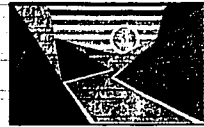


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# CSI looks to improve security

By Mark Heinz  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** — Twin Falls police detective Mark Marvin on Thursday had to take a trip to the emergency room at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

He went there to talk to College of Southern Idaho student Zack Wolf, who claimed he'd gotten glass in his eyes and cuts on his face during an attempted robbery in the parking lot of a CSI dormitory, according

to an affidavit written by Marvin and filed with court documents.

Wolf told detectives that at about 7 p.m., shortly after and he and some friends pulled into the Eagle Hall parking lot, another man came up to his car and started pounding on the window and demanding money, according to the affidavit. Wolf claimed that after the man shattered his window and glass was sprayed in his face, he drove to the hospital, the affidavit says.

Police later arrested another student, Jared David Wilson, who

told detectives he had punched Wolf's window in a fit of anger, but denied trying to rob anybody, according to Marvin's affidavit.

Wilson was arraigned Monday on charges of aggravated battery and attempted robbery, according to court records.

None of the seven full-time and six part-time officers on CSI security force are authorized to carry handcuffs or weapons of any kind.

But the allegations behind Wilson's arrest aren't typical of problems on the CSI campus, a

college spokesman and Twin Falls police captain said.

In fact, CSI and the police decided last summer that it wasn't worth assign a Twin Falls Police Department officer solely to CSI patrol duty.

"The basic premise behind that decision was that there wasn't enough work out there to keep an officer busy," said Capt. Jim Munn, who commands the department's patrol division.

The department in 1999 had assigned officer John Wilson to

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# College officials to meet governor

## CSI leaders in Boise to discuss budget cuts

By Julie Pence  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** — College of Southern Idaho officials were scheduled to meet with Gov. Dirk Kempthorne and other college chiefs today in Boise to discuss how to cope with budget cuts.

Mike Mason, vice president of finance, has said that the governor's 3 percent "holdbacks" will amount to \$435,000 less this school year than anticipated. CSI officials are bracing for a 10.6 percent reduction in state funding next year, or about \$1.7 million.

One option for reducing expenditures that President Jerry Meyerhoeffer has discussed is allowing up to 30 or 40 longtime employees to take early retirement. He is working with officials from the Public Employee Retirement System of Idaho to fashion a one-time-only plan that would encourage these short a few years of fulfilling the "Rule of 90" to retire early with no penalty.

The rule refers to the sum of a person's years paying into PERSI and the age of the individual. Usually, the two figures must add up to 90 before an employee can retire without some loss of pension. Meyerhoeffer hopes to come home with the go ahead for the plan.

"I'm keeping my fingers crossed," he said Monday.

Meyerhoeffer told the faculty of the cutbacks on Oct. 31 and of his proposal to the state that would encourage a reduction in the amount CSI pays for salaries. Currently, about 80 percent of the budget goes to salaries.

Faculty Senate leader Jan Simpkin said Monday no one seems particularly alarmed by

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# SCOOTING ALONG IN STYLE

## Gyro-balanced Segway set to change travel

The Associated Press

**NEW YORK** — "It" is a scooter. Capping months of speculation about his mysterious innovation, an inventor unveiled the device Monday — a gyroscope-stabilized, battery-powered scooter that he hopes will revolutionize short-distance travel.

Dean Kamen and his backers are banking on the Segway Human Transporter to displace cars, leading to a realigned cityscape that's more people-friendly.

The single-rider Segway, until now known only by its code names IT and Ginger, "will be the car what the car was to the horse and buggy," Kamen boasted in this week's Time magazine. "Cars are great for going long distances. But it makes no sense at all for people in cities to use a 4,000-pound piece of metal."

Monday morning, Kamen and the hosts of ABC's "Good Morning America" took the scooter for a spin in Manhattan's Bryant Park, demonstrating maneuvers and cruising up and down ramps as crowds watched.

The two-wheeled Segway, which looks like a cross between a hand mower and a Razor scooter, travels at up to 12 mph, said Kamen — spokesman — Dave Chapman.

It's designed to be difficult to fall from or knock over because of gyroscopes that work to keep it upright. Speed and direction are controlled by the rider's shifting weight.

Riders stand upright over the invention's single axle, navigating with a bicycle-like handlebar. A single battery charge can propel the scooter 15 miles over level ground.

Kamen, whose Manchester, N.H.-based DEKA Research and Development company will oversee production, said the Segway requires about 10 cents' worth of electricity for a six-hour charge.

Kamen holds roughly 100 U.S. patents. His other inventions include the heart stent used by Vice President Dick Cheney, a wheelchair that climbs stairs and

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Inventor Dean Kamen demonstrates his Segway Human Transporter, a one-person, battery-powered scooter, Monday, in New York. The device, which travels at a top speed of about 12 mph, uses gyroscopes to keep it upright and discern where the rider wants to go.

# Israelis strike back, declare 'war on terror'

The Associated Press

**GAZA CITY**, Gaza Strip — Prime Minister Ariel Sharon declared war on terror Monday, and Israeli airstrikes destroyed two of the Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat's helicopters in Gaza and hit West Bank security installations.

Ten Palestinians were wounded in the missile attack by Israeli helicopter gunships near Arafat's seaside headquarters, which raised a plume of black smoke over Gaza City. Arafat was in the West Bank at the time of the attack.

Early Tuesday, Palestinians said Israeli tanks had entered Gaza Airport, firing machine guns and damaging the runway. The Israeli military had no immediate comment.

Sharon convened an emer-

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gency Cabinet meeting to decide the scope of Israel's response to suicide bombings and shootings by Islamic militant groups that killed 26 people in Israel on Saturday and Sunday.

Palestinian Cabinet minister Saeb Erekat said Sharon's speech, coupled with the airstrikes, signaled an Israeli attempt to "overthrow the Palestinian Authority." Palestinian officials said the harsh reprisals undermined a sincere Arafat effort to crack down on Islamic militants in the wake of the suicide bombings.

However, Israeli Defense Minister Binyamin Ben-Eliezer told reporters that Israel has no

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Palestinian security officials approach a burning helicopter at a landing pad near Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat's headquarters in Gaza City, Monday. Israeli helicopter gunships destroyed two of Arafat's helicopters, in retaliation for weekend suicide bombings by Islamic militants which killed 26 people.

# Taliban soldiers claim to be American

The Associated Press

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Three people who claim to be American citizens and who fought on the side of the Taliban militia are now under the control of U.S. forces or allied opposition forces in northern Afghanistan, senior defense officials said Monday.

A man identified as John Walker is receiving medical care from U.S. forces after being discovered among captured Taliban troops and al-Qaida fighters

who had holed up in a fortress in Mazar-e-Sharif. CNN reported that Walker, a convert to Islam, had suffered grenade and bullet wounds.

In an interview posted on Newsweek magazine's Web site, his parents identified him from photos as John Phillip Walker Lindh, 20, of Fairport, Calif.

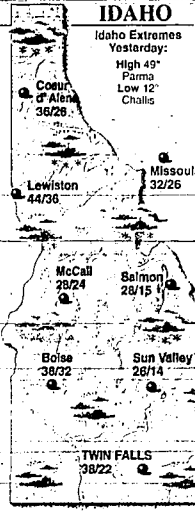
Two other people who claim to be Americans are under the control of the northern alliance, a defense official said, speaking on condition of anonymity. The official knew few details about these two, whose identities have not been established and whose phys-

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# FORECAST FOR MAGIC VALLEY



### ALMANAC

Twin Falls through 6 p.m. yesterday

Temperature	
High/Low	39/23°
Normal high/low	40/22°
High/low last year	42/21°
Record high	54° in 1975
Record low	13° in 1993
Precipitation	
24 hours ending 6 p.m. yest.	0.07
Month to date	0.10
Normal month to date	0.12
Water year to date (Oct. 1 - 12)	1.80
Normal year to date (Oct. 1 - 12)	2.07
Humidity	
Yesterday at noon	67%
Barometric Pressure	
Yesterday, at 6 p.m.	29.93 in

**Pollen yesterday in Twin Falls**

Grass	N.A.
Woods	N.A.
Tree	N.A.

Source: Asthma and Allergy of Idaho

Shown is today's weather. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

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## FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR TWIN FALLS

TODAY	TONIGHT	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
A shower of rain or snow possible.	A few snow showers.	Morning flurries.	Chance of snow and rain.	Cloudy to partly sunny.	Clouds and some sunshine.
▲ 38°	▼ 22°	▲ 36° ▼ 28°	▲ 40° ▼ 26°	▲ 40° ▼ 24°	▲ 42° ▼ 26°

### REGIONAL WEATHER

**Southern Idaho:** A mixture of clouds and sunshine in the east today. Mostly cloudy in the west with the chance for a couple of showers of rain and snow, mainly in the afternoon. Highs: 28-30.

**Boise:** Clouds and limited sunshine today with the chance for rain or snow shower during the afternoon. High 38. Mostly cloudy tonight with a few showers of rain and snow. Low: 32.

**Northern Nevada:** Clouds and occasional sunshine across the north today with the chance for a rain or snow shower this afternoon. Partly sunny across the south today. Highs in the 30s and 40s.

**Northern Utah:** A couple of snow showers in the east this morning, then some sunshine this afternoon. Sunny to partly cloudy in the west today; Highs from near 20 in the mountains to 36 in Salt Lake City.

**Northern Idaho:** Snow at times; a couple of inches will accumulate in many places, but rain will be mixed with the snow in the lowest valleys where there will be no more than a coating. Highs 24-44.

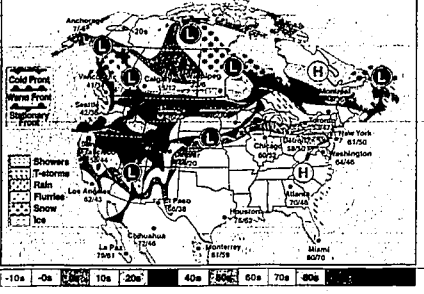
### NATIONAL EXTREMES

Yesterday (for the 48 contiguous states)

High 82° in Tampa, FL Low 1° in Bryce Canyon, UT

### NATIONAL WEATHER

Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are in degrees Fahrenheit. Forecast high/low temperatures are given for selected cities.



## CANADIAN CITIES

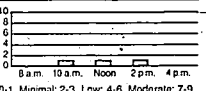
City	Today	Wed.
Calgary	H 12 L 2	28 10
Edmonton	21 14	20 19
Kelowna	33 24	37 30
Lethbridge	31 11	28 18
Regina	26 11	24 18
Saskatoon	22 9	24 6
Toronto	53 47	57 47
Vancouver	41 34	43 39
Winnipeg	29 22	32 24

### SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today: 7:51 a.m.  
Sunset tonight: 5:05 p.m.  
Moonrise today: 9:03 p.m.  
Moonset tonight: 11:34 a.m.

Last	Now	First	Full
Dec 7	Dec 14	Dec 22	Dec 30

### UV INDEX



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

### NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Wed.	City	Today	Wed.
Atlanta	70 46	71 52	Chicago	62 44	65 48
Baltimore	64 45	74 46	Cleveland	62 50	67 50
Birmingham	72 49	72 55	Denver	44 20	44 24
Boston	58 45	60 47	Des Moines	58 45	54 32
Charlotte, NC	72 48	76 53	Detroit	58 50	61 46
Charlotte, WV	62 44	65 48	El Paso	66 36	61 36
Chicago	62 44	65 48	Fairbanks	24 -31	-25 -36
Cincinnati	62 50	67 50	Fargo	36 17	32 15
Columbus	62 44	65 48	Honolulu	84 72	83 71
Dayton	62 44	65 48	Houston	76 62	77 63
Des Moines	58 45	54 32	Indianapolis	62 51	64 50
Detroit	58 50	61 46	Jacksonville	73 56	76 57
El Paso	66 36	61 36	Kansas City	66 52	63 37
Fairbanks	24 -31	-25 -36	Las Vegas	55 35	55 31
Fargo	36 17	32 15	Las Vegas	55 35	55 31
Honolulu	84 72	83 71	Little Rock	70 52	70 57
Houston	76 62	77 63	Los Angeles	62 43	64 45
Indianapolis	62 51	64 50	Los Angeles	62 43	64 45
Jacksonville	73 56	76 57	Los Angeles	62 43	64 45
Kansas City	66 52	63 37	Los Angeles	62 43	64 45
Las Vegas	55 35	55 31	Los Angeles	62 43	64 45
Las Vegas	55 35	55 31	Los Angeles	62 43	64 45
Little Rock	70 52	70 57	Los Angeles	62 43	64 45
Los Angeles	62 43	64 45	Los Angeles	62 43	64 45

Weather (W): s-sunny; p-partly cloudy; c-cloudy; a-shower; h-hurricane; r-rain; a-snow; flurries; i-ice.

## REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Wed.
Boise	38 22	42 28
Bonners Ferry	33 26	39 29
Burley	34 17	36 21
Coeur d'Alene	36 26	32 28
Elko	39 19	35 19
Eugene, OR	46 39	49 40
Hesperia	29 26	27 28
Idaho Falls	30 19	34 17
Kalispell, MT	32 24	32 26
Lewiston	44 36	42 36
Malden	32 21	33 24
Malia	31 13	30 12

City	Today	Wed.
McCalla	28 24	28 24
Missoula, MT	32 26	34 26
Portland, OR	34 26	36 28
Portland, ID	47 38	48 42
Richtland, WA	47 32	43 36
Salmon	28 15	29 17
Salt Lake City, UT	36 28	42 38
Spokane, WA	38 28	36 30
Shimn	27 12	32 15
Slate Valley	26 14	26 14
Yellowstone, MT	24 12	24 16

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

## Israel

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intention of bringing down Arafat's administration.

Brig. Gen. Ron Kitzrey, the Israeli military spokesman, said helicopters used by Arafat to shuttle between the West Bank and Gaza were targeted because they were symbols of his mobility and freedom.

Since Sunday night, Palestinian security forces have arrested about 110 members of the Islamic Jihad and Hamas, the group that claimed responsibility for twin suicide bombings in a Jerusalem pedestrian mall that killed 10 young Israelis Saturday and another suicide bombing that killed 15 on a bus in Haifa Sunday.

A Hamas shooting in the Gaza Strip on Sunday killed one Israeli.

In the past, the Palestinians have quickly released some mili-

## Budget

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the suggestion that older faculty might be encouraged to leave.

In fact, she said the current working environment is upbeat, so much so that jokes about being able to retire and move to Tahiti are not met with any kind of war-

## American

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ical condition could not be determined.

Asked about Walker, Rear Adm. John Stufflebeem, the deputy director of operations for the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said he could not say whether Walker is considered a prisoner of war or whether he would be returned to the United States.

Stufflebeem said Walker's status has "not yet been defined."

"The only thing that I can say about this individual is that this is somebody who claims to be an American citizen," he said. "That claim is being respected for the moment, until facts can be established."

On the 58th day of the U.S. military campaign in Afghanistan, which President Bush undertook in response to the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, U.S. officials said

## Security

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full-time campus duty - and Wilson carried all his gear, including his service pistol - while on duty there.

"That was a boon for us for a while, because I think that helped get some teeth into the enforcement," said CSI spokesman Doug Maughan.

Even so, the college agreed with the police-department's assessment that there isn't enough action on campus to warrant a full-time officer's presence.

While figures compiled recently by the U.S. Department of Education show that CSI does have a fair amount of on-campus theft reported, most of those incidents involve items carelessly left in unlocked cars or other vulnerable places, Munn said.

But the police department is hardly ignoring CSI, Munn said. "It's quite a chunk of real estate," and as such demands regular visits by patrol units, he said.

Officers on the bear try to cruise the campus on a regular basis, and bicycle-mounted officers often check up on CSI during the warmer months, Munn said.

"The first step in almost any situation is to notify the Twin Falls police," Maughan said.

Even so, the college would like to beef up its security officers' qualifications, he said.

## Campus crime

College of Southern Idaho, Twin Falls	'98 '99 '00
Murder/Non-negligent manslaughter	0 0 0
Forcible sex offenses	0 0 1
Nonforcible sex offenses	3 6 0
Robbery	0 0 0
Aggravated assault	0 1 0
Burglary	13 3 2
Motor vehicle theft	2 2 1
Arson	0 0 0
Negligent manslaughter	0 0 0

## World CITIES

City	Today	Wed.
Managua	68 52	70 57
Miami	80 70	80 70
Milwaukee	59 49	59 42
Nashville	67 47	67 51
New Orleans	78 60	78 60
New York City	61 50	65 56
Philadelphia	62 44	63 47
Portland, ME	50 -38	-54 42
Raleigh	70 41	71 43
Reno	42 28	45 28
Sacramento	54 39	56 41
St. Louis	66 56	66 50
St. Paul	45 30	41 26
Salt Lake City	36 22	36 28
San Diego	68 48	68 43
San Francisco	62 47	62 47
Seattle	42 36	42 38
Tucson	62 49	60 37
Washington	62 54	60 52

## Segway

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the first portable kidney dialysis machine.

The Postal Service and the City of Atlanta will be among the first purchasers, buying 80-pound heavy-duty models for \$8,000 apiece, Chapman said.

The Postal Service plans to test 20 Segways on mail routes in Concord, N.H., and Tampa and Fort Myers, Fla., starting in January, Chapman said. In February, Atlanta's visitor's bureau employees will begin using the scooters to patrol the tourist district, Chapman said.

A 65-pound, \$3,000 consumer model won't be available for at least a year.

Segway's director of market-

## Security

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ing, Tobe Cohen, said Kamen hopes operators will be permitted to ride the Segway on city sidewalks, negating the need for licenses or insurance. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has ruled that Segway is not a vehicle, Cohen said. "We're working with state regulators to make sure they understand that," Cohen said.

Kamen withheld information on the Segway until he had finished filing related patents.

From the time plans for the machine were first leaked to a Web site called Inside.com almost a year ago, tantalizing but vague mentions of the project kept the device in a controlled state of hype.

## Security

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Some of the security officers were recently signed up to take a course that would have qualified them to carry collapsible batons, he said. But the course instructors have been booked up with airport security in the wake of the Sept. 11 attacks.

The college still wants to get the security officers qualified to use batons as soon as possible, and would eventually like to have them qualified to carry other

## Security

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weapons and equipment - perhaps even firearms.

"For the security force to carry firearms, they would probably have to qualify as reserve officers, which could complicate things," Munn said.

"They would have to go through all the same hiring process and most of the training our officers do," he said. "We would have to sit down and talk, and make some boundaries

## Security

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Laden may be hiding.

The officials said the U.S. special forces are working with local Afghans to collect information

## Security

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they hope will lead them to bin Laden and his top lieutenants.

U.S. special forces have been operating in who a U.S. official said identified himself as John Walker, is held in the custody of U.S. forces in Afghanistan after being discovered among captured Taliban troops.

Stufflebeem said the U.S. special forces are not conducting cave-to-cave search for bin Laden.

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## Campus crime

Ricks College, Richburg	'98 '99 '00
Aggravated assault	0 0 0
Burglary	3 3 1
Motor vehicle theft	1 1 1
Arson	0 0 0
Negligent manslaughter	0 0 0

## Campus crime

Lewis and Clark State College, Lewiston	'98 '99 '00
Murder/Non-negligent manslaughter	0 0 0
Forcible sex offenses	1 1 0
Nonforcible sex offenses	0 0 0
Robbery	0 1 0

Source: U.S. Department of Education

# Army Corps decides not to breach dams

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) — The agency that built four dams on the lower Snake River concluded Monday the huge structures should not be breached to improve endangered salmon runs.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, in a long-awaited opinion forwarded to other federal agencies, concluded the dams should instead be modified to improve the survival of the fish.

"That is more cost-effective and has a minimal economic impact," said Nola Conway, a spokeswoman for the corps office in Walla Walla.

Environmental groups that want to remove the dams were quick to denounce the recommendation.

"It comes as no surprise the corps would recommend keeping the dams and continuing to spend a heck of a lot of money to retrofit them," said Rob Mason, acting regional director of American Rivers in Seattle. "It's in their best interest to keep going on that tack."

The four dams — Ice Harbor, Lower Monumental, Little Goose and Lower Granite — were built starting in the 1960s and are located on the Snake River between Washington's Tri-Cities of Richland, Pasco and Kennewick and Lewiston, Idaho.

They provide electricity, irrigation water and navigation for barges. The 1,250 megawatts of power produced are enough for a city the size of Seattle.

Environmentalists blame the dams for blocking the migration of salmon and steelhead to the Pacific Ocean, leaving the native populations either extinct or listed for protection under the Endangered Species Act.

Business groups and many Republican lawmakers have been critical of proposals to breach the dams, and President Bush declared during his election campaign that he opposed their removal.

Conway said the corps did identify some benefits to breaching during the five-year study, notably that it would help restore the Snake River to more natural flows.

But breaching, which would be tied up for years in court and technical studies, would also have taken the longest time to implement, Conway said.

The corps did not publicly release details of its recommendations. That is expected early next year.

The corps in the past five years has studied four alternatives. Rejected were options that called for making no changes to existing operations, breaching the dams or simply expanding programs in which juvenile salmon are barged or trucked past the dams.

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# Taliban counters assault near Kandahar airport

Knights Ridder News Service

QUETTA, Pakistan — As more U.S. Marines and heavy equipment moved into makeshift bases outside the southern Afghan city of Kandahar on Monday, anti-Taliban fighters said they were driven back by fierce Arab Taliban warriors from an area near the city's airport.



The Pashtun tribal fighters said they battled 700 to 1,000 Arab Taliban, members of terror suspect Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida network. Kandahar is the Taliban's last major stronghold, and the focus of the latest stage of the U.S. military strategy to capture bin Laden and defeat the Taliban, who have been sheltering him.

"They are suicidal ... We're trying our best, but we underestimated them," Khalid Pashtun, a spokesman for former Kandahar governor Gul Agha Shirzai, reported by satellite telephone. Agha Shirzai's fighters reached the gates to the airport, but had to fall back about a half mile after hours of intense fighting with the defenders, who could be heard speaking Arabic on the radio, Pashtun said.

Another Pashtun leader, Hamid Karzai, reported his fighters were consolidating territory they seized Sunday some 10 miles north of Kandahar when Taliban garrisons withdrew or switched sides.

