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The O'Leary Junior High Jazz Band will perform at the second Christmas in City Park of the Advent season tonight.

The concert, which is free, is scheduled for 5 p.m. in the bandshell, sponsored by the local chapter of Soroptimist International. Refreshments will be available.

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WORK OF ART

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Karen Fothergill uses an overhead projector to teach an art lesson to the fifth- and sixth-graders at Kimberly Elementary School.

Art, music make better students, educators say

By Julie Pence
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS – Children breathe a visible sigh of relief when art teacher Karen Fothergill enters the classroom.

"It's not because it's play time," she said. "It's because they need art. They look forward to it after doing all those left-brained activities."

Fothergill earns part of her living through contracting to teach art skills to elementary students in local schools. She believes the current trend in education with its emphasis on test scores takes away from the teaching of fine arts.

"After we're all grown up, do we remember our test scores?" she asked. "Or do we remember that some artist taught us brush painting or the musician that let us play his banjo or that we stood up on a stage and acted something out?"

And the fact that she has virtually no discipline problems when the youngsters are occupied with practicing art skills proves they are starved for the lessons, Fothergill said.

With an increasing nationwide emphasis on higher student achievement in core subjects, schools are finding it difficult to incorporate arts instruction. For some local districts, Fothergill fills a gap in their curricula by teaching skills such as drawing and painting.

Kimberly mother of two Shala Molyneux vouched for the art lessons Fothergill brought to Kimberly Elementary School. The parent-teacher organization paid for the lessons that Fothergill finished up Tuesday.

"The kids are really disappointed that it's come to an end," Molyneux said. "They were really enjoying it and learning a lot."

In January, Fothergill is headed to Murtaugh, where a 21st Century grant will pay for after-school art lessons. Superintendent Dennis Osman said in the tiny district of 275 students often the arts land on the back burner.

"One of my goals is to try to get these kids into these kinds of activities," he said. "Personally, I can't draw a box, but without a doubt, arts and music is crucial."

Osman proudly mentioned his son – a college art major – who will be coming to Murtaugh Elementary on Dec. 18 to give a lesson on computer graphics.

Osman said he believes that the new standards movement will be more successful if it is balanced with art, music and drama.

How the brain works

The theory that math and reading skills are developed on the left side of the brain and that creative endeavors are fostered on the right side of the brain has been debated since it became popular in the 1980s. Fothergill admits she is no expert on that subject, but she does not shy away from the stance that all children need all kinds of exposure to all kinds of subjects.

"I'm just adamant that every kid benefits from the arts," she said.

Kimberly curriculum director Kathleen Noh backs that idea.

"The more senses we involve, the more areas of the brain will be stimulated," she said.

Learning is a process of building neural networks, Noh said.

"A newborn's brain has very few networks, but by age 2 it is filled with networks," Noh said.

Thinking takes place through synapses, or nerve points, that are stimulated and connect neurons and neuron networks.

Information is stored in the networks of associations.

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Dell eyes long-term labor pool

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS – Long-haul trucking was Ciaran Murphy's solution to the seasonal layoffs and low pay he said he experienced here in a series of construction, paving and container-plant jobs.

But trucking runs took him away from Twin Falls, which he has called home since the early '80s. So he promised his stay-at-home wife it would stop as soon as the expense of raising three children and putting them though private schools ended.

In March, Murphy's last truck came home.

But the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, he said, dried up funding and put an early end to his season as a support contractor for U.S. Bureau of Land Management firefighting.

"I've been looking since Oct. 11 for work," the 45-year-old said Saturday at a Dell Computer Corp. job fair.

So the computer giant's mid-October announcement of a new technical-support operation in Twin Falls caught Murphy's attention, and he applied last month for a tech-support job.

"It's a real plus to see Dell move into the community, because we obviously need some diversification," he said.

But Dell recruiters recommended Murphy take the College of Southern Idaho's new PC Prep course. He followed their advice and will try again for a Dell job.

CSI developed PC Prep – a college class which covers general computer hardware, operating systems and software – to prepare residents to apply for entry-level jobs in the computer industry, including Dell's. And to help the city clinch its deal with Dell, the college quickly pulled together resources for a 12-section offering of PC Prep to conclude before Dell's first jobs start in January.

Dell recruiters and managers came back to town as the first students were about to finish PC Prep.

CSI's contribution

On Friday, 12 students finished the new course. CSI Vice President of Instruction Jerry Beck said 78 more will finish this

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Searchers try to solve riddle of Afghan caves

By William M. Arkin
Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON – The hunt for Osama bin Laden has come down to this: two men in two caves half a world apart, conducting the first subterranean war of the 21st century.

One commands the most advanced weapons and technology on earth. The other, little more than the ancient tools of the hunted – stealth and cover.

As U.S. military operations focus on the Taliban's mountainous redoubts near Tora Bora in northeastern Afghanistan, Vice President Dick Cheney is presiding over the hunt for bin Laden and his lieutenants from a secret command center drilled hundreds of feet down into the super-hard granite of a mountain on the East Coast.

A honeycomb of chambers with room for 3,000 workers, it has its own power generators, air conditioning and water purification systems. Shielded by steel blast doors and concrete reinforcements, Cheney's bunker can withstand a direct hit by an atomic bomb.

There, the vice president and his aides receive all dispatches from U.S. military commands and intelligence agencies worldwide. At their fingertips is a communications system with global reach, plus computers designed to replicate crucial Defense Department databases and files. Indeed, as a hauntingly prescient test in a mock war showed last April, the command and control facility is capable of serving as backup if the entire Pentagon facility," Cheney said of bin Laden's cave network.

"Believes to be" has turned out to be the operational phrase. According to administration and military sources closely involved in operations around Tora Bora, Afghanistan's vaunted caves and goes down.

More than 7,000 miles away, as autumn snows settle onto Afghanistan's White Mountains, bin Laden and the surviving members of his inner circle are believed to have taken refuge in a far more austere underground retreat. "He's got what he believes to be a fairly secure

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Times-News sponsors holiday messages

This holiday season, The Times-News is helping Magic Valley residents send cheer to members of the U.S. military.

As a free public service, The Times-News offers "Holiday Home Front Greetings." Area residents can send season's greetings to members of the armed forces, and military personnel can send greetings back home. The greetings will appear on the newspaper's Web site, www.magicvalley.com.

A greeting can be sent to a specific person or unit, or to the armed forces in general. Just call up the Web site, scroll down and click on the "Holiday Home Front Greetings" icon. Then click on "Greetings to Armed Forces Personnel."

If you don't have Internet access, you can mail your greeting to "Holiday Home Front Greetings," The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303, and we'll post it online for you.

Military personnel can send greetings home via the same Web site. Greetings will be accepted until New Year's Day.

For more information on Holiday Home Front Greetings, call Community Editor Pat Marcantonio at 735-3288.

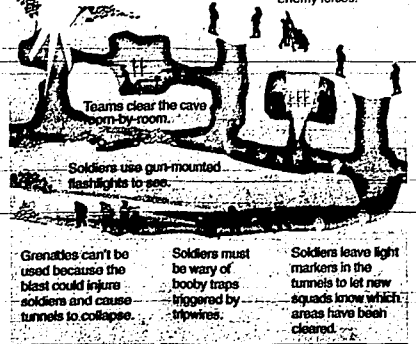
Clearing the caves

American soldiers are entering a very dangerous phase in the war on terrorism – clearing the underground fortresses of the Taliban. Soldiers can't rely on high-tech weaponry in the total darkness of the caves. Instead, small groups of soldiers will go room to room with gun-mounted flashlights and guns to hunt out the enemy.

U.S. bombers knock out cave entrances, neutralizing enemy guards outside the cave.

An Army unit of approximately 150 men breaks into smaller squads, each assigned to a section of the cave.

Soldiers with mortars, heavy machine guns and sniper rifles guard the entrances and fight approaching enemy forces.



Grenades can't be used because the blast could injure soldiers and cause tunnels to collapse.

Soldiers must be wary of booby traps triggered by tripwires.

Soldiers leave light markers in the tunnels to let new squads know which areas have been cleared.

SOURCES: Associated Press; U.S. Army — Wm. J. Castello, N. Rapp, S. Hoffmann/AP

Marines hunt for al-Qaida

The Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan – Armed with photographs of wanted terrorists, U.S. Marines scoured the roads of southern Afghanistan on Saturday for Taliban and al-Qaida leaders who might have slipped out of Kandahar as the former ruling militia abandoned its last stronghold.

Kandahar was reported to be tense, with the rival armed groups that replaced the Taliban jockeying for control of key parts of the city and occasionally exchanging gunfire. Talks were reportedly under way to set up a civil administration and avoid an explosion of factional fighting.

Tribal officials, speaking by telephone from Pakistan, said more than 200 Arabs loyal to Osama bin Laden were still holding out at the Kandahar airport and refusing to surrender.

Afghanistan's new interim leader called on the Afghan public to join the hunt for bin Laden and supreme Taliban leader Mullah Mohammed Omar, whose whereabouts were unknown.

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WAR ON TERROR

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FORECAST FOR MAGIC VALLEY

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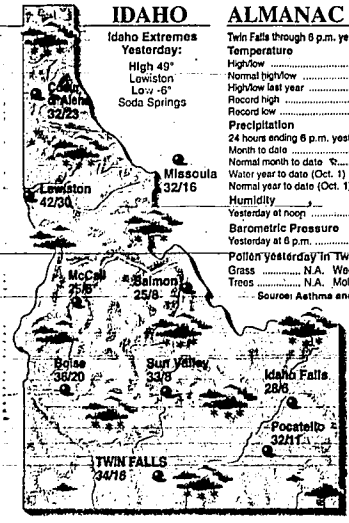
High 49° Lewiston
Low -6° Soda Springs



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Twin Falls through 6 p.m. yesterday

Temperature
High/low ..... 29°/7°
Normal high/low ..... 39°/21°
High/low last year ..... 30°/24°
Record high ..... 57° in 1981
Record low ..... 2° in 1972

Precipitation
24 hours ending 6 p.m. yest. ..... 0.00"
Month to date ..... 0.54"
Normal month to date ..... 0.32"
Water year to date (Oct. 1) ..... 2.24"
Normal year to date (Oct. 1) ..... 2.27"

Humidity
Yesterday at noon 88%

Barometric Pressure
Yesterday at 6 p.m. ..... 30.17 in.

Pollen yesterday in Twin Falls
Grass ..... N.A. Weeds ..... N.A.
Trees ..... N.A. Mold ..... N.A.
Source: Asthma and Allergy of Idaho

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi	Lo	W	Mon. Hi	Lo	W
Boise	36	20	pc	34	18	c
Bonners Ferry	32	20	c	29	22	sf
Burley	35	12	pc	22	10	c
Coeur d'Alene	32	23	c	34	25	sf
Elko	38	16	pc	28	6	c
Eugene, OR	44	34	c	46	36	r
Hagerman	35	19	pc	28	15	c
Idaho Falls	28	6	c	22	6	c
Kalispell, MT	33	16	c	32	16	sf
Lewiston	42	30	pc	38	30	sn
Malad	34	18	c	26	12	c
Malta	37	10	c	28	9	pc
McCall	25	6	c	23	6	sf
Missoula, MT	32	16	c	27	20	sl
Pocatello	32	11	c	26	10	c
Portland, OR	44	38	sh	48	38	sh
Richland, WA	42	28	pc	43	30	sn
Salmon	25	8	pc	23	12	sl
Salt Lake City, UT	38	20	c	32	17	c
Seattle, WA	42	36	sh	46	38	sh
Spokane, WA	32	20	c	34	24	sf
Stanley	27	-2	pc	19	5	sf
Sun Valley	33	8	pc	25	4	c
Yellowstone, MT	22	0	c	21	2	c

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FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR TWIN FALLS

TODAY	TONIGHT	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
Clouds and some sun; a snow shower or two.	Partly to mostly cloudy; a flurry.	Mostly cloudy; some snow possible late.	Flurry possible.	A snow shower possible; some sunshine.	Some sunshine; maybe a snow shower.
▲34°	▼16°	▲32° ▼16°	▲34° ▼20°	▲38° ▼24°	▲40° ▼28°

REGIONAL WEATHER

Southern Idaho: Clouds and some sunshine today; windy with a few rain and snow showers. Highs from the 20s in the mountains to the upper 30s in the valleys of the west.

Boise: A few snow showers in spots today, especially early. High 36. Partly to mostly cloudy tonight. Low 20. Mostly cloudy tomorrow with some snow possible. High 34.

Northern Nevada: Sunshine and a few clouds today; some flurries in the mountains to the northeast. Highs ranging from the 30s in the northeast to 40s in the west. Partly cloudy tonight. Lows 10-32.

Northern Utah: Sunshine will mix with some clouds today. Highs will generally range from the upper 20s in the mountains to the upper 30s in Salt Lake City. Patchy clouds tonight.

Northern Idaho: Clouds will break for some sun today; a few snow showers will occur. Highs from the 20s in the highest elevations to the lower 40s in the valleys.

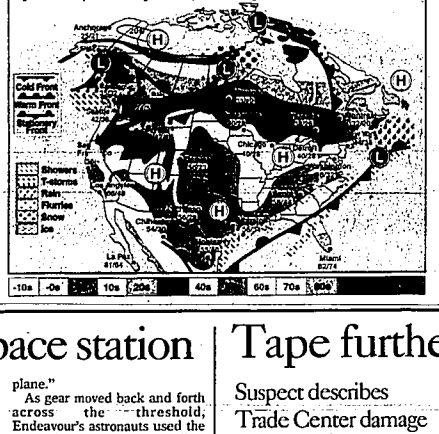
NATIONAL EXTREMES

Yesterday (for the 48 contiguous states)

High 86° in Los Alamitos, CA — Low -15° in Gunnison, CO

NATIONAL WEATHER

Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day. Forecast high/low temperatures are given for selected cities.



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SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today ..... 7:56 a.m.
Sunset tonight ..... 5:04 p.m.
Moonrise today ..... 1:55 a.m.
Moonset tonight ..... 2:20 p.m.

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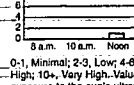

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CANADIAN CITIES

City	Today Hi	Lo	W	Mon. Hi	Lo	W
Calgary	24	5	pc	28	14	pc
Cranbrook	20	9	pc	19	14	sn
Edmonton	24	7	pc	30	16	sn
Kelowna	32	21	sn	34	22	sn
Lethbridge	30	7	pc	28	12	c
Regina	30	3	sf	22	14	pc
Saskatoon	27	2	sf	21	10	sn
Toronto	38	28	s	44	26	rs
Vancouver	35	32	sn	39	34	sn
Victoria	35	32	sn	39	34	r
Winnipeg	35	12	pc	21	10	pc

WORLD CITIES

City	Today Hi	Lo	W	Mon. Hi	Lo	W
Acapulco	89	70	s	90	70	s
Athens	60	37	c	44	38	c
Auckland	73	59	c	70	59	pc
Bangkok	89	77	s	88	71	pc
Beijing	38	20	pc	29	22	sn
Berlin	36	34	sh	41	37	sh
Buenos Aires	75	61	s	80	62	s
Cairo	68	50	pc	70	48	s
Hong Kong	77	75	r	77	72	r
Jerusalem	60	44	s	60	43	s
Johannesburg	78	69	sh	78	69	r
London	48	40	pc	49	40	pc
Mexico City	66	43	sh	68	43	pc
Moscow	15	10	c	14	13	sn
Paris	41	31	pc	42	31	pc
Rio de Janeiro	85	71	pc	82	71	pc
Rome	41	26	pc	41	27	pc
Seoul	40	26	c	38	30	pc
Sydney	74	60	pc	81	53	pc
Tokyo	45	34	pc	42	28	s
Warsaw	27	26	pc	33	26	c
Zurich	37	25	pc	37	28	pc

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi	Lo	W	Mon. Hi	Lo	W
Atlanta	58	44	c	45	40	r
Atlantic City	50	29	pc	48	35	pc
Baltimore	48	29	s	45	32	pc
Billings	42	16	c	32	14	c
Birmingham	58	42	c	52	44	sh
Boston	38	29	sn	43	37	s
Charleston, SC	68	47	c	56	45	r
Charleston, WV	47	28	pc	47	29	pc
Chicago	40	28	s	44	30	s
Cleveland	40	25	s	42	28	s
Denver	56	23	s	43	24	pc
Des Moines	45	29	s	42	24	pc
Detroit	40	28	s	46	28	s
El Paso	66	28	s	60	40	pc
Fairbanks	-11	-21	pc	-5	-21	c
Fargo	33	14	pc	24	10	pc
Honolulu	82	73	pc	82	70	sh
Houston	66	54	sh	62	40	pc
Indianapolis	45	26	s	45	29	s
Jacksonville	74	60	c	71	56	r
Kansas City	50	30	s	48	30	s
Las Vegas	58	38	pc	54	37	c
Little Rock	49	32	pc	53	32	s
Los Angeles	66	48	pc	66	46	s
Memphis	46	36	c	52	38	pc
Miami	82	74	c	82	72	pc
Milwaukee	38	28	s	45	27	s
Nashville	53	34	pc	48	35	pc
New Orleans	60	45	sh	61	48	r
New York	44	38	pc	46	36	s
Oklahoma City	53	27	s	57	30	s
Omaha	51	29	s	44	24	pc
Orlando	82	62	c	80	62	sh
Philadelphia	46	32	pc	46	36	pc
Phoenix	72	50	pc	63	43	sh
Portland, ME	34	19	sn	39	28	s
Raleigh	60	32	sh	48	35	sh
Rapid City	52	19	pc	34	16	c
Reno	44	20	s	41	19	s
Sacramento	55	40	pc	57	36	s
St. Louis	43	28	s	46	31	s
St. Paul	41	26	s	35	17	pc
Salt Lake City	38	20	c	32	17	c
San Diego	67	50	pc	59	48	pc
San Francisco	56	42	pc	57	43	s
Seattle	42	36	sh	46	38	sh
Tucson	66	41	s	67	40	pc
Washington, DC	48	32	s	46	37	c

Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

New crew moves into space station

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) – Two American astronauts and their Russian commander moved into the international space station on Saturday, settling in for a half-year stay.

The three men arrived aboard space shuttle Endeavour the day before, but did not have time to trade places with the space station crew that has been on board since August.

The new residents' formfitting seat liners for the lifeboat had to be carried over and installed, and their spacesuits tucked away, before they could call space station Alpha home. The swap was completed late Saturday afternoon.

Russian Yuri Onufrienko couldn't wait to take over as space station commander from American Frank Culbertson. The cosmonaut kept peeking through a small window before the hatch finally swung open between the docked spacecraft on Friday evening, and he said he was ready to get to work.

Onufrienko will remain on board until May, along with astronauts Daniel Bursch and Carl Walz.

Culbertson said he's advised the newcomers to be patient and tolerant, not only with one another but with flight controllers and even the equipment itself.

"We're still developing the procedures, still developing the best way to use this hardware," he said. "It's sort of like we're still on a test flight of an airplane."

As gear moved back and forth across the threshold, Endeavour's astronauts used the ship's robot arm to lift an Italian-built cargo carrier from the shuttle and attach it to the station. "Good job," Mission Control radioed.

The carrier, named Raffaello, is loaded with 3 tons of food, clothes, science experiments and spare parts. Once emptied, it will be filled with dirty laundry, trash and used equipment and put back on Endeavour for the ride home.

The space station's new residents also packed some personal items, reflecting their hobbies. Onufrienko, a fisherman, took material to tie flies. Bursch has weaving material to make small baskets, while Walz has a five-octave keyboard that he calls a "psychological support device."

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Wild 6/49 — Saturday, Dec. 8
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WILD CARD: King of spades

Pick 3 Idaho — Thursday, Dec. 6: 6 2 5
Friday, Dec. 7: 0 1 6
Saturday, Dec. 8: 3 3 1

Roll Down — Thursday, Dec. 6
16 20 22 53 54
Saturday, Dec. 8
2 9 15 32 35

In the event of a discrepancy between the numbers shown here and the Idaho Lottery's official list of winning numbers, the latter shall prevail.

Tape further implicates bin Laden

Suspect describes Trade Center damage

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON – The United States has obtained a videotape of Osama bin Laden describing the damage to the World Trade Center as being much greater than he had expected, according to senior government officials.

On the tape, which was obtained in Afghanistan during the search of a private home in Jalalabad, bin Laden praised Allah for success far greater than he expected, using language that indicated he was familiar with the planning of the attacks, according to one of the officials.

The administration has blamed bin Laden for the Sept. 11 attacks but has not released evidence showing that he directly planned or ordered them. Although officials have said they have intercepted communications allegedly tying bin Laden or his associates to the hijackers, they have not released any such material, citing intelligence concerns.

The videotape discovered in Jalalabad offers the most conclusive evidence of a connection between bin Laden and the Sept. 11 attacks in New York and Washington, according to government officials who have read transcripts or been briefed on its contents.

War on Terror

Senior Bush administration officials are debating whether and how to release the videotape, which some officials hope could tamp down concern in the Muslim world that Washington has unjustly accused bin Laden.

"It is very clear that bin Laden not only had advance knowledge (of the Sept. 11 attacks), but (the video) is proof he was responsible for planning," said one senior official who has been shown a transcript of the videotape.

The 40-minute tape, which officials said appears to have been shot by an amateur, has been viewed by very senior Bush administration officials within the past week. Fearful it might be a fake, officials sent it to outside experts for review, and it has been declared "legitimate," one senior official said.

On the tape, according to one official who has heard a description of its contents, bin Laden said he was at a dinner when first word came that a plane had crashed into a World Trade Center tower. Bin Laden said that he told the others at the dinner, and that they cheered. He then indicated on the tape that more destruction is coming, according to the official.

Bin Laden used his outstretched hands to explain that he expected only the top of the Trade Center towers to collapse, down to the level where the airliners struck. The eventual total collapse of both towers, the al-Qaida leader said, was totally unexpected.

U.S. intelligence officials are not certain as to why the tape was shot, but it may have been prepared by al-Qaida for recruitment purposes, a senior official said.

Government officials declined to offer more details of how the videotape fell into the U.S. government's hands or which agency obtained it.

The new videotape is not the one described last month by British Prime Minister Tony Blair. Intelligence sources had obtained only a transcript of that tape, not the actual video.

Blair, in a Nov. 10 speech to Parliament, said the transcript of an Oct. 20 video shows that bin Laden was asked by an interviewer about the New York and Washington attacks. Blair said the al-Qaida leader replied: "It is what we instigated, for a while, in self defense. And it was revenge for our people killed in Palestine and Iraq."

Aid workers return to Texas church

WACO, Texas (AP) – Two aid workers freed last month from an Afghanistan jail returned Saturday to their home church, thanking members who held nonstop prayer vigils during their 104-day imprisonment.

Dayna Curry and Heather Mercer, whom Taliban rulers accused of preaching Christianity in the devout Muslim nation, called themselves "simple people" used by God to show that prayers will be answered.

"I think this whole situation has brought people back to God," Curry said at a news conference at Antioch Community Church.

The women, who recently hired the Ambassador Agency in Nashville, Tenn., to represent their literary and film rights and speaking engagements, said they plan to write a book about their ordeal.

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Carl Starkey II, of Lansing, Michigan, takes a picture of the ceiling in Statuary Hall in the U.S. Capitol Saturday as it reopened for guided tours for the first time since anthrax-tainted mail was found in a Senate office building in mid-October.

Investigator: Atta visited New York

WAR ON TERROR

NEW YORK (AP) – Mohamed Atta, suspected ringleader of the Sept. 11 terrorist hijackings, rented rooms in New York City in the spring of 2000 with another hijacker, a federal investigator said.

Authorities learned of their stay in New York while retracing the hijackers' steps prior to the attacks, according to the investigator, who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity.

Investigators confirmed that Atta and the second man rented rooms in Brooklyn and the Bronx, and are trying to identify anyone who might have supported them.

Atta's trail in Brooklyn began with a parking ticket issued to a rental car he was driving, said a senior Justice Department official, who also spoke on condition of anonymity.

"We know a lot since Sept. 11," the official said. "We know how (the hijackers) came in and where they were. But there's still a lot of pieces we don't know."

Neither official would elaborate on Atta's activities in New York or identify the hijacker who accompanied him.

Marwan Al-Shehhi, a hijacker believed to be a relative of Atta, entered the United States at about the same time. Atta and Al-Shehhi are believed to have been at the controls of the planes that hit the World Trade Center.

Atta, an Egyptian with ties to Islamic fundamentalists in Germany, flew to Newark, N.J., on June 2, 2000 from Prague in the Czech Republic, Czech authorities have said. The trip is his earliest confirmed visit to the United States.

The U.S. investigator said Atta and another hijacker briefly rented a room in Brooklyn in late spring 2000. They also answered a "Room for Rent" classified advertisement placed by a landlord in the Bronx, and also lived there, the investigator said. Authorities have interviewed landlords at both locations, the investigator said.

By July 2000 Atta and Al-Shehhi were taking pilot lessons at a flight school in Venice, Fla.

Senate opens door to giving themselves a $4,900 pay raise

WASHINGTON (AP) – Members of Congress are on their way to a $4,900 pay raise in January as the Senate used a midnight vote to thwart lawmakers who tried to block it.

After a debate that lasted five minutes late Friday night, the Senate used a 65-33 procedural vote to defeat an effort by Sens. Russell Feingold, D-Wis., to stop the increase from taking effect. Under a 1989 law, legislators get an annual cost-of-living raise unless the House and Senate vote to block it, a mechanism that often lets the increases take effect with little notice.

The latest boost is for 3.4 percent and will raise members' annual salaries to $150,000.

Feingold questioned the timing of a congressional pay boost when "our economy is in a recession and hundreds of thousands of workers have been laid off." He also noted that the string of four straight budget surpluses is now expected to end.

Fourteen of the 30 senators running for re-election next year voted against the pay raise. Two who will retire in January – Sens. Phil Gramm, R-Texas, and Strom Thurmond, R-S.C. – voted for the increase, while a third retiree – Jesse Helms, R-N.C. – did not vote.

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Majority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., and Minority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., voted not to block the increase.

The House has already passed legislation opening the door for the pay increase.

The January increase will be the third congressional pay raise in the last four years. Before this period, lawmakers increased their salaries less frequently, but the political risk faded as the economy boomed and federal surpluses soared in the late 1990s.

By tradition, the annual spending bill for the Treasury Department is the battleground for congressional pay raises.

The final version of that bill, which lacked language blocking the pay raise, overwhelmingly passed the House and Senate this fall and was signed into law by President Bush on Nov. 12.

Lennon fans gather to remember legend

NEW YORK (AP) – More than two decades after John Lennon was gunned down by a deranged fan, devoted fans of the ex-Beatle gathered Saturday to mourn on the anniversary of his death.

Hundreds of people surrounded the Imagine mosaic in Strawberry Fields, an area of Central Park dedicated to Lennon after he was shot in 1980 by Mark David Chapman in front of the nearby Dakota, the luxury apartment building where he lived.

They sang Beatles tunes, burned candles and remembered the singer who meant so much to them.

"It's a weird thing. It's been your whole life, the Beatles," said Larry Martin, a professional guitarist. "I had older brothers, so from the time I was 3 or 4 my earliest memories are of the Beatles."

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Afghanistan

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And Pakistan sent more troops and helicopters to its border with Afghanistan to prevent Taliban or al-Qaida fighters from entering that country.

"We will make sure we will get rid of terrorism. We want to finish terrorism in Afghanistan and in the world," said Hamid Karzai, the leader of the U.N.-backed interim council that will run the country for six months.

Meanwhile, American warplanes bombed the remote mountains around the Tora Bora cave and tunnel complex where locals believe bin Laden, the prime suspect in the Sept. 11 attacks, could be hiding. However, the bombing was far less intense than in recent days.

Karzai, who takes office Dec. 22, said he was asking village elders to tell their people to help find bin Laden and Omar. He pledged to deliver the two leaders to international justice.

"We don't know where Osama is. We are looking for him," Karzai told The Associated Press. "I am asking villagers around Kandahar to look around the clock and stop him or any Arab they may see."

AP photo

A Marine rides 'shotgun' on a humvee as he passes by on patrol in the desert of southern Afghanistan, Saturday.

The Marines were looking as well, patrolling key roads around Kandahar carrying photographs of "key terrorists," spokesman Capt. Stewart Upton said at their base southwest of the city. Upton said they were generally leaving alone Taliban fighters who have blended back into the civilian population.

U.S. sailors and Marines in the Arabian Sea have searched some 200 vessels in the last two weeks for fleeing pro-Taliban fighters, said Pentagon spokesman Lt. Col. Dave Lapan.

Pakistan's chief spokesman, Gen. Rashid Quereshi, said the country had sent extra troops and helicopters to border posts to cut off possible escape routes. He denied speculation that bin Laden and Omar could have slipped into Pakistan.

In Kandahar, rival factions – some under former governor Gul Agha and others under Kandahar powerbroker Mullah Naqibullah – took control of parts of the city, waiting for a tribal council to sort out a new administration. "Everything is ready for a commission of tribesmen," Karzai said.

Agha, whose men took over the city hall and governor's residence, has refused to recognize the authority of his rival, Naqibullah.

A Kandahar resident, Abdul Mateen, said armed men were roaming the streets and that many residents stayed indoors, fearing an outbreak of fighting. The currency exchange market and virtually all shops were closed Saturday, although a few food stores and small restaurants remained open, Mateen said.

Pakistani border guards refused to let journalists cross into southern Afghanistan, saying the situation was too volatile.

Andrew Card, President Bush's chief of staff, said Friday that U.S. officials were "pretty sure" Omar was still in Kandahar, which the Taliban agreed to surrender on Friday, then fled before the opposition took control.

Cave

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secret tunnels are turning out to be surprisingly vulnerable to air attack.

Located about 45 miles south of Jalalabad along the rugged border with Pakistan, the vast network of natural and manmade tunnels and caverns are often portrayed as impenetrable. Physically, that turns out not to be true, not against modern-day warfare.

Moreover, with the Taliban a shambles elsewhere, the focus of U.S. military efforts – which have put considerable emphasis on the caves for some time – has become increasingly intense.

And every day, the United States works with more and better intelligence information.

Afghanistan's rugged terrain and cave networks have long been a focus of military attention. A U.S. Army specialist on the moujahedeen campaign against Soviet occupiers in the 1980s described the famous Zhawar Kili al Badr base built into Sodyaki Ghar mountain. Eleven huge tunnels were carved 1,600 feet into the earth. Zhawar contained "a hotel, a mosque, arms depots and repair shops, a garage, a medical point, a radio center and a kitchen," the Army analyst reported.

In other words, facilities such as those around Tora Bora are well known to the CIA.

Initially, Tora Bora and similar complexes had to compete with other targets for the attention of U.S. war planners. Between Sept. 11 and the initiation of Operation Enduring Freedom, for instance, there were numerous intelligence sightings of bin Laden in Kandahar, the old Taliban stronghold.

As the bombing accelerated, however, and the war progressed, the situation changed.

U.S. reconnaissance, led by Predator and Global Hawk drones that are capable of flying missions more than 30 hours long, allowed almost constant "staring" coverage of more and more limited terrain.

Meantime, the Taliban's retreat made it easier for special operations units on the ground to get closer to the mountains and valleys near suspected cave systems. Working with laptop computers and radio relays, these units could pass higher-quality targeting data directly to command centers in Saudi Arabia and Florida.

As the knowledge base expanded, attacks on the underground facilities have unfolded in a way that might surprise military experts and others who have portrayed the caves as impregnable fortresses that only ground troops could breach.

Though the systems are vast in scope, knowledgeable sources stress that Afghan caves – unlike Cheney's command center – are individually quite vulnerable. They are carved out of porous limestone. They are not reinforced: They have poor ventilation and little fire control equipment.

The notion that only the heaviest of "bunker-busting" weapons could be effective is completely at odds with the actual task at hand, sources say. Just a handful of deep-digging 5,000-pound earth penetration weapons have been expended in the past eight weeks.

When U.S. aircraft began to hit Tora Bora around the 10th day of bombing, damage assessors watched 2,000-pound bombs with delayed fuses penetrate deep down into the mountain, causing caves to collapse and deadly fires to break out.

Some 400 satellite-guided 2,000-pound bombs with hardened casings have been expended in this task, but even traditional "dumb" bombs have proven useful in attacking cave entrances.

Bridge should help speed aid to Afghans

TASHKENT, Uzbekistan (AP) – With millions of people facing winter cold, disease and hunger in northern Afghanistan, humanitarian relief has been moving painfully slowly by river barge from neighboring Uzbekistan.

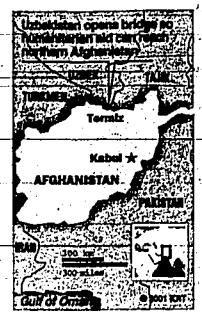
Plans announced Saturday for opening the Friendship Bridge road-route-over-the-Amu-Darya River border will likely speed things up.

Aid stockpiled in Uzbekistan will be taken by truck convoys to an estimated 3.4 million people in northern Afghanistan dependent on outside relief, including about 1.1 million in refugee camps across seven northern provinces.

"It definitely will save a lot of hassles," Ruppa Joshi, a spokesperson for the U.N. Children's Fund, said of the bridge's opening. She said there were reports of babies already perishing from exposure to the increasingly frigid weather.

Joshi said UNICEF's priorities included items to protect against winter conditions, milk, biscuits and medicines. Nearly 200,000 blankets are being flown from India in coming days.

"We are sitting here hungry, on the brink of starvation and nobody is interested in our plight," said one old woman, huddled in a threadbare tent at the Zayent Ghaleh refugee camp on the outskirts of Mazar-e-Sharif in northern Afghanistan.



The woman, who had lost contact with her husband, said she had been at the makeshift camp for about four months and had earlier worked as a laborer in cotton fields.

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Interview process yields little so far

Procedural snags, legal concerns stymie effort

Combined wire reports

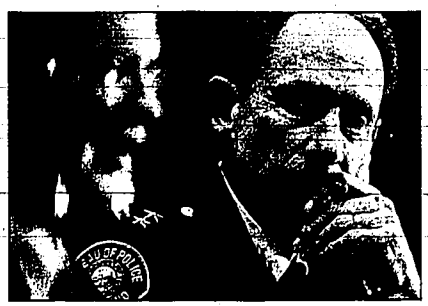
WASHINGTON – The Justice Department's controversial effort to interview thousands of Middle Eastern visitors to the United States has yielded little useful information about terrorism or the al-Qaida network so far, numerous law enforcement officials say.

The interviews, which officials hope to complete by Dec. 21, have been hobbled by difficulties in locating some wanted for questioning and by mistakes on the master list of visa holders, according to agents and prosecutors participating in the nationwide initiative.

"It's safe to say that we haven't found anything worthwhile," said an FBI official in Washington. Another senior law enforcement official said interviews in his East Coast district have been "totally worthless."

Also, the probe has been slowed by the concerns of some police and prosecutors across the country who are raising legal concerns about racial profiling and the possibility that targeting Arabs could damage police relations with immigrant and minority communities. Several police forces, including those in Chicago, Portland and Corvallis, Ore., have refused to participate.

The lackluster progress comes nearly a month after Attorney General John Ashcroft ordered the interviews of more than 5,000 men, ages 18 to 33, who entered the United States on visas from 26 unidentified nations alleged to have active members of al-Qaida.



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Portland, Ore., Police Chief Mark Kroeker, right, and City Attorney Jeffrey Rogers talk about why the city declined any involvement in the questioning of people for the federal government who may have information about terrorists but are not suspected of any crime.

Deputy Attorney General Larry Thompson suggested more than 30 questions to local prosecutors, including whether subjects have information about the Sept. 11 terror attacks, know about other terrorist plots or have received training that could be used in terrorist acts.

Senior FBI and Justice Department officials stress that the interviews have only just begun in some places, including New York City and New Jersey.

In some states where interviews are well underway, including Michigan and Florida, FBI agents and federal prosecutors said the results have been meager. In many cases, the effort has been fraught with logistical problems.

Scores of men have been included on the list more than once and dozens of others appear to have been wrongly included because of misspellings or other errors, officials said.

Farmington Hills Police Chief William Dwyer, a member of the anti-terrorism task force for eastern Michigan, said none of the more than 50 interviews conducted by local police with federal agents has proved fruitful.

But, Dwyer said, "if we can identify just one terrorist, I think it's all worth it."

Some Arab American and civil liberties groups have described the effort as racial profiling because the vast majority of subjects come from Middle Eastern or Muslim countries.

Mark Kroeker, Portland police chief, says his city will not participate in the interviews because state law requires suspects be suspected of a crime before they can be brought in for questioning.

Opinion polls reflect strong public support for the interviews. A Fox News poll showed 67 percent approve of the Ashcroft plan, with 23 percent opposing it. An ABC News/Washington Post poll reported stronger backing, with 79 percent approving and 19 percent opposing. Both polls were conducted during the last week of November.

Andrew Kohut, research director at the Pew Center for the People & the Press, said most people are weighing the potential threat of more terrorist attacks against protection of civil liberties and are coming down on the side of personal safety. The poll numbers put the public squarely at odds with some in the law enforcement community.

"You have people who are a little closer to the principle rather than the pragmatic citizen point of view. They are the pros, and we are the civilians," Kohut said. "I don't think the ordinary person who is not on the front lines is going to be reacting to that. They say 'Protect me. Lock 'em up.'"

Some of the legal sensitivity is embodied in Stephen Collins, the U.S. attorney in Michigan's eastern district and the author of the letter sent last month to about 550 Arabs, mostly in the Detroit area. The 42-year-old Collins is an African American who said he has "seen first-hand the tremendous pain that an accusation can bring."

"I've been a victim of racial profiling," Collins recently told the Detroit News. "As a criminal defense attorney, I remember walking into a courtroom, suit and tie and a briefcase, and before I could say anything, the clerk says to me, 'We'll call your case as soon as your lawyer gets here.'

"What I want to do is strike the right balance between vigilant, vigorous enforcement of the laws – and protecting civil liberties."

Civilian authorities will handle American captured with Taliban

WASHINGTON (AP) – The American captured along with Taliban fighters is being held by Marines in Afghanistan and will be handed over to U.S. civilian authorities as soon as possible, the Pentagon said Saturday.

How John Walker's case will be handled has not been decided, spokesman Rear Adm. Craig Quigley said. Lawyers from the departments of Defense and Justice are "working on the way ahead on that," he said by phone from the war's command center in Tampa, Fla.

Walker was being held at Camp Rhino, the base for some 1,300 Marines helping in the hunt for Osama bin Laden, Quigley said. The timing of the transfer and where he would go were not clear.

In the meantime, Walker was "being treated in a manner consistent with protections provided enemy prisoners of war under the Third Geneva Convention," said a statement by U.S. Central Command.

In San Francisco, James Brosnahan, lawyer for Walker's parent, declined comment.

The Justice Department has said Americans who have fought for the Taliban or al-Qaida could face treason, murder, conspiracy or other charges. The issue surfaced after the government said three people claiming to be Americans might have been fighting for the Taliban. The two others were later determined not to be American, though they spoke English, Quigley said.

Allies want more evidence in campaign against bin Laden

The Associated Press

In the month since the Bush administration launched a high-profile clampdown on the networks that finance Osama bin Laden, no suspects named on a U.S. list are known to remain in custody and even some of America's closest allies complain the move was not accompanied by enough evidence.

The response suggests that evidence for criminal action may be hard to come by on the financial networks targeted by Washington, experts say.

Among the chief targets are two Islamic financial networks, al-Barakaat and al-Taqwa, that rely on informal means to move money around. They are accused of raising money for bin Laden's al-Qaida group, suspected of carrying out the Sept. 11 attacks.

So far, authorities across the globe have cooperated with American requests to freeze millions of dollars in assets of 62 businesses and individuals targeted when the U.S. announced the crackdown on the two financial groups.

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Reading, writing and math skills can be enhanced through the arts:

- **In New York City,** students improved an average of one to two months in reading for each month they participated in the "Learning to Read Through the Arts" program, a study revealed.
- **In Los Angeles,** students in a fine arts program wrote higher quality essays and fared better in history than those who didn't. The study involved both high- and low-achieving students, and both groups improved equally.
- **In Ohio,** elementary students in an arts program made more gains in reading and math than those who were not in the group. Total creativity measures were four times higher for elementary students in the program than for others not in the program, and the gains were maintained and continued into a second-year evaluation.
- **In California,** fourth-graders who participated in a special music and poetry program made significant gains over those who didn't in language mechanics, total language and writing on the California Achievement Tests.
- **In Massachusetts,** high-risk elementary students with one year in an arts program gained 8 percentile points on standardized language arts tests; students with two years in the program gained 16 points.

Source: National Endowment for the Arts

Perspectives on the arts

Albert Einstein: "When I examine myself and my method of thought, I come to the conclusion that the gift of fantasy has meant more to me than my talent for absorbing knowledge."

"Out of a classroom of 30 children, maybe 10 will be employed in an arts-related occupation someday," says Rexford Brown of the Education Commission of the States.

Arts education aids achievement of "core competencies" are needed for employment, according to a U.S. Labor Department report. The study cited the arts as important for certain foundation skills, which include thinking creatively, problem solving, exercising individual responsibility, sociability and self-esteem.

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New information is assimilated by linking it to something that is already known, according to Patricia Wolfe, who wrote "Brain Matters – Translating Research into Classroom Practice." Hooking new information to previously known information also increases the strength and complexity of neural connections. New information that fits into an existing network has a much better chance of storage, Wolfe says.

That's why students who know a lot learn more, Wolfe explains. In other words, the rich get richer.

Noh also pointed out that people learn in different ways. Many books have been written on the subject, and one that has current popularity is titled "Seven Kinds of Smart" by Harvard professor Howard Gardner. Noh is noncommital about that particular book, and in fact, *Time* magazine has criticized the book for its lack of scientific proof. But Noh does say that some children learn better by touching, or kinesthetically; some learn better by hearing; others might need to touch and to hear; while others see things and use their bodies to learn, and so on.

In other words, the more different kinds of stimulation teachers provide, the more chances students have to learn.

Two things Noh emphasized are that for a brain to develop, or grow networks, it needs challenge and it needs feedback.

"And art provides both of those," she said. "You get growth through problem-solving. The child says 'How am I going to get this rose on this paper.' Then he sees that he has really drawn something quite beautiful when he uses the skills the art teacher has shown him."

Noh made the point that practicing art, music and drama also gives children another chance to understand the value of discipline.

Making kids smarter

Kimberly first-grade teacher Suzanne Gerard said Fothergill's art lessons have taught her to better understand what her children already know and what they need to work on.

"You get to see them in a different light," she said.

Gerard explained that for children to comprehend, they have to be able to visualize. Drawing lessons help them develop the ability to visualize because they have to see the picture in their minds and then transfer it to paper.

For years, Gerard has required her first-graders to draw pictures and then write stories about the pictures.

"Children who draw pictures will generally spend more time writing detailed stories," she said. "When I see their writing, I can better see their knowledge of how words work. This definitely raises test scores."

More children feel confident about drawing because of Fothergill's instruction, Gerard said, so more children are writing longer stories.

In addition, watching the children light up when they acquired the new skills was uplifting for teachers.

"They have more self-esteem," she said. "They're saying 'I didn't know I could draw that.'"

But Gerard said she and the other teachers in the school took the drawing and painting lessons right along with the children.

"I have changed the way I verbalize how a picture should look," Gerard said.

Fothergill said it's important for children to learn actual skills that can be built upon. She also said she believes it is important to give children formal arts training before they reach middle school.

Often classroom teachers or volunteer parents find the prospect of teaching actual drawing and painting skills daunting and resort to crafty projects, she said.

"They don't understand the concepts," she said. "They aren't trained to know the process, and the process is what makes the brain develop."

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Dell

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week, and another 12 by Jan. 1. In total, the first round of PC Prep classes will turn out 102 students.

CSI this fall had offered 12 choices of times and days.

"We were trying to get a feel for when people might want to take classes, because this was kind of new to us," Beck said.

But five of the timing options weren't popular and were canceled.

"We actually ran seven of them, which we're tickled pink with," he said, adding that most students opted for shorter PC Prep sessions more often, instead of all-day classes.

"I think a lot of them are working still," Beck said.

CSI has a new PC Prep schedule ready and will continue to run the classes "as long as we see the hiring ramp at Dell needs employees," he said. But completing the college course is no guarantee of employment with Dell or any other company. Any technical employer would likely have to offer its new hires additional – and more specialized – training.

Beck predicts there will be job opportunities with a variety of local employers who might lose their computer-system workers to Dell's tech-support ranks and need replacements.

Dell representatives visited each of the PC Prep classes last week encouraging students to apply at Dell – but not promising them jobs. A hospital does the same thing in CSI's nursing classes, Beck said.

As it did several weeks ago, Dell held another group overview session Thursday evening to tell candidates who are partway through the application process about the company, he said. Dell conducted another round of individual, in-person interviews Thursday, Friday and this weekend.

Under CSI's agreement with Dell, much of the recruitment activity happens in college facilities.

Beck also has refurbished two classrooms in CSI's Canyon Building for Dell to begin using in January for company training of new employees. CSI provided carpet, tables, chairs and the like, but Dell is paying for phone lines, computers, test equipment and overhead projectors, Beck said.

CSI is still in discussions with Dell about how it can meet the company's needs. That might be additional training, such as telephone skills, Beck said, but it might be anything Dell needs to succeed in Twin Falls.

"We think this is the start of a great, long-term partnership," he said. "And for that to happen, they have to be successful. And part of their success is having a talented work force."

Hiring progress

Dell Computer Corp. spokeswoman Cathie Hargett on Friday gave this picture of the company's Twin Falls hiring progress:

- **Dell has filled** its January training classes with 130 people who have been hired or are in the process of being hired. They'll be on the payroll as trainees in January and start fielding customers' calls in February.

"We're very pleased with how quickly we filled our initial class. I don't think we expected to fill that class quite that quickly," Hargett said.

- **The company wants** to fill a second round of company training planned for February, with another 100-120 or so. That would mean a total of 230 to 250 employees by the end of February.
- **This weekend's job fair** – which continues this afternoon in the Evergreen Building at the College of Southern Idaho – is to build a pool of candidates for the jobs that start with February training and for positions Dell might need to fill in the future.

"Our objective with the job fair is to ensure that we're filling up our pipeline," Hargett said. The company aims to find not only people who want an immediate employment change, but those who have longer-term interest.

Dell managers and recruiters are gathering resumes this weekend and answering questions.

"In some cases, we may be doing interviews on the spot," she said.

- **People can still start** the application process by calling Dell's toll-free number, 1-888-225-1283, entering their Social Security numbers, and pressing numbers to answer a series of questions posed by a recorded voice.

Would-be workers

Candianne Allred, 17, of Buhl wants to be one of those people.

The Twin Falls High School student is taking Microsoft server administration and Cisco computer classes at the high school and has four or five CSI computer classes under her belt.

While pursuing an associate's degree at CSI soon, she wants a job that will build her university fund but also her skills. Allred's long-term goal is a career in computer networking.

She was disappointed that Dell told her to wait until she turns 18. But she gathered information about Dell pay and benefits at Saturday's job fair.

"Pretty good pay for somebody my age starting out," Allred said.

It's better pay and benefits than the hotel industry offers around here, David MacGregor said.

The 20-year-old moved five days ago to Twin Falls from Arizona, where he managed a hotel's front desk.

With one hotel job offer and another interview scheduled, MacGregor still is considering a jump to tech support.

"I know my way around a computer pretty well," he said.

Alexander Bagdasarov, 24, is two classes away from computer science and computer engineering degrees at CSI. Employed at Amalgamated Research Inc., the Twin Falls man is a computer operator for research and development projects.

But he said a Dell job might be a better start to the computer-related career he has in mind.

"This will probably suit me more," Bagdasarov said.

"I think Dell would be (a) very good entry because it's a very big company, a credible company," he said. "In Twin Falls, there's not a lot of computer-related material."

