horse within our borders since 1946. United Nations delegates (some terrorists) have diplomatic immunity so we cannot inspect their suitcases, etc., for terrorist weapons or secrets they may have stolen.

We must root our enemies, foreign and domestic, who have shown by word and deed that they want to destroy America by restoring our congressional, FBI and CIA intelligence abilities once again. We must get out of the United Nations and move that nest of terrorist spies to another country!

ADRIAN L. ARP
Twin Falls

Gooding deputy lost his cool

I would like to address the issue of pro-

Doonesbury



By Gary Trudeau

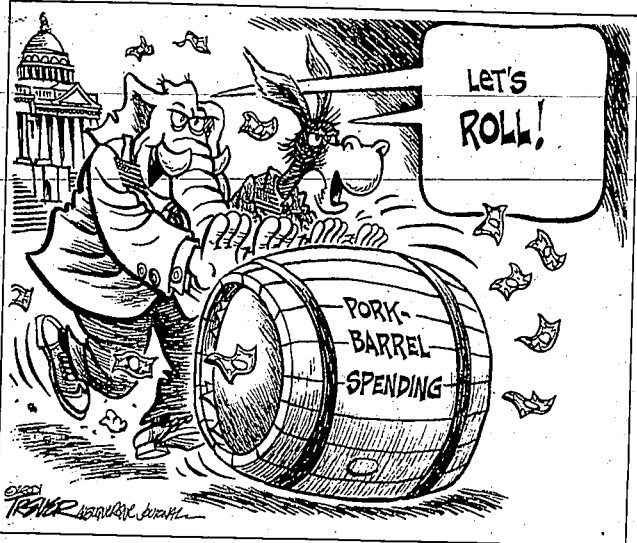


Mallard Fillmore



By Bruce Tinsley





Smiles of liberator force the U.S. to continue fight

DAVID IGNATIUS

A simple way to assess U.S. policy choices over the next few months is to apply what I would call the "smile test." Ask yourself what American actions would bring smiles to the faces of ordinary people in the Middle East — like those we've seen from Afghan men and women over the past week.

Photographs don't lie. Anyone could see the joy and relief as Afghans celebrated the collapse of a Taliban government that had governed by chopping off people's limbs and destroying thousand-year-old works of art. People could breathe a sigh of relief. Women could show their faces if they chose, and men could cut their beards. Thanks to a foreign intervention, the hold of a small clique of religious fanatics had been broken.

So where does this war of liberation go next? I share the view of many in the Bush administration that the right goals are to replace Saddam Hussein's regime in Iraq and to resolve the Israeli-Palestinian problem.

On the smile test, these two would be off the charts. But to succeed, the United States will need a solid coalition of support that includes Israel, Turkey, Syria, Egypt and perhaps also Iran.

This next campaign will require time and patience, and it shouldn't begin until victory in Afghanistan is complete. But now is the moment to lay the groundwork.

A joyous celebration in Baghdad would greet Saddam's demise. Ordinary Iraqis loathe their leader with a passion most Americans probably can't appreciate. This is a man who has governed his country for 30 years by torture. He has presided over what the Iraqi dissident Kanan Makiya has rightly called a "republic of fear" — a place where, according to human rights reports, children are thrown out of helicopters to terrify their dissident parents into submission.

Iraqis have been praying that the United States and its allies would finally turn this odious page in their history. That task won't be easy, but it's time to begin building the coalition of support — overt and covert — that will someday make it possible.

An early opportunity will come this week, when the U.N. Security Council again takes up a U.S. proposal for "smart sanc-

tions" against Iraq. Saddam hates the idea, precisely because it would help the Iraqi people while hurting his regime.

The plan was scuttled last time by a Russian veto. After his amiable visit to President Bush's Texas ranch, it's time for President Vladimir Putin to help make smart sanctions work. Bush and Putin should also join in demanding a return of inspectors to Iraq to search for weapons of mass destruction. If Iraq refuses, the world will better understand what's at stake.

Turkey seems eager to play a Pakistan-like role anchoring a new push against Saddam, but the Turks won't be enough. America will also need support from Arab nations such as Syria, Egypt and Saudi Arabia. It is precisely because these countries are often hostile toward the United States that their support against Saddam will matter.

And why would Syria, say, want to help out Saddam? Just last month, the Iraqis are said to have secretly executed nine pro-Syrian members of the Baath Party.

Iran presents an interesting dilemma. Though a terrorist state itself for most of the past 20 years, Iran has quietly allied with the United States in its war against the Taliban. An Arab official told me recently that the Iranians have been allowing U.S. jets to fly over their airspace on the way to bombing the Afghanistan. And French intelligence sources report that Iranian militia helped drive the Taliban from Herat in the past two weeks.

The other American effort that can bring smiles to the Middle East — in Tel Aviv as much as in Gaza — is to get Israeli-Palestinian negotiations back on track.

"I have spent my whole life anguishing over this problem," an Arab intellectual complained to me. "Can't the United States do something to solve it?" Many Israelis would say the same thing.

Secretary of State Colin Powell's speech to the United Nations last week was a good start. He said publicly some of what the United States has been saying privately, in secret letters to Saudi Arabia outlining its commitment to a Palestinian state.

The American motto toward Israelis and Palestinians right now should be "tough love." That means putting teeth into longstanding U.S. policy opposing Israeli settlements — and making a stink when the Sharon government announces plans to harden settlements, as it did last week. Tough love also means working harder, through the CIA's growing intelligence network, to stop Palestinian terrorism against Israel.

Change comes slowly in the Middle East, but it is coming. A small sign was a statement Friday by Lebanon's Shiite leader, Sheikh Mohammed Hussein Fadlallah — the same man who 18 years ago was blamed by the United States for inciting the terrorist bombing that killed 241 Marines in Beirut. "Bin Laden is not the leader of the Muslim world and does not represent Islam," Fadlallah told the Lebanese weekly Al-Moharrer. He said bin Laden was merely "profiteering" from oppression in the Arab world.

If Sheikh Fadlallah can denounce terrorism, perhaps the iceberg that has frozen politics in the Middle East is finally beginning to break up.

This is a war of liberation — in part, from history itself — and this is no time to stop. More struggle, more victories, more smiles.

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LBJ book reveals public ignorance about war time

LARRY EICHEL

There have been times since this war began when officials have told reporters that they were pushing too hard for information or were revealing too much.

Such tensions, inevitable in times like these, are not necessarily a sign that the government is engaged in a cover-up or that reporters are out of line.

Americans need to know as much as possible about the conduct of the war — and about the mindsets of the key decision-makers, including the man at the top — as long as our knowing doesn't put lives at risk.

That is the painful lesson of history, brought home by the publication of "Reaching for the Glory: Lyndon Johnson's Secret White House Tapes, 1964-1965," edited by historian Michael Beschloss.

The book reminds us of our leaders have the power to deceive us — especially in wartime, given the patriotic impulse to fall into line behind the commander in chief — and that such deception can have fateful consequences. That reminder is delivered by Beschloss in the context of the agony, divisiveness and immense human cost of this nation's long and failed war in Vietnam.

The tapes, recorded on a secret system President Johnson had installed throughout the White House, make absolutely clear the degree to which he lied to the American people on the questions that were central to the war and to the furor that surrounded it. One of those questions concerned the Gulf of Tonkin incident, the event that triggered direct U.S. military involvement in Vietnam and provided the legal pretext for all that followed.

On Aug. 2, 1964, the Pentagon reported that torpedo boats fired on two American destroyers sailing off the Vietnamese coast. Five days later, a near-unanimous Congress responded by authorizing Johnson to take "all necessary measures" to repel future attacks. In a decade of American involvement, the Tonkin Gulf Resolution was the closest the United States ever came to a formal declaration of war.

We've known for years that the incident, about which serious questions were raised from day one, never really happened. What we didn't know was what Johnson knew, and when he knew it.

The tapes indicate that within weeks after the resolution was passed he came to believe that it had been a hoax. He says so in a Sept. 18, 1964, conversation with then-Defense Secretary Robert McNamara, saying of the incident: "We concluded maybe they hadn't fired at all."

But he never told that to the

Eight days later, talking to a close friend, Senate Armed Services Committee Chairman Richard Russell, he confesses, "The great trouble I'm under — a man can fight if he can see daylight down the road somewhere. But there ain't no daylight in Vietnam. Not a bit."

Johnson to McNamara, June 21, 1965: "And I don't believe they're ever gonna quit and I don't see how we have any way of ... a plan for a victory ..."

I'm not suggesting that our current war against terrorism has the makings of another Vietnam, or that President Bush and his lieutenants have deceived the American people in any way. The point is that constant pressure in the pursuit of information is the best way to prevent either eventual victory from materializing.

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WORLD

Christians say mosque in Nazareth may threaten archaeological treasures

JERUSALEM (AP) — Christians in the Holy Land said Monday that construction of a mosque near a major shrine in Jesus' hometown of Nazareth could destroy archaeological treasures.

Muslim officials in Nazareth, Israel's largest Arab town, denied the building was doing any harm.

Construction of the mosque began earlier this month, without the necessary permits. Crews have dug a wide hole nearly 50

feet deep in a plot next to the Basilica of the Annunciation, where Christians believe the Angel Gabriel told Mary she would give birth to Jesus.

Father Michel Piccirillo, an archaeologist and director of the Franciscan Institute in Jerusalem, said construction crews have hauled away human bones and what appear to be the remains of an early church or ancient synagogue.

"They found at least four

columns and some bones," he said.

Piccirillo said he asked the Israel Antiquities Authority to arrange a detailed archaeological examination of the finds, but has received no reply. Officials of Antiquities Authority could not be reached for comment Monday.

Piccirillo also said a cemetery dating to the Roman occupation of the Holy Land was found near the basilica during the 1960s.

Salman Abu Ahmad, leader of the local Islamic Movement in Nazareth, denied the work was destroying archaeological artifacts.

"That may be what the Christians say, but I know of no church on that site," he said Monday. "In a few days, we shall have all the necessary construction permits in hand. In the meantime, the ground is being prepared."

Nazareth officials originally planned to make the plot into a shaded square where pilgrims

visiting the basilica could rest, but in early 1999, the local Islamic Movement set up a temporary tent mosque there.

Efforts to build a mosque so close to the basilica have strained Muslim-Christian relations in Nazareth and brought protests from the Vatican, which said earlier this month that building the mosque—it would put this holy place in a state of permanent

siege. President Bush raised subject of the mosque dispute in March during Ariel Sharon's first visit to the White House as Israel's prime minister, and Sharon pledged to try to resolve it. Sharon's predecessors had approved the mosque construction in principle. Muslims in the city say the building site is Muslim-owned and sits on or near the tomb of a Crusades-era Islamic sage. They accuse the Vatican and the White House of meddling in local affairs.



A demonstrator lies among white crosses etched with the names of children who have died of AIDS outside the Pretoria High Court Monday in South Africa.

Court battle begins over AIDS drugs

PRETORIA, South Africa (AP) — The South African government was deciding "whether newly born children will live or die," AIDS activists lawyers argued Monday in a lawsuit aimed at forcing distribution of a key drug to all HIV-positive pregnant women.

In the first major legal challenge to the government's policy on AIDS medication, activists and pediatricians said the drug nevirapine should be distributed nationwide.

Some 200 babies are born HIV-positive every day in South Africa, and studies show nevirapine can reduce the transmission of the virus during labor by up to 50 percent.

The German drug company Boehringer Ingelheim has offered nevirapine free to developing countries; South Africa has yet to accept the offer.

Frustrated by what they describe as irrational government footdragging, hundreds of AIDS activists held protest rallies across the country Monday under the banner, "Save Our Babies."

"This is literally about life and death," Gilbert Marcus, the AIDS activists' advocate told the Pretoria High Court, "if you make a decision by the state... whether newly born children will live or die."

The lawsuit also demands the government develop a national policy on mother-to-child transmission, including providing voluntary testing at prenatal clinics and giving infected mothers formula for their infants to prevent HIV transmission through breast milk.

Marcus dismissed the government's position that wider distribution of nevirapine could only follow an assessment of 18 pilot projects in which the drug is currently being dispersed.

In a country devastated by AIDS — one in nine South Africans are HIV-positive — Judge Chris Botha also questioned the government's actions. He repeatedly educated the state's reasoning, and asked why it had not set targets and timelines for the drug to be made available nationwide.

Botha said, "It seems to me it (nevirapine distribution) has to be extended across the country as soon as is practically possible."

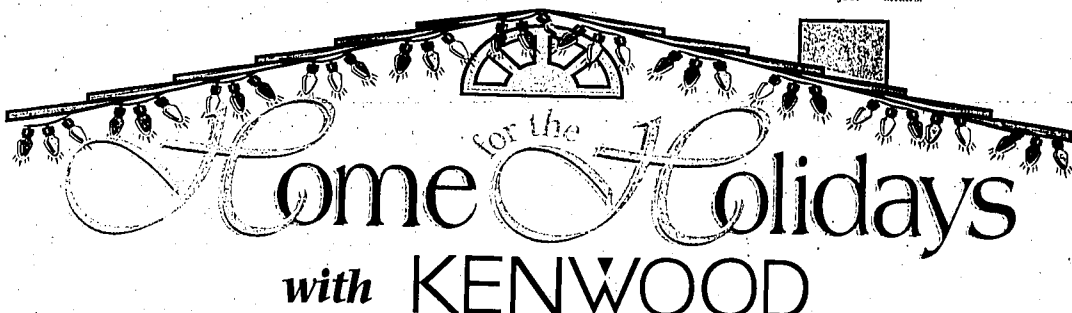
Arguing for the state, Marimo Mwanza defended the government position as justifiably cautious.

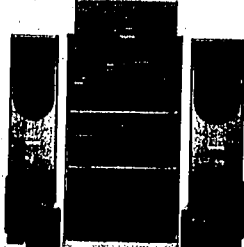
"In order to give maximum benefits to pregnant women and children, you have to have planned implementation," he said. "We are trying to be responsible."

Despite being given nevirapine, women were still transmitting HIV to their babies through breast milk, Mwanza said. He argued more counselors were needed to help educate HIV-positive mothers on the dangers of breast feeding.

And the health ministry's director general, Ayanda Ntsaluba, said it was very difficult to convince women to give their babies formula instead of breast milk.

Nevirapine has been used to stop mother-to-child transmission of HIV in several countries and is recommended by the World Health Organization.





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AROUND THE VALLEY

Police look for robbery suspect

TWIN FALLS - Twin Falls police on Monday named their primary suspect in the Nov. 20 robbery of the Onis Shop & Co. store at 2220 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls.

A warrant charging Paul Daniel Smith, 19, of Hansen with robbery has been issued, according to the Twin Falls Police Department. Smith is described as 5 feet 7 inches tall, 170 pounds with blue eyes and brown hair.

Witnesses at the store told police that a lone man walked into the store at about 3 a.m. and demanded money from the clerk before leaving with an undetermined amount of cash, according to police reports.

Anybody with information about the case should call the Twin Falls police at 735-4857. Detective Scott Smith at 735-7216, Crime Stoppers at 732-5487 or the Southern Idaho Regional Communications Center at 735-1911.

S.V. expects to announce date of opening today

SUN VALLEY - Sun Valley officials expect to announce today when they will open Bald Mountain for skiing.

Television reports that the resort will open on Saturday are not official, said Sun Valley spokeswoman Kris Cronin.

"At this point, nothing's set in stone," she said.

Sun Valley had hoped to open the ski area on Thanksgiving, but warm weather hampered snow-making efforts. But the resort received 21 inches of snow between Wednesday and Saturday. The pressure to open was heightened when Boise's Bogus Basin and McCall's Brundage Mountain announced their intent to open Wednesday. Pomerelle ski area near Albion opened Friday.

TFHS teacher gets teacher of year honor

TWIN FALLS - The Idaho Council for Teachers of English has given a Twin Falls High School teacher his top award.

Sonia Alexander has been named the "Teacher of the Year" by the council in recognition of her work for 20 years as an exemplary English teacher.

In addition to teaching sophomore English, keyboarding applications and honors English, Alexander coordinates the district's sophomore curriculum and instruction.

Local groups skip 'Nutcracker' this year

TWIN FALLS - No sugar plum fairies here this Christmas season. "The Village of the Technosky ballet and local dance studios won't sponsor a Twin Falls performance by the Eugene, Ore., Ballet of "The Nutcracker" this year.

"We just decided to take a year off and let the talent come back up a little," said Camille Barker, who coordinates special events in the continuing ed office at CSI. "Our numbers were down a little bit last year."