No fighting occurred there

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# Ridge warns Americans to remain alert

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush's homeland security chief asked Americans to return to a high state of alert Monday, citing threats of more terrorist attacks, possibly around "important religious observations" this month.

Federal officials said the alert should continue at least through the end of the Islamic holy month of Ramadan in mid-December. Homeland Security Director Tom Ridge did not mention any religious faith but said officials took the "convergence of different religious observations" into account when they decided another alert was in order.

"Now is not the time to back off," Ridge said. "Obviously, the further we're removed from Sept. 11, the natural tendency is to let down our guard. We cannot do that. We are a nation at war."

Monday's warning, issued by the FBI to law enforcement nationwide as well as to the general public, was the third since the hijacker attacks in September and the anthrax letters in October. The FBI issued the two others on Oct. 11 and Oct. 29.

Ridge did not cite a specific threat, but said U.S. intelligence had seen an increase in the volume of information warning in general of more attacks.



Tom Ridge

*"Now is not the time to back off... We cannot do that. We are a nation at war."*

— Homeland Security Director Tom Ridge

"The quantity and level of threats are above the norm," Ridge said, "and have reached a threshold where we once again should put the public on general alert."

Bush reviewed the analysts' conclusions and the approved our decision to go forward and make the announcement," Ridge said.

Asked if he worried that Americans were becoming jaded by the repeated alerts, Ridge said the process of warning the public "is an art, it's not a science. There are shadowy soldiers. This is a shadowy enemy."

The FBI issued the earlier alerts in the

days after the U.S. military launched airstrikes in Afghanistan Oct. 7, targeting Osama bin Laden and his Taliban protectors. Bin Laden is the prime suspect in the Sept. 11 attacks.

Ridge urged citizens to view the current alert as "a signal to be vigilant" and asked that they report suspicious behavior to local authorities.

Meanwhile, law enforcement officials told The Associated Press that investigators have gathered evidence showing similarities among the last three terrorist attacks against Americans by Osama bin Laden's supporters.

Those attacks include the Sept. 11 suicide hijackings, the October 2000 bombing of the USS Cole in Yemen and the 1998 bombings of two U.S. embassies in Africa.

The officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the similarities included the way the attacks were planned, communicated and carried out, and the way the attackers were trained. The officials declined to be more specific.

"There are certainly similarities among the three, some of which have emerged more clearly in the last few weeks," one official said.

# Alliance to release list of candidates

KOENIGSWINTER, Germany (AP) — Afghanistan's northern alliance said it was prepared to release names of its candidates for an interim administration Monday night, after U.S. envoy James F. Dobbins accused the alliance of obstructing talks on the Asian nation's future.

In a night of hectic diplomacy, White House official Zalmay Khalilzad telephoned northern alliance leader Burhanuddin Rabbani in Kabul to press him to break the deadlock threatening talks in their seventh day.

Rabbani promised to authorize his delegation to name its candidates, Dobbins said. The northern alliance, which controls Kabul, has promised to transfer power to the interim administration once it is formed.

Dobbins, who has been prodding the four factions meeting in Germany to reach a workable accord, earlier said the alliance was stalling on the list of names to prevent an agreement.

For the last several days, the northern alliance delegation in Germany and leaders back in Kabul have been giving conflicting statements on what they would find acceptable.

"In one of the most serious rifts, the delegation here said it would accept an international security force, while Rabbani said an all-Afghan force could do the job."

"Once again the problem is more obstacles being raised because of discomfort with the agreement as a whole," Dobbins said, raising for the first time the possibility the talks could break down.

Delegations representing the northern alliance, exiles loyal to former King Mohammad Zahir Shah and two smaller exile groups were meeting Monday evening to present their lists of

candidates for a 29-member interim council, which would run the country for six months.

After consulting with Kabul, northern delegation leader Younus Qanooni took the list into the meeting then and intended to present it, said Haji Ali Mirzai, an aide to northern alliance delegate Mohammad Nattqi.

Dobbins put the chance of success at less 50 percent if the northern alliance delegation does not produce its list sometime

Monday night. At risk are billions of dollars in reconstruction aid promised by the international community, as well as Afghanistan's future stability after 23 years of war.

Dobbins singled out Rabbani as holding the talks, saying the delegation here wanted a deal, but was reluctant to proceed without Rabbani's full backing.

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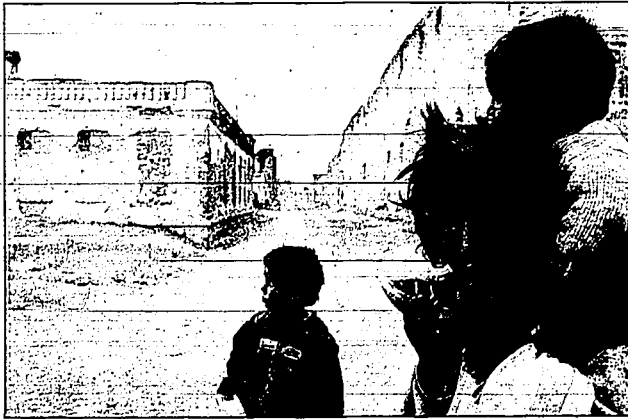
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Afghan children beg on a street in central Kabul, Afghanistan, Monday. Afghanistan's fast approaching bitter winter could leave up to 100,000 Afghan children dead in the next few weeks, an international relief organization said as aid workers battled for more supplies and to immunize needy Afghans to prevent the spread of disease.

Police split over federal interviews

The Associated Press

Police departments nationwide are breaking ranks over Justice Department efforts to interview 5,000 Middle Eastern men, with officers far beyond Oregon concerned about racial profiling. Others are astounded that their colleagues wouldn't cooperate with federal agents.

Local law enforcement balked at the University of Michigan, and in San Jose and San Mateo in California. There has also been some hesitation elsewhere.

Others scoff at the reservations. "That's not racial profiling, that's good investigative work," said Chief Michael Chitwood in Portland, Maine.

After the Sept. 11 hijackings, the federal government detained some 1,100 people in an attempt to track down terrorist networks.

Last month, the Justice Department announced plans to interview 5,000 young male foreigners from the Middle East and countries where terrorists are known to operate. Federal agents were told to work with local and state police to find people for questioning. Police in Portland and Corvallis — both in Oregon — have refused to cooperate.

*"Whether this is racial profiling or not I suppose depends on your viewpoint. I personally don't think we have any terrorists living in Fremont, nor do I think we have people living in Fremont who know terrorists."*

— Craig Steckler, Fremont, Calif., police chief

In Fremont, Calif., and Ann Arbor, Mich., police are accompanying federal agents when the interviews are requested or conducted, hoping to ensure that those questioned don't feel unduly pressured.

"Whether this is racial profiling or not, I suppose depends on your viewpoint," said Chief Craig Steckler in Fremont, home to the nation's largest Afghan-American community. "I personally don't think we have any terrorists living in Fremont, nor do I think we

have people living in Fremont who know terrorists."

The FBI identified six local men to interview, and though Steckler said he's sure FBI agents are well-trained, he wants a local officer to be present, too. If federal officials aren't respectful, it could jeopardize local relationships, he said.

For San Mateo County Sheriff Don Horsley, the decision was clear. "We don't have any legal authority to question people. Unless they could articulate some suspicious activity, no, we wouldn't participate."

In Ann Arbor, "I'm reserving judgment on whether or not my cops will participate," Chief Dan Oates said. Instead, he's arranging a meeting between the federal agents and the local Arab-American community, hoping to ease fears and allow for interviews to go forward.

Other police are pursuing interviews sought by the FBI, and question the logic of those who refuse.

"I think the leaders of those agencies who decide not to assist should reassess what kind of career path they should take," said Baltimore Det. Gary McLhinney.

Senate building reopens; crews test anthrax cleanup in suites

WASHINGTON — Officials cleaning up a Senate office building contaminated with anthrax now hope the work will be finished in time to reopen early next year.

Employees returned to work Monday at the adjacent Dirksen Senate Office Building, closed while cleanup crews fumigated Senate Majority Leader Thomas Daschle's office suite in the Hart Senate Office Building with chlorine dioxide gas over the weekend.

The Hart building, where potentially lethal anthrax bacteria escaped Oct. 15 from a letter opened by an aide to Daschle, will remain shut while the Environmental Protection Agency finishes work on 11 other senators' suites and areas. The building provides work space for half the 100-member chamber.

"We're back to the regular routine of cleaning up the other suites in the Hart building," said Richard Rupert, the EPA's onsite coordinator. "I want to be home by Christmas."

Pakistan's efforts to fight extremism get boost

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — With a new anti-terrorism law and international support, Pakistan plans to crack down on Islamic and ethnic extremists responsible for killing hundreds of people here every year, a senior official said Monday.

"After the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks in the United States, there has been a lot of international support to Pakistan in its efforts to combat extremism and violence," Law Minister Shahida Jamil told The Associated Press.

She said the United States, the European Union and Japan are providing modern investigative facilities and professional training to Pakistani security forces.

Pakistan is a key partner in the U.S.-led coalition against terrorism. Despite vehement opposition by extremist Islamic groups, President Gen. Pervez Musharraf allowed the U.S. military to use Pakistani bases for operations in

News in brief

neighboring Afghanistan, home of Osama bin Laden, the key suspect in the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

Ashcroft, Canada announce border security plan pact

DETROIT — The United States and Canada have agreed on a plan designed to keep terrorists out of both countries and secure the flow of vital trade goods, Attorney General John Ashcroft said Monday.

"The United States and Canada have a very important mutual mission and responsibility to undertake," Ashcroft said. The purpose of the agreement, to be signed later Monday in Ottawa, is to "keep our common border secure and accessible," said Canadian Deputy Prime Minister Herbert Gray.

Elements of the program include expanding integrated border enforcement teams, adding Canadian officials to the U.S. foreign terrorist tracking task force and tightening the visa entry process.

Victim's letter went through post office with Capitol mail

NEW YORK — A letter addressed to a South Bronx business near anthrax victim Kathy Nguyen's home went through a New Jersey post office about the same time as anthrax-contaminated letters mailed to Capitol Hill, officials said Monday.

The letter has not been found yet, but investigators established its existence by analyzing a list of the bar codes on mail that went through the facility that day.

Without the letter — and any evidence that it was contaminated — Nguyen's death from the inhaled form of anthrax Oct. 31 remains a mystery.

"But the theory that the 61-year-old hospital worker was infected by cross-contaminated mail gained further credibility by the discovery — if only because no other explanation has

come to light.

Spacewalk repairs clear way for shuttle launch

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — Two spacewalking cosmonauts removed an old rubber seal stuck to the international space station, clearing the way for space shuttle Endeavour to lift off Tuesday on a flight to the orbiting outpost.

Launch is set for just after sunset amid unprecedented security to guard against terrorist attacks. Endeavour will deliver a new crew to the space station.

Endeavour's flight was delayed last Thursday because of a jammed docking mechanism that prevented an unmanned Russian supply ship from latching securely onto the space station. The obstruction turned out to be a piece of debris — an O-ring seal from an earlier supply ship.

In a spacewalk lasting less than three hours Monday, Russian cosmonauts Vladimir Dezhnev and Mikhail Tyurin cut away the long, twisted snakelike seal and watched in delight as the cargo ship finally clamped down hard on the space station.

Teen suspect in massacre plot appears at hearing

NEW BEDFORD, Mass. — A 17-year-old accused of plotting a massacre at his high school told police he wanted the event to be "bigger than Columbine" but doubted it would happen, according to an audiotape played in court Monday.

The sometimes-inaudible tape was played at a bail hearing for Eric McKeehan, who has pleaded innocent to conspiracy to commit murder and other charges.

McKeehan is one of five teenagers charged in the case and one of two charged as an adult. Police say the youths plotted to smuggle guns into New Bedford High School, detonate explosives and kill as many students and faculty as possible. The alleged plot was foiled in part after one of the teens warned a teacher.

— compiled from wire reports

Bin Laden's lieutenant pens autobiography

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — In an autobiography reportedly smuggled out of an Afghan cave, Osama bin Laden's top lieutenant wrote that he may not get another chance to speak out, citing "troubled circumstances" — an apparent reference to the U.S. military strikes.

A section of a manuscript attributed to Ayman al-Zawahiri, an Egyptian surgeon sentenced to death in Egypt for terrorist acts during the 1990s, appeared Sunday in the London-based Arab-language Ashraq Al-Awsat newspaper.

Al-Zawahiri, bin Laden and other top figures in the al-Qaida terrorist network are wanted by the United States in connection with the Sept. 11 attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

They are believed to be hiding in southern Afghanistan where the United States has been

attacking since October.

"I wrote this book out of an obligation to our generation and the coming generations," says the manuscript attributed to the 50-year-old al-Zawahiri. "I might not be able to write after this in the midst of the troubled circumstances and unstable conditions which the Islamic nation is going through."

According to the newspaper, the manuscript, titled "Knights Under the Prophet's Banner: Contemplations on the Jihad Movement," was smuggled from an Afghan cave into Pakistan and then brought to London by an unnamed Egyptian Islamic fundamentalist. It was obtained two weeks ago by the newspaper, which plans to publish it in eight or nine parts.

Mohammed al-Awwam, the newspaper's deputy editor, would not reveal the identity of the Egyptian courier but said he was

certain of the manuscript's authenticity.

In a telephone interview with The Associated Press, Al-Awwam said that al-Zawahiri had been working on the book for some time, but may have hurried to finish it after the United States began bombing.

Al-Zawahiri ran the Egyptian Islamic Jihad before it merged with al-Qaida and has written several books on Islamic movements. The best known is "The Bitter Harvest," a critical assessment of Egypt's Muslim Brotherhood.

Al-Zawahiri is America's second most-wanted terrorist after bin Laden.

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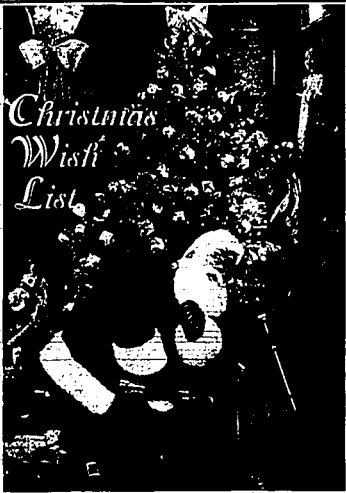
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# Officials: Disarmament chief expects progress in Northern Ireland

DUBLIN, Ireland (AP) - The retired Canadian general trying to persuade Northern Ireland's rival outlawed groups to disarm expects them to get rid of more weapons, senior British and Irish government officials said Monday. They spoke after John de Chastelain, chairman of the disarmament commission, briefed them at Ireland's foreign min-

istry. De Chastelain, Northern Ireland's disarmament chief since 1997, declined to comment. But Britain's Northern Ireland secretary, John Reid, and Irish Foreign Minister Brian Cowen said de Chastelain told them he was continuing talks with representatives of the Irish Republican Army and two outlawed anti-Catholic groups, the Ulster

Defense Association and Ulster Volunteer Force. "The general today has told us that he believes further progress can be made to enable the commission to advance towards the completion of its result," Reid said, referring to the total disarmament of the IRA, UDA and UVF. That goal was part of Northern Ireland's 1998 peace accord, which

had expected total disarmament of the three groups by mid-2000. The IRA, the most elaborately armed and politically sophisticated of the groups, in October disposed of a secret amount of its weaponry. That breakthrough persuaded Protestant politicians to resume a coalition government with Catholics, among them the IRA-linked Sinn Fein party, in a

key objective of the 1998 pact. But the UDA and UVF have yet to surrender any of their weapons stocks, mostly firearms. These so-called "loyalist" groups have no role in the Northern Ireland government, making it more difficult to apply political pressure on them. "We understand that there is, and has been, loyalist engage-

ment with the de Chastelain body, but obviously it hasn't been able to report the sort of progress we have seen on the republican paramilitary side," Cowen said. Police in Northern Ireland, meanwhile, arrested a commander of another outlawed Protestant group as part of an ongoing probe into the 1999 assassination of a Catholic defense attorney.

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# Domestic abuse is an addiction

**DEAR ABBY:** First, thank you for providing years of excellent advice and comfort to the American people. I must, however, take exception to your response to "Never Been Hit Before," whose wife slugged him in the jaw while he was driving on the freeway. I am a psychotherapist. There are some important things to know about domestic violence:



**DEAR ABBY**  
Abby Cadabby

The abused husband should know that the situation will escalate. The type of anger she displayed is never about the issue. This is about the release of pent-up anxiety in the abuser. The abuse will escalate because it takes more and more anger and violence to get the abuser to the physical release she needs. Think of cocaine and how the "high" keeps demanding larger and larger doses of the drug, and you get the picture. That is why we call such people "trapehololics."

The most probable reason the wife stopped going to anger management classes is that, like most abusers, she doesn't want to change. She has what she wants - a victim upon whom to focus her rage in order to get release. That is why so many abusers cry and feel loving toward their victims afterward. They are not remorse-

ful, but momentarily grateful for the short-lived end of their own terrible anxiety, too often caused by feeling insecure and out-of-control about their own lives. They will use their victims again and again when the anxiety returns.

Abuse of this sort is an addiction. The children are being emotionally harmed every time they see and hear their father abused. He should gather them up and leave, or make sure that his wife does - without the children. Neither he nor his children are safe. What is to prevent her from driving her family into oncoming traffic next time, picking up a weapon, or in his absence abusing the children when she needs to feel in control again?

The loss of her husband, children and home might convince her to give up her addiction. Even then, however, there are no guarantees.

All we as professionals can do

is attend to the safety of the rest of the family. The husband is obviously capable of making changes and must be urged to do so - not given the job of being his wife's therapist by explaining her challenges to her. It could trigger the next outbreak of violence.

Please rethink your advice to this man, Abby. He's in a dangerous spot and must get out.

— **CYNTHIA MORROW, PSY.D.**

**DEAR DR. MORROW:** Thank you for your letter, a short course, really, on why batterers do what they do. I received a stack of mail critical of the advice I gave to "Never Been Hit Before" - and it was deserved. Mea culpa - "Never" needs to seek professional help, both legal and psychological, before his wife's outbursts further traumatize him and their children, and I hope he wastes no time in getting it.

**DEAR ABBY:** My daughter is 10 and in the fifth grade. She's begging me to let her shave her legs. I know a few girls on her basketball team shave, but I think it's ridiculous for a girl her age.

I believe 10-year-old girls are

supposed to have hair on their legs. My girlfriend disagrees. She says if my daughter is uncomfortable with her appearance, I should let her shave. Should I relent?

— **MOTHER UNDER PRESSURE**

**DEAR MOTHER:** I see no reason to refuse your daughter permission. Girls her age want to blend in, and if shaving her legs will help her to do that, then I vote with your girlfriend.

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 Robert Redford **Spy Games** (R)

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Kevin Kline - **Life as a House** (R)

## Experienced carpenter will eyeball it

**Q.** In hanging a picture, will an experienced carpenter use a tape measure or just eyeball it?

**A.** Just eyeball it, probably. An experienced carpenter won't assume all the verticals are plumb and all the horizontals are level - most probable reason the wife stopped going to anger management classes is that, like most abusers, she doesn't want to change. She has what she wants - a victim upon whom to focus her rage in order to get release. That is why so many abusers cry and feel loving toward their victims afterward. They are not remorse-



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ness of love. And the name "Venus" came from the Sanskrit "vansh" which had to do with physical desire.

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**Q.** What worries women most?

**A.** Will you settle for what worries the most women? It's a chronic concern about being too fat.

**More men than women are**

supersensitive to bee stings. That supersensitivity, incidentally, is not so uncommon. One out of six persons is said to be so afflicted.

**Q.** Does any country elect a king?

**A.** One only: Malaysia.

**Correction:** In the item on how to tell the difference between toadstools and mushrooms, the description labeled "Toadstools" should have been headlined "Mushrooms" and the description headlined "Mushrooms" should have been headlined "Toadstools." No, the foregoing is not a correction of any item printed here. But such a paragraph did appear, no doubt in high humor, in a publication called "The Realist."

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**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You make stunning comeback; people who overlooked you will now say, "I knew all along you would win!" You learn more about hypocrisy and how to deal with it. Capricorn involved.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Participate in project that could bring you international renown. Be concerned with people who have little opportunity and are literally "hungry." Libra-figures prominently.

**ARIES** (Mar. 21-Apr. 19): Attention revolves around where you live and with whom. Married or single, questions relating to marital status will loom large. Sale, purchase of home spotlighted.

**TAURUS** (Apr. 20-May 20): Forces tend to be scattered; take aim at objective, and persist. Short trip involves relative; there will be tearful reunion. Gemini, Sagittarius play outstanding roles.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20): Many will say, "You can't do it!" You will do it, much to the astonishment of those with negative views. Money that had been held back will be released in your name.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22): Vigor makes dramatic comeback. Read and write, learn through process of teaching. Pittation lends spice, could lead to trip out of town-Virgo will play major role.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): Regard some secrets as sacred. Attention revolves around ability to beautify home. In near future you will be entertaining important guests. Question of marriage looms large.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Strive for practicality in making wishes; they are due to come true. Avoid self-deception; see relationships in realistic light. You will be lucky; could win contest. Number 7.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You could be talk of the town! Your original concepts command attention-Take cold plunge into future; be in charge of your own destiny. Leo will play dramatic role.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Find out where you are going and why. If you meditate, answers will come from within. Partner or mate wants to be near. Do so without giving up freedom. Message clear tonight.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You could be in charge of social event involving co-workers. Display humor, laugh at your own foibles. Commendation received concerning your artwork. Sagittarius involved.

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## Broadband dream hits snag

Many Internet users pass on new technology

By Jan Van Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO—Those in the computer industry who devise high-tech gadgets for mass markets are confronting what to them is an unthinkable possibility: The average consumer may not want a super-fast connection to the Internet.

After years of extolling the nirvana awaiting us once American households get so-called broadband connectivity to the Web, telecommunications executives have become deeply frustrated that a lot of Internet users are saying no thanks.

In recent weeks such major phone carriers as Sprint Corp., AT&T Corp. and SBC Communications Inc. have pulled back from aggressive broadband rollout. And two trade associations have been warning of waning consumer interest in high-speed networking will scuttle chances that new technology could ignite America's sputtering economy.