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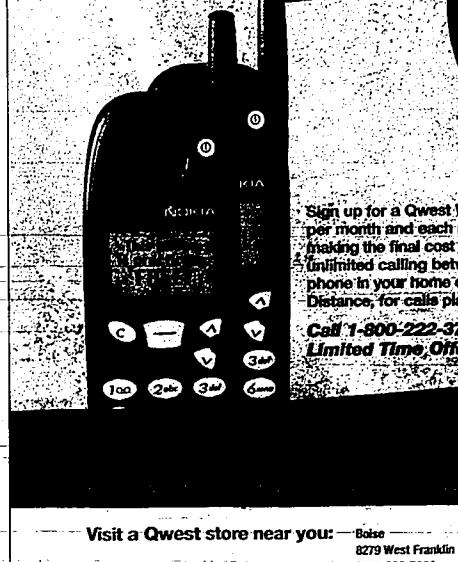

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Judge rules against Forest Service on fees

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) – A federal judge has ruled the U.S. Forest Service had no authority to collect users' fees at trailheads, pullouts and other sites around the Northwest from 1996 until November this year.

The ruling will probably prove a hollow victory for foes of the federal Recreation Fee Demonstration Program because Congress in November lifted the 100-site cap. Agencies now can levy fees in as many places as they want. Coffin wrote in a footnote that his ruling "is likely to have no impact on future enforcement actions."

Under the program, millions of dollars were raised to maintain trails and Forest Service buildings through the sale of Northwest Forest Pass permits, but it sparked opposition from those who say the fees priced people off public lands.

The ruling Thursday by U.S. Magistrate Thomas Coffin in Eugene pointed out that in 1996 Congress allowed federal land management agencies to charge the fees at no more than 100 sites nationwide on an experimental basis.

While Forest Service officials claimed that the Northwest Forest Pass was just one of the 100 fee projects allowed by Congress, Coffin said, it actually forced visitors to pay at 1,349 trailheads, picnic areas and other sites in the region.

There are user fees in Idaho, such as the Sawtooth National Forest.

It's unclear what, if anything, the decision means for people who paid fees that Coffin found were improperly charged.

"The ruling is on a point that is moot in the future, but it proves the Forest Service got away with murder for years," said Scott Silver of the Bend group Wild Wilderness, a leading opponent of forest fees.

Two Emmett teen-agers die in head-on collision

BOISE – Two Emmett teen-agers died on Idaho Highway 16 in a head-on collision.

Anthony J. Arellano, 18, was driving alone at about 5:45 p.m. Friday when his car struck a car in the oncoming lane, according to an Idaho State Police report. He was not wearing a seat belt and died at the scene.

The driver of the other vehicle, John J. Schaffer, 17, of Emmett, was taken by helicopter to Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center, where he was listed in serious condition.

A passenger in Schaffer's vehicle, Cassandra S. Moore, 16, died at the scene, police said.

West in brief

State police clears five officers in fatal shooting

COEUR d'ALENE – Police were justified in shooting Michael Penson to death in front of his home Nov. 9, Kootenai County Prosecutor Bill Douglas has determined.

An Idaho State Police investigation concluded officers acted to protect Katrina Penson and themselves from imminent death or grievous harm, Douglas said in an undated letter to Coeur d'Alene Police Chief Tom Cronin.

Five officers fired 20 times – once with a shotgun and 19 times with 40-caliber pistols. They hit Penson four times as he emerged from his home, chasing his wife.

Penson had shot his wife in the backside before officers opened fire.

Grocery chain owner pleads to sexual battery charge

BOISE – The president of an Idaho grocery-store chain has pleaded guilty to a reduced charge of sexual battery of a 16-year-old girl.

In return, Ada County prosecutors agreed to drop four other sexual battery charges filed against Dennis G. Shaver, president of Boise-based Shaver's Inc., which operates stores in McCall, New Meadows and Council.

Shaver entered the guilty plea Friday at a pretrial hearing, three days before his jury trial on the charges was scheduled to begin.

Shaver is accused of having inappropriate sexual contact with a 16-year-old girl he met on a church trip this summer.

Deputy Ada County Prosecutor Jean Fisher said she will recommend a 10-year prison sentence, with one year fixed.

Man pleads guilty to swimming hole shooting

MOSCOW – Jeremy J. Brown of the Kellogg area pleaded guilty Friday to a reduced charge in the Aug. 14 shooting of a Moscow man at the Blue Lagoon swimming hole near Bovill.

Brown, who was remanded to the Latah County Jail pending sentencing on Feb. 22, faces a maximum of 30 years in prison after also pleading guilty to a sentence enhancement charge for using a deadly weapon.

Brown shot Adam Lee Brausen of Moscow once in the head with a .32-caliber handgun. Brausen continues to recover from the near-fatal wound.

Man will pay $5,000 for 60 years of free electricity

LOGAN, Utah – A man who got free electricity in his workshop for more than 60 years agreed to pay $5,000 in a no-contest plea.

Clarence Stucki, 92, says some college students who had rented the room probably bypassed the electric meter illegally.

Stucki says the wiring went unnoticed for 40 or 50 years, until there was a power malfunction.

The municipal power company estimates Stucki took $83,000 in electricity over the years – a figure Stucki disputes.

Man pleads guilty to voluntary manslaughter

IDAHO FALLS – A 27-year-old Idaho Falls man admitted he was angry when put his hands around the neck of his estranged girlfriend, Mona Garcia Ochoa.

"When I next realized it, she was dead," Jose Refugio Granados said.

Granados pleaded guilty Friday to a reduced charge of voluntary manslaughter for the Sept. 14 killing of 25-year-old Ochoa of Idaho Falls.

Bonneville County prosecutors and defense attorneys agreed Granados would plead guilty in exchange for reducing a second-degree murder charge, which could have had a maximum penalty of up to life in prison.

Granados faces up to 15 years in prison and a $15,000 fine.

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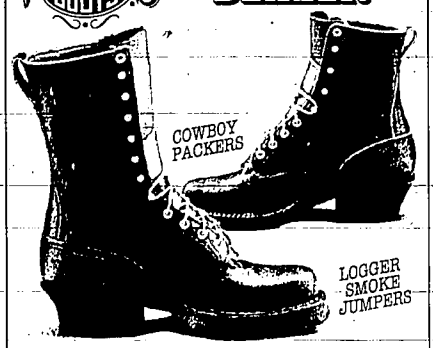

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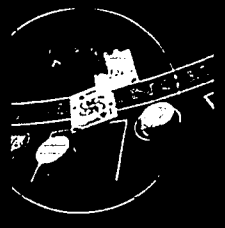
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Seattle muralist Eric Grohe puts the finishing touches to the globe on his mural 'Liberty Remembers' on a wall in downtown Bucyrus, Ohio, Wednesday. The mural is a tribute to Crawford County veterans. Within the mural are the likenesses of more than 200 faces of men and women from the county who died while serving their country dating back to the Civil War.

Exhibit tells story of Santa

WASHINGTON (AP) – Cheaper, mass-produced goods and smaller, more prosperous families made it possible for American parents to live up to the image of a fat, generous Santa Claus and his big bag of toys.

It's one of the stories told in an exhibit put together by the Daughters of the American Revolution. "The Stuff of Childhood: Artifacts and Attitudes 1700-1900" opens Sunday at their national headquarters near the White House.

Santa's reputation for generosity goes back to the legend that St. Nicholas, a 4th century bishop in a town now in Turkey, threw bags of gold at night into the windows of a house where three sisters lacked the dowries they needed to get husbands.

His image today, said curator Alden O'Brien, owes more to drawings by political cartoonist Thomas Nast in the late 1800s.

Those images were a far cry from the views of children among the earliest American settlers.

"They were thought of as little adults, and not very good at it," O'Brien said. "They were bound to strict duties. One duty was to grow up as fast as possible."

By the second half of the 1800s, the show explains, children were increasingly seen as innocent beings who had to be sheltered from adult corruption.

That view fostered toys and books to prolong their innocence. Family size declined, so parents had more time, emotion and money to spend on each child.

Factories produced greater and greater quantities of affordable goods, and gifts became more affordable to those of modest income as well as the affluent.

One item in the exhibit is the story of "Willie and Annie's Prayer" published by Sophia P. Snow in 1878.

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New DNA law clears man after 15 years in prison

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) – A man who spent 15 years in prison has become the first person cleared under a new state law allowing felons to seek DNA tests.

The results of the genetic testing ruled out Marvin Lamont Anderson, 37, as the source of biological evidence found at the crime scene in 1982.

"I'm not bitter. There's no anger. What happened to me was a mistake by many people, not just any one individual," Anderson said.

Japanese woman dies while seeking fictitious 'Fargo' loot

Knight Ridder News Service

ST. PAUL, Minn. – Kidnappers in the movie "Fargo" buried the $1 million ransom in the snow along a desolate highway, and nobody ever found it. But a 28-year-old Japanese woman apparently died trying last month.

Takako Konishi flew from her home in Tokyo to Minneapolis last month and boarded a bus for Bismarck, N.D. The next day, Nov. 10, she was spotted walking along a road near a Bismarck truck stop.

"She was just walking around out there," said Bismarck Police Lt. Nick Sevart. "She looked like she was looking for something or lost."

A citizen took her to the police department, where she pulled out a hand-scrawled map and told officers in her halting English that she had seen "Fargo" and was looking for the ransom money.

"It was just a drawing of a road down the center and a tree off to one side," Sevart said. "That was her map to where the money was buried in the movie 'Fargo.'"

The woman spoke very little English, and the officers spoke no Japanese.

"They tried to explain to her this was just a movie," Sevart said. "It was fictional."

That may have been hard to explain as the movie's opening credits said it was based on a true story that happened in Minnesota in 1987. No such event took place, however.

After talking with Bismarck police, Konishi decided to go to Fargo, N.D. Police took her to the bus station.

"She bought a bus ticket to Fargo, and that's the last we saw her," Sevart said.

Two days later, on Nov. 12, Konishi took a cab from Fargo to Detroit Lakes, Minn. Apparently, she was interested in trying to see the Leonid meteor showers that were in the news about then, said Detroit Lakes Police Chief Kelvin Keena.

"She told the cabdriver she wanted to be away from people and away from city lights so she would have a better opportunity to stargaze," Keena said.

The cabdriver let her out about 2 p.m. at Detroit Lake on the southern edge of Detroit Lakes. She apparently made no arrangement to be picked up later, Keena said.

Detroit Lake has cabins and homes all around it, but no one reported seeing Konishi.

Three days later, on Nov. 15, a bowhunter discovered Konishi's body about a mile from where the cabdriver let her off. The cause of her death is being investigated by the Ramsey County medical examiner. Toxicology tests are still pending.

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Controversial Rep. Condit files for re-election

MODESTO, Calif. (AP) – Pushing aside a controversy that has dogged him since May, Rep. Gary Condit filed for re-election at the deadline and entered what is expected to be the toughest race of his congressional career.

A year ago, the congressman of "Condit Country" seemed unbeatable.

But then this spring, Chandra Levy, a 24-year-old federal intern from his district, disappeared. And the married congressman – while not considered a suspect – later admitted having a relationship with her.

Condit had kept his re-election plans silent until Friday, when he appeared at the Stanislaus County courthouse with his campaign papers and 1,500 voter signatures to add to the 1,939 already declared valid. A candidate must have 3,000 valid signatures to qualify for the ballot or pay a filing fee.

"It was a very difficult decision for me," Condit said, looking weary but flashing his trademark smile. "It took some time to think about and I've represented the valley for a long time and I've done a good job for the people of the valley."

His re-election bid sends him headlong into a Democratic primary campaign against his former protege Assemblyman Dennis Cardoza. Cardoza said he had expected Condit to file.

AP photo

Rep. Gary Condit, D-Calif., sits with his daughter, Cadee, after filing his re-election papers Friday in Modesto, Calif.

"He probably sees this as one way he can redeem himself some way," Cardoza said.

California Republican Party spokesman Rob Stutzman said the district is in for "a rather brutal primary," but he admitted it is so Democratic it would take a destructive campaign for the Republicans to win. Redistricting after the 2000 census made the agriculture-rich district even more heavily Democratic. But it also drew in a new mix of voters.

Some prominent Democrats, including California Democratic Party Chairman Art Torres, are already backing Cardoza. The Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee said Friday it will remain neutral in the primary.

"I think it's a good time for him to back out," said Susan Davis, a Democrat from Turlock who said she voted for Condit before but won't this time.

Condit should have been more candid about Levy, said Republican Modesto Councilman Armour Smith, a former supporter who said he won't vote for him again. "Is he ever going to come clean?" Smith asked.

Once virtually unbeatable, Condit's hold was shaken in May when Levy, an intern for the Bureau of Prisons in Washington, disappeared. As the weeks passed, questions mounted about their relationship and Condit became a staple of supermarket tabloids and cable TV talk shows.

Eventually Condit, 53, acknowledged a romantic relationship with Levy, according to a police source. But he kept silent publicly for more than three months, finally giving a series of interviews in which he said he had "very close" relations with Levy but denied any involvement in her disappearance.

Levy's mother, Susan, and brother, Adam, said they had no comment on Condit's decision Friday.

Bush urges Senate to work on his domestic agenda

WASHINGTON (AP) – President Bush said Saturday that his domestic agenda is blocked in the closely divided Senate and pressed for quick passage of lagging legislation.

While the Republican-led House has already acted on energy, patients' rights, education and federal financing for religious charities, the narrowly divided Senate has not, Bush complained in his weekly radio address.

On issue after issue, he said, "The House has acted. The Senate has not."

Democrats control the Senate by a single vote. "I know that the Senate is closely divided among Republicans and Democrats," Bush said, "but the American people expect the Senate and its leaders to find a way to work together and bridge the differences.

"These are important measures," Bush said. "I am ready to sign them. I hope you'll let Congress hear from you. Let them know you want action not just on national security or homeland security, you want action to protect America's economic security as well."

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Democrats plan to blame weak economy on Bush's tax cut

By Ronald Brownstein and Janet Hook
Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON – The post-Sept. 11 truce is over for President Bush's signature domestic achievement: the sweeping tax cut he pushed into law last spring.

After weeks of deferential restraint, leading congressional Democrats have renewed efforts to blame the $1.35 trillion tax cut for the slow economy and the disappearing federal budget surplus – an opening salvo in what party strategists say will be a sustained political offensive through the 2002 election.

The argument is being carried forward on a tide of red ink: Bush administration officials acknowledged recently that the government will run budget deficits at least through 2004 and said they would seek to increase the limit on government borrowing for the first time since 1997.

Those concessions have provided the opening for Democrats to resume the criticism of Bush's economic management they had muted since the terrorist attack.

Sen. Tom Daschle

"I don't think there's any question that the deficits have been created in large measure because of the tax cuts that were passed at the insistence of the administration," Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., said last week.

But Democrats remain deeply divided about whether to turn that criticism into action by forcing reconsideration of the tax cut. Although most House Democrats have backed a proposal to rescind future installments of the tax cut aimed at the highest-income families, Daschle has refused to urge changes in the Bush plan.

Daschle's reticence is inspiring grumbling from some liberals who complain he has undermined his indictment of the tax cut by refusing to offer an alternative. "He needs to tell us what his solution is," said Ruy Teixeira, senior fellow at the Century Foundation, a liberal think tank. "They are holding back a lot more than they need to."

Daschle advisers insist he sees no point in pushing for a reconsideration of the tax cut unless some of the 12 Senate Democrats who voted for it in May shift their views. But the deteriorating federal balance sheet might force Democrats into a collision with Bush and the GOP in just two months when Congress turns to writing next year's budget.

Democrats could find it difficult, if not impossible, to construct a budget that funds priorities from prescription drugs to homeland security without proposing retrenchments in the tax cut. The political risk is that rescinding part of the tax cut would restore the big-government, high-taxes image their party has labored to shed.

Still, some Democrats argue that pursuing a tax cut rollback is unavoidable.

"I think it absolutely has to happen," said Rep. Adam Smith, D-Wash., a leader among centrists known as "new Democrats." "When you've got massive increases in obligations that everybody wants ... you've got to be honest about what it is going to cost to get those things done."

Indeed, at least one of the Democrats who voted for the tax cut now wants to cancel part of it.

Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., said she was "strongly in favor" of canceling scheduled rate cuts for the upper brackets because of the growing deficits and increasing demands for post-Sept. 11 spending.

"We now find we have need for extra things like homeland security and infrastructure," Feinstein said. "At the time (the tax cut) was passed, the situation was very different."

The continuing divisions over the tax cut form the backdrop of the current stalemate over legislation to stimulate the economy. Republicans are pushing hard for the bill to include an acceleration of scheduled income tax rate cuts – in part, GOP aides say, because the administration wants to be sure that Bush's tax reduction scheme gets credit when the economy eventually recovers.

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Stimulus bill favors business

WASHINGTON (AP) – High-tech companies, old-line manufacturers and commercial property owners could get generous new tax breaks as part of an economic stimulus bill heading into final negotiations.

It appears less and less likely that Congress will go along with President Bush's wish to repeal the corporate alternative minimum tax and immediately refund billions of dollars to dozens of companies, at a cost of $24 billion over 10 years.

More probable, lawmakers and aides say, is a compromise that temporarily exempts some companies from the complex tax.

Still, the legislation would have much to offer corporate America.

Items in the legislation with the broadest support provide tax benefits for companies large and small, which Bush and members of Congress of both parties say is crucial to reviving the economy.

Negotiations broke down Friday as Democrats and Republicans accused each other of political gamesmanship. Leader of both sides, however, said they remained committed to reaching agreement.

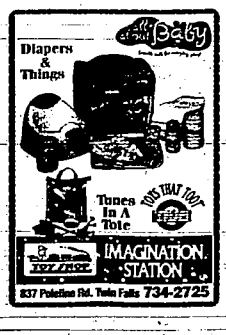
Large manufacturers, high-tech companies and others are lobbying for a provision that would allow a percentage of the costs of assets and investments – new factory machinery, for example – to be written off immediately instead of deducted gradually.

The Republican House-passed $100 billion stimulus bill set a 30 percent figure over three years; the Democratic Senate Finance Committee bill included only 10 percent. Corporate representatives, not surprisingly, say the House version is superior.

"You need 30 percent to be effective, to be an actual incentive to get people moving," said Dorothy Coleman, director of tax policy at the National Association of Manufacturers. "You want people to act now, and move quickly, on things they would be otherwise waiting a year or two to do."

Sen. Charles Grassley, ranking Republican on the Finance Committee and a stimulus bill negotiator, said 20 percent to 25 percent could be a compromise figure, especially because Democrats want more of the package focused on aid to the unemployed.

"That could be the middle ground," said Grassley, R-Iowa.



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WORLD

Boy's dying wish rests with guerrillas

The Dallas Morning News

BOGOTA, Colombia – After nearly four decades of war and tens of thousands of violent deaths, many Colombians say they are numb to their country's daily toll of tragedy. Now, however, the plight of a little boy appears to be mobilizing the nation's sense of outrage.

Andres Felipe Perez, 11, is dying of cancer and might have only a few more days to live, his doctors say. His only wish is that his father, police Cpl. Norberto Perez, come home to give him one last hug before he dies.

Perez is a prisoner of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC. The nation's most powerful guerrilla group captured Perez 20 months ago during an attack on a rural police outpost he was guarding.

Colombians from all walks of life have united in a nationwide campaign to win the release of Perez, if only temporarily, so he might share a final moment with his son.

So far, the FARC command is refusing to budge.

"The FARC also has guerrillas who are prisoners of war with serious health problems. Their friends and families hope to get them out of prison so they can get help," a group of top FARC commanders said in a statement last week, rejecting the appeal to release Perez.

Thousands of Colombians have written letters to the FARC command, begging for a single act of compassion. President Andres Pastrana has joined in, saying the guerrilla group's tainted image could benefit from a goodwill gesture "that does not cost the FARC anything."

The nation's largest newspaper, El Tiempo, is devoting up to a full page every day to letters of support received from around the world. There have been marches. In some Colombian cities, building walls are being whitewashed so passers-by can scrawl a message or drawing on Andres Felipe's behalf.

In a nation where more than 2,400 people are kidnapped annually and held for ransom by the FARC and other groups, it is rare for any single victim to receive the attention that Perez and his son are getting.

"It's overwhelming," said Francia Edith Ocampo, Andres Felipe's mother. "He is very pleased because it shows that everyone is supporting him, that all they want is for his father to return to his side."

Many Colombians say the plight of Perez is a symbol of their own helplessness against the terror erupting all around them, and they see in Andres Felipe the hope that their nation's salvation could come from a string of humanitarian gestures.

FARC commanders say the only way they could agree to release Perez is if the government agrees to exchange him for Jose Ignacio Gonzalez Perdomo, a mid-level guerrilla commander captured by the army in 1993. He is charged with various crimes, including rebellion, terrorism, kidnapping, and homicide.

The FARC says Gonzalez Perdomo also suffers from a "painful illness," but government prosecutors insist that he is healthy.

Ocampo accuses the FARC and the government of engaging in a cynical political game at her son's expense, since she believes neither side shows a willingness to break the impasse quickly.

"More than anything, it's sad, because for every day we spend waiting for the liberation of Andres Felipe's father, and for all the delays while they sit around thinking about it, the boy is getting weaker and weaker," she said.

Andres Filipe Perez, far left, a 12-year-old boy suffering from cancer, arrives at the hospital in Buga, Colombia, Tuesday. The boy's father, Norberto Perez, is being held by rebels of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, FARC. The rebels, left, leave Bolivar, Colombia, Nov. 17 after a rare public display of residents' unity drove them out. FARC is refusing to release the boy's father.

AP photos

Irish trucker finds eight dead refugees

DUBLIN, Ireland (AP) – Hearing faint pounding and moaning, an Irish trucker discovered the bodies of eight would-be refugees and five people clinging to life in his cargo Saturday. Police said they would mount a Europe-wide hunt for the human traffickers believed responsible.

It was the first mass fatality involving asylum-seekers in Ireland, which in recent years has been targeted by rings that smuggle people from poorer countries. Police said they weren't sure of the victims' nationalities but were interviewing a 17-year-old survivor who spoke Turkish. Among the dead were two small children.

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WORLD

Israel strikes Palestinian buildings

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) – Israel struck Palestinian security buildings for the second straight day Saturday, firing missiles from helicopters in a pre-dawn raid in retaliation for mortar attacks on Jewish settlements.

The strike badly damaged three buildings inside the Rafah refugee camp, witnesses and Palestinian security officials said, but no injuries were reported.

Palestinian security buildings throughout the Gaza Strip had been evacuated Friday after an Israeli F-16 jet struck a police compound near Gaza City early in the day, injuring 20 people.

The attacks marked a resumption of Israeli military action against Yasser Arafat's Palestinian Authority after a pause Israel said was meant to give the Palestinian leader a chance to toughen his crackdown on terrorism. Palestinian negotiator Saeb Brekat said the U.S. refusal to condemn Israel's action would only encourage Prime Minister Ariel Sharon to strike again.

The United States has urged Israel to exercise restraint when it has hit the Palestinian territories previously, but has declined to criticize retaliation since the latest suicide bombings.

The 1:30 a.m. strike at the security complex inside the Rafah refugee camp in southern Gaza hit three buildings belonging to military intelligence and Force 17, Arafat's personal guard, Palestinian security officials and witnesses said.

The missiles blew large holes in the roofs of the buildings and toppled some walls, witnesses said. Security officials who worked in the buildings sifted through rubble after the attacks, searching for furniture and belongings.

The five mortar shells that were fired at Jewish settlements in the Gaza Strip late Friday injured no one, the army said. It said Palestinian security officials should have prevented the shellings.

Assailants kill 17 in massacre in Algeria

ALGIERS, Algeria (AP) – Assailants shot and killed 17 people, including 10 children, in the worst outbreak of violence in Algeria during the Muslim holy month of Ramadan this year, newspapers reported Saturday.

No one claimed responsibility for the massacre Thursday night, which the reports said also wounded five people. Authorities normally blame such attacks on Islamic militants who have been waging an insurgency for nearly a decade.

The attack was the deadliest since Ramadan began Nov. 16. In the past, Algeria's militants have carried out more attacks during Ramadan, but this year the holy month had been relatively calm, with an official death toll based on press reports saying 50 people have been killed nationwide.

An estimated 130,000 people have been killed in the insurgency, which began after the army canceled 1992 legislative elections that a Muslim fundamentalist party was likely to win.

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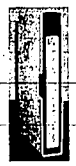

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EDITORIALS

Redistricting proposal deserved more support

The only thing worse than doing a difficult job is doing it over. Just ask the Idaho Commission on Redistricting.

Even more aggravating is the lack of support the commission received for its efforts from the state's lawyers.

After watching the state Supreme Court reject an original redistricting plan that required months of contentious debate, the six appointed citizens on the commission will have to go back to the drawing board. The group will either tinker with small fixes or change the whole picture of state congressional districts.

Redistricting plans with 10-percent-plus disparities have held up before. Why didn't the state makes its case for this plan?

The court found 5-0 that the 10.69 percent population difference between some counties was above the 10 percent legal requirement. That means somebody wasn't doing his job. But don't blame the commission.

Why the state's legal counsel didn't make the case for the 10.69 population is the real question. Bigger disparities can be ruled acceptable if the state provides persuasive justification.

So why didn't that happen? Why couldn't the state defend a difference of less than 1 percent? (The .69 percent difference totals only about 250 residents.)

Apparently the state didn't just fall short of making that case – it didn't try at all. In her opinion for the court, Chief Justice Linda Copple Trout wrote, "the State has not presented *any* evidence that the reasons for the population disparity result from advancement of a rational state policy." The italics are hers.

The commission will reconvene without Twin Falls lawyer John Hepworth, who chose not to invest his time in a second go-round. And who can blame him? He'll be replaced by Burley Republican Derlin Taylor.

Democrats believe the committee can make quick changes with a few hundred residents to become legal. But both Hepworth and Rep. Bruce Newcomb see the writing on the wall. The contentious process could carry over into the next legislative session.

At that point, the filing period for 2002 legislative elections won't be far away.

So the clock is ticking for the redistricting commission. And the committee members certainly don't want legislators in the next room pressuring them on how to do the job. The job is likely to be harder the second time.

To make it easier, the commission should address the eastern Idaho parties that brought the lawsuit against the plan in the first place. Bingham County and Madison County residents are among the most fiercely Republican voters in the state. They won't be satisfied unless at least some of their concerns are addressed.

The panel's three Democratic members should be a bit more flexible this time. Hepworth was right: If the commission had accepted the Republican proposal in the beginning, the plan would have been kosher.

Besides, no redistricting map can provide the life preserver that Idaho's sinking Democratic Party needs. To hold its head above water, the party should adjust its own policies to reflect the values of Idaho voters.

Redistricting can be one of the most difficult jobs in politics. It's also thankless, underappreciated and time-consuming. The plan the six commission members produced wasn't perfect, but it did an adequate job of covering Idaho's rocky political geography. It's too bad their efforts didn't receive the support they deserved.

Numbers belong on convicts, not streets

Twin Falls will soon be 100 years old. But has the community achieved a century of progress? The following editorial appeared in the Twin Falls News on March 13, 1908. We're indebted to Margie Fluegel, who found it in the Twin Falls Public Library's newspaper archives.

If the members of the Twin Falls City Council wish to immortalize themselves, to win places in the local hall of fame, to perpetuate their memories in the hearts of grateful citizens, to place themselves on pedestals from which time can never dislodge them, let them take the necessary steps to name the streets or avenues and thus lift the city from the penal class.

The Blackfoot asylum yawns for the creature who numbered both the streets and the avenues and further complicated his idiotic performance by running the streets parallel with Shoshone Avenue and the avenues parallel with Main Street. The designation of the thoroughfares by numbers robs them of individuality. What sentiment can attach to 23rd Avenue or 13th Street? And what will happen when we have free postal delivery? Imagine the confusion.

It is enough that not a family in the city knows the number of its street, excepting those who reside on Main Street and Shoshone Avenue. By filing a new plan of the city, this piece of concentrated essence of imbecility can be corrected. Wonder if the man who conceived it names his children or numbers them like convicts?

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Bush could learn from little brother Jeb

DAVID S. BRODER

When the Bush brothers got together in Florida the other day, aides to Gov. Jeb Bush say he gave the president only a general description of what he was going through, trying to close a yawning deficit in the state budget. That's too bad. He had a lesson to teach his older brother – and the rest of Washington.

Florida, like most other states, has been hammered by the recession and by the aftershocks of Sept. 11, which damaged the travel industry and the tourism so important to its economy. Bush had to call the Republican-dominated Legislature into two special sessions in order to fill a hole of more than $1 billion in the budget.

Last week, he persuaded the state Senate and the House of Representatives, on successive days, to take a step he found particularly painful. They voted to postpone a big tax cut, scheduled to take effect on Jan. 1, until the middle of 2003 or later.

The saving of $130 million in the current budget year will reduce, but not eliminate, the painful spending cuts Bush has had to make. But it shares the burden of tough times more equitably, asking affluent Floridians to give up something for the sake of the state's school children, Medicaid patients and others.

The revenue measure involved is called the intangibles tax. Currently, an investor pays $1 to the state for every $1,000 he or she owns in stocks, bonds or other securities. To help small investors, the first $20,000 of such holdings (or double that for couples) is tax-exempt. That exemption would have risen to $250,000 on Jan. 1 (or 500,000 for couples) had Bush not lobbied legislators for the delay.

Bush had campaigned for a phase-out of what he called this "onerous" intangibles tax. His fellow conservatives said thoso investors had already been taxed by Uncle Sam on their incomes and claimed it was unfair for the state to tax them again on their savings. They argued that delaying the tax cut was essentially the same as raising taxes. State Rep. Connie Mack of Fort Lauderdale, namesake son of the former senator, told the St. Petersburg Times, "I think raising taxes during a recession is wrong." But Bush said the tax break for affluent Floridians would have to wait.

All this would have a familiar ring to President Bush, except for one thing. He is refusing to bite the bullet as his brother has.

George Bush campaigned for president on the promise of cutting taxes, and made that the first priority of his administration. When the Bush tax cut, officially estimated at $1.3 trillion but actually much larger, was passed last spring, administration officials offered ironclad assurances that it was easily affordable in a 10-year span when surpluses were supposed to total $5.6 trillion. The mantra then was, "We're returning to the taxpayers less than one-fourth of the surplus the government will enjoy."

Now, of course, the surplus is gone. Partisans can argue how much of it disappeared because of the recession, the rising costs of the war on terrorism or the tax cut itself. But it has disappeared, and Bush's budget director, Mitch Daniels, says the red ink in the federal budget will continue for at least three years.

Unlike his brother, George Bush is adamant about refusing to look at the revenue that will be lost in coming years because of promised tax cuts. And most Democrats are afraid to talk about freezing or delaying them. Instead, the two parties are jousting over the size and shape of additional tax reductions. Suppose a sudden spasm of political courage or fiscal prudence were to sweep through Washington. Who would be called upon to sacrifice? Citizens for Tax Justice, a liberal group, has run that question through its computer model. It reports that if the Bush tax cut were frozen now, it would cost someone making up to $15,000 a year about $10 annually. A middle-class earner with an income between $44,000 and $72,000 a year would lose $452. More than half the tax cuts to come will go to the top 1 percent of the population, who will receive an average benefit of $50,005 on incomes of $372,000 or more.

A separate calculation by another research organization, the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, came to a similar conclusion. "About 95 percent of the savings (from freezing the scheduled tax cuts) come from provisions that are of no significant benefit to low- or middle-income families," its analysis showed.

Given the cost-cutting that budget deficits will force on Washington, someone has to ask why these top-bracket tax cuts should be untouchable. Is there a Jeb Bush in the crowd?

David Broder is a columnist for the Washington Post.

LETTERS

Editorial figures are inaccurate

Your editorial on wind energy and the proposed wind farm near Jerome ("Turning wind into power profits won't be a breeze," Oct. 16) provides inaccurate figures regarding the cost of electricity generated from wind. Some smaller wind plants at less windy locations may generate electricity at a cost of about 7 cents per kilowatt-hour, but large, modern wind farms produce electricity at less than 5 cents per kilowatt-hour at many sites.

That is a cost that is close to competitive with electricity from a new conventional power plant. Moreover, electricity from wind is "inflation-proof" – once a wind plant is built, the cost of the electricity produced is known and is not affected by fuel market price volatility. Wind is therefore an attractive source of new power in wind-rich Western states from Texas and the Great Plains to the Pacific Northwest, as well as in windy locations in several Eastern states. It is only good business sense for companies like enXco to be looking into the possibility of developing a wind farm in Idaho.

Modern wind turbines are quiet, as landowners with such turbines on their land will confirm and as neighboring communities quickly discover. Employees from Land's End, the mail-order company, recently visited a new, high-tech wind farm in Montfort, Wis., 10 miles from the Land's End headquarters in Dodgeville. "[The wind turbines] are pretty and they are quiet ... The rustle of the wind through the cornstalks made the loudest sound for miles on the day we visited," they reported in the company newsletter. Wind turbines also bring additional revenue to farming and ranching communities. A single wind turbine provides about $2,000 per year in income to landowners, who can continue to farm up to the foot of the towers.

Wind power is a reality today. Some 1,500 megawatts – enough to serve about 400,000 average American homes – will be installed in the United States in 2001 alone. The American Wind Energy Association expects that wind energy will provide 6 percent of the nation's electricity by 2020 – without emitting any pollution or greenhouse gases, while revitalizing farms and rural communities and increasing the security of the U.S. electricity supply. The technology to harness this country's vast, clean, inexhaustible wind resources is real, and the rewards can be real also, for ranchers in Idaho and other windy states and for American electricity consumers.

CHRISTINE REAL DE AZUA
Washington, D.C.

(Editor's note: Christine Real de Azua is the assistant director of communications for the American Wind Energy Association in Washington, D.C.)

Veteran recognition means a lot

I would like to thank you and your staff for the outstanding effort associated with the Salute to Freedom events on Nov. 10. It is certainly a tribute to all of you who made this recognition of our veterans such a memorable occasion for not only the veterans but also for so many citizens who, because of the New York City and Washington, D.C., tragedies, now see "freedom" in a different context than before Sept. 11.

Please thank all of those involved for their great work. The freedoms that our nation enjoys are in large major because we have patriotic Americans who will not allow us to forget those who have and continue to sacrifice so much. The staff of *The Times-News* can be justly proud of the contributions that they are making in support of our country.

LAWRENCE F. LAFRENZ
Boise

(Editor's note: Lawrence Lafrenz is a brigadier general with the Idaho Army National Guard and a deputy commanding general with the Army.)

Couple's efforts deserve thanks

During the year 2001, many good people have stood up and offered to help the Humane Society build a new animal shelter. The population of animals that must occupy 18 dog kennels and 20 cat kennels has exploded. It is very clear that the only way to provide for the care of these helpless animals is to provide them with an adequate facility. Animal lovers abound in our community, but the task of building a new animal shelter takes not only the love and compassion for animals but also an extremely motivated and driven group of people. We have found such a group of people. I think that our community needs to recognize that all the hard work and determination will keep the dream alive, but it will take funding to make the dream come true.

The season of giving is upon us. It is also a time to reflect upon the "good people" who make a difference for those less fortunate. Many such people are on the list, but there is one couple that I would like to "bring to the front" for a moment. Russ and Marilyn Lively have donated their heart and souls to the "Build the Shelter Project." They have given their time over and over again. How do you thank people with this passion for animals? Perhaps the only way to do this is just to say "thank you" for being good people and having the courage to fight an uphill battle.

LAURIE SIMONDS
Twin Falls

Tax holiday won't bring much joy to the economy

ERIC V. SCHLECHT

Several moderate senators have suggested enacting a "payroll tax holiday" as part of the so-called economic stimulus package being debated in Washington. Under this plan, sponsored by Sen. Pete Domenici, R-N.M., workers and employers would not pay payroll taxes for a month.

While this would be a lovely holiday gesture – putting a few extra dollars in the pockets of taxpayers – it would do little to "stimulate" the economy.

Domenici's plan is no substitute for any of the other proposed tax cuts that would help the economy grow – capital gains tax cuts, repeal of the Alternative Minimum Tax and marginal rate reductions. If anything, it should be added to the stimulus package as an additional tax cut – a holiday bonus, if you will.

Exactly when some members of the GOP embraced Keynesian economics is somewhat unclear, but the love affair shows no signs of stopping. This can be the only explanation for their repeated assertions that handing out small sums of money to low-income workers will somehow solve our economic woes – it won't. Not only is there decades of economic evidence to demonstrate this basic fact, this summer's rebate checks provide recent confirmation.

Earlier this year politicians in Washington foolishly claimed that the rebate checks would "stimulate" the economy and get us out of the recession. The recent confirmation by the National Bureau of Economic Research that we are in a recession (and could be for some time) makes it painfully clear that the rebate ploy didn't work. Nor will any such attempt ever significantly help the economy.

The problems with one-time rebates or holidays are many. For one thing, people tend not to spend the rebate. As Nobel Laureate economist Milton Friedman proved with his permanent income theory, consumer consumption is a function of a person's "permanent income" – that is what a person perceives their long-term earnings to be.

Therefore, temporary fluctuations in wealth will have little, or no, effect on their spending. Thus, the futility of tax rebates or holidays intended to stimulate the economy. Uneasy about their future economic status, most Americans will use the extra cash to pay off debt or will put it in their piggybank, instead of spending it.

Even if some Americans do use the money from the tax holiday to buy their child a G.I. Joe with the Kung-Fu grip, this will have little effect on the economy.

To begin with, the amount of money flowing into the economy would be relatively small in the grand scheme of things, and it would be a one-time surge.

This will not cause any businesses to expand, create new, full-time jobs, or increase investment. Nor will it provide any incentive for people to work and invest more, create new businesses, or free up venture capital – economic activities that will help get the economy moving again. In fact, our current recession has never been a consumption-based downturn. Consumer confidence has remained fairly steady throughout. Retail sales have also been strong.

According to the Department of Commerce, total retail sales from the August through October period were up 3.7 percent from the like period a year ago. Motor vehicle sales were up a whopping 26 percent from a year ago.

The problem lies in the business sector's unwillingness to continue investment on a sufficient level after last year's market correction. The recent attack on the very heart of our country's financial markets has only increased investors' reticence. The economy needs a boost in investment, savings and stock values.

This will not be accomplished through a one-time payroll tax holiday. It would be accomplished, however, by reducing the impediments to growth the federal government places on the economy through excessive taxation and regulation. Washington should immediately, and permanently, reduce corporate and personal income rates and capital gains tax rates. It should also repeal the AMT. These actions will allow the economy to recover by encouraging work and investment.

If, in addition, Washington wants to put a one-time tax holiday in our stockings, all the better. We deserve it. Taxpayers have been especially good this year – forking over billions to bureaucrats without complaint. Passing the payroll tax holiday instead of the other tax cuts, however, would equal a big lump of coal in all our stockings.

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LETTERS

Be careful naming streets

Please don't name the streets after politicians or city council or movie stars. Name the streets that run north and south with bird names and the ones running east and west with dog breed names, not pet names. A person's name sometimes is hard to say and it could be said in a bad way that would not be good for the people of Idaho.

CARL CORMIER
Jerome

Thanks for clearing the drive

I would like to mention a "random act of kindness" event during the recent snow storm.

I have a long driveway and shoveled for a long time but became exhausted. Soon, Bryan Craig came by with a small machine with a snow plow and cleaned out my driveway and part of the alley so I could get out after being snowbound for two days.

ETHEL NELSON
Jerome

Ditching dog was low-class

Having the Christmas spirit. To the person who hit a big white dog on the south side of Ketchum on Dec. 2 at about 4 p.m.:

The dog weighed more than 100 pounds; there's no way you could hit her and not know it. You left her in the road to die. You're a first-class jerk.

DANNY CRAFTON
Hansen

Make-believe is okay

I am writing this in response to an article in *The Times-News* on Dec. 2 regarding Harry Potter and his unpopularity with some non-secular members of our community.

Do you believe that cats can turn into teachers? Do you believe that broomsticks can fly? No, of course not. However, it is the wonder of it all. The pure enjoyment of watching or reading something that is meant for pure entertainment. William Shakespeare provided it in the Renaissance period and George Lucas, Steven Spielberg, Chris Columbus and J.K. Rowlings provide it now.

If you shun Harry Potter, do you also shun such classics as the Wizard of Oz or Superman? Imagination is a powerful tool and one that I'm glad J.K. Rowlings did not keep to herself. No, I have not read the book, although I intend to. I did see the movie, and I am not sorry I did. I never felt that my Christian ideals were questioned or that witchcraft is real. I left the movie theater delighted that I was able to leave the troubles of my own little world for 2 1/2 hours and immerse myself in the magic of moviemaking. After all, isn't that what it is all about?

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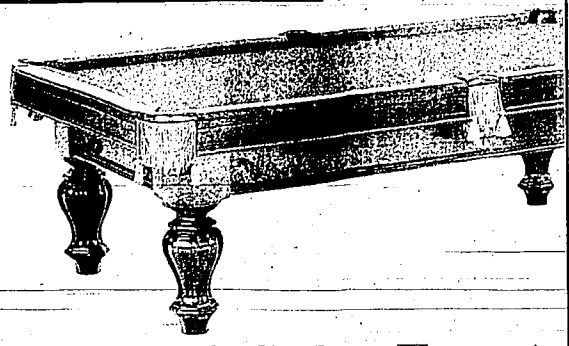

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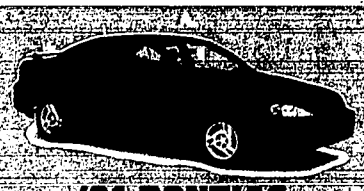

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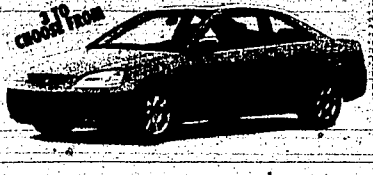

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Learn to cold-crank your car

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Steve Crump

I've been driving around in industrial-strength winter weather for the past week, watching you folks try to start your cars.

And frankly, you're pathetic.

Where are you from, Idaho or Mindanao? But I suppose I shouldn't be surprised: Modern-day Idahoans – or more particularly, you Idahoans who've never been east of American Falls – are winter-weather weenies of the first magnitude.

Oh, you talk a good game: studded snow tires; chains in the trunk; fifty-pound bags of rock salt under the seats. None of which will do you a bit of good unless you happen to get stuck in front of a Les Schwab.

Admittedly, cell phones and AAA mask the vast extent of your winter-driving ineptitude, but when you're talking about a dead battery, you're getting down to cases:

Either you know how to deal with it or you should be stripped of your parka and exiled to Barstow.

So, having grown up in eastern Idaho with oak leaf clusters for having survived three winters in Soda Springs, I'm going to 'splain the art of cold-cranking a car to you one more time:

- **A battery is not an auto part; it's an entity.** And a battery's *willingness* to start your car has nothing whatever to do with its *ability* to start your car.

Batteries – and the rest of your ignition system for that matter – innately sense weakness in a driver. Trepidation, hesitation, any indication whatsoever that you don't fully expect your engine to turn over – on the first try – in minus-40 degree weather when the headlights have been left on overnight, will be interpreted as permission not to start.

- **A battery does not run on stored electricity; it runs on humors** – metaphysical forces that have nothing to do with electromagnetic energy. If you upset the humors, you are fated to walk to work with slush in your shoes. And the surest way to upset the humors is to loudly suggest – peevishly, because your engine won't turn over the first time – that your vehicle is the love child of a Pacer and a Yugo.
- **"Er, er, er, er, er, er, er, er ..."** or any other unsettling noise that comes from beneath your hood on a cold morning does not mean, "No." It means, "Give me a damn good reason why I should."
- **Don't pump the accelerator pedal** before you turn the ignition key. It merely annoys your fuel pump and does nothing whatever to motivate your rotor, distributor and ignition coil.
- **If your engine does turn over** and begins to idle, and you walk away from the vehicle, it will stop dead – not sometimes, every time. Usually after you have already gone back into the house and gotten into the shower.
- **If you do not know how to hook up jumper cables,** have the goodness not to try.
- **Starting a vehicle in cold weather** has nothing whatever to do with technique and everything to do with *mojo*. There are them who can cold-crank and them who can't. Cars know it, mechanics know it: It's a gift akin to, and every bit as rare as, the ability to pick up a 7-10 split.

This is why there are so few people living in the Yukon; the ignitionally gifted are the only ones who can get to work.

- **Once you get a vehicle started on a cold morning,** don't mess with your good fortune: Headlights and the heater are luxuries; running the car's radio or CD player is downright arrogance.
- **Parking your car in your garage overnight** will not make it easier to start the next morning, but it will mean you'll have to call a tow truck to haul your vehicle out into the driveway so it can be jump-started.

Provided, of course, that your teen-age son has not parked his 4x4 there first. And, no, he's not going to move it until he gets up at noon.

Provided, of course, that he can get it started.

Times-News features editor Steve Crump is here this morning to suggest that an engine unsuccessfully cranking sounds remarkably like it's laughing at you.

Commission has money to give

By Karen Bossick
Times-News correspondent

HAILEY – If you make music, art, plays or prose, it might pay to do a little begging.

The Idaho Commission on the Arts has money to give to worthy projects, and artists in the Magic and Wood River valleys are underrepresented.

That's the word from the commission's executive director, Dan Harpole.

Several individuals and groups in the Magic and Wood River valleys have indeed received grants and fellowships from the commission over the past few years.

Suggestions

You can funnel your suggestions to the Idaho Commission on the Arts between now and Feb. 1. To have your say, send e-mails to info@ica.state.id.us, faxes to 334-2488, letters to P.O. Box 83720, Boise, Idaho 83720-0008, or call 1-800-278-3863. **For more information,** check out the commission's Web site at www2.state.id.us/arts/.

Among them: Jim Irons, a College of Southern Idaho teacher who is currently the state's Writer in Residence; Bill Studebaker, a Twin Falls writer who visits rural Idaho schools through the commission's Tumblewords program; the Buhl Arts Council, which was given $1,500 to get up and running; CSI's Arts on Tour program; the Boys and Girls Club of the Magic Valley; the Magic Valley Arts Council; and Hailey's Company of Fools.

But a disproportionate number of grant requests are made by individuals and groups in Boise and other Treasure Valley cities, Harpole said.

"This is your money, so we're trying to figure out how best to distribute it," said Harpole, adding that the commission gladly gives courtesy reviews to grant writers and suggests how applications can be made more competitive.

Harpole paid a visit to Hailey this week to collect feedback and suggestions about the commission's programs.

The Idaho Commission on the Arts needs a new game plan. And it's asking residents' opinions.

Harpole's visit to Hailey was one of 14 meetings the commission is conducting around the state in advance of crafting a five-year long-range plan to replace the

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Police officers go shopping with Mini-Cassia children

By Shari Chaney
Times-News writer

BURLEY – It's not every day you see a uniformed police officer and a small child buying Christmas presents.

"The toys are down there," said Neka Bethke, 4, taking charge of her shopping trip with Cpl. Dan Bristol from the Heyburn Police Department.

But that's just what happened during the "Shop with a Cop" program at Kmart on Saturday. Seventeen children, each with a police officer in tow, were able to buy Christmas presents for their families.

"Do you want to shop with me? Cool!" said Sgt. Peggy Marizza of the Cassia County Sheriff's Office, picking John Clark, 8, to be her shopping buddy.

Each child, from a family without much money to spend at Christmastime, had approximately $25 to spend on each family member. The children were also allowed to buy something for themselves and pick out a pair of shoes or boots for themselves.

Money for the program comes from Kmart employees, as well as other community organizations.

"We've always done it and we enjoy it," said Diane Robinson, Kmart employee. "It's real satisfying to see the little kids."

Before shopping, the children were treated to breakfast and a visit from Santa. Santa presented each child with a backpack full of school supplies, apples, oranges, candy and socks.

Eddie Greenwell, 6, found Skittles in his backpack. Marizza told him those were good for breakfast, so he chomped down Skittles on top of his breakfast sandwich and juice.

"The policemen have fun with this," Robinson said.