It's the first December since at least 1991 that the Eugene Ballet, which dances the Technosky ballet with local kids throughout the Pacific Northwest each November and December, won't be stopping in Twin Falls.

Thirty-three young dancers performed in Twin Falls in last year's production. For the five previous years, it had averaged 43.

Everybody walks away from three-car wreck

KIMBERLY - Rock Creek Fire District volunteers responded to a three-car collision at the intersection of Highway 50 and 3800 East which resulted in the roadway being closed for about two hours Saturday night.

The uninjured drivers involved in the incident were Jason Rhead of Chubbuck, Caleb Hinton of Jerome and William Ziegenbein of Eden. The two fire trucks and the emergency crew were used for traffic control.

Compiled from staff reports

Agencies coordinate to assess youth

By Dixie Thomas Reale
Times-News correspondent

JEROME - Children in the juvenile justice system may soon receive mental health assessments through Idaho's Department of Health and Welfare to determine the extent of their mental health or emotional problems.

The move is an attempt to avoid tragedies such as the shootings at Columbine High School in Colorado a couple of years ago, Bev Ashton, district liaison with the Idaho State Department of Juvenile Corrections, told the Jerome County commissioners Monday morning.

"We are at the very beginning, the development stages of setting up an alliance" among Health and Welfare, the schools, the juvenile justice system, parents, judges, churches and other interested agencies to identify and refer children for assessment, Ashton said. "Forty percent of the children in the juvenile justice system have mental health or emotional

issues. The emotional issues are often complicated by drug or alcohol use."

Kathy James, program manager for Family and Children Services with Health and Welfare, said, "We are looking for referrals of kids who are at risk for mental or emotional disturbances."

At this point, referrals come from judges and juvenile probation officers.

"Parental consent is required for the assessment... Once a child is referred, Health and Welfare will do a family assessment. Everyone in the family is included. It gives us a good view of the child and the family and how they interact

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- Bev Ashton, juvenile corrections

with one another," James said. "Then a plan for treatment is designed... We do not want to duplicate services."

The Children's Mental Health Alliance, through the Department of Health and Welfare, has access to clinical psychologists for testing, James said. The parents of the child are encouraged to pay for the child's clinical testing, recommended treatment and follow up. They are billed on a sliding scale according to their income. However, there is \$500,000 available in the Health and Welfare budget for those children who need help and whose parents can't pay, James said.

Jerome County Commissioner Alvin Chmucko said it is important that the child's parents pay because without the financial investment, there would be no incentive to change.

If a child is identified as needing an assessment but is not in the juvenile justice system and the parent refuses to give permission for the assessment, a judge can order one. Or "the school can refer the child to juvenile justice as a status offender and get the child into the system that way," James said.

Health and Welfare and the Department of Juvenile Corrections are setting up alliances in four areas: Minidoka, Twin Falls; the Northside, including Gooding, Lincoln and Jerome counties; and Blaine County. The eight-county area will make up the district council, which will meet once a month. The place and time of the meeting will be announced later.

"We want to have a very broad-based representation in the alliances," Ashton said.

WINDOW DRESSING



Fran Adams works on painting an Olympic theme winter scene on the windows of Brizez Fireplace Monday afternoon in Twin Falls. Adams and her friend, Glenn Brown, have been painting windows around town for 25 years. "If you've seen a window with a critter on it, most likely we did it. We like to paint animals," said Brown.

Maughan leaves TF for new job in Jerome

By Sandy Miller
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Dennis Maughan will start the new year off with a new job.

Maughan is leaving his position as the director of occupational health, foundation director and spokesman for the Twin Falls Clinic and Hospital to become the executive director and special projects manager at St. Benedict's Family Medical Center in Jerome.

Maughan, who's been with the clinic about a year and a half, will begin his new post Jan. 2. He said although he had forward said there were new opportunities, he'll miss his co-workers at the clinic.

"It's been a great growing experience," Maughan said of his almost two years at the clinic. "These people have been wonderful to work with. It will be hard to leave, but life is about challenges and creating new opportunities."

Maughan's job was one of the casualties of the new partnership between the clinic and Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, which plans to purchase the clinic's inpatient services, its

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- Dennis Maughan

building and some of its departments.

"They have their own marketing department, their own director of occupational health and their own spokesman for the organization," Maughan said. "As for the future of the occupational health department at the clinic, Maughan said "the details have not been worked out."

Maughan isn't alone. Many of his co-workers will be leaving the

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City, school district continue to seek deal for land near school

The Times-News

BURLEY - City and school district officials in Burley agreed to continue discussing some sort of agreement which would result in the Cassia County School District obtaining some city-owned land next to the baseball field on 17th Street. School officials want to construct a storage

building on the ground, in order to allow for additional classroom space in the education center.

Councilman Curt Mendenhall told school officials at Monday's brief, outdoor meeting that he doesn't want to stop the school's project, but he wants to explore the possibility of trading for some land.

Cassia County School Superintendent Mike Chesley said the district does not now have any excess land it could trade. But, Mendenhall men-

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Minidoka fire officials consider subdistricts

By Shari Chaney
Times-News writer

RUPERT - Subdistricts in the Minidoka County Fire Protection District need to be redrawn with the new addition of 429 people in the Jackson area, fire officials say.

Fire Chief Mike Brown proposed new subdistrict lines to the Minidoka County commissioners at their meeting Monday. Brown proposed adding the annexed Jackson area to Subdistrict 2 and moving the line between Subdistrict 2 and Subdistrict 3.

Brown proposed the line be moved to 200 North. The line dividing Subdistrict 2 and Subdistrict 3 is currently 300 North. Those homes north of the line are in Subdistrict 3; those south of the line are in Subdistrict 2.

Residents between 200 North

and 300 North, who currently are in Subdistrict 2, would move to Subdistrict 3.

Current census data is not available yet to guarantee the move would equalize each subdistrict, Brown said, but according to older data the move would

make districts more equal. Idaho code says there can be a 10 percent variation between subdistricts, Brown said.

"Brown" and the commissioners agreed to wait for current census data before approving any subdistrict changes.

Redrawing the

lines only changes where each of the three fire district commissioners can vote, Brown said. Equally sized districts give the fire district commissioners a similar amount of people to take care of, (Fire Chief Mike Brown) said.

The commissioners also heard from Gary Schorzman of the

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Alternative energy saves man money

By Coren Hart
Times-News correspondent

ELBA - At first it was just a mild interest.

Gail Ward's dad had a wind generator when the family ran the Connor Creek store. As a backup, he also had a generator, called a power plant in those days.

Today Gail Ward has three windmills and 16 solar panels running at his place a half-mile north of the store. He also has a power hill most people would envy.

"I run my fridge, lights and TV off that stuff," Ward said. "I have the house double-wired so I can switch onto the REA when it's necessary. But mostly I can use my power."

He has brown switch plates for his home power, and white switch plates for the public power. A meter sits on his television so he can keep an eye on how much power he's used.

Ward's power bill shows a minimum monthly charge of \$15. The total for last month was \$20.47 - for two houses.

His refrigerator, he is quick to point out, is not a modern, energy-efficient model. It's what he calls an "energy hog."



Gail Ward, right, explains how the banks of solar panels installed at his home follow the sun. Jim Hart of Aequale checks out Ward's solar energy system.

Ward's first venture into alternative power was a Winco Windmill, which kicks out a maximum of around 450 watts, depending on the wind. Too

much or too little can alter the output. He's had it 10 years. It has wooden blades that take a beating in hall storms and have

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MAGIC VALLEY/IDAHO

Judge throws out molestation conviction

BOISE (AP) - Three instances of prosecutorial misconduct tainted the conviction of a Blackfoot man accused of molesting his 5-year-old daughter, the Idaho Court of Appeals ruled.

Prosecutorial misconduct taints case

"Accordingly, we are unable to conclude beyond a reasonable doubt that the jury's verdict would not have been different absent the three instances of prosecutorial misconduct in this case," Chief of Appeals Judge Darrell Perry wrote.

involved would not have led to dismissal of Martinez's conviction. By telling jurors in his closing arguments that the doctor who examined the girl, and whose report was barred as hearsay, "was prevented from saying certain things."

Former legislator returns to Idaho

POST FALLS (AP) - Former Democratic state representative Wally Wright, who left Idaho seven years ago to re-examine his life and priorities, has returned to the Panhandle and wants to return to the Legislature.

ty has continued unabated since Wright lost his bid for a third term in the Idaho House. Democrats now hold just 12 of 105 seats in the Legislature.

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Idaho retail sales reflect post-Sept. 11 downturn

BOISE (AP) - The terrorist attacks on the East Coast took their toll on retail sales in Idaho during the last 2.5 weeks of September, stifling what would have otherwise been a modest resurgence in state tax collections.

Still, the state is \$17.4 million below the revised revenue target for the budget year, which already had been lowered more than \$60 million because of the economic downturn.

SERVICES

Charlotte Louise Harding of Gooding, service at 10:30 a.m. today at Demaray's Gooding Chapel.

Memorial Park, San Fernando, Calif. (Farnsworth Mortuary, Jerome).

DEATH NOTICES

Bernice W. Stone TWIN FALLS - Bernice W. Stone, 87, of Twin Falls died Saturday, Nov. 24, 2001, at Bridgeview Estates.

Funeral services pending under direction of Farmer Funeral Chapel of Buhl.

Opal E. Bernier Buhl - Opal E. Bernier, 83, of Buhl died Sunday, Nov. 25, 2001, at SunBridge Care Facility in Twin Falls.

Funeral services pending under direction of Reynolds Funeral Chapel, Twin Falls.

Shaylyn Denaughel, infant daughter of Danny and Melissa Denaughel of Heyburn, service at 11 a.m. today at the Hansen Mortuary Buhl Chapel viewing one hour before the service at the funeral chapel.

Funeral services pending under direction of Hansen Mortuary Buhl Chapel viewing one hour before the service at the funeral chapel.

HOSPITALS

MAGIC VALLEY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER Some names are omitted at the patient's request.

MINDOKA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL Some names are omitted at the patient's request.

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FILER the direction of Reynolds Funeral Chapel, Twin Falls.

GOODING LeRoy Phillip Lowman LeRoy Phillip Lowman, 86, of Gooding, Idaho, died Friday, November 23, 2001, at his home in Gooding, Idaho.

2001, at Twin Falls Care Center in Twin Falls, Idaho. Frank was born in Filer, Idaho, to Jess Small and Jennie May Parrot.

Christina Ann Row Christina Ann Row was summoned to the great beyond in the sky on Sunday November 25, 2001. She was born in Twin Falls, Idaho, on April 2, 1912, to Neil & Blanche Estess Beaton.

At LeRoy's request, no public services will be held. Cremation and private inurnment are under the direction of the Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls, Idaho.

TWIN FALLS Frank S. Cavender Frank S. Cavender, 78, of Twin Falls, died Friday, November 23,

2001, at Twin Falls Care Center in Twin Falls, Idaho. Frank was born in Filer, Idaho, to Jess Small and Jennie May Parrot.

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Counties consider sharing law clerk

By Nate Johnson
Times-News writer

Minidoka and Cassia look to work together

BURLEY - Instead of utilizing law clerks, Minidoka and Cassia county courts may jointly hire a lawyer who would split his time between the two county courts.

Fifth District Judge Monte Carlson presented the idea to Cassia County commissioners Monday morning. Carlson said there are several problems with having a law clerk in Cassia County. Those include the fact the clerk must spend a lot of time studying for the bar exam, the county must hire and train a new clerk every year, and the clerk's salary is the lowest of any Idaho county.

Cassia County pays its law

clerks \$27,600 a year, well below the state average of \$33,000. Minidoka County pays \$1,000 more a year than Cassia, Carlson said.

Law clerks are usually students who have finished law school but have not passed the bar exam.

Carlson would like to hire a lawyer instead of a clerk. The clerks' salaries from Minidoka and Cassia counties would be combined to hire a lawyer. This lawyer would work four hours at each county's court each day. By splitting the salary, the counties would both save some money, Carlson said.

"If we can spend less and get

"If we can spend less and get more, I'm all for it."

- Paul Christensen, commissioner

more, I'm all for it," said Commissioner Paul Christensen. Carlson said he has tossed the idea around with District Judge John Melanson. Both of them are happy with their current clerks, but because of the low wages, clerks usually "go for better pickings," Carlson said.

Carlson got the idea when he met a surprisingly efficient and knowledgeable law clerk in Coeur d'Alene. Unlike most law clerks, who usually work for one or two years, she had worked in the position for 17 years.

Also Monday, commissioners heard about accumulated sick days for county employees.

If county employees don't use their sick days, they lose those days, Cassia County Jail Administrator Dennis Dexter said.

Some employees get sick on a regular basis, more regularly than most, Dexter said.

Employees receive no benefit

for accumulating sick days, Dexter said. In theory, employees save up sick days against the possibility of severe illness. Those who retire without sick leave to spare are not eligible for any sort of reward. Dexter believes some use sick leave as vacation time.

So many people are taking sick days that Dexter has been scrambling schedules at the jail, to avoid being short-handed.

The sick days matter is now pegged for review by a committee.

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Paper wants to hear from parents who draw the line

TWIN FALLS - This is the season for rampant materialism, and children and teen-agers - as ever - are leading the charge. But when is enough enough?

The Times-News is preparing an article about how parents can curb their kids' desire for ever more stuff at Christmastime. If you're a mom or dad who's drawn the line and you'd like to share your story, give us a call.

Call Steve Crump at 735-3223 or 888-888-2223, Ext. 223, or e-mail him at crump@magicvalley.com.

Burley's Festival of Trees opens this week

By Dex Dutton
Times-News correspondent

BURLEY - With the theme "All Around the World," a gala dinner and tree auction will kick off the 24th annual Festival of Trees Wednesday night at the Roper building in downtown Burley.

Festival chairwoman Glenna Turner of Burley said this year's theme was selected in response to the Sept. 11 tragedy.

"We had a different theme every year, but we changed to this one," Turner said. "This is an attempt to try to bring our world a little closer together."

Turner said this year's offering of 84 entries will meet, if not surpass, the success of the previous years.

"We have trees, paintings, wreaths, metal art, fireplaces and many other entries. This is shaping up to be one of our bigger years," she said.

Festival entertainment is designed to cater to a wide range of tastes. Schools, dance studios, jazz bands and individual soloists will perform throughout the festival's three-day run.

And that adds up to pretty good entertainment for a buck.

"At a dollar for adults and 50 cents for kids, it is quite a bargain," Turner said.

"It is just nice to look at the trees and visit with your neighbors and friends," she said.

Cassia Health Care Foundation President Bruce Beck said support from the community keeps the annual fest alive and successful. The foundation sponsors the annual event.

"This is a good community get-together. We probably have as many entries as we have ever had," Beck said.

Now in its second year at the Roper building on Overland Avenue in Burley, the festival is a good fit for the location, Beck said.

"The Roper building works well for the festival. The Roper family has been very generous and supportive to us," Beck said.

Money raised at the festival will go to area hospitals, quick response units and academic scholarships for those pursuing



Tara Carlson puts the finishing touches on a tree for the Festival of Trees. Tree set-up starts today at the Roper's Building in downtown Burley, with tree-viewing set open to the general public Thursday.

medical careers. A portion of the last year's festival money was used to buy blood pressure monitors used in the Cassia Regional Medical Center in Burley.

"We have eight to ten thousand dollars going to the scholarships alone," Turner said.

For Kay Hansen of Burley, the Festival of Trees is not just an event, it is a passion spanning 12 years of involvement with the event. Hansen, who will help with five of the trees set to be auctioned off at the festival, said her tree decorating sometimes means an early start.

"Whenever I was up at 2:30 this morning working on the sheriff's office tree," Hansen said. "I spent five hours making the tree's star out of grape vine and barberry. The star is a symbol of the World Trade Center towers.

The festival

What: The 24th annual Festival of Trees
Where: The Roper building on Overland Avenue, downtown Burley
Price: Adults \$1, children 50 cents.
Information: 678-0988 or 678-9794

Schedule

Today, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., tree and display set up
Wednesday, 6-8 p.m., gala dinner and tree auction. Cost: \$25. Entertainment: The Mount Hanson Heritage Foundation's presentation of excerpts from "Babes in Toyland," chamber singing ensemble.
Thursday, 10 a.m.-noon, festival entry reserved for seniors and physically challenged; noon-9 p.m., tree viewing open to general public
Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m.-9 p.m., tree viewing open to general public

We felt it would be nice this year for the sheriff's department and fire department to be involved in the festival."

Hansen said other volunteers donated time making wooden hand-painted ornaments for

the tree.