While no one is ready to abandon broadband's future yet, the general indifference by consumers has alarmed the industry. Matthew Flanagan, president of the Telecommunications Industry Association, sent a letter to President Bush appealing for tax credits, rule changes and other actions intended to promote broadband deployment to American homes. Flanagan suggested that if nothing is done, a potential \$500 billion stimulus to

### Internet access

In the United States, 70 million people have access to the Internet and almost all use a dial-up modem.

Dial-up modem	61 million
Cable modem	5 million
DSL	3 million
Internet TV	1 million

### Comparing connections

It takes about 12 minutes to download a 5 megabyte MP3 music file on a dial-up modem. Broadband connections can download the same file in less than 30 seconds—but for a higher price.

	Cable modem	Dial-up modem	DSL	Internet TV
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Download speed	1.5 mbps	56 kbps	1.5 mbps	56 kbps

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the economy will be lost.

"If we don't have an overarching position by the government to say we want this, it's never going to happen," Flanagan said in an interview. "At the present rate of deployment, we're talking something that's 20, 30 years away."

Another industry group, the Information Technology Association of America, has also sounded the alarm that broadband deployment is floundering. The ITAA is concerned that most Internet users seem content sticking with dial-up connections because broadband proponents haven't offered compelling content to attract a mass market.

"We've believed that 'if you build it, they will come,'" said Harris Miller, ITAA president. "That turns out to be wrong. The industry will have to convince

people that this is a nice highway to drive on."

An ITAA report estimates that about 70 percent of American households now have access to cable modem broadband service and 45 percent have access to high-speed connections using DSL technology. But the majority—so far—prefer their dial-up connections.

While some 8 million customers have broadband service, more than 61 million still access the Web using dial-up services, the report found. Contrary to what technophiles believed, most people don't want to pay extra to make their Internet go faster, Miller said.

"Zipper e-mail and faster Web surfing just aren't appeal to the mass market," he said. The ITAA wants the industry

to get behind a campaign to promote the value of telecommuting, electronic education, home health care and other applications that broadband can deliver. To date, the industry has spent too much energy focusing on whether DSL is better than cable modems and wrangling over regulatory issues, he said.

"We've turned most of our attention on the supply side of broadband and given almost no attention to the demand side," Miller said. "I know that the supply side issues won't go away, but the industry needs to address the demand side too, so we can grow the pie and everyone will benefit."

The ITAA assessment has much merit, said Joe Laszlo, a senior analyst with Jupiter Media Metrix.

"It really does have to be more than faster e-mail and Web surfing if you're going to pique consumer interest," said Laszlo. "Promotion of broadband and wider use of cable modems versus DSL to the point where a lot of people think that one technology is going to win out over the other—like VCRs over Betamax. Consumers worry they'll pick the wrong one."

"Really it's more a Pepsi versus Coke thing, where you might like one better than the other but both will still be around."

Another problem facing broadband concerns horror stories from customers who waited for weeks or months to get the service only to find it works only sporadically—or not at all. Scott Bender, a Chicago-based consultant with Bain & Co., said his firm buys DSL for its employees' homes and has seen the problems first-hand.

"Typically, our folks had to wait three months and it cost a fortune," Bender said.

## New suffix dot-info gains popularity among Web users

Knight Ridder News Service

PHILADELPHIA — Dot-com, dot-org and dot-net are soooo 20th century.

A hot new suffix for the Web site of today is dot-info — as in www.crosswordpuzzles.info. A Web address registered by a Utah manufacturer of software puzzles.

Anyone who registers a Web address ending in dot-info (info) is, by definition, doing business with Affiliis Ltd., a Newtown, Pa., company that administers the registry of Web addresses bearing that suffix.

Dot-info is one of seven new suffixes — known in Web lingo as "top-level domains" — approved by the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers. In addition to .info, the other newcomers are .biz, .name, .pro, .aero, .coop and .museum.

According to Affiliis spokesman Roland LaPlante, more than 500,000 names ending in .info have been registered, including 80 percent of Interbrand/Business Week's most

valuable brands, such as Mercedes, Citibank and Gillette.

"It's a very intuitive domain," LaPlante said. "The Internet is about information, so what's more intuitive than dot-info? Info means the same thing in all Latin-based languages, and it's very recognizable in German-based languages. From a worldwide appeal perspective, it's very understandable. It's different than dot-net — what do you expect from that? — while dot-info feels like an educational type of experience."

The most popular Web domain is .com, with 24.3 million Web addresses using the suffix, as in amazon.com. Another 4.86 million end in .net, and 3.24 million use .org, according to VeriSign, the registry for all three.

As the registry for the .info domain, Affiliis sets domain names through registrars around the world. It charges registrars \$5.75 for each name registered; the registrars, in turn, set their own prices — usually \$9 to \$35 — for selling to registrants, the companies or individuals that want a Web presence.

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## Explorer Web searches need Java plug-in

By Jim Mateja Chicago Tribune

I am having a major problem with the Microsoft Internet Explorer Web browser. Every time I do a search on Yahoo.com or on a Web site that contains a search box, I get an error saying that there was a problem with Internet Explorer, and that it will be shut down, sorry for the inconvenience and that IE will restart ... but it is not the illegal error message.

I have tried to repair IE through add/remove programs

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and reinstalled IE altogether, but I still get the message. Can you help?

— Lisa Spaeda  
A: With Microsoft's stunning and, I think, arrogant decision starting with Windows XP and its latest Web browser software not to support the Java code owned by rival Sun Microsystems Inc., problems like yours are going to become way too common, Ms. S. Your problem is with what is

called a browser plug-in, software designed to let your copy of Internet Explorer use the Java code incorporated in many Web sites instead of Microsoft's own software for doing that kind of stuff. If you reinstall the Java plug-in, the problem will vanish quicker than you can say double decaf latte with a twist of ozone. Here is the Internet address you need to download the needed plug-in: <http://java.sun.com/j2se1.3jref/>

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## Apple's new iPod MP3 player offers eye-catching design

Knight Ridder News Service

It's been a long time since Apple Computer introduced the Newton PDA, a non-Macintosh consumer electronic product. The Newton spawned the idea as well as the industry of small handheld electronic organizers. But the Newton was way ahead of its time and met with an early demise basically because there was no proven market for PDAs at the time and its handwriting recognition didn't work. Granted, Apple has learned some valuable lessons when it comes to bringing innovative products to the marketplace. Still, it can't help but muse over the demise of the G4 Cube. The Cube was innovative but its built-in limitation of not being expandable brought it to an early grave. Now there's iPod,

Apple's newest gizmo. And although it makes its debut in an already existing market that's chocked full of MP3 players, the iPod does have Apple's innovation and it works great so I believe this one may a chance.

The iPod is a 6.5-ounce portable MP3 player that introduces many features not found in other players. But first and foremost, it looks great. Apple's formula of applying simplistic beauty to complex devices is a successful one. Just looking and holding an iPod makes you want to own it. The iPod's clean lines form a simple rectangular shape with rounded corners. Sporting a simple round control panel comprised of five buttons and a jog wheel, it's placed in such a way that you can control and navigate everything with one hand.

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## EDITORIAL

### Initiative reform had a constitutional flaw

Idahoans learned an important civics lesson Friday. U.S. District Judge Lynn Winnmill struck down a state law requiring signatures for ballot initiatives from registered voters in 22 of the state's 44 counties.

That standard has proved impossible to reach the past four years. Though the 1997 law aimed to end abuse of the initiative process, it ended up weakening the process it was supposed to purify.

Idaho's Constitution authorizes initiatives as a tool of populist power. Used sparingly, this tool lets voters take direct action when their elected leaders won't.

But in the 1990s, people with more money than scruples found ways to abuse that power. Well-funded activists hired petition passers, sometimes from out of state, to carry out the leg work traditionally done by volunteers. These mercenaries could gather the necessary number of signatures with a few days' work at the Boise River Festival or the Ada County Fair.

The people's power to create legislation was becoming a toy for special interests. What was once an authentic expression of grassroots zeal was quickly turning into AstroTurf: an artificial substitute for homegrown activism.

The Legislature did something about it, by passing a bill that required signatures from 6 percent of registered voters in 22 of Idaho's 44 counties. The goal was to disarm the petition pros by eliminating the Boise blitz. From then on, statewide support would determine any initiative's success.

That was the theory. But the law's critics predicted it would make initiatives impossible to put on the ballot - and they were right. Since 1997, no initiatives have qualified for the Idaho ballot.

Along with that practical problem, the law contained a constitutional flaw. Winnmill put it best, when he noted that more than 60 percent of Idaho's population resides in just nine counties. Even if three-fourths of Idaho voters were to sign a petition, they still might fail to secure a place on the ballot - if they lacked support in rural counties.

In short, Winnmill concluded, the law devalues the citizenship of anyone living in an urban county.

Wielding veto power over city-based initiatives may seem refreshing to some rural voters. But Winnmill is right: Such a veto undermines the democratic process.

Idaho's Constitution grants initiative power to the people. If most of the people choose to live in cities, that's where most of the power should reside, too.

The concept of majority rule is a defining condition of democracy. The judge made the right call in putting initiatives back in the people's hands.

But Winnmill's decision leaves Idaho with the original problem. The Legislature tried to clean up the initiative process in 1997 because paid petition passers were corrupting it. Now that Winnmill has struck down the law, the mercenaries will be back - unless lawmakers find a legal way to keep them out.

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## LETTER

### ACT scores seem more accurate

My son recently received his results from his ACT college entrance test. His scores were very respectable, but considerably lower than his last year's 11th grade TAP test scores. I understand the ACT test results represent only students that are planning to attend college and the two sets of scores may differ somewhat.

I feel my son's ACT scores show a more accurate representation of his academic ability than the inflated TAP scores do. Maybe this is due to the fact "teaching to the test" only improves the particular test scores from which test items were taken.

I have been an educator for 25 years. The reason for my career choice is my love of children. I would do most anything to improve student learning. This would include taking courses, implementing different teaching strategies, analyzing and changing curriculum, try-

ing new programs and much more. It would not include teaching test items to improve standardized test scores. There are many things we need to teach our children to enable them to become educated, well-rounded citizens and contributing members of our society.

Teaching items on a standardized test is not one of them.

Those of you at *The Times-News* who believe "teaching to the test" is the answer to a better education should visit our classrooms. You might see the quality of teachers and staff, supportive administration, involvement of parents, low student-to-teacher ratio, a diverse meaningful curriculum, strong supportive intervention programs, good classroom management, and numerous other things that make educated, well-rounded students. It is not the ability to score well on standardized tests.

MARGIT OLIMSTEAD  
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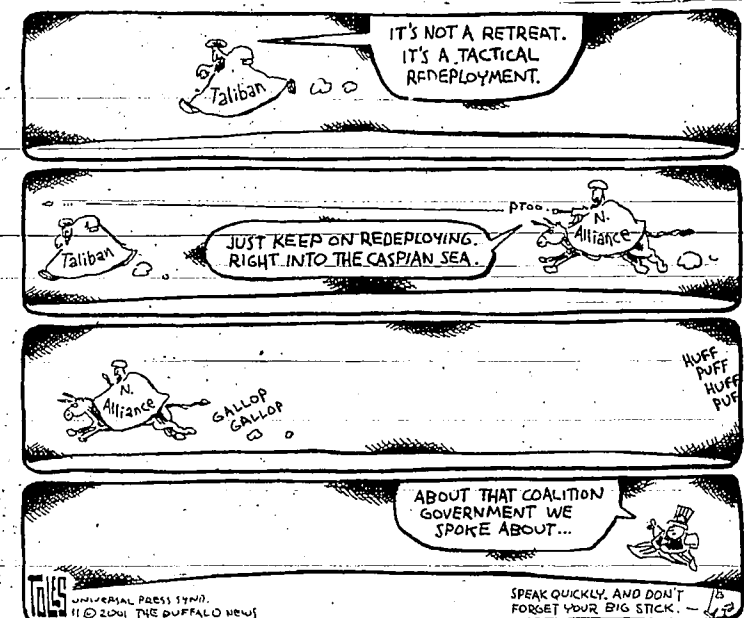
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## Alliance might be as bad as Taliban

E.R. SHIPP

These Northern Alliance guys that we're backing in our war against terrorism seem like bad news. We need to beware.

They talk a good game, through their very articulate and telegenic spokesman, their foreign minister, Dr. Abdullah Abdullah, and their leader in the Bonn negotiations on the country's future, Yunus Qanooni, their interior minister. They say they want - as much as the United States and the United Nations - a multicentric government that represents all the factions, north and south. They say they want to rebuild a society in which women are not just visible, after so many years of enforced invisibility, but will play key roles in the government, in the media, in all the professions. But they are shysters, thugs, thieves and debasers of women - and we need to beware.

We are ignoring atrocities that are reportedly being perpetrated by our new good Afghan friends, the Northern Alliance, as they gain more ground each day.

Their lack of respect for human rights and internationally sanctioned rules for dealing with prisoners of war should at least give us pause. Hundreds of Arab prisoners who rebelled at a prison in Mazar-Sharif days ago lay dead. Reports are contradictory and facts hard to come by, but we have seen evidence of their brutality with anyone identified as a Taliban who, upon surrender, has been tortured and killed as much for clothing and shoes as for vengeance.

But we - from Americans calling the shots in Washington to Americans on the scene in Afghanistan - have been puzzlingly indifferent. How can one wage a "moral" war and condone, even by indifference, atrocities?

"Our priorities have much more to do with finding Bin Laden," an intelligence official was quoted as saying in *Time*

magazine. "If it's Afghans killing Afghans, that doesn't hurt us as much as Americans killing Afghans."

Define "hurt," sir. The Northern Alliance has said that its members would not try to take charge in Kabul. They would await the arrival of the United Nations or some version of an international peacekeeping force, the composition of which is now being hashed out in Bonn. But even taking them at their flimsy diplomatic word, they have lied. They claimed that when they took over it was because of a power vacuum left by the Taliban. But that seems increasingly like subterfuge.

The Northern Alliance clearly is not the only problem. The Pashtuns from the south, who traditionally ruled what we know as Afghanistan and who gave succor to the Taliban, to Osama Bin Laden and to his network of terrorists, have a saying, recounted in the current *New Yorker* magazine: "Me against my brother, my brother and me against our cousins, we and our cousins against the enemy."

Nowhere in that ancient formulation is there a comfortable role for the United States, which is trying to help broker a deal. Beware.

I'd especially beware of the future of women, who, under the five-year reign of the Taliban, have been forced to become invisible at best, whipping posts when they dared to show face or ankle or any kind of individuality. Now the northerners, who did their share of oppressing in general and raping in regularity when they ruled the country pre-Taliban, are saying that they'll guarantee equality - or something like it - for women.

The Women's Commission for Refugee Women and Children, a New York-based

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nonsectarian organization founded 12 years ago, says: "Both the Taliban and the Northern Alliance have a poor track record on women's rights. The oppression of Afghan women predates the current publicity of the Taliban regime. Some factions of the Northern Alliance have a history of rape and brutality which must be challenged and those responsible brought to justice. Safeguards must be put in place to ensure that women's rights are respected by whoever comes to power." "Whoever comes to power" in Afghanistan, after all is said and done in this war, should not, if they are Afghan, easily be called our ally.

Beware. E.R. Shipp is a columnist for the *New York Daily News*. She won the Pulitzer Prize for commentary in 1996.

### Judge treated young man unfairly

I am from California and you may not print this, but I'm sure it will make me feel better just to write it all down.

I am a grandmother of three grandchildren that live in the Twin Falls area. One of these grandchildren is a young man with a traumatic brain injury. He was in an accident a few years ago and is here with us only through an act of God. He is on medication to keep him on an even keel, and must take these medications every day.

A few months ago, he made a terrible mistake when he drank some beer and got behind the wheel of his vehicle. He was ticketed and was to appear in court

at a later date. That date was early this week. He appeared before a Judge Redmond and was sentenced to a couple of days in jail, and that was a fair sentence.

The reason for this letter is because of his treatment at the hearing and during his two days incarceration. First, he gets very confused when he is asked to answer a question he isn't quite sure how to answer. This judge asked him a question and the young man stumbled on the answer. So the judge laughed at him. Not with him, but at his confusion. This was very humiliating for him as the courtroom was full of people.

Now the young man is to spend two days incarcerated in Twin Falls. His

mother, my daughter, called the jailer to make sure they knew he needed his medication every day. They assured her they would take care of it. He received no medication for the first day, and only one of them the second. I am not saying he did not do something wrong, but his treatment was not as it should have been. I really think someone should make sure anyone that has to have medicine while in jail gets it. This is the first time he has been in any kind of trouble, and I think he was treated very shabby. And I feel the judge owes him an apology for being so insensitive. GWEN SMITH  
Vacaville, Calif.

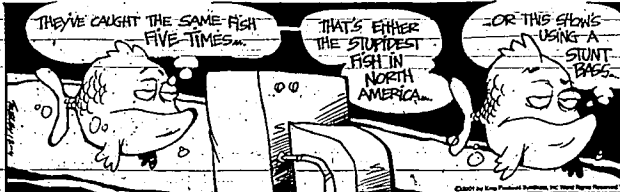
## LETTER

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# Ketchum council hears INEEL waste concerns

By Karen Bossick  
Times-News correspondent

KETCHUM - Forget the threat of smallpox or even mad cow disease for a minute.

Idaho's stake as a potato baron could be ruined if word got out that plutonium was contaminating the Snake River aquifer.

That's the scenario Margaret Stewart of the Snake River Alliance painted for the Ketchum City Council Monday night.

The Department of Energy will hold public hearings on the storage of nuclear waste at the site nine months from now.

A fourth of the United States' potatoes, 75 percent of commercially raised trout and much of the barley this country makes beer out of is grown with water that flows under a site where nuclear waste is stored, Stewart said.

"So you can imagine what would happen if there was even the perception the aquifer was contaminated. It would not be good for the Idaho economy," she added.

The City Council fielded a presentation from Stewart and a counter-presentation by researchers with the U.S. Geological Survey Monday night as council members tried to figure out what position to take regarding stored waste at Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory in eastern Idaho.

Stewart said the Snake River Alliance would like to direct some of the \$60 million currently spent on shipping nuclear waste out of Idaho to New Mexico to research the safety of waste buried on site 30 to 50 years ago. She contends that plutonium from leaking storage tanks and buried waste threatens the Snake River Aquifer. The aquifer is the second-largest underground water body in North America and the drinking water supply for 200,000

Idahoans, including those in the Magic Valley.

Municipal garbage dumps are required to have three to five liners to protect the groundwater, but there are no liners at the waste site, she said. What's more, half of the containers have been breached, she added. And plutonium has been detected in groundwater.

Meanwhile, she said, the alliance is not as concerned with much of the waste being shipped to New Mexico because it's stored in seismically sound above-ground facilities with tight observation.

Joseph Rousseau, with the U.S. Geological Survey, countered that plutonium has been detected in the aquifer since the 1970s. The minimum detection level is 300 times less than the allowable maximum contaminant level, he added. And there is time - at least tens of years - to devise a scientifically responsible solution.

The goal is not to return the INEEL to a pristine state but to manage the site to prevent unacceptable levels of exposure, he said.

His colleague, L. DeWayne Cecil, added that plutonium is not the biggest problem researchers have to worry about. Realistically, Cecil said, finances, politics and emotions are going to drive the final decision on what to do. But he urged the council to allow scientists, not emotions, to make the call.

Following the presentation, cut short by City Council President David Hutchinson because it was running over budgeted time, Stewart encouraged the survey officials to prepare a presentation that would be more easily understood by the public.

The perception that there's a problem can do as much damage as the real thing, she said. J.R. Simplot Co., for instance, is eschewing genetically altered potatoes because the public thinks something's wrong with them.

# Schwarzenegger humbled by ski run name change

By Karen Bossick  
Times-News correspondent

SUN VALLEY - Arnold Schwarzenegger wasted no time in skiing down the run that has been renamed in his honor.

The Terminator blasted down the steep mogul run on Sunday, one day after ski patrol opened it for the season.

And you can safely expect that "I'll be back."

"It was a big surprise," he said Monday with a grin stretching from ear to ear. "I had no idea about getting a run named after me."

Schwarzenegger, who has a home in Sun Valley, said he's not generally big on exchanging gifts. But the package his wife, Maria

## Loads of snow

Sun Valley reported 51 inches of snow at the top of the mountain on Monday, and another half-inch fell during the afternoon in between periods of bright sunshine.

Mogul runs such as Exhibition and Holiday are fully covered with snow. And skiers are skiing terrain that they haven't been able to ski the past couple of years due to scanty snowfall.



Arnold Schwarzenegger

an early-season tune-up lesson on the slopes.

Schwarzenegger said he was surprised and humbled by the idea that his wife thought it up as a surprise and by the fact that Sun Valley's management went for it.

Flying Maid - the run that was renamed Arnold's Run in his honor - is his favorite run, he said, because you never know what you're going to get on the

ungroomed run.

The run was sliced through with skiers' tracks on Monday but soft and powdery, thanks to about two feet of snow that has fallen over the past two days.

Schwarzenegger said he couldn't think of any resort where he would rather be honored with a run. Sun Valley is his favorite ski resort, he added - even above those in his native Austria because of its family atmosphere and the variety of runs.

Schwarzenegger said no money changed hands to induce Sun Valley officials to rename the run. Nor will he be bound to lead the Christmas Eve torchlight parade down Baldy for the next 65 years, as he has done for the past few.

# Jerome council to consider plan to make skating a misdemeanor

By Dixie Thomas Reale  
Times-News correspondent

JEROME - It may soon be a misdemeanor to roller skate, rollerblade or skateboard in Jerome's central business district or on school property if a proposed ordinance is adopted.

The proposal revises the current city ordinance by defining the central business district zone and adding school property. The central business district is defined as "shown on the current city map." The school property is defined as "any area where a public school building is located and its perimeter including playgrounds, sidewalks, parking lots, driveways, whether on school property or public property adjacent to the school."

Violation of the proposed ordinance would be deemed a misdemeanor.

Also on tonight's Jerome City Council agenda:

## Meeting tonight

The Jerome City Council meets tonight at 7 in council chambers, 100 East Ave. A. The public is welcome.

- A request for approval of the purchase of playground equipment for the city parks in the amount of \$24,161.