BRUCE SHIELDS/The Times-News

Rupert police officer Juan Villicana helps Anthony Cordova, 5, shop for a toy for Anthony's sister during the 'Shop With a Cop' event at the Burley Kmart. The program helped 17 families this year.

"Once you do it, you're hooked," said Lauren Jackson from the Rupert Police Department.

Rupert Police Chief Ken Fedders said the program was a great way to have a positive interaction between law enforcement and the children. Sometimes children are afraid of a uniformed police officer or previous contact with the police hasn't been positive, Fedders said. "We want a positive contact," Fedders said.

Stefania Robles had some reservations about shopping with a cop at breakfast. "I don't want to shop with a cop," she said.

Greenwell tried to reassure her and as police officers began to arrive and start talking with the children, worries flew away. Soon Robles was pulling out her list of presents to buy and setting out into the store with an officer.

After the presents had been purchased, members of the Xi Omega sorority wrapped them.

About 20 more children will participate in the program next Saturday when children and officers are scheduled to shop at Wal-Mart.

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.

LORRAINE CAVENDER/The Times-News

The new West End Fire Protection District fire hall in Paul is ready for occupancy. District Fire Chief Dan Korsen, left, talked with Fire Commissioner Van Greenwell and Paul Mayor Randy Jones about the new building. It doubles as the Paul City Hall.

Fire protection district moves into City Hall

By Lorraine Cavener
Times-News correspondent

PAUL – Paul firefighters and city officials have found an interesting means of cost-sharing: they're sharing the same building.

And they built it without raising taxes.

The West End Fire Protection District in Paul needed a new fire station for more than 10 years. When voters didn't approve a bond election about 12 years ago, district officials started putting money away.

Since then, the district has saved about $500,000 and built the new station this year, according to Van Greenwell, fire district board member.

All the while, Paul has needed a new City Hall. The City Council worked out a deal with the fire district to lease space in the new building, Greenwell said. Instead of a large cash outlay for the leased space, the city will pay most of its rent by providing water, sewer, garbage and maintenance each month for the building, said Rich Rau, city public works supervisor.

A meeting room will be shared by the two entities.

"You don't have to have two of everything that way," Rau said. "It is cost effective all the way around."

It may have taken a while, but it was a public project completed without the help of federal or state government, and without raising taxes.

The building was used for the first time Tuesday, when the fire district held a training session. Both the city and the fire district

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Llamas, emus invade Burley area

By Nate Johnson
Times-News writer

BURLEY – Cathy and Nathan Bishop have an animal house.

The menagerie includes five llamas, two emus, one steer, various breeds of chickens, several white turkeys and seven children.

The Bishops moved to Burley partially because they wanted animals. Nathan Bishop, who is originally from Burley, wanted his children to play with the animals and learn responsibility from taking care of them.

"They know they have to get up every morning and take care of their chores before they do other stuff. The animals depend on them," Nathan Bishop said.

But why these animals? Nathan Bishop just wanted to have something different; the family has always had cats and dogs. "People stop in and ask to see the llamas all the time," he said.

Usually aloof, llamas tend to like children, said Kevin Howard, who keeps llamas near Twin Falls. With pads, rather than hoofs, on their feet, llamas are not likely to accidentally injure a child.

Compatibility with the children is a prerequisite for the animals on the Bishops' acre. The chickens and turkeys are used to being picked up and paraded around the lot.

Meatloaf, the steer, only mildly protests to little girls swinging on his horns. Juliet, the brown llama, approaches all who enter the enclosure to give breathy kisses that smell of partially digested hay.

Thirteen-year-old Andrew Bishop said he even tried riding an emu once, but jumped off

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Llama facts

Llamas only spit at other llamas to affirm their status within the group. The odd llama may spit at humans if it has been severely mistreated, says Candy Retmier, a Twin Falls-area llama breeder.

The correct Spanish pronunciation of llama is "yah-mah," most people in the United States say "lah-mah" and Canadians say "lam-ma," rhyming with Alabama. The pronunciation gets worse as you go farther north, says Kevin Howard, a Twin Falls-area llama owner.

JON PETERSON/The Times-News

Above, Stephanie Bishop, 10, gets some love from Juliet, a llama. Jennifer, 5, plays with other family pets. Llamas are said to be especially friendly toward children. Right, Andrew Bishop, 13, holds a Chinese Silver Crest rooster, one of the Bishops' several exotic breeds.

Lifeline helps people stay independent

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS – A special program offered by the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Foundation and the hospital helps people enjoy confidence and freedom while living on their own.

Lifeline is a personal response and support service, according to a hospital news release. Whenever a user needs help, one press of a light-weight, waterproof help button activates a small in-home unit called a communicator. It puts that person in touch with a Lifeline monitor at Magic Valley Regional who talks to them to find out what kind of help they need. The Lifeline monitor will call a friend, neighbor or relative to respond to the need at the home. Or, if emergency assistance is required, crews will be dispatched to the home.

"We are very proud of the service we provide for those in need," said Lifeline Program Coordinator Lindee Hendrix. "It helps them live with dignity and security in the homes they love. We are especially driven during this holiday season to help more at-risk people stay at home safely, so that they can share in the festivities with their family and friends."

Currently, 180 people in the Magic Valley use the Lifeline system in their homes, the news release said. Since beginning in 1986, Lifeline has helped nearly 800 local people stay at home with confidence.

"Living alone is not easy at this stage of life," said Lifeline user Virginia Becker. "But I never have to worry now that I have Lifeline. I know someone is there all the time to help me out should my health fail or should I get into trouble."

Lifeline also gives peace of mind to family members who are unable to be in the home 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, the news release said.

Lifeline includes a completely automated, computerized monitoring system that gives trained monitors the tools they need to provide help to users.

Lifeline is funded with assistance from the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Foundation. An installation fee of $50 is charged along with a $35 monthly fee. Qualified users may use Medicaid benefits to offset their out-of-pocket costs, the news release said.

For more information about this service, contact Lindee Hendrix at 737-2065 or Kerin Dubois at 737-2066.

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CSI instructors to write college textbook

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS – Delmar Publisher/Thomson Learning has accepted a proposal by 11 College of Southern Idaho agricultural faculty members to write a college textbook on sustainable agriculture.

The text will be titled "Principles of Sustainable Agriculture" and will be published in the fall of 2003.

"This is the fastest Delmar has ever issued a contract. Both the publisher and the reviewers were impressed by the collaboration of all the authors," said CSI Agriculture Program Chairman Rick Parker.

Collaborating authors on this text will include Parker, Jim Wilson, Bob Lowder, Blain Hope, Ross Spackman, Dr. Jody Rockett, Ann Pool, Dave Kiesig, Terry Patterson, Mary Jones and Jodi Mink.

Each collaborator brings a unique perspective and different expertise to the project, including science, marketing, profitability, conservation, environmental impact, livestock and crop selection, and rural community promotion.

While developing the outline for the book, Lowder observed, "No one set of practices will fit a sustainable system. Our book must provide students with principles of sustainable agriculture, with some guidelines and examples of how to approach sustainability."

"For the CSI agriculture program, we see the writing and organizing of the book as key to changes in our program and many programs across the U.S.," Spackman said.

Many agricultural programs are teaching or considering teaching sustainable agriculture, but a quick survey reveals that none of the publishers have textbooks that will meet their needs. As Parker suggested to the collaborators, "Providing this text will put CSI into a promising future direction of agriculture."

For more information, contact Parker by phone at 733-9554, Ext. 2402, or by e-mail at rparker@csi.edu.

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SERVICES

Mildred 'Millie' Mary Florence Homan of Twin Falls, prayer vigil with rosary at 7 p.m. today at Reynolds Funeral Chapel; funeral Mass at 11 a.m. Monday at Guadalupe Chapel; burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park.

Walter Raleigh Messley of Twin Falls, memorial service at 1 p.m. Monday at the Buhl Christian Church; inurnment at West End Cemetery will take place following the service.

The family will greet friends from noon until the time of the service Monday at the church (White Mortuary, Twin Falls).

Robert 'Bob' Schoessler of Gooding, service at 2 p.m. Monday at the Gooding United Methodist Church; burial will be at the Elmwood Cemetery in Gooding.

Friends may call from 4-7 p.m. today at Demaray's Gooding Chapel.

Herb Wisecaver of Jerome, service at 1 p.m. Monday at Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel, 629 East Third St., Jerome; friends may call one hour before the service; burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park, Twin Falls.

Robert L. Ownbey, of Twin Falls, gravesides service at 1 p.m. Monday at Twin Falls Cemetery; friends may call from 4-8 p.m. today at White Mortuary.

Betty Reese Fouts of Twin Falls, celebration of life at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Amazing Grace Fellowship, 1061 Eastland Drive N., Twin Falls (Reynolds Funeral Chapel, Twin Falls).

Ray Anker Anderson of Twin Falls, memorial service at 2 p.m. Dec. 29 at First Presbyterian Church in Twin Falls (White Mortuary of Twin Falls).

DEATH NOTICES

Jean Beglan

TWIN FALLS – Jean Beglan, 63, of Twin Falls, died Saturday, Dec. 8, 2001, at her home.

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

Virginia Corey

TWIN FALLS – Virginia Corey, 71, of Twin Falls, died Saturday, Dec. 8, 2001, at her home.

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

Barbara Dryden

HAZELTON – Barbara Dryden, 82, of Hazelton, died Friday, Dec. 7, 2001, at her home.

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

Dale Dohse

KIMBERLY – Dale Dohse, 64, of Kimberly, died Saturday, Dec. 8, 2001, at Heritage Retirement Center.

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

Ronald C. Dunn

LINCOLN CITY, Ore. – Ronald C. Dunn, 83, of Lincoln City, Ore., and formerly of Burley, died Thursday, Dec. 6, 2001, in Lincoln City.

A graveside service will be held at 3 p.m. Wednesday at Pleasant View Cemetery in Burley.

Friends may call from 1:30-2:45 p.m. before the service at Payne Mortuary, 221 W. Main St., Burley.

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Some names are omitted at patients' request.

Released
Gladys Jensen of St. George, Utah.

Suspect spent time in Boise jail

The Associated Press

A man arrested outside the White House with a foot-long knife spent time in a Boise jail this year for carrying concealed weapons.

A District of Columbia Superior Court commissioner Friday ordered a mental evaluation for William Thomas Duncan.

Duncan will return to court Monday for the results of the examination by the Bureau of Forensic Services at a psychiatric hospital.

Duncan, 26, was arrested Thursday after Secret Service agents noticed him agitatedly pacing back and forth between the southwest gate and a nearby military memorial. They said they patted him down and found a knife.

Duncan then told them he had more weapons in his pickup parked nearby. Inside, agents said they found a loaded assault rifle in plain view on the seat, another rifle with a scope, a loaded handgun, a bulletproof vest and a helmet.

The vehicle, bearing Idaho license plates, was parked a block from where President Bush lighted the national Christmas tree Thursday night. Secret Service officials said there is no indication Duncan intended to harm Bush or cause problems at the ceremony.

Duncan was charged with one count of carrying a dangerous weapon in the knife. His attorney, Eleanor Frucci said she expects additional charges will be filed regarding the guns.

Duncan was arrested in Boise twice this year: in January for trespassing and carrying a concealed knife into a building, and Orchard, and then again in March at Gold's Gym for carrying a concealed weapon.

He spent a total of nine days in the Ada County Jail for both incidents.

He previously was arrested in May and June 1998 in Dickinson, N.D., for burglarizing two bars, but a judge ruled he was not mentally competent to stand trial. He subsequently spent at least six months in the North Dakota State Hospital.

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms records show that Duncan tried to buy a gun from a licensed firearms dealer in Boise earlier this year, but a national background check halted the purchase, agency spokeswoman April Carroll said.

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Invite you to attend the Memorial Christmas Tree Lighting Service
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We would like to welcome our newest employee Steve Hammond. Steve makes an excellent addition to our fine staff. He comes to us from Oregon where he has worked in various mortuaries for over 20 years, Steve and his wife Donna are active member of the LDS Church. They have three daughters. Steve loves all outdoor activities, but relishes the opportunities to fish and hunt. Please, when you see Steve, introduce yourself, and make him and his family feel welcome in our community.

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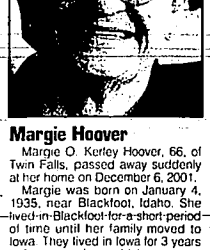

Margie Hoover

Margie O. Kerley Hoover, 66, of Twin Falls, passed away suddenly at her home on December 6, 2001.

Margie was born on January 4, 1935, near Blackfoot, Idaho. She lived in Blackfoot for a short period of time until her family moved to Iowa. They lived in Iowa for 3 years before returning to Idaho and settling in Twin Falls. She attended schools in Twin Falls until she left school in the 6th grade to care for her siblings and her father, who was injured in an industrial accident.

In the spring of 1952, Margie met the love of her life, Arthur H. Hoover. After a whirlwind courtship, they were married on July 26, 1952. They settled in Twin Falls, and on July 23, 1953, their first daughter, Linda was born. Several years later, on December 25, 1957, their second daughter, Christine was born. They lived in Twin Falls throughout their married life. Art and Margie spent 49 years together and were looking forward to celebrating their golden anniversary in July 2002.

Margie spent years working in the local bean warehouses. In 1964, she began working at Idaho Frozen Foods. She retired from Idaho Frozen Foods in 1979, after suffering a work-related injury. Margie's greatest joy was children, and she spent years tending children in her home. Many of those children still lovingly refer to her as "nana."

Margie had many hobbies, including sewing, crocheting, and needlepoint. She spent the summer months raising a garden and enjoyed canning various fruits and vegetables. Margie loved to go camping with family and friends and looked forward to vacations on the Oregon Coast, which became an annual family tradition throughout the years.

Margie was a lifetime member of the Twin Falls Moose Lodge #185, where she held many offices. She spent countless hours volunteering her time and assisting the lodge in charitable functions. She was also a member of the VFW Ladies Auxiliary.

Margie is survived by her husband, Arthur H. Hoover, of Twin Falls; a sister, Dorothy Pulsifer, of Twin Falls; daughters, Linda (Dean) Johnson, Christine (Jerry) Johns; grandchildren, Kiz (Jake) Leppert, Dustin Johnson, Dane Johns and Shiann Johns; and great-grandchildren, Barak Dean and Ellie Georgine Leppert, all of Kimberly. She was preceded in death by her parents, George and Esther Kerley; stepmother, Dollie Mae Kerley; brothers, George, Donald, Max, and Robert Kerley; and a sister, June Moore.

Funeral services for Margie will be held Tuesday, December 11, 2001, at 11 a.m. at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, with Pastor John Sander officiating. The family will accept guests on Monday, December 10, 2001, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. and on Tuesday for an hour prior to the service at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls. Interment will be in the Sunset Memorial Cemetery following the services.

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Josephine Ruffing

Josephine Ann Ruffing, 86, died Friday, Dec. 7, 2001, at Mountain View Care Center in Kimberly.

She was born at Humphrey, Nebraska, on March 30, 1915, to Ben and Mary Ruffing. She attended school in St. Bernard, Nebraska, and moved to Idaho in 1938. During the war years, she worked in a defense plant in Los Angeles, Calif. She later worked in San Francisco until she retired and returned to Idaho.

Josephine is survived by two sisters, Martha Ellinger of Kimberly and Paulina (John) Ball of Buhl; brothers, Bernard (Mayme) Ruffing of Twin Falls, Norbert, Raymond and Jerry (Rita) Ruffing, all of Castleford; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; her sister, Mary Plant; and brothers, Leo and Edward.

Josephine suffered from Diabetes for the last 50 years of her life and lost her eyesight 21 years ago. She was a resident of Mountain View Care Center for the last 10 years. Her family wants to thank the staff there for their loving care of Josephine.

Viewing will be held on Monday from 1-4 p.m. at the Farmer Funeral Chapel. Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. at the Immaculate Conception Church with burial following at the West End Cemetery.

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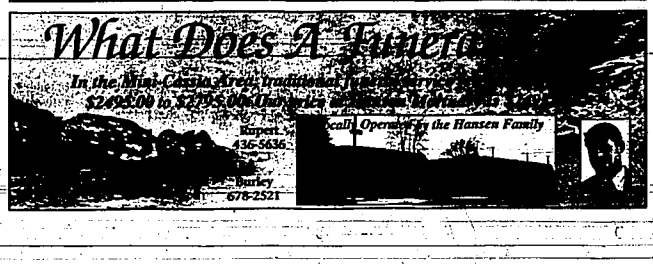

Philanthropist donates $24M to U of I

MOSCOW (AP) – A lifelong educator has made a $24 million gift to the University of Idaho, the largest single donation by an individual or foundation in the school's 112-year history.

With his roots at the Moscow school, Thomas C. Wright has been a classroom teacher, educational publisher of children's books and now considers philanthropy his third career.

"Tom Wright is a philanthropist in the truest sense of the word and an educator to the core," university President Robert Hoover said Friday. "His generosity – even during this economic downturn – reflects his dedication to students and teachers."

The Boise native earned a master's degree in education at Idaho, going on to teach in his home town. Wright became a sales representative for a national publisher, then a publishing executive for Holt, Rinehart and Winston, Inc., for 17 years.

He moved to San Diego and founded The Wright Group, a leader in the field of early-literacy reading materials. Its developmental workshops trained more than 500,000 teachers in reading methods. Ten million children learned to read with Wright Group books.

In 1994, he sold his company to the Chicago Tribune Co.

Company plans to cut 530 jobs

SPOKANE (AP) – Agilent Technologies is cutting 530 jobs at its suburban Liberty Lake site over the next 15 months – essentially reducing by half its work force there.

The 15-month schedule will allow work orders to be completed and production to be shifted to other companies, Agilent officials told the workers Friday.

Agilent, a high-tech manufacturer spun off by Hewlett-Packard, announced plans earlier this year to lay off more than 8,000 employees worldwide.

About 500 of the targeted jobs are production positions that pay between $13 and $19 an hour. Liberty Lake workers assemble circuit boards, adding various electronic components, test them and ship the boards to other Agilent units around the world.

Earlier, Agilent had cut 75 Liberty Lake jobs.

Friday's announcement adds to the region's economic troubles. Spokane County has lost about 3,500 jobs since the start of the year, The Spokesman-Review reported Saturday.

Most of those were in manufacturing, including more than 700 jobs at Telect Inc., a neighbor of Agilent at Liberty Lake. Telect makes telecommunications devices, fiber-optic cable and couplers for phone and data networks.

Agilent managers had been warning employees to expect more cuts.

When Hewlett Packard spun off Agilent, it had 12 printed circuit-board production sites worldwide. Over the past two years, all but the Liberty Lake plant have been closed.

"We told our people honestly that sooner or later a contract manufacturer somewhere else will acquire the proficiency to do this" at less cost, company spokeswoman Liz Cox said Friday. "And now that's happened."

All the jobs will eventually be shifted to outside companies that do custom work. Cox said much of the circuit-board assembly work will end up in California and Europe.

The economic impact – even spread over 15 months – will be huge, said Phil Kuharski, a Spokane economist.

"Many of those paid about $30,000 a year. Those are quality, primary jobs because they produced valued products that left Spokane and which brought money back into the area," Kuharski said.

Loss of such jobs can't be offset by growth in retail or wholesale jobs, he added.

GOOD ENOUGH TO EAT

AP photo

Nikki Angers, 10, left, and Diana Chen, 9, look at a gingerbread house at the Gingerbread Fantasy Display and Contest Friday at the public library in Corvallis, Ore. Proceeds from the display and contest will go to the Corvallis Destination ImaginNation team.

Businesses can pay taxes online

BOISE (AP) – All of the state's more than 39,000 businesses required to file and pay quarterly Unemployment Insurance taxes can now do both online.

The Idaho Department of Labor has partnered with Access Idaho to offer the new web-based service. The system helps businesses with compiling, calculating, submitting and paying unemployment taxes.

All businesses in the state are required to submit wage information about their employees on a quarterly basis.

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"We are pleased that in addition to saving Idaho businesses time and money, it also saves state tax dollars by having these filings electronically updated by our system.

This eliminates manual entry for those filings and increases the efficiency of our department," Roger Madsen, director of the Idaho Department of Labor, said.

"We are also pleased that this application is the first in Idaho with and electronic check payment capability. It is part of the Department's efforts to continually improve our services for our customers," madsen added.

Until now, all of the State's online applications were limited to credit card transactions.

Christmas trees get harder to reach

BOISE (AP) – Recent mountain snowstorms are making cutting a Christmas tree in the Boise National Forest challenging.

"It's tougher than people think to go in the mountains and cut a Christmas tree." Denis Callagher, the forest's Christmas tree program coordinator, said. "We don't want to discourage them, but we do want them to be prepared for the winter conditions they will encounter out there in the forest."

Officials said most forest roads are now inaccessible due to snow accumulations between three and five feet. Forest roads are not plowed and officials said vehicles can easily become stuck.

Access points to the forest along Highway 21 include the Granite Creek Recreation Area and the Whoop-Em-Up Park and Ski area, which requires a Park N Ski Pass. Off Highway 55, a portion of the Warm Lake Highway is plowed and the west side of the Cascade reservoir is still accessible.

Officials recommend using snowshoes, cross-country skis or a snowmobile when going out to cut a tree.

"Forested areas in lower elevations may have less snow, but the land may be privately owned. Make sure you are on National forest lands before cutting a tree," Callagher said. "Tree cutters also must make sure their tree is at least 300 feet from campgrounds and paved roads."

Forest Service OKs snowmaking at resort

ALTA, Wyo. (AP) – The U.S. Forest Service approved limited snowmaking at Grand Targhee Resort near the Idaho border, allowing the ski area to enhance its beginner terrain.

The snowmaking will have "no significant effect on the human environment," wrote Jay Pence, district ranger for the Teton-Basin-Ranger-District of the Targhee National Forest, in his decision.

"Nothing was violated," he said. "We were able to answer all the public's questions without doing an additional environmental assessment."

A dozen public comments questioned the Forest Service on the effects on water quality, wetlands, and wildlife, among other issues.

Pence approved only the first phase of a proposed three-phase project because it involves less than five acres, allowing it to be considered as a "minor special use."

That phase involves installation of snowmaking equipment in the Shoshone beginner area, allowing a moving sidewalk that takes children up a practice slope to open earlier.

Also, the resort can open another beginner area where skiers can practice stopping and turning without being on a run.

Officials plan to begin installing and operating an aboveground snowmaking system this winter.

Next summer, trenches will be dug for a permanent underground system.

Permission for the system was needed because the resort is leased from the Caribou-Targhee National Forest.

Grand Targhee was forced to postpone its opening last month because of insufficient snow, but a series of recent storms have boosted snowpack.

Saturday, the resort reported 8 inches of new snow in the past three days and a base of 23 to 45 inches. All of its 76 trails and five lifts were open.

Pump prices continue to drop

BOISE (AP) – The State's average pump price has dropped 28 cents since mid-September.

"Idahoans are still paying 18 cents more than the national average price, but they're enjoying the experience of paying less every time they fill up," Dave Carlson, spokesman for the Idaho AAA said. "Idaho prices were very slow to react to the market indicators, but they're moving in the right direction now."

Idaho's current $1.30 average price is the same as it was in July 1999.

The state's average is the second highest in the continental U.S., behind Washington state. Georgia has the lowest average at 96 cents per gallon. The national average is $1.12.

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Guests at this year's service include Pastor Brian Vriesman, Pam Bolton, and special musical guest Jaime Thietten.

This non-denominational service will be held at 3:00 pm on Sunday, December 16, 2001 at Reynolds Funeral Chapel located at 2466 Addison Ave. E in Twin Falls.

For questions, transportation arrangements or more information, please call 733-4900. Refreshments will be served.

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Volunteers help with 'Homework Club'

By Shari Chaney
Times-News writer

BURLEY – Principal Greg Lowe's first words about the Homework Club are, "This is the greatest thing."

It's a program in which White Pine Intermediate School students can get extra help and support from community members who volunteer their time to work as tutors. There are more than 50 community members who volunteer at least one afternoon a week, Lowe said.

Lowe marveled at the fact that tutors are community members who have volunteered their time.

"I think this is one of a kind," Lowe said of the program, which is new at White Pine.

The Homework Club meets from 3:15 until 4:15 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday. On Tuesday and Thursday the focus is on language and writing skills, while on Wednesday students work on math.

Natasha Landrith, a fifth-grader working on math, looked up from homework to explain Homework Club was a fun thing.

"I like it; it's nice," added Tyler Mascorro, another student.

Landrith and Mascorro were working with tutor Viola Ricks on math skills such as estimating, rounding, factors and multiples.

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Lynda Allen helps Richard Paules with a math problem. Both are part of a new program called the Homework Club at White Pine Intermediate School, where community members volunteer time to work as tutors.

Mascorro said he enjoys the treat that tutors bring in at the beginning of the afternoon and the fact that someone is right there, ready and able to offer help with homework.

Ricks said she volunteers three days a week and enjoys "just watching these students learn and just being of service to school students."

Students must be referred to the program by a teacher, staff or parent, Lowe said, and there is a waiting list of students wanting to get into the program.

The Homework Club currently serves 30 students. Lowe admitted that doesn't sound like much when the school has 780 students, but because the program is based on one-on-one interaction, the number of students must therefore be limited.

Studying in a group of five is not as effective, Lowe said. In the Homework Club, tutors have no more than two students to help.

The obvious results of the program, Lowe said, are children getting their work done and, "They are doing it more correctly."

The program began Nov. 13, Lowe said. The staff at White Pine had decided to create a tutoring program of some kind and then came in contact with community members who wanted a service project. Thus the club was born, with community members, many of them retired teachers, volunteering time each week to tutor.

Lowe said each student is working on exactly what he or she needs more practice with. The student's teacher sends a folder to the Homework Club tutors with the assignments and skills the student needs to work on.

A teacher is in the room, available to answer questions about assignments, Lowe said.

The program is not a punishment, Lowe said. This program is for kids who want to work a little extra. To make the program more fun, the tutors bring in treats for the students each day before tutoring begins.

Students Dalton Hubbard and Richard Paules were also working on homework with tutor Lynda Allen.

Paules and Hubbard agreed it was nice to have someone to answer questions and pay attention to just them.

Allen said her husband, a teacher, was approached about being a tutor, but he couldn't do it, so she stepped in instead.

"I love kids," Allen said. "They're teaching me things, believe me."

Anyone interested in becoming a tutor can contact White Pine Intermediate School for more details.

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Christmas council sets food distribution

By Shelley Ridenour
Times-News writer

BURLEY – Volunteers with the Mini-Cassia Christmas Council will wrap up the bulk of their work this week.

The group, which has a goal of providing all that's needed for Christmas to area families who otherwise wouldn't have one, distributes its food and gift boxes on Saturday.

Volunteers have spent the past year collecting donated toys, clothing, money and non-perishable foods, council President Jackie Handy said.

One day remains for people who want to make donations of food, gifts or clothing. Items may be dropped off between 7 and 9 p.m. Tuesday at the council's warehouse, 500 E. 10th St. in Burley.

Goods will be packaged up later in the week and distributed to recipients on Saturday, Handy said.

Members of the Rupert Kiwanis will again help on "shopping days," Handy said. Those are the days all the gifts and food items are actually packaged up, as volunteers attempt to prepare custom baskets for those who will receive them.

In addition to ensuring that each family member receives an appropriate Christmas gift, the council volunteers box up a complete Christmas dinner for each recipient. The food baskets contain canned and packaged goods, some fresh vegetables and usually candy. A meat certificate is included, which allows families to purchase whatever type of meat they prefer, Handy said.

Christmas council volunteers expect to give away about 500 boxes this year, the same number as in recent years, she said.

Clothing is placed out at the warehouse and families may take whatever they need, Handy said.

Every fall the group coordinates with local entities to compile a list of people who need its assistance. Those people are given gifts, food and clothing for Christmas.

The council accepts referrals of people from area ministers, school personnel, social service agencies and residents, Handy said.

The Christmas council has been operating for about 20 years, Handy said.

"Donations are looking good this year," Handy said. "We are doing really well. We could use some more cash. The New York situation and the depressed economy isn't helping."

Checks may be sent to the council at 1901 Conant Ave. in Burley.

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Asarco Inc. says there's no sign of reopening

EAST HELENA, Mont. (AP) – When Asarco Inc. last winter announced suspension of operations at its smelter here, the company said the shutdown would last at least a year and probably longer.

"Longer" has become the key word.

"Nothing has come along yet that would make the smelter reopen," Asarco spokesman Clay Allen said.

Low prices for lead concentrates and high costs to deliver ore needed to run the smelter are a discouraging combination, Allen said.

He said most of the ore the smelter would use now comes from outside the United States, and a reliable domestic source – the Lucky Friday Mine in Idaho – has reduced production.

Asarco is known here as the operator of a lead smelter, but the plant actually made most of its profit from silver, which has been bringing relatively low prices.

The smelter closed last spring, idling more than 200 workers, most paid by the hour.

Asarco officials want to keep the plant in operating condition in case the market changes, even if a change is a couple of years away, Allen said.

For now, an Asarco copper smelter in Arizona largely covers costs incurred at the Montana plant.

Poll: Utah recognizes divide between Mormons, others

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) – More than two-thirds of Utah's residents perceive a social, cultural or political divide between those who are Mormon and those who are not, according to a poll published Sunday in The Salt Lake Tribune.

The 68 percent of the poll's respondents who agreed there is a religion-based divide were themselves further divided: 58 percent of Mormon respondents perceived the discordance, compared with 86 percent of non-Mormons.

The survey conducted by Valley Research polled 600 randomly selected adults in Salt Lake, Weber, Davis, Utah, Tooele and Summit counties during two weeks in October. The error margin is plus or minus 4 percent for some results, and slightly higher for some query subcategories.

The results of the poll were published as part of a 6-page ad-free insert. A team of reporters and editors examined intolerance, insensitivity and misinformation on both sides of the religious gap in Utah, where the Mormon church claims 70 percent of the state's residents as members.

"The divide has been growing in past years, especially in Salt Lake City, and has been confronted in a highly visible way several times this year," said Tribune editor James E. Shelledy.

In July, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints President Gordon B. Hinckley urged members not to be "clannish," or to "adopt a holier-than-thou" attitude.

M. Russell Ballard of the church's Quorum of the Twelve Apostles fortified that sentiment in the fall, when he described some church members as "too narrow."

He made his remarks at a news conference arranged to announce the Alliance for Unity, a group of community leaders worried about intolerance in the state.

Meanwhile, the Tribune's editorial pages have been laced with polarizing letters from residents both vilifying church influence in Utah and demanding that those not in agreement with Mormon ways leave the state.

Emergency Medical Services commissioners will resign

COEUR d'ALENE (AP) – Kootenai County's ailing Emergency Medical Services System is on the brink of an overhaul as three members of its oversight committee are quitting.

Their departure comes as good news to Kootenai County commissioners, who have accused the managers of mishandling funds and nearly bankrupting the 3-year-old system.

In a statement to the board, Commissioner Ron Rankin warned the system's financial dealings were illegal and could have warranted jail time had county commissioners not "bailed out" the program.

Commissioners secured a $700,000 bank loan for the system in September to cover debts. They said the system authorities illegally collected Social Security and income tax from their employees and used those funds to operate.

Exactly how the system ended up so far in debt is unclear, but the Joint Powers Board voted Nov. 21 to eliminate the position of system Chief Mike Williams.

Rankin blasted the board, saying they outlined a stable financial situation to commissioners earlier this year.

"Months later, we were presented with a financial statement indicating over $1 million in debt," Rankin said. "We were placed in a position of approving the equivalent of a tax anticipation note just to keep Williams and the Joint Powers Board out of jail."

Board member John Neirinckx said there was no intent to mislead the county.

The emergency system will go under the wing of local fire departments, rather than a central location.

"We need a new group to come in and look at things with a business perspective rather than just a fire commissioners' perspective and discuss point by point what it's going to take to get us where we want to go," Kootenai Commissioner Gus Johnson said.

Animals

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when the bird started running. Mickey, the cat, is the only member of the family not welcome in this backyard community.

"All the animals chase the cat," Nathan Bishop said.

In an act of heroism, 5-year-old Jennifer Bishop once picked up Mickey to shelter him from emu fury. Emus are large flightless birds from Australia that dislike cats, even those under the guardianship of little girls. Abandoning valor under the severe threat of a biting, she threw the cat back down and escaped.

The Bishops have made family a priority. The parents spend a lot of time home with the children, who are home-schooled after fourth grade. Nathan Bishop said he thinks the work of caring for the animals has had the desired effect on his children.

"A lot of people have told me they are good kids and hard workers," he said.

As Meatloaf's name suggests, these animals are not exactly pets. Although the steer thinks he is a dog, according to Nathan Bishop, his future is limited.

The llamas will also earn their keep, but not with their meat. The Bishops are harness-training their llamas so that someday they will carry packs for the family on hiking trips.

The Bishops' house lies just outside city limits, making their personal petting zoo legal.

"It's perfect, we wanted a place not too far from town where we could have animals," Cathy Bishop said.

There are quite a few llama owners in the Magic Valley, said Candy Retmier, who breeds the animals near Twin Falls. Some people keep llamas for their wool, others use them to protect sheep and cattle, she said. It takes a certain temperament, but a good guard llama will stomp on coyotes. Retmier trains then sells the animals to people all across the continent.

Howard uses his llamas as pack animals. They can each carry 60-80 pounds and walk about the same speed as people.

"You can't ride a llama, but they are easy on the trails and the environment," he said. The pads on their feet do not tear up trails the way hooves do, they have small, deer-like droppings and they browse lightly on grass and brush.

Llamas are also easy to transport: Howard once drove to Oregon in his GMC Safari van, with a llama kneeling in back. He seemed to like the ride, Howard said.

Idaho's cold climate seems to appeal to the unusual animals. Llamas, from South America's Andes Mountains, like the winter weather. The Bishops' emus like to stay outside of the barn at night as well. In the morning their feathers are painted with frost, Nathan Bishop said.

The children, on the other hand, stay inside with hot chocolate.

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Arts

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one that expires in June 2002.

The goal is to hear from 1,000 people, Harpole said.

The commission was created by the Idaho Legislature in 1966, a year after Congress established the National Endowment for the Arts. The commission uses the $1 million it gets from the state and the half million dollars it gets from the NEA to encourage artistic expression by funding professional performances in schools, drum circles and other projects with at-risk youth, the building of cultural centers, special projects such as a Hispanic folklife survey and grant writing workshops.

Harpole said Idaho has 42 active arts organizations, which "is quite phenomenal given the state's sparse population and diverse geography." But the commission could assist those organizations with networking, providing state or regional directories, he noted.

"What's surprised me is the lack of coordination between many of the arts groups. North Idaho, for instance, has a very established arts council; yet there are some new groups up there that have never met with the council."

New Theatre Company actor David Blampied said he has always found the commission to be a great resource in getting information about new pieces of work and pairing him with actors.

"They've never let me down. Now, if only they would give me money," he said.

Hailey actress Claudia McCain said she would like to see the Wood River Valley represented on the commission's 13-person board, which is appointed by the governor. The board is disproportionately made up of Treasure Valley residents, with Pat Harder of Twin Falls the closest to the Sun Valley area.

It would be nice to have someone who is familiar with what's going on with arts in the Wood River Valley, McCain said. And it would give the commission a stronger presence in the Wood River Valley.

Other suggestions: more arts education to bolster what some believe is a shortcoming of the current education system and more money spent to make arts more accessible to the public. A few people suggested reviving a performing arts touring program, as well as a traveling art show similar to the centennial exhibit a decade ago.

One person suggested passing a "percent for arts legislation" to get money for buildings. And others would like to expand grant writing workshops to include nonprofit agencies.

Building

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are happy with the new space, Rau and Greenwell said.

There's room inside for equipment and training and room outside for truck drivers to pull in and out of the building easily, Greenwell said. The building had also fallen into disrepair.

"We had to fix the roof every six months," Greenwell said.

The location of the new facility, just across the road from West Minico Junior High School, is also closer to the interstate, from where many of the department's calls come, he said.

While the district was able to raise the money by saving for a number of years, other fire districts have chosen to seek assistance from federal and state sources.

Carleen Herring of Region IV Development said Albion and Oakley recently turned in applications for fire station grants from the Idaho Department of Commerce.

The Albion Fire District has two vehicles parked in the Albion Highway District shop, she said.

The district is not able to get new or larger equipment because there's no building to house it, Herring said.

Without good equipment that is properly housed, fire insurance for city residents is high, she said.

"If you don't have a good fire insurance rating from the state fire marshal your insurance premium can be astronomical," Herring said. Training, equipment and a good water system are required in order to get a good rating, she said.

Both Albion and Oakley have the same problem, she said.

Without a properly heated building for firefighting vehicles, water in the large pumper truck tanks would freeze in the winter, Herring said.

In Oakley the fire district has six trucks in four bays. Two of the bays are borrowed from the city.

Albion's fire district wants to get a quick response vehicle but they need a proper place to keep the vehicle.

"The EMTs carry the gear in their personal vehicles," she said.

If an ambulance is needed, Albion officials must call Burley.

Albion's fire station is estimated to cost $187,337. The fire district has applied for a $107,500 grant to help pay for it.

Oakley's fire station is estimated to cost $343,335, with $230,535 of that being requested from the state.

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Police hunt suspects after spree

IDAHO FALLS (AP) – A former convict has been jailed and others are being sought by police after a night of robbery, kidnapping and gunplay.

Police say the crime spree started Thursday night, when a restaurant employee was emptying the trash.

Armed and wearing masks, Daniel J. Buchholz, 18, of Idaho Falls, and another man allegedly jumped out from behind a snow pile and demanded money, according to reports.

When the employee said he did not have any, one of the robbers hit him on the head with his gun and then ordered him inside the restaurant. The robbers demanded money and shot at least one bullet into the ceiling before fleeing with $87.

Idaho State Police trooper Vance Cox spotted the getaway car and was following it when someone inside the car fired shots at him.

"They shot several rounds, but we don't know how many," Idaho Falls Police Lt. Royce Clements said.

None of the bullets struck Vance or his car.

During the chase, the driver lost control and struck a pole, Clements said. All of the suspects ran.

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Buchholz forced his way into a home and demanded the couple inside take him out of the area, Clements said. But the couple successfully negotiated with Buchholz to leave his gun behind.

The three were stopped at a roadblock, where the woman got out of the car and told officers what had happened. Buchholz was arrested then.

Officers also arrested a 19-year-old man early Friday morning. He admitted that he owned the car that was used in the robbery, but said he had only loaned it to Buchholz.

The man has not been charged for the robbery, and police say they are still searching for a third suspect.

Buchholz is being held on robbery and kidnapping charges. He faces a Dec. 20 preliminary hearing. Buchholz was convicted in 2000 for robbery of a convenience store in Ammon.

Snowfall sets backcountry up for slides

IDAHO FALLS (AP) – With heavy snows across the state, Forest Service officials are reminding backcountry visitors to be on the lookout for avalanches and prepared if they slide.

"Every year, we seem to have an incident or two," said Deb Tiller of the Caribou-Targhee National Forest.

Right now, there is considerable avalanche danger above 7,500 feet along Teton Pass between Idaho and Wyoming, and in the West Yellowstone area.

Tiller said heavy snow as fallen in the past few weeks on unstable slopes.

One avalanche on Thursday forced the closure of Wyoming Highway 22 over the Teton Pass. The slide was an estimated 4 feet deep and 50 feet long, the Wyoming Highway Patrol said. The pass was reopened Friday afternoon.

Lauren McKeever with the patrol said department employees were already triggering controlled avalanches by firing a howitzer at the unstable slopes.

"It's a preventative measure that's done throughout the winter," she said.

McKeever said it is not uncommon to have an avalanche this early in the winter season, particularly in Glory Bowl, one of the largest avalanche paths along the pass.

Last winter, avalanches claimed 33 lives nationwide, the Colorado Avalanche Information Center said. Five were in Teton County, Wyo.

Tiller said that the most common mistake people make is underestimating avalanche conditions which can change within hours.

She said backcountry visitors should have necessary equipment, including portable shovels, avalanche transceivers and probe poles. They also should check the avalanche forecast, she said.

Finally, Tiller said, they should make sure that someone knows where they are going, including the route they plan to take and when they plan to return.

Student dies of contagious disease

BOISE (AP) – School District and health officials say the risk of contracting bacterial meningitis is low despite the recent death of a Boise High School student.

Tyler Smith, 15, died Thursday evening after being sick for a few days, Boise High School Principal Ken Anderson said.

No other cases have been reported, but Smith's family members are taking antibiotics as a precaution.

School District officials distributed a memo to all Boise High School students Friday detailing the sickness and possible risks, Anderson said.

Meningitis is a swelling of the tissues that surround the brain and spinal cord. Bacterial meningitis is fatal in one of every 10 cases. The disease can be spread by close contact, such as kissing or sharing food, or by sneezing, said Dieuwke A. Spencer, supervisor of epidemiology and surveillance for Central District Health Department in Boise.

There are about three or four cases of bacterial meningitis in Ada County each year, Spencer said. One adult died previously this year with the disease.

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BUHL SCHOOL

Breakfast menu
Milk served every day. Choice of fruit or juice every day
Monday: Cereal, cinnamon toast
Tuesday: Breakfast pizza
Wednesday: Biscuits and gravy
Thursday: Waffles, maple syrup
Friday: Egg and cheese hash browns
Lunch menu
Salad bar and milk served every day
Monday: Hot turkey and cheese sandwich, chips, pickles
Tuesday: Spaghetti with meat sauce, green salad, ranch dressing, French bread, cherry bar
Wednesday: Pig in a blanket, chips, fruit, carrots, cookie
Thursday: French toast sticks, maple syrup, ham, hash browns, grapefruit
Friday: Grilled cheese sandwich, tomato soup, crackers, grapes

CASTLEFORD SCHOOL

Breakfast menu
Milk and juice served every day
Monday: Donuts
Tuesday: Scrambled eggs
Wednesday: Pancakes
Thursday: Cinnamon rolls
Friday: Muffins
Lunch menu
Monday: Corn dogs
Tuesday: Chicken nuggets
Wednesday: Taco salad
Thursday: Cheeseburgers
Friday: Baked potato bar

CLOVER TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Milk served every day
Monday: Chili, corn, hot roll, pineapple
Tuesday: Tuna melt, green beans, cherry, shortcake
Wednesday: Pizza, carrots, bread sticks, peaches
Thursday: Hamburger, French fries, pears
Friday: Taco bake, peas, tossed salad, cookie

FILER SCHOOL

Monday: Pizza
Tuesday: Hamburgers
Wednesday: Chicken nuggets
Thursday: Spaghetti
Friday: Deli turkey sandwiches

HANSEN SCHOOL DISTRICT

Breakfast menu
Milk served every day
Monday: Cereal, toast, fruit, juice
Tuesday: Biscuits and gravy, fruit, juice
Wednesday: Yogurt, toast, fruit, juice
Thursday: Oatmeal, toast, fruit
Friday: Long johns, cereal, fruit
Lunch menu
Milk served every day
Monday: Pizza, salad, fruit
Tuesday: Hot turkey sandwich, peas, fruit
Wednesday: Salisbury steak, potatoes, gravy, corn, fruit
Thursday: Spaghetti, bread sticks, salad, fruit
Friday: Hamburgers, French fries, fruit

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Choice of milk every day
Monday: Chicken nuggets, barbecue sauce, potato planks, peaches, peanut butter cookie
Tuesday: Spaghetti with meat sauce, green salad, assorted dressing, focaccia bread, pears
Wednesday: Vegetable beef soup, green salad, assorted dressing, candy cane cake, crackers, peanut butter
Thursday: Turkey and gravy over noodles, apple dippers, biscuits, jelly, cranberry sauce
Friday: Build-your-own sandwich, cherries, banana cookie

KIMBERLY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Milk served every day
Monday: Corn dog, pasta, celery stick, fruit Jell-O
Tuesday: Chicken noodle soup, crackers, ham and cheese sandwich, rice treat
Wednesday: Rib-b-cue, mashed potatoes, creamed peas, apple half
Thursday: Fettuccine, California blend vegetables, whole wheat rolls, applesauce
Friday: Hamburgers, French fries, pickles, ketchup, fruit cup

KIMBERLY HIGH SCHOOL

Milk served every day
Monday: Corn dog, pasta, fruit and vegetable bar
Tuesday: Chicken malibu, potato slices, fruit and vegetable bar
Wednesday: Beef ranch dip, potato patty, fruit and vegetable bar
Thursday: Fettuccine, whole wheat rolls, fruit and vegetable bar
Friday: Hamburgers, French fries, fruit and vegetable bar

MAGIC VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

Choice of milk served every day
Monday: Chicken sandwich, lettuce, mayonnaise, tater tots, kiwi, pudding cup
Tuesday: Finger steaks, baked potato, cool fruit Jell-O, dinner roll
Wednesday: Teriyaki dippers, fried rice, fresh fruit cup, English muffin
Thursday: Italian sub sandwich, potato chips, strawberries and bananas, raisin snack
Friday: Grilled cheese sandwich, Campbell's chicken noodle sandwich, celery sticks, peanut butter, chilled peaches

MURTAUGH SCHOOL

Milk served every day
Monday: Spaghetti, cheese sticks, salad, pears
Tuesday: Open menu
Wednesday: Tacos, corn, fruit salad, cake
Thursday: Hamburger gravy over mashed potatoes, baby carrots, apricots, roll
Friday: Turkey sandwich, tomato soup, applesauce, fruit roll-ups

ROBERT STUART AND O'LEARY JUNIOR HIGH

Breakfast menu
Milk served every day
Monday: Cereal, apple juice, toast, jelly
Tuesday: Waffles, syrup, bacon, banana
Wednesday: Cereal, apricots, graham crackers
Thursday: Oatmeal, mixed fruit cup, toast, peanut butter
Friday: Cereal, applesauce, cutie pie
Lunch menu
Milk served every day
Monday: Barbecue beef sandwich; salad bar or soft flour taco, seasoned corn, cherry sauce, angel food cake
Tuesday: Corn dog, soup and sandwich bar and hamburger deluxe, French fries, mixed fruit cup, fruit snacks
Wednesday: Taco bar or pizza, tossed green salad, ranch dressing, bananas, strawberries
Thursday: French dip sandwich; potato bar or chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, Jell-O with whipped topping, dinner roll
Friday: Grilled chicken and bacon wrap; salad bar or spicy chicken sandwich, tater tots, chilled applesauce, Rice Krispie cookie

ST. EDWARDS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Monday-Friday: Menu not available

TWIN FALLS ELEMENTARY

Milk served every day
Monday: Cereal, apple juice, toast, jelly
Tuesday: Waffles, syrup, bacon, banana
Wednesday: Cereal, apricots, graham crackers
Thursday: Oatmeal, mixed fruit cup, toast, peanut butter
Friday: Cereal, applesauce, cutie pie
Lunch menu
Monday: Hamburger deluxe, lettuce, pickles, French fries, banana, chocolate pudding
Tuesday: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, seasoned peas, cool fruit Jell-O, hot dinner roll
Wednesday: Teriyaki dippers, fried rice, mixed fruit cup, angel biscuit
Thursday: Corn dog, tater tots, sliced peaches, fruit snacks
Friday: Pancakes, waffles, sausage patty, hash brown potatoes, orange smiles

VALLEY SCHOOLS

Monday: Burrito, chips, salsa, corn, cinnamon twist, pears
Tuesday: Chicken and noodles, green peas, hot roll, butter, peaches, cookie
Wednesday: Hamburger gravy, mashed potatoes, carrots, hot roll, butter, fruit salad
Thursday: Hot dog, macaroni and cheese, green beans, apple, cookie
Friday: Baked cheese sandwich, tomato soup, crackers, celery sticks, applesauce

TWIN FALLS HIGH SCHOOL

Breakfast is served everyday.
Lunch: The high school has a choice of main line, hamburger bar, and salad bar each day, taco bar on Wednesdays and potato bar on Fridays. Main line menu varies every day.
Monday: Salad bar; deli sandwich or popcorn chicken basket with dipping sauce, French fries, fruit, hot dinner roll
Tuesday: Coyote grill bar; deli sandwich or hot Italian sub sandwich, potato chips, fruit, Rice Krispie bar
Wednesday: Taco bar; deli sandwich or cheeseburger deluxe, French fries, fruit, trail mix
Thursday: Coyote grill bar; deli sandwich or spicy chicken sandwich, lettuce, mayonnaise, tater tots, fruit, pudding cup
Friday: Potato bar; deli sandwich or Little Caesar's pizza, tossed green salad, ranch dressing, fruit, bread sticks, pizza sauce

BLAINE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

All elementary
Lunch menu
Bellevue Elementary has no self-serve bar.
Monday: Cheesy bread, peanut butter and jelly sandwich, potato wedges, apple quarters, gelatin. Self-serve bar: Potato bar
Tuesday: Bean taco, yogurt, whole kernel corn, pudding, peaches. Self-serve bar: Make a sandwich
Wednesday: Sharks and whales, boiled egg and roll, seasoned peas, chilled pears, applesauce cake. Self-serve bar: Cheese nachos
Thursday: Meat and cheese plate, oven-browned tots, orange wedges, trail mix. Self-serve bar: Taco salad
Friday: Corn dog, peanut butter and jelly sandwich, country blend vegetables, cinnamon roll, pineapple tidbits. Self-serve bar: Spaghetti

BLISS SCHOOL

Milk served every day
Lunch menu
Monday: Soup and sandwich
Tuesday: Hoagie, tater rounds, pears
Wednesday: Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, gravy, peas, carrots, roll
Thursday: Chili or stew, cinnamon roll, carrots, celery
Friday: Spaghetti with meat sauce, salad, dressing, bread sticks, cheese, sliced peaches

DIETRICH SCHOOLS

Salad bar, fruit and milk served every day
Monday: Chicken patty
Tuesday: Lasagna, rolls
Wednesday: Beef and bean enchilada
Thursday: Biscuits and gravy
Friday: Nuggets, fries

GLENNS FERRY

Monday: Hot turkey sandwich, potatoes, gravy, corn, fruit
Tuesday: Baked rotini, bread sticks, green salad, fruit
Wednesday: Chicken nuggets, cheesy potatoes, green beans, fruit
Thursday: Sweet and sour chicken over rice, pineapple with mandarin oranges, fortune cookie
Friday: Baked ham, scalloped potatoes, waldorf salad, dinner roll, layer delight

GOODING ELEMENTARY

Choice of milk served every day
Menu not available

HAGERMAN SCHOOLS

Choice of milk offered every day
Monday: Turkey gravy, potatoes, fruit, hot roll, fruit turnover
Tuesday: Pizza choice, vegetable and salad bar, fruit, fruit snack
Wednesday: Hamburger, oven fries, oranges, cookie
Thursday: Rice bowl, fruit, hot roll
Friday: Chili, cheese stick, salad, fruit, ice cream

IDAHO SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND BLIND

Milk served every day
Breakfast menu
Monday: Choice of juice, fruit, choice of cereal, scrambled eggs, toast, jelly
Tuesday: Choice of juice, fruit, choice of cereal, banana bread squares
Wednesday: Choice of juice, fruit, choice of cereal, hot cakes, Little Smokies, syrup
Thursday: Choice of juice, applesauce, choice of cereal, yogurt, cinnamon toast
Friday: Choice of juice, fruit, cinnamon rice, waffles, link sausage, syrup
Lunch menu
Salad bar and choice of milk served every day
Monday: Burrito, sliced pears, corn, super cherry tiramisu, salsa
Tuesday: Grilled ham and cheese sandwich, tomato soup, crackers, apricots, yellow cake
Wednesday: Corn dog, baby carrots, apples, cinnamon roll, ketchup, mustard
Thursday: Ham and beans, corn bread, Idaho nachos, tater tots, grapes, sherbet, honey butter
Friday: Fish nuggets, seasoned potatoes, chicken and noodles, sliced peaches, harvest pumpkin bread, tartar sauce, ketchup

JEROME SCHOOLS

Milk served every day
Monday: French dip sandwich or nachos, vegetables, kiwi or chilled peaches
Tuesday: Pizza pocket or spaghetti, French bread, green salad, cuties pies or canned pears
Wednesday: Oven-baked chicken or finger steaks, potato wedges, roll, jam, oranges or fruit cup
Thursday: Rib-b-cue or Italian cheese sticks, corn, grapes or pineapple chunks
Friday: Corn dogs or hamburger pizza, broccoli and cauliflower with dip, bananas or apple salad

RICHFIELD SCHOOLS

Breakfast menu
Milk and juice served every day
Monday: French toast, juice
Tuesday: Cereal, cherry pies, juice
Wednesday: Pancakes, sausage, juice
Thursday: Cereal, churros, juice
Friday: Biscuits and gravy, hash browns
Lunch menu
Monday: Cheeseburger, baked fries, Curious George fruit snacks, apple wedges
Tuesday: Ham and cheese sandwich, tomato soup, crackers, bar cookies, peaches
Wednesday: Hamburger gravy with whipped potatoes, bread and butter, green salad, pears
Thursday: French dip sandwich, chips, bar cookies, mixed fruit
Friday: Tacos, green beans, cinnamon twist, applesauce

SHOSHONE SCHOOLS

Breakfast and choice of milk served every day
Monday: Chicken patty, potato puffs, orange halves, peanut butter cookies
Tuesday: Idaho nachos, salsa, pears, chocolate chip bar cookie
Wednesday: Chili, coleslaw, cinnamon roll, peaches
Thursday: Barchetta, pineapple, tossed salad, ranch dressing, Rice Krispie treats
Friday: Corn dog, potato puffs, oranges, sugar cookies

WENDELL SCHOOLS

Breakfast and choice of milk served daily
Monday: Rib-b-cue, barbecue sauce, coleslaw, peaches, royal brownie
Tuesday: Hot dog, baby carrots, baked beans, orange halves
Wednesday: Chili, salad, pears, cinnamon roll
Thursday: Toasted cheese sandwich, green beans, baby carrots, apple slices
Friday: Turkey stir fry, rice, pineapple, sugar cookie

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It takes determination to make a year-round mountain home

AP photo

Bob Boone, head technician at Gravity Sports in McCall, works on a pair of skis Nov. 27. 'This is my day off, but there's a lot of work to be done,' said Boone, who had been remounting and tuning skis throughout the day.

