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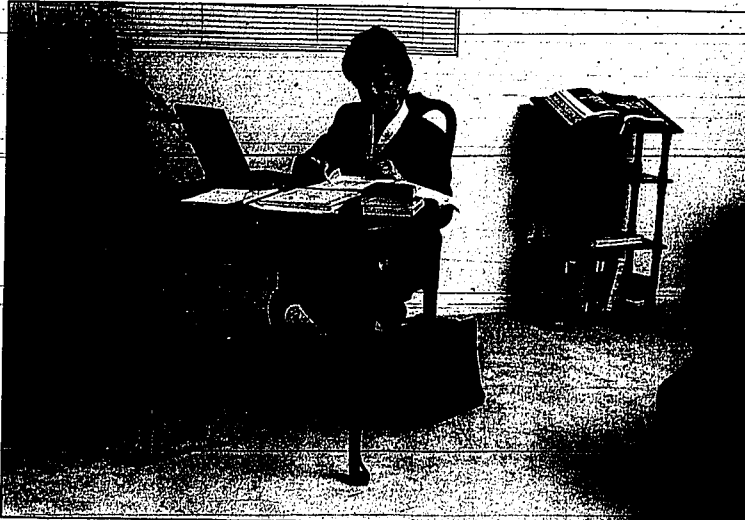
## GOOD MORNING

### WEATHER

Today: Cloudy with a chance of a few flurries or sprinkles. High 40, low 32.

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# It's all about money



Rep. Sharon Block, R-Twin Falls, goes over the text of some of the bills she will be dealing with when the legislative session opens on Monday. One of the most pressing issues facing lawmakers is the budget.

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## Idaho legislators face turnabout session

By Julie Pence  
Times-News writer

**BOISE** — First comes the party, then the hangover.

The giant headache hanging over the 2002 Legislature that starts Monday is how to handle last year's \$300 million surplus that is now a \$55 million deficit in state projected revenues.

Lawmakers say they have to work the budget so they maintain new programs as well as last year's tax break.

First-termer Rep. Leon Smith, R-Twin Falls, said the euphoria he saw during last year's session had made him nervous at the time.

"It was crazy. Once everyone saw the surplus, bills were flying around everywhere," he said. "I just voted 'no' on everything."

But eventually a new reality dawned, and now lawmakers are focused on scrimping by.

With roughly 75 percent of Idaho's budget allocated to public and higher education, Rep. Scott Bedke, R-Oakley, said he expects virtually every decision on every other expenditure will hinge on how much goes to education.

The first issue likely to be addressed this session, some law-

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makers are saying, is whether 2.5 percent budget "holdbacks" for public schools really hold.

"Everyone is interested in education, from parents to grandparents," said Rep. Doug Jones, R-Filer. "There will be a huge amount of pressure not to withhold. It will be a fight."

Lawmakers can vote for a "negative supplemental," which means they back up Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's holdback recommendations, and schools are out the 2.5 percent. Or, legislators can do nothing, in which case local property owners could make up the shortfall after July 1.

The property tax option is unpopular.

School officials say they want the Legislature to use some money from its rainy-day accounts. But Rep. Maxine Bell, R-Jerome, and Sen. Deann Cameron, R-Rupert — who co-chair the Joint Finance Appropriations Committee — say that's not possible. Bell and Cameron are the Legislature's head budget honchos to whom everyone appeals for final approval of proposed expendi-

tures before the entire body votes. They said those rainy-day accounts are strictly defined by statute to be used only for one-time expenditures.

Rep. Wendy Jaquet, D-Ketchum, countered, saying statutes can be changed. However, she said she'd like to discuss holding back on last year's vote for a state income tax reduction for a couple of years until the economy gets better.

"I'd rather do that than let schools use the property tax," she said.

But Magic Valley Republicans are not breathing even a hint of repealing any of last year's tax breaks.

Instead, the message pretty much across the board is to cut back expenditures in all ways possible to avoid cutting out programs.

"From my standpoint, it's just like it is with your family," said Rep. Bert Stevens, R-Rupert. "When the funds run out, everyone has to suffer the hurt."

He said he'd like to see reductions for the coming budget as well as the holdbacks from this year's budget administered even-ly to all agencies as well as public and higher education.