- A public hearing to zone parcels of land annexed into the city on Nov. 6. A public hearing was held before the Jerome Planning and Zoning Commission on the proposed zoning designations on Oct. 9. The planning and zoning commission forwarded its recommendations for zoning to the City Council. Tonight the council will take public comment on and consider zoning designations for the annexed land. The council is expected to vote on the zoning designations tonight.



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WORLD

Bosnian Serb general goes on trial for war crimes in Sarajevo

THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP) — A Bosnian Serb commander during the siege of Sarajevo went on trial for war crimes Monday, accused of ordering his snipers and artillerymen to fire on civilians as they bought bread, tended vegetable gardens or attended funerals.

Gen. Stanislav Galic, 58, looked on impassively as prosecutors drew a portrait of fear and suffering in their opening statement at the U.N. tribunal for the former Yugoslavia.

Galic has pleaded innocent to seven counts of war crimes he said he never knew took place during the 1992-95 Bosnian war, a period when prosecutors say thousands of civilians were killed as they went about their everyday lives.

"A 3-year-old child was shut at the door of her home, 9-year-old as she played in her garden. Civilians were shot in their homes as they watched television, drank coffee or prayed," said lead prosecutor Mark Leraice.

Finns to get early start on new European currency HELSINKI, Finland (AP) — Giving New Year's Eve revelers an early opportunity to get their hands on the new European currency, Finland's central bank will open its offices at midnight on Dec. 31 to exchange Finnish markkaa into euros.

Finns and Greeks, who are one hour ahead of the rest of western Europe, will be the first to be able to use the euro, which becomes official cash in 12 European Union countries on Jan. 1.

Declaring it the "New Year Europeanizing," the Bank of Finland said Monday it will exchange money for one hour at its five branches nationwide. Other banks and stores will remain closed as usual as partygoers prepare to welcome in 2002.

"We're not planning to compete with the New Year," said Antti Juusela of the Bank of Finland. "We don't expect a rush, but we thought it might be fun to provide such a service to customers."

Sri Lankan government calls in army before elections COLOMBO, Sri Lanka (AP) — The Sri Lankan government called in the army Monday to assist police ahead of this week's parliamentary elections — one of the most violent in recent times, according to election observers.

"Our troops are out at selected places to help police maintain law and order," military spokesman Brig. Sanath Karunaratne told at this week's Press. He said 3,000 soldiers had been deployed and more were on standby ahead of Wednesday's election for the 225-member Parliament.

There have been 41 deaths and more than 2,000 incidents of election-related violence since Oct. 21, making this election campaign the most violent since monitors began counting in 1997, the independent Center for Monitoring Election Violence said Monday.

Iraq signs memorandum to extend oil-for-food program UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Iraq signed a memorandum of understanding with the United Nations on Monday agreeing to terms of a new six-month phase of the U.N. oil-for-food humanitarian program.

Iraq's U.N. Ambassador Mohammed Al-Douri signed the agreement extending the program until May 30 on behalf of the Iraqi government, spokesman Fred Eckhardt said.

The program was created in 1995 to ease the suffering of 22 million Iraqis living under sanctions imposed after Iraq's 1990 invasion of Kuwait. It allows Iraq to sell unlimited amounts of oil to buy food, medicine and other humanitarian supplies, and to pay war reparations.

The Security Council passed a resolution Thursday extending the program and setting the stage for an overhaul of sanctions, which the Iraqi government has rejected.

World in brief

thought to have burned up as it fell toward the Earth after nine years in space, but there was a possibility that two small heat-resistant titanium tanks could withstand the fiery plunge, said Hiroshi Taniue, spokesman for Japan's National Space Development Agency.

It was not known if the tanks — which each weighed 15 pounds and measured 22 inches across — or other debris splashed down in

the ocean, he said. The agency had predicted that the probability of injury resulting from the re-entry was one in 263 trillion.

Putin plans to launch Russian nuclear submarine

MOSCOW (AP) — President Vladimir Putin said Monday he would visit a northern shipyard to launch a nuclear submarine — a trip apparently intended to bolster the Russian navy's morale, shaken by the weekend ouster of several admirals.

Sevmash shipyard in the town of Severodvinsk on Tuesday to inaugurate — the submarine Geparad. The same shipyard launched the Kursk nuclear submarine, which sank in the Barents Sea in August 2000, killing all 118 men aboard.

Last week, Putin invited Northern Fleet chief Adm. Vyacheslav Popov to the Kremlin along with other participants of the Kursk salvage effort to praise them for their work.

But after hearing a top prosecutor's report Saturday, the president said that Northern Fleet

admirals should be disciplined for poor organization of the maneuvers the Kursk was taking part in when it sank.

Russian says security service will pressure court

VLADIVOSTOK, Russia (AP) — A Russian military journalist on trial for treason asserted Monday that the Federal Security Service, the main successor to the Soviet-era KGB, would pressure the court to convict him.

ers say the treason charges are retribution by the security service, known by its Russian acronym FSB, for his reporting on alleged environmental abuses by the Russian navy, including dumping of radioactive waste into the Sea of Japan.

"There is no doubt that the FSB will attempt to use its decades-old arsenal of means of illegal pressure on the court with the purpose of obtaining the verdict it favors," Pasko said in a statement to the Pacific Fleet military court.

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## AROUND THE VALLEY

### Accident kills Paul woman

RUPERT - A Paul woman died Friday in a car accident near Rupert. JoAnn Cameron, 71, failed to stop at a stop sign at the intersection of 100 West and 50 South. Jesus Rodriguez-Castillo, 43, of Rupert was driving west on 50 South and did not see that Cameron was failing to stop until there was not enough time for him to react, a report from the Minidoka County Sheriff's Office states.

Cameron's vehicle struck the right front end of Rodriguez-Castillo's auto and both vehicles spun together, colliding a second time. Cameron was ejected from her 1999 GMC Yukon. The police report said she was not wearing a seat belt.

Her vehicle continued west on 50 South and struck a third vehicle head-on. The third vehicle was a 1978 Ford Granada driven by Orlando Pena, 75, of Rupert.

Pena's auto rolled backward into a borrow pit and stopped. Rodriguez-Castillo's vehicle continued at a 45-degree angle across a private yard and struck the northeast corner of Mike and Becky Showalter's home at 51 S. 100 W.

Two passengers in Rodriguez-Castillo's Dodge pickup were transported by ambulance to Minidoka Memorial Hospital with possible injuries. Maria Rodriguez was wearing a lap belt, and Julian Rodriguez was in a child safety seat. Rodriguez-Castillo was also wearing a seat belt.

Terra Pena, of Rupert was a passenger in Pena's vehicle. She was wearing a seat belt and was not injured.

The police report listed road conditions as wet.

### Rupert council looks at recount possibility

RUPERT - The City Council is scheduled to meet at 7 tonight at Rupert City Hall.

The council will be asked to approve a recount of ballots cast in the City Council race through the court system, rather than through the Idaho Attorney General's office.

A recount was set for the council seat between Lorne Batschke and John Garro, but the official request, and \$100 needed for the recount to proceed, were not received by the attorney general's office by the deadline for making such a request.

City Attorney Rick Bollar said he will file an action in court for a recount without the attorney general. The City Council must approve that request.

Also on the agenda is a continued discussion of a citizen advisory committee, approval of a change in banking services, and approval of specifications and bid opening date for street and sewer department trucks and a sport utility vehicle for the police department.

The council is to discuss the appointment of Ted Garcia to the Mini-Cassia Development Commission and hear a recommendation from the employee health insurance committee.

### Burley council plans to discuss contracts

BURLEY - Two contracts are slated for discussion at tonight's City Council meeting. Council members are to consider the King's contract and the United contract, both presented by City Attorney Randy Stone.

Tuesday's meeting begins at 7 p.m. to the council chambers at Burley City Hall. It is open to the public. Prior to the regular council meeting, the council will conduct a 6 p.m. closed executive session to discuss a legal, real estate and personnel matter.

### Declo reschedules community meeting

DECLO - A community meeting to discuss Declo Junior High School becoming a middle school has been rescheduled for Thursday at 6 p.m. in the school gymnasium.

It was originally scheduled for Nov. 29.

The meeting is open to the public.

### Students can meet with CSI nursing adviser

BURLEY - A College of Southern Idaho nursing department adviser is available to meet with current and prospective nursing students from noon until 4 p.m. Friday at the CSI Medical Center.

No appointments are necessary to meet with advisor Shanna Legault. For more information, call 678-1400.

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# Council hands over land

## Move opens way for hospital expansion

By Mark Heinz  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The City Council Monday agreed to hand over the rights to a small chunk of alley at the west end of Shoup Avenue so Magic Valley Regional Medical Center can take on more emergency room space just to the east of the existing hospital.

Moving the property lines on a 20-by-78-foot block of right of way would allow the hospital to build a rectangular addition, said Twin Falls County Commissioner Bill Brockman, who spoke in favor of the idea during a public hearing just before the council's vote. The existing property lines would allow only for a pie-shaped addition, which would be far more expensive to build than a rectangular one, Brockman said.

Nobody spoke against the idea.

In other business, the council approved a year-long extension of a deadline for Marvin Hempleman to come up with a final plan for the development of a mobile home park he owns at 2916 E. 3600 N. In the seventh such extension since 1995, the council extended the deadline until Dec. 5, 2002.

Bob Willis, who owns a mobile home park just to the south of Hempleman's property, said the city should take into considera-

tion the already-dense development of mobile and permanent homes in and around that area.

The entire council except for Chris Talkington voted in favor of the "deadline" extension. Talkington abstained from the vote, citing a conflict of interest. Hempleman is a county commissioner, and Talkington is a county employee.

The council also:

• Heard from Frank Moscart of Twin Falls, who said he is concerned about city street plows pushing snow, ice and slush from Blue Lakes Boulevard and other

major city streets up onto sidewalks after big storms such as Twin Falls had last week.

City Manager Tom Courtney said it's up to business owners to keep the sidewalks in front of their shops clear. Talkington suggested that the city find ways to remind people to clear the walks, such as mailing out notes with water bills.

• Agreed to change the city's licensing period for liquor, beer and wine licenses from the calendar year to a 12-month period running from July 1 to June 30. Licenses expiring Dec. 31 of this year will be renewed for a period of six months, and fees will be prorated accordingly.

• Agreed to redefine the terms "household," "call center" and "religious facility" in the city's zoning code to match the code with federal fair housing standards.

# Burley man pleads innocent

## Obscenity case goes to pretrial conference

By Shelley Ridenour  
Times-News writer

BURLEY - A pretrial conference for Burley businessman Jim Lynch was scheduled for Jan. 14 at Lynch's Monday morning arraignment in the magistrate division of 5th District Court.

Lynch has been charged with one count of selling or distributing obscene matter and two counts of distribution of sexual material in a restricted area. He owns the Mr. Gas convenience store at 855 Overland Ave. in Burley.

Lynch pleaded innocent to the charges in his appearance before Judge Michael Crabtree.

Each of the charges is a misdemeanor offense, punishable by a maximum penalty of a \$300 fine and six months in jail, the judge said.

As the judge thumbed through the Idaho criminal code book, he commented that Lynch might have noticed some state statutes are not written in a language which is easily read.

"I have not read this statute and am not familiar with the penalty," Crabtree said.

Lynch told the judge he would hire an attorney to represent him at future court proceedings.

Lynch's appearance occurred just before 11 a.m. Monday. It was the final arraignment of the morning. The magistrate court docked stacks cases, beginning at 9 a.m. and continuing until all those on the schedule have appeared before the judge.

Crabtree pointed out that an order had been signed Nov. 23 appointing Deputy Minidoka County Attorney Nicole Arbogast to prosecute the case. Lynch was charged with the three misdemeanors on Nov. 20. Court records indicate that magazines which contained sexual material were being sold in his store. No magazines of a sexual nature are now offered for sale at the Mr. Gas store.

## THE HALLS ARE ALIVE



Burley Junior High School guitar students were forced to meet in a hallway when their classroom became unusable because of a water pipe break Friday. Students improvised and practiced, in many forms, under the tutelage of teacher Skip Leone. Shown are Ricky Vargas, David Gochnor, Chancy Lewis, Jordan Bowen and Josh Park.

# Cassia schools consider ways to cut budget

By Shari Chaney  
Times-News writer

## Superintendent presents employees with options to meet governor's mandate

BURLEY - Teachers in Cassia County are being presented with options about how the school district may deal with recent "hold-backs" from the governor.

Superintendent Mike Chesley spoke at Mountain View Elementary School Monday afternoon and will speak with employees at all schools in the district about the cutbacks and what they may mean to the district.

He included a list of 17 possible options for curbing back the additional 1 percent mandated by the governor. That 1 percent translates to \$200,000 in the Cassia County School District.

The list included such options

as having teachers work with no pay for two days a year, having teachers not work for two days a year, asking taxpayers for a special supplemental tax levy, terminating teacher aides for one month, instituting a hiring freeze, eliminating all extracurricular activities for the remainder of the year or eliminating athletics directors next year.

However, teacher contracts will not be renegotiated, Chesley said, so having teachers not get paid for two days, or not work for two days, is not an option.

Carolyn Hondo, Cassia County Education Association president, said some of those options were

her idea, but union officials warned not getting paid for two days would set a precedent that teachers did not want to set. The money would have come out of teachers' checks.

Hondo said it is not that teachers are against doing their share, but it was decided it is "more prudent to take a 'wait and see' attitude."

Hondo advises district officials to educate parents about the situation and for constituents to put pressure on the governor. Hondo said she wants the state to fulfill its obligations.

"It's going to affect kids," Hondo said.

Teachers also murmured agreement when Chesley said the district does not want to ask for a supplemental levy from farmers who are also feeling the down-turned economy.

One teacher asked about a four-day school week to reduce heating costs. Chesley said the district has considered the option, but it takes a year to actually put such a plan in place.

Chesley also spoke of next year, because financial woes in the district may not stop this year.

Next year, school districts may receive 95 percent of the funds distributed this year, Chesley said. That would mean another decrease of \$898,265 next year. That equals the cost of 21 teachers.

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# Residents oppose watercraft rental on Frenchman's Island

By Nate Johnson  
Times-News writer

BURLEY - Some Burley-area residents expressed their displeasure with development on Frenchman's Island at Monday's Cassia County Commission meeting.

Attorney Rick Bollar, representing two Cassia County and two Minidoka County residents, told commissioners that Neil Larsen's watercraft rentals are not allowed by Larsen's conditional use permit.

Bollar's clients live near Frenchman's Island, which lies in the Snake River, east of Burley. They are appealing a

Cassia County Planning and Zoning Commission decision that such rentals are allowed.

In renting watercraft, Larsen's uses of the island have expanded beyond what was provided in the conditional use permit, and the island has become a de facto commercial rezoning, Bollar said.

In accordance with the zoning ordinance, the commissioners should not allow rentals in an area zoned agricultural and residential, Bollar said.

Bollar argued that public input prior to issuing the permit was not adequate. He suggested Larsen pursue a rezoning, which provides an opportunity for a public hearing.

Larsen said he followed the advice of government officials every step of the way in developing Frenchman's Island. He has had public hearings for his applications for special use.

"I did it as the county and everyone else asked me to do it," Larsen said.

This appeal will not affect use of the island as a public launch for boats. People who rent boats are no different than those who bring their own, Larsen said.

The appeal addresses rentals taking place specifically on the island, Bollar said.

The conditional use permit allows other commercial ventures, which suggests the rental

of watercraft, said Cassia County Attorney Al Barrus. He asked how the rental of watercraft was inharmonious with what has already been allowed.

"There is a special permit for certain commercial uses, but that doesn't open the door to all commercial uses that can happen," Bollar said.

The planning and zoning commission granted Larsen a conditional use permit in 1999 which allowed him to build a subdivision and a recreation area with boat docks on the island. Commissioners later approved Larsen's request to replace the subdivision with an RV park, but

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# Cassia County waits on funds

The Times-News

BURLEY - Cassia County commissioners Monday delayed action on a request that they cancel the money available to the county if it wants to participate in the funding, Commissioner Shirley Danner said.

Commissioners decided to delay any contribution until they could talk to the Resource Conservation and Development Council, but want to find out more about the opposition to the project before giving it their support, they said.

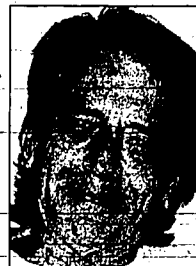
Grant Wyatt of the Southwest Irrigation District had asked the county commissioners to think about wanting to go to the project. The cloud-seeding operation would cost \$60,000 to \$80,000, Wyatt said that in his experience, cloud-seeding efforts have an overall benefit of 10 percent or less. Even 5 percent would help, he said.

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TWIN FALLS



Robert Wayne Culbertson

Robert Wayne Culbertson, 66, of Twin Falls, passed away December 3, 2001, at the Twin Falls Care Center. He was born January 16, 1935, in Twin Falls, the son of Harry and Ida Hanson Culbertson...

Conducted 1:00 P.M. Monday, Dec. 10, 2001, at the Buhl Christian Church, with Pastor Art Freund officiating. Interment at West End Cemetery will take place following services...

The family would like to express their deep appreciation to the kindness extended to Walter by the staff of Woodstone Manor, Twin Falls Care Center, and 1st Choice Hospice.

Jerome, Lorrie Lemke of Alpine, CA, and Sherrie Nelson of Norfolk, VA; 7 great-grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren; 1 brother, Kenneth Garey of Twin Falls, ID; and 2 sisters: Louise Habel of Twin Falls, and Reva Chandler of Fairer.

She was preceded in death by her husband, 7 brothers and sisters, and 1 daughter Janice Mae Mitchell. Funeral services will be conducted 1:00 P.M., Friday, December 7, 2001, at White Mortuary Chapel, with Rev. John Forester officiating...

and Josephine Copp Liber. She was raised in Milwaukee and, on March 23, 1960, married Theodore F.F. Kudart Jr. in St. Petersburg, Florida.

On May 8, 1985, Mr. Kudart died in Milwaukee. Constance moved to her home in Milwaukee and worked as a loan manager for a mortgage company.

Constance was a member of the First Assembly of God Church in Twin Falls. She enjoyed sewing, playing cards, reading, and singing in church choirs.

The funeral service will take place at 11:00 AM Thursday, December 6, 2001, at the First Assembly of God Church with Pastor Dan Duncan officiating. Burial will follow at the Wood Memorial Cemetery in Milwaukee.

PAUL

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Charles (Chuck) John Freuburger Jr.

Chuck Freuburger, 72 year old Paul resident, passed away Sunday, December 2, 2001, peacefully at home.

He was born December 16, 1928, at Rupert, Idaho, the son of Charles and Anna Rausch Freuburger. He attended school in Rupert, graduating from Rupert High School...

His survivors include: children, Bernadette (Bob) Woodard of Erie, Pennsylvania, Patti Rominger of Clearfield, Utah, Debbie Moser of Twin Falls, Idaho, Carolyn (Ralph) Buhl of Paul, Idaho, Wally (Gloria) Freuburger of Rupert, Idaho, Jeff (Tami) Freuburger of Paul, Idaho, and Scott (Robynn) Freuburger of Paul, Idaho; 28 grandchildren, four sisters, Martha Schell, Clara Coley, Mary Bellum, and Ann Lloyd; and two brothers, Ed Freuburger and Frank Freuburger.

He was preceded in death by his wife, and love of his life, Dorothy, one son Matt Freuburger, his parents, and two sisters.

The Rosary will be recited at 7 P.M. Tuesday December 4, 2001, at St. Nicholas Catholic Church in Rupert, with visitation one hour prior to the Rosary. The Mass of Christian burial will be held at 11 A.M. Wednesday, December 5, 2001, at St. Nicholas Catholic Church with Father Henry Carmona as Celebrant. Friends may call one hour prior to services on Wednesday at the church. Burial will follow at the Paul Cemetery.

TWIN FALLS



Ruth W. Mitchell

Ruth W. Mitchell, 87, of Twin Falls, died Sunday, December 2, 2001, at Magic-Valley Regional-Medical Center.

She was born Jan. 16, 1914, in Appleton City, Missouri, the daughter of Clarence and Rose Wilks Garey. Ruth was reared and educated in Appleton City, and on April 30, 1935, married Merly Mitchell in Missouri. They moved to Independence, Kansas, where they lived for many years.



Geneal Elizabeth Williams Hill

Geneal Elizabeth Williams Hill, 91, passed away on Thursday, November 29, 2001, in Lehi, Utah, due to a stroke.

She was born May 3, 1910, in Bellevue, Blaine County, Idaho, to George Roland and Sarah Blaser Williams. She attended school in Glens Ferry and Burley, Idaho. She married Sterling Yeaman Hill, July 18, 1933 in Burley, Idaho. Their marriage was later solemnized in the Idaho Falls Temple. General and Sterling had three sons, Rulan Evan, Gerald Ray and Sterling Daniel and one daughter, Daria. Her husband Sterling passed away March 8, 1977. She was an active member of the LDS Church, serving in various Relief Society callings during her life both in Burley and Rupert. She was also an Extraction Worker. She enjoyed crocheting, making items for family members and friends and at the age of 90 crocheted dozens of bandages for lepers in three world countries through the Relief Society.

She is survived by Gerald (Jo) Hill, Toole, UT; Daniel (Christina) Hill, South Jordan, UT; Jeffrey (Liz), Deanna Hill, Los Angeles, CA; One brother, Paul (Zella) Williams, Orem, Utah; Sisters, Fern (Keith) Simons, Rupert, ID; Violet (Cezza) Larsen, Colorado Springs, CO; and Dora McCullough, Sparks, Nevada. Also surviving are twelve grandchildren: Joyce (Dan) Swenson, Westchester, IA; David Hill, Los Angeles, CA; Brian G. Hill, Verice, CA; Phillip (Melinda) Hill, Riverton, UT; Travis (Karry) Hill, Kenosha, WI; Craig (Slacey) Hill, San Clemente, CA; Michael (Cheryl) Hill, Sandy, UT; Debbie (Wade) Kirkpatrick, Stansbury Park, UT; Jared Hill, Portland, OR; Dianna Hill, Corvallis, MT; Christopher (Angela) Hill, West Glendale, CA; and ten great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, infant daughter, Daria, son, Brian, and sisters, Pearl, Mildred, and Iona, and one brother, Roland, a grandson, Brian J. Hill.