McCALL (AP) – The snow that transformed the mountains from earthy brown to crystalline white also has changed the lives of the lakeside community of McCall.

Winter has arrived abruptly for people like Niki LeClair, who guides guests on whitewater raft trips down the Salmon River in the summer. She also manages the snow-cat backcountry skiing program for Brundage Mountain ski resort.

"To look out my window and see all the hills and the fence covered with snow is glorious," LeClair said.

She has shifted from hiking boots to snowshoes in her daily walks up Jughandle Mountain with her three dogs. When the snow gets deeper she will change to skis.

LeClair is typical of the people who operate the lifts, serve the food and instruct skiers at the resort that employs 115 people during the winter.

In the summer, they work as guides, smokejumpers, construction workers and farmers.

"If people are going to be here in the winter, they tend to be here year-round," LeClair said.

Winters are beautiful, yet hard, in McCall. Summer residents come and go. But the winter folk are the ones who have struggled and creatively made a living in a seasonal economy.

"I once had seven different jobs to make ends meet," LeClair said.

Changing with the weather comes naturally for McCall residents, who depend on the tourism economy. When they talk about the weather, it's serious.

Snow doesn't simply kick off the winter season, it covers the mountains and melts in the spring to fill the rivers for kayakers and irrigation ditches for farms and ranches.

"Extreme weather conditions affect our main industries in the region," said Jim Thackeray, Idaho Job Service office manager in +McCall+. "The Forest Service cuts way back in the winter, and so do the loggers. We have the winter activities, but they don't make up for the summer tourism industry."

You can follow the rhythm of the seasons in shops such as Gravity Sports, which sells mountain bikes, kayaks and ski equipment.

"As soon as the mountain opens, the business starts climbing and goes until April," said Travis Hatfield, the shop's manager. "Then the water starts running, and we start selling kayaks."

Kirk and Helen Eimers, owners of the Best Western Motel, are expecting their weekends to pick up now that Brundage is open. Between skiers and snowmobilers, they do a brisk winter business.

"We wouldn't survive without winter," Helen Eimers said.

Another feature of the winter season in McCall is the clientele.

"Summertime people come from all over," Helen Eimers said. "Wintertime is Idaho."

Spring and fall in McCall are called the shoulder seasons, when many people go on unemployment or leave. In Sun Valley, they call it the mud season. In Jackson Hole, it's called the cocktail hour.

"I live for the winter," said Steve Alcock, an agent with Findlay Real Estate.

Agents like him are more numerous than ski bums, he said. But sometimes it's hard to tell them apart.

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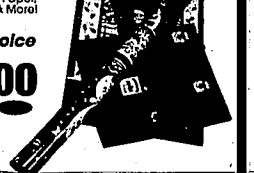

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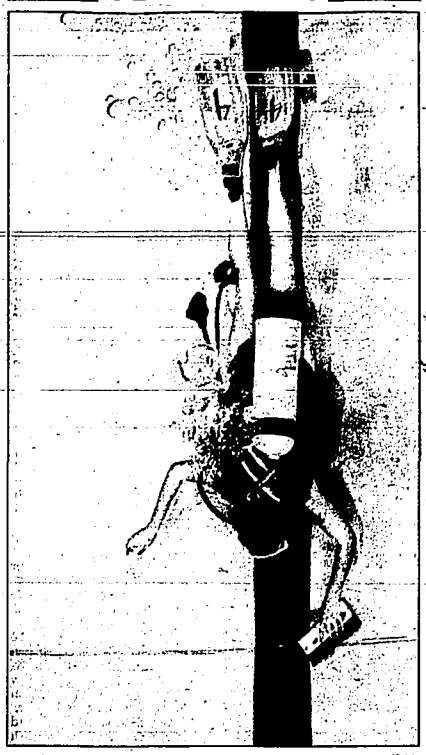

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Senior life guard, swim instructor and bottom scrubber Andaya Bustad, 20, brushes the bottom of the diving pool Tuesday at the Forest Park Swim Center in Everett, Wa. The shallow portions of the pool have been drained and are being cleaned by landlubbers in dry clothes.

Release of journal horrifies parents of Columbine killer

DENVER (AP) – The parents of Columbine gunman Eric Harris were horrified by the publication of their son's journal and said they are concerned it could inspire copycat attacks.

Wayne and Kathy Harris issued the statement through their attorney, Benjamin Colkitt, after journal excerpts were published in several newspapers this week.

Colkitt said Friday neither he nor the Harrises would comment beyond the two-paragraph written statement.

"Wayne and Kathy Harris were horrified by the unexpected publication of their son's journal entries and drawings," the statement said.

"The Harrises are concerned that the public release of their son's writings and videotapes may inspire further copycat incidents. Neither the Harrises nor their counsel were the source of the documents published in the Denver media."

The parents were given a copy in June of some of their son's papers which had been taken from their home. They said their copies differed in many respects from the copies published by the newspapers, but they did not elaborate.

The 1998 journal excerpts revealed Harris and student Dylan Klebold had hoped for a bloodbath of epic proportions. The two killed 13 people and committed suicide on April 20, 1999, at Columbine High School in suburban Jefferson County.

The documents were ordered sealed by a Jefferson County district judge and were not released along with other papers and a report last year.

The excerpts were published in the weekly Westword newspaper, the Rocky Mountain News and The Denver Post.

Jacki Tallman, spokeswoman for the Jefferson County sheriff's office, said the documents were not leaked by someone in her office, and also said Klebold's parents did not receive copies of the journal.

Accident claims skier

JACKSON, Wyo. (AP) – An experienced skier and mountaineer was killed in a freak backcountry accident.

Jeff Douthitt, 28, of Jackson, died while skiing on Teton Pass when he apparently struck some hidden ski tracks and fell. One of his poles broke and he landed on it, severing his femoral artery, authorities said.

Douthitt fell Tuesday morning while skiing with two friends. They had gone ahead of him and were waiting about 400 yards below on the side of Wyoming 22 when they heard him shout.

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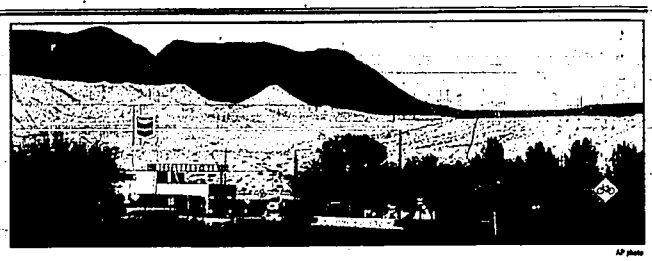
Founding father is fed up

Isolated Nevada town's sole owner calls it quits



AP photo

The owner of all of the homes, businesses and land in Glendale, Nev. has decided to dissolve the small community.

GLENDALE, Nev. (AP) – Charlie Hester has had his fill of corrupt, drunk and lazy employees, so the founding father of Clark County's smallest town is calling it quits.

Hester owns the four homes, four businesses and 270 acres that make up the isolated community of Glendale, 48 miles northeast of Las Vegas on Interstate 15.

However, with most of his employees living in neighboring Moapa, and Glendale's population so small it couldn't field a basketball team or a town board, Hester and Clark County agreed to take the unusual step this week of dissolving the 22-year-old community.

It will be the first time the Clark County Commission has dissolved an unincorporated town, and it comes at a time when growth in other parts of Nevada's southernmost county is outpacing the nation.

The town board will be disbanded, and the $17,768 Hester has paid in town property taxes since 1979 will be returned to him and his wife Vera, said Don Burnette, Clark County administrative services director.

The recent census reported Glendale's population was half of its one-time peak of 36. Those who live there say the population has since dwindled to just four.

"These things happen. One family moves out and you lose half your town," Burnette said. "Over the years, with no growth and now four people living there, it didn't make sense to continue with the town structure."

In the past, the town's five board members have been dishwashers, bartenders, waitresses and service station attendants that have drifted in and out of the tiny town nestled next to the Muddy River between Las Vegas and Mesquite.

They all worked for Hester, and many were bounced from political office, lost their jobs and left town after he caught them stealing, drinking or simply not pulling their weight.

One longtime employee embezzled $11,000, and Hester said he had to close his towing service when his two drivers couldn't understand that drinking on the job was prohibited.

"It used to be that, if you hired somebody, you had to give them a place to stay and something to eat, because when they showed up here they were busted," said Hester, 76. "I fired some of them for being too lazy, and I fired others for drinking on the job."

Unlike rapidly growing communities to the north and south, Glendale doesn't have a shopping mall or a casino. It doesn't have a school, a church, a park, a police or fire station, a traffic light or a single child. It doesn't even have a dog to sleep by the side of the road.

In the center of town on Monday, a hitchhiker stood alone, hoping to catch a ride as the sun set on the restaurant and bar, the service station and the 16-room motel comprising Hester's empire.

As has been the case for most of the past decade, Hester is trying to sell the entire community so he can retire. Glendale's zoning and freeway access make it ideal for a resort and golf course, he said.

A sale to a resort developer from Texas fell through several years ago.

After living there for 10 years, Hester led the effort to form the town, its town board and its own tax system in 1979. He said he and his employees were worried at the time that Moapa or Overton-Logandale would swallow up Glendale. They didn't want to pay taxes for public services miles away.

When asked what he will miss most about his little town, Hester, a former Las Vegas police officer, said: "Being boss."

Mayor-elect accuses cops of foul play

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) – The mayor-elect of Big Water is accusing police of harassing drivers as retribution for a town ordinance that decriminalized the possession of small amounts of marijuana.

State and local police deny the claim, saying they were only doing a "special enforcement" effort that was planned weeks ago.

Under an ordinance adopted in Big Water in November, anyone found possessing less than an ounce of marijuana or drug paraphernalia may make a plea agreement that allows the case to be dropped if the defendant abides by some plea conditions.

They will also be fined $10 or less for possession of marijuana, or $5 or less for drug paraphernalia.

Mayor-elect Willie Marshall says Utah Highway Patrol officers and Kane County sheriff's deputies began a driving crackdown Wednesday as revenge for the ordinance. Police stopped drivers for minor violations just outside the southern Utah town.

"They're ticketing everyone for everything," Marshall said. "It's very clear that this is retaliation and harassment for the passing of the (marijuana) ordinance. It's very scary."

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SPORTSQUOTE

"Everybody that knows Picabo knows that she's capable of anything."

– U.S. women's coach Marjan Cernigoj, on the comeback of Idaho native and Olympic gold medalist Picabo Street

IN BRIEF

Abdur-Rahim leaves game after injury

ATLANTA (AP) – Atlanta Hawks forward Shareef Abdur-Rahim left Saturday night's game against the Orlando Magic after aggravating his bruised tailbone.

Abdur-Rahim started, but played just seven minutes. He fell Friday night while trying for a rebound in the first quarter of the Hawks' 129-94 loss to Orlando and missed the final three quarters.

The Hawks played host to Orlando on Saturday in the second game of a home-and-home series.

Rice out up to 10 days with left knee injury

HOUSTON (AP) – Houston Rockets forward Glen Rice will miss up to 10 days because of an injured tendon in his left knee.

"An MRI taken (Friday) revealed swelling and changes in the tendon," team trainer Keith Jones said Saturday. "We will monitor Glen's progress over the next week to 10 days and then re-evaluate his condition at that point."

Rice left Thursday's game against Washington after playing 20 minutes because pain in the knee became intolerable. He told a Houston television station on Friday that the best-case scenario for his return was four weeks.

"If it doesn't show significant improvement I could be looking at possible surgery which could mean I would be out a large portion of the season," Rice said.

Rice, acquired from the New York Knicks during the offseason, has averaged 8.6 points in 20 games with the Rockets. He had been the only player to start every game for the injury-plagued team, which at 7-13 had a better record than only five other club heading into Saturday's games.

Compiled from wire reports

SALT LAKE 2002

Countdown to the Salt Lake Olympics

61 days until Opening Ceremony

The Torch Tour: The torch arrived in Alabama today. Chuck Anderson, who lost his right forearm in a shark attack last year, will begin the relay at Spring Hill College. The torch next will travel in a vehicle caravan to Mississippi.

March to the Medals: Austrian skier Stephan Eberharter took his second straight World Cup victory Saturday in France, narrowly winning a downhill in which promising Swiss skier Silvano Beltrametti was paralyzed in a crash.

Crouch wins Heisman

The Associated Press

NEW YORK – Eric Crouch almost quit the team, now the Nebraska quarterback is the Heisman Trophy winner in one of the most unpredictable races in the history of the award.

Crouch, who briefly left the team three years ago when he lost the starting job, capped a sensational career by keeping the Huskers in the national title race all season. A 62-36 loss to Colorado two weeks ago ended Nebraska's run at a perfect season.

Crouch won the award Saturday night, beating out Florida quarterback Rex Grossman.

Crouch, a 6-foot-1, 200-pound senior from Omaha, Neb., ran for 1,115 yards and 18 touchdowns, passed for 1,510 yards and seven scores and even caught a 63-yard TD pass in a big win over Oklahoma. He's one of only three major college quarterbacks to run for 3,000 yards and pass for 4,000 yards in a career.

Grossman was second, with Miami quarterback Ken Dorsey third and Oregon quarterback Joey Harrington fourth in the fourth-closest race in the Heisman's 67-year history.

In winning college football's ultimate individual prize, Crouch edged Grossman by 62 points, 770-708. Dorsey was next with 638 points and Harrington had 364 points in the balloting. The winning point total was the smallest since Oregon State's Terry Baker won in 1962.

The Heisman ceremony was held at a midtown hotel, the first time it's been away from the Downtown Athletic Club. The club was damaged in the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

The closest Heisman vote was Bo Jackson's 45-point victory over Chuck Long in 1985. Other than the first Heisman, when there were just 65 voters, the tightest three-man race was a 93-point

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AP photo

Nebraska quarterback Eric Crouch, winner of the 2001 Heisman Trophy, poses with the trophy Saturday in New York.

Vanquished

Ricks wins key league game

By Kevin Hall
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS – Ricks College went out a winner at the College of Southern Idaho.

Behind Sheila Hutchison's 19-point, 10-rebound effort and the 18 points of Jessica Fowler, the Lady Vikings took a key 82-66 Scenic West Athletic Conference victory Saturday over the Golden Eagles.

It was the Rexburg school's final regular season appearance in Twin Falls as intercollegiate sports will be dropped next year when Ricks assimilates into Brigham Young University-Idaho.

Besides ending CSI's five-game winning streak, the defeat was also a blow to CSI's hopes for hosting the Region 18 tournament in March. This season's women's regular season champion hosts the tourney.

But CSI coach Kendall Grant said it's too soon to count the Golden Eagles out.

"The big picture is March," Grant said. "But you can't do that in the SWAC if you expect to win. So now we've got to win two on the road to get back into contention to host."

Foul-plagued Belinda Stubbs and Jodi Reber scored 13 points apiece to lead CSI, which shot 44.7 percent for the game. Ricks, by contrast, shot a blistering 56 percent, including 61.9 percent in the second half on 13-of-21 shooting.

The Vikings (2-0 SWAC, 8-1) playing in only their second game in three weeks, also got a huge boost off their bench with 28 points from Andrea McGrath, Alain Bowman and Trina Peterson. McGrath had 16 herself.

Vikings head coach Lori Woodland said her bench play was key.

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BRUCE SHIELDS/The Times-News

The Golden Eagles' Amy Kucheran is fouled by Andrea McGarth during the Golden Eagles' loss to Ricks College Saturday night.

CSI men romp over Ricks 93-70

By Kevin Hall
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS – The College of Southern Idaho men's basketball team ushered out an era Saturday night, with a dominating 93-70 win of Ricks College.

It was the last regular season game ever at CSI for the Vikings, who close the book on basketball after the season as part of the change to Brigham Young University-Idaho.

CSI's Tony Bobbitt led all scorers with 23 points on 8-of-18 shooting including six 3-pointers. Tim Ellis netted 16, Josh Williams 14 and Ricky Clemons added 13 as the Eagles (2-0 Scenic West Athletic Conference, 11-2 overall) shot 47.9 percent for the game on 35-of-73 shooting.

Williams and Jack May each grabbed eight rebounds for CSI, which was outrebounded 40-36.

Adam Hlatt scored 19 and Aaron Bowman added 15 points to lead the Vikings (1-1, 8-3), who rebounded from a 37.5 shooting effort in the first half to finish at 45.8 percent for the game.

Spotting CSI a 6-0 lead to start the game, Ricks hung tough, as the overmatched Vikings trailed just 25-21 with 7:43 left in the first half. But the Golden Eagles shifted gears with a 17-4 run over the next 5:10 to open a 42-25 lead that the Vikings never recovered from.

"I think we had some game slippage from the night before (an 85-49 pasting of North Idaho College Friday)," said CSI assistant Jay Cyriac. "But at the same time, Ricks is well-coached, they're going to try and slow it down when we're trying to get sped up so we came out and played hard."

Holding a 45-27 lead at intermission, CSI opened the second half with three consecutive 3-pointers for a 51-30 lead and CSI coasted from there, as nine Golden Eagles scored.

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Not so perfect after all

Hawaii tramples BYU

The Associated Press

HONOLULU – Nick Rolovich did his best to prove that bowl organizers made a mistake by passing up Hawaii.

Rolovich threw eight touchdown passes and Chad Owens scored on kickoff and punt returns as Hawaii ended No. 9 BYU's bid for a perfect season with a 72-45 victory Saturday.

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"We can't do anything personally about bowls, except put on the show we did," said Rolovich, who played his final game for Hawaii. "I think people want to see us in a bowl game, but what can we do?"

BYU coach Gary Crowton agreed.

"It's a travesty these guys aren't in a bowl game at 9-3 because they're a very good football team," Crowton said.

Hawaii ended BYU's winning streak at 14 with the highest point total ever against the Cougars (12-1), who will play Louisville in the Liberty Bowl.

Rolovich, 8-1 since taking over as the starter, was 29-of-52 for 543 yards. He has passed for 20 TDs and 1,548 yards in the last three games. During that stretch, Hawaii has scored 176 points.

Owens got the rout started with his returns.

In topping the NCAA mark for combined return yards, the freshman returned a kickoff 100 yards

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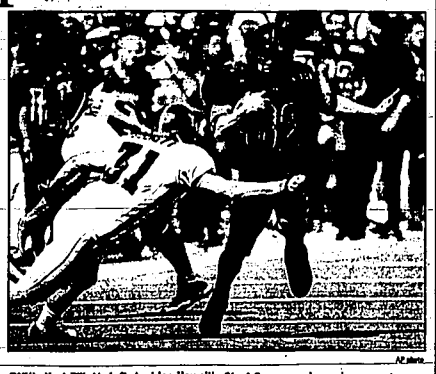

AP photo

BYU's Kurt Elliott, left, tackles Hawaii's Chad Owens as he makes a punt return during their game Saturday in Hololulu.

Van Gundy resigns as Knicks head coach

The Associated Press

PURCHASE, N.Y. – Jeff Van Gundy resigned unexpectedly as head coach of the New York Knicks on Saturday, just as the team was playing its best basketball of the season after a slow start.

The stunning decision came a day after Van Gundy ended practice early because he thought his players lacked intensity.

"In my heart I knew what was right, but it was still a difficult decision to come to," Van Gundy said Saturday at the Knicks' practice facility.

"I didn't feel my focus was at its best. I didn't want to hurt our team. I certainly don't regret the effort I put forth. I just think it's time to stop back and let the team move on."

He spoke to the team at their morning shootaround and told them he was stepping down.

"We were all shocked. I didn't see this coming at all," guard Mark Jackson said.

Van Gundy took the Knicks to the playoffs in each of his first six seasons, including a trip to the 1999 NBA Finals and two trips to the Eastern Conference finals.

Assistant Don Chaney was to coach New York against the Indiana Pacers at Madison Square Garden on Saturday night, but the team hadn't chosen a head or interim coach, team spokesman Jonathan Supranowitz said.

Jeff Van Gundy

The Knicks won five of their last six games to move above .500 entering Saturday's game.

The 39-year-old Van Gundy had been a member of the Knicks' staff since 1989, serving as an assistant under Pat Riley, Don Nelson and Stu Jackson.

Van Gundy's only other head coaching job was at McQuaid Jesuit High School in Rochester, N.Y.

He leaves as the third-win-

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Valley claims Murtaugh boys title

The Times-News

MURTAUGH – The Valley Vikings grabbed the boys championship of the Murtaugh Tournament as they defeated the host Murtaugh Red Devils 62-60 Saturday night.

Clark Wyatt led Valley with 16 points and Kyle Anderson added 13 points for the Vikings. Kellen Nebeker led all scorers with 19 points for Murtaugh.

Murtaugh (4-1) travels to North Gem next Saturday.

Valley 62, Murtaugh 60
Valley 15 14 17 16-62
Murtaugh 13 15 19 13-60
VALLEY (62): Grant 4, Clark Wyatt 16, Iverson 2, Rudolph 6, Scott 8, Thelen 7, Anderson 13, Egbert 12. Totals: 25-9-14-62
MURTAUGH (60): C. Perkins 7, J. Perkins 14, Nebeker 19, Silvers 4, Caskey 1, Newton 2. Totals: 23-9-13-60
3-Point Goals: Valley 3 (Wyatt 2, Anderson), Murtaugh 5 (J. Perkins 4, C. Perkins). Total fouls: Valley 16, Murtaugh 18. Fouled out: none. Tech fouls: none

Raft River 65, Dietrich 57

MALTA – The Raft River Trojans defeated the Dietrich Blue Devils 65-57 Saturday night in boys basketball.

Bryce Greenwood led all scorers with 26 points for Raft River and Quinn Harper added 14 points for the Trojans. Mark Tellford led Dietrich with 19 points.

Raft River (4-1) travels to Rockland on Friday.

Raft River 65, Dietrich 57
Raft River 14 15 8 28-65
Dietrich 10 13 12 24 57
RAFT RIVER (65): Harper 14, Greenwood 26, Nagh 11, Ward 2, Bumington 4, Goff 8. Totals: 23-14-20-65
DIETRICH (57): Maughan 18, Tellford 19, Edwards 2, Foote 8, M. Tellford 10. Totals: 19-14-23-57
3-Point Goals: Raft River 3 (Harper, Greenwood 2), Dietrich 5 (Maughan 2, Conner 3). Total fouls: Raft River 23, Dietrich 19. Fouled out: Ward, Edwards. Tech fouls: none. JV score: Raft River 53, Dietrich 39

Carey Holiday Tournament

Glenns Ferry 60, Oakley 54

CAREY– Zach Simons scored 27 points as Glenns Ferry rolled over Oakley 60-54 in the championship of the Carey holiday tournament.

John Gay led the Hornets with 16 points, including four 3-pointers. Simons and Gay both were voted onto the honorary all-tournament team. Others who earned the recognition were Cole Darrington and Ammon McBride of Oakley. Coaches voted on players from opposing teams who showed the greatest skill and leadership on the court. Glenns Ferry coach Keith Adams was voted coach of the all-tournament team.

The Pilots (2-3) visit Castleford on Tuesday. Carey.

Glenns Ferry 60, Oakley 54
Glenns Ferry 10 18 20 12-60
Oakley 11 12 14 13-54
GLENNS FERRY (64): Crane 2, Simons 27, Johnson 8, Darrington 8, Hall 17. Totals: 22-13-19-64
OAKLEY (54): McBride 15, A.J. Robinson 2, Gay 16, Mullen 14, Woodhead 5. Totals: 20-5-9-54
3 Point Goals: Glenns Ferry 3 (Simons 2), Oakley 5 (Gay 4, McBride). Total fouls: Glenns Ferry 18, Oakley 16. Fouled out: none. Tech fouls: none

Mackay 63, Carey 53

CAREY– The Mackay Miners dug out a win over the Carey Panthers 63-53 Saturday to win the consolation bracket of the Carey holiday tournament.

Mackay jumped to an early lead, outscoring Carey 24-6 in the first. Down 22 at halftime, the Panthers couldn't make up the deficit in the second half.

Mackay 63, Carey 53
Mackay 24 18 11 12-63
Carey 6 12 18 17-53
MACKAY (63): Pearson 18, Calvin 3, Bingham 8, Park 11, Sollender 2, Nelson 12, Donahue 7, Parrison 2. Totals: 26-11-18-63
CAREY (53): Hennefer 17, Jurgensen 5, Olsen 1, F. Dal 7, Elsworth 5, Carbunkel 2, Simpson 10, V. Dal 4. Fouls: 2. Totals: 21-7-12-53
3-Point Goals: Carey 4 (Hennefer 3, Elsworth). Total fouls: Mackay 17, Carey 18. Fouled out: Jurgensen. Tech fouls: Jurgensen

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Josh Pearson scored 18 for the Miners and Carey's Shawn Hennefer totaled 17.

The Panthers (0-3) look for a win in Ketchum Tuesday against the Community School.

Mackay 63, Carey 53 –
Mackay 24 18 11 12-63
Carey 6 12 18 17-53
MACKAY (63)– Pearson 18, Calvin 3, Bingham 8, Park 11, Sollender 2, Nelson 12, Donahue 7, Parrison 2. Totals– 26-11-18-63
CAREY (53)– Hennefer 17, Jurgensen 5, Olsen 1, F. Dal 7, Elsworth 5, Carbunkel 2, Simpson 10, V. Dal 4. Fouls: 2. Totals– 21-7-12-53
3-Point Goals– Carey 4 (Hennefer 3, Elsworth). Total fouls– Mackay 17, Carey 18. Fouled out– Jurgensen. Tech fouls– Jurgensen

JV Tournament

Championship

Glenns Ferry 56, Oakley 34

Consolation

Carey 50, Mackay 30

Murtaugh Holiday Tournament

JV tournament

Consolation

TFCA 55, Valley 50

Other scores:

Jerome 70, Wood River 47

Girls Basketball

Declo 52, South Fremont 40

SOUTH FREMONT – Declo defeated South Fremont 52-40 Saturday night in girls basketball.

Lana Moss and Amy Allen led all scorers with 14 points apiece for Declo. Katie Bennett led South Fremont with 10 points.

Declo (7-0) travels to Glenns Ferry on Tuesday.

Declo 52, South Fremont 40
Declo 13 12 18 9-52
South Fremont 7 11 11 11-40
DECLO (52)– Webb 4, Bowcut 3, Abel 14, Moss 14, Chadburn 6, Thompson 2, Blakeslee 5, Smith 2. Totals– 18-15-25-52
SOUTH FREMONT (40)– Hower 3, Dixon 7, Blanchard 4, Angell 2, Miller 7, Bennett 10, 8 – Sullivan 4. Totals– 14-11-20-40
3-Point Goals– Declo 2 (Bowcut, Moss), South Fremont 1 (Dixon). Total fouls– Declo 20, South Fremont 20. Fouled out– Bennett. Tech fouls– none. JV score– Declo def. South Fremont

Murtaugh Tournament

Valley 51, Murtaugh 29

MURTAUGH – The Valley Vikings defeated the host Murtaugh Red Devils 51-29 Saturday night to grab the girls championship of the Murtaugh Tournament.

Annie Shawver led all scorers with 17 points for Valley. The Vikings outscored Murtaugh 22-4 in the third quarter to blow the game wide open.

Valley 51, Murtaugh 29
Valley 14 0 22 15-51
Murtaugh 9 4 8 8-29
VALLEY (51)– Brock 4, Wood 7, Richey 8, McCaslin 7, Shawver 17, Kelso 8. Totals– 21-11-22-51
MURTAUGH (29)– Perkins 3, Pendergrast 1, W. Funk 2, L. Funk 4, Cutler 1, T. Perkins 6, Anderson 2, Tolman 2, L. Perkins 5. Totals– 9-11-25-29
3-Point Goals– Valley 2 (Kelso). Total fouls– Valley 25, Murtaugh 18. Fouled out– Wood, T. Perkins, Tolman. Tech fouls– none

Shoshone 52, Gooding 29

SHOSHONE – Shoshone defeated Gooding 52-29 Saturday night in girls basketball.

Monica Uhrig led all scorers with 20 points for the Indians. Stephanie Dalrymple scored 15 points off the bench for Shoshone. Shoshone took a 31-15 lead into halftime to take control of the game.

Shoshone (8-0) travels to Richfield on Monday.

Shoshone 52, Gooding 29
Shoshone 13 18 11 10-52
Gooding 12 2 6 9-29
SHOSHONE (52)– Hubenthal 6, Uhrig 20, Schunk 4, Dalrymple 15. Nunn 7. Totals– 18-15-27-52
GOODING (29)– Patterson 9, Demsky 4, Sabala 8, Nelson 2, Eames 2, Bastoni 2, Metcalf 1. Totals– 12-2-6-29
3-Point Goals– Shoshone 4 (Hubenthal, Gooding 3 (Patterson 2, Sabala). Total fouls– Shoshone 14, Gooding 21. Fouled out– none. Tech fouls– none. JV score– Gooding def. Shoshone

Buhl 54, Middleton 42

BUHL – The Buhl Indians defeated the Middleton Vikings 54-42 Saturday night in girls basketball.

Sheri King led the Indians with 14 points. Annie McCauley added 10 points for Buhl. The Indians jumped out to a 16-2 first quarter lead to put the game in their hands.

Buhl (5-1) hosts Kimberly on Thursday.

Buhl 54, Middleton 42
Buhl 16 13 3 22-54
Middleton 2 12 15 13-42
BUHL (54)– Aguirre 4, McCauley 10, Kopes 5, Campbell 7, King 14, Hosman 8, Moore 1, Esparza 3. Totals– 17-20-30-54
MIDDLETON (42)– Quenzer 2, Short 2, Ihle 5, Bice 14, Hayes 19. Totals– 17-4-9-42
3-Point Goals– Middleton 4 (Ihle, Bice 2, Hayes). Total fouls– Buhl 13, Middleton 28. Fouled out– none. Tech fouls– none. JV score– Buhl def. Middleton

Jerome 45, Bonneville 31

BONNEVILLE– The visiting Tigers earned a 45-31 win over Bonneville Saturday night.

Jerome (3-1 Great Basin, 8-1) outscored the Bees 17-7 in the first, and the Tigers' defense took care of the rest, holding Bonneville to only two points in the second quarter. Traci Lee and Vanessa West each scored 10 for Jerome, while Laura Asper and Linsey Nelson led the Bees with nine apiece.

The Tigers host Pocatello Tuesday.

Jerome 45, Bonneville 31
Jerome 17 8 10 12-45
Bonneville 7 2 11 11-31
JEROME (45)– Clark 7, Thibault 2, Lott 4, Lee 10, Allison 2, West 10, McKay 4, Pond 6. Totals– 19-5-6-45
BONNEVILLE (31)– Nelson 9, Andrus 1, Miller 8, Smith 2, Simmons 1, Asper 9. Totals– 11-7-10-31
3-Point Goals– Jerome 2 (Clark 2), Bonneville (Miller 2). Total fouls– Jerome 18, Bonneville 12. Fouled out– Simmons. Tech fouls– none. JV score– Jerome def. Bonneville

Murtaugh tournament

Hansen 54, Richfield 32

MURTAUGH – Bonnie Freestone dropped in 14 points and Andrea Martin 11 as the Hansen Huskies downed the Richfield Tigers 54-32 Saturday at the Murtaugh tournament.

Hansen 54, Richfield 32
Richfield 8 2 11 11 - 32
Hansen 16 17 [illegible] - 54
RICHFIELD (32)– Eide 2, Ward 4, M. Ellis 8, Amy 2, Robinson 2, Meyer 7, Farnsworth 2, Schmidt 5. Totals: 12-8-21-32
HANSEN (54)– Nelson 6, B. Freestone 14, Rasto 2, Spanger 8, D. Simpson 6, Martin 11, C. Freestone 8, A. Simpson 1, Kenney 2. Totals: 25-4-11-54
3-point Goals– Richfield 1 (Eide), Hansen 0. Total fouls– Richfield 14, Hansen 16. Fouled out– Rasto. Tech fouls– none.

Wrestling

Madison 53, Burley 30

Burley 47, Rigby 26

Minico 69, Rigby 9

Minico 47, Madison 27

BURLEY – The Minico Spartans swept Rigby and Madison in the Spartans' season-opening tri-meet Saturday, while the host Burley Bobcats split with the same two teams.

The Spartans lost only two weight classes and recorded eight pins in a 69-9 victory over Rigby and then turned around and soundly defeated Madison 47-27 with six pins.

The Bobcats downed Rigby 47-26 and fell to Madison 53-30. The Bobcats won five matches on five pins against Madison and then got six sticks and a pair of forfeits to down Rigby.

Madison 53, Burley 30
103 – Nelson (M) pn Pizmuzzello (B), 1:31.112 - Brunk (B) pn Price (M), 1:31.119 - Bard (M) pin J. Brunk (B), 2:51.125 - Wilcox (M) pn Ortherman (B), 1:51.130 - Sommers (M) pin Paxton (B) pn, 1:20.135 - Jensen (M) pn Tilley (B) pin 1:22.140 - Zufelt (M) tech fall Harper (B), 4:30.145 - Hanna (M) pn Hull (B), 2:49.152 - Sare (M) pn Betts (B), 2:37.160 - Vega (B) pn Weeks (M), 2:02.171 - Vega (B) pn Layne (M), 3:28.189 - Eulrige (M) pn Hakala (B), 1:26.215 - Jones (B) pn Jenkins (M), :32, HWT - Jones (B) pn Jensen, 1:33

Burley 47, Rigby 26
103 - Anderson pn Pizmuzzello (B), 2:43.112 - Brunk (B) pn Lott (R), 1:27.119 - Hale (R) def. J. Brunk (B) 13-8.125 - Thompson (R) def. Ortherman (B), 12-2, 130 - Paxton (B) pn Erickson (R), 3:07.135 - Capson (R) def. Tilley (B), 6-2, 140 - Harper (B) pn Shippen, 1:00.145 - Somsip (R) tech. fall Hull (B), 4.25.152 - Betts (B) pn Haggard (R), :39.160 - Burke (R) def. Vega (B), 13-5, 171 - Vega (B) pn Walker, 47.189 - Hakala (B) forfeit, 215 - Jones (B) forfeit HWT - Jones (B) pin Burke, 2:21.

Minico 69, Rigby 9
103 - Hammond (M) pn Anderson (R), 1:22.112 - Adams (M) pn Lott (R), 3:10.119 - Harper (M) pin Hill (R), :24.125 - Vega (M) def. Thompson (R), 8-0.130 - Cruz (M) pn Erickson (R), 1:50.135 - Cisper (M) pn Capson (R), 3:00.140 - Frank (M) tech. fall Shippen (R), 15-0.145 - Reese (M) pn Somsip (R), 1:23.152 - Anderson (M) pn Haggard (R), 1:55.160 - Anderson (M) pn Burke (R), 1:20.171 - Walker (R) def. Vail (M), 11-9.189 - Barclay (M) won by forfeit, 215 - Clark (M) won by forfeit, HWT - Burke (R) pn Cole (M), 3:47.

Minico 47, Madison 27
103 - Hammond (M) def. Nelson (Mad), 11-3.112 - Adams (M) pn Price (Mad), 1:40.119 - Harper (M) pn Bernard (Mad), 1:29.125 - Wilcox (Mad) def. Vega (M), 6-0.130 - Sommers (Mad) pn Cruz (M), 1:58.135 - Jensen (Mad) pn Cisper (M), 3:58.140 - Frank (M) pn Zufelt (Mad), 1:55.145 - Hanna (M) pn Reese (M), 3:30.152 - Anderson (M) def. Sare (Mad), 13-5.160 - Anderson (M) def. Weeks (Mad), 7-0.171 - Vail (M) pn McSeey (Mad), 1:02.189 - Barclay (M) pn Eslage (Mad), 5:21.215 - Clark (M) pn Jenkins (Mad), 3:42, HWT - Jensen (Mad) pn Cole (M), 3:20

Other scores:

Borah 54, Twin Falls 26

Idaho Falls 60, Twin Falls 15

Borah 48, Idaho Falls 21

Friday's State Results

Minico 60, Skyline 59

RUPERT – Ryan Hepworth and John Fennell scored 15 points apiece leading Minico past Skyline 60-59 in boys basketball late Friday in Rupert.

Trailing by as many as 13 throughout the game, Skyline tied the game at 59-59 with seconds to go. Hepworth hit one of two free throws in the final ticks and the Spartans (2-0) corralled the loose rebound for the win.

"They outplayed us, but (we) found a way to win it," Minico coach Mike Graefe said.

Minico travels to Hillcrest on Tuesday.

Minico 60, Skyline 59
Skyline 9 10 17 23 - 59
Minico 13 15 15 17 - 60
SKYLINE (59)– Hendricks 2, Jones 1, Wight 3, Chanen 10, Samon 13, Young 8, Peterson 2, Justin Hall 13, Bailey 7. Totals: 21-14-21 PF 19.
MINICO (60)– Frank 8, Cole 8, Hepworth 15, Hickle 5, Garcia 2, Duncan 6, Fennell 15, Hanks 4. Totals: 25-9-14-60.
3-Point Goals– Skyline 4 (Chanen 2, Young, Lamb, Minico 8 – (Hepworth 4, Cole 2, Hickle, Fennell). Total fouls– Skyline 18, Minico 18. Fouled out– Duncan, Peterson. Tech. fouls– none. JV score– Skyline 50, Minico 48.

Century 73, Burley 57

No report

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Twin Falls Legion holds meeting on Monday

TWIN FALLS – An important meeting for American Legion Baseball parents and board members will be held at 6 p.m. Monday in the CSI clubhouse at the College of Southern Idaho baseball field.

Members of the Legion's executive board will speak to the group about goals for the coming year.

For more information, call Dusty Tenney at 734-2288.

Wife of Flyers coach dies of cancer

PHILADELPHIA – Jenny Barber, the wife of Philadelphia Flyers coach Bill Barber, died Saturday after an eight-month battle with lung cancer. She was 48.

Barber was behind the bench Saturday hours after his wife's death, at his family's request, coaching the Flyers to a 5-1 victory over the Minnesota Wild.

"For my family's standpoint, Jen and my kids thought I should be here," Barber said after the game. "On top of that, I felt the same way for my players that I wanted to be here for them."

Jenny Barber died at their Cherry Hill, N.J., home. The couple was married for 28 years.

Braves, Castilla agree to $8 million deal

ATLANTA – Free-agent third baseman Vinny Castilla agreed Saturday to an $8 million, two-year contract with the Atlanta Braves, allowing five-time NL All-Star Chipper Jones to move to left field.

It will be a homecoming of sorts for the 34-year-old Castilla, who is expected to add some punch to the Braves lineup. He began his minor league career with the Braves organization in 1990.

Castilla, released early last season by Tampa Bay after hitting only .215 with two home runs and nine RBIs in 24 games, signed with Houston and hit .270 with 23 homers and 82 RBIs in 122 games for the Astros.

Atlanta general manager John Schuerholz said Castilla would likely play third base and that Jones would move to left.

Ward-Park defeat champs in team event

DANA POINT, Calif. – Wendy Ward and Grace Park beat four-time defending champions Juli Inkster and Dottie Pepper on Saturday in the Hyundai Team Matches, with Ward holing a 1.5-foot birdie putt on the final hole for a 1-up victory.

Ward and Park will face Lorie Kane and Janice Moodie in the championship today. Kane and Moodie, a late replacement for Se Ri Pak, beat Karrie Webb and Kelly Robbins 2 and 1 in the best-ball competition.

Ward reached the 512-yard, par-5 18th hole in two shots to set up the winning birdie putt.

Park birdied four of the first five holes on the back nine to bring her team from 1-down to 2-up. Inkster birdied the 16th and 17th holes to tie the match.

Fred Couples and Mark Calcavecchia beat David Toms and Steve Flesch 5 and 4 in the PGA Tour division to set up a title match against defending champions Duffy Waldorf and Tom Lehman.

Nowitzki injury disappoints German audience

DALLAS – Dirk Nowitzki missed the Dallas Mavericks' game against the Washington Wizards on Saturday night because of an ankle injury, disappointing fans in Germany who were hoping to see him play against Michael Jordan for the first time.

Nowitzki, whose 24.3 scoring average leads the Mavericks, missed his second game of the season because of a left ankle injury. He also missed a game against Memphis on Nov. 4.

The Mavericks-Wizards game was broadcast live in Nowitzki's homeland on a national sports network, the first Dallas game shown this season.

Nowitzki's rookie season in 1998-99 was the first after Jordan's most recent retirement.

Did owners say no contraction for 2001?

NEW YORK – Slipped in among big-name testimony before Congress last week, the players' association let out potentially big news: Baseball's No. 2 official, the union claims, said three months ago that no teams would be eliminated this winter.

Steve Fehr, the brother of the union leader, said during Thursday's hearing before the House Judiciary Committee that "on Sept. 19, the clubs' chief negotiator indicated to us contraction was highly unlikely for 2002."

Fehr later identified the official as Paul Beeston, baseball's chief operating officer.

Beeston did not return a telephone call seeking comment and Rob Manfred, baseball's chief labor lawyer, refused comment.

Commissioner Bud Selig, who was not present, said Beeston's comment was not an official bargaining position and was made in the emotional aftermath of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

Women

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"The second half we came out and played a lot better," she said. "McGrath and Peterson, they were quite a tandem in there. They did real well.

In a game that went back-and-forth for most of the night, Ricks took control with back-to-back 3-pointers by McGrath for a 56-47 lead with 12:19 left in the game. The margin ballooned to 11 following two free throws by Fowler and a drive by Hutchison in the lane.

Then CSI's offense vanished as the Eagles (1-1, 9-4) scored just three free throws in a six-minute span as Ricks opened up a 15-point lead at 66-51.

CSI's offensive woes continued with five missed shots, including two errant lay-ups, and three turnovers through a four-minute span from almost the 8-minute mark to 3:43 left to play. The Eagles made just 4-of-12 shots during the span.

"The second half we didn't come out with as much heart in the first half," said CSI sophomore Angela Williams.