Rep. Celia Gould, R-Buhl, said she wants to see reductions administered so that smaller

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### Session will test friendships

By Mark Warbis  
Associated Press Writer

**BOISE** — It hardly seems possible amid recession and red ink, but many lawmakers will have more than money on their minds when the Legislature's 2002 session begins Monday.

They will be thinking about politics.

Many of the difficult decisions they make allocating scarce dollars figure to have electoral implications.

And while legislators figure out how to budget in a bad economy, some will be seeking higher office and others will be preparing to

face each other on the ballot. "I hope to God we don't go there, because one-upmanship is never in the best interest of the state," House Speaker Bruce Newcomb of Burley said.

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## Latest prisoners could be vital to terrorism fight

The Associated Press

**WASHINGTON** — With the capture last week of top Taliban and al-Qaida figures, the United States may have an extraordinary new opportunity to learn how the international terrorist operation worked and where its leaders are.

Al-Qaida's head of training

operations — a top aide to Osama bin Laden — was being held Saturday at the U.S. military camp in Kandahar, Afghanistan.

He is the highest-ranking al-Qaida figure captured since the U.S. campaign in Afghanistan began Oct. 7.

Faiztan handed over the terrorist trainer, Ibn Al-Shaykh al-Libi, and planned to turn over

the Taliban's former ambassador. On Thursday, Pakistan arrested the former ambassador, Mullah Abdul Salam Zaeef.

The prisoners could help focus the continuing hunt for the supreme leaders of the al-Qaida network and the Taliban regime that sheltered it in Afghanistan.

"These are important figures. One was close to Osama bin

Laden and the other was very close to (Taliban leader) Mullah Mohammed Omar," former CIA terrorism analyst Stan Boddington said Saturday.

"The big question, of course, is: Will they talk? If they are able to talk, I have no doubt whatever they will give a lot of informa-

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## Nevada town residents consider impact of proposed nuclear dump

The Associated Press

**AMARGOSA VALLEY, Nev.** — They've argued for almost two decades on the farms, at the post office and at the VFW-American Legion post about the federal government's proposal to bury radioactive waste 15 miles up the road.

Now, Energy Secretary Spencer Abraham is due to tell President Bush soon whether Yucca Mountain is a suitable place to bury 77,000 tons of used

**Yucca Mountain**, northwest of Las Vegas, is the only site being studied to permanently store spent fuel and high-level nuclear waste now stored at the Idaho National Engineering and

**Test site** Environmental Laboratory. A 1995 agreement between Idaho and the federal government requires spent fuel and high-level waste to be removed from Idaho by 2035.

nuclear fuel. He plans to visit a proposed national radioactive waste dump in Nevada on Monday.

Department of Energy officials in Washington and Las Vegas said Friday that Abraham's first visit to Yucca Mountain will

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## Group presses for new approach

Committee develops its own CAFO plan

By Sandy Miller  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** — People on both sides of the dairy issue agree on one thing.

They don't like the six draft ordinances on animal feeding operations the Twin Falls County commissioners have on the table.

And some concerned citizens in Buhl and Filer agree with them. A group of local people would like county commissioners to take a serious look at their "matrix" — a rough draft of an ordinance they came up with during a series of meetings over the past two months.

The group includes Ken Edmunds, a Twin Falls businessman and consultant and past president of the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce;

Bill Chisholm, a local environmental activist and member of the Idaho Rural Council; Lewis Eilers, executive director of the Idaho

Dairymen's Association; local attorney Rich Carlson of the Idaho Rural Council; local attorney Kent Taylor; dairyman Alvin Smutny; Brent Olmstead, executive director of the Milk Producers of Idaho; and Ed Smith, a Filer resident.

Some members of the group gathered with other concerned citizens Thursday evening in Buhl.

"We all agreed there's no perfect ordinance," Edmunds said. "But we still have to reach some conclusion. Otherwise, we're going to have to accept the commissioners' ordinances."

County Commissioners Gary Grindstaff, Bill Brockman and Marvin Hempleman have told the group to put its proposal into ordinance form, and they'd be glad to have a look at it. But they still intend to go ahead with public hearings on the county's six draft ordinances Jan. 16 at the College of Southern Idaho.