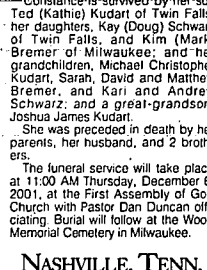
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TWIN FALLS



Constance Kudart

Constance Kudart, 69, of Twin Falls, died Monday, December 3, 2001, at Mountain View Care Center in Kamberg.



Earl Thomas May

Earl Thomas May, age 48, died peacefully December 2, 2001, after a long battle with cancer.

He was a loving father, son, brother and uncle and will always be close to their hearts. Earl was a graduate of Manchester Central H.S. & M.T.S.U. and had resided in Burley, Idaho, for the past 12 years, where he was employed by Bonanza Motors.

He was preceded in death by father Charles F. May and brother Wayne D. May. Survived by daughter Jessica Suzanne May, mother Katherine M. Reese (Gene), brother Charles F. May Jr. (Vickie), sister Kathy Carmichael (Crom), nieces, Marci May, Melinda May, Olivia Carmichael and nephew Garrett Carmichael.

Memorial services will be held at Coffee County Funeral Chapel in Winchester, TN, on Wednesday, December 5, 2001, at 2 p.m., with the Rev. Luke Dunn officiating. In lieu of flowers, Earl requested donations be made to Alive Hospice, 1718 Parkway, Nashville, TN 37203, Crawford Mortuary and Crematory, Nashville, TN.

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ROSS MANUFACTURING & WELDING SHOP AUCTION. SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2001. Located: Burley, Idaho 2624 Overland Ave. At the south end of Burley, just before the last stop light (27th St) from 184 Exit 208, go south thru Burley on Overland to sale site. Sale Time: 11:00 AM Lunch by Debbie & Al

REAL ESTATE WELDING SHOP & PROPERTY FOR SALE. Nice spacious welding shop offered for auction to highest bidder. Shop is 12,000 sq ft area of prime business land. Ross Manufacturing & Welding Shop located in Burley, Idaho. Building consists of 3 main shop areas: all connected and heated. The building is all ender block structure with vinyl siding on front and part of a side. 1st shop area is 60' long x 30' wide, with 15' x 10' power shop doors, full length overhead hoist 1 beam and 2 chain hoists, and full length radiant heat heater. This area is also completely insulated with gable type roof and storage space up stairs in the rafters. 2nd shop area (along side the 1st) is 60' x 20' x 20' includes a 20' x 23' office, 13' x 23' storage room and the rest is made of steel. That way if the roof ever (highest bidder) converted into a very nice auto parts store and repair shop or manufacturing shop of any kind. NOTE: We will offer this shop building and property for auction at the start of the auction (11:00 am, so don't be late if you want to bid on the real estate, it sells first. The seller (highest bidder) wants to buy some of the shop equipment, he can have it in the building. To inspect the building call Don Mayes 208-436-3139 TERMS: Get your financing in order before the day of the auction. 10% of final bid is due day of auction. Balance due in 30 days. Ross Manufacturing & Welding Shop located in Burley, Idaho. Full balance due and escrow closing on or before December 28, 2001 (transaction must be all completed before end of this year). NOTE: This auction is the result of a partnership being dissolved. This is not a bankruptcy sale. Ross Manufacturing & Welding Shop is a very successful business. Welding repair and Ross power truck beds are still in demand. There is not a patent on the 'Ross Power Truck Bed', so it could continue being manufactured and there are lots of pre-cut and manufactured truck bed parts still available at the auction.

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NOTE: This auction is the result of a partnership being dissolved. The equipment is all in working condition. Good location for any business to use over the building. Good opportunity to buy good quality manufacturing and welding equipment and new shop building. Remember we sell the real estate (building and property) first at 11:00 am. Everything quoted, sell to satisfy partnership desiring. OWNER: ROSS MANUFACTURING & WELDING. Name: Carl or Debbie Clark Day of Sale. Sale managed by Masters Auction Service. 'The Business that Service Built' AUCTIONEERS: Clerk. Life Masters: Gary Osborne, Joe Bennett, Lamar Loveland. Twin Falls: Gooding, Idaho. Mobile: Rupert, Idaho. (208) 543-5227, (208) 543-1111, (208) 436-4263. Live Christmaset 'Rupert', 10370-537-4122 or 431-4123. Mobile Phones: 731-1016 • 530-5350 • 530-0111 • 431-7355. Ringide Phone: 208-431-7355 • FAX: 543-5227 or 834-8977 • www.mastersauction.com

TWIN FALLS



Walter Raleigh Messley

Walter Raleigh Messley, died Saturday, Dec. 1, 2001, at Twin Falls Care Center.

He was born at Verona, Missouri, May 8, 1908. Walter, two brothers, and a sister were born to Albery Messley and Dove (Ball) Messley. Walter was proud of having been baptized in Spring Creek at Verona and attended one room school and Christian Church there. He finished his formal education after the 4th grade, and as was common in those days, left home to fend for himself. In his growing up, Walter loved and intensely following, he worked for, lived with, and learned from many people laiming in Western Kansas. Walter met Gladys Fern Clark in eastern Colorado, shortly after he died October 1, 1918. They tried for a year in western Kansas, but at that time farming was not a profitable venture, so they sold out, bought a Model T truck and ventured west. Walter had two children, one boy and three daughters, before they eventually settled in the Buhl area. Two more boys were born in Idaho, making a total of six children. Walter trucked, farmed, and drove school bus for many years. The family joined and attended First Christian Church in Buhl. Walter retired from the farm and moved to town in Buhl. He became a district rider for the Twin Falls Canal District, and continued there for many years.

Gladys and Walter lost one married son (son) in a tragic highway accident - Gladys died on Nov. 13, 1971. Walter married Fern Crisp of Buhl, and they were later divorced. He married the late Estie Porter of Kimberly, Idaho. He had lived in Woodstone retirement for several years. He has enjoyed each of his many children - 23 grandchildren, 47 great-grandchildren, and 48 great-great-grandchildren. Walter had the unique opportunity of living in three countries. He is survived by Nadine Woodruff of Buhl, Lorna Stroberg of Gooding, Melva Johnson of Hansen, Leman and Inez Messler of Burley, Loretta and Carol Messley of Boise, and a daughter-in-law Jewell (Bill) Baughman of California. In addition to his wife Gladys and son, Lonnie, he was preceded in death by two brothers, Lester and Charles; 1 grandson; 1 great-great-grandson; and three sons-in-law. Earl Woodruff, Gene Johnson, and Vernon Stroberg. Memorial services for Walter will be

TWIN FALLS



Ruth W. Mitchell

Ruth W. Mitchell, 87, of Twin Falls, died Sunday, December 2, 2001, at Magic-Valley Regional-Medical Center. She was born Jan. 16, 1914, in Appleton City, Missouri, the daughter of Clarence and Rose Wilks Garey. Ruth was reared and educated in Appleton City, and on April 30, 1935, married Merly Mitchell in Missouri. They moved to Independence, Kansas, where they lived for many years. She was preceded in death by her husband, infant daughter, Daria, son, Brian, and sisters, Pearl, Mildred, and Iona, and one brother, Roland, a grandson, Brian J. Hill. Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, December 6, 2001, at Rupert LDS 2nd Ward Chapel, 200 West 28 South with Bishop Dean Conde officiating. Family and friends may call at the church one-hour prior to the service on Thursday. Burial will follow in Pleasant View Cemetery, Burley, Idaho. Arrangements are under the direction of Hansen Mortuary Chapel.



## Study sheds light on effects of contaminated Idaho dirt

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) - Tests to determine the human absorption levels of lead in Silver Valley dirt contaminated from a century of mining found the process similar to that involved with ingesting alcohol.

Dr. Ron Roizen of Wallace has been analyzing that and other environmental Protection Agency studies involving Shoshone County under a federal grant.

In developing its computer model to determine what level of soil-metal contamination would pose a health risk, EPA has consistently failed to differentiate between the kinds of lead people are exposed to, Roizen said.

"All the study says is, lead is like booze - if you drink on a full stomach, your uptake is much slower" than if you drink on an empty stomach, Roizen said.

"They are not answering the question of how bad is lead for you."

The study conducted five years ago at the Columbia Presbyterian Irving Center for Clinical Research in New York involved 12 volunteers who ingested dirt taken from a residential yard in Kellogg. The lead level of the dirt averaged three to seven times the levels federal regulators want to impose as acceptable for the Silver Valley cleanup.

The volunteers ingesting the contaminated soil were split in two, six denied other food and six given normal diets. Their blood-lead levels were sampled over a short period of time.

Those denied food showed a brief elevation in blood-lead levels, Roizen said, while those fed normally showed only a 1.4 percent increase in their blood-lead levels.

## Cuts

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ers, administrators and classified personnel, Chesley said.

"This is a scary prospect," Chesley said.  
More budget cuts could call for larger class sizes and people losing jobs, Chesley said. Salaries and benefits make up 83.5 percent of general budget expenses in the Cassia County School District budget.

Those budget cuts for next year are not yet set, however.

"This is the worst-case scenario," Chesley said.

After the meeting, Chesley said teachers have been helpful and optimistic.  
Chesley said the district will probably combat the current holdback by depleting the contingency reserve fund.

The school board and the community need to look at the problem and come up with a solution. If the budget decreases next year, Chesley said.

District officials have already cut some costs in response to the governor's original 1.5 percent holdback, or \$300,000, in the Cassia district.

The biggest chunks came from cutting \$129,529 from supplies at all schools. Nor did the district purchase one new school bus, which would have cost \$52,000. Other budget cuts came in equipment, maintenance and travel.

Times-News writer Shari Chaney can be reached at the Mini-Cassia bureau at 677-4042, Ext. 110, or by e-mail at schaney@magicvalley.com.

## Island

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the recreation area remained in place.

The question before the county commissioners is whether the rental of watercraft is outside the application of the conditional use permit or if rentals are included in the scope of the permit's special commercial allowances, Cassia County

Administrator Tim Hurst said. Commissioners took the matter under deliberation. They expect to reach a decision next week.

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# M-C development group sets strategies

By Nate Johnson  
Times-News writer

BURLEY - The Mini-Cassia Development Commission has new plans and strategies in its quest to become a private entity.

The commission will support existing businesses and work to bring new businesses to the area.

The commission plans to use its political clout to support expansion of existing businesses, said Michelle McFarland, the commission's economic development coordinator. Pomerelle Mountain Resort's attempt to expand is an example of how the commission

could help an existing business. "Whenever a business is faced with an obstacle, we would help them clear it away," McFarland said.

The commission regularly circulates a questionnaire to business people asking if there are any threats to expansion.

In addition to expansion of local businesses, the commission wants to make conditions favorable to retain existing businesses. Besides acting as a political advocate, the commission could provide business, counseling, McFarland said.

McFarland is optimistic about

the development of home-based businesses.

"I think the Magic Valley has a wealth of people with good ideas for a business," she said, adding that these people lack only the knowledge and money needed to launch their plans. Some 70 percent of new businesses come from home, she said.

Another project of the development commission is a partnership with the Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce to promote tourism. The Snake River, the mountains and the area's natural resources are some of Mini-Cassia's greatest assets, McFarland said. The

area needs responsible growth, she warned, not haphazard development which could ruin those assets. Through promotion, the commission and the chamber of commerce will spread information about opportunities for tourism.

The commission will also work with other economic development agencies and schools to encourage regional development and to effect changes at the state level. As a representative in the Idaho Economic Development Association, McFarland will take Mini-Cassia's concerns to the state Legislature.

## State loses negligence immunity when it charges to use parks

BOISE (AP) - The state loses its protection from lawsuits when visitors are hurt if it charges for using state parks, the Idaho Supreme Court said.

Monday's unanimous opinion reinstated the Lewis County lawsuit filed by a family whose son was

injured on a May 1998 fishing trip to Winchester Lake State Park.

Second District Judge George Reinhardt III had dismissed the complaint, citing a state law that immunized landowners from liability for negligence when they allow the public to use their prop-

erty for recreation.

But the high court said that protection only applies when landowners allow the public to use their property at no charge.

Jimmie Wayne Allen and his father, Richard, paid a \$2-vehicle entrance fee at Winchester Lake

State Park. Jimmie fell into the lake and impaled his left thigh on a steel fence post that was hidden beneath the water.

The family alleged in its lawsuit that the state had failed to make the park safe and to warn of an unreasonably dangerous condition.

## OBITUARIES

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### Barbara JoAnn Cameron

Barbara "JoAnn" Cameron, age 71, passed away Friday, November 30, 2001, from injuries sustained in a car accident.

JoAnn was born in October 20, 1930, in Rupert, Idaho, the daughter of Joe and Peggy Dotan. She graduated from Rupert High School. She attended Idaho State College at Pocatello. On July 23, 1950, she married John C. Cameron. They had three children, Greg, Ted and Tamara. JoAnn was a member of the Methodist Church, The Lady Elks, The Rupert Country Club, The Blue Lakes Country Club. Her favorite was her association with the group - The Gals - The family moved from Rupert to the farm in Paul in 1975. She was a wonderful mother, grandmother, wife and friend. She was a championship bowler in her younger years and has the trophy to prove it. She was an avid golfer and loved to go on golfing excursions, which included picnic lunches, with her friends. She also enjoyed bridge and played with MNO (Mom's Night Out) and the E-Bell Club. She loved the outdoors and enjoyed skiing at Pomerelle and Sun

Valley and spending time with her family and friends either in her cabin in Ketchum. She was a wonderful hostess and cook. She created many special meals and special moments for her family and friends. She loved the holidays, dinner, birthday, and cocktail parties. Late breakfast on the patio in her pajamas was always a treasured moment. She loved Broadway musicals, jazz, a good soprano, flowers and romantic movies (Pretty Woman was her favorite). She loved cookbooks, champagne brunch, and a good joke. She loved to travel. She and John visited Spain, England, Hawaii, and Mexico as well as many other places. She loved her family and her friends unconditionally, and was always there for them or anyone in need.

She is survived by her husband, John C. Cameron of Paul, her son and daughter-in-law, Greg and Dana Jo Cameron of Rupert, her son and daughter-in-law, Ted and Donna Cameron of Rupert, and her daughter and life partner, at Amara Cameron and Quinn, Prichard of Boise, eight grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her sister June, one of the CJs's (Marilyn Toevs) and her dear friend Pat Burton.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday evening, December 5, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Hansen Mortuary, 710 6th St., Rupert. Services will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 6, 2001, at the Christian Church, 1110 8th St. in Rupert.

Following the memorial service there will be a Celebration of Her Life at the Rupert Elks Lodge located at 200 West 100 South, Rupert, Idaho.

The family suggests memorials be made in JoAnn's name to the Mindoka Memorial Health Care Foundation, 1224 8th Street, Rupert, ID 83350, the College of Southern Idaho Foundation, P.O. Box 1238, Twin Falls, ID 83303, or the

Renaissance Art Center, Inc., P.O. Box 594, Rupert, ID 83350. Services are under the direction of Hansen Mortuary/Rupert Chapel.



### Ray Anker Anderson

Ray Anker Anderson, age 85, passed away November 30, 2001, at his home in the presence of family members; his pastor; and close friends.

He was born in Boston, Massachusetts, to Anker Just Anderson and Marguerite Rivette Anderson on January 4, 1916. The family migrated to Eastern Idaho when Ray was 4, after their home in Massachusetts burned. He attended high school in Idaho Falls and graduated from IF High School in 1934. He attended the Southern branch of the University of Idaho in Pocatello for one year in 1935, and then, due to Depression conditions worked in Idaho Falls at Broullin's Market. Ray married Ruth Wilkie January 12, 1941, at the First Presbyterian Church in Idaho Falls, a loving union that has survived just short of 61 years.

After the start of World War II, Ray was classified 1A Limited, so he became a welder in the shipyards in San Francisco where he remained for the duration. He returned to his family in Idaho Falls in 1945. The family then moved to Boise where Ray was Assistant Manager of CC Anderson Food Market. In 1950 he was transferred to Buhl to manage the store there. In 1951 Ray bought a Swift & Co. milk route that he operated until 1963 at Buhl.

At this time Ray fulfilled a long-time desire to return to college, so he enrolled in the Pharmacy College at Idaho State University. He graduated in the same class with his son Jon and daughter-in-law Susan in 1968. The family then moved to San Jose, California, where he passed the California Pharmacy Bar exam and spent the next 15 years working at pharmacies in San Jose and Santa Cruz until his retirement in 1982. They returned to Burley, Idaho, in 1987 and then moved to Twin Falls in 1991, where they have lived since.

Ray enjoyed woodworking, landscaping and reading the Wall Street Journal and was very interested in computers. He has been a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Burley and then in Twin Falls.

Ray is survived by his wife Ruth of Twin Falls; his sons, Jon (Susan) of Burley, and Jerry (Jeanette) of San Jose; and 5 lovely grandchildren.

Ray was preceded in death by his daughter Judy in 1961, his parents, and a brother Marvin.

The family is most appreciative of the loving care Ray received from the First Choice Hospice and Dr. Randall Skeem.

Cremination will take place and a Memorial Service will be held at First Presbyterian Church in Twin Falls on December 29, 2001, at 2:00 PM.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorials to the First Choice Hospice at P.O. Box 1054, Twin Falls, Idaho 83303, or to First Presbyterian Church at P.O. Box 523, Twin Falls, Idaho 83303, or to a charity of the donor's choice.

Arrangements are under the direction of White Mortuary of Twin Falls.

## DEATH NOTICES

### Julia Bohon Sampe

PAUL - Julia Bohon Sampe, 97, of Paul died Monday, Dec. 3, 2001, at a Sacramento, Calif., care center.

Services are pending and will be announced by Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

### Leonard Max Burcar

JEROME - Leonard "Max" Burcar, 60, of Jerome died Saturday, Dec. 1, 2001, at his home in Jerome.

The service will be held at the White Chapel Cemetery in Troy, Mich.

Hove - Robertson Funeral Chapel, 629 E. Third St., Jerome, is in charge of local arrangements.

### Helen Geddes Morehouse

MOSCOW - Helen Geddes Morehouse, 84, of Moscow died Saturday, Dec. 1, 2001, at Cassia Regional Medical Center.

The funeral is pending and will be announced by Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley.

### Opal Amanda Butcher Winch

SAFFORD, Ariz. - Opal Amanda Butcher Winch, 90, of Safford, Ariz., died Saturday, Dec. 1, 2001, at the Safford Care Center in Safford, Ariz.

Services are pending and will be announced by Hove Robertson Funeral Chapel, 629 E. Third St., Jerome.

## SERVICES

Barbara Harris of Boise, celebration of life will be held from 2:30-4:30 p.m. today at the Boise Eagles Lodge (Alden-Wagoner Funeral Chapel, Boise).

Max Wesley Hogg of Burley, service at 11 a.m. today at Our Little Flower Catholic Church, 1601 Oakley Ave., Burley; funeral Mass at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Little Flower Catholic Church; burial will be at the Pleasant View Cemetery in Burley; friends may call from 6 p.m. until time of the vigil today and one hour before the funeral Mass on Wednesday at the church (Payne Mortuary, Burley).

Kenneth Vere Courtney of Twin Falls, service at 2 p.m. today at Hansen Mortuary, 710 6th St., Home; burial will follow at the Twin Falls Cemetery with military honors by the Magic Valley veterans and auxiliary.

Bonnie Beth Jeppesen Jorgensen of St. George, Utah, and formerly of Burley, service at 11 a.m. today at the Lindquist North Ogden Chapel, 2140 N. Washington Blvd., North Ogden, Utah; friends may call one hour before the service today at the chapel; burial will be at the Ben Lofgren Cemetery in North Ogden (Spalsbury & Beard Mortuary).

Douglas R. Brown Jr. of Salt Lake City, Utah, and formerly of Twin Falls, service at 2 p.m. today at the Twin Falls Sixth Ward LDS

Chapel, 667 Harrison St.; viewing will be held from 12:45-1:45 p.m. today at the church (White Mortuary, Twin Falls).

Eugene "Gene" Henry Kirshenwitz of Twin Falls, service at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Twin Falls; burial will follow at the Twin Falls Cemetery with military honors by the Magic Valley veterans and auxiliary; friends may call from 6-8 p.m. today at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home.

Ruth Vivian House Crofts Gardner of Twin Falls, inurnment graveside rites at 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Hailey Cemetery (White Mortuary, Twin Falls).

Lavona (Vonnie) M. Lyons of Kennewick, Wash., burial at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the West End Cemetery in Buhl.

Ralph Spothwick of Provo, Utah, service at 11 a.m. Saturday at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls.

Ardeh "Feeny" Rolter of Twin Falls, memorial service and celebration of life at 1 p.m. Saturday at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls.

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### Magic Valley Regional Medical Center

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Santiago-Angel-Mendoza Chavez, son of Maria de Jesus Chavez and Santiago Mendoza of Twin Falls, was born Friday, Nov. 16, 2001.

Alexandra Lynn Matos, daughter of Nilda Brasil-Matos of Jerome, was born Saturday, Nov. 17, 2001.

Elysha Marie Morse, daughter of Melissa Marie and Kelly Wallace Morse of Twin Falls, was born Monday, Nov. 19, 2001.

Justice Marion Larson, daughter of Melody Marie Larson of Filer, was born Tuesday, Nov. 20, 2001.

Christy Arlene Solorzano, daughter of Carmen Teresa and Candido Solorzano of Wendell, was born Tuesday, Nov. 20, 2001.

Logan Conner Adams, son of Melissa Sue and Travis Ron Adams of Buhl, was born Tuesday, Nov. 20, 2001.

Sergio Figueroa Jr., son of Lucia and Sergio Figueroa of Jerome, was born Wednesday, Nov. 21, 2001.

Chans Kendrick Hagerty, daughter of Sandra Cathleen and Brian Keith Hagerty Sr. of Twin Falls, was born Wednesday, Nov. 21, 2001.

Jadee Keith Jasper, daughter of Kelli Merle and Jade Justin Jasper of Wendell, was born Wednesday, Nov. 21, 2001.

Bradley Charles Lemon, son of Debra and Kevin Lemon of Twin Falls, was born Wednesday, Nov. 21, 2001.

Camille Alyce Scott, daughter of Lorie Ann and David Leeman Scott of Heyburn, was born Wednesday, Nov. 21, 2001.

Keylton John Lookingbill, son of Michona Lee and Craig Alton Lookingbill of Twin Falls, was born Wednesday, Nov. 21, 2001.