Ricks also won the rebound battle 36-22 and stifled CSI inside with a tough zone defense against Stubbs.

"We went into that zone against Stubbs to try and hold her down," Woodland said. "And we were pretty successful."

Stubbs sat much of the game with four fouls as CSI struggled without her or Melanie Croser, who's ineligible until January.

An intense CSI opened the game 6-0 and built an 11-2 lead when Stubbs made a steal at half-court and drove the length of the floor for the lay-up. That seemed to awaken the Vikings, who responded with an 11-0 run capped by a jumper and two free throws by Fowler for the 13-11 lead with 13:47 left.

From there, the teams exchanged five ties and two lead changes as Angie Layton pulled CSI back within a point at 29-28 with two free throws with 2:53 left.

The Lady Vikings held a 37-33 lead at the half led by the nine points apiece of Hutchison and Bowman.

Throw-ins

Both of CSI's two-sport athletes Jayli Jackson played in Saturday's games. Jackson spelled starter Stubbs and drew two fouls but missed all four free throws. Biggers made her season debut. ... In 14 seasons, Ricks women's coach Lori Woodland is now 21-16 against CSI. ... CSI presented Woodland and the Ricks program with a plaque for its years in the SWAC. ... It was Woodland's league debut on the bench. The coach had received two technical fouls in the team's last preseason game and was forced to watch Friday's game at Treasure Valley Community College from the stands.

Ricks 82, CSI 68
Ricks (82)
Udy 2-2 0-0 4, Tucker 6-10 6-8 18, Page 2-2 0-0 4, Tubbs 0-1 0-0 0, Hutchison 7-12 5-6 19, Spencer 0-1 0-0 0, Peterson 1-2 1-2 3, Stanton 0-2 0-1 0, Anderson 2-11 0-2 5, McGrath 7-10 0-0 16, Bowman 3-6 0-0 8. Totals: 25-60 20-30 82.
CSI (68)
Hendricks 1-2 0-0 2, Williams 2-4 0-0 5, Reber 5-11 2-6 13, Stubbs 4-8 5-7 13, Rasheem 0-0 2-4 2, Chenault 1-6 2-2 4, Porter 1-5 0-0 2, Layton 2-5 6-6 11, Hill 2-3 1-2 7, Chavez 2-4 3-6 7, Biggers 0-0 0-0 0, Jackson 0-1 0-0 0. Totals: 21-47 20-37 68.
Ricks 37 45 - 82
CSI 28 53 - 68
3-Point Goals– Ricks 6-11 (Udy 1-1, Hutchison 2-5, Lana Stanton 0-1, McGrath 2-3, Bowman 1-3), CSI 4-10 (Williams 1-2, Hendricks 1-1, Reber 1-3, Chenault 0-1, Layton 0-1, Porter 1-2). Fouled out– Anderson, Chavez. Rebounds– Ricks 36 (Hutchison 10), CSI 29 (Reber 9). Assists– Ricks 20 (Udy, Hutchison 5), CSI 15 (Hendricks, Williams, Layton 3). Total fouls– Ricks 18, CSI 28. A– 1,000.

Vandals edge Montana 48-47

MOSCOW, Idaho (AP) – Bethuel Fletcher's free throw with 16.8 seconds remaining sealed Idaho's win over Montana, 48-47, on Saturday night.

After Fletcher's miss on the second free throw, both teams had possessions before David Bell, who led the Grizzlies (4-4) with 12 points, made a 3-pointer with 0.4 seconds remaining. Montana could not foul before time expired.

Rodney Hilaire, the game's leading scorer with 16 points, had two field goals in the final three minutes for the Vandals (2-5).

The Grizzlies, who trailed 24-18 at halftime, went 8:30 without a field goal and 6:43 without a point. But Montana, which made six second-half 3-pointers, used a 10-2 run to cut the deficit to one at 45-44.

The Vandals only shot 31 percent.

The bigger Grizzlies, who had five players taller and heavier than any Vandal, were outrebounded by Idaho 40-35, including 17-8 on offensive rebounds.

It's the first Division I-A win for the Vandals, who beat Western Montana in their season opener. Brent Cummings, who played at nearby Pullman High, was limited to two points in 28 minutes for the Grizzlies.

Men

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CSI also kept its defensive pressure on, stripping 19 steals to only five for Ricks.

For the Vikings, it was a bitter memory to take away from Southern Idaho.

CSI returns to playing basketball on Jan. 2, when the Golden Eagles host the Northwest All-Stars. The Eagles then return to league play, hitting the road Jan. 4-5 to play at Salt Lake Community College and Utah Valley State College.

Throw-ins

The Magichords Barbershop Chorus sang renditions of "God Bless America" and "The Star-Spangled Banner" before Saturday's game. ... CSI athletic director present Ricks with a plaque for their final regular season appearance at the school. ... North Carolina State University visited over the weekend to watch Clemons.

CSI 83, Ricks 70
Ricks (70)
Hoell 5-12 4-4 18, Downes 7-13 0-0 15, Green 1-2 0-0 2, Stevens 0-0 3-5 3, May 2-6 0-0 4, Anthony 1-3 0-0 2, Jacobs 0-5 0-0 0, Thomas 4-7 0-2 8, Moss 0-1 0-0 0, Howard 0-0 0-0 0, Reid 1-3 0-0 3, Whitehead 4-6 1-2 10, McKee 1-2 0-0 2, Chatwin 0-0 2-2 2. Totals: 27-59 10-15 70.
CSI (83)
Clemons 5-8 0-0 11, Bobat 8-18 1-2 23, Ellis 5-14 2-2 15, May 4-7 3-6 11, Downes 3-5 2-3 8, J. Williams 5-12 4-8 14, Dunn 0-0 0-0 0, Bloch 1-2 0-0 2, Dent 0-3 0-0 0, Leslie 1-1 0-0 2, Watson 2-3 0-2 4. Totals: 35-73 12-23 83.
Ricks 27 43 - 70
CSI 45 48 - 93
3-Point Goals– Ricks 6-20 (Hoell 3-8, Downes 1-4, Green 0-1, Anthony 0-2, Jacobs 0-1, Moss 0-1, Howard 1-2, Whitehead 1-1), CSI 11-29 (Clemons 3-6, Ellis 2-6, Bobat 5-13, Dent 0-2, Bloch 0-2). Fouled out– none. Rebounds– Ricks 40 (Thomas 9), CSI 28 (May, Williams 6), Assists– Ricks 21 (Jacobs 9), CSI 29 (Clemons 9). Total fouls– Ricks 16, CSI 19. Officials– Bruce Palmer, Mike Mannen, Greg Hasting.

Coach

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ningest coach in team history with a record of 248-172, including 10-9 this season, his seventh.

"He said he wanted to spend more time with his family. He's a little burned out," guard Howard Eisley said.

Van Gundy planned to make a statement at the team's practice facility in Purchase, N.Y., on Saturday afternoon.

Including this season, Van Gundy had two years remaining on his contract.

Van Gundy is known as one of the hardest working coaches in the NBA. He routinely reports to work at dawn and spends endless hours reviewing videotape.

Van Gundy received an unsolicited vote of confidence from team president Scott Layden during the team's West Coast road trip almost three weeks ago. The next day, though, Van Gundy publicly disagreed with Layden's glowing assessment of his performance.

Two weeks ago, Van Gundy used the phrase "mailing it in" to describe the Knicks' effort in certain games this season.

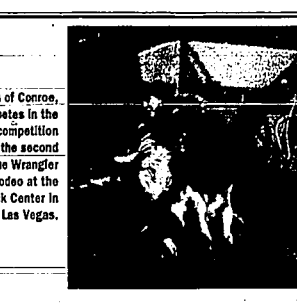
New York was coming off its biggest win of the season – a 14-point road victory over the Milwaukee Bucks – but is about to begin a much tougher stretch of its schedule.

"We are surprised and disappointed by Jeff's decision to leave the organization suddenly after 13 years," Layden said in a statement. "Jeff's coaching abilities, passion to succeed and tireless work ethic were responsible for much of the Knicks' success during his tenure. We are sorry to see him leave, we thank him and wish him well."

Van Gundy is the first NBA coach to resign or be fired this season.

He took over the head coaching duties midway through the 1995-96 season after Don Nelson was fired. He nearly lost his job on more than one occasion but always managed to hang on, outlasting former general manager Ernie Grunfeld, former Madison Square Garden president Dave Checketts and even Patrick Ewing, the franchise center who was traded away two summers ago.

Etbauer wins second NFR bareback title



AP photo

Bryan Fields of Conroe, Texas, competes in the steer wrestling competition Saturday during the second performance of the Wrangler National Finals Rodeo at the Thomas & Mack Center in Las Vegas.

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Billy Etbauer, the defending saddle bronc champion, had an 85-point ride Saturday night to win the second go-round of the National Finals Rodeo.

After entering the rodeo in eighth place in the world standings – $92,849 behind leader Glenn O'Neil – Oklahoma cowboy has earned $21,591-in the first two rounds to move into sixth place. He opened the rodeo Friday night with a third-place finish.

"I knew I had drawn a good little horse," said Etbauer, who holds the record for NFR season earnings in one event with $101,531 in 1992. "I just had to take care of my end. I had to spur out, put my feet up by his neck and see what happens."

Sounds simple enough, but taking care of business had been a problem for Etbauer this year. Last year, he entered the NFR with $112,944, but came in with only $66,856 this year.

"I never took care of my end, and I ended up costing myself a lot of money," said Etbauer, a four-time world champion. "Im just glad to be here. I hope I can just stay healthy and make a little money."

Etbauer is up to $88,448 on the season and with O'Neil getting bucked off his first two rides, still has hopes of a third straight world title. But in first or eighth, Etbauer keeps the same mindset.

"I always try as hard as I can, whether Im leading or in last," he said. "You can only do what you can do."

Rod Hay of Canada was second with an 84, and Jesse Bail of Camp Crook, S.D., and Red Lemmel of Faith, S.D., tied for third with 82s.

In bareback riding, Ian Lajeunesse of Morgan, Utah, won the round with an 86. Pete Hawkins of Weatherford, Texas, was second with an 85 and Clint Corey of Powell Butte, Ore., and Mark Gomes of Nickerson, Kan., split third with 84s.

Cory McFadden of Crane, Texas, won the bull riding with an 88. Philip Elkins of Granbury, Texas, was second with an 87, and Jesse Bail of Camp Crook, S.D., was third with an 86.

SCORES AND STATS

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
New Jersey	12	7	.632	–
Boston	11	7	.611	½
New York	11	9	.550	1½
Orlando	11	10	.524	2
Philadelphia	8	11	.421	4½
Washington	7	12	.368	5
Miami	6	12	.316	6

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Detroit	13	6	.684	–
Milwaukee	11	6	.647	1
Toronto	12	8	.600	1
Indiana	9	10	.474	2½
Charlotte	8	10	.444	3
Cleveland	8	12	.400	4
Atlanta	7	14	.333	5½
Chicago	5	15	.211	8

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
San Antonio	14	4	.778	–
Minnesota	13	5	.722	1
Dallas	12	8	.600	3
Utah	11	8	.579	3½
Denver	7	13	.350	8
Houston	6	14	.300	9
Memphis	5	14	.263	9½

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
LA Lakers	15	2	.882	–
Sacramento	15	3	.833	½
Phoenix	12	9	.571	5½
Portland	9	8	.500	7
LA Clippers	10	10	.474	7½
Seattle	9	13	.409	9
Golden State	8	13	.381	9½

Friday's Games

Toronto 98, Denver 96, OT
Indiana 98, Chicago 83
Boston 109, Phoenix 102, OT
Orlando 129, Atlanta 94
New Jersey 96, Cleveland 84
San Antonio 86, Philadelphia 76
Miami 98, Seattle 86, OT
Sacramento 112, LA Lakers 91
Utah 102, LA Clippers 86
Charlotte 106, Golden State 89

Saturday's Games

Atlanta 107, Orlando 104
Cleveland 100, Denver 99
New York 101, Indiana 99
Memphis 92, Philadelphia 83
Minnesota 107, Houston 97
Chicago 87, Boston 84
Milwaukee 95, New Jersey 79
Washington 102, Dallas 95
Utah 111, Golden State 101
LA Clippers 97, Seattle 91

Sunday's Games

Phoenix at Toronto, 1 p.m.
Houston at Detroit, 4 p.m.
Miami at Sacramento, 7 p.m.
Charlotte at LA Lakers, 7 p.m.

Monday's Games

Dals. – Utah, 7 p.m.
Orlando at LA Clippers, 8:30 p.m.

NBA Boxes

Jazz 111, Warriors 101

GOLDEN STATE (101)

Jamison 3-9 3-4 9, Richardson 7-8 3-7 19, Hughes 6-15 7-8 26, Sura 2-3 2-5 6, Mills 1-7 0-0 2, Murphy 0-4 2-2 2, Boykins 3-6 0-0 8, Fox 2-5 0-0 4, Tolbert 2-3 0-0 4, Totals 39-76 14-24 101.				
UTAH (111)				
Malone 11-22 11-12 33, Mia 4-5 6-8 15, Stockton 4-5 0-0 8, Stockton 5-5 0-0 15, Svenson 3-6 0-0 6, Crotty 2-4 2-2 6, Jo 3-6 0-0 8, Ostertag 1-2 0-0 2, Fariyer 0-0 0-0, Lewis 0-0 0-0 0, Sasko 1-2 0-0 2, Amaechi 1-2 2-2 4. Totals 42-79 25-27 111.				
Golden State	28	23	27	23-101
Utah	35	27	22	27-111

3-Point Goals–Golden State 7-15 (Murphy 3-4, Boykins 2-2, Richardson 1-2, Jamison 1-3, Mills 0-1, Utah 2-3 (Kleinsta 2-2, Stockton 0-1). Fouled out–None. Rebounds–Golden State 45 (Jamison 10), Utah 42 (Marshall 9). Assists–Golden State 15 (Hughes 5), Utah 26 (Stockton 13). Total fouls–Golden State 26, Utah 25. Technicals–Hughes, A-17,644 (19,911)

Hawks 107, Magic 104

ORLANDO (104)

McGrady 11-20 7-8 30, Grant 5-8 1-3 11, Hunter 2-3 0-0 4, Armstrong 3-9 2-2 10, Hudson 6-13 2-2 16, Ewing 4-8 2-2 10, Hudson 0-2 2-2, Garrity 0-4 0-0 0, Buechler 1-3 0-0 2, Williams 2-3 0-0 4. Totals 40-87 21-29 104

ATLANTA (107)

Kukoc 7-14 4-7 18, Abdur-Rahim 1-3 0-0 2, Mohammed 10-19 1-4 21, Vaughn 7-20 0-5 14, Terry 7-12 11-12 25, Bibby 2-5 2-2 7, Sanders 3-5 4-6 10, Glover 2-6 0-0 4, Evans 3-10 1-2 7. Totals 47-105 19-28 107.

Orlando	34	25	22	23-104
Atlanta	22	28	29	28-107

3-Point Goals–Orlando 9-24 (McGrady 3-4, Miller 3-8, Armstrong 2-7, Buechler 1-1, Garrity 0-3), Atlanta 4-14 (Terry 3-5, Vaughn 1-1, Glover 0-1, Kukoc 0-3, Evans 0-4). Fouled out–Mobley. Rebounds–Orlando 52 (McGrady 11), Atlanta 51 (Mohammed 13). Assists–Orlando 18 (McGrady, Miller 4), Atlanta 24 (Kukoc 10). Total fouls–Orlando 21, Atlanta 23. A–14,836 (19,445)

Knicks 101, Pacers 99

INDIANA (99)

O'Neal 5-15 6-10 22, Rose 7-18 4-8 18, Foster 3-6 1-2 7, Miller 6-17 0-0 15, Tinsley 6-13 2-4 14, Harrington 6-14 7-8 19, Croshere 1-3 0-0 2, Sundvold 1-4 0-0 2, Gardner 0-0 0-0 0. Total 35-90 20-36 99

NEW YORK (101)

Sprewell 3-8 2-2 10, K.Thomas 5-13 3-4 13, Camby 7-15 4-6 18, Houston 6-13 5-6 18, Jackson 4-8 0-0 10, Anderson 2-4 0-1 4, Ward 1-4 0-0 2, Childress 5-7 0-0 10. Totals 35-85 14-25 101.

Indiana	25	12	29	33-99
New York	24	27	25	25-101

3-Point Goals–Indiana 3-12 (Miller 3-6, Croshere 0-1, Tinsley 0-2, Rose 0-3), New York 7-17 (Sprewell 3-6, Jackson 2-3, Childress 1-1, Ward 1-3, Anderson 0-1). Fouled out–None. Rebounds–Indiana 49 (O'Neal 12), New York 58 (Camby 22). Assists–Indiana 19 (Tinsley 9), New York 24 (Jackson 9). Total fouls–Indiana 18, New York 23. A–18,763 (19,763).

Cavaliers 109, Nuggets 99

DENVER (99)

LaFrentz 5-11 2-4 15, Posey 4-13 6-7 15, Downs 2-3 0-0 6, Van Exel 6-14 1-2 16, Lenard 5-13 0-0 11, McCloud 5-10 0-0 13, Chamberlain 1-2 0-2 2, Johnson 3-6 2-3 8, Scott 1-1 0-0 2, Hamilton 0-0 0-0 0, Satterfield 1-2 1-1 3. Totals 34-84 22-28 99.

CLEVELAND (109)

Murray 11-19 9-9 33, Jones 5-8 0-0 8, Miles 2-10 0-0 4, Blake 6-13 0-0 12, Person 8-9 4-5 24, Coles 1-4 0-0 2, Szczerbiak 2-5 4-5 10, Davis 0-10 1-2 13, Smith 0-1 0-0 0, Skiemer 1-1 0-0 2, Diop 0-0 0-0 0. Langdon 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 41-83 18-21 109.

Denver	27	19	29	24-99
Cleveland	25	28	33	23-109

3-Point Goals–Denver 9-22 (LaFrentz 3-4, McCloud 3-6, Van Exel 1-2, Posey 1-4, Lenard 1-5, Satterfield 0-1), Cleveland 8-19 (Person 4-6, Jones 2-5, Murray 2-6, Coles 1-1, Skiemer 0-1, Miller 0-2). Fouled out–None. Rebounds–Denver 50 (Posey 9), Cleveland 53 (Jones, Miles 9). Assists–Denver 24 (McCloud 5), Cleveland 30 (Miller 13). Total fouls–Denver 22, Cleveland 25. Technicals–Denver Defense Three Second, Szczerbiak, Flagrant fouls–Davis. A–13,092 (20,562).

Bucks 95, Nets 79

NEW JERSEY (79)

Martin 3-8 2-2 9, Van Horn 6-15 2-2 15, MacCulloch 5-12 2-2 12, Kidd 4-14 0-0 11, Kittles 3-7 3-4 9, Lafrentz 0-8 1-4 1, Harris 5-8 0-0 12, Wilkinson 0-2 2-2 2, Cassell 1-5 0-0 2, Gradwell 0-1 0-0 2, Armstrong 1-4 0-0 2. Totals 30-90 14-22 79.

MILWAUKEE (95)

Mason 2-6 0-0 5, Robinson 5-12 3-3 13, Potapenko 1-2 0-2 2, Allen 8-12 1-2 21, Cassell 12-21 0-0 26, Strickland 1-3 0-0 2, Booth 1-2 0-0 2, Bond 6-7 0-0 8, Horn 1-3 0-2 2, Alston 0-1 0-0 0, Pope 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 41-84 6-11 95.

New Jersey	17	32	16	19-79
Milwaukee	20	34	28	13-95

3-Point Goals–New Jersey 5-17 (Martin 2-3, Kidd 2-6, Van Horn 1-5, Jefferson 0-1), Milwaukee 7-15 (Allen 4-6, Cassell 2-5, Bond 1-2, Mason 0-1, Strickland 0-1). Fouled out–None. Rebounds–New Jersey 48 (MacCulloch 7),

Milwaukee 58 (Johnson 18). Assists–New Jersey 20 (Kidd 6), Milwaukee 24 (Allen 7). Total fouls–New Jersey 12, Milwaukee 16. A–18,717 (18,717).

Timberwolves 107, Rockets 97

HOUSTON (97)

Wilkins 7-16 5-5 22, Thomas 3-6 0-0 8, Cato 6-9 2-5 14, Mobley 1-9 3-3 5, Norris 3-10 6-6 12, Wiley 1-5 4-4 6, Torres 1-1 0-0 2, Griffin 4-7 0-0 9, Brown 2-5 0-0 4. Rome 0-0 0-0 0, Langdy 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 35-81 20-23 97.

MINNESOTA (107)

Garnett 5-14 5-7 21, J.Smith 6-7 6-8 18, Nesterovic 3-8 0-0 6, Strickland 8-15 1-2 18, Brandon 5-9 5-5 15, Peeler 3-7 0-0 6, Delpus 1-6 2-2 11, Lopez 2-7 1-2 5, Wesley 0-1 0-0 0, Trent 1-2 2-4, Mashburn 0-0 0-0 0, Garrett 1-3 0-0 2. Totals 41-74 22-37 107.

Houston	28	26	23	20-97
Minnesota	26	28	29	22-107

3-Point Goals–Houston 7-15 (W.Wilkins 4-6, Mobley 1-4, Griffin 1-1, Norris 0-2), Minnesota 5-9 (Delpus 1-1, Szczerbiak 1-2, Peeler 1-4, Brandon 0-1, Lopez 0-1). Fouled out–None. Rebounds–Houston 45 (Thomas, Cato 7), Minnesota 47 (Garnett 8). Assists–Houston 20 (Norris 11), Minnesota 28 (Brandon 11). Total fouls–Houston 20, Minnesota 28. Technicals–Houston Defense Three Second, Houston coach Tomjanovich, Minnesota Defense Three Second, Ejected–Houston coach Tomjanovich. A–18,447 (19,000).

Wizards 102, Mavericks 95

WASHINGTON (102)

Jordan 7-21 7-8 21, Mutombo 2-2 2-2 6, White 4-5 0-0, Whitney 3-5 5-6 11, Richardson 6-15 6-7 19, Hamilton 5-9 0-0 12, Howard 5-11 1-2 12, Jamison 1-2 0-0 2, Harwood 0-0 3-7 3, Alexander 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 36-72 24-32 102.

DALLAS (95)

Manning 2-5 0-0 4, Griffin 4-7 0-0 8, Howard 1-6 2-2 4, Finley 13-22 2-3 32, Nash 4-12 0-0 10, Ilgauskas 1-3 0-0 2, Bradley 1-1 0-0 2, Buckner 1-2 0-0 2, Diaz 1-3 0-0 2, Zlucha 4-9 0-0 8, Eschmeyer 0-0 0-0 0, Najera 4-4 0-0 9. Totals 40-87 8-10 95.

Washington	27	28	13	34-102
Dallas	22	16	28	31-95

3-Point Goals–Washington 2-6 (Richardson 1-1, Lue 1-3, Whitney 0-1, Jordan 0-1), Dallas 7-18 (Finley 3-4, Nash 3-10, Howard 1-2, Zlucha 1-3, Manning 0-1, Ilgauskas 0-2). Fouled out–None. Rebounds–Washington 54 (Jordan 12), Dallas 39 (Howard 7). Assists–Washington 25 (Whitney, Lue, Jordan 4), Dallas 26 (Nash 10). Total fouls–Washington 20, Dallas 28. Technicals–Howard, Hollins, Flagrant fouls–Howard. A–20,241 (18,187).

Bulls 87, Celtics 84

BOSTON (84)

Walker 10-24 0-0 27, Pierce 4-15 2-2 13, Battie 3-6 0-0 6, Anderson 4-7 1-1 9, Johnson 4-7 0-0 8, Williams 2-6 5-6 10, Potapenko 0-5 0-2 0, Palacio 3-6 0-0 7, Stevens 0-2 1-2 1. Totals 32-86 9-18 84

CHICAGO (87)

Simmons 3-6 1-2 11, Fizer 6-13 5-6 13, Miller 5-6 10-10, Anthony 4-12 3-4 16, Hoiberg 1-4 0-0 2, Oakley 2-5 0-0 4, Curry 1-3 0-0 3, Curry 1-1 0-0 2, Ollie 3-5 5-6 11. Totals 27-73 30-37 87.

Boston	27	25	15	16-84
Chicago	17	27	23	20-87

3-Point Goals–Boston 11-19 (Walker 7-10, Pierce 2-5, J.Johnson 1-1, Stevens 0-1, Palacio 0-1), Chicago 3-13 (Anthony 3-4, Oakley 0-1, Miller 0-1, Fizer 0-1, Hoiberg 0-3, Hoiberg 0-3). Fouled out–None. Rebounds–Boston 57 (Walker 10), Chicago 63 (Miller 16). Assists–Boston 20 (Walker 6), Chicago 24 (Simmons, Fizer, Hoiberg 7). Total fouls–Boston 25, Chicago 13. Technicals–Boston Defensive Three Second, Walker, Anderson, Chicago Defensive Three Second, Johnson. Flagrant fouls–Anthony. A–18,573 (21,711).

Grizzlies 92, 76ers 83

PHILADELPHIA (83)

Blount 2-7 2-2 6, Hornung 7-18 8-9 22, Mutombo 5-10 1-2 11, Snow 3-7 0-0 6, Iverson 6-22 12-14 25, Bell 3-9 2-2 8, Burton 1-3 0-0 2, Brown 0-4 0-0 0, Diawara 0-0 0-0 0. Total 33-74 17-20 83.

MEMPHIS (92)

Bullard 4-7 0-0 8, Gasol 11-19 2-4 24, Austin 4-10 0-0 8, Wesley 3-9 2-2 9, Jones 2-5 0-0 4, Ellis 2-5 0-0 4, Knight 1-3 4-5, Massenburg 2-2 0-0 5, Long 0-2 4-4 4. Totals 29-79 12-15 92.

Philadelphia	19	25	16	21 - 83
Memphis	25	28	13	26-92

3-Point Goals–Philadelphia 6-21 (Hornung 2-7, Iverson 2-7, Burton 1-1, Brown 0-1, Bell 0-2, Snow 0-3), Memphis 7-21 (Williams 4-12, Gasol 2-4, Massenburg 1-1, Austin 0-1, Knight 0-1, Bullard 0-2). Fouled out–None. Rebounds–Philadelphia 51 (Mutombo 17), Memphis 41 (Austin, Gasol 8). Assists–Philadelphia 17 (Iverson 6), Memphis 20 (Williams 8). Total fouls–Philadelphia 19, Memphis 16. Technicals–Mutombo, Memphis Defensive Three Second, Knight. A–18,405 (19,200).

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MIAMI (98)

Ellis 4-10 0-2 8, Grant 5-9 5-7 15, Mourning 7-9 7-11 21, Jones 6-14 7-8 17, Carter 3-9 1-2 7, Strickland 5-9 0-0 12, Sanders 3-5 3-6 7, Jackson 4-10 0-0 8. Totals 34-73 28-42 98.

SEATTLE (94)

Lewis 8-18 7-8 22, Baker 2-7 1-4 5, Booth 0-1 0-0 0, Barry 3-9 9-10 18, Payton 11-28 2-2 25, Long 0-1 1-2 1, Radmanovic 3-11 5-6 12, Wagner 2-5 0-0 4, Drobnjak 1-3 0-0 2, Wallace 1-6 0-0 3, Oyedeji 0-0 0-0 0. Total 33-93 20-29 94

Miami	27	25	19	20-98
Seattle	19	28	22	25-94

3-Point Goals–Miami 3-12 (Carter 2-7, Grant 1-1, Carter 0-2, Ellis 0-2), Seattle 8-24 (Barry 3-5, Lewis 2-6, Williams 1-2, Radmanovic 1-5, Payton 1-4). Fouled out–Baker. Rebounds–Miami 60 (Mourning 12), Seattle 54 (Lewis 11). Assists–Miami 19 (Mourning, Jones, Jackson 4), Seattle 25 (Payton 11). Total fouls–Miami 24, Seattle 30. A–13,645 (17,072).

Kings 97, Lakers 91

LA LAKERS (91)

Fox 7-8 2-2 17, Walker 2-5 0-0 4, O'Neal 14-23 3-11 31, Bryant 9-23 5-5 23, Fisher 1-7 0-0 2, Fisher 3-12-4-4 12, Horry 1-1 1-2 3, George 4-9 0-0 8. Totals 41-88 11-24 91.

SACRAMENTO (97)

Divac 5-11 7-8 25, Pollard 2-8 11-13 15, Bibby 10-20 0-0 21, Webber 2-8 11-13 15, Bibby 10-20 0-0 24, Jackson 1-7 0-0 2, Peterson 2-8 0-0 5, Stoudamire 2-7 0-0 5, Turkoglu 3-7 2-2 10, Blackman 2-6 0-0 5. Totals 37-82 31-36 97.

LA Lakers	19	24	19	29-91
Sacramento	25	22	28	22-97

3-Point Goals–LA Lakers 4-19 (Fisher 3-7, Fox 1-5, George 0-1, Hunter 0-2, Bryant 0-4), Sacramento 7-19 (Stoudamire 3-5, Turkoglu 2-3, Blackman 1-4, Bibby 1-3). Fouled out–Divac, Rebounds–LA Lakers 58 (O'Neal 16), Sacramento 53 (Pollard 15). Assists–LA Lakers 19 (O'Neal 5), Sacramento 25 (Divac 7). Total fouls–LA Lakers 28, Sacramento 23. A–17,207 (17,317).

Jazz 102, Clippers 86

UTAH (102)

Marshall 13-20 3-5 29, Malone 10-18 8-10 28, Gellos 0-4 0-0 0, Stockton 3-7 0-0 7, Lewis 0-3 0-0 0, Russell 0-1 0-1, Ostertag 0-1 1-2 1, Foster 1-2 0-0 2, Sconiers 1-7 1-2 3. Totals 28-64 13-20 102.

LA CLIPPERS (86)

Odom 7-12 1-4 15, Brand 6-11 13-16 25, Cleveland 1-3 0-0 2, Maggette 7-18 0-0 14, Magloire 5-11 3-4 16, Richardson 1-8 1-2 3, Miles 4-7 1-1 9, Rivers 2-10 0-2 4, Bradley 0-2 1-4 2, Jamison 0-0 0-0 0, Dreiling 3-5 1-2 10. Totals 32-77 21-35 86.

Utah	30	26	22	23-102
LA Clippers	23	19	25	19-86

3-Point Goals–Utah 2-5 (Russell 1-1, Stockton 1-2, Lewis 0-1, Gellos 0-1), Clippers 2-13 (Odom 1-2, Miles 1-1, Richardson 0-2, Rivers 0-2, Bradley 0-2, Cleveland 0-3, Maggette 0-4). Fouled out–None. Rebounds–Utah 52 (Malone 13), Clippers 51 (Brand 13). Assists–Utah 25 (Stockton 9), Clippers 17 (Rivers 5). Total fouls–Utah 25, Clippers 22. A–12,092 (20,562).

Suns 87, Grizzlies 84

MEMPHIS (84)

Bullard 4-7 0-0 8, Gasol 11-19 2-4 24, Austin 4-10 0-0 8, Wesley 3-9 2-2 9, Jones 2-5 0-0 4, Ellis 2-5 0-0 4, Knight 1-3 4-5, Massenburg 2-2 0-0 5, Long 0-2 4-4 4. Totals 29-79 12-15 92.

Phoenix	19	25	23	20 - 87
Memphis	25	28	13	26-92

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Seattle	19	28	22	25-94

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American Football Conference

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East											
Miami	8	3	0	.727	235	222	4-1-0	4-2-0	7-2-0	1-1-0	3-2-0
N.Y. Jets	7	4	0	.636	224	199	2-4-0	5-0-0	5-2-0	2-2-0	4-2-0
New England	7	5	0	.583	274	228	4-2-0	3-3-0	5-4-0	2-1-0	4-2-0
Indianapolis	4	7	0	.364	292	337	1-4-0	3-3-0	4-5-0	0-2-0	3-3-0
Buffalo	1	10	0	.091	180	308	0-6-0	1-4-0	1-8-0	0-2-0	0-5-0
Central											
Pittsburgh	9	2	0	.818	210	137	4-1-0	5-1-0	7-2-0	2-0-0	5-2-0
Baltimore	8	4	0	.667	237	214	4-1-0	4-3-0	7-3-0	1-1-0	5-3-0
Cleveland	6	5	0	.545	204	181	4-3-0	2-2-0	5-4-0	1-1-0	4-3-0
Tennessee	5	6	0	.454	214	252	2-3-0	3-3-0	3-6-0	2-0-0	3-5-0
Cincinnati	4	7	0	.364	153	220	3-3-0	1-4-0	3-5-0	1-2-0	2-4-0
Jacksonville	3	8	0	.273	193	200	3-4-0	0-4-0	3-7-0	0-1-0	3-5-0
West											
Oakland	8	3	0	.727	309	235	4-1-0	4-2-0	5-2-0	3-1-0	4-1-0
Seattle	6	5	0	.545	195	234	4-2-0	2-3-0	6-3-0	0-2-0	3-2-0
Denver	6	6	0	.500	264	260	4-2-0	2-4-0	3-5-0	3-1-0	2-3-0
San Diego	5	7	0	.417	273	239	4-2-0	1-5-0	3-6-0	2-1-0	1-4-0
Kansas City	3	8	0	.273	200	229	1-5-0	2-3-0	2-5-0	1-3-0	2-2-0

Power rankings

'D' Carries Pittsburgh to No. 1

1. Pittsburgh (9-2)
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3. Chicago (9-2)
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6. Green Bay (8-3)
7. Miami (8-3)
8. Philadelphia (7-4)
9. New England (7-5)
10. Baltimore (8-4)
11. New York Jets (7-4)
12. Cleveland (6-5)
13. Tampa Bay (6-5)
14. New Orleans (6-5)
15. New York Giants (5-6)
16. Tennessee (5-6)
17. Washington (5-6)
18. Seattle (6-5)
19. Arizona (5-6)
20. Denver (6-6)
21. Atlanta (6-5)
22. Minnesota (4-7)
23. Indianapolis (4-7)
24. Cincinnati (4-7)
25. San Diego (5-7)
26. Jacksonville (3-8)
27. Dallas (3-8)
28. Kansas City (3-8)
29. Detroit (0-11)
30. Carolina (1-11)
31. Buffalo (1-10)

– Sam Farmer, Los Angeles Times

National Football Conference

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Home	Away	NFC	AFC	Div
East											
Philadelphia	7	4	0	.636	255	141	2-4-0	5-0-0	5-3-0	2-1-0	4-2-0
Arizona	5	6	0	.454	208	269	2-4-0	3-2-0	2-5-0	3-1-0	1-3-0
N.Y. Giants	5	6	0	.454	158	206	2-3-0	3-3-0	4-4-0	1-2-0	3-2-0
Washington	5	6	0	.454	253	226	3-3-0	2-3-0	3-4-0	2-2-0	2-3-0
Dallas	3	8	0	.273	176	296	2-4-0	1-4-0	3-5-0	0-3-0	3-3-0
Central											
Chicago	9	2	0	.818	227	153	5-1-0	4-1-0	7-1-0	2-1-0	4-1-0
Green Bay	8	3	0	.727	265	188	4-1-0	4-2-0	6-3-0	2-0-0	4-2-0
Tampa Bay	6	5	0	.545	225	193	4-2-0	2-3-0	5-3-0	1-2-0	3-3-0
Minnesota	4	7	0	.364	265	252	3-2-0	1-5-0	4-6-0	0-1-0	3-3-0
Detroit	0	11	0	.000	153	400	0-6-0	0-5-0	0-8-0	0-3-0	0-5-0
West											
St. Louis	9	2	0	.818	337	176	5-1-0	4-1-0	6-2-0	3-0-0	3-1-0
San Francisco	9	2	0	.818	302	224	5-1-0	4-1-0	6-2-0	3-0-0	5-1-0
Atlanta	6	5	0	.545	194	226	2-2-0	4-3-0	4-4-0	2-1-0	3-3-0
New Orleans	6	5	0	.545	253	239	3-2-0	3-3-0	4-5-0	2-2-0	3-2-0
Carolina	1	11	0	.083	184	279	0-5-0	1-6-0	1-9-0	0-2-0	0-7-0

Week 13 matchups

11 a.m.
Giants (5-6)
at
Cowboys (3-8)

Key elements: The Cowboys would like nothing better than to knock the defending NFC champion Giants out of the playoff picture. Dallas doesn't have to depend entirely on the run; receivers Raghib Ismail and Joey Galloway accounted for 10 catches for 184 yards and a touchdown in the Week 8 overtime loss to the Giants. Michael Strahan is on a pace for 22.5 sacks, which would be an NFL record.

The pick: Dallas in an upset. The Giants haven't been consistent on the road all season.

11 a.m.
Jaguars (3-8)
at
Bengals (4-7)

Key elements: Both teams had inspiring starts but have faltered. With little else but Corey Dillon on offense, the Bengals have been limited to fewer than 14 points and fewer than 100 yards rushing in four consecutive games. The Jaguars have allowed at least four sacks in their last three games, which could spell disaster against Cincinnati's aggressive linebackers.

The pick: Cincinnati. The Bengals should prevail if they can get Dillon going early.

11 a.m.
Saints (6-5)
at
Falcons (6-5)

Key elements: While everyone is talking about the "other" NFC West matchup, this game has drama as well because the loser likely will miss the postseason. With Maurice Smith and Bob Christian, the Falcons have been effective running despite losing Jamal Anderson early in the season. The Saint trio of Aaron Brooks, Ricky Williams and Joe Horn has been spectacular at times. Chris Chandler is hampered by an ankle injury but is expected to start.

The pick: New Orleans. The Saints look to avenge a 20-13 home loss to the Falcons in Week 6.

11 a.m.
Titans (5-6)
at
Vikings (4-7)

Key elements: This could be the "Disapointment Bowl" because both clubs took major steps backward after impressive seasons in 2000. With Eddie George struggling, Steve McNair has turned to receivers Derrick Mason and Kevin Dyson. The Vikings' Todd Bouman could get his first start because Daunte Culpepper may not be able to play.

The pick: Tennessee. The Titans still have postseason aspirations, and the Vikings' infighting will do them in.

11 a.m.
Panthers (1-11)
at
Bills (1-10)

Key elements: A game between teams with a combined 2-21 record certainly isn't a clash of titans. Six of the Panthers' losses have been by four points or fewer. Carolina has six rushing touchdowns this season, five by rookie quarterback Chris Weinke. Buffalo's Eric Moulds and Peerless Price have combined for nine catches of at least 40 yards, tops among any NFL receiver tandem.

The pick: Buffalo. At least the weather has been nice in Buffalo.

2:05 p.m.
Redskins (5-6)
at
Cardinals (5-6)

Key elements: You won't find teams more frustrating or wildly inconsistent than these two. Washington depends on the running of Stephen Davis. The Redskins have had quarterback Jake Plummer's number in the last four games, intercepting nine of his passes while allowing no touchdown passes.

The pick: Washington. The pick goes to the Redskins because Arizona is riding a three-game winning streak and should win.

11 a.m.
Bears (9-2)
at
Packers (8-3)

Key elements: The Packers, who defeated the Bears, 20-12, at Soldier Field earlier this season, can take the lead in the NFC Central with a victory. Brett Favre is 108 yards from an NFL record 10th consecutive 3,000-yard season. Chicago's offensive line has allowed only 12 sacks this season, tied with Miami for least in the NFL. James Allen has 200 yards rushing in the last two games filling in for injured rookie Anthony Thomas.

The pick: Green Bay. The Packers have won 13 of last 15 versus Bears and nine of their last 10 games at Lambeau Field.

2:15 p.m.
Jets (7-4)
at
Steelers (9-2)

Key elements: This game was to feature the NFL's two top rushers, but with Jerome Bettis nursing an injury, the battle has lost some of its luster. The Steelers will go with backup running backs Chris Fuamatu-Ma'afala and Amos Zereoue. Kordell Stewart is shedding his loser tag, having won 13 of his last 16 starts. Look for the Jets to use Curtis Martin and Richie Anderson on short routes out of the backfield to counter Steeler blitzes.

The pick: Pittsburgh. The Steelers' tough run defense will put pressure on the Jets' inferior passing attack.

11 a.m., FOX
49ers (9-2)
at
Rams (9-2)

Key elements: This could be the game of the year. The 49ers use Garrison Hearst to set up their passing game, while the Rams use Marshall Faulk out of the backfield to keep the defense spread. The pass rush could be the difference because the 49ers' Jeff Garcia isn't mobile on his injured knee, while the lack of a 49er rush gives Kurt Warner time to pick his targets.

The pick: St. Louis. Billed as a shootout, it's the Rams' resurgent defense that will make the difference.

2:15 p.m., CBS
Chiefs (3-8)
at
Raiders (8-3)

Key elements: The Raiders suffered a major blow with Sunday's shocking home loss to the Cardinals. Oakland's overrated defense was exposed as Arizona racked up 145 yards rushing. The Chiefs' Priest Holmes has 366 total yards in the last two games. Tim Brown needs 75 yards receiving to join teammate Jerry Rice as the only players in NFL history with nine consecutive 1,000-yard seasons.

The pick: Oakland. The Chiefs don't have enough offense to keep up with the Raiders.

11 a.m.
Browns (6-5)
at
Patriots (7-5)

Key elements: Who would have guessed that these teams would be playing a meaningful game this far into the season? Patriot quarterback Tom Brady will have his hands full against a Brown defense that leads the NFL with 25 interceptions and a 54.7 defensive passer rating. Since stepping in for Drew Bledsoe, Brady has led New England to a 7-3 record while completing 65.6 percent of his passes.

The pick: New England. The lack of a consistent ground game will hurt the Browns.

6:30 p.m., ESPN
Seahawks (6-5)
at
Broncos (6-6)

Key elements: The winner stays alive in the playoff hunt, the loser can start planning for next season. Always a nail-biter, seven of the last eight games between these teams have been decided by fewer than eight points. Seahawk running back Shaun Alexander would love to repeat the 142-yard, two-touchdown performance he had against the Broncos in Week 5. Brian Griese has been severly hampered by Denver's lack of healthy receivers.

The pick: Denver. The Broncos' veteran leadership should be the difference.

11 a.m., CBS
Chargers (5-7)
at
Eagles (7-4)

Key elements: The Chargers are riding a five-game losing streak, with three of those losses coming in the final seconds. Doug Flutie isn't getting it done in the red zone: the Chargers lead the league with 45 possessions, but have converted only 19 into touchdowns, 28th in the league in touchdown efficiency at 42.2 percent. Donovan McNabb should have success through the air against the Chargers' bruised secondary.

The pick: Philadelphia. The Eagles have struggled at home (2-4) this season, but the Chargers shouldn't pose much of a problem.

Monday, 7 p.m., ABC
Colts (4-7)
at
Dolphins (8-3)

Key elements: While the Colts are essentially done, they still pose a threat. Miami's offensive linemen are battered, but the Colt defensive line is too inferior to gain an advantage. Jay Fiedler will look like Joe Montana against a Colt defense that has allowed 34 or more points in three consecutive games. Rookie Dominic Rhodes has 355 yards and four touchdowns since replacing the injured Edgerrin James.

The pick: Miami. The Dolphins will win with turnovers and a ball-control offense.

11 a.m.
Lions (0-11)
at
Bucs (6-5)

Key elements: After suffering several confidence-shattering, last-minute losses, the Lions will get no relief this week, as rookie quarterback Mike McMahon gets his first start against Tampa Bay's strong pass rush. In a statistic indicative of the Buccaneers' struggles on offense, Keyshawn Johnson has 83 catches, but has yet to reach the end zone.

The pick: Tampa Bay. Detroit's last eight games have been decided by eight points or fewer. This game won't be that close.

HE'S NO ELWAY

Denver's Brian Griese has the lowest fourth-quarter quarterback rating (48.4) of any starter entering tonight's game against Seattle. In last Sunday's 21-10 loss to the Dolphins, Griese completed eight of 14 passes for 55 yards but was sacked once and had an interception returned 56 yards by defensive end Kenny Mixon for a touchdown. Denver has been outscored 69-3 in the fourth quarter of its past four games.

The secondary's EDGE

For Chicago, safety Mike Brown is like a coach on the field

The Associated Press

LAKE FOREST, Ill. – When Chicago Bears defensive coordinator Greg Blache met Mike Brown before the 2000 draft, he wanted to learn more than what he could see on game films.

Not just what the Nebraska strong safety could do on the field, but what his instincts were and how well he grasped the game.

So Blache and Brown grabbed a couple of seats in the office of Cornhuskers defensive coordinator Craig Bohl and started talking football. Only a few minutes into the chat, Blache knew Brown was something special.

When he was asked to diagram formations, Brown did it with the ease of a veteran coach. When he described the Cornhuskers' defense, it was clear that not only could he explain it, he truly got it.

"He understands the game," Blache said. "He understands all the nuances, the subtleties, the angles, the leverage. He's smart, he's instinctive and for him, the game is easy. The game of football and all the angles, that comes real easy to him."

Brown's been making it look effortless this season, always seeming to be where the ball is. He leads the team with four interceptions – two of which he returned for touchdowns to give the Bears back-to-back overtime wins against San Francisco and Cleveland.

It's as if the game is in slow motion for Brown.

"I don't know what it is, but it just comes very easy to me," Brown said in echoing Blache. "I understand the game and where people are supposed to be and why people go there as opposed to there. I understand the Xs and Os of it.

"If I can see it on film or see it on the board or have a coach tell me, I can store it in the back of my mind and remember it and it helps me out on the field."

Brown also has a team-high 11 passes defended, three sacks, two forced fumbles, a fumble recovery and 59 tackles.

Against Detroit on Sunday, he sacked Mike McMahon for a 5-yard loss, stripped the ball and recovered the fumble. He also had another sack and two broken-up passes, earning him NFC defensive player of the week honors for a second time this season.

If he keeps this pace up, he can start packing for the Pro Bowl. Not that it matters to him.

"I really don't look into individual awards. I'm more happy that we won the game not playing very well," Brown said. "I'm happy with the win, being 9-2, going into this game being on top of the division. I feel pretty good where we're sitting right now."

Linebacker Brian Urlacher has been the face of the Bears' defensive revival since he and Brown were drafted 1-2 in 2000. With his freakish speed and thunderous hits, Urlacher brings back memories of Dick Butkus, Mike Singletary and other Monsters of the Midway.

Brown doesn't come off nearly as imposing. He's only 5-foot-10 and 202 pounds, and the wire glasses he wears off the field make him look more accountant than enforcer.

But Brown is making bigger plays than anyone else on defense this year, Urlacher said. If anyone deserves to be considered for defensive player of the year, Urlacher said, it's Brown.

"He's probably one of the best safeties in the league," Urlacher said. "He's always around the ball, he's always making good decisions in the back end for us.

"Four picks. Two returns for TDs. He's caused fumbles. He's got sacks. He hits hard. I don't see how he could not be a candidate."

Brown's gaudy numbers could be even better if not for three dropped interceptions. One against Cleveland went right through his hands, as did another last week against Detroit.

"Those are the things I remember the most, the drops," Brown said, scowling slightly. "But overall, I think the season has gone pretty good so far."

The second-round pick in 2000, Brown arrived in Chicago with impressive credentials. He led Nebraska in tackles for three straight years, and was an All-American as a senior, when he had a team-high 96 tackles, five interceptions and six forced fumbles.

Brown worked hard during the offseason, determined to be even better this year. He knows he set some personal goals, but he can't recall what they were.

All of the defensive players had to write them down and give them to the coaches, who tucked the slips of paper in an envelope.

"To tell you the truth, I really don't remember what I wrote down," he said. "It will be fun to get that envelope back at the end of the season and open it up and see how I did."

AP photo

Chicago safety Mike Brown, left, puts a hit on Detroit quarterback Charlie Batch during the Bears' 13-10 win last Sunday. Brown has been named the NFC defensive player of the week twice this season.

'He's probably one of the best safeties in the league. He's always around the ball, he's always making good decisions in the back end for us.'