"My husband and I have been involved in the event for 12 years now. Our community comes together, and we are all thankful for what we have. I just think you need to give back," Hansen said.

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to be maintained every year. It's on a 30-foot tower.

There's also a windmill that pumps water. It's hooked to a drip system that keeps junipers and pines growing even in drought conditions.

Ward's newest wind generator is called the Whisper, and that's just what it does, in addition to generating about 800 watts of electrical power.

Quietly shushing as it turns, it's on a 40-foot tower that he can tilt down with a tractor for maintenance work. The injection-molded fiberglass blades are tougher than wood and require no maintenance. He checks it over with binoculars about once a month.

But his latest project caused him to recruit his friend, Dean Baker, who taught electronics for many years before his recent retirement. The pair salvaged some unused pedestals from outdated satellite dishes. Ward built a platform on the top of each for his solar panels and mounted the panels. Now Baker is working on a computer program which will tilt the solar panels to track the sun's daily journey across the sky.

When he's got it set up, Ward won't have to manually shift them. "I love programs," Baker said. "This is a neat challenge."

He's got a laptop in a cardboard box next to the pedestal, and it's wired to the two solar panel plates. They're kicking out a total of around 1,000 watts.

"I just come up and have

lunch, play my guitar a little and work on this program," Baker said.

Ward had his roof cellar for years. It now houses, in addition to some canned goods and a few squash, a row of impressive-looking electrical boxes. All the windmills and solar panels send their output to the boxes, to be monitored and then stored in large carpet cleaner batteries and used as needed. Installing them was not too difficult because he has plenty of technical support from the manufacturers.

It was a hobby that grew on him. He needed something new and alternative energy fit the bill.

"It's a fun hobby," Ward said. "I like to see what I can get from the sun and the wind."

Mike Santini, Ward's neighbor, has a small solar-rum pump to water his cattle in the event of a power outage. There have been no emergencies in the three years it has been installed, so he set it up to irrigate some trees.

Although small and slow, it works "beautifully," Santini said.

"Solar and wind are still kind of expensive for the average person," Santini said. "But you have to have some concern for the earth. I don't want to come off as too green here - I think there's a middle ground."

He already heats with wood and would like to have a system like Ward's.

"It would be great to be energy independent," Santini said.

Land

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tioned the possibility of involving the county somehow.

Councilman Brent Kerbs reminded those at the meeting that several years ago the district offered the school district the land it now wants, as well as some other nearby property. However, the district wasn't then interested in the land.

Developing the land will make the "corner look better," Kerbs said. "It is a blighted corner."

Mayor Doug Manning told Kerbs to call him and they'd schedule another meeting in December to talk about more details.

Mendenhall said he hoped to have things ironed out by the end of January.

Maughan

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clinic to take jobs at the hospital and elsewhere in the community.

"It's been an interesting experience," Maughan said. "I think we all, when we take jobs, think we're going to be there forever."

Magie Valley Regional is negotiating the purchase of the clinic's lease on a 44-bed operation that includes an admitting intensive care, the upstairs pharmacy, biomedical (equipment for inpatient services), housekeeping and respiratory therapy, as well as the clinic building and property. It also looks to buy the clinic's laboratory, radiology, pathology and same-day surgery departments, along with the open MRI the clinic and hospital purchased together.

The price tag of the clinic purchase is being said to be in the \$15 million and \$13 million. Magie Valley Regional expects the transition to be complete in six to 18 months.

Maughan's last official day at the clinic is Jan. 1.

Maughan became familiar with St. Benedict's through its parent organization, the private, non-profit Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise, was looking into purchasing the clinic. In September, officials at Saint Al's and the clinic agreed not to extend negotiations, citing price as one of the factors.

Maughan said he's looking forward to working at St. Benedict's. "I think they're a great organization," Maughan said. "They've got a tremendous potential for growth. I have the benefit of knowing a lot of the folks in Boise, and I'm looking forward to getting reacquainted with the Jerome community."

As the executive director of the St. Benedict's Family Medical Center Foundation, Maughan's mission is to enhance the foundation's ability to raise funds for projects and programs that improve health care at the hospital and in the community.

"I'm extremely happy and elated that Dennis will be joining our staff as the new chief officer," Benedict's chief executive officer, Maughan would work for the foundation's board of directors. Maughan wouldn't say what his salary would be, only that it's about the same as he's now making at the clinic.

Maughan said although he'll be ready to hit the ground running, he doesn't have any plans to make any sweeping changes - at least not for awhile.

"My typical approach to something new is to sit back and learn about the people I'm going to be involved with," Maughan said.

Maughan, 46, moved to Twin Falls with his family when he was in junior high school. He graduated from Twin Falls High School in 1973 and later earned a degree in business administration from California Coast University in Santa Ana.

Maughan threw his hat in the political arena in 1994 when he was elected to a seat on the Twin Falls County Commission. He resigned in 1999 to take a job as the regional director for the state Department of Health and Welfare. He resigned from that job in February 2000 and went to work at the clinic two months later.

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Indian leaders meet to discuss health, education, other issues

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) - Issues of sovereignty and economic development dominated conversation and the agenda Monday as this year's latest U.S. gathering of American Indian and Alaska Native representatives got under way.

More than 2,500 delegates were expected at the five-day National Congress of American Indians conference. Sessions were scheduled on issues such as trust reform, sovereignty protection, economic development and health.

In opening remarks, Sen. Maria Cantwell, D-Wash., said the federal government has a responsibility to increase spending on Indian health and education programs, and to aid economic

progress through access to broadband communications. She also called for a comprehensive U.S. Energy Department study of tribal energy programs.

"The U.S. government must respect tribal sovereignty," said Cantwell, a member of the Senate Indian Affairs Committee.

Cantwell was among a host of politicians invited to the conference by Indian leaders planning to lobby for better funding of a host of programs.

J. Steven Gelles, deputy secretary at the Department of the Interior, was scheduled to appear Wednesday, with an outline of a proposal to create a new federal agency charged with overseeing Indian trust assets.

The plan, recently announced by Interior Secretary Gale Norton, has been met with skepticism in Indian Country.

The new agency - the Bureau of Indian Trusts Management - would have jurisdiction over millions of dollars in royalties derived annually from mining, cattle grazing, oil drilling and logging on Indian land held in trust by the federal government.

Indian leaders agree there is need for reform, but there is disagreement over how to achieve it, NCAI President Susan Masten said.

"If anyone's account had been mismanaged the way Indian accounts have been mismanaged, there would have been a tremendous outcry," Masten said. "It

needs to be fixed and fixed quickly."

The new bureau was created in October, after a threat of contempt-of-court citations against Norton and nearly 40 other past and present officials for their failure to correct the situation. The funds have been mismanaged for more than a century, and a class-action lawsuit on behalf of 300,000 Indians claims more than \$10 billion has been squandered.

Several of this week's sessions are devoted to sovereignty and the rights of tribal governments as independent nations. Members are expected to vote on a resolution of support for legislation asking Congress to clarify the rights of tribal governments, Masten said.

Subdistricts

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Minidoka County Historical Society. Schorzman presented the commissioners with a framed certificate for their support of the society.

Schorzman also showed the plans for a new addition to the south side of the historical society building. It will house specific diaries and a library, Schorzman said.

In other commissioner business:

- Paul Aston, planning and zon-

ing commission administrator, said construction in Minidoka County is up compared to this time last year. However, it is not as high as it had been in other past years, Aston said.

Planning and zoning officials are wrapping up revisions on a zoning ordinance and should have a draft by the end of the year, Aston said. They will look at a subdivision ordinance as well.

Aston expects plans on the law enforcement building remodeling to be returned in a few weeks,

with construction beginning before the end of the year.

Construction has wrapped up on the Crane Building, except for a few minor projects. The assessor's office will move to the Crane Building.

"The commissioners gave final approval to the Croft subdivision, located at 300 South, just past 500 West. It includes four one-acre lots.

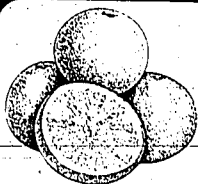
The commissioners approved the policy and procedure manual for weed control in

Minidoka County.

Superintendent Reid Smith said drafting the manual comes from an experience in Twin Falls County, where taxpayers were asking questions and not getting answers. Having a manual will allow anyone to find the answers when people ask.

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The Huskies weren't hurt as much as they were numbed, out of the fight quicker than Poland was in World War II.

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—Blaine Newnam of the *Seattle Times*, commenting on Washington's 65-7 blowout loss to Miami on Saturday.

TRIVIA QUESTION:

Which three Pacific 10 schools have losing bowl records?
...answer below

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

High school boys basketball
Oakley at MVC, 7 p.m.
Valley at Filer, 7:30 p.m.
High school girls basketball
Sho-ban at TFCA, 4 p.m.
Bliss at ISDB, 6 p.m.
Richfield at Shoshone, 6 p.m.
Rockland at Raft River, 6 p.m.
Camas County at Dietrich, 7:30 p.m.
Kimberly at Gooding, 6 p.m.
Century at Jerome, 6 p.m.
Glenns Ferry at Rimrock, 6 p.m.
Wood River at Wendell, 6 p.m.
Maldt at Declo, 7 p.m.

IN BRIEF

Coaches: please fax stats to Times-News

Area girls and boys basketball high school basketball coaches are asked to please fax their season statistics on the sheets that were sent out to all schools last week.

Send faxes c/o Scott Thompson to (208) 677-4543.

Three football assistants lose jobs at Idaho

MOSCOW — University of Idaho football coach Tom Cable announced Sunday the contracts of three assistant coaches will not be renewed for the 2002 season.

Citing a need for improvement in the performance of the defense and special teams, Cable said the contracts of David Hunsbarger (special teams coordinator, safeties), Tony Crutchfield (cornerbacks, returners) and Todd Holness (running backs, kickoff return) will not be renewed when they expire on June 30, 2002.

"We have not performed up to the level of expectations in those areas," Cable said. "It's time to make some changes."

A search has begun for their replacements.

Sign up for Kimberly Youth Association basketball

KIMBERLY — Registration for the Kimberly Youth Association basketball season will be Thursday and Friday in the commons area of the new Kimberly High School from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Boys and girls in grades 3-6 are eligible to participate in the league. For more information contact Jamie Carlton at 423-6173.

Correction

Jerome soccer player Cristian Capilla's name was misspelled in the 4A all-conference soccer teams story in Monday's sports section.

The Times-News regrets the error.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

TRIVIA ANSWER:

Arizona, California and Oregon.

Changes charge HS hoops season

The Times-News

New faces, new places, new classes and best of all: a new season.

The march to Boise and the 2002 boys basketball state tournament begins in earnest this week for 29 area high school teams.

And changes abound around the Magic and Wood River valleys, beginning at the top. Ten new coaches take over programs in the area at Bliss, Camas County, Dietrich, Filer, Glenns Ferry, Hansen, Jerome, Magic Valley Christian, Oakley and Valley High schools.

The most prominent change was Roger Curesia's move from Valley to Oakley. Curesia left the state championship Vikings program to rebuild the athletics department at Oakley. In his

High School

Sports Previews

Boys Basketball

The Times-News begins its three-day preview of high school boys basketball.

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Thursday: 1A

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stead is Bernard Mussmann, who steps up from the girls' junior varsity post.

The Vikings have one return-

ing starter, Clark Wyatt, back from the invariable 24-1 team of a year ago.

The annual revolving door at Jerome welcomes its third new coach in five seasons with the signing of Houston Finn to take over a tall Tigers squad that won just two games last season under Larry Walter.

Finn, who assisted at Dickinson (N.D.) State last year, brings a new energy and a fresh outlook on a program long removed from its former place as a state power.

Speaking of state powers, the bulk of it for the big schools looks to come again in east with Pocatello high school Highland, Century and Pocatello seemingly having the upper hand.

Around the valley, however, it's anybody's guess in the A-3 and A-2 ranks with defending

conference champion Declo in the A-3 Southwest Central Idaho Conference looking to compensate for the loss of junior guard Marc Christensen to a knee injury suffered late in the season.

The Hornets went undefeated until the state tournament, where Declo was unceremoniously bounced from the tournament in two games.

Look for a wide-open race between perennial power Kimberly and hopefuls Buhl, Gooding and Wood River to challenge this season.

For the A-2 Canyon Conference, defending state champion Valley looks to rebound from the graduation of Player of the Year Rob Black, now a freshman for the College of Southern Idaho basketball team.

Wyatt leads the Vikings, with guards Anthony Nelson and Kyle Anderson leading a three-guard set.

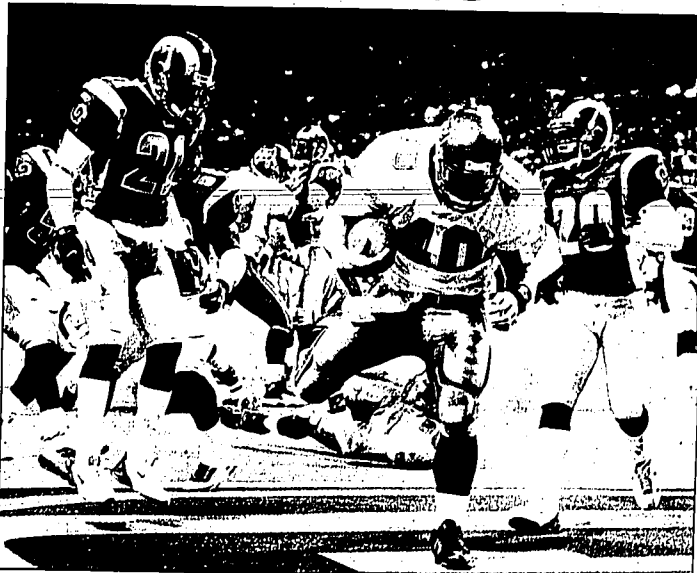
Under new coach Keith Adams, Glenns Ferry hopes its ride to the football state championship game carries over to the basketball court with standouts Cole Ourellon, Mark Black and Corey Hall looking to lead the Pilots.

Wendell is the tallest of the bunch with 6-foot-7 Kael Pope and 6-5 Sherman King rounding the paint.

And as usual, the wide-open 1A leagues will provide plenty of action and intense competition and some of the best rebound in the state.

Carey is the defending state runner-up and Oakley's third year ago with Rafi River placing fourth.

Bucs upset sluggish St. Louis



Tampa Bay fullback Mike Alstott steps into the end zone to score during the first quarter against the Rams at the Dome at America's Center in St. Louis Monday.

Miami, Florida stand 1-2 in latest BCS ranks

The Associated Press

Miami (10-0) and Florida (9-1) have met 50 times since 1938 — the series is tied 25-all — but never with the national title on the line for both teams. Last year, Miami beat Florida 37-20 in the Sugar Bowl, just a few days after players from each team duked it out in a Bourbon Street brawl.

With Nebraska and Oklahoma losing — the Huskers were first, the Sooners were second in the Thanksgiving weekend — the latest BCS standings underwent major changes.

Texas (10-1) jumped to third place, with Nebraska (11-1) fourth, Oregon (9-1) fifth and Tennessee (9-1) sixth.

Miami, ranked No. 1 in the AP media poll the past seven weeks, had 2.92 points in the BCS standings. Florida had 6.95 points and Texas was next at 8.77 points. The next three teams were within 1.39 points of each other — Nebraska at 10.48 points, Oregon at 10.87 and Tennessee at 11.87.

The BCS ratings, which determine who plays in Pasadena, are based on a formula that incorporates the AP media and coaches' polls, eight computers, strength of schedule, non-loss record and bonus points for big wins.

Please see BCS, Page C2

The Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Warren Sapp slowed up what he called "the greatest show on turf" just in time to keep the Tampa Bay Buccaneers alive in the playoff race.

The Bucs upset the St. Louis Rams 24-17 Monday night as the 300-pound defensive tackle, who had just three sacks coming into the game, added two more against Kurt Warner, forced a fumble and spent much of the game in the St. Louis backfield.

Mike Alstott ran for touchdowns of 7 and 8 yards and

Monday Night Football

Warrick Dunn scored on 21 yards out early in the fourth quarter to break a 17-all tie.

Two late interceptions sealed the win and kept the Bucs (5-5) in the NFC playoff race. The loss dropped St. Louis (8-2) into a tie for first in the NFC West with San Francisco.

But the win didn't come easy. With 6:30 left, the Bucs had a fourth-and-inches at the St. Louis 10 following a blocked punt by Ronde Barber. Instead of trying a field goal that would have given

them a 10-point lead, they went for it and got the first down.

But three plays later, Brian Young intercepted Brad Johnson's pass and the Rams reached the Bucs' 42 before Donnie Abraham intercepted Warner's fourth-down pass to seal that game.