Aubree McKenzie Cook, daughter of Monica and David Virgil Cook of Twin Falls, was born Thursday, Nov. 22, 2001.

Stevy Glenn Hildreth, son of Louisa Jane and Gerald Wilkins Hildreth Jr. of Twin Falls, was born Thursday, Nov. 22, 2001.

Calysa Shirleene Kunzler,

daughter of Sharon Leone and Troy Lamont Kunzler of Dillingham, Ark., was born Thursday, Nov. 22, 2001.

Andrew Gerald Sant, son of Amy Everett Sant and Mark Andrew Sant of Shoshone, was born Thursday, Nov. 22, 2001.

Kansas Sharon Randall, daughter of Nikki Arlene Stigall and Dwight Randall of Twin Falls, was born Thursday, Nov. 22, 2001.

Thomas-Randall-Craig, son of Suzanne Elizabeth and Trip Randall Craig of Twin Falls, was born Friday, Nov. 23, 2001.

Eashley Dawn Olsen, daughter of Shelly Dawn and Jason Robert Olsen of Kimberly, was born Saturday, Nov. 24, 2001.

Katie Marie Hansen, daughter of Anna Marie and Robert Bradford Hansen of Twin Falls, was born Saturday, Nov. 24, 2001.

Kenzie Gail Blazham, daughter of Kristen Lorraine and Thomas Mathew Bloxham of Hansen, was born Monday, Nov. 26, 2001.

Tobi Lee McAlexander, son of Jessi Lowe McAlexander and Ruxey Lee McAlexander of Jerome, was born Monday, Nov. 26, 2001.

Carlos Lamberto Quintero, son of Alicia and David Alonso Quintero of Wendell, was born Tuesday, Nov. 27, 2001.

St. Benedict's Family Medical Center

Keisha Lynn Koch, daughter of Dennis Koch and Diana Cardenas of Jerome, was born Tuesday, Nov. 27, 2001.

Kyle LeDean Walker, son of Dan and Nicole Walker of Wendell, was born Tuesday, Nov. 27, 2001.

Isabelle Joyce Gregory, daughter of Kevin Shane and Karolee Gregory of Jerome, was born Tuesday, Nov. 13, 2001.

Cassia Regional Medical Center

Olivia Ann Critchfield, daughter of Shaun and Karen Critchfield of Oakley, was born Tuesday, Nov. 20, 2001.

Jade Ann Larson, daughter of Eric and Jennifer Larson of

Burley, was born Wednesday, Nov. 21, 2001.

Anthony Kornelis Raju Jelgersma, son of Desiree Christoffersen and Robert Jelgersma of Burley, was born Wednesday, Nov. 21, 2001.

Caesar-Ulysses Leon, son of Veronica Rodriguez and Robert Leon of Rupert, was born Friday, Nov. 23, 2001.

Isaac Keith Hardy, son of Travis and Eileen Hardy of Heyburn, was born Saturday, Nov. 24, 2001.

Hannah Nicole Orton, daughter of Gerrad and Jaimee Orton of Burley, was born Saturday, Nov. 24, 2001.

Nakota James McCray, son of Barry and Heather McCray of Burley, was born Saturday, Nov. 24, 2001.

Madison Blaine Tegan, daughter of Ryan and Andrea Tegan of River, was Sunday, Nov. 25, 2001.

Samuel Juarez, son of Samuel Juarez and Alsara Romero of Heyburn, was born Sunday, Nov. 25, 2001.

Jose Guadalupe Najera II, son of Antonio and Maria Alona Najera of Rupert, was born Sunday, Nov. 25, 2001.

Laurny Dehne Simmons, daughter of Kevin and Melissa Simmons of Burley, was born Tuesday, Nov. 27, 2001.

Jonathan Lizardi Mariscal, son of Antonio and Maria Alona Lizardi of Paul, was born Tuesday, Nov. 27, 2001.

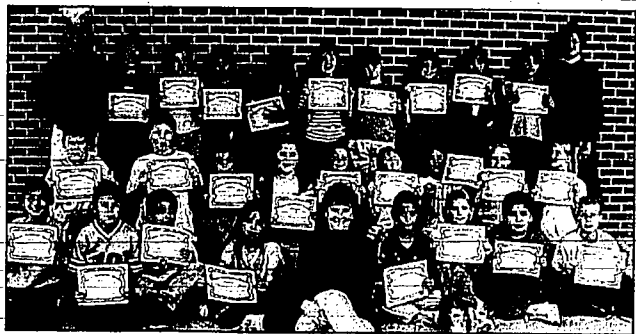
Rece Lloyd Gregory, son of Ronna and Brad Gregory of Paul, was born Wednesday, Nov. 28, 2001.

Minidoka Memorial Hospital

Julian Randolph Short, son of Craig and Ranya Short of Rupert, was born Monday, Nov. 26, 2001.

Abel Hurtado Varela, son of Yuliana Varela and Noe Hurtado of Paul, was born Tuesday, Nov. 27, 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 735-5533. Deadline for publication Tuesday is noon Friday.



Wendell Elementary students raised \$1,093 in response to the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. Students and staff members include, from left, back row: Michael Fruechte, Keith Mowery, Cope Heath, Mariela Benitez, Edgar Lopez, Kimberly Smith, Amber Burgess, Zella Fields, Milam Perez, Mayra Vega and Grace Koehler; middle row: Bryan Sandahl, Zane Hines, Dillon Emery, Ben Dodge, Amy Norman, Elvia Solorzano, Camille Pool, Natasha McNeely and Kiersten Vanhoover; front row: Daniela Rodriguez, Miguel Orozco, Arnold Mendoza, Liliana Aguilera, Marty Buss with the America Red Cross, Taitz Cano, Kayla Kroeger, Joaquin Ramirez and Andrew Ringling.

## Students swing into action

WENDELL - In the wake of the Sept. 11 tragedy, Grace Koehler's fifth-graders at Wendell Elementary School were inspired to do their part.

"The students expressed what so many people felt in their desire to help," Koehler said.

Camille Pool suggested placing collection cans at Wendell businesses to raise money for the American Red Cross.

Classroom sign language interpreter Michael Fruechte suggested combining the school's Accelerated Reader and PeaceBuilder programs for a fund-raising project.

Koehler said the PeaceBuilder Pledge, which students recite daily, embodies their desire to help: "I will build peace at home, at school and in my community each day."

Many pitched in to implement the collection can project. Teacher aide Sue Savers photographed students in front of American flags. Foster Grandparent Myra Hawkes and high school student aide Chris Dixon mounted the photos and a donation plea on the cans.

Students Kirsten Vanhoover, Elvia Solorzano and Pool and resource room aide Mary Vanhoover assisted Koehler with delivery and pick-up of the cans at 10 downtown businesses.

Students also collected donations and pledges for each Accelerated Reader point they earned.

Accelerated Reader is a computerized test system that measures students' reading comprehension. Each book they read has a point value.

During the two-week project, the

26 students read a total of 168 books, accumulated 105 points, and including the collection can money, raised \$1,092.94.

To honor the students, Fruechte designed Master PeaceBuilder's Award certificate. He asked U.S. Sen. Larry Craig to sign them.

"It would mean a great deal to this group of students to see that their efforts have not gone unnoticed, but are recognized and appreciated by their community, state and country. These students need to know that the effect of their accomplishments reach beyond the walls of their classroom," he wrote to Craig, who signed them all.

At a Nov. 12 ceremony, Koehler and Fruechte presented the certificates to the students. Assisting was Marty Buss of the Red Cross, who received the check from Koehler.

## HONORING THE CIVIL AIR PATROL



Burley Mayor Doug Manning, seated, signs a proclamation declaring Dec. 1-8 Civil Air Patrol Week in Burley. Attending the ceremony are, from left, back: Cadet Eliza Chantry, Deputy Comdr. LTC James Marcoux and Cadet Chief Master Sgt. Benjamin Tilley; front: Cadet Airman 1st Class Rebecca Tilley.



Rupert Mayor Audrey Newirth signs a proclamation declaring Civil Air Patrol Week in Rupert. Attending are, from left, back: Cadet Eliza Chantry, Cadet Airman 1st Class Rebecca Tilley and Deputy Comdr. LTC James Marcoux; front: Cadet Chief Master Sgt. Benjamin Tilley and Comdr. 1st Lt. Laverne Johnson.

## Iris club ends season with activities

JEROME - The Magic Valley Iris Society raffled off an iris quilt at its Nov. 3 meeting, which was the last meeting of the year.

Mildred Toberer of Buhl, a past president of the group and a 50-year member, was the winner of the iris quilt raffle. The quilt was made by society vice president Joanne Scolari.

Keith Chadwick of Caldwell brought a cut iris for showing, which is a re-bloomer by the name of Elainelope.

The club will convene again on the first Saturday of March.

Magic Valley Iris Society President Vicki Hamey and Joanne Scolari, vice president, present a raffled quilt to the winner, Mildred Toberer, center, of Buhl.



## Twin Falls woman readies for a new lease on life

By Amie Thompson  
Times-News Correspondent

After nine years of fighting to get her life back, Sherry Watson is almost there.

Watson is one college class shy of a fresh lease on life after a 1992 accident burned 70 percent of her body and left her blind. Unable to continue her job as an animal control officer in

Arizona after the accident, Watson has fought to retain herself.

"It's going to take a degree to get a job and support yourself," she recalls telling herself. She started college in Las Vegas where she had to stay close to her doctors while she recovered from her burns. She eventually moved to Twin Falls where her sister lived.

Now, Watson needs only that one class to complete a degree in criminal justice. To complete courses, Watson, 52, had to listen to text books on-tape and in some cases, had people read to her. Her sister, Shamen Starr, who nominated her to be a torch bearer for the Olympic Games,

studied with her when the two were working on their associate's degrees.

It took Watson two and a half times longer to study the same material than it did her sister.

"When you listen to tape, it's easy to fall asleep. It's not like a conversation," Watson explained. She said she is a visual person, and studying without being able to read was difficult.

In April, though, Watson had a cornea implant that has restored her distance vision. So far it has been successful. A previous surgery in 1998 failed after six months.

With the implants, she is able to drive during the daytime, and most importantly, see the faces of her

30- and 32-year-old sons.

"I hadn't seen them since they were 21 and 23. They weren't boys anymore. They were men," she said.

Her sister nominated Watson because of how she handled her recovery, and is working toward a new career.

Watson said she is honored to be a torch bearer for the Magic Valley.

"It's so awesome. Awesome is such an overused word. Humbling. I find it humbling," she said. "It is very exciting to think that while I am carrying the torch, I will be the only person in the world doing that at that moment."

## Buhl man gets second chance to carry torch

By Amie Thompson  
Times-News Correspondent

Almost 20 years ago, Donald Campbell gave up the honor of carrying the Olympic flame to its then destination in Los Angeles.

"That wasn't going to happen again. I didn't know what it meant. I looked at the letter and went about my business, and that was a regret that I've carried with me ever since," he said.

So when he was nominated to be a torch bearer for the 2002 Games, he gladly

accepted. He knows what it means this time around and plans to reflect on Olympic moments of the past, including the ancient Olympics in Greece and Jesse Owens' defiance of Hitler in Berlin in 1936.

"It's nice to have a second chance," Campbell said. "At the same time, because of the timing of this Olympics, the honor of carrying the Olympic torch, even for a little while, is humbling."

Athletics have always been close to Campbell's heart. He believes they represent life.

"A successful athlete, as a successful

businessman, regardless of talent, must become determined and persistent, learning to work through failure, accept mistakes and continue to press on toward one's goal," he said.

Campbell, 49, has coached high school sports in Buhl for nine years. Each sports season, he arranges his business schedule as a self-employed fish farmer so he can coach. He's coached cross-country and softball in the past and has coached girls' soccer for four years and track for five years.

"It's fun. It really is. I enjoy watching kids develop," Campbell said.

He takes pride in his job as a coach and said it is important that every student athlete develop individual goals, regardless of their abilities and talents. While coaching track, for instance, he enjoys creating individual workouts for both first-time runners and seasoned athletes who will place at the state meet.

Campbell graduated from high school in Pleasanton, Calif., and the University of California, San Diego, Revelle College with a bachelor's degree in biochemistry. He also attended graduate school at Idaho State University.

**TORCH SCRAPBOOK**

The 2002 Olympic torch will be carried through Twin Falls between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Jan. 26, followed by a citywide celebration.

An area selection committee chose 42 people to be among the 11,500 inspiring Americans who will carry the torch along a path that begins Dec. 4 in Atlanta and ends Feb. 8 in Salt Lake City, with the opening of the games. Leading up to the games, The Times-News will profile local Olympic torch runners.



# U.S. questions Arafat's grip on militants

WASHINGTON (AP) — As Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon declared war on terror Monday, the White House pressed Yasser Arafat to crack down on Palestinians whose suicide bombings killed at least 26 people over the weekend.

"Chairman Arafat has an obligation to make a 100 percent effort," White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said as Israeli missiles slammed into the West Bank and Gaza.

Mindful that the Palestinian Authority often has quickly released detained terrorists, Fleischer said: "The president thinks it's very important that the Palestinian jails not only have bars on front, but no longer have revolving doors at the back."

In Jerusalem, Sharon told the Israeli people that "Israel and the United States stand together." In Washington, as support for Arafat as the Palestinians' unquestioned leader began to fade, the Bush administration stressed its support for Israel.

"The President's point of view is Israel is a sovereign power," Fleischer said. "Israel has a right to defend itself."

But the administration's support was not open-ended. "There was no green light asked for and no green light given," Philip Reeker, a State Department spokesman, said. "This is not a game of green light, red light."

Also, speaking for Secretary of State Colin Powell, the spokesman said "it's important all parties consider the repercussions" of their actions and impact on prospects for peace in the region.

Fleischer again called on Arafat to do everything in his power to combat terror.

A senior U.S. official told The Associated Press that the administration has conveyed to Arafat



Israel Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, left, and President Bush shake hands during an emergency meeting in the Oval Office of the White House Sunday in Washington.

that his time could be running out for clamping down on Hamas and other terrorist groups. The official, speaking on condition of anonymity, called Israel's missile attack in Gaza and on the West Bank a warning shot and not the beginning of an all-out war.

In Washington, spokesman Fleischer gave credence to the impression that President Bush, in a meeting Sunday with Sharon, did not attempt to stop the Israelis from striking back.

"Obviously, Israel has a right to defend herself and the president understands that clearly," Fleischer said.

The senior official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, acknowledged it was virtually

impossible for Bush to "tell Israel to hold its fire while we're chasing al-Qaida around Afghanistan."

Bush "was believed for quite a period of time that Yasser Arafat is capable of doing much more than he has ever done and now the burden is on him even heavier to show it," Fleischer said.

"What's new and different is the severity of the violence that rocked Israel over the weekend and the outrage that world feels about the murder of all the innocents in Israel. It's important that Chairman Arafat move beyond where he has been before — to take concrete actions, to show that this is not the way of the future and it should not be the way of the present," the

spokesman said. Bush, confronting new uncertainty about a fragile anti-terror coalition that relies on Arab support, canceled his only scheduled appearance before reporters on Monday.

Earlier, Sharon held emergency consultations with key Cabinet ministers in Jerusalem to decide on an Israeli response to the suicide bombings in Jerusalem and Haifa.

"This is a real opportunity for Chairman Arafat to show in actions, not words, that he stands for peace, and that he will take action that is enduring and meaningful against the terrorists and those who sponsored the terrorist attacks that took place in Israel," Fleischer said.

# Palestinian leader arrests terror suspects

RAMALLAH, West Bank (AP) — During 14 months of fighting with Israel, Yasser Arafat mostly looked the other way as Islamic militants and some of his own supporters killed more than 230 Israelis with guns and bombs.

Now, after a weekend onslaught of terror that shocked the world and prompted calls in Israel for his expulsion, the Palestinian leader has rounded up dozens of suspects and issued stern warnings to cease attacks.

But there are persistent concerns about whether Arafat is sincere — ready for a real crackdown that could trigger a Palestinian civil war — and whether he has the clout to keep militants in check.

His public approval rating has plummeted from 65 percent to 33 percent since the outbreak of the fighting in September 2000, while support for the militant Hamas and Islamic Jihad groups has risen.

Arafat can't even count on unquestioning support from his Fatah movement, which itself has lost ground to the militant groups when it comes to popularity.

Some Fatah leaders, including Marwan Barghout in the West Bank, have publicly challenged Arafat's earlier true promises to Israel, and in one West Bank town thousands of Fatah supporters recently firebombed and stoned a Palestinian police station to protest the arrest of a militant leader.

Mamdouh Nofal, an ex-PLO fighter and member of Arafat's inner circle, said the Palestinian leader is still very much in charge but had been unwilling to confront the militants until now without getting something in return, such as an invitation to the White

House or territorial concessions from Israel.

"He will not create a real problem with Hamas for nothing," Nofal said, speaking before the weekend bombing and shooting attacks on Israelis that killed 26 people and wounded nearly 200.

Palestinian analyst Khalil Shekaki said that any case of Arafat's maneuvering room has been shrinking. Shekaki argued that the Palestinian uprising is driven by up-and-coming street leaders like Barghout — rebelling against the old guard around Arafat — that huddled its political future to a peace agreement with Israel.

Arafat has been appealing younger Fatah members by allowing them to form an alliance with the Islamic groups, Shekaki said. "The young guard, too, recognizes Arafat's leadership and legitimacy. It does not, however, derive its legitimacy from him; indeed, it is he who needs to demonstrate credibility to it," Shekaki wrote in a policy paper.

Some say Arafat has done too much to appease the Islamic militants. Even the dovish Israeli opposition leader Yossi Sarid warned that unless Arafat acts decisively now against Hamas and Islamic Jihad, Israel might expel him. That proposal — once considered a demand of the extreme right in Israel — was discussed at a Cabinet meeting Monday.

"Arafat perhaps thought he can control the level of the flames, but ... he himself is getting scorched," Sarid wrote Monday in the Maariv daily. "He therefore has no choice now but to take a risk and to begin shooting terrorists if they resist. Shoot, and not just talk."



Yasser Arafat

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## BRIEFLY IN MONEY

### Agency sets meeting for Albertson's deal

**TWIN FALLS** - The city's Urban Renewal Agency said Monday it will meet at 7:30 a.m. Wednesday to execute a contract with Boise-based Albertson's Corp.

The agency is helping get Texas-based Dell Computer Corp. into the former Albertson's grocery store on Pole Line Road, where the computer giant intends to open a technical-support operation.

The meeting at City Hall, 321 Second Ave. E., is open to the public.

### Ski industry expert will speak in Sun Valley

**SUN VALLEY** - Ski industry expert Michael Berry will talk about trends and challenges facing the ski industry Friday at Elkhorn Resort.

Berry, president of the National Ski Areas Association, will speak at the Sun Valley/Ketchum Chamber of Commerce's annual Economic Outlook Breakfast.

The breakfast will begin at 7:30 a.m. Reservations for the \$12 buffet can be made by contacting Shannon at 725-2108, by fax at 726-4533 or by e-mail at smclean@visit-sunvalley.com.

### No-interest deals have dangerous small type

**WASHINGTON** - No-interest financing is an increasingly popular way to lure reluctant customers.

Home Depot, for example, will waive payments until January 2003 for customers who charged at least \$299 to the store's credit card in a single shopping trip before Monday.

There is a catch, however. If consumers don't completely pay off the charged amount by January 2003, they will be assessed 21 percent interest from the date the merchandise was purchased. So if a shopper purchased \$500 of goods, and deferred all payments, \$105 of interest would be added to the first bill in January 2003. Interest would continue to accrue until the balance is paid off. If a shopper made some payments before January 2003, the interest costs would be lower.

The home-improvement retailer has a Twin Falls store.

Other retailers have similar programs, and may have additional restrictions.

Home Depot spokesman John Siple said the promotion encourages customers to make large purchases they might not have otherwise made.

"It's a pretty good deal," he said, but he quickly added, "The watchword is 'Be careful.' Be sure you know when the term is up."

### Wells Fargo agrees to pay \$2 million settlement

**SANTA BARBARA, Calif.** - Wells Fargo will pay up to \$2.285 million to settle a class action lawsuit alleging that about 2,000 employees were not paid overtime.

This is the third settlement reached in three separate lawsuits in Santa Barbara Superior Court since 1997 involving Wells Fargo.

The bank - which also does business in the Magic Valley - has agreed to pay about \$8 million in the three cases combined, court documents show. In 1998, the bank agreed to a \$1.463 million settlement - including \$200,000 of accrued vacation pay to employees. Later that year, the bank reached a \$4.5 million settlement affecting about 5,000 employees.

The plaintiffs in all three cases were represented by Anticonni & Associates, a Santa Barbara law firm.

The newest lawsuit was brought on behalf of current and former employees of Wells Fargo who alleged that branch managers in small offices, who were not paid overtime, were classified incorrectly as exempt from overtime requirements under California law. Also, the suit contended that nonexempt employees frequently worked off-the-clock.

Wells Fargo has already changed its policies to make sure that nonexempt employees are properly paid for all hours worked, the settlement said.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

# Home Depot reins in expansion

Knight Ridder News Service

**ATLANTA** - Home Depot's days of giddy growth are over.

Over the past 20 years, the retail icon put up stores at a frantic pace. Covering the country with orange-trimmed stores made millionaires out of many investors while burying smaller competitors. Home Depot, which has a new store in Twin Falls, became the undisputed king of home improvement.

That game plan worked wonders when the economy was running at full throttle. But a harsh new economy and a fresh set of eyes at the helm of Home Depot have brought a much more modest blueprint for the retailer.

Chief Executive Bob Nardelli said Friday he is reining in expansion plans

over the next three years. Nardelli, speaking at an analyst conference at Home Depot's Atlanta headquarters, said he's holding growth to 200 new stores a year.

And many will be smaller than the sprawling "big-box" warehouses of years past.

"We are in a downward spiraling economy," Nardelli said. "The world has changed... The economic boom mentality of 'build it and they will come' doesn't work anymore."

Nardelli, the first outsider to run the 22-year-old company, will have to cut costs to maintain Home Depot's profit levels dur-

ing slower growth.

Nardelli predicted revenue will grow by 15 percent to 18 percent annually, and holding growth to 200 new stores a year.

Sales and earnings had been growing at an average of roughly 30 percent a year before Nardelli came on board. Even with slower growth, Nardelli said he can double revenues to \$100 billion by 2005.