– Brian Urlacher, on teammate Mike Brown

Police issue warrant for Browns' Santiago

CLEVELAND (AP) – A warrant was issued in Pittsburgh for the arrest of Cleveland Browns tight end O.J. Santiago for marijuana possession, The Plain Dealer reported Saturday.

Police Lt. Kevin Kraus told the newspaper that he issued the warrant Friday and called an NFL security official to notify the Browns. Santiago or his lawyer is supposed to contact police.

Kraus couldn't be reached immediately by The Associated Press on Saturday, and Pittsburgh police said it is against department policy to release information on warrants until after an arrest has been made.

It's the latest legal woe for a Browns player. Three were arrested on Nov. 20: defensive tackle Gerard Warren, fullback Mike Sellers and cornerback Lamar Chapman.

According to The Plain Dealer, the warrant for Santiago is connected to the arrest of Warren, who faces a charge of carrying an unlicensed firearm in his car.

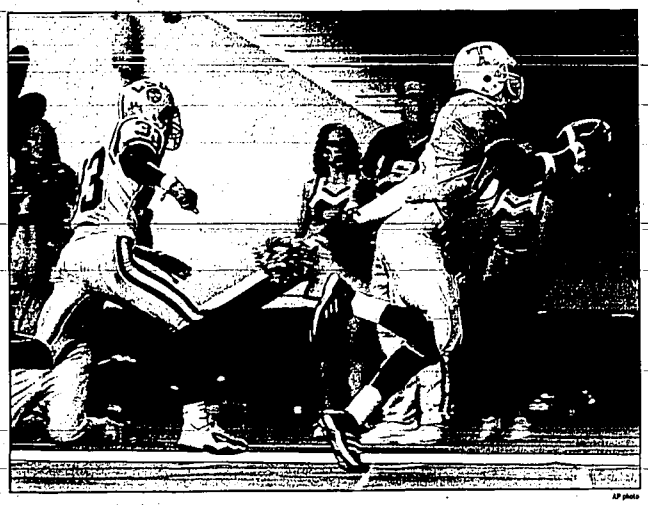
During a search, police found marijuana, which they now believe belonged to Santiago, though he wasn't with Warren at the time of the arrest, the newspaper reported.

The Browns said Saturday they hadn't been given any new information from police and anticipated that Santiago would play in Sunday's game against the New England Patriots in Foxboro, Mass.

In a statement, Browns president and chief executive Carmen Policy said the team would not comment further until Monday afternoon.

The Associated Press left a message seeking comment for Santiago's agent, Nathaniel Lampley.

The Browns claimed Santiago off waivers last year from Dallas and then signed him to a one-year contract during the offseason. He played three seasons in Atlanta before that.



AP photo

Tennessee's Kelly Washington hauls in a touchdown pass from quarterback Casey Clausen as Louisiana State's Dometrius Hookfin covers during the SEC Championship game in Atlanta, Saturday.

LSU dumps Tennessee

ATLANTA (AP) – A backup quarterback denied Tennessee a spot in the Rose Bowl and really messed up the Bowl Championship Series.

Matt Mauck, filling in after Rohan Davey was injured, ran for two touchdowns and No. 21 LSU won its first Southeastern Conference title since 1988 with a 31-20 upset of second-ranked Tennessee on Saturday night.

The Volunteers (10-2) came to Atlanta hoping to complete their run for the Rose Bowl and a chance to win the national championship. Instead, they'll have to settle for the Orange, at best, or more likely the Citrus.

"We had a great opportunity to play for the national championship," running back Travis Stephens said, "but we failed."

Mauck, a 22-year-old freshman who spent three years as a catcher in the Chicago Cubs' organization, put LSU ahead for good with a 13-yard touchdown in the second play of the fourth quarter. He also scored LSU's first TD on a 4-yard run.

Another backup, Domanick Davis, finished off the Vols by diving over the top on fourth-and-goal from the 1 with 2:26 remaining.

"We just didn't play very well," said Tennessee coach Phillip Fulmer, whose team joined the national championship race with a 34-32 victory over Florida last week. "We got here together. We lost together."

Now, who will go to Pasadena to face top-ranked Miami? No. 5 Nebraska was next in the BCS standings, despite a 62-36 loss to Colorado in its last game.

Simply put, the computers will decide. No. 3 Oregon and No. 4 Colorado are hoping to slide into the second spot. No matter what happens, there's sure to be plenty of controversy.

Tennessee could have made things a little easier on the BCS by winning. But the Vols couldn't beat an LSU team that lost both Davey and star running back LaBrandon Toefield to injuries in the first half.

"Everybody believed in each other," LSU coach Nick Saban said. "Matt and Domanick did an outstanding job taking the place of two outstanding players in a crucial game. I couldn't be happier with the way they came through."

LSU (9-3) earns a spot in the Sugar Bowl against No. 8 Illinois with a truly remarkable upset, the final surprise in a regular season that ended a week later than expected because of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

Nebraska, Florida and Texas all fell by the wayside in recent weeks. Now, Heisman Trophy winner Eric Crouch and the Cornhuskers might be back in the picture, getting a chance to play for the national title when they didn't even win their own division in the Big 12 Conference.

After falling behind 17-7, LSU held the Vols to a field goal in the second half.

Stephens, who rushed for a career-high 226 yards in the upset of Florida, managed just 37 yards on 14 carries. He also had a crucial fumble that led to Mauck's go-ahead touchdown.

"Last week didn't mean anything tonight," Stephens said. "If we had won tonight, then last week would have meant something."

Kelley Washington had six catches for 103 yards in the first half but just three for 37 yards over the final two quarters.

Down 24-20, the Vols had a chance after a short punt gave them the ball near midfield. Casey Clausen completed a 17-yard pass over the middle to Donte Stallworth, but Demetrius Hookfin stripped the ball and Ryan Clark recovered the fumble for LSU.

LSU then drove 65 yards for the clinching score. Appropriately, Mauck and Davis did all the running for the Tigers, while the Vols made two more crucial mistakes.

Julian Battle had an interception right in his hands but couldn't hang on. Rashad Baker tripped up LSU's star receiver, Josh Reed, and was penalized for interference.

Toefield, who tied an SEC record with 19 rushing touchdowns, went out with an injured left knee. He gained just 18 yards.

In relief, Davis ran for 78 yards and Mauck contributed 43 yards on the ground, usually taking off from the shotgun. Mauck completed just 5-of-15 passes for 67 yards, but was named the MVP.

"I was very nervous at the beginning," Mauck said. "But after I got in the flow, I felt OK."

Tennessee's last hope ended when Stallworth, trying desperately to pick up a first down, was dragged down by four tacklers at midfield with a minute to go.

Tennessee's loss may be Nebraska's gain

The Associated Press

What now?

College football was thrown into chaos Saturday night, with LSU's 31-20 upset of No. 2 Tennessee giving Nebraska a strong chance to play Miami in the Bowl Championship Series' national title game in the Rose Bowl.

With the fall of the Volunteers (10-2) in the SEC title game, the BCS system will come in for harsh criticism if its computer-generated standings match the Cornhuskers (11-1) against the Hurricanes (11-0) on Jan. 3.

And by the look of the current standings, that's what is likely to happen – and sure to draw a beef from Oregon (10-1) and Colorado (10-2), which routed the Huskers 62-36 two weeks ago.

Miami was first in last week's BCS standings, Tennessee second and Nebraska third. When Sunday's final standings are released, the Huskers have a strong chance to move up and into a national title game that may not deliver a consensus champion.

After Colorado beat Nebraska, the Buffaloes went on to beat Texas in the Big 12 title game. Colorado was fourth in the BCS standings, and still has a chance to pass the Huskers when the final ratings are released.

Oregon, ranked No. 3 in both the AP media and ESPN/USA Today coaches poll, is likely to move up to No. 2 when the final regular season polls come out Sunday.

Is Nebraska deserving?

"I think so as long as they come through the system," Miami coach Larry Coker said Saturday night. "Last year, we were third and we didn't get to play for a national championship. We came through the system and that's what the computer said. That's where we ended up.

"Did I like it? It really didn't matter."

Coker says Oregon has a stronger case than Colorado. "Oregon has some beef with only one loss."

Fighting Sioux claim D-II title

FLORENCE, Ala. (AP) – Jed Perkerewicz scored on a 1-yard with 29 seconds to play as North Dakota outlasted Grand Valley State 17-14 on Saturday for its first NCAA Division II championship.

Grand Valley State (13-1) appeared poised to win its first national championship when quarterback Ryan Brady scored his second touchdown of the day on a 12-yard run with 2:46 to play.

North Dakota (14-1) then drove 80 yards in nine plays for the winning score. On fourth down with 38 seconds to play, Kelby Klosterman hit Luke Schleusner with a 58-yard pass to the 1. Perkerewicz scored on the next play.

Perkerewicz ran 26 times for 96 yards to lead a North Dakota team that did most of its damage on the ground on an overcast, damp day.

North Dakota took the lead with 12:55 to play on Klosterman's 9-yard run. The Fighting Sioux quarterback ran for 61 yards and completed 8 of 27 passes for 139 yards.

For Grand Valley State, Brady and Todd Wojciechowski split quarterbacking duties, with Brady rushing for 89 yards. Wojciechowski was the Lakers' passing quarterback, completing 11 of 22 attempts for 128 yards.

Brady, a receiver for much of the season, and Wojciechowski were filling in for injured Curt Anes, a finalist for Harlon Hill Trophy who suffered a season-ending knee injury in the Lakers' first playoff game.

Grand Valley State led 7-3 at halftime after a sloppy first half that featured three missed field goals by North Dakota and two turnovers by the Lakers.

AP photo

North Dakota running back Jed Perkerewicz celebrates Saturday as he scores the winning 1-yard touchdown in the closing seconds of the NCAA Division II National Championship against Grand Valley State in Florence, Ala.

Division I-AA

Montana 49, Sam Houston St. 24

MISSOULA, Mont. – Quarterback John Edwards and running back Yohance Humphery ran for two touchdowns each and Etu Molden caught two scoring passes in Montana's victory over Sam Houston State.

Montana, shut out in the first half of its first-round game against Northwestern State, scored on all five of its possessions in the first half against the Bearkats (10-3) to take a 35-10 lead and then its defense forced six turnovers in the second half. The Grizzlies will face Northern Iowa in the semifinals next week.

N. Iowa 56, Maine 28

CEDAR FALLS, Iowa – Adam Benge scored three touchdowns, including a 63-yard run that changed the momentum, as Northern Iowa pulled away in the second half to beat Maine.

Benge broke numerous tackles on the third-quarter run, which came one play after Maine was stopped on fourth down at the Northern Iowa 37 and snapped a 28-28 tie and gave Northern Iowa the momentum.

Georgia Southern 38, Appalachian State 24

STATESBORO, Ga. – Anthony Williams returned a punt 58 yards for a touchdown as Georgia Southern beat Appalachian State 38-24 on Saturday in the NCAA Division I-AA quarterfinals.

The Eagles (12-1), seeking their seventh national title and third in a row, will play Southern Conference rival Furman at home in the semifinals. The victory was Georgia Southern's second of the season over Appalachian State (9-4), also a Southern opponent.

Furman 34, Lehigh 17

GREENVILLE, S.C. – Toreico O'Neal ran for 128 yards and Hindley Brigham had 105 as Furman beat Lehigh 34-17.

Lamar Rembert added 66 yards rushing as the Paladins rotated among three backs to replace the injured Louis Ivory, the most valuable player in Division I-AA in 2000.

Furman gained 332 yards rushing and held Lehigh (11-1) to 308 total yards. The Paladins had nine sacks, second highest total in school history.

Division III

Mount Union 35, St. John's 14

ALLIANCE, Ohio – Chuck Moore ran for 233 yards and three touchdowns as defending champion Mount Union beat St. John's of Minnesota 35-14 Saturday in the NCAA Division III semifinals.

The Purple Raiders (13-0) will face Bridgewater next week in the Stagg Bowl in Salem, Va.

Bridgewater, Va. 29, Rowan, N.J. 24

HARRISONBURG, Va. – Jason Lutz threw a 1-yard touchdown pass to Brian Ratliff as time expired for Bridgewater.

The Eagles (12-0) trailed 24-21 when they pinned Rowan (11-2) at its own 1 late in the game and forced a safety, getting the ball at their 48 with 36 seconds left to set up the score.

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for a touchdown and took a punt 74 yards for another.

Owens, who came into the game ranked fourth in the nation in kick returns, finished with 342 yards – 249 on kickoffs and 93 on punt returns. The total bettered the mark of 284 set by Tutu Atwell of Minnesota in 1997.

"I didn't have to do too much because of the blocking," Owens said. "I just had to run. I guess you could say I was feeling it."

Warriors coach June Jones said the game was Hawaii's bowl game.

"To win this one in this stadium means a lot to these guys," Jones said. "They'll never forget it. I'm proud that the kids did what they did. They played their rear ends off."

Brigham Young, which entered the game averaging 537.1 yards in total offense and 46.9 points, played without Luke Staley, the star running back who broke his leg last week.

"Anytime you lose one of your better players, it's tough," Crowton said. "We didn't have him and we didn't have Brandon Doman for half the game. But you know what, I don't want to make any excuses.

"I just want to give them a lot of credit and we need to learn from it and move forward and get ready for our bowl game."

BYU also was hampered by turnovers, with four of them leading to Hawaii touchdowns.

The sellout crowd, which chanted "Overrated! Overrated!" to the Cougars throughout the game, had barely settled in when Owens took charge. He returned the opening kickoff 64 yards to the BYU 32 to set up Rolovich's 23-yard TD pass to Channon Harris.

After BYU failed to move on its first possession, Owens made it 14-0, returning Aaron Edmonds' punt 74 yards for a TD.

The Cougars made it 14-10 on Matt Payne's 44-yard field goal and Doman's 24-yard scoring pass to Spencer Nead, but Owens put the game out of reach with his 100-yard kickoff return.

Hawaii made 31-10 at the half, with Justin Ayat kicking a 45-yard field goal and Rolovich hooking up with Ashley Lelie on a 15-yard scoring pass. Lelie, ranked third nationally with 131.9 yards per game, caught eight passes for 262 yards.

The Rainbow Warriors scored 27 points in the third quarter, including Rolovich's 80-yard TD pass to Lelie. The Cougars scored 21 points in the quarter.

Doman, who entered the game with 3,316 yards passing, finished with 226 yards on 17 completions and a pair of TDs. He left the game with an injury to his ribs.

Charlie Peterson filled in for most of the second half and finished with 22 completions for 284 yards and two scores.

Staley's absence forced the Cougars to run more plays to receiver Reno Mahe, who finished with 14 catches for 181 yards and two TDs. He also had 69 yards on eight carries.

"They were the better team today. We just beat ourselves," Mahe said. "I don't know how you win a game with eight turnovers, and then you can only try so much. But I'm glad our team just kept fighting."

Heisman

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margin in 1956, when Paul Hornung won over Johnny Majors and Tom McDonald.

Voters list three choices on their ballots, and players are awarded 3 points for first place, 2 for second and 1 for third.

Crouch, the first true option quarterback to win the award, had 162 first-place votes, 98 second-place votes and 88 third-place votes.

Grossman, who passed for 3,896 yards and 34 touchdowns, had 137 first-place votes, 105 for second and 87 for third.

Dorsey, who led Miami to an 11-0 record and a spot in the national title game, had 109 first-place votes, 122 for second and 67 for third.

Harrington, who threw for 2,414 yards and 23 TDs in leading the Ducks (10-1) to the Pac-10 title and the best regular-season record in school history, had 54 first-place votes, 68 for second and 66 for third.

With the race wide open the past two weeks, voters were looking for one of the four finalists to produce a breakout game. It never happened. Nebraska and Florida lost, and Miami and Oregon won close games. In the end, Crouch's season won out.

Fresno State quarterback David Carr was fifth, followed by Indiana quarterback Antwaan Randle El, Oklahoma safety Roy Williams, Miami left tackle Bryant McKinnie, Syracuse defensive end Dwight Freeney and North Carolina defensive end Julius Peppers.

A regional voting breakdown had Crouch winning only the Southwest, with Grossman taking the Mid-Atlantic and South, Dorsey the Northeast and Harrington the Far West.

In 1999, after Crouch started five games for the injured Bobby Newcombe, coach Frank Solich went back to Newcombe. Crouch was crushed. He got in his car, drove home and considered leaving the team.

But Solich drove to Omaha, too. The coach convinced him to return, and three games into the season Newcombe was benched for ineffectiveness and Crouch was calling signals again.

Great move, coach. Crouch is 35-6 as a starter and led the nation's top rushing offense with a knack for breaking big runs and hitting key passes. Crouch completed 55.6 percent of his passes, but critics saw more interceptions (10) than TD passes (7).

Even though he had surgery twice on his right throwing shoulder, he never missed a snap due to injury in his final three seasons.

He says he admires the other finalists for being able to throw, throw and throw some more, but, "I definitely came to Nebraska to run the option, not to throw for 3,000 or 4,000 yards. Don't get me wrong, that would be great. But that's not what we do here at Nebraska."

The 23-year-old Crouch, who has a 2-year old daughter with his fiance, Nikki, is the third Heisman winner from Nebraska, but the first quarterback. Running back Mike Rozier won in 1983 and wingback Johnny Rodgers in 1972.

Unlike some of the top Nebraska quarterbacks before him, Crouch was the main man in crucial situations. Tommie Frazier, for example, had star I-backs Ahman Green and then Lawrence Phillips from 1992-95. And in the early '80s, Turner Gill had Roger Craig and then Rozier and All-American receiver Irving Fryar.

This year's Huskers ran for 314.7 yards per game, with I-back Dahrran Diedrick producing a 1,000-yard season. But when a game was on the line, Crouch came through.

"We literally put the ball in hands to win football games, and he has responded," Solich said.

Even in the loss to Colorado, Crouch rallied the Huskers from a 32-point deficit within 12 points late in the third quarter, and wound up with a school-record 360 total yards.

While Grossman put up awesome numbers, Dorsey's team didn't lose and Harrington led the Ducks to 10 wins, it was Crouch who convinced the voters he had the best Heisman-winning combination.

"There is no question in my mind that Eric Crouch is the best athlete in college football today," Solich says. "You ask anybody that's played against him and they will tell you the same thing: They'd rather play against anybody else in the country than Eric Crouch."

In a year when there was never really a true favorite, the four finalists took turns topping the weekly Heisman polls.

Grossman kept breaking records and topped 300 yards passing in 10 of 11 games; Dorsey was solid but unspectacular; and Harrington pulled out three games in the fourth quarter as the Ducks won the Pac-10 title.

"It's kind of been an up in the air type of thing all year long," Crouch said.

It's not anymore.

Blue Devils whip Michigan, 104-83

ANN ARBOR, Mich. (AP) – Jason Williams scored 14 of his career-high 35 points in the first 4:13, and top-ranked Duke beat Michigan 104-83 Saturday to spoil Tommy Amaker's reunion with his former boss.

Duke (8-0) extended the nation's longest winning streak to 18 games, dating to last season's national championship run. Coach Mike Krzyzewski is now 13-0 against former players and assistants.

Men's Top 25

No. 4 Kansas 79, Missouri-Kansas City 68

LAWRENCE, Kan. – Jeff Boschee scored 19 points and freshman Wayne Simien added 13 as Kansas cruised past Missouri-Kansas City.

The Jayhawks (6-1) were 5-of-11 in the first half and 20-of-30 overall.

No. 5 Illinois 94, Arkansas 91

CHICAGO – Frank Williams scored 25 points, hitting 18-of-24 from the free throw line, and made a last-second steal as No. 5 Illinois rallied to beat Arkansas.

Arkansas, which led by 12 early in the second half, failed to get coach Nolan Richardson his 500th career victory.

No. 6 Florida 92, South Florida 73

TAMPA, Fla. – Matt Bonner scored a career-high 31 points, and Oddonis Haslem keyed a second-half surge that carried No. 6 Florida past previously unbeaten South Florida.

Bonner made 13-of-16 shots for Florida (6-1).

No. 7 Arizona 79, Purdue 66

ANAHEIM, Calif. – Luke Walton and Rick Anderson scored 17 points each, and Jason Gardner added 14 as No. 7 Arizona took command early in beating Purdue.

Walton also had a career-high 13 rebounds to lead Arizona (5-1) to a 49-28 advantage in that department.

No. 8 Virginia 77, Auburn 72

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. – Roger Mason scored 18 points and No. 8 Virginia hit 11 straight free throws late to beat Auburn in the Arby's Hardwood Classic.

The Cavaliers (5-0) trailed 72-70 late, but held the Tigers (4-3) scoreless in the final two minutes.

N.C. State 82, No. 9 Syracuse 68

SYRACUSE, N.Y. – Anthony Grundy scored 26 points, including nine in less than three minutes late in the second half, as North Carolina State beat Syracuse.

No. 10 Oklahoma St. 90, Jackson St. 41

STILLWATER, Okla. – Fredrik Jonzen had 21 points and 11 rebounds, and Oklahoma State returned from a one-week layoff by routing Jackson State.

Ivan McFarlin added 17 points, and Victor Williams 14 for the Cowboys (9-0).

No. 11 Kentucky 79, North Carolina 59

LEXINGTON, Ky. – Tayshaun Prince scored 31 points and had 11 rebounds as No. 11 Kentucky beat North Carolina in a matchup of college basketball's two winningest programs.

No. 12 Iowa 78, Iowa St. 53

AMES, Iowa – Reggie Evans had 24 points and 17 rebounds, Luke Recker and Glen Worley each scored 14 and Iowa overpowered Iowa State.

No. 13 Boston College 80, Massachusetts 78

BOSTON – Troy Bell scored a career-high 34 points for Boston College, which nearly squandered a 26-point second-half lead before holding on to beat Massachusetts.

Indiana 74, No. 15 Ball St. 61

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. – Jared Jeffries scored 22 points and Tom Coverdale added 19 as Indiana withstood Ball State's 3-point shooting and beat the No. 15 Cardinals.

No. 20 UCLA 79, No. 16 Alabama 57

ANAHEIM, Calif. – Jason Kapono scored 16 of his 22 points in the second half and UCLA took advantage of poor shooting by Alabama.

No. 17 Marquette 79, Fordham 55

MILWAUKEE – Dwyane Wade had 16 points, seven assists and numerous hustle plays as 17th-ranked Marquette beat Fordham.

No. 18 St. Joseph's 67, Penn 61

PHILADELPHIA – Marvin O'Connor scored 18 points and Jameer Nelson added 17 as No. 18 St. Joseph's held on to beat Penn.

No. 25 Western Kentucky 77, Austin Peay 75

CLARKSVILLE, Tenn. – Derek Robinson put in a missed shot at the buzzer to lift No. 25 Western Kentucky over Austin Peay.

Malone delivers in Jazz victory

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) – Karl Malone had a season-high 39 points, including 14 in the fourth quarter when he hit 6-of-7 from the floor, as the Utah Jazz beat the Golden State Warriors 111-101 Saturday night.

John Stockton scored 15 points, hitting all four of his free throws in the final 32.2 seconds, as the Jazz assembled a modest three-game winning streak. Donyell Marshall scored 21 points against his former team.

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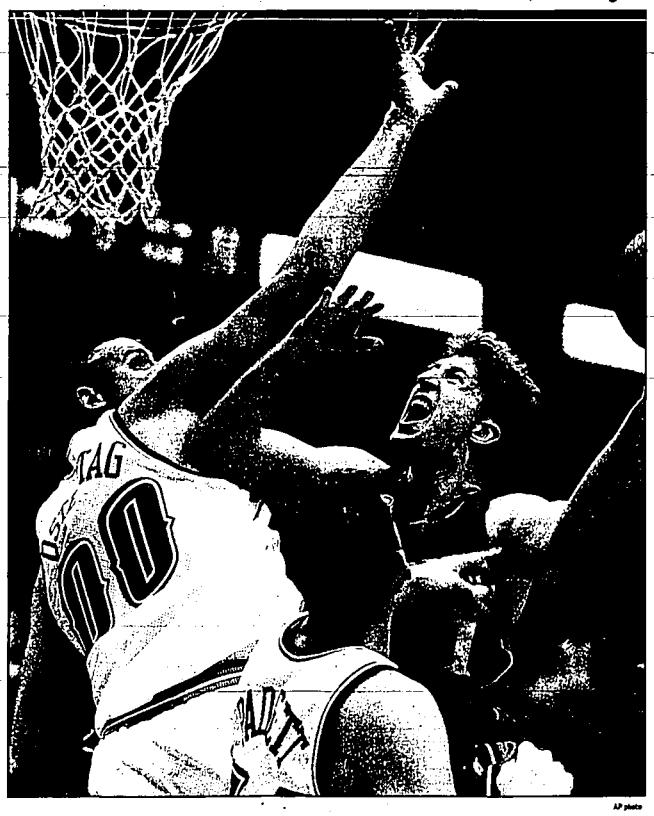
Malone was unstoppable in the final period, extending the defense by playing on the perimeter and hitting just about everything he put up. He hit from the baseline and the top of the key, despite Erick Dampier's close defense.

Larry Hughes scored 26 for the Warriors, who have lost six of their last seven games. Jason *Richardson had 18 points before* leaving with an apparent knee injury with 3:40 left.

Antawn Jamison scored 14 and Danny Fortson added 11 points and 10 rebounds.



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Golden State forward Troy Murphy, right, tries to score against Utah's Greg Ostertag, left, and Scott Padgett in the second quarter Saturday.

Wizards 102, Mavericks 95

DALLAS – Michael Jordan returned to the air for most of his points on another poor shooting night and scored 15 of his 21 points in the fourth quarter, lifting the Washington Wizards past the Dallas Mavericks 102-95 Saturday night.

Jordan's only baskets through three quarters came on two dunks and a vintage layup. He missed his first 12 jumpers, going through two 0-for-6 skids, and his first two free throws.

The Wizards did fine without him the first 2.5 quarters, going up by 21. The Mavericks looked lost as they struggled to replace leading scorer and rebounder Dirk Nowitzki, who is sidelined with an ankle injury.

Knicks 101, Pacers 99

NEW YORK – With Jeff Van Gundy undoubtedly watching from the edge of his easy chair, the New York Knicks began a new era without him by beating the Indiana Pacers 101-99 Saturday night.

Van Gundy resigned as head coach early Saturday, saying he had lost his focus and had been thinking of quitting since the summer. Van Gundy vowed to watch the game on television.

Latrell Sprewell led New York with 25 points. Jermaine O'Neal led Indiana with 22 points but missed a tying shot just before the final buzzer.

Hawks 107, Magic 104

ATLANTA – Jason Terry made two free throws with 17.7 seconds left and Atlanta snapped a three-game losing streak with a victory over Orlando.

Orlando's Tracy McGrady, who finished with 40 points, had two chances to tie it in the final seconds, but missed a hook with 10 seconds left and a 3-pointer at the buzzer.

Cavaliers 109, Nuggets 99

CLEVELAND – Lamond Murray scored a season-high 33 points and Wes Person added 24, leading Cleveland past Denver.

The Cavs' sixth win in their last seven home games was especially sweet for first-year coach John Lucas, who was an assistant in Denver for three years before taking the Cleveland job.

Grizzlies 92, 76ers 83

MEMPHIS, Tenn. – Rookie Pau Gasol scored 24 points and Jason Williams added 23 as Memphis beat injury-riddled Philadelphia for the second time in six days.

Philadelphia, without Allen Iverson (sprained thumb), Derek Coleman (hyperextended left knee) and Aaron McKie (strained back), lost its fifth straight.

Vonteego Cummings scored a career-high 28 points for the 76ers. Matt Harpring added 22 points and Dikembe Mutombo had 11 points and 17 rebounds.

T'wolves 107, Rockets 97

MINNEAPOLIS – Kevin Garnett scored 21 points as Minnesota beat Houston and extended the Rockets' losing streak to nine games.

Garnett added nine rebounds and eight assists for the Wolves, who maintained a double-digit lead through the second half.

Wally Szczerbiak and Joe Smith each added 18 points for Minnesota.

Walt Williams scored 23 points and Cuttino Mobley added 21 for Houston, which lost nine straight games for the first time in 19 seasons. The Rockets' last lost nine games March 1-17, 1983.

Houston coach Rudy Tomjanovich picked up two quick technical fouls and was ejected in the second quarter.

Bulls 87, Celtics 84

CHICAGO – Ron Mercer hit a late go-ahead jumper and Chicago rallied from a 16-point second-half deficit to beat Boston, snapping the Celtics' six-game winning streak.

Brad Miller led Chicago's balanced scoring with 20 points and grabbed 16 rebounds. Greg Anthony added 14 points.

Antoine Walker hit 7-of-10 3-pointers and led Boston with 27 points.

Paul Pierce managed only 12 points – two in the second half – while shooting 4-of-15.

Bucks 95, Nets 79

MILWAUKEE – Sam Cassell scored a season-high 28 points and Ray Allen had 21 as Milwaukee beat New Jersey in its second game without coach George Karl.

Keith Van Horn had 15 points and Jason Kidd added 14 for the Nets, who had their lowest point total this season. They scored 82 in a loss at home to Philadelphia on Nov. 17.

The Nets shot just 33.3 percent (30-for-90) from the field while the Bucks shot 48.8 percent (41-for-84).

No. 3 Oklahoma dominates Montana State

NORMAN, Okla. (AP) – LaNeishea Caufield scored 22 of her career-high 33 points in the first half to lead No. 3 Oklahoma to a 86-62 victory over Montana State on Saturday.

The senior guard's first-half point total equaled Montana State's output as a team, as the Sooners built a 52-22 advantage.

No. 5 Iowa St. 71, Northwestern 61

EVANSTON, Ill. – Angie Welle and Lindsey Wilson each scored 23 points as No. 5 Iowa State beat Northwestern to improve to 6-0.

Freshman Sarah Kwasinski led the Wildcats (2-7) with 26 points and 10 rebounds. Suzanne Morrison, another first-year player, had 14 points and nine rebounds.

No. 7 Purdue 82, North Texas 50

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. – Mary Jo Noon scored 23 points, and Shereka Wright had 21 points and 13 rebounds as No. 7 Purdue won its seventh straight game.

Purdue (7-1) built the lead to 51-25 early in the second after a 3-pointer by Erika Valek and consecutive baskets by Noon.

No. 19 Wisconsin 65, No. 10 N. Carolina St. 48

MADISON, Wis. – Tamara Moore scored 24 points as No. 19 Wisconsin overcame a slow start to defeat No. 10 North Carolina State.

Women's Top 25

Jessie Stomski added 23 points for Wisconsin (7-1), which scored the final 11 points of the first half and the first two of the second half to take control.

No. 11 Duke 89, Georgetown 54

WASHINGTON – Monique Currie scored 17 points, and Alana Beard added 16 as No. 11 Duke beat Georgetown.

Duke (7-2) used a 15-2 run early in the second half to break open the game, and finished with an 18-4 run to rout the Hoyas (5-2). Lesley Walker scored 21 points for Georgetown.

No. 15 Colorado 79, UCLA 48

LOS ANGELES – Jenny Roulier scored 21 points to lead No. 15 Colorado past UCLA.

Roulier was 5-of-7 on 3-pointers, helping the Buffaloes (8-2) win their third in a row. Mandy Nightingale had 16 points and Britt Hartshorn added 11.

UCLA (3-4) struggled without top scorer Michelle Greco, sidelined with an undisclosed medical condition. Shalada Allen and Jalina Bradley each scored 11 points in the Bruins' third consecutive loss.

No. 18 North Carolina 99, Richmond 69

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. – Leah Metcalf made six 3-pointers and had 22 points as No. 18 North Carolina beat Richmond.

No. 20 Florida 90, South Florida 66

TAMPA, Fla. – Vanessa Hayden scored 30 points, grabbed 13 rebounds and blocked eight shots for No. 20 Florida.

No. 22 Penn State 67, Maryland 65

COLLEGE PARK, Md. – Kelly Mazzante scored 26 points, including the tiebreaking layup with 3.9 seconds left, to carry No. 22 Penn State over Maryland.

No. 23 South Carolina 77, Wofford 53

COLUMBIA, S.C. – Jocelyn Penn scored a career-high 32 points to lead No. 23 South Carolina.

Penn was 10-for-21 from the field and hit 12-of-13 free throws for the Gamecocks.

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Devils rally to down Capitals, 3-1

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) – Sergei Brylin and Brian Rafalski scored second-period goals as the New Jersey Devils beat the Washington Capitals 3-1 Saturday to reach .500 for the first time since Nov. 17.

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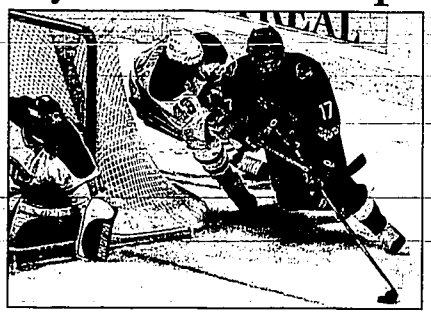
Scott Gomez also scored as the Devils extended their unbeaten streak to four games (3-0-1).

Sergei Gonchar scored for the Capitals, who hadn't lost in their last four games.



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Phoenix's Ladislav Nagy, right, rounds the net as Montreal's Patrice Brisebois tries to take the puck with Canadiens' goalie Jose Theodore looking on during the first period in Montreal Saturday.

Flyers 5, Wild 1

PHILADELPHIA – Jan Hlavac scored two goals in a span of 42 seconds, and Roman Cechmanek made 31 saves as Philadelphia beat Minnesota.

Luke Richardson, who celebrated his return to the lineup with his first goal in almost a year, Mark Recchi, and Keith Primeau also scored for the Flyers. Recchi had two assists.

Bruins 4, Sabres 2

BOSTON – Brian Rolston scored two short-handed goals and Joe Thornton added two at even strength as Boston defeated Buffalo.

Rolston is the first Bruin to score two short-handed goals in a game since Bryan Smolinski did it on March 27, 1994 at Washington.

Miroslav Satan and Vaclav Varada scored for the Sabres.

Maple Leafs 4, Rangers 3

TORONTO – Mats Sundin and Alexander Mogilny each had a goal and an assist as Toronto beat New York.

Darcy Tucker and Travis Green also scored for the Maple Leafs, who had won in New York, 6-3, on Thursday.

New York blew a 2-0 lead in Thursday's game, and Toronto almost blew a 4-1 lead Saturday.

Rookie Daniel Blackburn started in net for the Rangers, who have allowed 15 goals in their last three games.

Andreas Johansson and Petr Nedved scored third-period goals for New York, which also got a goal from Eric Lindros.

New York's Bryan Berard, playing his first game in Toronto since almost losing his right eye in Ottawa on March 11, 2000, had an assist. Berard received polite applause when he appeared on the video monitor.

Avalanche 2, Blue Jackets 0

COLUMBUS, Ohio – Patrick Roy stopped 26 shots for his sixth shutout of the season and Radim Vrbata and Rob Blake scored as Colorado beat Columbus.

Roy registered his 58th career shutout and sixth of the season. He is 8-1-1 in his last 10 starts.

The Blue Jackets were shut out for the third game in a row, stretching their scoreless streak to 195 minutes and 21 seconds – the longest in the franchise's two seasons.

Colorado is unbeaten in eight games (7-0-1). Columbus lost its fifth in a row.

Penguins 6, Thrashers 3

PITTSBURGH – Hans Jonsson and Michal Rozsival scored power-play goals as Pittsburgh beat Atlanta.

The Penguins, who extended their winning streak to a season-best three games, are 10-0 against Atlanta since the Thrashers joined the NHL for the 1999-2000 season.

Kris Beech, Dan Lacouture, Alexei Kovalev and Milan Kraft added Penguins goals.

Yannick Tremblay, Lubos Bartecko and Tony Hrkac scored for Atlanta.

Senators 5, Lightning 2

OTTAWA – Zdeno Chara, Daniel Alfredsson and Mike Fisher scored second-period goals as Ottawa beat Tampa Bay.

Radek Bonk and Marian Hossa also scored for Ottawa.

Brad Richards and Vincent Lecavalier scored for the Lightning.

Hurricanes 3, Panthers 2

SUNRISE, Fla. – Sami Kapanen and Josef Vasicek each scored goals with a two-man advantage as Carolina came from behind to beat Florida.

Florida, 1-5 in its last six games, is 1-1 under coach Mike Keenan, who replaced Duane Sutter on Dec. 3.

Tom Barrasso had 34 saves, and the Hurricanes killed a Florida power play in the final 1:56 of the game.

Coyotes 3, Canadiens 3, OT

MONTREAL – Brad May scored twice, including the tying goal with 3:20 left in regulation, as Phoenix extended its unbeaten streak to five games with a draw with Montreal.

Krys Kolanos also scored for Phoenix.

Richard Zednik, Andreas Dackell and Chad Kilger scored for Montreal.

Blues 2, Kings 0

ST. LOUIS – Al MacInnis and Dallas Drake scored and goalie Fred Brathwaite stopped 17 shots leading St. Louis past Los Angeles.

Brathwaite recorded his first shutout with the Blues. His last shutout came March 21 when he was with the Calgary Flames.

Oilers 2, Predators 2

NASHVILLE, Tenn. – Edmonton's Ethan Moreau had a goal and an assist and Todd Marchant had a pair of assists as the Oilers and Nashville tied.

Mike Grier also scored for Edmonton.

Jackets' Sanderson needs hernia surgery

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) – Left wing Geoff Sanderson of the Columbus Blue Jackets needs hernia surgery and won't be able to play for at least six weeks.

The team confirmed his condition Saturday. It has not been determined when and where Sanderson will have surgery.

Sanderson has just three goals in 19 games this season. He led the Blue Jackets in goals (30) and points (56) in their inaugural season of 2000-01 despite missing the last 13 games with a knee injury.

He missed 10 games this year between Nov. 2 and Dec. 1 with a back injury that he said was linked to his hernia problem.

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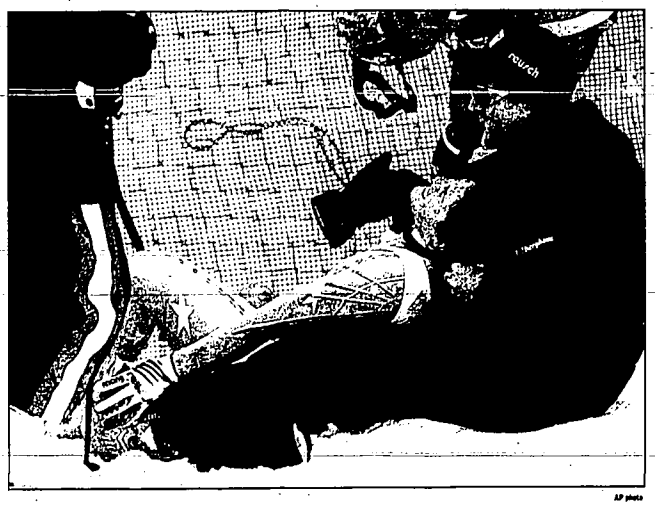

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International Ski Federation race chief Guenther Hujara holds U.S. ski racer Picabo Street minutes after her fall during the 1998 World Cup downhill ski race in Crans Montana, Switzerland. Picabo Street suffered a femur fracture on the left leg.

Sun Valley's Street shoots for gold

Salt Lake Olympics mark end of skier's remarkable comeback

By Bob Baum
The Associated Press

LAKE LOUISE, Alberta – On Friday the 13th in March 1998, Picabo Street lay in the snow in unimaginable pain, her left leg broken above the knee and ligaments in her right knee mangled.

One month after her greatest triumph – an Olympic gold medal in the super G – the indomitable, irrepressible skier seemed finished in the sport.

Last week – three years, eight months and 17 days after that horrific crash in Crans Montana, Switzerland – Street stood at the bottom of the downhill course at Lake Louise with the lead in a World Cup race.

"It reminded me of old times," she said.

Her lead didn't hold up. She finished fifth a day after earning sixth in the season-opening World Cup downhill.

Far from satisfied, Street stormed off the hill because she knew that a mistake at the top of the course had cost her the victory.

At 30, Street is back with a competitive spirit and mended legs she hopes will lead to one final hurrah – a gold medal at the Feb. 8-24 Salt Lake City Olympics. This is the last and toughest in a string of comebacks for the ever-talkative, effervescent champion.

She is the only American skier who transcends the sport. With her cute name, sparkling smile and charged personality, she does commercials for Nike, Charles Schwab, Chap-Stick and Kelloggs.

Street recovered from her first knee injury in 1989 to win a silver medal in the downhill at the 1994 Lillehammer Olympics.

She dominated the World Cup downhill with 11 victories in 1995 and 1996. Then came a devastating crash in Vail, Colo., on Dec. 6, 1996, and another arduous rehabilitation

The target for that comeback was the 1998 Nagano Olympics.

A month before the games began, she crashed and got a concussion. Shaken and bothered by numbing headaches, Street made it to Japan, and stunned the field with a gold in the super G.

She thought about sitting out the rest of the ski season, but returned to Europe, where the crash in the World Cup finals left her depressed and on the brink of calling it quits.

"Everybody that knows Picabo knows that she's capable of anything," U.S. women's coach Marjan Cernigoj said. "I was hoping that she could come back because she represents such a large part of our team. She brings a lot in experience, results, character, leadership – all those things you can think of."

Two days after Christmas 1999, Street got back got on skis, a metal plate still in her left leg.

"I skied for that whole season, just free skiing," she said. "There were moments that I would have on the hill when I would think, 'OK, you know I'm not going to be able to make it back.' Then I would go fast. I would shoot a gully or pop some air off a cat road or something and I'd be like, 'Oh, wow! That feels like the old me.'"

She joined the U.S. team at Mammoth Lakes, Calif., for the start of training in May 2000. While she was gone, there had been a revolution in ski technology and the skiing style that went with it.

"Everybody kind of giggled at me for the first week," she said. "The coaches looked at each other and thought, 'Whoa, she's got a long way to go. This could take awhile.'"

She made quick progress, though.

"It wasn't like I was some scrub before that didn't have the old technique down pat," she said. "I had old-school thoughts that had worked for me and I knew I was fast."

The breakthroughs came on her weakest days, when her knees were aching too much for her to fight the new ways of the sport.

"Here came this enlightenment once I gave up and stopped fighting it," she said.

"For me it was this big slap in the face," she said. "'OK, you're a control freak and you need to let go. You've got old-school stuff going on and you've got to get rid of it. You've got to let that go and focus in on the here and now.'"

Still, it was a tough year of setbacks mingled with moments of encouragement. All the while, she worked on her biography, "Picabo, Nothing to Hide."

A seventh-place finish in the downhill in Lenzerheide, Switzerland, got the attention of the ski world.

"Picabo had been out two years," Cernigoj said. "At first she approached it a little bit defensive, but every day, every week, every month there was a little bit more confidence in her skiing and her approach."

Street had moved from Portland, Ore., to a big house in Park City, Utah, in 1999 and became director of skiing for the Park City Mountain Resort.

The fact that the next Winter Olympics would be in her backyard added to her motivation.

"I may have shot for it anyway, but not with this much purpose, not with this much hope," she said.

No matter what happens, Street said this season will mark an end to a career that began when she was 7 and got on a pair of skis, terrified she'd fall off the lift in Sun Valley, Idaho. Moments later, she was spotted by her mother barreling down the slope.

"I'm not really sure what's going to happen to empower me," she said. "I'm really not sure what's going to make me happy. I'm sure there are things that are going to, but I'm not sure how it's all going to turn out."

Crash paralyzes Swiss alpine skier

VAL D'ISERE, France (AP) – Promising Swiss skier Silvano Beltrametti's legs were paralyzed in a high-speed crash during a World Cup downhill rac Saturday.

Beltrametti's life was not in danger but he had bleeding in his lungs, World Cup race director Gunther Hujara said.

The 22-year-old skier – who was third in a World Cup super G race on Friday – was paralyzed from the second vertebrae down and probably will never walk again, Hujara said.

Last month, World Cup champion Regine Cavagnoud of France died after colliding with a German ski coach during practice in Austria.

Beltrametti was flown to a hospital in Grenoble.

As a rookie last season, he came in second in a downhill in Lake Louise, Alberta, and fourth in the downhill at the world championships in St. Anton, Austria.

He already had several serious accidents in his short career. In 1999, he broke his wrist in a downhill in Wengen, Switzerland. Last year, also in Wengen, Beltrametti injured vertebrae after crashing in the finish area.

On Saturday, he was heading down the bumpy course when he lost control.

He hurtled full force into the safety netting, tearing through it into the forest. Downhill skiers travel at speeds topping 120 mph.

Team officials said he did not hit any trees but was stopped by a mattress-covered pillar. Beltrametti was found fully conscious on a pile of rocks with his helmet split open on one side. He could not feel his legs or feet and was flown by helicopter to the hospital.

The race was interrupted for almost an hour while medics tended to Beltrametti and officials fixed the jagged, gaping hole in the netting.

Beltrametti was the 14th skier out of the start hut and he reached an intermediary checkpoint faster than the early leader, Kurt Sulzenbacher of Italy.

French police have begun an investigation, standard procedure in such an accident.

Austria's Stephan Eberharter won the race ahead of Sulzenbacher and Michael Walchhofer, also of Austria.

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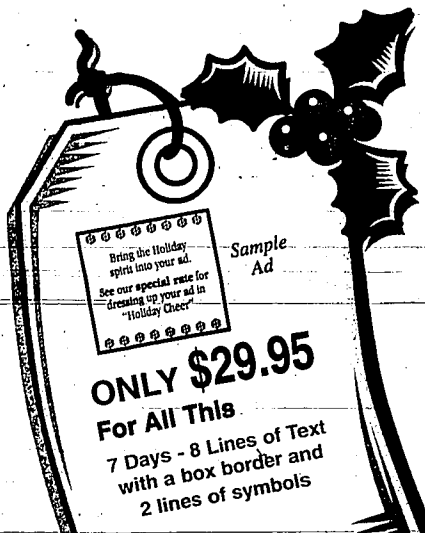
Rescuers carry alpine ski racer Silvano Beltrametti, of Switzerland, to a helicopter, after he crashed during the first men's World Cup downhill of the season in Val d'Isere, France, on Saturday.



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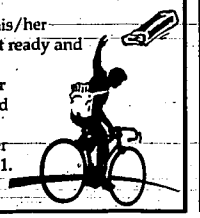

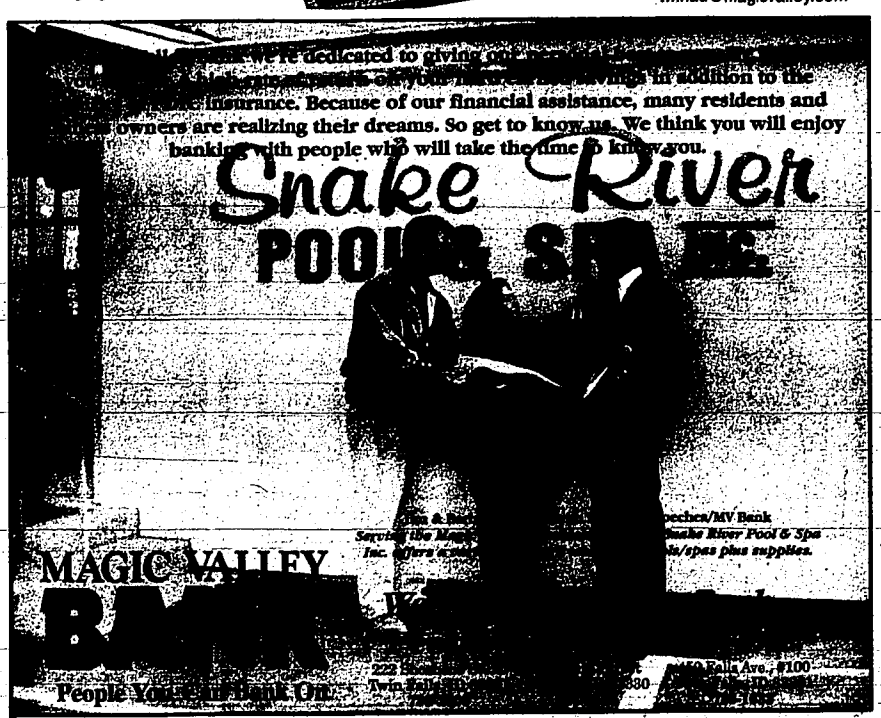

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BRIEFLY IN MONEY

CSI offers new courses for owners of acreages

TWIN FALLS – For those who want to live on an acreage – or already do and wonder what they can do with the land, animals, plants and water – the College of Southern Idaho Agriculture Program has a new series of classes called Living on the Land starting in February.