The Rams got the ball back with 2:35 left, but John Lynch intercepted Warner's first pass to clinch the game.

The Rams, who beat Tampa Bay 11-6 here in the NFC title game two seasons ago and lost 35-35 in Tampa last season, moved up and down the field all night but managed just one TD. They fumbled

three times and took over the NFL lead in turnovers with 32.

Sapp came into the game with just three sacks in nine games. Last season, he had 16.5 and his 29 in the 1999 and 2000 seasons led the NFL over that period.

But on this night, he lived up to his reputation, even forcing Frank Garcia's second start at left guard for the injured Tom Nuten, out of the game. Nuten, who had a high ankle sprain, returned in the third quarter and limped off again in the fourth.

The Bucs led 10-9 at halftime although they were outgained 210-

Suns outshine Jazz in OT

The Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — Stephon Marbury scored 33 points and sparked an overtime run that led the Phoenix Suns past the Utah Jazz 111-104 Monday night.

Marbury and Rodney Rogers hit 3-pointers in a 91 burst in the 300-and-33 overtime. Phoenix missed five free throws in the extra period, but held Utah to 2-of-10 shooting.

Shawn Marion had 15 points and Anfernee Hardaway and Tony Delk each added 14 for the Suns.

Karl Malone, who played the final 36 minutes of the game, paced Utah with 27 points but shot 10-of-28.

Donyell Marshall had 23 points and 15 rebounds for the Jazz, who have yet to win consecutive games this season and are off to the worst start in 18 years at 5-9.

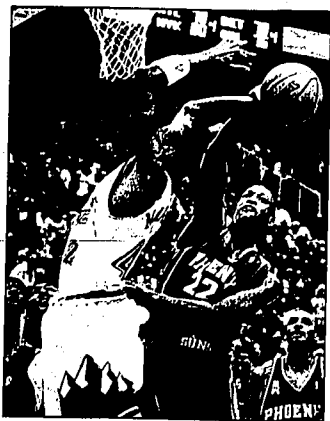
Trailing 93-89, the Suns scored six straight points, ending with Marion's jumper with 2:17 left for a 95-93 lead.

Utah took a 98-95 edge with 1:25 to play on Marshall's 3-pointer, but Malone shot three air balls in the last minute and the Jazz didn't score again in regulation.

Marbury made a pair of free throws with 22 seconds left to send the game to overtime.

Hardaway's 3-pointer and layup capped a 10-0 surge that put the Suns ahead 48-27. Behind Jaron Collins' seven points, Utah cut the lead to 62-50 at halftime.

Please see NBA, Page C2



Suns forward John Wallace fouls Jazz forward Donyell Marshall as Marshall goes up for a shot Monday in Salt Lake City.

Same two on top but three newcomers crash Top 25

The Associated Press

Duke and Illinois stayed 1-2 in the AP college basketball poll Monday, while three teams that reached championship gambles of preseason tournaments moved into the rankings for the first time this season.

The Blue Devils (4-0), who opened defense of their national championship last week by winning the Maui Invitational and staying undefeated, stayed No. 1 with 67 first-place votes and 1,747 points from the national media panel.

The Fighting Illini (5-0), who won four games last week in taking the Las Vegas Invitational, stayed No. 2, receiving the other three No. 1 votes and 1,672 points.

The three new teams in the rankings were Ball State, which came in at No. 16 after its impressive run in the Maui Invitational; Marquette, which moved in at No. 23 after winning the Great Alaska Shootout; and Wake Forest, which held the 25th spot after reaching the

The Top 10 teams

Rank	Team	Record	Pts
1.	Duke	4-0	1,747
2.	Illinois	5-0	1,672
3.	Missouri	5-0	1,564
4.	Arizona	3-0	1,470
5.	Maryland	3-1	1,394
6.	Florida	2-1	1,297
7.	Iowa	4-1	1,171
8.	Kansas	2-1	1,181
9.	Virginia	3-0	1,105
10.	UCLA	2-1	1,058

finals of the Preseason NIT.

Missouri, which won the inaugural Guardians Classic, moved up two spots to No. 3, while Arizona, which didn't play last week, moved from eighth to No. 4.

Maryland and Florida each moved up one place to fifth and sixth, while Iowa, Kansas, Virginia and UCLA rounded out the Top Ten.

Stanford was 11th, followed in the Second Ten by Syracuse, Kentucky, Oklahoma State, Boston College, Ball State,

Please see TOP 25, Page C2

SPORTS

Warriors beat back Bears in opener

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — Raymond Miller scored 20 points and Pete McMullen added 17 as the Twin Falls Christian Academy won its season opener, defeating Bliss 64-46 in boys high school basketball Monday in Twin Falls.

Local sports

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Hoyas pound Grambling State

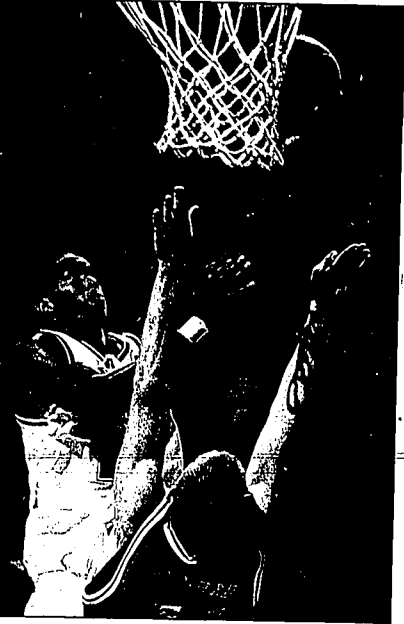
WASHINGTON — Wesley Wilson set career highs with 23 points and 13 rebounds to lead No. 16 Georgetown to a 103-69 victory over Grambling State on Monday night.

The Hoyas (4-1) won despite playing without their leading scorer and rebounder Michael Sweetney, reserve guard Tony Bethel and they temporarily lost reserve forward Harvey Thomas.

No. 21 Alabama 76, Utah 61 TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — Terrance Meade scored 18 points and Rod Grizzard had 16 points and 11 rebounds as Alabama beat Utah.

The Crimson Tide (4-1) shot 63 percent in the second half and led throughout against the Utes (2-2).

Women's Games No. 1 UConn 88, Wake Forest 38 WASHINGTON-SALEM, N.C. — SWIN KASH and Diana Taurasi



Alabama's Rod Grizzard shoots against Utah's Lanco Allred during their game Monday in Tuscaloosa, Ala.

each scored 14 points and No. 1 Connecticut shot well from the start to rout Wake Forest 88-38 Monday night.

BCS

Continued from C1 The final BCS standings will be released Dec. 9. "Miami and Florida are in control. It's up to them," said Jerry Palm, who operates a Web site that closely monitors the BCS standings.

The run for the roses: Bowl Championship Series standings

Table with 10 columns: Team, W, L, T, Pct, Conf, BCS Points, etc. Lists teams like Miami, Florida, Texas, etc.

Colorado for the Big 12 title on Saturday, had 3 points for poll average, 3.83 for computer average, 1.84 for strength of schedule, 1-for-1 for non-loss record and .9 bonus deduction for beating seventh-rated Colorado (9-2) earlier this season, 41-7.

Top 25

Table with 10 columns: Rank, Team, W, L, T, Pct, Conf, BCS Points, etc. Lists teams like Miami, Florida, Texas, etc.

Last year, Miami missed the national title game by .32 points. The Hurricanes finished third behind unbeaten Oklahoma and Florida State, which lost its only game to Miami.

NBA

Continued from C1 Knicks 88, Hawks 83 NEW YORK — Latrell Sprewell tied his season-high with 29 points, scoring New York's final eight, as the Knicks got Marcus Camby back in their lineup and defeated the Atlanta Hawks 88-83 Monday night.

added 18 points, and Mark Jackson had 11 assists for the Knicks, who sent the Hawks to their ninth defeat in 10 road games. Shareef Abdur-Rahim had 26 and Dion Glover scored 13 for the Hawks.

Williams scored eight of his 19 points in the final 2:17 to rally Memphis over Sacramento. Williams, traded to Memphis by Sacramento in the offseason, and Rodney Buford, who scored 21 points, helped lead the Grizzlies to their second win in 13 games.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Jags' Jimmy Smith tests positive for cocaine

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Jacksonville Jaguars receiver Jimmy Smith tested positive for cocaine after police stopped him Nov. 11 on suspicion of drunken driving, but he will not be prosecuted. Smith could face disciplinary action from the NFL for violating the league's substance abuse policy.



Jimmy Smith

Knicks activate Camby after 14 games

NEW YORK — Marcus Camby started at center for the New York Knicks on Monday night after missing the first 14 games of the season because of an injury to his left heel. Camby was activated from the injured list prior to the game against Atlanta. The Knicks struggled without him, winning only six of their first 14 games.

IAAF investigates Sotomayer drug case

MONACO, Monte Carlo — Track's international federation is investigating why two parts of a drug test on high-jump champion Javier Sotomayer produced markedly different results. The International Association of Athletic Federations council was told Monday that the first part of the 1992 Olympic champion's sample tested positive for the steroid nandrolone after a July 14 meet in Spain. But the second part showed 50 percent less of the drug.

Louisiana-Lafayette fires football coach

LAFAYETTE, La. — The University of Louisiana-Lafayette fired football coach Jerry Baldwin Monday, citing a lack of improvement during the past three seasons. Baldwin had a 6-27 record as head coach of the Ragin' Cajuns, who finished 3-8 this season, their first in the newly formed Sun Belt Conference football league.

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SPORTS

Top four remain unchanged in women's poll

The Associated Press
Connecticut led a top four that stayed the same Monday in The Associated Press women's basketball poll, which had four newcomers after a week filled with losses by Top 25 teams.

UConn, winner of the precision WNIT, took a 5-0 record into Monday night's game at Wake Forest.
Tennessee (3-0) received the two other first-place votes after a 90-75 victory over Louisiana Tech, which slipped one spot to sixth.

BASEBALL

Baseball Calendar
Today: Oregon State Baseball Postgame
Arizona State Baseball Postgame
Arizona State Baseball Postgame

SCORES AND STATS

Table with columns for team names and scores. Includes sections for 'The Men's Top 25' and 'NBA Leaders'.

Glenn won't play for Patriots next year

FOXBORO, Mass. (AP) - New England wide receiver Terry Glenn could be put on injured reserve if he doesn't recover from a hamstring injury soon. That would mean the end of his season, and perhaps the end of his Patriots career.

He returned with seven catches for 110 yards from San Diego in Week 5, but hasn't played since then because of a lingering hamstring injury.
In an interview with WBZ-TV on Sunday night, after the Patriots (6-5) beat the New Orleans Saints 34-17, Glenn was asked directly whether the hamstring injury was related to the signing bonus he received in July.

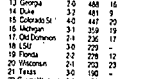
the television interview on Monday, saying, "Nothing's changed."
He walked out of training camp after he was suspended by the league and the team tried to suspend him for the rest of the season. An arbitrator overturned the team suspension, and Glenn returned to help New England beat the Chargers on Oct. 14.
But Glenn complained of soreness in his right leg after that game.

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MONDAY'S WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

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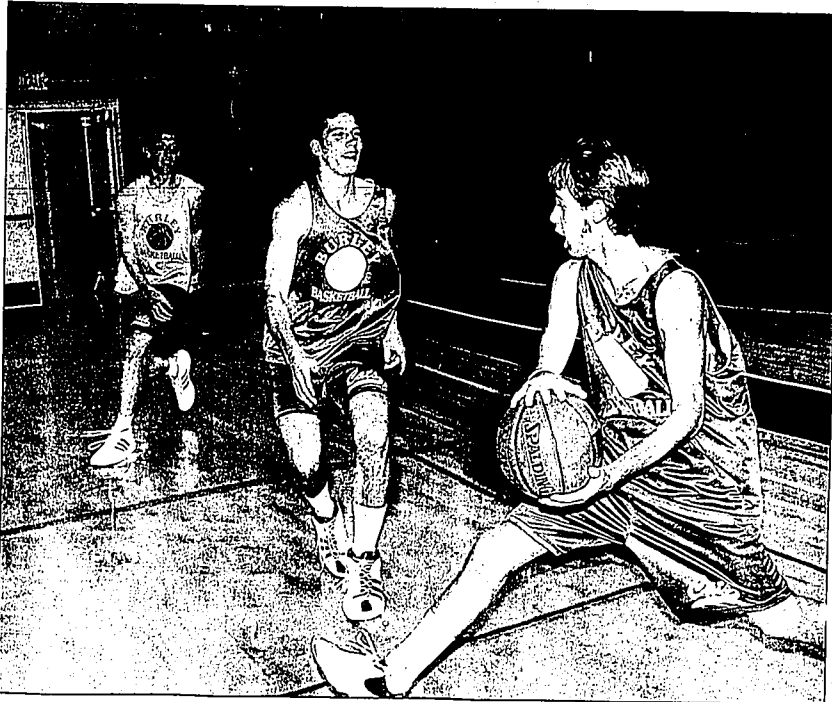
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BOYS HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL



Burley's big three of guard Jono Barker, foreground, Jacob Kay, center, and Eric Berg hope to lead the Bobcats to a run of the Great Basin Conference championship and a trip to the state tournament this season.

Bobcats, Tigers hope to claw to top of Great Basin

By Scott Thompson
Times-News writer

Local boys' basketball teams Burley and Jerome have their work cut out for them in the rugged Great Basin Conference, as wins will not come cheap in what is almost certainly one of the toughest regions in the state.

The Burley Bobcats, coming off a campaign in which they went 10-15, have tremendous quickness but limited height.

But sixth-year Bobcat coach Matt Harr likes what he sees from his squad.

He said it may take time for the team to come together, but he feels it will by the time tournaments roll around.

"I really think we could be a sleeper," he said. "None of the other teams are expecting anything from us. But I think by the end of the year, we'll have jelled."

The foundation of Harr's optimism can be found in senior returning starters Jono Barker and Eric Berg.

Barker, who was the region's Player of the Year in soccer, brings the same leadership and fierce work ethic to basketball. And not to mention the same quickness and ball-handling abilities.

The 5-foot-10 guard averaged seven points a game for the Bobcats last year and made it very tough for the opposition to apply full-court pressure to Burley.

Berg is a 6-3 post who plays much bigger than his listed height, according to Harr.

He averaged just four points and four rebounds a game last year. Needless to say, much big-

Great Basin Conference Coaches' poll

1. Century
2. Burley
3. Bonneville
4. Blackfoot
5. Jerome

—results taken from area coaches' questionnaires and phone polls to out-of-area schools

ger things are expected of him this year.

"From ninth to 12th grade, his improvement is remarkable," Harr said.

Cole Nelson, a 6-1 junior guard, is solid offensively and defensively and Harr calls him one of the hardest workers he's ever had in his program.

Nelson and Randy White, a 6-1 senior guard who transferred from Salt Lake City, should both provide scoring for the Bobcats.

The team's No. 1 asset will be quickness.

"All the other teams will be taller than us," Harr said. "But we can take advantage of that, too. We're by far the quickest team in the region."

However, Harr is concerned with his team's ability to rebound.

"There are some big guys in the region," he said. "Defensively we'll be OK but we'll need to crash the boards—on offense and defense."

Like the Bobcats, Jerome is pointing toward the end of the season for a measure of the team's strength. Coming off a 2-18 season the Tigers are learning a new system under first-year Tiger coach Houston Finn.

Unlike the Bobcats, Jerome's strength is its height—with seven players listed at 6-2 or

taller. Returning senior starters Ben Lammers and Travis Hiatt are two of those players.

Lammers, a 6-4 forward, is a sensational athlete who "can jump out of the gym," according to Finn. He is also a good shooter when left open.

Hiatt is a 6-6 center who works hard in the paint and has a deft touch around the basket. Kiel Thibault, a 6-1 senior guard, is the team's leader, Finn said.

"We should have solid size so you'd think that we'd be able to rebound well," said Finn, who was an assistant coach at Dickinson (N.D.) State last year.

"But you never know."

Another asset for the Tigers has been the team's attitude.

"We have great heart and great work ethic," Finn said. "We are working very hard and good things will happen for this group."

He said it will take a little time for the team to learn the new system and learn how to win.

"We're not trying not to get too detailed right now," Finn said. "We're just trying to stick to basics."

But Finn feels that by districts, the Tigers will be firing on all cylinders.

"Jerome, with that new coach and all that height, might just be

a sleeper," Harr agreed.

But to do damage in the tournament, both the Tigers and Bobcats will have to overcome some stiff competition, starting with the Century Diamondbacks.