His three-year plan includes: • The rollout of Home Depot's high-end Expo Design Center chain was cut nearly in half. There will be 88 to 100 Expos by

the end of fiscal 2004, down from the previous goal of 200 stores within three years.

• Nardelli has scrapped the "Villagers Hardware" experiment in New Jersey. The four-store test, put in place before Nardelli arrived, will be converted to the retailer's new urban format known informally as "Home Depot Lite."

Under the new concept, Home Depot is testing smaller stores in Chicago and Brooklyn. • Home Depot is stepping up plans to go after professional customers who buy big quantities of remodeling supplies. In previous years, Home Depot courted small-to-medium sized contractors, but Nardelli wants to go after larger, industrial customers by using its distribution centers and special order capabilities to act more like a wholesale supply business.

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## Firm searches for solid ground



RockShox Inc. employees test the shocks on their bikes at Ute Valley Park in Colorado Springs, Colo., on Oct. 30. After posting a \$7.1 million dollar profit in Northern California at the height of the mountain bike craze several years ago, the company moved to Colorado last year hoping the lower cost of business would help stop major losses. Now the company is close to breaking even again.

## Move helps once-flourishing bike shocks company stop losses

The Associated Press

**COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo.** - The past three years have been as treacherous for RockShox Inc. as the mountain trails on which the company tests its bicycle suspension systems.

The developer of high-end bicycle shock absorbers fled Northern California for Colorado Springs last year, hoping the lower cost of doing business here would stop landsliding losses.

RockShox is close to breaking even, according to second-quarter results. The company's net loss for the quarter was \$124,000, a welcome figure after first-quarter losses of \$4.3 million and fiscal year 2001 losses of more than \$6 million.

Four years ago, RockShox was turning a \$7.1 million profit at the height of the mountain bike craze.

"Bicycle sales are plummeting; Schwinn/GT filed for bankruptcy this year," said chief executive Bryan Kellin, hired in January 2000 to turn the company around.

"With our relentless focus on cutting costs, we hope to be profitable again by the end of this year."

It's been a whirlwind year for Kellin and the 35 RockShox employees in sales, engineering and administration who moved here from San Jose and Santa Cruz, Calif., in June 2000 to establish new headquarters. Rent for the San Jose plant was about to jump 500 percent. The

employees decided that if they couldn't ride their bikes in the Santa Cruz Mountains, Colorado would be a nice place to suffer.

Kellin found an available building in Colorado Springs: a two-story, 62,000-square-foot facility on Garden of the Gods Road. The early RockShox group occupied 15,000 square feet of office space while the

company built a 50,000-square-foot addition to help house the bike shock manufacturing operation. RockShox hired more than 250 Colorado Springs workers to

assemble the shocks and began manufacturing operations in May. Kellin said the company makes about a half-million units in seven distinct product lines a year here and another half-million in Taiwan.

RockShox sells 75 percent of its "forks" to the makers of high-performance racing and mountain bikes. Notable clients include Trek, Specialized and Schwinn/GT, who sell bikes for as much as \$5,000 apiece.

The rest of the business is sales to shops that upgrade existing bikes. About 40 percent of the product is sold in Europe.

Fifteen development engineers brainstorm with sales and marketing staff to dream up new products and styles. RockShox is introducing titanium nitride to some lines to improve endurance with less weight.

## Companies confirm rumors of possible merger

The Associated Press

**BOISE** - After weeks of fending off rumors, Micron Technology Inc. and Hynix Semiconductor have confirmed they will consider a possible merger.

It would create the world's largest memory maker. Together, the two companies represent about half the market share for semiconductor memory.

Hynix has been on financial life support for months, swamped by \$6 billion in debt. It lost nearly \$3 billion in the first nine months of 2001. Earlier this fall, creditors provided new loans, refinancing and some debt write-off to keep the South

### Micron, Hynix Semiconductor consider deal

Korean company afloat. Rumors that Hynix was seeking a buyer surfaced this fall. In recent weeks an unsubstantiated report was published in South Korea - saying Micron was a possible suitor.

Later last week, the companies were still denying that report. But Sunday, they issued a joint statement acknowledging they planned discussions on a possible strategic alliance or

other transaction. "Both companies are evaluating a broad array of strategic options," the joint statement said.

Hynix Chairman C.S. Park said the talks are "part of Hynix's ongoing evaluation of possible steps to maximize stakeholder value in the face of an unprecedented downturn in the semiconductor industry."

*'Most companies in the business are really struggling. They're looking for some type of alliance or to sell assets.'*

- Steve Appleton, Micron Chairman

## Nextel Partners takes on big debt

Knight Ridder News Service

**KIRKLAND, Wash.** - Kirkland-based Nextel Partners, one of the smaller provinces of Craig McCaw's telecommunications empire, raised a few eyebrows last week when it borrowed more than \$200 million in the form of senior notes.

Nextel Partners will not only pay a relatively high interest rate (the notes have an effective yield of nearly 14 percent) but the company says it doesn't really need the money.

The company - which offers service in much of the Magic Valley - had \$463 million in cash and short-term investments as of Sept. 30, according to its most recent quarterly report.

In its third-quarter conference call, Nextel Partners told analysts the cash (along with an untapped \$100 million credit facility) would be enough for it to reach its goal of being cash-flow positive - that is, more money coming in than going out - by 2004.

But the company already had \$1.1 billion in long-term debt on its books, and its debt-to-equity ratio was nearly 3-to-1. So why add to a highly leveraged position - especially with expensive debt?

Alice Kang, Nextel Partners' investor-relations director, said the money will be used to add an extra 2 million potential customers (known as "pops" in telecom jargon) to the company's digital wireless network. That network, which covers small and mid-sized markets in 10 states,

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## Farmer wins award for innovation

The Associated Press

**COEUR D'ALENE** - Dianne Green is one example of how the future could look for Northwest farmers.

Green's 2 1/2-acre Greentree Naturals farm east of Sandpoint just earned her a Founder of the New Northwest award from Sustainable Northwest.

The nonprofit organization based in Portland, Ore., hunts for people in six Western states who create positive solutions to social, environmental and economic challenges.

"She created a model for small-acreage farmers and is demonstrating how family farms can be successful if farmers are enterprising and look at multiple markets," spokesman Matthew Buck said. "She's blazing a trail."

"Sustainable Northwest has given awards to 116 people and corporations since 1995. It's odd to me to be referred to as a successful north Idaho small farm," Green said. "During the season, we work 12-hour days, seven days a week. It's hard work, but we still love it."

Green began her farm after a

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MONEY

Survey: Mountain states face recession

DENVER (AP) - The economy in Colorado, Utah and Wyoming worsened slightly in November, and the region is clearly in a recession, according to a survey by Creighton University.

The Mountain States Business Conditions Survey overall index fell to 48.4 from October's 51.3.

It was the third time in four months the index dipped below 50. An index number below 50 indicates static or contracting economic conditions ahead.

The index rose from four points in October, but Professor Eric Goss, who conducts the monthly survey, said that

increase now appears to be a bounce from low numbers in September, not the beginning of a rebound.

"The Mountain States region is firmly in a recession, with significant downturns in durable and nondurable goods manufacturing," Goss said.

The regional employment index declined 0.5 percentage point, to 42.7. Goss said unemployment in the three states would probably rise into next year.

Regional inflationary pressure was weak in November, with the prices-paid index declining to 44.3, down 2.3 points.

Colorado's business condi-

tions index took the biggest decline in the region, dropping 12.7 points to 34.8. Goss said that indicates the state's unemployment rate could exceed 5 percent next year.

The state stood at 41 percent in October, the most recent month for which statistics were available.

Utah's business index was 48.9 in November, down 0.4 point from October and below 50 for the fifth consecutive month.

Goss predicted Utah's unemployment rate would rise one-half percent in the next few months. By contrast, a survey last month by Manpower Inc. said 26

percent of Utah employers interviewed planned new hiring in the first three months of 2002. Twelve percent expected cutbacks and 62 percent expected no change.

Utah's unemployment rate was 4.2 percent in October.

Wyoming's business index was 60.2 percent in November, down 3.2, as energy-related companies suffered from falling prices.

But Goss said the state's long-term outlook was good. The index ranges between 0 and 100. Results are based on a survey of purchasing managers and business leaders in the three states to produce leading economic indicators.



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Award

Continued from C4 back injury in 1991 that forced her into a desk job. She looked for a way to make her garden a successful business.

After attending a workshop that promoted relationships between local growers and chefs, Green offered her produce to a French restaurant.

The chef hired her. A year later, she added a second restaurant, then a third another year

later. The fourth year, all three restaurants closed.

"That's what made me think about diversity," she said.

For her regular farmers market customers, Green began a subscription service. For \$21 a week, customers received a full bag of her fresh vegetables no matter what time they arrived at the market.

Green encouraged other marketers to do the same, and a

group's collective offering.

When people asked Green how she did it, she began offering workshops to share her knowledge.

In 1998, she helped start Rural Roots, a network of small-acreage farmers, teachers, economic development specialists, consumers and other people interested in community food systems. Rural Roots collaborated with the University of Idaho and

Washington State University to start a small-acreage farming and ranching certificate program.

Green's next goal is to write a marketing book for small growers because she is certain small farms are the future.

"People are into farming because they have a passion for growing food," she said. "If they fail, then what? They sell the land and once it's gone, it's gone forever."

Community

Home Depot will continue testing separate "pro stores" for contractors. The retailer currently operates two such stores near Los Angeles and Phoenix and will open more next year.

Home services, such as carpet installation and cleaning, will get a bigger push. Home Depot recently announced a

program with ServiceMaster Co. to offer lawn care, pest control and other services.

Nardelli's fight for cost-cutting is one of the prime reasons he was hired from General Electric last year.

Home Depot founders Bernie Marcus and Arthur Blank brought in Nardelli just as the company reached a crossroads.

Marcus and Blank had relied on store growth to more than double sales in the past four years. But industry analysts do not think the company could maintain that breakneck pace, and they welcomed Nardelli's plan.

Nardelli is looking for ways to boost sales inside existing stores by making employees focus on selling instead of stocking

shelves. The key for the company, analysts say, is to keep a check on growth for growth's sake.

"Dozens of retailers have made serious missteps at this critical juncture, growing beyond their means," said analyst Aram Rubinson of UBS Warburg. "The retail landscape is littered with companies who thought the sky was the limit."

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“They can say what they want about our schedule. The fact is that if we go 13-0, we belong at their party and they know it.”

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—BYU athletic director Val Hale, commenting on the likelihood that the Cougars will be excluded from a BCS game because of a weak schedule

**TRIVIA**

**QUESTION:**  
When was the last time neither a Pacific 10 nor a Big Ten team played in the Rose Bowl game?  
...answer below

**TODAY'S SCHEDULE**

**High school boys basketball**  
ISDB at Ketchum, 7:30 p.m.  
Castelford at Camas County, 7:30 p.m.  
Richfield at Oakley, 7 p.m.  
Kimberly at Valley, 7:30 p.m.  
Gooding at Glens Ferry, 7:30 p.m.  
Jerome at Twin Falls, 7:30 p.m.  
**High school girls basketball**  
Community School at Richfield, 6 p.m.  
Hansen at Castelford, 6 p.m.  
Murtaugh at Hagerman, 6 p.m.  
Carey at Shoshone, 6 p.m.  
Dietrich at Bliss, 6 p.m.  
Kimberly at Wendell, 7:30 p.m.  
Wood River at Buhl, 7:30 p.m.  
Filer at Declo, 7:30 p.m.

**IN BRIEF**

**Former CSI players lead team to title**

**GRAND RAPIDS, Mich.** — Former College of Southern Idaho volleyball standouts, Karla Bersano, Fernando Ferreira and Daniela Lanza helped lead Barry University of Miami, Fla., to its second National College Athletic Association Division II volleyball title on Dec. 1.  
Bersano finished with 18 kills, Lanza tallied 37 assists and Ferreira had seven blocks in the Buccaneers 30-19, 30-21, 30-25 win over South Dakota State in the championship match. The trio from Brazil transferred to Barry University after helping the Golden Eagles to their seventh junior college title as freshmen in 2000.

**Bruin girls bowling team holds tryouts**

**TWIN FALLS** — The Twin Falls High School girls travelers bowling team will hold tryouts at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday at Bowladrome, located at 220 Eastland Dr. in Twin Falls.  
For more information, call coach Kathy Sherman at 733-0369.

**Gooding team to face Valley on Wednesday**

**GOODING** — The Gooding High boys basketball team will meet Valley on Wednesday at 6 p.m.  
The game, originally scheduled for Nov. 29, was canceled due to inclement weather.

**TRIVIA ANSWER:**

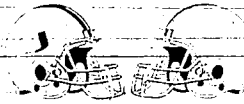
It was 1919, when Great Lakes Navy defeated Mare Island Marines, 17-0. Future Hall of Famer and Chicago Bear Coach George Halas, a Great Lakes end, was the player of the game.

# Tennessee win cleans up BCS mess

## Huskers stay alive for Rose Bowl berth

By Richard Rosenblatt  
The Associated Press

Nebraska is perhaps on the verge of its greatest comeback ever thanks to the Bowl Championship Series standings.  
The Cornhuskers, all but out of the national title chase after a 62-36 loss to



Colorado on Nov. 23, would play No. 1 Miami in the BCS championship game if LSU beats Tennessee on Saturday. The BCS standings confirmed as much.

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## Louisiana wins Humanitarian Bowl bid

The Associated Press

**BOISE** — Louisiana Tech, which won the Western Athletic Conference in its first season as a member, accepted an invitation Monday to play in the Humanitarian Bowl on Dec. 31. “Being able to get into this bowl and be in a conference, you are going to see this program taking off from here,” coach Jack Bicknell said.  
The Bulldogs (7-4) will face an under-

mined-at-large opponent. Among the possibilities reportedly under consideration are UCLA (7-4), Mississippi (7-4) or Clemson (6-5).  
Another possibility is an all-WAC showdown between Louisiana Tech and Boise State (8-4), which has won the game the past two seasons. That would allow the WAC to channel both of the 46-state jumbo bids to each team. However, Bicknell doesn't support that possibility. The Bulldogs beat Boise State 48-42 on Nov. 3 in Ruston, La.

# NEW KID ON THE BLOCK



Ty Tryon, 17, tees off on the 12th hole during the finals of the PGA Tour qualifying tournament Monday at Bear Lakes Country Club in West Palm Beach, Fla. Tryon became the youngest player to earn his PGA Tour card when he posted a bogey-free 66 and finished for 23rd at qualifying school.

## Tryon, 17, earns his PGA Tour card at Q School

By Randal Mell  
South Florida Sun-Sentinel

**WEST PALM BEACH, Fla.** — Ty Tryon described his stunning breakthrough as surreal.  
His father, Bill, said it was destiny.  
Jack Nicklaus, the greatest player ever, called it phenomenal.  
The golf world was abuzz Monday after Tryon posted a 6-under-par 66 in the final round of the PGA Tour Qualifying Tournament at Bear Lakes Country Club to become the youngest player in the 37-year history of the tournament to win a tour card. He did it at 17 years, 6 months and 3 days old.  
Three shots outside the magic number when the day dawned, Tryon didn't seem fazed by the

intense pressure of the final round of “Q School.” He made four birdies, an eagle and no bogeys. He hit every fairway except one.  
Tryon finished the six-round marathon tied for 23rd at 18-under 412. He leaped over 27 players on the final day to make it among the low 35 scores and ties who advance to the PGA Tour next year. He finished nine shots behind medalist Pat Perez, who closed with a 72 for a 27-under 405 total and claimed the \$50,000 first-place prize.  
Only two players in a field of more than 160 posted a better final-round score than Tryon.  
“I think it's terrific for golf,” said Nicklaus, who strolled the Lakes Course watching his son, Gary, win back his tour card. “I think everybody was rooting for the kid to make it.”

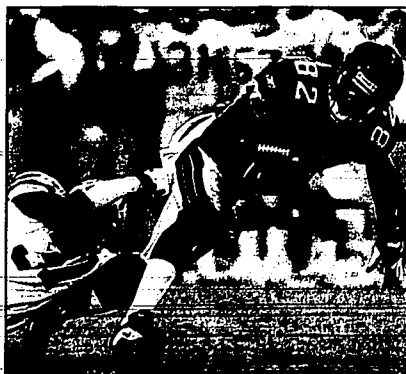
With that mop of brown hair, almond eyes and pimples, Tryon may look boyish, but he proved he has a man's game. His drives Monday were 30 to 40 yards longer than playing partners Craig Bowden and Brad Oll.  
“It's surreal,” said Tryon, who seems about as even-tempered as a teenager can be. “It hasn't sunk in yet. After all the pressure of playing, I'm kind of worn out.”  
Tryon's play impressed Senior PGA Tour player Bob Murphy, a five-time PGA Tour winner from Delray Beach who watched Monday's action.  
“In this game, you answer questions with your clubs,” Murphy said. “You sort of thought he could make it coming here, but to do it the way he did shows a lot of mettle and something maybe we

didn't know about him. He can play under a lot of pressure.”  
Tryon, a junior at Dr. Phillips High in Orlando, won't be awarded his exempt playing privileges until he turns 18 on June 2. After Tryon announced in August he was turning pro, the PGA Tour moved to implement a new rule that players must be 18 to be eligible for membership. Tryon, however, can accept seven sponsor exemptions as a non-member. He will likely use all seven while waiting to become a full member.  
Tryon said he didn't know what to expect when he turned pro.  
“I didn't know it would happen this soon,” Tryon said. “I was ready to play the Hoopers Tour next year, or maybe Europe. It's been so much fun. I wouldn't trade this.”

## Favre, Packers dazzle Jacksonville

The Associated Press

**JACKSONVILLE, Fla.** — Facing a tie game with two minutes left Monday night, the Green Bay Packers weren't worried.  
Not with Brett Favre on their side. And not with the Jacksonville Jaguars on the other.  
Favre threw three touchdown passes, and ran 6 yards for the game-winner with 1:30 left to rally the Packers from 14 points down for a 28-21 victory over the Jaguars — the masters of the late-game collapse.  
Favre rolled around left end on a bootleg, then just squeezed into the corner of the end zone for the go-ahead score. It was his first rushing touchdown since Oct. 25, 1998, and ended the longest drought of his career.



Jacksonville receiver Jimmy Smith is tackled from behind by Green Bay's Tyrone Williams after catching a pass during the second quarter on Monday in Jacksonville, Fla.

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## Duke tops college hoops poll

By Jim O'Connell  
The Associated Press

Duke received all the first-place votes in the AP college basketball poll Monday, the first time the Blue Devils have been a unanimous No. 1 since the 1991-92 season.  
Victories over Iowa and Clemson last week kept Duke (6-0) unbeaten and the defending national champion got all 70 first-place votes and 1,750 points from the national media panel.  
Missouri (7-0), which beat Jackson State and Grambling State last week, had 1,647 points and moved up one place to No. 2, the Tigers' highest ranking since they were No. 1 on Feb. 20, 1990.  
Since Duke was a unanimous No. 1 for five weeks in the 1991-92 season, when the Blue Devils repeated as national champions, three other schools have received all the first-place votes in the weekly balloting.  
Kansas was a unanimous choice for three weeks in 1996-97, and North Carolina was for one week the next season. Last season, Stanford was a unanimous No. 1

**Complete polls — D3**

for three weeks.  
Maryland moved up two spots to third this week, while Kansas jumped four places after a 105-97 victory at Arizona, the Wildcats' first loss of the season.  
Illinois (6-1), which received three-No. 1 votes last week, dropped from second to fifth after losing 76-63 at Maryland in the Big Ten-ACC Challenge.  
Florida, Arizona, Virginia, Syracuse and Oklahoma State rounded out the Top Ten. It was the first appearance this season in the Top Ten for Syracuse (8-0), which moved up from 12th, and Oklahoma State (8-0), 14th last week.  
Kentucky moved up two places to lead the Second Ten, and was followed by Iowa, Boston College, Stanford, Ball State, Alabama, Marquette, Saint Joseph's, Georgetown and UCLA.  
The last five ranked teams were Fresno State, Memphis, Wake Forest, Michigan State and Western Kentucky.

## Olympic torch starts Salt Lake journey

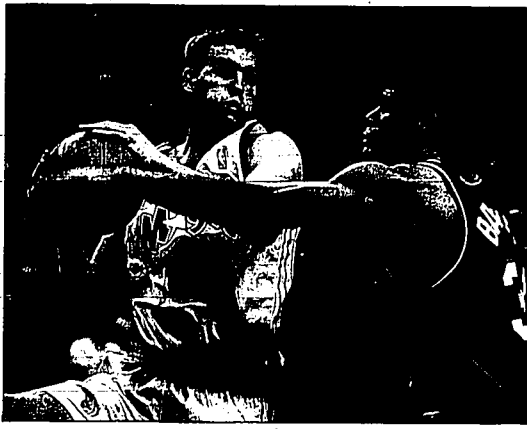
The Associated Press

**ATLANTA** — Five years after hosting the summer games, Georgians again welcome the Olympic torch from Greece today and launch it on a two-month, 46-state journey to Salt Lake City, site of the 2002 Winter Olympics.  
The torch arrives in Atlanta from Athens, Greece, early this morning on a Delta Air Lines jumbo jet painted specifically for the occasion.  
The torch relay will visit 80 American cities, with about 11,500 people carrying it more than 13,500 miles before its arrival in Utah for the Feb. 8 opening ceremony.  
The only states the Olympic torch will not visit are Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota and Hawaii.  
“We are sending the holy flame that was lit in Ancient Olympia to the United States with our greatest wishes during these difficult times,” Louis Nikolaitis, head of the Greek Olympic Committee, said Monday during a ceremony in Athens, Greece.  
After the plane lands, Nikki Stone, a gold medalist in women's aerobics at the 1998 Nagano Olympics, will hand the torch to gold medal speed skater Bonnie Blair, who will pass it to Delta chairman and chief executive Leo Mullin.

SPORTS

Magic crush Grizzlies, snap losing streak

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Mike Miller scored 26 points and Orlando snapped a three-game home losing streak with a victory over Memphis, 113-71. Tracy McGrady added 22 points and eight rebounds, and Pat Garrity had 18 points, including 13 in the second quarter for Orlando. The Magic shot 56 percent and outrebounded the Grizzlies 52-33 en route to their second biggest home victory and fourth largest overall. Stromile Swift scored 13 points, and rookies Shane Battier and Pau Gasol each had 12 for Memphis.