Subjects covered in the five classes will include making an inventory of resources, the living soil, the importance of water, taking care of the grass and taking care of the animals. CSI Ag Department instructors Jim Wilson, Ross Spackman, Bob Lowder, Blain Hope and Rick Parker will share the teaching duties for the all-day classes, which will be held about every two weeks.

Each class will earn one college credit.

"Each course provides very practical, immediately useful, hands-on information for individuals owning or wanting to own acreages in southern Idaho," said Parker, agriculture program chairman.

Classes are complemented with handouts, visual aids and field trips.

"Small-acreage landowners have a significant impact on the condition of soil, water, plants and other natural resources through their cumulative effects. As the population increases, with more and more residents now living on the land who were formerly disconnected from the land, there is a huge demand for information and technical assistance to help them do the right things for their wildlife, land and water resources," said Susan Donaldson of the University of Nevada.

For a brochure about the classes or for dates and times, call 733-9554, Ext. 2401, or send e-mail to Parker at rparker@csi.edu.

M-C chamber plans pair of events this week

RUPERT – The Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce plans these events this week:

• The member luncheon will be held at noon Wednesday at Price's Cafe, 2444 Overland, Burley.

The guest speaker will be Earl Corless of Renaissance Arts Center. He will show slides of the renovation of the Wilson Theater.

A chamber member's business card will be drawn for a free lunch.

• The Mini-Cassia Business Open House, formerly Business After Hours, will be held from 5-7 p.m. Wednesday at Project Mutual Telephone's Customer Care Center, 638 Fifth St., Rupert. The public is invited.

Workshop will focus on occupational health

BURLEY – The South Central Idaho Human Resource/Safety sixth annual Occupational Health Workshop will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Jan. 23 at Price's Cafe, 2444 Overland Ave. in Burley.

The workshop is free, and the event is targeted to people involved in private and commercial business including agribusiness, safety, worker's compensation, administration and human resources.

Participants will learn about employee health, legal issues concerning pre-hire screening and OSHA 300.

Preregister by calling Brenda Bailey at 678-4040.

Compiled from staff reports

Construction gets a boost

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Hector Martinez, left, and Mike Coderre, both employees of JAB construction, bolt a board onto the top of a wall at a new Alzheimer's care facility in Twin Falls Friday.

Care facility, development round out month's activity

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS – In the commercial sector, one permit in November dwarfed all the month's other Twin Falls construction projects.

Dell Computer Corp.'s renovation of the former Albertson's grocery store at 851 Pole Line Road is valued at a whopping $1.5 million, building department records say.

That money, however, is coming from several local sources as development incentives.

The Texas-based computer giant gets infrastructure-improvement grants of half a million dollars from the city's Urban Renewal Agency, another half a million from the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce's development campaign, and half a million from either the state's block grant program or from the city.

Why the hefty cost for infrastructure? Dell must turn the former grocery store into a telecommunications powerhouse suitable for fielding Dell computer users' technical-support calls.

To recruit Dell, the city also threw into the incentive pot a number of fee waivers. Certain construction-related fees will be waived for Dell, including water and sewer taps, impact fees, building permits, plan review fees and plumbing permits, the city promised.

November's building permit listed $16,283 in fees that City Hall waived for Dell.

Construction costs

Estimated values for construction that received permits in November from the city of Twin Falls:

Type	Nov. '01	Nov. '00
New single-family homes:	$1,632,871	$1,440,208
New multifamily units:	$130,890	0
New commercial projects:	$531,205	$1,055,131
Commercial alterations/additions:	$2,803,053	$251,435
Total*:	$5,492,387	$2,927,115

(* total includes such things as mobile homes, residential alterations/additions and signs)

Source: City building department

Here's a roundup of November's other top commercial projects:

Specialized care

Twin Falls' capacity to provide care for those with Alzheimer's disease is about to expand with the addition of two or three Ashley Manor-branded facilities.

Boise-based AmeriCare LLC is building the first of them at 1177 Eastridge Court – a 15-bed home exclusively for Alzheimer's care.

"That's it. It's all we do," said Doug Ewing, chief executive officer of AmeriCare.

The company independently owns and operates its care facilities – including one in Burley – but under the Ashley Manor banner. Its newest, on Eastridge Court, will be about 5,400 square feet and built with foot-thick foam walls filled with concrete. Old people, Ewing said, get cold easier than others.

"It really is a well-, well-insulated building, far beyond typical construction," he said.

> *'That's it. It's all we do.'*
>
> – Doug Ewing, chief executive of AmeriCare, which provides facilities for patients with Alzheimer's

The building permit lists a $227,814 estimated value, but Ewing said the total investment including ground, equipment and everything else is about $600,000. He said last week the project was about 100 days from opening and would create about 10 or 12 staff jobs, some part- and some full-time.

AmeriCare intends to start work on a similar facility in March somewhere else in Twin Falls, hoping to open it in July, Ewing said. The company hasn't picked a site.

"Twin Falls will handle two of them very easily," he said.

But another Boise-based company has similar plans.

Ashley Manor Care Centers Inc., which has a licensing agreement with AmeriCare, also owns its own dementia and Alzheimer care facilities, operated under the Ashley Manor banner.

Keith Fletcher, Ashley's president and chief executive officer, said Ashley has secured a Twin Falls lot for a care center it hopes to have permitted in a few months and open in spring 2002. Consumers won't see much difference between that project and AmeriCare's.

"They're mirror images – 15-bed units," Fletcher said.

The Ashley-owned center closest to Twin Falls so far is in Mountain Home, and AmeriCare's one in Burley is the nearest in the other direction.

"We're just kind of filling in now," Fletcher said.

Shops to come

Real estate developer Neilsen & Co.'s Canyon Park East project contributed $941,372 to November's construction totals.

An earlier building permit was for just the shell of the retail project on the south rim of the Snake River Canyon. But last month's permits included interior improvements to suit the spaces to four national retail tenants – a shoe chain; an off-price

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Dell deal, home building help city near record

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS – It just might happen.

With one month to go, the city's new single-family home building for 2001 stands a good chance of beating any 1990s performance.

GOING UP

Building permits for 18 new homes issued in November put the city's year-to-date total at 227 – the highest for any full year since Twin Falls issued 238 single-family permits in 1994. If December brings 12 or more such permits, this year will set a new mark.

New homes, Dell Computer Corp.'s new technical-support center and a healthy round of other commercial projects last month helped push total construction values up – way up.

Overall, Twin Falls' construction sector in November posted a stunning 87.6 percent leap from year-earlier building values. The city last month issued building permits for projects totaling an estimated $5.49 million – that's $2.57 million more than in November 2000 – for combined construction types.

That performance gave this year a comfortable lead, bringing year-to-date 2001's revised tally to $42.7 million for combined types, compared with $38.2 million for the first 11 months of 2000. That's a $4.5 million advance in construction values so far this year, or 12 percent.

By comparison, the city a year ago saw construction values shoot up 56 percent from the November 1999 total.

In the most recent November, the new-residential side advanced on another front, as well. It added slightly more – and more expensive – houses than a year ago in Twin Falls.

November's 18 permits for new single-family homes in the city edged up from the 17 of November 2000, also beating the 15 such homes permitted in November 1999. And those Twin Falls homes' average estimated value last month rose 7 percent to $90,715 from the $84,718 of a year earlier, when values had fallen from the $91,255 average of November 1999.

Included in last month's single-family permits were two attached single-family dwellings that Twin Falls Development Corp. of Burley is building on Twin Falls' Hampton Way. They count as single-family homes because each is on its own piece of property and can have separate ownership.

Meanwhile, the city issued permits last month for one mobile home and one $130,890 duplex – the latter at 1061 Morningside Drive.

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Sept. 11 payouts cause rise in insurance costs

By Gene Meyer
Knight Ridder News Service

Brace yourself for insurance premium shock waves.

The horrific Sept. 11 terrorist attacks resulted in at least $40 billion in property losses, constituting the worst disaster insurers ever have suffered. To recoup those losses, the insurance industry has been raising premiums and lobbying for billions in federal assistance.

Premium increases already are hitting some businesses hard, experts said. Insurers also have threatened to not renew trillions of dollars in coverage at the end of the year on certain businesses they consider to be at risk from terrorists, such as transportation and energy companies.

As for consumers, industry experts still are sorting out the effect. It is likely, however, that premiums on auto, homeowners and some life insurance policies will increase modestly in the next six months to a year.

In response to the soaring claims socking insurers, the Bush administration and Congress have proposed financial aid plans. Lawmakers and the industry still are sorting out the details, but the final plan could mean that consumers end up paying higher taxes to finance the bailout.

"The theory is that it's every-

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Insurance losses

In the aftermath of terrorist attacks, insurers are facing claims estimated at more than $40 billion. Insurers taking the biggest hits:

Company	Estimated loss
Berkshire Hathaway	$2.2 billion
Munich Reinsurance	$1.9 billion
Lloyd's of London	$1.9 billion
Swiss Reinsurance	$1.2 billion
Allianz	$917 million
St. Paul Cos.	$700 million
XL Capital	$500-700 million
Employers Reinsurance	$500 million

Source: Berkshire Hathaway, Munich Reinsurance, Lloyd's of London, Swiss Reinsurance, Allianz, St. Paul Cos., XL Capital, Employers Reinsurance

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Catalog retailers hope for holiday comeback

By Colleen Valles
Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO – Since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, Tom Souza isn't driving as much as he used to.

The retired Los Angeles police officer restores Corvettes, and now orders the parts he needs from catalogs instead of going to stores. He also plans to do his holiday shopping by catalog.

"I've used them before, but now I'm using them almost exclusively," he said. "I feel more comfortable buying through the mail now."

Catalog retailers and some

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AP photo

Pamela Holcomb goes through a stack of catalogs in her Arlington, Va., home Thursday.

YOUR BUSINESS

CAREER MOVES

HEYBURN — Mechelle McFarland, the Mini-Cassia Development Commission's economic development coordinator, was named a regional representative for the Idaho Economic Development Association.

"When you look at the economic development tools, Idaho is 21 years behind the times," McFarland said. She hopes to help change policies that she says chase businesses out of Idaho.

The state association is supporting a bill before the Idaho Legislature which calls for venture capital tax credits. The association also supports legislation to accelerate depreciation schedules for capital investments, McFarland said.

McFarland also received a scholarship from the Oklahoma University Economic Development Institute.

The scholarship allowed her to spend eight days last summer studying economic development.

TWIN FALLS – The Idaho State Board of Dentistry announced the issuance of a dental hygiene license to Cynthia D. Harding of Twin Falls.

TWIN FALLS – Susie Cummins recently returned from Phoenix, where she attended the fall board meeting of the National Eligibility Workers Association.

Cummins has been elected to serve a three-year term on the association's national board. NEW works to improve the knowledge, skills and professionalism of all eligibility professionals.

Cummins is a self reliance principal with the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare in Twin Falls. She lives in Twin Falls.

TWIN FALLS — SunBridge Care and Rehabilitation for Twin Falls said Dave Bischoff is its new occupational therapist.

Bischoff graduated from Colorado State University with a bachelor's degree in occupational therapy.

SunBridge Care and Rehabilitation for Twin Falls is a 135-bed nursing facility that is a member of Sun Health Care Group Inc.

Eric Ettesvold

TWIN FALLS – Eric Ettesvold of Snake River Pool and Spa in Twin Falls recently attended the national Spa and Pool Expo in Phoenix. Seminars on new products, new technology and customer service training were the highlights of the expo. Participants from around the world also previewed new pool and spa products being introduced for 2002.

GOODING – Gooding County Memorial Hospital said Ray Tanner is the employee of the quarter for first quarter 2002.

Ray Tanner

Tanner is director of the lab at Gooding County Memorial. He has been with the hospital since 1984. Tanner and his wife, Becky, and daughter live in Gooding.

He received the "Key to the Future" award from the American Society of Clinical Laboratory Scientists. Tanner was nominated by staff. He received a plaque, $50 and a private parking spot for the next three months.

Dave Davidson

Ray Holt

SHOSHONE – Valley Co-op announced three staff changes.

Dave Davidson was named the new manager of the Shoshone Valley Co-op store.

Colin Rogers

Colin Rogers has carried on the position as propane plant manager since Valley Co-op purchased the propane plant in June.

Ray Holt was hired in October as a service technician with Valley Co-op Propane.

Brian Higgins

TWIN FALLS – Brian Higgins, owner of Diversified Martial Arts, completed the American Council on Martial Arts Instructors certification course.

Higgins worked on the project for over three years.

The ACMA is the first widely accepted instructor education program and is backed by the Cooper Institute of Aerobic Research in Dallas, Higgins said. The course covers the science of teaching, physiology, psychology and safety with special sections on working with children with attention deficit disorder, developmental psychology and other specifics of professionalism in martial arts education.

HAILEY – Mold contamination of water-damaged homes and businesses has received increasing nationwide publicity in recent months.

Ron Reese

Ron Reese of REE-Construction in Hailey recently was listed as a certified mold remediator by the Indoor Air Quality Association. The certification was awarded following reviews of qualifying field experience, classroom training and testing.

Reese has been involved in the restoration industry for almost 20 years as a property damage contractor and recently began providing training in the field of mold/microbial remediation throughout the United States in conjunction with Restoration Consultants, a division of Restoration Services Inc. of Sacramento, Calif.

Reese trains others in remediation practice including investigation of building moisture problems, safety, antimicrobial use, control of air pressure differentials during remediation and selecting and working with environmental consultants.

Reese is the owner and manager of REE-Construction, which can be reached at 788-2220.

TWIN FALLS — Etha Carruthers, travel consultant at Desert Sun Travel Service in Twin Falls, earned the certified travel counselor designation from the Institute of Certified Travel Agents.

Etha Carruthers

Candidates for the designation are required to complete a 12-course program and possess at least five years of full-time travel industry experience.

Carruthers and others are required to earn 10 continuing education credits per year to maintain the designation. The Institute of Certified Travel Agents is an international, nonprofit organization that educates and certifies travel industry professionals at all career stages.

Desert Sun Travel Service is a locally owned, full-service travel agency located in Twin Falls since 1981. Carruthers has been associated with Desert Sun Travel for seven years.

TWIN FALLS – Sherry Olsen-Frank, a Twin Falls certified public accountant, recently returned from a two-day conference in New Orleans on elder care.

Sherry Olsen-Frank

Some of the issues discussed were estate planning for the elderly, Social Security, long-term care insurance, selection of long-term care facilities, financial security of elder-care clients and optimizing elders' investment assets.

Olsen-Frank specializes in elder-care services, payroll and small-business accounting.

BUHL – Bonnie Haviland was awarded the Buhl Chamber of Commerce's Extra Mile Award for her treatment of customers at Sav Mor Drug Store.

Bonnie Haviland

Haviland started at Sav Mor Drug in 1997 after serving customers at J.C. Penney and a Roper's clothing store. Haviland attended Twin Falls Business College for two years upon graduating from Buhl High School in 1968. Four years as a bookkeeper at Kirkham Auto Parts Store and two years at United Oil in Twin Falls got her started working with people.

Haviland lives in Buhl and is "Aunt Bonnie" to many children at the Nazarene Church, where she works with 5-and-under tots.

In addition to the Extra Mile plaque, Haviland received a Thousand Springs Scenic Cruise boat ride, an overnight stay at Hagerman Valley Inn and roses from Arlindas and Primrose Lane in Buhl.

CONTRIBUTIONS

Three sisters show off their smiles and their new identification kits received from State Farm Insurance.

■ Matt Stokes State Farm and Fred Meyer teamed up Dec. 1 to identify over 220 Magic Valley children.

With the help of an officer from the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Department, children had their fingerprints, pictures, heights and weights taken and included in the free kits, donated by State Farm Insurance.

The event featured safety-related giveaway items such as bike reflectors, coloring books, police badge stickers and a drawing for a children's bicycle.

State Farm has worked with police and child safety advocates providing identification kits for children throughout Idaho. The kit is easily updated to keep up with the child's changing appearance, and the inkless finger printing system is quick and easy to use, organizers say.

Due to high demand, Matt Stokes State Farm hopes to hold another ID event within the next couple of months.

■ Magic Valley Mall teamed up with other shopping centers throughout the country to raise money for victims of the New York City tragedy.

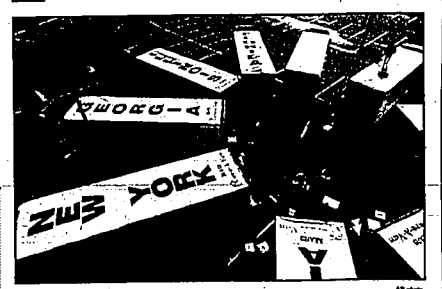
Customers can purchase a limited-edition patriotic ornament designed for the 2001 holiday season. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to aid victims, families and communities affected by the events of Sept. 11.

While supplies last, customers presenting receipts totaling $100 or more to Magic Valley Mall's customer service center may purchase the ornament with a minimum donation of $5. The ornament features an American flag in the shape of a heart on one side and the Statue of Liberty on the other side. The 5 1/2-inch, blown-glass ornament features red, white and blue. Limit is one ornament per customer.

■ AmeriTel Inns has a decade-long holiday tradition of making available complimentary guest accommodations to community hospitals where AmeriTel Inn properties are located, which include Twin Falls and Elko, Nev.

In Twin Falls, Magic Valley Regional Medical Center will distribute free AmeriTel accommodations to families of patients in need, allowing them to be near to one another during the holiday season.

CHARITY HITS THE ROAD



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In partnership with the Points of Light Foundation, Sears Care-A-Van hits the road more with than $1 Million in clothing, toys and gifts to encourage customers to keep the good will rolling. The Care-A-Van kicks off the program with donations of 4,500 items to 10 cities nationwide to encourage giving to local charities.

MILES'TONES

Kentwood Lodge earns 'Best of the Best' award

KETCHUM – The Best Western Kentwood Lodge in Ketchum was named "Best of the Best" at Best Western International's annual convention in Phoenix.

The "Best of the Best" awards recognize Best Western hoteliers that demonstrate quality, service and value. Recipients are chosen based on criteria including two quality assurance reviews conducted during the year in which they must score 1,000 out of 1,000 on one review and at least 975 out of 1,000 on the other. The program is open to all North American Best Westerns.

Best Western International's board made the final selection of properties to be honored this year. The Kentwood Lodge is one of only 36 Best Westerns to receive the designation.

Best Western International is a membership association of independently owned and operated hotels that provides marketing, reservations and operational support to its members.

Nextel Partners Inc. named a 'Rising Star'

TWIN FALLS – Nextel Partners Inc., which provides digital wireless communication services under the Nextel brand name, was named one of the fastest-growing technology companies in Washington state.

With offices in Boise and Twin Falls, its home office in Kirkland, Wash., and more than 1,800 employees throughout the country, Nextel Partners was honored among the top five Rising Star companies for its revenue growth of 2,464 percent over the past three years.

To qualify, companies must have had revenues of at least $50,000 in 1998 and at least $1 million in 2000; be public or private with headquarters in Washington state; develop or provide technology products or services; and be in business a minimum of three years.

To determine the Rising Star Top Five companies, Deloitte and Touche accounting experts reviewed revenues for the past three years, calculated the growth percentages then compared the growth of all the companies in the region that met the criteria, Nextel Partners said.

TELL US YOUR BUSINESS

YourBusiness is a weekly feature that highlights commercial activity in the Magic Valley. If you have information about any of the following, The Times-News wants to hear about it:

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Seminar offers training on new OSHA rules

The Times-News

BOISE — The U.S. Labor Department's Occupational Safety and Health Administration will provide free training on the revised occupational injury and illness record keeping rule from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Wednesday at Boise State University's Special Events Center.

The center is next to the Student Union Building, 1910 University Drive.

OSHA's new rule for recording injuries and illnesses takes effect Jan. 1 and will affect more than a million U.S. establishments. The revision to OSHA's rule is designed to improve the quality and consistency of injury and illness data while simplifying the system for employers. The new rule will also improve employee involvement and protect the privacy of the injured or ill worker, OSHA said.

Participants will be trained, via live satellite broadcast, in the record keeping posting and reporting requirements of OSHA's revised rule; who is covered by the revised rule; and how to complete OSHA illness and injury forms accurately. OSHA representatives will be present to answer questions.

For more information, call Van Howell at 321-2960. Information on OSHA's rules is also available online at www.osha.gov.

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Insurance

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one's stop, so everyone should pay," said Kevin Hennosy, an insurance industry researcher, consumer advocate and newsletter publisher in Kansas City.

Still, no one is sure yet what form the bailout will take.

The trickle-down theory could hit consumers' pocketbooks one other way. Businesses facing huge premium increases could try to recover those costs by raising prices on everything from restaurant meals to apartment rents, insurance industry observers said.

One thing is certain, though.

"The risk equation has changed," said Dean Davison, spokesman for Overland Park-based Employers Reinsurance Corp.

"What once was considered an impossibility has now become a reality," Davison said.

Insurance industry professionals are almost certain that higher costs won't hit consumers as hard as businesses.

"You can explain that two ways," said Davin Cermak, economist at National Association of Insurance Commissioners, which has headquarters in Kansas City.

"First, because of the nature of the attack, most of the damage was done to commercial buildings," Cermak said. "It seems less likely that, if there is another attack, it will hit your house or mine instead of some place such as the Sears Tower."

The way insurance is regulated is a second reason businesses, rather than homeowners or motorists, are more likely to catch the initial brunt of price increases, he said.

The federal government doesn't regulate insurance. Generally, state governments presume that businesses hire legal or professional advisers to help them negotiate on a more even footing with insurance companies and that consumers don't.

So states generally treat business insurance more like private contracts, which aren't regulated much as long as no laws are broken. But to protect consumers, states set up a more formal process for approving changes in rates and other contract terms, either before the changes kick in or afterward if there's concern that consumers are being harmed.

How fast this happens varies from state to state, Cermak said. But any major changes that will affect consumers directly "probably will be known in 60 to 90 or 120 days," he said.

Add time to review proposed changes, and it may be a year or so before consumers feel the full effects of Sept. 11 on their insurance bills.

Also, insurance companies generally must set auto and homeowners rates based on their experience in the state in which their customers live. Particularly for Midwesterners buffered by time and distance from the New York and Washington attacks, "there will be little or no direct effect," said Robert Hartwig, chief economist for the Insurance Information Institute.

That doesn't mean prices won't go up, said Joe Annotti, spokesman for the National Association of Independent Insurers.

Consumers rates have been going up regardless of the September attacks because claims have been increasing, Annotti said. The next round of increases is likely to be modest, he said.

"I don't think I'm going to get sticker shock," he said. "I'd be hard-pressed to see regulators approving an increase (of 15 percent to 20 percent) because the exposure hasn't gone up to that degree."

State Farm, the largest insurer of both homes and autos in Missouri and Kansas, is holding rates here essentially flat, because of its claims experience here and only negligible losses linked to the attacks, said spokesman Dick Luedke.

Business owners, who now are negotiating rates and other terms for the estimated 70 percent to 75 percent of insurance contracts that will kick in Jan. 1, are feeling the changes much more quickly.

Their insurance costs, which by some reports are two to three times what they previously paid, are the ones consumers are more apt to feel, albeit indirectly.

"Insurance is an input cost to virtually every production process in America," said Hartwig.

The September attacks accelerated some changes that already were kicking insurance costs higher, said Mark Rusas, senior vice president and marketing director at the Lockton Cos., a national insurance brokerage firm based in Kansas City.

As in many industries, insurance fortunes run in cycles, from soft periods in which insurance is cheap and abundant, to hard periods in which it's expensive and scarcer, then back again.

The market has been turning steadily tougher since late 1999, Rusas said. Meanwhile, the sharp declines in stock prices on Wall Street cut deeply into the surpluses that insurers normally store up against unexpectedly big claims. Insurers before September seemed poised to post 10 percent to 20 percent price increases, partly because of their dismal investment returns.

Then the terrorists attacked and, in a matter of hours, racked up more damage than the previous two largest disasters in the insurance history combined. Rate expectations skyrocketed.

"Now, the industry has two primary challenges to deal with," Rusas said. "One is the reinsurance question. The other is capacity."

Catalogs

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Wall Street analysts are pinning their hopes for solid holiday sales on shoppers like Souza.

"The catalog retailers, as well as Internet retailers, are in a better position," said Kristine Koerber, an analyst with WR Hambrecht & Co. "It's going to be a lot easier to send your package across the country, especially if you're not traveling across the country."

The change in buying patterns is one bright spot for an industry stung not just by the recession but by postal increases in January and July.

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>
> – Amy Blankenship, spokeswoman for the Direct Marketing Association

Catalog companies that also have stores and Web sites are using cross-marketing tactics. Last year, 13 percent of all catalog company sales were made over the Internet, according to the Direct Marketing Association.

And like their brick-and-mortar counterparts, catalog companies are offering deep discounts to attract shoppers.

"This is a very promotional holiday. There are a lot of free shipping and volume discounts," said Amy Blankenship, a spokeswoman at the association.

Home electronics, food, pet supplies and basic clothing are the best sellers so far this holiday, she said. The luxury business is weak.

So far, early sales results for catalog companies have been a little bit better than originally projected, according to Chris Merritt of Kurt Salmon Associates, a retail consulting firm.

Lands' End reported one of its strongest quarterly performances early last month, and is hoping that the fourth quarter will generate a small sales increase.

Other companies aren't doing as well.

"Some of the general merchandise catalogers have struggled all year, like Federated or Spiegel or J.C. Penney. It just happens that Lands' End is knocking the cover off the ball this year," said Richard Baum, an analyst with CreditSuisse First Boston.

For some catalog companies, the outlook is murky.

At L.L. Bean, the outdoor clothing company, Internet sales have been the strongest of its retail channels through the fall season, spokesman Rich Donaldson said.

"We've seen such varied results not only from channel to channel, but from week to week," said Donaldson. "One week our retail stores are looking good, and mail order drops off, and other weeks, we see mail order look good, and in-store sales drop off."

Activity

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retailer of brand-name and designer clothing and home products; a casual-clothing chain; and an arts-and-crafts retailer.

On the east side of Blue Lakes Boulevard North along Bridgeview Boulevard, the development occupies a prime piece of Twin Falls real estate and a prominent place in the public eye.

Permits show San Francisco-based Old Navy is remodeling 18,176 square feet at an estimated cost of $228,291. Irving, Texas-based Michaels is remodeling 20,375 square feet at a cost of $255,910. An 8,000-square-foot remodeling for Madison, Wis.-based Famous Footwear carries a $100,480 value. Framingham, Mass.-based T.J. Maxx is fixing up 28,399 square feet for $356,691.

Building for breakfast

Elsewhere in Canyon Park East, a family-restaurant chain known for its breakfast specialties will open a new location in early to mid April.

Glendale, Calif.-based IHOP Corp. and its subsidiaries develop, operate and franchise International House of Pancakes restaurants. IHOP chose Canyon Park for its fifth Idaho location.

"We're actively seeking a franchisee for the location," Patrick Lenow, manager of public relations and promotions, said last week.

A building permit for the IHOP restaurant, at 1944 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., lists a $242,929 estimated value for the planned 4,022-square-foot structure.

The restaurant will be able to seat 134 people, and it will employ 40-50 people in a combination of full- and part-time positions, Lenow said. He anticipates that sometime in March a hiring trailer will be set up on site to take job applications.

Cure for the cramps

A Twin Falls surgeon and an ear, nose and throat clinic will move to larger offices next year.

On the second floor of Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's medical office building – at 630 Addison Ave. W., attached to the hospital – is empty space destined for offices but until now never used as such, hospital spokesman Shawn Barigar said.

Two second-floor tenants down the hall, Dr. Tak-Ming Ko and Snake River Ear Nose & Throat Clinic, are creating new, larger offices in that empty space and plan to move there in four to six months, Barigar said.

Building permits for the two remodeling projects show values of $60,487 for the surgeon's office construction and $120,974 for the clinic's.

Magic Valley Regional, which owns the medical office building, will market Ko's and the clinic's current spaces to other independent physicians needing offices, Barigar said. He was unsure last week whether tenants were already lined up.

Elsewhere in town

Other commercial projects of note included:

- **Weston Plaza Hotel and Convention Center's** $75,000 demolition, at 1350 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.

When that job is done, it will be the end of Weston Plaza.

Jim Thorpe of Twin Falls Crane Service is in charge of demolition and salvage of the landmark hotel, which closed in late October. He said everything in the building was for sale, including building materials.

New owner Jim Durst, manager of Blackhawk Investments, wants bare ground by March 1.

"Durst says it is open for development, no future plans at this time," Thorpe said in mid-November.

- **Westerra Real Estate Group's** $70,000 tenant-improvement remodeling of offices at 139 River Vista Place, No. 202.

Several of Westerra's principals together are the managing member of Federation Pointe LLC, owner of River Vista at Westpark, a new professional-office and limited-retail development overlooking the Snake River Canyon's south rim.

- **Cain's Home Furnishings'** $3,000 interior remodeling at its 204 Main Ave. N. store, plus the addition of a 3,125-square-foot, $60,750 furniture warehouse there.

Owner Ron Thompson in October said he'll drop the landmark store name in January, when he completes the upscale furniture store's conversion to a home-themed department store. He'll call it J. Sani.

The building by January will house J. Sani's eight stores-within-a-store, each dealing with the home environment.

A refurbishing of the building's exterior will include new awnings and a paint job, an outdoor eating area, a repaved and lighted parking lot and new street-side lamps, Thompson said.

- Amalgamated Sugar Co.'s new construction of a 3,033-square-foot, $58,962 parts warehouse at 2330 Orchard Drive E.

- Papa Murphy's Take 'N' Bake Pizza's $26,000 remodeling to convert a former store space to a takeout pizza restaurant with no seating, at 562 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.

The Lynwood Shopping Center at the corner of Blue Lakes Boulevard North and Filer Avenue East has attracted new tenants recently and is giving a new exterior look to the first of nine buildings.

With interior transformations under way, as well, that building will house a larger location for Idaho Barber and Beauty Supply; a new China Buffet restaurant; and a new food court featuring a Papa Murphy's Take 'N' Bake Pizza location with a drive-through, plus a specialty coffee shop, an ice cream shop and a juice bar. They join existing tenants Wood Hollow, Mr. Juan's College of Hair Design and The Stylist.

Values on building permits are estimated.

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At a glance

Here's how Twin Falls' total construction values in the past six months stacked up against the same months a year earlier:

• Nov. '01	up 88 percent
• Oct. '01	up 95 percent
• Sept. '01	down 37 percent
• August '01	up 5 percent
• July '01	up 6 percent
• June '01	up 89 percent

PROPERTY TAX REMINDER

December 20th is the last day for payment of the 1st installment of 2001 Real Property, Mobile Home & Personal Property Taxes.
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Crapo lays into Leahy dairy plan

Senator calls plan 'politics at its worst'

WASHINGTON – On Tuesday afternoon, Sen. Mike Crapo was rallying support to defeat a national dairy program that he calls "politics at its very worse."

By Wednesday morning, everything had changed and by Thursday morning, it had changed again. But the Idaho senator had been successful in getting the original plan, penned by Sen. Patrick Leahy (D-Vt.) dislodged from its place in the Senate farm bill.

Leahy's plan, spawned in a desperate attempt to re-establish protection for his state's dairy producers following the dissolution of the Northeast Dairy Compact when its time ran out Sept. 30, would have created a national compact system and a federal subsidy program to support it, Crapo said.

The "poorly conceived proposal" would "increase the production of milk, reduce the price to the farmer, and increase the price to the consumer," he said, adding that it amounted to a milk tax on consumers.

Consumers would not actually be charged a tax to fund the subsidy – as funding would come from processors paying the difference between a floor price of $14.25 per hundredweight and the market price for milk – but consumers would end up covering the cost in higher retail milk prices, he said.

An analysis done by the Food and Agricultural Policy Research Institute at the University of Missouri found the plan would result in a minimum 10 percent increase in the cost of milk, 26 cents per gallon, for a cost of $1.8 billion annually nationwide. It would also cost taxpayers another $300,000 million annually due to higher federal nutrition programs. In addition the legislation would reduce milk consumption by about 100 million gallons a year, harming both the nation's nutritional well-being and the dairy industry's economic well-being.

State News Service photo

Senator Mike Crapo demonstrates a 10 percent reduction in what consumers would receive for the price they now pay for a gallon of milk if the Leahy dairy provisions were adopted. Crapo was joined by other congressmen, as well as consumer, farm and industry groups in opposing the plan. Grover Norquist, president, Americans for Tax Reform looks on.

He also praised work of Senator Larry Craig related to recent Senate Finance Committee action.

Farmbeat

Highlights of this week's Magic Valley Ag Weekly, The Times-News' weekly report on agriculture.

Decision would plug sugar tariff loopholes

RUPERT – The Senate Finance Committee on Wednesday approved an amendment that would put a stop to circumvention schemes designed to get around tariff-rate quotas on sugars, syrups and sugar-containing products.

President of the Idaho Sugarbeet Growers Association, Perry Meuleman of Rupert, said sugar beet growers have had four years of frustrating problems regarding the stuffed molasses loophole in the tariff rate quota.

"Once that is through we will never have to worry about stuffed molasses again," he said. "This stops about 125,000 tons of stuffed molasses from coming in."

Lab takes soil samples to test for Oust

TWIN FALLS – Soil tests are being conducted now in preparation for spring planting, to check for residue of the herbicide Oust, which might have left contamination. The Idaho Food Quality Assurance Lab at the College of Southern Idaho is now taking soil samples, said Gordon Sheppard, lab technician.

Samples have started trickling in this week, and lab personnel expect samples to continue coming in.

In order for results to be obtained by February – to be completed in time for spring – soil samples should be brought in as soon as possible, Sheppard said.

Don Morishita, extension weed scientist with the University of Idaho in Twin Falls, is heading up the testing project and recently put protocol together for testing samples. Letters were mailed out to growers who were affected by Oust.

The purpose of the testing is to determine what crops can be grown next year following Oust contamination, Morishita said.

Reports predict increase in U.S. bean exports

Trading on dry edible beans remains slow to moderate this week while demand for the crop is light to moderate. The United States Department of Agriculture reports that buyer interest and movement has been light since the Thanksgiving holiday.

According to October reports released by the USDA's Economic Research Service, exports are expected to increase in 2001 despite declines in 2000.

Exports over the first eight months of this year were up 24 percent from the previous year. In 2000, an estimated 8 million cwt of dry edible beans was exported. This is only 18 percent of available supply in this country. Estimates for 2001 are leaning towards exports around 9 million cwt.

The United States is a major player in the world dry bean market with only Burma and China exceeding its exports. But the U.S. is definitely not a big importer. According to the USDA, imports have accounted for only 4 to 6 percent of domestic consumption over the past 20 years.

Potato Growers of Idaho elect new president

POCATELLO – Meeting in Pocatello, the Potato Growers of Idaho elected Klaren Koompin from American Falls to be the new president of the 40-year-old organization. Klaren replaces Dan Moss, from Declo, who has lead PGI through a critical time of restructuring. Klaren farms with his brother Kenneth Koompin. They raise several varieties of potatoes, sugar beets, and other crops.

The new PGI president has served as district chairman for PGI and is in his final few months of his second term on the National Potato Promotion Board. Klaren is Idaho's sole representative on the executive committee of the NPPB and chairs the domestic marketing committee.

Government improves college savings programs

By Eileen Alt Powell
The Associated Press

NEW YORK – Saving for college is about to get easier.

The federal tax cut enacted earlier this year increases the amount families can save in special tax-sheltered accounts, eliminates the tax on withdrawals for school expenses and allows more options in spending from the accounts.

"I think saving for college is on the minds of a lot of parents because costs are rising so fast," said Brenda Schafer, senior tax research coordinator for H&R Block in Kansas City, Mo. "With the changes that come about in 2002 – especially the new flexibility with these tax-favored accounts – there will be more incentive to save."

The most popular choices for most families are the state-sponsored Section 529 college savings plans and the new, improved Education IRA, officially known as the Coverdell Education Savings Account for the late Sen. Paul Coverdell, R-Ga.

There are advantages to both programs that parents must weigh.

Education Savings Account

In the past, most parents didn't bother setting up an Education Savings Account for their children because annual contributions were limited to $500.

But starting in January, parents can set aside up to $2,000 a year in these accounts – a sum that when compounded over 18 years at 10 percent interest would yield more than $110,000.

What's more, the new law also expands what the account can be used for. In addition to higher education tuition, fees, books and room and board, Education Savings Accounts can be tapped to pay for elementary and secondary private or parochial school tuition and expenses.

Withdrawals aren't taxable by the federal government, and some states also give a tax break.

Section 529 college savings plan

These state-sponsored plans, named for a section of the tax code, have much higher contribution limits – up to $265,000 in some states. They're also generally managed by mutual fund firms, which offer a variety of investment choices.

In the past, the student faced taxes on withdrawals. But the new law exempts withdrawals for college tuition and qualified expenses from federal taxes. The law also allows parents to change from one state plan to another once a year with no penalty.

Because earnings in Section 529 accounts grow tax-free, they accumulate faster than in taxable accounts, according to calculations by asset management firm T. Rowe Price in Baltimore, Md.

The company said a $5,000 annual investment in a 529 account would grow to $278,000 after 18 years in a growth fund with a 10 percent return, compared with $225,000 in a taxable account.

The penalty for withdrawals from the accounts for non-education purposes is set at 10 percent of earnings.

So which option should parents choose?

Joseph F. Hurley, author of "The Best Way to Save for College – A Complete Guide to Section 529 Plans," says small savers should look at 529 plans first.

In some cases, states exempt Section 529 account contributions from state income taxes as an added bonus, Hurley said. Also, professional managers watch out for a family's investments.

On the other hand, he said, the Education Savings Account would be a better choice for a family that wants access to its savings for high school expenses or wants to play an active role in investing, for example by buying and trading specific stocks for the account.

H&R Block's Schafer says families also need to assess how both accounts will affect a child's eligibility for scholarships. Section 529 plans are counted as the parents' money, while Education Savings Accounts are seen as the child's.

"When it comes to scholarships, the child's assets count much more than the parents' assets, so sizable ESAs could reduce the chances for financial aid," Schafer pointed out.

Still can't decide which account would be best for your family? The new tax law allows families to open both a Section 529 and an Education Savings Account starting in 2002. In addition, funds from Education Savings Accounts can be rolled over into Section 529 accounts, although not the reverse.

NASDAQ rally suggests economic recovery

By Amy Baldwin
The Associated Press

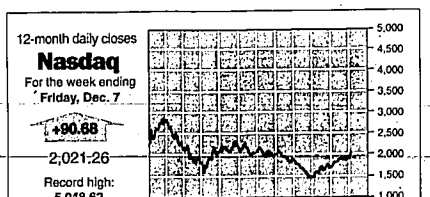
NEW YORK – The Dow Jones industrials' return to 10,000 certainly is encouraging, but many on Wall Street believe the Nasdaq's recapture of 2,000 is a more important sign that the economy is poised to recover.

While blue chips have stayed fairly strong during the protracted economic slump, riskier tech shares have been pummeled. And, for the economy and stock market to improve, analysts say, technology must turn around first.

"Tech is going to be on the leading end of any rally that is based upon the presumption that the economy will continue to improve into next year," said Kevin Caron, associate strategist for Gruntal & Co.

Yearning to hear something optimistic from tech companies, investors sent the sector soaring Tuesday and Wednesday on upbeat comments from Cisco Systems and Oracle. Cisco's chief executive John Chamber said Tuesday the networking company's November orders met expectations and that he feels the worst of the downturn is over.

Software maker Oracle's CEO Larry Ellison said there were signs that business had improved and stabilized.



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The Cisco and Oracle news helped the Dow and the Nasdaq composite index to reclaim their milestones on Wednesday. The Dow, which was boosted in large part by its tech components, closed above 10,000 for the first time since Sept. 5; the Nasdaq – where Cisco and Oracle were the most heavily traded issues – finished above 2,000 for first time since Aug. 7.

"There is light at the end of the tunnel, and so the obvious question is: Where do you go for the best returns? Cyclicals like technology are a natural," Caron said.

Looking to technology for leadership isn't new on Wall Street. When the economy founders, investors typically focus on safer stocks in more stable industries such as health care and consumer products, and less on cyclical stocks, such as technology, whose performance follows economic conditions.

And when the business outlook improves, investors head back into economically sensitive stocks, which reward them with bigger returns over the long term.

Investors reason that although consumers can cut back on their purchases of computers, cars and cell phones, their need for prescription drugs and toothpaste will stay the same. That's why the market has been eager for word from tech companies that excess inventories of chips, software and computers have been reduced and that demand has picked back up.

Chip makers Intel and Applied Micro Devices offered some hope Thursday when they raised their fourth-quarter forecasts based on strong demand.

"This is a typical kind of recovery. I am also encouraged by the fact that the larger tech companies are the ones leading the way," Caron said.

With high-profile tech companies saying they see business improving, investors believe the economy is about to trend higher again. And, they don't want to miss out on Wall Street's next upturn.

However, analysts said investors should be cautious until there are more signs of the economy's direction and until more companies offer good news.

"Have we forgotten the lessons of 2000?" said Richard A. Dickson, technical analyst for Hilliard Lyons in Louisville, Ky., referring to the huge rise and subsequent fall of the tech sector.

Court approves sale of Idaho-based MCMS

NAMPA (AP) – A federal bankruptcy court has approved the sale of Idaho-based MCMS to a Wisconsin company that provides electronics design, manufacturing and testing services.

Under the agreement, Plexus Corp. will pay MCMS close to $45 million and will acquire most of MCMS assets, including its Nampa site. Proceeds from the sale will be used to pay creditors.

Plexus emerged as the successful bidder in an auction to sell the assets of MCMS through competitive bidding. The sale is expected to close in early January.

The MCMS workforce in Nampa is about 590 employees. The company has laid off 850 workers this year.

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PARCEL I:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on the 27th day of December 2001, at 2:00 pm of said day, on the front steps of the Cassia County Courthouse, Burley, Idaho, the United States Marshall will, in obedience to the Order of Sale and Decree of Foreclosure, sell the following described real property (house with lot) to the highest and best bidders for cash in lawful money of the United States of America. A personal check in the amount of ten percent of the bid will be accepted at the time of the sale, with a cashier's check for the full amount of the bid within 24 hours of the sale. The United States of America, Farm Service Agency's (formerly Farmers Home Administration) bid will be $149,422.00 (subject to a prior lien debt of $87,468.00), with the market value of $165,000.00. If you have any questions, contact Kent Gillespie, Farm Loan Officer, FSA, at (208) 436-4777.

The property is located at 563 West Hwy. 30, Burley, Cassia County. It consists of a house on 9.65 acres. For a complete legal description, please contact the Minidoka County FSA office at the above phone number.

PARCEL II:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on the 27th day of December, 2001, at 2:00 pm of said day, on the front steps of the Cassia County Courthouse, Burley, Idaho, the United States Marshall will, in obedience to the Order of Sale and Decree of Foreclosure, sell the following-described real property (house with lot) to the highest and best bidders for cash in lawful money of the United States of America. A personal check in the amount of ten percent of the bid will be accepted at the time of the sale, with a cashier's check for the full amount of the bid within 24 hours of the sale. The United States of America, Farm Service Agency's (formerly Farmers Home Administration) bid will be $148,000.00. If you have any questions, contact Kent Gillespie, Farm Loan Officer, FSA, at (208) 436-4777.

The property is located at 334 West 200 South, Burley, Cassia County. It consists of a house on 3.02 acres. For a complete legal description, please contact the Minidoka County FSA office at the above phone number.

PARCEL III:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on the 27th day of December, 2001, at 2:00 pm of said day, on the front steps of the Cassia County Courthouse, Burley, Idaho, the United States Marshall will, in obedience to the Order of Sale and Decree of Foreclosure, sell the following described real property to the highest and best bidders for cash in lawful money of the United States of America. A personal check in the amount of ten percent of the bid will be accepted at the time of the sale, with a cashier's check for the full amount of the bid within 24 hours of the sale. The United States of America, Farm Service Agency's (formerly Farmers Home Administration) bid will be $148,000.00. If you have any questions, contact Kent Gillespie, Farm Loan Officer, FSA, at (208) 436-4777.

The property is located at 563 West Hwy. 30, Burley, Cassia County. It consists of a house on 9.65 acres. For a complete legal description, please contact the Minidoka County FSA office at the above phone number.

PARCEL II:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on the 27th day of December, 2001, at 2:00 pm of said day, on the front steps of the Cassia County Courthouse, Burley, Idaho, the United States Marshall will, in obedience to the Order of Sale and Decree of Foreclosure, sell the following-described real property (house with lot) to the highest and best bidders for cash in lawful money of the United States of America. A personal check in the amount of ten percent of the bid will be accepted at the time of the sale, with a cashier's check for the full amount of the bid within 24 hours of the sale. The United States of America, Farm Service Agency's (formerly Farmers Home Administration) bid will be $148,000.00. If you have any questions, contact Kent Gillespie, Farm Loan Officer, FSA, at (208) 436-4777.

For a complete list of farm equipment, please contact the Minidoka County Farm Service Agency at the above phone number.

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NOTICE OF MARSHALL'S SALE
United States of America, Plaintiff,
vs.
Randy Hieb, et al., Civil No. CV99-0107-S-MHW

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on the 27th day of December 2001, at 11:00am of said day, on the front steps of the Minidoka County Courthouse, Rupert, Idaho, the United States Marshall will, in obedience to the Order of Sale and Decree of Foreclosure, sell the following described real property to the highest and best bidders for cash in lawful money of the United States of America. A personal check in the amount of ten percent of the bid will be accepted at the time of the sale, with a cashier's check for the full amount of the bid within 24 hours of the sale. The United States of America, Farm Service Agency's (formerly Farmers Home Administration) bid will be $305,936.00 with the market value of $358,000.00. If you have any questions, contact Kent Gillespie, Farm Loan Officer, FSA, at (208) 436-4777.

The property is located at 400 West 400 North, Paul, Minidoka County. It consists of 220.71 acres, including a home, potato storage, and irrigation equipment. For a complete legal description of this property and list of equipment, please contact the Minidoka County FSA Office at the above phone number.

PUBLISH: December 8, 9, 15 and 16, 2001

NOTICE OF MARSHALL'S SALE
United States of America, Plaintiff,
vs.
Jose Silveira, et al., Civil No. CV-01-0258-E-BLW

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on the 27th day of December 2001, at 10:00 am of said day, on the front steps of the Minidoka County Courthouse, Rupert, Idaho, the United States Marshall will, in obedience to the Order of Sale and Decree of Foreclosure, sell the following described real property to the highest and best bidders for cash in lawful money of the United States of America. A personal check in the amount of ten percent of the bid will be accepted at the time of the sale, with a cashier's check for the full amount of the bid within 24 hours of the sale. The United States of America, Farm Service Agency's (formerly Farmers Home Administration) bid will be $84,417.00 with the market value of $96,000.00. If you have any questions, contact Kent Gillespie, Farm Loan Officer, FSA, at (208) 436-4777.

The property is located at 300 East 375 North, Rupert, Minidoka County. It consists of approximately 20 acres, including a dairy barn and equipment. The legal description is as follows:

Township 9 South, Range 24 East, Boise Meridian, Minidoka County, Idaho
Section 2: E1/2 of Lot 1

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050 LEGALS

of Sale and Decree of Foreclosure, sell the following described real property and irrigation equipment (to the extent that it still exists) to the highest and best bidders for cash in lawful money of the United States of America. A personal check in the amount of ten percent of the bid will be accepted at the time of the sale, with a cashier's check for the full amount of the bid within 24 hours of the sale. The United States of America, Farm Service Agency's (formerly Farmers Home Administration) bid will be $385,935.00 with the market value of $1,000,000.00. If you have any questions, contact Kent Gillespie, Farm Loan Officer, FSA, at (208) 436-4777.