"Century may be the best team in the state—in either 4A or 5A," Harr said. "They were one of the best last year."

And with 6-6 forward Matt Stucki back Century figures only to be better.

Stucki, who shared the region's MVP honors last year, is one of the best players in the state and certainly the best in this region, said Harr.

And while Stucki is without question the centerpiece of the Diamondbacks' attack, he is not alone.

"They are a good all-around team," Harr said. "They take what you give them and run when it's there. But they can't also play the slow-down game."

Bonneville returns Jake Burtenshaw, the other co-MVP from last year. The Bees are a big team, preferring to sit back in a matchup zone and pound you inside on offense.

Blackfoot is the team that most closely resembles Burley as the Broncos prefer to run-and-gun and apply full-court defensive pressure.

Riley Price, a 6-1 guard, spearheads the attack for Blackfoot. Price is an ultra-quick spark-plug, who was the region's defensive MVP as a safety in football and perhaps its premier quarterback.

Other teams accepting bowl bids on Monday include No. 17 Michigan and No. 23 Ohio State.

The Wolverines (8-3) are headed to the Citrus Bowl on Jan. 1 in Orlando against a Southeastern

4A Great Basin Conference

Ones to Watch

Jono Barker, Burley, senior guard - Barker is the Bobcats' floor general, running things for coach Matt Harr on the floor. A tireless worker, Barker, who is also the school's all-time scoring leader in soccer, will play nearly the entire game. He is a tremendous ball-handler who makes it hard to impossible for opposing teams to pressure Burley fullcourt. He is also an excellent shot who averaged 7.0 points per game last season.

Eric Berg, Burley, senior post - Berg plays at least a couple inches bigger than his listed height of 6-foot-3. A team leader who makes himself hard to guard because he moves so well without the ball.

Cole Nelson, Burley, junior guard - Nelson moved up to varsity last year as a sophomore and is one of the hardest-playing players Harr has had in his program. He is expected to be one of the Bobcats' chief scoring threats.

Ben Lammers, Jerome, senior forward - Lammers is a fun-to-watch 6-4 forward who is an excellent leader. He can also knock down the open shot.

Travis Hiatt, Jerome, senior center - A 6-6 center who knows his role and patrols the paint. He has a nice shooting touch around the basket.

Kiel Thibault, Jerome, senior guard - Thibault, who quarterbacked the Tiger football team, is an excellent leader who gives you everything every time he is on the court.

Matt Stucki, Century, senior forward - The 6-6 sensation is a versatile threat who can score down low or from 3-point range. Stucki was the co-MVP of the region last year and is one of the premier players in the state.

Jake Burtenshaw, Bonneville, senior guard - The 6-1 leader shared the MVP honors with Stucki last year and should only be better this time around.

Riley Price, Blackfoot, senior guard - Price may be the best all-around athlete in the region. He was the defensive MVP in football and may have been that way in basketball as well. He is just as sensational on the hardwood, spearheading a very quick, very aggressive Broncos squad.

Great Basin Conference local capsules

Burley Bobcats

Coach: Matt Harr, sixth year
2000-01 record: 10-15
Returning starters: Jono Barker 5-10 sr. G; Eric Berg 6-3 sr. C.

Others to watch: Cole Nelson 6-1 jr. G; Randy White 6-1 sr. G; Luke Edwards 6-1 sr. C; Jacob Kay 6-4 sr. G/C; Jed Thomas 6-1 jr. C; Biff Jones 5-10 sr. G; Scott Ranklief 6-5 so. C.

Outlook: The Bobcats will depend on their quickness to carry them with pedestals such as White seeing a lot of action. A solid defense may bounce them up the ladder. Bobcats came close to making state last year, dropping a loser-out playoff to Nampa.

Coach says: "If our bench comes around, we could see a lot of success this year."

Jerome Tigers

Coach: Houston Finn, first year
2000-01 record: 2-18
Returning starters: Ben Lammers 6-4 sr. F; Travis Hiatt 6-6 sr. C.

Others to watch: Tim Davis 6-2 sr. G; Corey Musgrave 5-11 jr. G; JD Lott 6-4 jr. F; Nathan Capps 6-5 sr. F; Kiel Thibault 6-1 sr. G; Brian Barthelme 6-2 sr. C; Jared Miller 6-5 so. C.

Outlook: A new coach may invigorate Jerome to shake off its less-than-impressive 2-18 mark last season. The tall Tigers list eight players over 6 feet, but will they have the motivation to back up the height? Finn thinks so.

Coach says: "We've got guys with great attitudes, and they're ready to compete. They want success and have the work ethic to achieve it."

Bowl berths are flying

Florida State and Virginia Tech get rematch at Gator bowl

The Associated Press

Virginia Tech gets another chance at Florida State in a bowl game, but the stakes won't be quite as high as they were two years ago in the Sugar Bowl.

The Hokies and Seminoles agreed on Monday to play in the Gator Bowl on Jan. 1, a far cry from the 1999 Sugar Bowl when Florida State won the national title with a 46-29 win over Virginia Tech.

Florida State, 6-4 and unranked entering Saturday's game against Georgia Tech, played in the last national title games, No. 14 Virginia Tech is 8-2 entering Saturday's game against No. 1 Miami.

The game will be played at Altel Stadium in Jacksonville, Fla.

Other teams accepting bowl bids on Monday include No. 17 Michigan and No. 23 Ohio State.

The Wolverines (8-3) are headed to the Citrus Bowl on Jan. 1 in Orlando against a Southeastern

Conference opponent. The Buckeyes (7-4) will play in the Outback Bowl on Jan. 1 in Tampa, Fla., also against an SEC opponent.

The Seminoles are headed to their 20th straight bowl, and could do so with a mediocre 6-5 record.

This is the first season since 1986 that Florida State has lost more than two games and failed to finish the AP media poll's top five.

The Hokies are 1-2 in the Gator Bowl. They lost to Tennessee 42-23 in 1994 and North Carolina 42-3 in 1997. Last year, they defeated Clemson 41-20.

The Buckeyes, who beat the Wolverines 26-20 on Saturday, return to Tampa, where they lost 24-7 to South Carolina last year in what turned out to be John Cooper's final game as coach. Jim Tressel replaced him this year.

Championship Series berths as conference champions - Miami (Big East), Illinois (Big Ten), Oregon (Pac-10) and Maryland (ACC).

The SEC and Big 12 champions have yet to be decided, and then two at-large teams will be chosen to round out the field for the four BCS games - the Rose, Orange, Fiesta and Sugar bowls.

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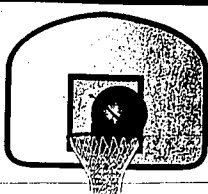
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HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL

CANYON CONFERENCE PREVIEW

Competition reigns

Valley's personnel changes leave conference open

The Times-News

For the Valley High Vikings, last year's 24-1 season that finished with a state championship is all but a memory now.

Only one returning player, Clark Wyatt, is back for the Vikings, who lost standouts Rob Black, Derek Malone and Mikel Griffiths to graduation.

They also lost the man who guided them there, former coach Roger Caresia, who's now the athletic director and coach of the Oakley Hornets. But new coach Bernard Mussmann is confident his Vikings still have what it takes to return to the state tournament in March.

Still, going from coaching the junior varsity girls' team to the varsity boys' squad is a task unlike no other.

"I don't feel that pressure yet," Mussmann said of the change. "They're pretty good. We're a little undersized and (the offense) will be a little bit different."

The Vikings will rely on their backcourt of Wyatt and juniors Anthony Nelson and Kyle Anderson to push the ball up the floor, while getting inside play from 6-foot-2 forwards Jess Lettington, Mark Egbert and Josh Rudolph.

What the Vikes lack in height, Mussmann said they make up for in strength and bulk.

Lettington tips the scales somewhere between 220 and 230 pounds, while Egbert goes off at about 220.

Mussmann knows he needs some power to slow down the likes of an ultra-talented and physical Glens Ferry and the tall Wendell Trojans.

"The competition will be tough," Mussmann said. "We'll match up with Glens Ferry pretty well, we have some pretty big guys to hold down (Glens Ferry forward Corey) Hall. And we match up well against Wendell."

Longtime Trojans coach Allen Kelsey knows all too well how good the Vikings will be, even without their former stars. Kelsey said he saw Valley at a summer tournament in Coeur d'Alene, where the boys in blue took second among 35 teams.

"People are thinking they've lost a lot from last year, and they did lose some good players," Kelsey said. "But kids get used to winning and it carries over. I look for them to surprise some people."

But Kelsey hopes his team can surprise some teams as well. The Trojans are the tallest team in the league, sporting 6-foot-7 sophomore Kael Pope and 6-5 senior power forward Sherman King among a team with nine players 6-1 or better.



Valley High School senior Clark Wyatt helps cut the net down after the Vikings' 65-52 victory over Wendell in the Canyon Conference championship game last season. Valley went on to win the A-3 state championship to finish a 24-1 season. The Vikings hope to repeat their net-cutting ways this season, but Wendell and Glens Ferry will have something to say about it.

"With us we've got some good-looking kids but we've got to get some experience," Kelsey said. "One kid, Cory Chandler, is a three-year starter, and King, boy, he can jump out of the gym. Then Pope, he's just a hard-working kid."

The Trojans are looking to improve upon their 14-10 season from a year ago. Kelsey said it's going to be a tough, competitive

fight with both the Pilots and Vikings.

"I feel like our league is going to be pretty competitive," he said. "Glens Ferry has some good kids back in (Cole) Darrington, (Mark) Black and Hall. They've all played varsity since they were freshmen."

Mussmann had equal praise for the Pilots, who've filled their roster with a lot of players from the state runner-up team in A2 foot-

ball this fall.

"They're going to be tough," Mussmann said. "They probably have the best athletes."

As with Mussmann, those athletes are also working with a new coach, Keith Adams, a former principal and coach at Murtaugh.

"It should be fun," Kelsey said. "I think Glens Ferry has got the kids that could do it, but I'm not going to take (Valley) lightly."

Ones to watch

- Guards**
 Clark Wyatt, Valley, 6-1 senior
 Cory Chandler, Wendell, 5-11 senior
 Mike Pearson, Wendell, 6-1 senior
 Mark Black, Glens Ferry, 5-11 senior
 Cole Darrington, Glens Ferry, 6-0 senior
 Zach Simons, Glens Ferry, 5-11 sophomore
 Anthony Nelson, Valley, 5-9 junior
 Kyle Anderson, Valley, 5-8 junior
- Forwards/Posts**
 Sherman King, Wendell, 6-5 senior
 Kael Pope, Wendell, 6-7 sophomore
 Jyson Lancaster, Wendell, 6-1 sophomore
 Corey Hall, Glens Ferry, 6-0 senior
 Jess Lettington, Valley, 6-2 senior
 Mark Egbert, Valley, 6-2 junior
 Josh Rudolph, Valley, 6-2 senior

THE TEAMS

Glens Ferry Pilots

Information not received

Valley Vikings

Coach: Bernard Mussmann, first year
 2000-01 record: 24-1, A-3 state champions

Returning starters: Clark Wyatt 6-1 sr. G.

Others to watch: Anthony Nelson 5-9 jr. G; Kyle Anderson 5-8 jr. G; Jess Lettington 6-2 jr. F; Mark Egbert 6-2 jr. F; Josh Rudolph 6-2 sr. F; Michael Grant 6-0 so. G.

Outlook: Valley returns to defend a state championship with a new coach and several players from a district-champion junior varsity team. Wyatt, the team's sole returning starter, will have to support his team as new players learn the ropes.

Coach says: "Size will be a problem - our tallest player is 6-2. Experience at the varsity level is also a concern."

Wendell Trojans

Coach: Allen Kelsey, 14th year
 2000-01 record: 14-10

Returning starters: Cory Chandler 5-11 sr. G; Mike Pearson 6-1 sr. G; Sherman King 6-5 sr. C.

Others to watch: A.J. Kelsey 6-1 jr. G; Kael Pope 6-7 so. C; Dane Beorchia 5-9 jr. G; Sean Goodbody 6-1 jr. C; Jyson Lancaster 6-1 so. C; Gantumar Bald 6-1 sr. F.

Outlook: The Trojans return a solid core of starters and a seasoned coach looking for a first-place finish in the conference. Experienced guards and good team defense will carry Wendell.

Coach says: "We've got great team chemistry. First place will be no easy task, but I believe we can do it."

Boys' Scouting Report

Wyoming defeats Denver for third win

DENVER (AP) - It took hard work on defense for Donta Richardson to earn a chance to show off his skills at both ends of the court.

The hard work paid off and Richardson proved himself Monday night, scoring 19 points and sealing the game with two free throws in the final two seconds as Wyoming beat Denver 71-68.

"I told Donta that for him to get playing time he would have to show improvement on the defensive end," Wyoming coach Steve McClain said. "We had plenty of players on the bench that could score, but what we needed from him was his defense."

Richardson, 7-for-10 shooting, also drew a key charging foul with 1:37 to go when Wyoming (3-1) was clinging to a

three-point lead. No other Wyoming starter reached double-figure scoring in beating Denver (1-2) for the 16th time in 17 meetings.

"I have learned that the more I get in an opponent's face, the more I will get a chance to score," said Richardson, who played high school basketball in Colorado Springs. "I made some plays on defense and the scoring chances fol-

lowed."

B.J. Pratt led Denver with 24 points, 16 in the second half. Walthal Carter added 12 points.

"B.J. gave us so much," Denver coach Terry Carroll said. "What we didn't get was consistent play from the team. We made the critical turnover or a defensive mistake when we couldn't afford them."

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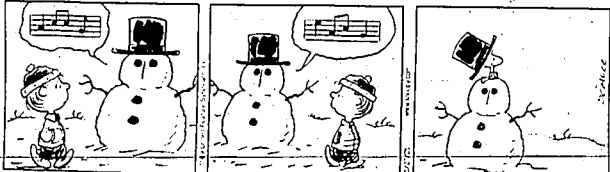
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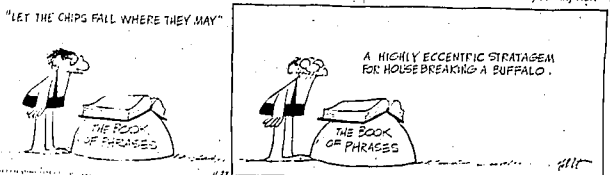
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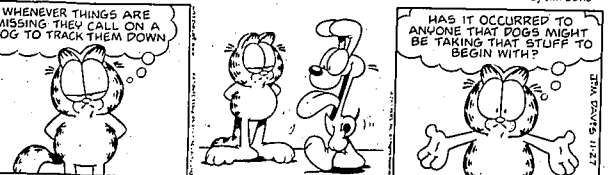
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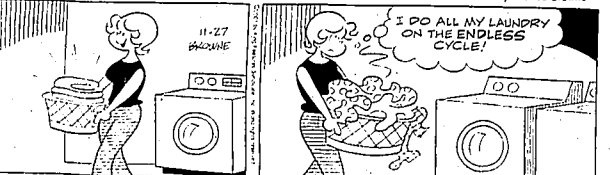
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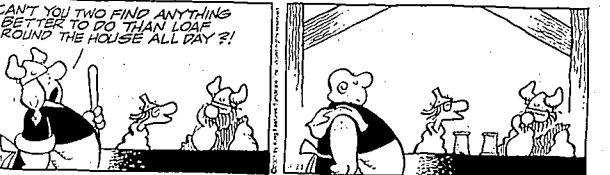
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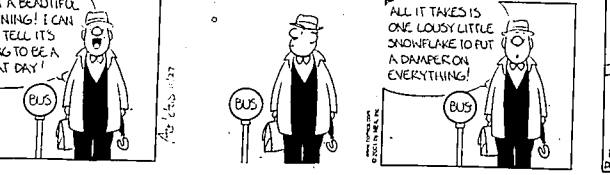
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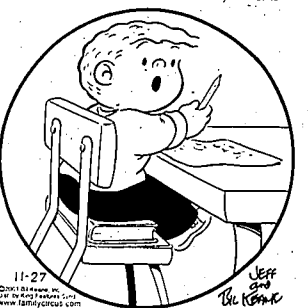
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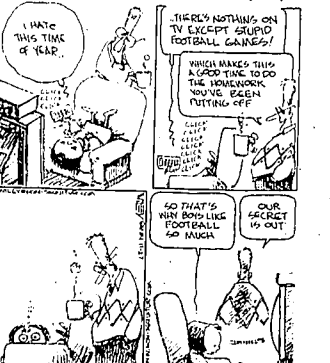
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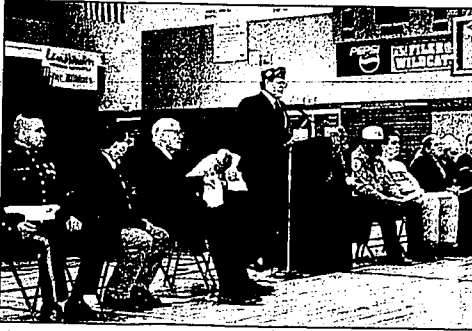
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COMMUNITY

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Jim Conder of Filer was one of the veterans honored guests by Filer High School at a Nov. 16 assembly. Conder served in the military during the Korean War and the Cuban missile crisis.