Orlando's Pat Garrity, left, comes up with a rebound against Memphis forward Shane Battier in Orlando, Fla., Monday.

**Knicks 89, Rockets 86**  
NEW YORK — Allan Houston got the better of Glen Rice on the most important play of the game, spoiling Rice's return to Madison Square Garden for the first time since being traded as New York's star player. Houston 89-86 on Monday night.

Rice scored a season-high 20 points and was at his best when matched against Houston, repeatedly driving around and scoring over his former teammate.

But when Houston got the ball inside against Rice with 18 seconds left, he dribbled to his left

and launched a quick jumper from the baseline to give New York an 87-85 lead.

**Suns 110, Warriors 93**  
PHOENIX — Shawn Marion scored 23 points, and Stephon Marbury had 20 and 11 assists in

just three quarters as the Phoenix Suns won their season-high fifth straight game Monday night with a 110-93 victory over Golden State. Rodney Rogers had 15 points and Penny Hardaway added 14 for Phoenix, which has won 21 of 25 games against Golden State.

Marion, who had 19 points at halftime, also had nine rebounds and six assists. Gary Hughes had 19 points for the Warriors, who lost their fourth in a row. Antawn Jamison had 16 and 11 rebounds, and Danny Fortson had 12 points and 10 rebounds.

Jordan will miss at least one more game

WASHINGTON (AP) — More than eight years and two retirements later, Michael Jordan is finally going to miss another NBA game because of an injury. Jordan had fluid drained from his right knee Monday and will miss the Washington Wizards' game at San Antonio tonight, the start of a four-game road trip.



Michael Jordan

An MRI revealed no serious damage to the knee, so Jordan will return for Thursday's game at Houston. "My body is sending me messages, and I need to listen," Jordan said. "I hope to be ready to play on Thursday." Jordan hyperextended his knee during a pre-season game, and this was the second time he has had fluid drained from it. He has been bothered by soreness and swelling in the knee — on top of the tendinitis he has felt in both knees since he resumed workouts earlier this year. At 38, Jordan has barely been able to practice for more than a week. When he does, he can't

make it through the entire session. Jordan is averaging 34.8 points and 28 minutes per game and is shooting just 40 percent, well below his career average. He also leads the league in shots taken and shots missed. "We're pleased with the results of Michael's examination," Wizards general manager Wes Unseld said. "Michael will rest the knee for a few days and continue his treatment so that he can return as soon as possible." Jordan last missed an NBA game because of injury on March 5, 1993, also against San Antonio. It was the second of two games he missed while hospitalized with a foot infection. He had the knee examined in Chicago by Dr. John Hefron, the Bulls' former team physician.

Connecticut leads women's basketball poll

By Chuck Schoffner The Associated Press

The Associated Press women's basketball poll had no changes among the top four Monday but plenty elsewhere on the list.

Connecticut remained an overwhelming choice for No. 1, receiving 41 of 45 first-place votes from a national media panel, and was followed by Tennessee, Oklahoma and Vanderbilt. That foursome stayed the same for the third straight week. They were a combined 90 during the past week, and none had a game closer than 15 points. Among the developments in the rest of the poll was Baylor's first appearance in the Top Ten. No. 22 Penn State and No. 24 Drake joined as newcomers, with Drake making just its third appearance since the 1982-83 season and its first since the final poll of 1997-98. Defending national champion Notre Dame and George

Washington dropped out. Notre Dame had been ranked every week since the start of the 1998-99 season.

Connecticut (7-0) received 1,121 points in the voting after one-sided victories over Wake Forest (88-38) and Ball State (103-69).

Tennessee (5-0) also was impressive, beating George Washington 85-57 and then No. 8 North Carolina State 93-56. The Lady Vols received the four remaining first-place votes and had 1,025 points. Vanderbilt (9-1), which has lost only to Connecticut, had 994 points. Stanford (9-0) jumped two spots into a tie for fifth with Iowa State, and Purdue climbed three places to seventh. Louisiana Tech, Baylor and North Carolina State completed the Top Ten. Baylor moved up from 12th, which matched its highest previous ranking.

(Games through Dec. 1)

The run for the roses: Bowl Championship Series standings

Table with 15 rows of team rankings and columns for AP, USA Today, ESPN, Poll, Anderson, Hill, J.C., Richard, Kenneth, David, Jeff, Scripps, Peter, Computer, Schedule, Schedule, Losses, Sub, Quality. Includes a detailed schedule for the BCS National Championship Game of the Rose Bowl.

SOURCE: The National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame Inc.

BCS

Continued from D1 Monday, ranking Miami first, Tennessee second and Nebraska third — ahead of fourth-place Colorado, the team it lost to by 25 points — and fifth-place Oregon. Expect Huskers fans everywhere to learn the words to "Tiger Rag" and tune in when LSU (8-3) plays Tennessee (10-1) for the Southeastern Conference title on the final night of the regular season. The Vols, favored by seven points, can prevent what is certain to create a huge controversy by winning and moving on to play the Hurricanes at the Rose Bowl in Pasadena. Miami (11-0) has 250 points in the BCS rankings, Tennessee (10-1) 4.79 points, Nebraska (11-1) 8.39 points, Colorado (10-2) 9.88 points, and Pac-10 champion Oregon (10-1) has 10.44 points.

Nebraska coach Frank Solich said his team deserves to be third in the standings, adding that unlike Miami, Tennessee and Oregon, his team didn't have any close-call victories. "All of the games we won, we won by at least 10 points. We did not have to win a game by having a lucky bounce or a field goal at the end," Solich said. "None of them came down to a 2-point conversion or went into overtime. The games were really decided either before or the middle of the fourth quarter." And what about the loss to the Bulldogs? "We should have and could have played better," he said. "Colorado is an excellent football team that is playing out-standing right now." BCS officials must be hoping for a Vols victory to avoid explaining how a team can play for a national title even though it couldn't even win its own divi-

sion of the Big 12 Conference. Jerry Palm, who runs a Web site that closely monitors the BCS standings, says Oregon will have the biggest bet. "The reaction if Nebraska gets that win will be bad," Palm said. "It's hard to understand how a team that doesn't qualify for a conference title gets to play for a national title. Oregon has a stronger argument since Colorado has two losses and that's tough to overcome. But that's kind of the way it goes in the BCS." An LSU win also creates the possibility of split national champions. If Oregon wins its BCS game and Nebraska beats Miami in the Rose Bowl, the Ducks could be voted No. 1 in the final AP poll. The AP voters cast their final Top 25 ballots following the Rose Bowl, and all I-A teams are eligible to finish No. 1. Not so in the

USA Today/ESPN coaches poll, which automatically crowns the Rose Bowl winner its national champion. The BCS standings, set up to determine which teams play in a title game, use a formula that incorporates the AP media and coaches' polls, eight computers, strength-of-schedule, win-loss record and bonus points for big wins. The BCS aligns six major conference champions with four big bowl games: the Rose, Sugar, Fiesta and Orange. Two at-large teams are then selected to fill out the field. Nebraska moved into contention following a series of upsets on Saturday, Florida and Texas, second and third in last week's BCS standings, fell out of contention with losses. That allowed the Huskers to improve from fourth to third and the Vols from sixth to second.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Thursday is red and black night at Gooding

GOODING — A red and black night is scheduled for the Gooding High girls basketball game against Declo on Thursday. All current and new booster club members will receive a free hamburger at the concession stand. Tip-off for the freshman game is at 4:15 p.m. with junior varsity and varsity games to follow.

Texas to face Washington in Holiday Bowl

SAN DIEGO — Tenth-ranked Texas, which blew a shot at playing in the Rose Bowl, accepted an invitation to play No. 20 Washington in the Holiday Bowl on Dec. 28.

It will be the second straight trip to the Holiday Bowl for the Longhorns (10-2), who lost to Oregon last year, 35-30. Washington is 8-3. Texas lost 39-37 to Colorado in the Big 12 championship on Saturday night, wrecking its national championship hopes. Washington will play in the Holiday Bowl for the third time in six years.

NHRA gets Powerade as a new sponsor

ANAHEIM, Calif. — The National Hot Rod Association reached agreement Monday with a new sponsor. Coca-Cola's Powerade brand has signed on for five years as title sponsor for the drag racing circuit. "When we started the search to find a series partner at the professional level, we were looking for a new sponsor that could bring very real marketing power to the sport," said NHRA president Tom Compton. "There is no doubt in anyone's mind that with the promotional and marketing weight of the Powerade brand we have cut a piece of the pie."

The NHRA said the sponsorship agreement will permit it to offer year-end and top-10 bonus payouts totaling \$3 million.

Texas A&M in galleryfurniture.com Bowl

HOUSTON — Texas A&M, relegated to a bottom-tier postseason game by going 4-4 in the Big 12, accepted an invitation Monday to play in the galleryfurniture.com Bowl. The Aggies, 7-4 overall, will make their 11th bowl appearance in 13 seasons under coach R.C. Sluom. They will face the winner of Friday's Conference USA game between TCU and Southern Miss. The galleryfurniture.com Bowl, in its second season, is set for Dec. 28 in the Astrodome.

Kansas State accepts Insight.Com bowl bid

MANHATTAN, Kan. — Kansas State coach Bill Snyder accepted an invitation to the Insight.Com Bowl on Monday, giving the Wildcats their ninth straight bowl appearance. Kansas State (6-5) will play Syracuse (9-3) on Dec. 29 in Phoenix. The Wildcats beat the Orangemen 35-18 in the 1997 Fiesta Bowl. Kansas State's first bowl under Snyder was the Copper Bowl in 1993, which eventually became the Insight.Com bowl. Four straight early-season losses put the Wildcats out of major bowl contention and forced them to win four of their last five to become bowl eligible.

Iowa State going to Independence Bowl

AMES, Iowa — Iowa State accepted a bid Monday to the Independence Bowl, marking the second straight season the Cyclones have earned an extra game. The Cyclones' opponent for the game Dec. 27 in Shreveport, La., has not been determined. It will be Arkansas if Tennessee beats LSU in the Southeastern Conference championship game Saturday. The Cyclones (7-4) beat Pittsburgh in the Insight.Com Bowl last year. Before that game, Iowa State's last bowl had been in 1978.

Secret Service handles Super Bowl security

NEW ORLEANS — The Secret Service will be in charge of security for the Super Bowl at the Louisiana Superdome on Feb. 3. Local, state and federal agencies also will keep watch at the NFL's biggest game — possibly an inviting target for terrorists. Secret Service spokesman Jim MacLain said the Super Bowl was designated a "National Special Security Event," allowing the federal government to take control of security. MacLain said specific arrangements have not been finalized but promised there would be security in the air and on the ground. He would not say whether everyone attending the game would go through metal detectors.

NBA fines O'Neal for abusing official

NEW YORK — Shaquille O'Neal was fined \$75,000 by the NBA on Monday for verbally abusing an official and failing to leave the court fast enough after being ejected from a game Nov. 30. The Los Angeles Lakers' center was thrown out with 2:12 left in the first quarter of his team's 107-92 victory over the Seattle SuperSonics at KeyArena.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

Packers

Continued from D1 Two plays later lost a fumble to end yet another close loss. Favre threw for 362 yards to help the Packers (8-3) stay one game behind Chicago for the NFC Central lead with the teams set to meet next Sunday. The Packers blew a late lead for the fourth time in six games, and threw yet another distraction onto a pile that includes Jimmy Smith's recent positive test for cocaine and -Tom Coughlin's potential candidacy for the Notre Dame job. They looked bad doing it, committing 111 yards in penalties, enough to nullify Smith's 116-yard rushing night. With the game tied at 21, Mike Hollis had a chance to give the Jaguars the lead, but his 42-yard field goal hit the left upright — somehow fitting for Jacksonville's star-crossed season. Before that, Favre rallied the Packers to a 21-7 deficit. Most of the damage came at the expense of cornerback Fernando Bryant, who has made himself one of Jacksonville's numerous distractions this season, as the most outspoken critic of the soft-zone defenses the Jaguars have used to blow all those leads. Given the chance to play in the man-to-man like he likes, Bryant surrendered a 45-yard touchdown to Bill Schroeder to make the score 21-14. The Jaguars lost a fumble on

the ensuing kickoff, and Favre looked Bryant's way again, hooking up with Antonio Freeman for a 29-yard gain to set up the tying touchdown. The Jaguars went up 21-7 early in the third quarter when defensive end Tony Brackens sacked Favre and forced a fumble that Ainsley Battles scooped up for a 60-yard touchdown return. Green Bay improved to a league-best 26-6 in December since 1994, even though this was a 60-degree night in Florida, hardly Packer weather. Trailing 13-0, Favre scooped a left-handed shovel pass to Green for a 13-yard score to cut the deficit to seven. Favre opened the third quarter with a 63-yard completion to Freeman, who beat Bryant on the sideline pattern to give Green Bay first-and-goal from the 10. But the Packers lost a yard on the next three plays, then Marcus Stroud blocked Ryan Longwell's 29-yard field goal attempt. Playing on a gimpy leg, Brunel threw for 311 yards. His first touchdown pass came with 7:11 left in the first half for a 304 lead. He threw to the outside shoulder of rookie running back Elvis Joseph, who beat Tyrone Williams for a 29-yard score. That touchdown was set up when Brunel spotted Smith for a 23-yard gain three plays previous.

# Sakic, Foote help Avalanche to home win

# Panthers hope Keenan can revive struggling franchise

DENVER (AP) — Joe Sakic had four assists and Adam Foote added three, and the Colorado Avalanche posted their fifth straight home victory with a 4-2 decision over the Ottawa Senators on Monday night.

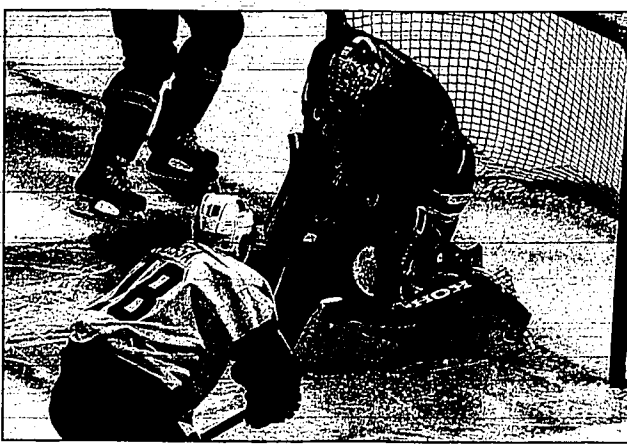
Colorado, climbing into third place in the NHL's Northwest Division, got second-period goals from Greg de Vries and rookie Kadri Vabata to break a 2-2 tie. David Aebischer, making his seventh start, had 32 saves. Ottawa's Patrick Lalime made 22.

Ottawa jumped out to a 2-0 lead but Colorado tied it in a wide-open first period.

**Blackhawks 3, Canadiens 2**  
MONTREAL — Steve Sullivan scored the go-ahead goal midway through the third period and added two assists as Chicago stopped a nine-game winless by beating Montreal.

He also set up Tony Amonte's power play goal late in the second and Phil Housley's 5:09 into the third which tied it at 2.

Yanic Perreault gave the Canadiens a 2-1 lead earlier in the period.



Colorado defenseman David Aebischer stops the puck on a shot by Ottawa right winger Marian Hossa during the first period in the Pepsi Center in Denver on Monday.

Canadians, who have lost two in a row and are winless in three following a season high five-game winning streak.

Colorado netminder David Aebischer stops the puck on a shot by Ottawa right winger Marian Hossa during the first period in the Pepsi Center in Denver on Monday.

# No. 2 Missouri survives a scare from Saint Louis to win 69-67

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Wesley Stokes made a tough 18-footer at the buzzer and No. 2 Missouri survived an upsurge bid by Saint Louis, 69-67 Monday night.

Stokes took an inbound pass near midcourt and dribbled near the top of the key, then shot over Marques Perry for the game-winning.

The situation was reversed on the previous play when Perry, who scored nine points over the final 39 seconds, tied it with a 3-

pointer over Stokes with 4.8 seconds to go.

Arthur Johnson led Missouri (8-0) with 16 points on 14 rebounds, his third straight double-double, for the Tigers, off to the school's best start since the 1991-92 team began the season 11-0. Perry had 20 points for Saint Louis (2-4), which has lost three straight at home to start the season.

**No. 3 Maryland 77, Connecticut 65**  
WASHINGTON — Lanny Baxter had 24 points and 10 rebounds, and Juan Dixon added 16 points as the Terrapins won the BB&T Classic.

It was the sixth straight victory for Maryland (6-1), which used a 16-4 run to expand a two-point halftime lead to 52-38.

Baxter and Tajiri Holden each had six points in the spree and Dixon contributed two baskets.

**No. 16 Alabama 74, Chattanooga 68**  
TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — Rod Grizzard and Terrance Meade each scored 16 points. No. 16 Alabama held off Chattanooga 74-68 Monday night.

Alabama (6-1), which set a school record with 35 3-point attempts, used a 23-4 run to take a 61-44 lead with 11:05 to play.

Chattanooga (2-5) came right back with a 20-7 run that was capped by a 3-pointer by Clyde McCully that tied it 68-64 with 45 seconds left.

That was as close as the Moes got, however, as the Crimson Tide closed the game with a 6-2 run.

**Women's Top 25**  
No. 12 Colorado St. 84, Nevada 57

FORT COLLINS, Colo. — Shannon Strecker and Angie Gorton each scored 14 points and No. 12 Colorado State overcame a shaky second half to remain unbeaten with an 84-57 victory over Nevada on Monday night.

Joy Jenkins added 13 points for Colorado State (6-0). Gorton left the game late in the second half with a sprained left ankle.

Katie Golomb had 16 points and Amber Stinac added 12 for Nevada (3-3).

After shooting 45 percent in the first half, Colorado State opened the second half making just one of eight shots. Nevada heated up from a 30 percent shooting first half to connect on six of its first eight shots. Crystal Williams' jumper brought Nevada within 49-36.

## BASKETBALL

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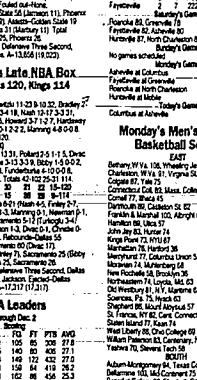
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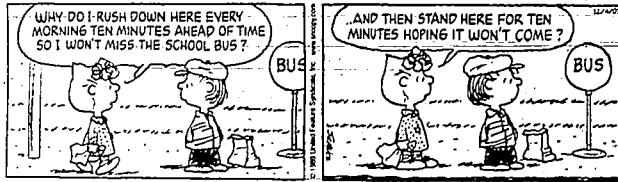
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For Better or For Worse

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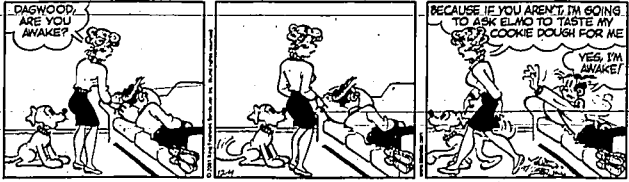
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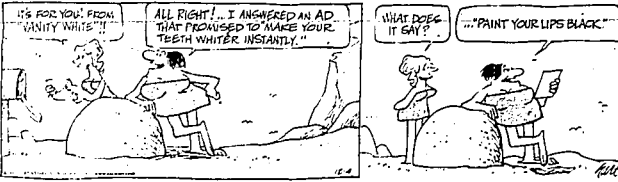
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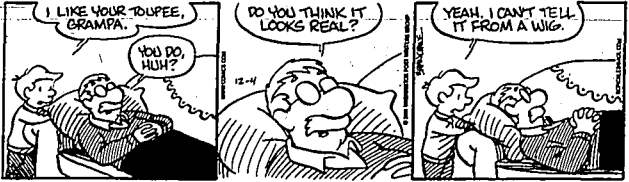
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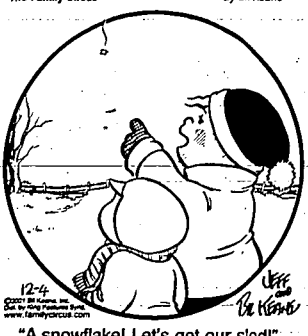


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The Family Circus

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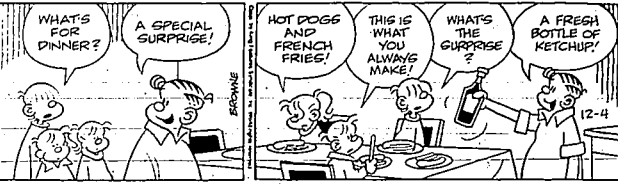


DENNIS IS SENDING A LETTER TO SANTA, SAYING HE'S BEEN GOOD ALL YEAR... AND HE WANTS YOUR SIGNATURE.

"A snowflake! Let's get our sled!"

Hi and Lois

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Rose is Rose

By Pat Brady



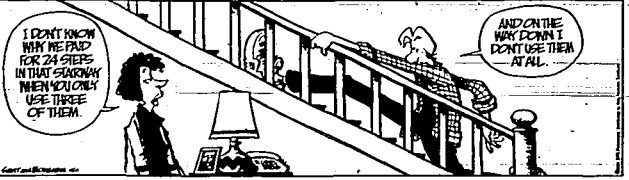
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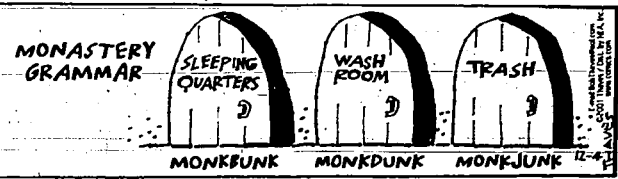
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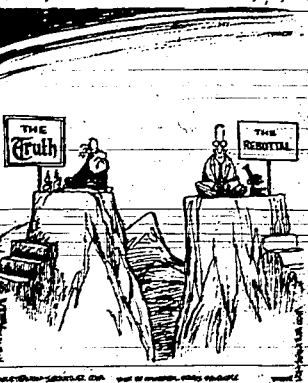


Strange Brew

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Non Sequitur

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The Born Loser

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