The property is located at 800 North 300 West of Rupert, Minidoka County. It consists of 112.8 acres, including 100.7 acres of irrigated cropland, with no dwelling or improvements. The legal description is as follows:

Township 9 South, Range 23 E., B.M., Minidoka County, Idaho
Sections 11, 12, 13 and 14: Farm Unit M, Tract M of the North Side Pumping Division, Minidoka County, Idaho (as shown by plat, dated May 18, 1955, on file in the office of the County Recorder, Minidoka County, Idaho).

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NOTICE OF MARSHALL'S SALE
United States of America, Plaintiff,
vs.
Cecil Dozier, et al., Civil No. CV00-0096

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on the 27th day of December 2001, at 10:30 am of said day, on the front steps of the Minidoka County Courthouse, Rupert, Idaho, the United States Marshall will, in obedience to the Order of Sale and Decree of Foreclosure, sell the following described real property to the highest and best bidders for cash in lawful money of the United States of America. A personal check in the amount of ten percent of the bid will be accepted at the time of the sale, with a cashier's check for the full amount of the bid within 24 hours of the sale. The United States of America, Farm Service Agency's (formerly Farmers Home Administration) bid will be $96,000.00. If you have any questions, contact Kent Gillespie, Farm Loan Officer, FSA, at (208) 436-4777.

The property is located at 300 East 375 North, Rupert, Minidoka County. It consists of approximately 20 acres, including a dairy barn and equipment. The legal description is as follows:

Township 9 South, Range 24 East, Boise Meridian, Minidoka County, Idaho
Section 2: E1/2 of Lot 1

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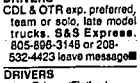
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ANSWER: I recommend a redouble to promise about 10 or more HCP. Later, when you support hearts, partner will know you had no desire to punish the opponents. This holding is a shade too strong for a timid raise to two hearts, and not suitable for a preemptive raise to three hearts.

Dear Mr. Wolff:
At duplicate, RHO opens one spade and I hold ♠ 4, ♥ K-Q-J-10-9-6-3-2, ♦ 10-8, ♣ Q-7. Vulnerable vs. nonvulnerable opponents, would you consider a leap to four hearts too frisky?

Eight-Bagger, Sacramento, Calif.

ANSWER: Yes. I would bid only three hearts. A good eight-card suit is usually worth a jump to the four-level. However, at unfavorable vulnerability, only the color-blind or reckless would risk a 500- to 800-point set against nonvulnerable opponents. Reverse the vulnerability, and it is a clear preempt to the four-level.

Dear Mr. Wolff:
At duplicate, partner opens one heart, and I respond one spade with ♠ A-J-10-8-2, ♥ 6-5-2, ♦ K-6-4-2, ♣ K. When partner rebids two diamonds, what's my best choice — two hearts, three diamonds or three hearts?

Double Fit, Shalimar, Fla.

ANSWER: Although your singleton club king is an unknown quantity, I suggest a nonforcing jump preference to three hearts. Even if the club king doesn't contribute any direct value, the singleton might provide a ruff or two. Bidding two hearts is an underbid that might miss game, and a raise to three diamonds denies a heart fit. The trick-score is very important at duplicate.

Dear Mr. Wolff:
RHO opens one diamond, and I pass with ♠ 7-4-3, ♥ Q-10-6, ♦ A-6-5, ♣ A-K-J-6. LHO responds one heart, and partner pre-empts to three spades. If RHO bids three no-trump, should I double, or should I bid four spades? We were not vulnerable; the opponents were.

Hair Trigger, Nashville, Tenn.

ANSWER: I would make a takeout double at my first turn, but I would not consider a penalty double now. You should not expect partner to provide any defensive tricks after his pre-empt. My choice is four spades. It cannot cost too much, and it exerts maximum pressure on the opponents.

Dear Mr. Wolff:
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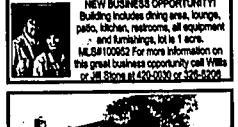
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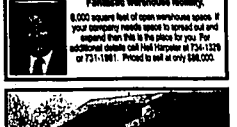
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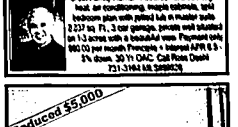
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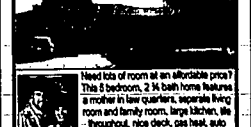
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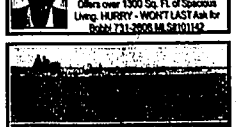
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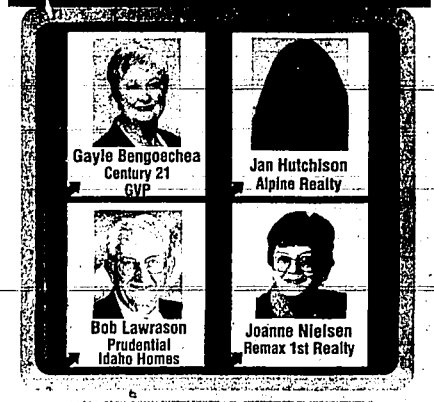

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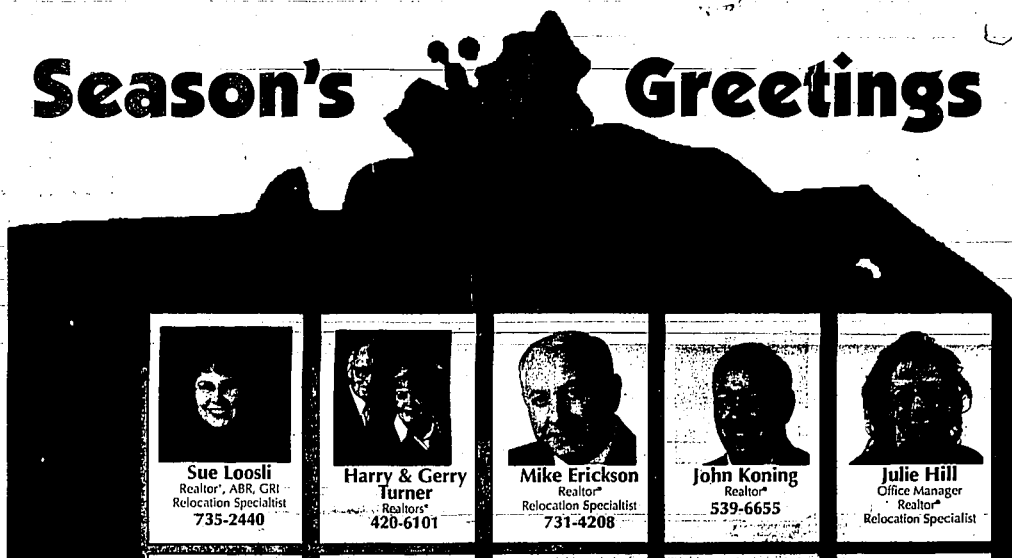

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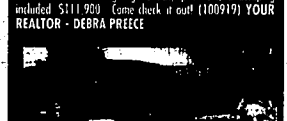

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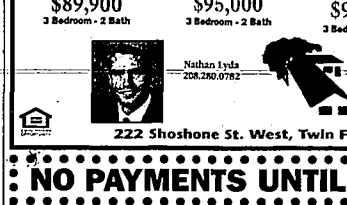

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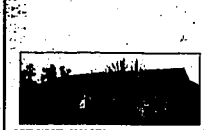

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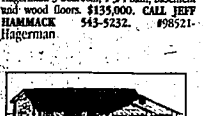

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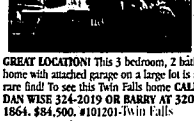

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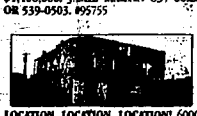

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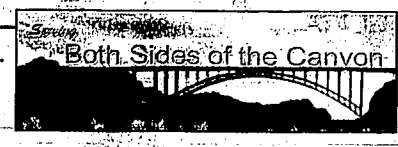
LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION! 6000 sq. ft. brick building on Jerome's busiest street. Great commercial location, plus 4 bedrooms, 2 bath living quarters. Also 3000 sq. ft. of storage space. CALL DAN WISE 539-2609. #101116



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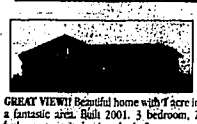
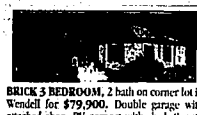
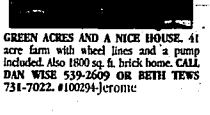


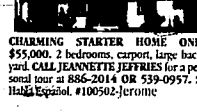
GREAT VIEW!! Beautiful home with 1 acre in a fantastic area. Built 2001. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, master suite has jetted tub. 3 car garage, auto sprinklers. Back of home borders a common area. A lot for a little price of $118,000. CALL JEANNETTE JEFFRIES AT 886-2014 OR 539-0957. #101114-Jerome



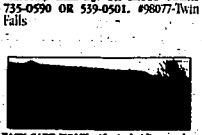
BRICK 3 BEDROOM, 2 bath on corner lot in Wendell for $79,900. Double garage with attached shop, RV carport with shed, & auto sprinklers give you all you need! SANDRA CAPPS 324-8752 OR 324-3354. #98165-Wendell



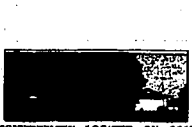
GREEN ACRES AND A NICE HOUSE. 41 acre farm with wheel lines and a pump included. Also 1800 sq. ft. brick home. CALL DAN WISE 539-2609 OR BETH TEWS 731-7022. #100294-Jerome



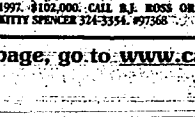
CHARMING STARTER HOME ONLY $55,000. 2 bedrooms, carport, large backyard. CALL JEANNETTE JEFFRIES for a personal tour at 886-2014 OR 539-0957. Se Habla Español. #100502-Jerome



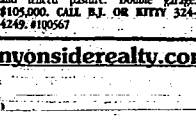
LOOKING FOR A FIXER-UPPER for your home or business? Two homes in commercial zone priced for rental possibilities or home business. Larger home is 2 bedroom, 2 bath, gas heat & full basement. Smaller home has 1 bedroom. CALL B.J. OR KITTY TODAY 735-0590 OR 539-0501. #98077-Twin Falls



BEAUTIFUL HOME. Well built with Anderson windows, wood floors, Jennaire range, formal dining room & sunroom. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths on 2.13 acres. 5 1/2 miles South of Jerome. CALL B.J. OR KITTY 324-4249. #100609

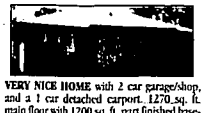


EASY CARE HOME with vinyl siding, underground sprinkling, attached garage & full landscaping. 3 bedroom, 2 bath home built in 1997. $102,000. CALL B.J. ROSS OR KITTY SPENCER 324-3354. #97368



CONVENIENTLY LOCATED ON GOLF COURSE ROAD. Close to Twin Falls. Ranch style 4 bedroom, 2 bath home with 2 acres and fenced pasture. Double garage. $105,000. CALL B.J. OR KITTY 324-4249. #100567

COZY & PRIVATE small 40 acre farm. Great for horses/cattle & close to BLM land for great riding. Two story, 5 bedroom & several outbuildings in tranquil setting. Plenty of water shares for pasture and crop(s). $196,900. CALL LINDA LEE 539-3458 OR DAVE ROSS 420-2264. #101402-Hazelton



VERY NICE HOME with 2 car garage/shop, and a 1 car detached carport. 1270 sq. ft. main floor with 1200 sq. ft. part finished basement. Large 1/2 acre lot with underground sprinklers in city limits. Residential area zoned industrial. $82,000. CALL KEITH LIERMAN 324-4206 OR 308-4206. #100718

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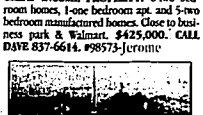
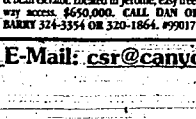
CAREER OPPORTUNITY! Well established Grocery Store & Grill. Assumable SBA loan in place! CALL DAN AT 324-2019 OR BARRY AT 320-1864 for more information. #100405-Eden



GREAT INCOME PROPERTY! 6-two bedroom homes, 1-one bedroom apt. and 5-two bedroom manufactured homes. Close to business park & Walmart. $425,000. CALL DAVE 837-6614. #98573-Jerome



8.64 ACRE WAREHOUSE/COMMERCIAL SITE with rail siding. Formerly used as grain & bean elevator. Located in Jerome, easy freeway access. $650,000. CALL DAN OR BARRY 324-3354 OR 320-1864. #99017

NICE MAIN STREET BUILDING located in Jerome. Highly visible, over 4900 sq. ft. with parking & alley access. Great store front. $120,000. CALL BONNIE B. AT 324-3354 to get in on Jerome's growth & exciting future! #100491-Jerome

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A BRAND NEW SUBDIVISION in a prime NE Twin Falls location. Clean city water irrigation, underground utilities, curbs, gutters & sidewalks. Realtor Owned. All lots priced at $39,900. CALL JEFF 543-5232. #98968-Twin Falls

WHY NOT HAVE IT ALL! Close to BLM ground for horseback riding & seeing wildlife. Unbelievably beautiful views on 2 acres. It's priced right and the location is one you'll want to see for yourself. CALL DARLENE 731-7462 OR SUZEE 420-3765. #101410-Jerome

EXCELLENT LOCATION FOR BUSINESS! Fronts on Highway 93. Survey to be done. 10+/- acres. Realtor Owned. $144,375. CALL DAVE 837-6614. #98931-Jerome

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EXPANSIVE SNAKE RIVER VIEWS from this 3-acre parcel with community boat launch, docks, and a park/picnic area. $82,000. CALL KITTY OR B.J. AT 324-3354. #98918

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8 ACRE PARCEL with water shares. Nice views of canyon rim. Between Jerome and Twin Falls. $44,500. CALL LINDA MILLER 324-8684. #95984

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3 Bedroom 2 bath mobile home split bedroom plan large master bedroom storage shed oven/range, refridgeration, dishwasher $14,000. Call **DEBBIE @ 734-4044.** #101035

$27,700. Retire in style. 2 bedrooms, 2 baths. Large and spacious rooms, perfectly manicured yard with auto sprinklers, new roof, must see to appreciate. Call **DORIS BARKER 737-3910.** #100026

2 Bedroom home in Gooding would make excellent rental. Second bedroom is 1920 sq. ft. has attached carport. Newly painted on outside. Appraisal recently done. Large, fenced lot, gas heat. Owner very motivated seller, related to licensed realtor. Call **JOHN HOUSER @ 280-2245.** #101352

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LITTLE CHARMER! You will love this cozy home with gas heat, two bedroom, hardwood floors, oversized garage with heater. Home is in excellent shape with lots of extras. Good sized rooms! **$59,900.** Call **THE RASMUSSEN TEAM** at **737-3900** or **737-3925** or view on lynnrasmussen.com. #101225

Seller motivated. Completely remodeled! 3 bedroom. New tile, carpet, paint. Has central air, gas heat, oak cabinets. A must see for only **$69,900.** Call **LOUISA @ 280-0822.** #99602

Very nice 3 bedroom with many new upgrades. Priced right at **$72,500** lease option to purchase. Don't delay call your agent **BRENDA** today. **410-5074** or **324-8652.** #101370

$87,900. Very nice all-brick 4 bed, 1.5 bath home in excellent an excellent location! Large fenced backyard, storage shed, covered patio in back is perfect for summer barbecuing. Finished basement with family room, 2 bedrooms, 1/2 bath and laundry. View at **www.lynnrasmussen.com** or call **THE RASMUSSEN TEAM** at **737-3900.** #99042

$89,900. Sharp, Sharp, brick home in Sawtooth School Dist. With central air, gas heat, wonderful fenced backyard. At this price this one won't last so Call **RON FREEMAN 737-3915 Licensed to Sell** or **KATHY PARTRIDGE 737-3920.** #101200

Immaculate 3 bdrm family home with formal living room & large family room. Beautiful fenced yard with attractive deck & covered porch. 1 car garage, home has new roof & is centrally located in Sawtooth School Dist. **$94,900.** Call **NICHOLE 420-5262.** #101235

REDUCED TO $95,900. Lovely brick home in quiet neighborhood, 3 bed (1 w/out egress window) 1 3/4 bath, bright kitchen, nice utility room, single car garage w/auto opener, fenced yard w/beautiful mature landscaping, covered patio, auto sprinklers, very nice home. A must see. Call **DIANA WHITNEY 737-3969.** #100105

"IF YOU HURRY" This writer you can be in the front of your own fireplace! 4 bedroom home on Alsie priced at **$98,000.** Large deck, full fenced yard. Gas heat with air conditioning, large family room. Many other features for you to see. Call **SANDY @ 737-3968.** #101023

$102,900. Lots of recent updates in this 2 bedroom, 2 bath home. New plumbing, new electrical, new roof, new floor coverings and paint in 1998. Features include forced air gas heat, basement w/a family room, shed, fenced backyard and fruit trees. For more details Visit **TheHessTeam.com** or Call **WALT 737-3939** or **TAMI 737-3940.** #99960

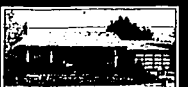
$109,900. Better then new with this great 3 bedroom, 2 bath home near Morningside Elementary. Built in 1996, has large fenced back yard, auto sprinklers and gas heat. Call **KATHY PARTRIDGE 737-3920** or **RON FREEMAN 737-3920 Licensed to Sell.** #101327

$112,500. Country living - on 1 acre. Clean and neat 1560 sq. ft. ranch style home, full bath in master bedroom, large living room with fireplace and insert, 2 car attached garage, small barn, shed, pasture, fencing - More call **JO ANN** at **737-3951** or **KATHI S.** at **736-9219.** #95449

Diamond Street home, just 2 years old. Has sprinkler system, and RV Parking, on of the few homes with a full unfinished basement. 2 bedroom, 2 bathr all appliances included **$112,900.** Call **SANDY 737-3968.** #101413

Located in Albion this home has 4 bedrooms & 2 3/4 bath. Siting on 3/4 of an acre this home is close to hunting, fishing skiing & snow mobiling. This getaway has lots of room for friends & family to visit in the 14x70 mobile home that is included in the price of **$115,900.** Call **Kay** or **Ernie Kendrick 410-2000** or **410-2002.** #000000

Brick duplex, 2 possible 3 bedroom units, garage **$115,900.** Please call **RICK BEARD 539-5311.** #101385



$129,900. This is the home with room to roam. Newly listed 4 bed 3 bath on nice corner lot, great location and great landscaping. Must see inside, separate kids hangout or in-law quarters with it's own new kitchen, or could be rented out for extra income. Spacious rooms and lots more call **LEXI 737-3918** or **734-8753.** #99317

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HOW ABOUT A 15 FOOT TREE? You can do it with room to spare in this spacious home with vaulted ceilings. Santa's helpers will have plenty of privacy with four ample bedrooms and three full baths. Lots of storage space for hiding presents. Cuddle up by the cozy fireplace. This well kept split level home has a great northeast location, not far from Sawtooth School. **$145,900.** Call **KEN ROY 731-5665.** #100092

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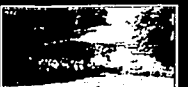

$164,900. Love a fully landscaped property in an established neighborhood? Then let us help you move into your dream home today! Nearly 4,000 wth 5 bedrooms and 3 baths, 2 fireplaces, extra large lot and all the amenities you'd expect in a quality older home. Lovely! Please call **KATHI S.** today to see this classic delight. **737-9317** or **731-9819.** #100592

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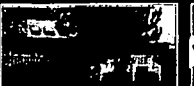

BRING YOUR FISHING POLE This beautiful acreage has a large, private lake stocked with fish. Plenty of room for living too, in the four bedroom, two bath house. Over 2,000 square feet of living space, plus a finished basement. Dad will flip over the large shop building. Check out this secluded paradise today! **$259,500.** Call **DOROTHY 543-2217.** #100655

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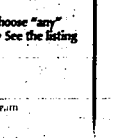

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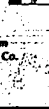

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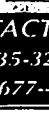

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SWF, 33, 5'6", 130lbs., long blond hair, blue eyes, enjoys dancing, going out, spending time with her daughter. ISO honest, friendly SWM, 32-40, who enjoys dancing, camping and children. Ad#.1441

I'LL BE THERE
SWF, 28, 5'1", 135lbs., auburn hair, is quiet, shy, easygoing, enjoys spending time with her son. ISO SWM, 32-40, who is friendly and enjoys children. Ad#.1442

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SWF, 36, very outgoing, fun, N/S, likes sports, the outdoors, yard work, camping. ISO SWM, 33-45, who wants a LTR. Ad# 1440

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IT'S YOUR CHOICE
SWF, 22, 5'3", N/S, N/D, blonde hair, blue eyes, outgoing, loyal, enjoys music, camping, sports, cooking and lot's more. ISO SWM, 22-32, who's N/S, N/D, with similar interests. Ad#.1429

JUST SMILE
SWF, 19, 5'4", light brown hair, green eyes, outgoing, likes music, motivation and more. Seeking SWM, 18-25, who's honest and responsible, for friendship first, possible LTR. Ad#.1428

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SWF, 52, 5'7", auburn hair, brown eyes, friendly, laidback, likes the outdoors, hiking, traveling and more. Seeking SM, 41-62, who's honest and caring, with similar interests. Ad#.1427

LEAN ON ME
SWF, 30, 5'4", red ha brown eyes, shy, enjoys fishing, camping, sports and the outdoors. ISO SWM, 28-39, who's honest and sincere. Ad#.1422

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WF, 51, 5'4", 155lbs., short reddish hair, blue eyes with glasses, reserved, happy, employed, enjoys sewing, gardening, bowling and outdoor activities. ISO laid-back, happy, DSWM, 48-59. Ad#.1400

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Humorous SWF, 21, 5'1", 120lbs., long-haired mother of two. Hobbies include sewing and the rodeo. Seeks SWM, with similar interests, who likes children. Ad#.1344

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SHF, 20, 5'4", 130lbs., brown hair/eyes, likes music, movies, dancing and quiet evenings at home. Seeks a SM, 20-29, who wants to have a good time. Ad#.1338

DANCE WITH ME
WWWCF, 59. ISO friendly SM, N/S, 47-65, who would like to go places and do things. Ad#.1337

ENERGETIC
WF, 25, 5'6", likes hiking, horseback riding, camping, swimming and cuddling. Wants to spoil a loving, caring, considerate WM, 25-38, who'll let himself and treat me right. Ad#.1327

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Caring, compassionate WF, 18, 5'7", likes romance, dancing, horseback riding, camping, fishing, parties, ISO affectionate, romantic M, 18-30, who's confident, fun, sexy, egotistical. Must love Chinese food! Ad#.1326

U JUST MIGHT B THE 1
That puts that certain spark back in the eyes of this outgoing, honest, loyal, slender SWCPF, 22, who likes fishing, hiking & the outdoors. ISO compatible SWM, 22-32. Ad# 1321

DREAM MAKER
Experience all your sweetest dreams of fun/romance with this tall, slender WF, who enjoys the outdoors, four-wheeling, hunting, rodeos. ISO a humorous, outgoing, good-natured, honest SWM, compatible WM, 32-48. Ad#.1319

RESPECTFUL
SWF, 19, 5'9", 170lbs., brown hair, glasses, healthy, energetic, enjoys camping, employed, likes motorcycling, concerts, sports, bowling, cooking, likes pets. ISO an honest SWM, 21-35, N/S, no drugs, loves kids and loving life to the fullest! Ad#.1302

ISO ENERGETIC MAN
Pretty, high-spirited SWF, 47, 5'6", slender with curves, N/S, enjoys outdoors, horseback riding, 4WDing, camping, cooking, hunting, quiet times, cuddling. ISO a kind, compassionate, aggressive SWM, 47-57, with similar interests, for possible relationship. Ad#.1298

LET'S DO DINNER
SWF, 25, 5'8", with brown hair/eyes, honest, enjoys family times, outdoors, relaxing. Looking for a SM, 25-45, with similar interests, for dinners and good times. Ad#.1295

TRY HUGS NOT DRUGS
SWF, 30, 5'5", easygoing, enjoys the outdoors, horseback riding and animals. Looking for fun times, sincere SWM, 25-39, who's drug-free. Ad#.1287

LET'S HAVE FUN
SWF, 19, 5'9", 170lbs., with long brown hair, easygoing, enjoys reading, writing and doing new things. Looking for a SWM, 20-37, who's honest, loving, caring and must like kids for an adventurous fun-filled relationship. Ad#.1285

TRUE GENTS ONLY
Fun-loving SW mom, 31, 5'6", 170lbs., reddish brown hair, green eyes, enjoys long walks, movies and quality family times. Ad#.5230

SEE WHAT HAPPENS
Friendly, outgoing SWF, 52, 5'8", 130lbs., with blonde hair and green eyes, seeks a SWM, 45-56, to share good times with. Ad#.1269

GOOD WOMAN
SWF, 51, 5'6", 130lbs., blonde hair, green eyes, enjoys the outdoors, animals, water skiing, horseback riding and dancing. ISO SWM, 45-55. Ad#.1266

TRY ME!
Friendly, outgoing SW mother, 46, full-figured, with brown hair/eyes, likes fishing, walks, camping and movies. ISO friendly, outgoing SWM, 42-52, with similar interests, for friendship, possible LTR. Ad#.1247

A HEART ATTACK
Will not happen when you find love with the right person. Sensuous SW, ISO long-haired SM, 32-49, intelligent, who loves the outdoors and sports. Waiting to hear from you. Ad#.1217

CATCH OF THE DAY
Passionate SWF, 49, 5'1", full-figured, easygoing, secure, loves movies, dining out, horses and romance. Seeking SWM, 49-60, N/S, for friendship, maybe more. Ad#.1219

STOP AND READ!
Genuine SWF, 23, 5'6", brown hair/eyes, loves outdoors, animals and good times. Looking for SWM, 23-35, casual at first, for adventure, laughs and more. Ad#.1225

SWEET DREAMS
Sexy, sassy SWF, 18, 5'8", 145lbs., dirty blond hair, educated, enjoys cars, long walks and romance and night on the town. ISO outgoing, spontaneous, lovable SWM, 18-24, for possible LTR. Ad#.1231

FUTURE AIM
Easygoing, loving, big-hearted SWF, 51, 5'3", hobbies include woodworking. Hoping to hear from a SWM, 46-60, for good companionship and romance, likes dancing, dining, hunting, motorcycling, and more. Ad#.1208

ROMANTIC & SINCERE
Goal-oriented SAF, 20, seeks environmentally-friendly SM, 22-30, who can make a difference in this world. Race unimportant. Ad#.5244

LET'S TALK SOON
Do you like dancing, picnics, rodeos and yard sales? Call this old-fashioned SWF, 75, 5'2", brown hair, green eyes, seeking a SWM, 70-80, for companionship. Ad#.5129

FUN TIMES AWAIT
SHF, 20, 5'7", who's fun, energetic, easygoing, interests include talking to friends and enjoying life. ISO fun SM, 20-30. Ad#.5231

ONE OF A KIND
SHF, 21, 5'1", 125lbs., enjoys fishing, camping, ISO cheerful, honest, cute SW/BM, 18-30. Ad#.5233

ALL IN GOOD TIME
SWF, 50, seeks a responsible SWM, 55-60. She loves dancing, horses, outdoors, good times at bonfires and shared times. Ad#.5232

OPEN HEART
Friendly SHF, 36, 5'3", 170lbs., brown hair/eyes, ISO honest, outgoing SM, 30-38, for friendship. Enjoys dancing, movies, meeting people and other activities. Ad#.5212

INTO MY ARMS
Warm, outgoing, fun SWF, 49, 5'7", 175lbs., ISO a caring and loving SWM, 45-60, for friendship,~enjoys~horses,~dogs, fishing, camping, hunting and many other activities. Ad#.5216

Males Seeking Females

WATCHING SUNSETS
Outgoing, adventurous, open-minded, old-fashioned SWM, 27, 5'7", 136lbs., blond hair, blue eyes, enjoys hunting, fishing, artwork. ISO old-fashioned SF, 21-40. Ad#.1618

BE THE ONE
Friendly, outgoing SWM, 25, 6', 145lbs., blond hair, blue eyes, enjoys horseback riding, friends, rodeos. ISO trustworthy SW, 21-35. Ad#.1617

HAPPY HOLIDAYS
How would you like to spend the holidays with this down-to-earth HM, 43, 5'5", is seeking nice HF, 31-52. Ad#.1557

GOOD TIMES TOGETHER!
Outgoing SWM, 19, 6'4", 145lbs., N/S, likes having fun, fishing, fixing cars, camping, snowmobiling, seeking SWF, 18-25, for LTR. Ad#.1615

WAITING FOR YOU!
Retired, healthy, homeowner SWM, 73, N/S, ISO trim SWF, 55-72, N/S, for fun times together. Ad#.1613

IT COULD HAPPEN!
Open-minded, easygoing, fit SWM, 31, 6', 200lbs., N/S, enjoys rodeos, skiing, camping and anything fun. Seeking true, goal-oriented SWF, 18-30. Ad#.1611

BEING TOGETHER
SWM, 19, 5'11", 160lbs., brown hair, N/S, likes camping, fishing, hunting, snowboarding, anything outdoors, seeking honest SF, 18-24. Ad#.1604

LET'S MEET SOON!
Funny, outgoing SWM, 25, 6'6", 280lbs., likes long walks, hunting, woodworking and more. ISO sincere SWF, 18-40, for possible LTR. Ad#.1581

EASYGOING
DWM, 47, 170lbs., N/S, brown hair, joker, enjoys cuddling, hugging, having fun, fishing, gardening, bowling and golfing. ISO SF, 30-45, who likes to joke around. Ad#.1409

GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY
WM, 66, sincere, full of life and fun. Seeking best friend for marriage, SWF, N/S, with same attitude. Ad#.1558

LOOKING FOR YOU
SWM, 22, outgoing, funny, adventurous enjoys building things and children. ISO SF, 18-26, shares similar qualities. Ad#.1554

WAITING FOR YOU
SWM, 47, 6'1", 170lbs., blond hair, blue eyes, adventurous, enjoys art, building models, working with hands. ISO SBF, 22-40, for LTR. Ad#.1552

ISO ONE-CHILD MOM
Fun, easygoing SWM, 24, 5'9", 225lbs., blond hair, blue eyes, enjoys hiking, dancing, camping. ISO SWF, 21-29, for LTR, with similar interests. Ad#.1551

ALL OUR TOMORROWS
Retired SWM, 72, romance, animals, dancing, quiet evenings, ISO SF, 30-67, for companionship, friendship. Ad#.1549

INTERESTING
SWM, 24, 5'11", 116lbs., slick black hair, mustache, collects insects and stamps, coloring, ISO fun-loving, easygoing SF, 18-35, with similar interests. Ad#.1538

RARE MAGIC
Meet this multi-faceted SWM, 41, 6'1", 200lbs., brown hair, blue eyes, enjoys walks, golfing, reading, seeking SWF, 33-44, who will complement his personality. Ad#.1536

ALL ABOUT FUN
SWM, 21, 5'8", 155lbs., brown hair/eyes, enjoys rodeos, camping, fishing and hunting. For Seeking a SWF, 18-27, who likes to get out and try new things. Ad#.1535

TRY SOMETHING NEW
SWM, 6', 145lbs., blond hair, blue eyes, enjoys rodeos and being outdoors. Seeking a responsible SWF, 21-31, who doesn't play games. Ad#.1532

WHAT DO YOU LIKE?
Reserved, honest SWM, 23, 5'7", 135lbs., light brown hair, blue eyes, likes outdoor camping, walks, movies, music, looking for SWF, 18-26, trusting and fun. Ad#.1530

UP FOR GOOD TIMES
SWM, 24, 5'10", 160lbs., dark brown hair, hazel eyes, loyal, energetic, humorous, athletic, fun, likes sports, music, dancing, cinemas, outdoors, ISO SWF, 18-30, caring, respectful and has a sense of humor. Ad#.1528

ARE U HONEST?
Easygoing, outspoken, kind SWM, 54, 5'5", 160lbs., brown hair, likes rodeo, camping, light dinners, camping, fishing, movies, ISO kind SWF, 42-56. Ad#.1527

THE FIRST STEP...
Is to call this outgoing, sensitive SWM, 41, 6', 220lbs., blue-eyed blond, likes fishing, camping, outdoors, ISO SWF, 35-44 Ad#.1521

COMPANIONSHIP!
SWM, 63, 6'2", 175lbs., likes fishing, camping, outdoors, motorcycles, romance, dancing, honest, sincere, slender SWF, 55-65, for romance and LTR. Ad#.1516

A TRUE FRIEND!
Shy, open SWM, 20, 5'9", 130lbs., N/S, enjoys reading, poetry, movies, walks, ISO intelligent, caring, beautiful inside and out. Ad#.1512

COME JOIN ME!
Shy SWM, 50, 5'11", 240lbs., N/S, likes outdoor activities. He's looking for a well-educated SWF, 42-52, for LTR. Ad#.1 0

WH-- R U LOOKING 4?
Outgoing WM, 28, 6', hobbies are outdoor sports, family time, ISO attractive, adventurous SF, 22-31. Ad#.1501

I MIGHT BE THE 1
SWCM, 42, 6', blue eyes, enjoys conversation, candlelight dining and sunsets. Seeking SWCF, 32-42, for friendship and possibly more slowly. Ad#.1496

SERIOUS RELATIONSHIP
SWM, 32, 5'7", 260lbs., with brown hair and eyes. A constructive, honest person who enjoys movies, dining out, walking the dog and being with friends. He is in search of a healthy relationship with a N/S, positive SF, who is fairly athletic. Ad#.1497

FUN OUTGOING
SWM, 18, 6'1", 140lbs., brown hair/eyes, enjoys fishing, camping, playing pools, movies, ISO mature SWF, 18-20, with similar interests. Ad#.1484

ANYTHING IN COMMON?
SWM, 24, 6', 145lbs., friendly, outgoing, not afraid to try new things, rodeos, outdoors, water sports, ISO happy SF, 21-35, for friendship. Ad#.1483

CALL ME
SWM, 42, 6', 200lbs., enjoys the outdoors, hunting, fishing, camping, going out, having fun. ISO SWF, 28-47, for casual relationship. Ad#.1479

THAT SPECIAL SOMEONE
SWM, 23, 199lbs., athletic, outgoing, N/S. ISO SF, 19-27, for friendship first. Ad#.1473

LET'S TALK
SWM, 44, 6', 200lbs., blond hair ,blue eyes, shy, reserved, likes horseback riding, camping, playing pool, movies and animals. ISO SWM, 30-48, who's honest, sincere, and likes to be around people. Ad#.1472

WANT SOMETHING NEW
SWM, 34, 5'11", brown, 6', 200lbs., loves the outdoors, walks and stargazing. ISO SF, 21-40, for friendship. Ad#.1471

BE MY ONE AND ONLY
Fun, outgoing WM, 21, 6'1", 150lbs., likes sports, skiing, camping, snowboarding, hiking, quiet evenings, outdoor-to-earth WF, 18-26. Ad#.1467

I WILL FIND YOU!
A SWF, 25-35, who likes kids, is wanted for a fun SWM, 31, 6'4", 185lbs., brown hair/eyes, enjoys video games, camping and bowling. Ad#.1459

BE MY COMPANION
Outgoing WM, 43, 5'10", blond hair, blue eyes, N/S, enjoys hiking, hunting and fishing. Seeking WF, 30-52. Ad#.1455

BECAUSE OF LOVE
Amusing WM, 34, 5'11", green eyes, enjoys hunting, fishing, movies and horseback riding. ISO SCF, 25-40, for LTR. Ad#.1453

GIVE ME A CHANCE
Self-employed SWM, 49, 5'6", 160lbs., light brown hair, hazel eyes, into outdoors, seeking honest, easygoing, down-to-earth SF, 35-50, for friendship. Ad#.1452

HIGHWAY OF LOVE
Outgoing SWM, 18, into racing, dirt biking, working on cars and tearing up the road, a nicely dressed SF, 18-22, with same interests, for friendship first, maybe more. Ad#.1451

JUST THE TWO OF US
SWM, 43, blond hair, blue eyes, is friendly, outgoing, enjoys the outdoors, ISO friendly SW, 30-52, who likes outdoor activities. Ad#.1446

WORTH YOUR WHILE
Spontaneous, congenial SWCM, 28, 6'2", 230lbs., blue eyes and blond hair, enjoys riding & roping, 4-wheelers, camping, hunting, anything outdoors and sports. ISO attractive, outgoing SWCF, 23-33, with similar interests. Ad#.1438

GOOD TIMES
Friendly, outgoing, self-employed SWM, 22, 5'7", 170lbs., with brown hair, enjoys hunting, the outdoors, back trips and going out. ISO slender, cute SF, 20-24. Ad#.1429

KID AT HEART
SWM, 25, 5'10", 160lbs., blond hair, blue eyes, easygoing, laid-back, enjoys outdoor activities. ISO SF, 18-30, with a good personality, no drug users! Ad#.1416

PSST, OVER HERE
SHM, 18, likes camping, fishing, sports and romantic times. Seeking an outgoing, romantic SF, 18-25, for a friendship. Ad#.1406

BEING WITH SOMEONE
Personable WM, 37, 6', 150lbs., brown hair, green eyes, enjoys people, walks, bowling, outdoor activities and dancing. ISO fun WF, 25-45, who's humorous, likes kids/animals, for LTR. Ad#.1401

FUNNY GUY
WM, 35, 5'11", blond hair, blue eyes, enjoys bulls, goodlooking, strong, tender-hearted, romantic, enjoys laughter, joking, kissing, sunsets and cuddling. ISO an honest DF/F, 24-45, N/S, N/D, long-haired, old-fashioned, bold, clean, pretty eyes. Ad#.1397

FRIENDLY SMILE
SWM, 43, 5'11", 165lbs., sandy brown hair, blue eyes, dimples and a mustache, enjoys outdoor activities, camping, movies and romantic dining. ISO SF, 25-43, with similar interests, and can spend quality time with. Ad#.1382

ENJOY MY COMPANY
SWM, 38, 5'9", 167lbs., brown hair, hazel eyes, honest and humorous. Enjoys traveling and outdoor sports. ISO honest, fun, self-motivated SWF, 25-38. Ad#.1380

DON'T HESITATE
SWM, 26, 6'2", 225lbs., hazel eyes, brown hair, medium build, likes the outdoors, fishing, camping and hiking—in—the—mountains. Seeking a warm-hearted SWF, 22-29, for LTR, team player and has similar interests. Ad#.1379

THE MY ANYTIME
SHM, 23, 5'10", 130lbs., black hair and green eyes, spontaneous, likes movies, sports and outdoor activities. ISO SF, 18-24, with similar interests. Ad#.1377

LETS TALK
Blond SWM, 45, 5'6", 130lbs., healthy, fun, friendly, loves life, hobbies include: fishing, bowling, movies, gardening and quiet times. Hoping to meet a SWF, 35-50, open, honest, enjoys the simple things in life. Ad#.1375

NO GAME PLAYERS
WM, 52, 5'9", 140lbs., with an easygoing personality, enjoys horseback riding, fishing, camping, hunting, movies, quiet times at home, seeking a drug-free SF, 45-55. Ad#.1373

HEART OF GOLD
SWM, 34, 5'8", 200lbs., father of one, likes hunting, fishing, bowling, movies and anything outdoors. ISO SWF, 25-37, who likes kids, family activities, romance and living life to the fullest. Ad#.1372

ON SALE THIS WEEK
Open-minded SWM, 61, 5'10", 200lbs, active, hobbies include: dining out, dancing, conversation, nature and horse races. ISO N/S SWF, 39-49, energetic, romantic, with similar interests. Ad#.1360

FUN IN THIS LIFE
SWM, 34, 6'6", blue eyes, blonde hair, quiet, friendly, enjoys hunting, bowling, movies and dancing. ISO slender, friendly SWF, 24-45, with common interests. Ad#.1357

NO HEAD GAMES PLEASE
Humorous SWM, 42, 5'7", 175lbs., brown hair, likes boating, water skiing, camping, motorcycles and special times with kids. ISO spontaneous, fun-loving SF, 28-45, likes to play with a good sense of humor. Ad#.1346

LET'S GET TOGETHER
SWM, 18, 5'5", black hair, likes working on motorcycles, outdoors, new opportunities. ISO SF, 18-26, for friendship and companionship. Ad#.5239

LET'S PAL AROUND
Romantic, considerate SWM, 44, 5'5", 120lbs., long brown hair. Hobbies include camping, fishing, billiards and dancing. ISO SF, 35-47, who likes crafts, gardening and canning. Ad#.1345

SWEET GUY
Outgoing, fun-loving SWM, 18, 5'6", 145lbs., in-shape, likes hunting, fishing, electronic repair and fun. Looking for a SF, 18-21, for fun and LTR. Ad#.1346

TREAT ME RIGHT
Easygoing SWM, 28, 6'3", 140lbs., brown hair, enjoys music, motorcycles, sports and hanging out. Seeking a nice SF, 18-35, for LTR. Ad#.1347

SEARCHING FOR FUN?
SWM, 19, 6', 185lbs., blue eyes, enjoys parties, DJing, music, ISO a fun-loving SF, 18-30, for LTR. Ad#.5177

ALL OF ME
Honest and friendly SWM, 53, 5'5", 160lbs., blue eyes, enjoys fishing, camping and outdoors. ISO SW, 42-57, who enjoys improving my day while I improve yours. Ad#.1332

2 IS COMPANY
SWM, 51,5'9", 165lbs., N/S, enjoys the outdoors, the drive-in, the country and camping. ISO SW, 40-56, with similar interests, who likes being treated like a lady. Ad#.1331

MESSAGE ME
Outgoing SHM, 23, 5'7", 125lbs., black hair, brown eyes, likes camping, biking, fishing, rv'ing, swimming. Searching for a SF, 18-25, race open, for friendship. Ad#.1330

SMILE IN MY HEART
That can only be filled by you! outgoing, intelligent, sincere, honest fi 18-30. I'm spontaneous, funny, 5'11", 210lbs., like movies, dining out, fishing and camping. Ad#.1329

GOD COMES FIRST
SWCM, 22, 5'6", 160lbs., enjoys rock climbing, hunting, fishing, camping, history, theology. ISO SWCF, 19-23. Ad#.1325

LOVE IS ALL WE NEED
Open-minded WM, 34, 6'1", 180lbs., loves camping, hunting, fishing, sports, anything outdoors. ISO WF, 20-30, who's looking for LTR, as I am. Kids okay. Ad#.1324

SOMEDAY I'LL FIND U
Handsome SWM, 24, 5'10", 200lbs., home owner, generous, honest, looking to meet a SWF, 20-40, who likes adventure, trying new things and possible romance. Ad#.1240

NOTHING COMPARES 2
You don't have to live in Twin Falls, nothing rivals the beauty & charm of my lady in the eyes of me: kind, affection-ate, loves family activities, likes bowling, fishing, camping, ISO a friendly, open F, 30-40. Ad#.1322

SWEET THINGS
Easygoing SWM, 22, 6'2", 175lbs., medium-built, blue-eyed blond, enjoys bowling, hiking, hunting, camping, ISO secure, employed, responsible SF, 19-30. Ad#.1323

LET'S GO OUT!
Funny, easygoing SWM, 34, 5'10", 200lbs., brown hair/eyes, enjoys outdoors, hunting, skiing. ISO fun, big SF, 18-45. Ad#.1322

ISO CLASSIC
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WILD & CRAZY
SWM, 19, 5'11", brown hair, hazel/green eyes, likes snowboarding, horseback riding and more. ISO a committed, spontaneous SWF, 18-22. Ad#.1308

HONEST & CARING
Honest SWCM, 30, height/weight proportionate, seeking a SWCF, 21-40, with similar personality, for LTR. Ad#.1309

A WHOLE LOT MORE
Friendly SWM, 59, 5'11", 240lbs., red hair, likes bowling, square dancing, hunting, fishing, rodeos and more. Seeking loving, friendly, happy-go-lucky SWF, 40-59, for friendship first. Ad#.1307

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ISO honest, friendly, easygoing SWM, 48-57. Call this SWF, 49, 5'4", medium build, who's honest, easygoing, down-to-earth, likes dining out, movies, camping, fishing, quiet nights. Ad#.1210

CUTE & BUBBLY
Petite SWF, 65, 5'1", enjoys fishing, playing cards and travel. Seeks a SWM, 60-71, with similar interests. Ad#.1205

TREAT ME RIGHT
Fun, energetic, talkative SHF, 18, 5'4", 150lbs., brown hair/eyes, enjoys sports, dancing and having fun. ISO SM, 18-26, who enjoys having fun, N/D, drug-free. Ad#.5263

LOOKING FOR LTR
I am a friendly, funny, easygoing SWF, 27, 5'2", with brown hair and eyes. I enjoy spending time with my family. I'm looking for a SWM, 32-42, who can except both me and my son. Ad#.1202

LET'S HAVE FUN
WWWF, 65, size 14, enjoys football, concerts, sightseeing, cards, open to suggestions. ISO a guy who likes to have fun with. Ad#.5257

ISO A SPECIAL GUY
SWF, 22, 5'5", 140lbs., long blonde hair, blue eyes, N/S, N/D, enjoys camping, writing, fishing, camping, picnics, cooking. Seeking a DSWM, 22-32, N/S, N/D. Ad#.5261

ISO MY MATCH
Outgoing SWF, 30, 5'0", blond hair, hazel eyes, enjoys camping, fishing, working on cars, family time, seeks SWM, 28-40, for friendship. Ad#.5253

COMPLETE MY WORLD
Active SW mom, 28, 5'6", seeks upbeat, family-oriented SWM, 25-40, who likes camping, rodeos, horseback riding, hunting and fishing. Ad#.5240

RED-HAIRED MOMMA
Upbeat, energetic SW mom, 24, 5'6", 145lbs., auburn hair, hazel eyes, ISO attractive, fun-loving SWM, 20-30, for friendship and good times. Ad#.5226

LIVE WIRE WANTED
Attractive, fun-loving, self-sufficient SWF, 47, full-figured, college-educated, outgoing, ISO a lively SWM, 35-55, for friendship, enjoys everything from camping to Christmas. Ad#.5213

BALANCED WOMAN
Quiet, confident, humorous SWF, 44, 5'6", 220lbs., brown hair/eyes, like reading, music, movies, looking for SM, 40-50, to laugh and enjoy life with me. Ad#.5107

ALL I REALLY WANT
Happy, easygoing SWF, 46, 5'4", full-figured, brown hair/eyes, like camping, bowling, dancing, fishing, all types of music, looking for a loyal, compassionate, hardworking SWM, 40

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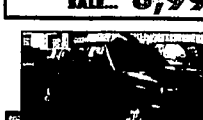

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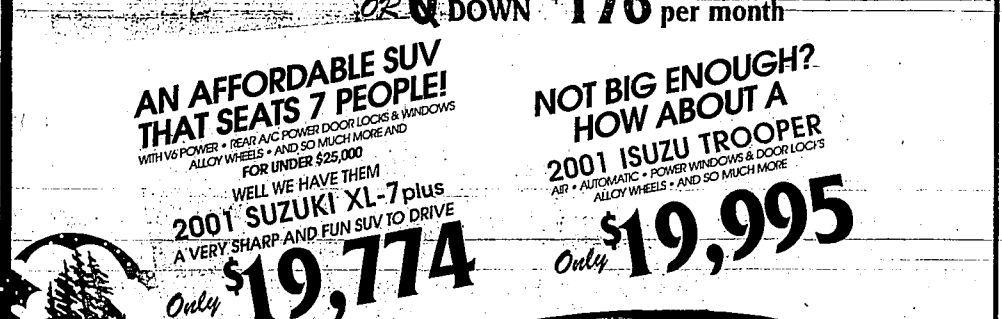

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