JOHN SMATZ/The Times-News

Filer High School honors vets

By John Swazy
Times-News correspondent

FILER - Area veterans received a standing ovation from the students and faculty of Filer High School at a Nov. 16th assembly.

Social studies teacher Tom Tossler said that the student body was responsible for the content of the tribute to veterans.

"Students were asked what they wanted to see, and we tried to incorporate as many suggestions as possible," he said.

Members of the Filer High School Madrigals, under musical direction from Larry Larson, sang the National Anthem as Navy and Marine recruiters presented the flag.

Veterans who fought in every conflict from World War II to the Gulf War were seated in the

audience. Several of them reflected on their experiences and pride in having served their country.

Spencer Jaylyne Twiss recounted how her father was killed while fighting on Iwo Jima during World War II. She said the gift of freedom can never be over come by fear.

The assembly ended with everyone singing, "God Bless the USA."

CHURCH BAZAAR

Clara Linzy, Dorothy Rose and Dolly Drew show some of the items to be raffled at the Ladies of the Little Flower Catholic Church Altar Society annual bazaar 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday in the church activity hall at 45th Street and Oakley Avenue in Burley. There will be home-made crafts, baked goods and candy, Cinnamon rolls, chilli, chilli dogs, hot dogs, baked potato bar, pie and pie a la mode will be served all day. Raffle tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5.

Photo courtesy of CLARA LINZY



STORK REPORT

Magic Valley Regional Medical Center

Ryan Kole Bingham, son of Danielle Mae Conner and Royce Kahle Bingham of Buhl, was born Tuesday, Nov. 13, 2001.
Alexander Ryan Cook, son of Lashell Lynn and Craig Richard Cook of Bellevue, was born Tuesday, Nov. 13, 2001.
Alexis Rose Rice, daughter of Leigh Ann Culver-Rice and David J. Rice of Jerome, was born Tuesday, Nov. 13, 2001.
Macy Rae Hess, daughter of Marni Sue and Tyrone Chad Hess of Filer, was born Tuesday, Nov. 13, 2001.
Nicholas Shane Hohnhorst, son of Karen S. and Ronald Shane Hohnhorst of Twin Falls, was born Wednesday, Nov. 14, 2001.
Luke William Jarnagin, son of Angela Sue and John William Jarnagin of Twin Falls, was born Wednesday, Nov. 14, 2001.
Ashley Michelle LaMarche, daughter of Sarah Nichole and Trinity Allen LaMarche of Twin Falls, was born Wednesday, Nov. 14, 2001.
Julius Edward-Martin Collier, son of Brandi Marie Williams and Jonathan Wade Collier of Jackpot, Nev., was born Wednesday, Nov. 14, 2001.
Kaitlyn Anne Brown, daughter of Kathryn Lynn Brown of Buhl, was born Wednesday, Nov. 14, 2001.

Preston James Gladowski, son of Darynn Jean and Ryan Richard Gladowski of Jerome, was born Thursday, Nov. 15, 2001.
Thomas Joseph Ashby, son of Deanna and Thomas Charles Ashby of Twin Falls, was born Thursday, Nov. 15, 2001.
Ariana Janelene Urena, daughter of Sonia and Arnaldo Urena of Jerome, was born Thursday, Nov. 15, 2001.
Chloe Della Irene Cornwell, daughter of Nancy Lynn and Dennis Franklin Cornwell Jr. of Jerome, was born Friday, Nov. 16, 2001.
Kelson Riley Pamparau, daughter of Kyanne Nadalia Pamparau of Twin Falls, was born Saturday, Nov. 17, 2001.
Nikara Shyanne Rundle, daughter of Kimberly Dawn Taylor and Matthew Quinton Rundle of Jerome, was born Saturday, Nov. 17, 2001.
Amaree Dae Millard, daughter of Genevieve Cindy and John Scott Millard II of Jerome, was born Sunday, Nov. 18, 2001.
Kassidy Renee Wilson, daughter of Naomi Angel and Richard Anthony Wilson of Twin Falls, was born Sunday, Nov. 18, 2001.
Sawyer Roy Tennant, son of Janina Lee and Jason Paul Tennant of Wendell, was born Monday, Nov. 19, 2001.
Dylan Bryant Quigley, son of Jenny Louise and Bryant Dale Quigley of Twin Falls, was born

Tuesday, Nov. 20, 2001.

Cassia Regional Medical Center

William Lyle Stimpson, son of Rick and Amber Stimpson of Rupert, was born Thursday, Nov. 15, 2001.
Makenna James Christiansen, daughter of Michael and Emma Christiansen of Rupert, was born Thursday, Nov. 15, 2001.
Waylon Kenneth Blacker, son of Dondie and Julie Blacker of Heyburn, was born Thursday, Nov. 15, 2001.
Logan Robert Wayne Jones, son of Robert and Melissa Jones of Heyburn, was born Friday, Nov. 16, 2001.
Oscar Rafael Ruiz, son of Rafael C. and Martha R. Ruiz of Rupert, was born Monday, Nov. 19, 2001.
Jaqulyn Rose Yancey, daughter of Michael and Brenda Yancey of Rupert, was born Monday, Nov. 19, 2001.
Francisco Javier Martinez Mosso, son of Levina and Filiberto Martinez of Burley, was born Tuesday, Nov. 20, 2001.

To have a birth announced, send a copy of the birth certificate to Melissa Morgan at The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303 or fax it to 734-5538. Deadline for publication Tuesday is noon Friday.

Gooding Elementary celebrates reading

GOODING - More than 570 students at Gooding Elementary School celebrated Idaho Family Reading Week and National Children's Book Week with a reading is Fundamental (RIF) book distribution.

RIF, which stands for Reading is Fundamental, is the nation's oldest and largest literacy organization serving children and their parents, said Sally Walker, school, Idaho Reads! VISTA volunteer.

In addition to helping children understand that reading is fun and fundamental to success in life, RIF also encourages children to become lifetime readers by

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building self-esteem and involving the most important people in their lives and those of their parents, teachers and other children in the learning process.

Throughout the week, students sifted through hundreds of books, and chose one book to keep at no cost to them or their families. RaeLynn Rigby set up and distributed the books.

Reading Is Fundamental Inc.

develops and delivers children's and family literacy programs that help prepare young children for reading and motivate school-age children to read regularly, Walker said.

Through a national grassroots network that is expected to exceed 360,000 volunteers by the end of this year, and RIF programs will provide new, free books and other literacy resources to more than 5 million children.

By the end of 2001, RIF will have placed more than 200 million books in the hands, homes and hearts of America's children, Walker said.

AQUACULTURE EDUCATION



Photo courtesy of CSI

College of Southern Idaho Aquaculture Program student Erin McClmonds of Jerome attended the 36th annual National FFA Agricultural Career Show in Louisville, Ky. Also representing CSI at the three-day event were Rick Parker, Aquaculture Program Director Terry Patterson and Jodi Milnk from the University of Idaho. They distributed more than 2,000 business card CDs describing CSI's aquaculture program. More than 45,000 students attended the convention and career show.



Buhl Middle School Principal Barry Espil and Judy Bettaza, a substitute driver, watch as door monitors Drew Crosby and Isaac Whitley help students out during a bus evacuation drill.

MARY LOU POTTS/The Times-News

Students, driver practice safety

By Mary Lou Potts
Times-News correspondent

BUHL - School bus drivers and students in the Buhl School District started one morning with a drill.

The drill took place at the loading and unloading zones located between the elementary and middle schools.

Drivers had specific instructions for the students, as well as informing them of the emer-

gency equipment aboard each bus such as, first aid kit, fire extinguisher, radio and reflectors.

The annual drill consisted of leaving the bus through the front and rear doors.

The students also were told about optional exits through the windows, side doors and roof hatches, although they were not practiced during the drill.

"Captains" also were chosen to assist students through the rear

door, physically helping students, checked the bus to determine all had evacuated safely and reminded students to move at least 100 feet away from the bus.

The captains were also taught how to use the emergency radios in case the driver is unable to call.

Students left books, backpacks, band instruments and lunch boxes on board when they are evacuated from a bus. And they are asked to remain calm and walk briskly but not run.

TWIN FALLS COMMUNITY

MATH MEDALISTS



Harrison Elementary School in Twin Falls announced 'Math Medalists' for first quarter. Ninety-four students completed their grade level goals in the 50 in a Minute program. Medalists in grades one to three are, from left, back row: Matthew Hewitt, Christopher Howitt, Laurie Miller, Ryan Condon and Michael Choppie; middle row: Jameson Brown, Ben Etchevery, Ashley Hollister, Dylan Aufderhald, Alonna Medina and Korl Nelwirth; front row: Ismael Andrade, Nikolina Marcevic, Korim Muffic, Makenzie Baker, Autumn Myers and Caleb Price.



Medalists in grade four are, left to right; back row: TaNiesha Cummings, John Collins, Cody Calderon, Pedro Santos, Ariel Medina, Danielle Jones, Aaron Essig and Deaven Anderson; middle row: Kayla Outloozar, Jamie Garlison, Adam Etchevery, Chaz Elmer, Sierra Chapple, Kristopher Benton, Jennifer Sherman and Andrea Payne; front row: Steel Strong, Froylan Vargas, Sonny Pavlovic, Brett Maughan and Sunshine Martinez. Not pictured is Lano Buddenhagen.



Medalists in grade five are, from left to right; back row: John Otero, Thuan Nguyen, Boisa Kamenova, Jake Jacobson, Casey Haynes, Karl Graybeal, Ashley Glegorich and Aaron Ajoti; third row: Palgo Hinojos, Casey Faught, Colton Condon, Jacob Coats, Bradon Casperson, Devin Bryant, Jordan Tubbs and Kelsey Price; second row: Chase Aufderhald, Maria Santos, Mari Nelwirth, Kilee Burton, Patricia Avalos, Leya Murphy, Clark Mindock and Marilja Marcevic; front row: Alberto Reyes, Josh Mullins and Alan Haric. Not pictured is Ian Blich and Shekita Broderick.



Medalists in grade six are, from left to right, back row: Crystal Camarena, Nicholas Pollock, Nikko Martinez, Abel Outlerrez, Nikolina Dragicevic, Jessica Dee, Brooke Baker, Cynthia Avalos and Ashley Assel; middle row: Elizabeth Larlos, Ashley Budden, Jesse Brown, Patricia Bly, Michael Blensberg, Jiancheng Wu, Nicholas Sharp and Amanda Draves; front row: Grayson Stone, Erin Collins, Ashleen George, Cterra Vanleeuwen, Yelena Stepanov and Jason Sipe.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Filer-area woman celebrates 90th birthday
FILER - Euloh Leonard will celebrate her 90th birthday Thursday.



Euloh Smith was born in 1911 in Illinois. She moved to Idaho with her family and married Glen (Levi) Leonard on Sept. 26, 1942. They were married 36 years. He died in 1978. Euloh Leonard continued to live on their farm west of Filer.

In lieu of a party, Leonard would like cards and letters sent to her home at 2011 E. 3950 N., Filer, ID 83328.

and Mary Steele; third place, Ruby Grimes and Beverly Reed; and fourth place, Howard and Mrs. Tucker.

Refreshments were served and money drawings of \$5 each were won by Bev Burns, Bev Reed and Joe Blackburn.

The Gooding Duplicate Bridge Club will meet at 1 p.m. Friday at Gooding City Hall.

American Legion Auxiliary holds craft extravaganza

HAGERMAN - The American Legion Auxiliary annual craft extravaganza will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday at the Hagerman American Legion Hall on State Street.

Items for sale will include holiday decorations, gifts, decorated gourds, braided rugs, knitted and crocheted items, stuffed animals, tote paintings, wood crafts and more. Hamburgers and drinks will also be sold.

Gooding Duplicate Bridge Club announces winners

GOODING - The Gooding Duplicate Bridge Club winners for Nov. 16 were:

First place, Lonnie and Bev Burns; second Adelaide Gerard

and Mary Steele; third place, Ruby Grimes and Beverly Reed; and fourth place, Howard and Mrs. Tucker.

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Groups hosts Christmas bird count workshop

HAGERMAN - The Hagerman Fossil Beds National Monument and the Prairie Falcon Audubon Society will host a free Christmas bird count workshop at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Fossil Beds Visitor Center on Highway 30, across from Hagerman High School.

Participants will learn about the early winter birds in the area, birds that spend the entire winter in the area or birds that are in the late stages of their southward

migration. The event will also prepare interested birders for the Christmas bird count to be held Dec. 15 and Dec. 22.

The public is invited. For more information on the workshop, call Kent at 543-8447.

For more information on the Christmas bird counts, call Sarah Harris at 734-2645 or Jeff Ruprecht at 733-9639.

Model Railroad Group holds Christmas open house

FILER - The Magic Valley Model Railroad Group will hold its 13th annual Christmas open house from 12-5 p.m. Saturday at the Twin Falls County Fairgrounds in Filer.

The event will include Santa trains and steam and diesel locomotives pulling freight and passenger trains.

The public is invited and admission is free.

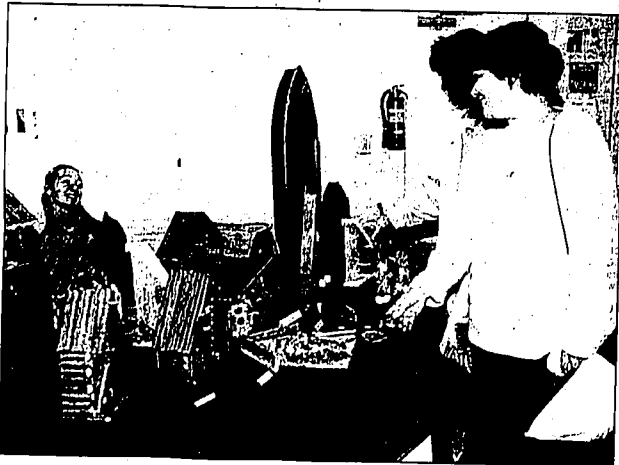
10th annual open house at the Farmhouse begins

BUHL - The Juniper Street Farmhouse in Buhl will hold its 10th annual open house at the Farmhouse beginning at 9 a.m. each day, starting Friday.

Go north 3/4 mile from the stop light on Broadway Avenue and Clear Lakes Road, turn right on Juniper Street and go 1/4 mile.

Items include wreaths, swags, garlands, Christmas ornaments and decor, candles, baked goods, rustic shelves and cupboards and more. For more information, call 543-4829.

KIMBERLY CRAFTS



Above, Laurie Goren of Twin Falls and Ruann Meado of Kimberly look at the bird houses booth run by Ali Renalay at the Kimberly Senior Center's 23rd annual craft fair Oct. 20.

Right, Nova Joergenson's bottles of gourmet vinegar were a big hit at the craft fair. She explains the uses of her vinegar to customers Shirley Gillies from Salt Lake City and Hannah Reed and Luella Schmidt of Kimberly.

SERVICE NEWS

Coon receives Navy, Marine commendation medal

Navy Lt. Scott D. Coon, son of Jerr James of Boise and Darvin D. Coon of Filer, has received the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal while assigned to the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Md.

While serving as an administrative supervisor, Coon was a key leader in his command's successful transformation, the Navy reports.

Sproston enlists under U.S. Army Delayed program

Micha L. Sproston has joined the United States Army under the Delayed Entry Program. The program gives young men and women the opportunity to delay entering active duty for up to one year.

Fink graduates from Army basic training

Army Pvt. Michael C. Fink has graduated from basic infantry training at Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga.

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR SALE OF TENANT'S PERSONAL PROPERTY. Magic Valley Storage, 152 E. Main Street N.

LOST black Lab, male, 12 wks old. Red collar. Lost on Hwy 20 near Hwy 10. Please call 208-733-8111.

LAW OFFICE CHAPTER 7

5245. Unincorporated divorces. 208-478-1700, days/evenings.

CLERICAL

Part time secretary in the Holiday office. Call 734-4290 or 789-5675.

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Drivers/Flot on board positions available, great benefits. 323-644-2102.

DRIVERS

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The Computer Learning Center is looking for a PT Instructor (mornings) for our application classes.

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Service plumbers. Please call 326-4123.

TRANSPORTATION

Regional LTL carrier looking for a Terminal Manager in Meridian, Idaho.

WAREHOUSE

Service Manager must have clean driving record & CDL. Other qualifications include: management experience.

INVITATION TO BID

Magic Valley Regional Medical Center will receive sealed written bids for the following equipment until 10:30 a.m. MST, Thursday, December 6, 2001.

DIETARY AIDS

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CNA's needed for overtime shifts 2 pm-10:30 pm.

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Full time bookkeeping position available immediately. Excel, Word & general computer skills are req. Quizzes include phone answering, accounts payable, accounts receivable, billing & other office procedures or req. Send your resume to Valley Co-ops Inc., 1833 South Lincoln, Jerome, ID. 83338.

FINANCIAL

D.L. Evans Bank is searching for an experienced internal Auditor. The position requires previous auditing experience within the financial industry. Requires excellent organizational, verbal and written communication skills as well as the ability to research, interpret, and understand compliance regulations. Send resume to Human Resources, PO Box 1188, Burley, ID 83318.

FARM

Ranch hand, experienced with farm work. Full time year round job. Salary benefits, house & utilities. Apply: Pettibone Ranches, Idaho, ID. 208-759-3939 evenings.

GENERAL

IF YOU ARE Unemployed or looking for work, or your present employment troubles you, we have a solution. Call Monday or Tuesday 9 am - 5 pm To set up an interview. EOE M/F/D/V 734-2883

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Social Worker/Resident Care Manager with LTC experience. Full time, for an 18 bed intermediate behavior unit. CNA's needed for evening shifts. 2 am-10:30 pm. Also needed, a full-time Activity Director.

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Experienced opening for swing shift diesel mechanic. Should have own tools, exp. in preferred. Company offers health/insurance & 401K. Send resume to Box 9948 *The Times-News* P.O. Box 548 Twin Falls, Idaho 83303.

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Tuesday, Nov. 27, 2001

THE ACES ON BRIDGE

Bobby Wolf

"One man's poison try is another man's spinach."
— George Ade

Today's deal presents a mind-twister play problem sent by a reader. With all four hands in view, the challenge is to score all 13 tricks with spades as trumps. (The bidding shown in the diagram is an invention.)

Many enjoy the challenge of such deals and will devote hours to find the solution. Your reporter surrounded after two hours and called on his good friend Ira Chrus of Houston to help. He solved it in 15 minutes. For those as impatient as I, the solution is included at the bottom of the column.

With the diamond finesse working, South has 12 tricks. However, since the heart finesse will fail, the problem involves forcing the defenders to discard in such a way as to squeeze out a 13th winner.

Here is the solution:

1. Win spade ace.
2. Take a diamond finesse.
3. Cash remaining top spades in dummy.
4. Lead heart jack, forcing East to cover, and win king.
5. Cash two more spades. On first spade, dummy discards low heart. On second spade, West must unguard a minor. Dummy discards the other minor. (Assume West blanks diamond king if he blanks club queen, it leads to an equivalent ending.)
6. Lead heart nine, covered by the 10 and ace.
7. Cash the ace and king of clubs, leaving East with singleton heart eight and 10x in diamonds the minor unguarded by West.
8. Cash last spade, discarding heart from dummy. East has a hopeless decision. If he discards his heart eight, South's six is es-

tablished. If East discards a diamond, dummy's A-3 of diamonds will yield the 12th and 13th tricks.

NORTH 11-27-A
 ♠ Q 10
 ♥ A J 7
 ♦ A Q 3
 ♣ A 10 4

WEST 9 8 7
 ♥ 10 5 3
 ♦ K J 8
 ♣ Q 7 3 2

EAST K
 ♥ Q 8 4
 ♦ 10 7 6 5 4
 ♣ J 8 6 5

SOUTH A 6 5 4 3 2
 ♥ K 9 6
 ♦ Q 2
 ♣ K 9

Vulnerable: Neither

Deal: North

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1♠	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♠	Pass	7♠	All pass

Opening lead: Spade nine

BID WITH THE ACES

South holds: ♠ A 6 5 4 3 2
♥ K 9 6
♦ Q 2
♣ K 9

North South
1NT

ANSWER: Four spades. A jump to game over any opening in no-trump is a shutout bid.

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BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Urban Renewal votes in favor of Dell deal

TWIN FALLS — A city agency Monday moved closer to formalizing some of the incentives Twin Falls offered to Dell Computer Corp.

The Urban Renewal Agency voted to recommend an amendment to its existing urban renewal plan, said Dave McAlindin, Twin Falls' economic development director.

The proposed amendment calls for the agency to set a low-interest bond to buy the 48,000-sq-ft former Albertson's grocery store on Pole Line Road for \$3 million and lease it to Dell for the computer giant's technical-support operation; make \$500,000 worth of telecommunication infrastructure improvements there and ultimately build a parking garage for Dell's exclusive use.

But the urban renewal plan also needs the city planning and zoning board's approval and a public hearing before the City Council.

The zoning board is set to determine this evening whether the plan conforms to the city's comprehensive plan. The City Council plans its public hearing Dec. 17 before considering adoption of the urban renewal plan.

At Monday, the Urban Renewal Agency set a meeting for 7:30 a.m. Dec. 18 to consider a resolution authorizing the agency to issue bonds for the building purchase, McAlindin said. On approximately Dec. 6, the agency will publish a notice of a negotiated, privately placed bond sale and a notice of the agency's special meeting.

Boise Cascade offers \$130M in securities

BURLEY — Boise Cascade Corp. on Monday announced a public offering of \$130 million, or 2.6 million units, of adjustable convertible equity securities.

"The units consist of a forward contract to purchase a variable number of Boise Cascade common shares and a preferred security to be issued by Boise Cascade Trust I. Under the forward purchase contract, Boise Cascade common stock will be issued in December 2004," said a statement from the Boise-based company, which has a Corrugated Container Operations plant in Burley. "The net proceeds from the offering may be used to pay down short-term borrowings and for general corporate purposes."

A group of underwriters, led by Goldman, Sachs & Co., will be granted the option to purchase up to an additional \$19.5 million, or 390,000 units, to cover over-allotments, Boise Cascade said.

Sprint will open new TF store with special offers

TWIN FALLS — Global communications company Sprint on Monday said it will open its newest retail store in Twin Falls and plans a grand opening from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday at 700 Lake Lakes Blvd.

Sprint PCS customers use what the company calls the nation's largest all-digital wireless network, covering 244 million people. Local Sprint PCS service is managed by Ubiquitel, a network partner.

The grand opening will feature live radio broadcasts, family entertainment and special offers. Qualified customers will receive up to \$100 off any new Sprint PCS phone with a Sprint PCS Advantage Agreement, a company press release said.

"We invite everyone in the Twin Falls community to come out to meet our team," said Mike Jardine, Ubiquitel general sales manager.

Launched in 1999, the Sprint PCS Wireless Web offers a variety of wireless data products and services. Using Internet-ready Sprint PCS phones, customers can shop, trade stocks online, make travel arrangements, receive customized news and email updates, and connect to the Internet or corporate intranet by using their phones in place of modems.

Sprint PCS also offers Voice Command, a nationwide voice-activated dialing and information service. Using their voices, customers can dial a number, look up directory names, modify address book entries, listen and respond to e-mail services and perform other functions.

Compiled from staff reports

Blockbuster ignores naysayers

Chain becomes Viacom's best-performing division

Knight Ridder News Service

DALLAS — Rewind to July 1997: John Antioch is named chief executive of Dallas-based Blockbuster Inc., the video-rental chain's third top executive in three years.

Technology is threatening to make not

only Blockbuster but the entire VHS rental business obsolete. The company — which has a store in Twin Falls — is routinely referred to as "Viacom Inc.'s troubled video chain."

Fast-forward to 2001: Blockbuster's stock price has quadrupled year to date. Antioch is still chairman and CEO. Competing technologies have turned into a distant threat, but just in case, the company is embracing and branding every new venue. And Blockbuster has been the best-performing division of multidimen-

sional media giant Viacom all year.

It's a turnaround story with a twist of I-told-you-so.

Video-on-demand was supposed to be firmly entrenched in American home entertainment by now. However, it hasn't happened yet and Blockbuster instead is closely following the consumers' shift to the DVD format while video-on-demand remains, well, only a threat.

In time for the holidays, Blockbuster has removed about 25 percent of its stores' VHS inventory to make room for the grow-

ing number of DVD releases. Also, the worldwide haul of 7,800 stores has thinned out its video-game titles to absorb Xbox games from Microsoft and GameCube games from Nintendo, two new consoles with potential for hot Christmas sales.

Blockbuster says the film and game titles being moved out contribute less than 1 percent of revenue, which this year will exceed \$5 billion.

Some analysts and challengers continue to believe that movies ordered at home, Please see BLOCKBUSTER, Page D2

A MOMENT'S REFLECTION



People on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange pause for a moment of silence Monday prior to the opening bell. The bell was rung by the widows of two men killed on Sept. 11 who worked for NYSE member firm Harvey, Young and Yurman. Stock indicators ended the day higher. See story on page D-2.

BANKRUPTCIES

The Times-News

01-42224

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

Chapter 7, nonbusiness, under \$50,000

Joyce Riddle, also known as Joyce Gee, 497 W. 45 N., Burley, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 01-42187.

Robert T. Qualls, also known as Tom Qualls, Tom R. Qualls and R. Tom Qualls, 487 Wisconsin St., Twin Falls, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 01-42190.

Annie Sue Bradley, 306 Ash St. S., Kimberly, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 01-42202.

Deborah C. Jeffery, 321 Seventh Ave. N., Apt. No. 2, Twin Falls, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 01-42226.

Tracy Ray Howeller, 645 Paradise Place, No. 4, Twin Falls, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 01-42226.

Chapter 7, nonbusiness, \$50,000 to \$1 million

Adam Powell Sherrard and Mary Charity Sherrard, also known as Mary Charity Joseph, 731 Red Ash, No. 10, Hailley, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities \$50,000 to \$100,000. Case no. 01-42201.

Joe Miller, 452 Carriage Lane, Twin Falls, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities \$50,000 to \$100,000. Case no.

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

Shane Shradley and Mary Shradley, also known as Mary Wadsworth and Mary Jewel, 295 N. Meridian, Rupert, Ind., individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets \$50,000 to \$100,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000. Case no. 01-42191.

Byron R. Fairchild and Debbie Fairchild, 400 E. 135 S., Rupert, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets \$50,000 to \$100,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000. Case no. 01-42203.

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

Robert McMill, 143 Ash St., Twin Falls, individual, business (trucking), Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000. Case no. 01-42225.

Chapter 7, business, \$500,000 to \$1 million

Michael James Chase and Karen Rossi Chase, also doing business as Cabinet Showcase and Interiors, P.O. Box 71, Hailley, individual, business, Chapter 7, 100-199 creditors, assets \$500,000 to \$500,000, liabilities \$500,000 to \$1 million. Case no. 01-42204.

Chapter 7, nonbusiness, \$500,000 to \$1 million

William Clarence Morrow and Tamara Lila Morrow, 1928 E. 2800 S., Wendell, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets \$500,000 to \$500,000, liabilities \$500,000 to \$1 million. Case no. 01-42229.

Study of zinc operations projects hundreds of jobs

The Associated Press

KELLOGG — Re-establishing a zinc mining and processing facility at the site of the old Bunker Hill operation would cost Sullivan Mining less than initially expected and could result in 500 to 700 jobs, according to a new study.

State officials are enthused by the prospect.

"We're working at it and it's high on our priority list," said Chuck Moss, who monitors cleanup of Silver Valley mining waste for Gov. Dirk Kempthorne.

Moss, University of Idaho College of Mines Dean Earl Bennett and Jerry Cobb of the Panhandle Health District met with Sullivan Mining officials last week in Coeur d'Alene to discuss the feasibility study.

Among other things, it reduced the estimated cost of starting up the operation from \$300 million to \$167.5 million. Mining engineer Fred Brackebush, who with Bunker Hill Mine owner Robert Hopper founded Sullivan Mining, said the University of Idaho will review the study over the next month.

Employment at the proposed zinc processing plant, which would be on the same

site as the old Bunker Hill zinc refinery and ore concentrator, is projected at 300. Hopper said an additional 200 to 400 miners would be needed to develop and mine ore to feed the refinery.

"There are millions of tons you could start mining Monday morning, and the number of employees would depend upon the speed you require," Hopper said.

The refinery will need environmental permits. But Brackebush said its design would require neither a smokestack nor a discharge pipe, so federal Environmental Protection Agency approval may be unnecessary.

In its initial phase, the plant would produce about 45,000 metric tons of refined zinc per year, processed from 1 million metric tons produced at Bunker and other area mines.

Refining costs would be about 12.5 cents per pound. Converter smelters charge area mines much more, and the mines must pay up to \$100 per ton in freight costs.

A proposed second phase, estimated at \$75 million, would involve construction of a silver and lead refiner and adding capacity to the zinc processing operation.

The board's special review panel concluded that WestRock's financial prospects were dim even if developers managed to clear environmental hurdles. WestRock officials disagree.

Advocates contend the resort would be an economic boon to an area hit hard by the timber industry's decline. But critics claim it would damage the reservoir and surrounding environment, congest Idaho Highway 55, reduce the state's ability to provide needed support services.

Resort developer shoots for December review

The Associated Press

BOISE — A principal in the proposed \$1 billion WestRock resort on Lake Cascade believes recent negotiations on a state land lease needed for the project could finally get it before the Land Board in December.

Land board spokesman expressed doubt.

"The last report I've gotten," WestRock Associates President Don Weilmunster said, "was that there weren't any major hoops, and what hoops there are were pretty well addressed."

Weilmunster said he expected negotiations that began last summer to wrap up by month's end,

"and provided all those things go well, I feel we have a good shot at being on the agenda."

But Lands Department spokesman Jim Ball said there was no indication the board would take up the proposed lease for 2,124 acres needed for the ski area at the four-season resort.

"Right now it's not on the agenda," Ball said. "The possibility exists that they might take it up in executive session, but that's not planned right now."

Two years ago, Weilmunster guaranteed the state \$500,000 over five years in return for a long-term lease — about double what the state now earns on the

land. He said the state would get even more once the resort begins operating.

But the project is more than four years behind schedule already, and following the financial collapse of WestRock's predecessor, Valbois, the state has been leery of getting involved because of the uncertainty of success.

"I don't think they're stonewalling," Weilmunster said, rejecting suggestions that the board of five statewide elected officials headed by the governor has been stalling.

The project has already been scaled back to meet some objections, and Valley County has

approved it subject to the state lease being issued.

The board's special review panel concluded that WestRock's financial prospects were dim even if developers managed to clear environmental hurdles. WestRock officials disagree.

Advocates contend the resort would be an economic boon to an area hit hard by the timber industry's decline. But critics claim it would damage the reservoir and surrounding environment, congest Idaho Highway 55, reduce the state's ability to provide needed support services.

Border Patrol brings job seminar to Twin Falls

TWIN FALLS — The Immigration and Naturalization Service's U.S. Border Patrol plans a federal job recruitment seminar this week.

The seminar is set for 1 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday at the state's Job Service office at 771 North College Road in Twin Falls.

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Border Patrol said the recruitment seminar will provide information on federal law-enforcement careers in three positions: U.S. Border Patrol agent, immigration inspector and detention enforcement officer.

Zions appoints new CFO loaded with experience

TWIN FALLS — Salt Lake City-based Zions Bancorporation — which has bank branches in the Magic Valley — on Monday announced the appointment of Doyle L. Arnold as executive vice president and chief financial officer effective Dec. 3.

"Doyle is widely recognized in the banking industry as an extremely talented executive," said Harris H. Simmons, Zions president and chief executive. "He is one of the business's best strategists, and he has a tremendous background in mergers and acquisitions, which will be of great benefit to our organization as we continue to build our banking business throughout the West."

Arnold was formerly group executive president for Corporate Strategy & Development at BankAmerica Corp. in San Francisco. He has served in a variety of executive management positions at BankAmerica, and prior to that at Wells Fargo & Co. Arnold also was senior deputy controller of the current vice president of the treasury during the Reagan administration. He has also been chief financial and administrative officer of Bankserve Inc., an electronic payments company.

Arnold is a graduate of Rice University and has a master's degree in business administration from Stanford University.

Ameristar expands plan for new Missoull facility

JACKPOT, Nev. — Las Vegas-based Ameristar Casinos Inc. — a major Magic Valley employer — on Monday announced updated plans and a bigger budget for the new casino and entertainment facility under construction at its St. Charles, Mo., property.

Ameristar's new plans commit to three more 20-seat private dining rooms and a 450-seat buffet with 115,000-square-foot casino with about 3,000 slot machines and 104 table games, including a 12-table poker room and a VIP players lounge. The land-based entertainment center will include a historical streetscape reminiscent of St. Charles' past; a compressed buffet with multiple serving stations; a 262-seat sports bar and grill, with a 40-foot video wall and several other large screens; a 154-seat steakhouse featuring exhibition cooking with a 46-seat silver and lead refiner and adding capacity to the zinc processing operation.

Ameristar's revised budget for the project rose to \$170 million from \$160 million.

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Challenges lie ahead for venerable HP Labs Blockbuster

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SAN JOSE, Calif. — The pocket calculator. The light-emitting diode. The inkjet printer.

If the scientists of Hewlett-Packard Laboratories never invent another product, they could gracefully retire knowing that they had had the innovation trifecta.

The three products have touched the lives of millions of people while making billions of dollars for Hewlett-Packard, a major Idaho employer.

But as the famous HP research center celebrates its 35th anniversary today, its biggest challenges may lie ahead.

Emulated Chief Executive Officer Carly Fiorina is banking that HP Labs will come through again with dramatic breakthroughs that will propel the company's earnings.

HP Labs is in a race with several other corporate competitors to develop technology for the next generation of computing. The things up, years of rivalry between HP and its competitors will end in the controversial merger between the

companies takes place. "We've played a major role in the company over and over again. We'll continue to do that," said Richard Lippman, senior vice president of research and director of HP Labs. "I'm a firm believer that the age of computing hasn't really started and that it will unfold in ways we can't even imagine."

As befitting its history, HP Labs is in Palo Alto, Calif., just south of the Stanford University campus in a long, flat building that is a monument to 1960's architecture.

It would be hard to find another corner of this company more steeped in the central mythology of HP: Bill Hewlett and David Packard working in a Palo Alto garage in the 1930s, developing products and a philosophy that would help make Silicon Valley a powerhouse of high-tech innovation. Today, the offices once used by Hewlett and Packard at HP Labs are left intact, in a tribute to these icons.

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Continued from D1 either on the Internet, satellite, cable or some other medium, eventually will cut into Blockbuster's share of the home video entertainment market. Last summer five major movie studios, including Sony Pictures Entertainment, Universal Studios, Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, Warner Bros. and Viacom's own Paramount, teamed up to form a joint venture to provide Internet-based video-on-demand services.

"There have been so many announcements the past 10 years, and that's all they are — announcements. They haven't amounted to much. One says it's different, but I don't think so," Antico says. His prediction, and he's sticking to it, is that when video-on-demand becomes a reality, "more than likely it will be an upgrade for pay-per-view as opposed to an alternative to retail."

Antico has used the analogy of the newspaper industry's long-foretold demise, which was first threatened with the invention of radio, followed by television and, more recently, by the Internet.

Now, the recent boom in online grocery shopping experience has given Antico a more current example. Just because shoppers could order groceries online didn't mean they would shift to it with big enough volumes to make it profitable.

"Essentially, the costs to deliver a full-length feature film into a consumer's home is still a very expensive proposition. The customer may pay for the sheer convenience of not going to the video store, but how much of a premium are people willing to pay?"

Grocery shoppers browse aisles, "and so do our customers," he says. "They drop in and look around for a couple of minutes. People are very comfortable doing that. Getting the public to change that habit is going to be difficult."

The pay-per-view and video-on-demand business is expected to generate \$100 million in revenue this year and \$150 million by 2003, according to Paul Kagan Associates Inc., an industry market research firm. Those numbers compare with an estimated \$10 billion in rental revenue this year.

Tech stocks rise; Low average flirts with 10,000 again

NEW YORK (AP) — Wall Street extended its advance Monday with a moderate rally that boosted technology stocks but ultimately failed to take the Dow Jones industrials above 10,000.

Analysts attributed investors' tentativeness to their worries that stock market might be rising too much, too quickly. The Dow has been flirting with the 10,000 level and bull market territory for the last several sessions. A report from the National Bureau of Economic Research confirming that the United States is in a recession added to the debate.

"There's a tug-of-war between the bears and the bulls here,"

said Brian Belski, fund manager and strategist at Piper Bancorp Piper Jaffray. "I think the market is in a pricing gap. The problem, I think, though, is that many investors are having a hard time diagnosing when earnings will start to rise again."

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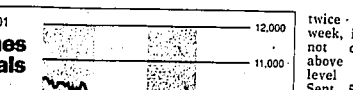
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twice - last week, it has not closed above that level since Sept. 5, the day after the terrorist attacks. Broader stock indicators also advanced. The technology-laden Nasdaq composite index was up about 0.2 percent, at 9,982.75, rebounding from a deficit of 55 points earlier in the session. Although the Dow crossed the 10,000 mark 38.03, or 2.0 percent, at 1,941.23, while the Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 7.08, or 0.6 percent, to 1,157.42.

The Dow is now more than 21 percent above the 2001 low set Sept. 21 after the terror attacks. A bull market technically is defined as a 20 percent or greater recovery from a low.

"The rebounding back over 10,000 will generate a headline or two and that should stir some enthusiasm among individual investors. Whether it's sustainable or not will depend more on underlying fundamentals: Is this about to bottom out and recover? About to bottom out and recover? About to bottom out and recover?" said Charles G. Crane, strategist for Victory SBF Capital Management. "We won't know those answers for sure for a while."

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RECESSIONS PAST AND PRESENT

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Table showing recession periods from February 1945 to March 2001, including length in months and peak/bottom dates.

SOURCE: National Bureau of Economic Research

RECESSION OFFICIALLY ENDS LONGEST ERA OF EXPANSION

WASHINGTON (AP) - The United States fell into a recession last spring, ending a record-breaking economic expansion at exactly 10 years...

The panel of six prominent academic economists stressed that even though they had picked March as the official start of the recession, they were not sure...

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Large table listing various mutual funds with columns for Name, \$/Share, and % Change.

More than a pretty face

Microsoft Office v.X for Macintosh offers new navigating ease

By Dan Gillmor
Knight Ridder News Service

As fancy as computers have become over the past four years, their basic usefulness has not changed much.

Sure, some of us surf the Web a lot more now, and watch streaming video, and edit digital photos, and make custom music CDs. Still, I'd be willing to bet that most of us still spend the bulk of our time writing letters and reports, noodling with spreadsheets, creating presentations and sending e-mail.

Those are the basics of home computing. They also are the foundation of Microsoft Office, the most popular software package in the world, with its Word, Excel, PowerPoint and Entourage programs.

Microsoft Office v.X for Apple's OS X operating system went on sale recently for \$100 (\$500 to upgrade from a previous version). It happens to be the best-looking piece of software I have ever seen. More impressive than that, Office v.X is more than just a pretty face: Microsoft engineers put that beauty to work, and created a productivity tool that is an easier to navigate because it's so good-looking.

This is not to say that Office v.X is groundbreaking. It's not. Office v.X is basically Office 2001 (the product Microsoft released last year) gussied-up for OS X, with a few nice feature enhancements.

Before I dive into the details, let me get the "should I buy it?" question out of the way.

• For the person who has a pre-G3 Mac: Don't bother. Office v.X



Kevin Browne, general manager of Microsoft's Macintosh unit, holds a Macintosh G4 in advance of Microsoft's release of its Office v.X for Mac software. Browne is the first to admit Microsoft has taken some missteps in bringing its business software suite to rival Apple computers.

runs only on Mac OS X (specifically version 10.1 or higher). I don't recommend you load that operating system on anything less than a G3.

• For the person with a capable Mac, waiting for an excuse to

switch to OS X: Office v.X is it. If you use Hotmail for Web e-mail, you might be disappointed at the initial release. Hotmail and MSN Messenger work together for the best all-around messaging experience in OS X, though Entourage

is somewhat lacking.

- For the person who recently bought a Mac and who lives in OS X already: Buy it if you don't have Office 2001. If you have Office 2001, that program works fine in the Classic environment of OS X, which makes v.X more of a luxury purchase.

- For the OS X junkie and the Mac Office power-user: This is a must-have piece of software. Office v.X comes close to seamless cross-platform compatibility, and it takes advantage of the built-in graphics capabilities of OS X to deliver stunning results—especially in Excel.

There are things I didn't like about Office v.X. First, there are still too many annoying "wizards" for my taste—the animated messages that pop up and offer help I sometimes want, and sometimes don't.

Second, Word would on rare occasions fail to keep up with what I was typing, even when I was working on a 667MHz G4 desktop and PowerBook.

Third, Entourage sometimes failed to pull messages from my Hotmail account through a dial-up connection. And when I hit the "Send & Receive" button to force the matter, Entourage routinely crashed. Because I use "Web mail" exclusively for non-work messages, this was a big deal for me—for those who use ISP accounts, it might be a lesser issue.

Lastly, Quicktime movies can now be dropped into practically any Office document, including Entourage e-mails—and they remain active. So, you can play a movie in a Word document, surrounded by text—or in an Excel document, surrounded by charts and other data. They are even active in e-mail messages.

Office v.X is a beautiful piece of work that shows off the capabilities of Apple's new operating system quite nicely. Bravo, Microsoft.

Some graphic files fall victim in giants' spat

By James Coates
Chicago Tribune

Computer Q and A

Q. I would like an explanation of the difference between certain graphic files. I have a large number of ART files that just don't seem to want to play ball with the rest of my files. I have GIF, JPEG and bitmap files that are easily convertible into whatever program I want to open them with.

My ART files will only open with Internet Explorer. I have tried "Customize This Folder" and "Folder Options" to no avail. I would prefer that these ART files open with Image Preview. What's the deal?

—Steven Wearne, Missoula, Mont.

A. Welcome to the ranks of millions of consumers getting beaten up by America Online's Steve Case and Microsoft's Bill Gates because these two dueling billionaires refuse to accommodate one another over the issue of downloading pictures using Web browsers.

America Online sticks to its proprietary ART format for photos with hunched resolution, even as Microsoft Corp. refuses with equal stubbornness to make its software recognize these files. The result is that the 30 million AOL customers get a highly unsatisfactory experience using the huge wealth of graphic images that are a big part of

using the Internet.

Sadly, when an AOL user gives an image the right-click that brings up the "Save As" command for storing Web photos on a hard drive, the option given is as an ART file. Users can click a tiny triangle to the left of the word ART and save in the Windows BMP format, but that too is unfavorable because BMP files are needlessly huge. The JPG and GIF files are far smaller and more PC-friendly.

Q. An old scan image keeps coming up before my computer boots up. It doesn't seem to keep Windows 98 from opening properly, but I would like this off my computer. I tried everything my manuals have suggested, but it is still there. How do I get rid of this?

—Karen Lee, Augusta, Ga.

A. I must confess that I discovered this same nasty feature in Windows when I once made an overly risky photo my screen saver and then changed it shortly afterward to avoid offending casual onlookers.

You need to make sure you use whatever software you used to make the unwanted picture the desktop screen saver, and then go through the replacement process, followed by shutdown two times.

Laugh, and the Web laughs with you

By Reid Kansley
Knight Ridder News Service

Maybe a little humor is in order about now. Here are a few Web sites given over to laughs.

Mad magazine

Warner Bros. seems intent on making this site an ad to sell magazine subscriptions. But it does have some fodder from the Mad baryard. Read the Mad magazine FAQ, which starts with the obvious question: "I have gum stuck in a shag carpet. Is there any way to get it out?"

www.warnerbros.com/pages/madmagazine/index.jsp

Comics.com

Go here for a refresher course on classic comic strips such as Li'l Abner, whose "humiliatin'" 39-cent wedding to Daisy Mae took place in 1949.

www.comics.com/classics/index.html

The Onion

With such headlines as "Hijackers Surprised to Find Selves in Hell," and "U.S. Vows to Defeat Whoever It Is We're At War With," the often vulgar Onion proves that satire is alive, if not completely well. New public safety measures announced

here include requiring commercial planes to land to their destinations, and retrawing the U.S. map with a "thicker, bolder border."

Jokes.com

Need a joke fast? Try plugging in a keyword, such as "ham" or "drunk" to probe the joke database. No kidding. Or browse by category, such as "insults," "lawyer" and "gross." Sign up for joke e-mails.

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Humor.com

Remember the Internet dancing baby? Click on "Dancing Bush" here to watch the president moon-walk on a disco dance floor. He's pretty good when he needs to be.

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Digital video recorders deserve a second look

By Mike Langberg
Knight Ridder News Service

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Digital video recorders, or DVRs, are perhaps the most unappreciated and consumer electronics innovation in the past two years.

Critics have raved about the spectacular tricks that DVRs—also known as personal video recorders, or PVRs—can perform. Major manufacturers have advertised heavily. Surveys of consumers who've bought DVRs report high satisfaction rates.

Yet sales have been tepid, with only a few hundred thousand units sold.

The only explanation, according to marketing experts, is that consumers are having a hard time understanding what DVRs can do.

Part of the confusion is that DVRs, at first glance, might seem like the most overpriced videocassette recorders. DVRs, after all, record TV programs in much the same way as VCRs, using a hard disk instead of magnetic tape.

But hard disks are a much more powerful recording device than tape. Among the features DVRs offer that VCRs can't match:

- Live pause. Are you ever in the middle of a football game, sitcom or movie when the phone rings or the baby cries? Hit the "pause" button on a DVR and the program freezes on the screen and starts recording on the hard disk immediately. Come back 10 minutes later and resume watching right where you left off.

- Set and forget programming. Tell a DVR once that you want to watch "Frasier" every Thursday night and you'll get all episodes automatically recorded for the

rest of the season. You no longer have to remember to insert a tape and set the VCR to record each week.

- Huge capacity. The current crop of DVRs offer 40 gigabyte hard drives that hold about 20 hours of recorded programs. So you can go on vacation for several weeks and still watch all your favorite shows when you get home. VCRs, in contrast, can't hold more than six hours on a single tape.

- Instant playback. If your DVR starts recording "Monday Night Football" at 6 p.m. and you get home from work at 6:30 p.m., you can immediately start watching the game from the beginning. With a VCR, you'd have to wait until the game was over to rewind and start at the beginning.

- Very fast forward. Most DVRs have a "skip forward" button that instantly jumps ahead 30 seconds, making it easy to speed through commercials. DVRs also have ultra-fast-forward, so commercials whiz by much faster than fast forwarding with a VCR.

There are a few downsides to DVRs.

- Users who want to share recordings with others or keep an archive of recordings need to copy programs onto a VCR tape, an inconvenient extra step. Also, most DVR makers charge a monthly fee—typically, just under \$10—for the electronic program guide service that controls the recording function.

- PVRs are more expensive than VCRs; most DVR models are now in the \$300 to \$400 range, while good-quality VCRs can now be found for under \$100.

These small devices pack a lot of memory

The Dallas Morning News

As the popularity of digital handheld devices has increased, so has the need for small memory devices. The most popular are flash memory cards, which use chips to store files.

Flash card readers quickly and easily transfer picture, music and other data files from digital cameras, video recorders, MP3 players and cellphones to PCs and Macs.

Once images from flash memory are downloaded into a PC or Mac, users can print photographs with their printers or attach images to e-mail and send them across the Internet.

Electronic memory comes in a variety of forms to serve a variety of purposes:

- The Memory Stick is smaller than a stick of chewing gum, yet an 8-megabyte Memory Stick has at least five times the storage capacity of a standard 3.5-inch floppy disk. Users can transfer information such as data, text, graphics and digital images from one electronic device to another quickly and easily.

Available in 4MB to 128MB storage sizes
Price range: \$20 to \$170

SmartMedia cards are one of

the two most-used media for additional memory in digital electronic equipment. The card is simple—nothing more than a flash chip on a card.

Available in 16MB to 128MB storage sizes
Price range: \$13 to \$62

CompactFlash cards are compatible with most handhelds and digital cameras. They differ from SmartMedia cards in two ways: They are thicker and use a controller chip. The increased thickness allows for greater storage capacity, and the controller can improve performance, particularly in devices that have slow processors.

Available in 8MB to 512MB storage sizes
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Microdrives can pack up to a gigabyte of data storage (equalling 1,000 novels of 200 pages each or nearly 18 hours of high-quality digital audio music) onto a disc the size of a quarter. Microdrives can be used in a variety of handheld electronic products. They can also serve as data-exchange accessories for computers and printers.

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