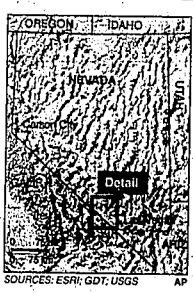
"If they draft an ordinance that both dairymen and concerned citizens are happy with, we would certainly consider it," Brockman said. "When they get it into ordinance form, we'll look at it, run it past our legal counsel to see if it's legal and then run it past Planning and Zoning to see if they can administer it."

"The matrix still has some problems, but it's still better than what the county's proposing," Eilers said. "We've decided to draft it up and oppose the six county ordinances."

Edmunds said attorneys are working to put the matrix into ordinance form. He said the group will meet two or three more times to fine-tune the ordinance before presenting the final draft to commissioners.

"We'll be able to present it before the public hearing,"

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SOURCES: ESR; GDT; USGS AP



# Family remembers soldier, son

Chapman was first U.S. soldier killed by enemy fire

GEORGETOWN, Texas (AP) — Sitting beside a framed photo of their son, Sgt. 1st Class Nathan Ross Chapman, the parents of the first U.S. soldier killed by enemy fire in Afghanistan fought back tears Saturday as they recalled his Army career.

"Will and Lynn Chapman said the 31-year-old Green Beret communications specialist had served in Panama, Haiti, Operation Desert Storm and then Afghanistan.

"The Army took to him and he took to the Army. It was a good match up until yesterday," Will Chapman said. "I think he was a better person for going into the Army and the Army was a better place."

On Friday, Chapman had been part of a U.S. team operating near the Afghan town of Khost, a few miles from the Pakistan border, military officials said.

Officials said Chapman and a CIA officer met local tribal leaders in Afghanistan's Farkia province, near where U.S. warplanes had struck several al-Qaida and Taliban targets in the past few weeks. After they left the meeting, the Americans were ambushed.

Chapman was killed by small-arms fire. The CIA officer was wounded but expected to survive.

"We mourn for Sergeant Nathan Chapman and we pray with his family for God's blessings on them," President Bush said Saturday during a news conference in Ontario, Calif. "He lost his life for a cause that is just and important. And that cause is the security of the American people, and that cause is the cause of freedom and a civilized world."

At Fort Lewis, Wash., where Chapman had been based, former colleagues praised him for his commitment to the Army and his dynamic personality.

"He was always the go-to person for people on other teams," said Capt. Edwin D. Hoang, one of several colleagues who spoke Saturday at the base, about 30 miles south of Seattle. "He was a very charismatic person. People loved working with him and he loved working with soldiers."

Chapman was born on April 23, 1970, at Andrews Air Force Base, Md. He joined the Army after his 1988 graduation from high school in Centerville, Ohio.

"He did so well in his career. We were just amazed. He was my little boy," his mother said



Sgt. 1st Class Nathan Ross Chapman, First American killed by enemy fire



Will and Lynn Chapman, above, hold a photo of their son, Sgt. 1st Class Nathan Ross Chapman, 31, is shown at left with his wife, Renee, and children Amanda, 2, and Brandon, 1, in a November photo provided by the family.

Saturday, wiping away tears during an interview in her Sun City home, about 25 miles north of Austin. Lynn Chapman said her son was a loving husband and father. The couple said they planned to travel to Seattle on Sunday to be with Chapman's widow, Renee, and children, Amanda, 2, and

# Bush rebuffs criticism of his tax cut package

Ontario, Calif. - President Bush accused Democrats of playing politics with the economy Saturday and vowed "not over my dead body will they raise your taxes."

Interrupting his Texas vacation to return fire from his Democratic critics, Bush ridiculed suggestions that his 10-year, \$1.35 trillion tax-cut package was a mistake. He delivered a spirited defense of his economic policies at a town hall meeting that touched on topics ranging from the war on terrorism to his belief in the power of prayer.

"The best way to recover is to let people have their own money in their pockets," Bush said. "Some in Washington are saying that the tax cuts caused the recession. I don't know what economic textbook they're reading."

He suggested that any effort to repeal or postpone planned tax cuts would amount to a tax increase.

salvo in what is likely to be a contentious election-year debate over how to deal with the stalled economy. The opening shot came from Senate Majority Tom Daschle, who staked out his party's views in a Friday speech that criticized Bush's tax cuts.

Bush offered his response in advance of his Monday return to Washington at stops in Ontario, near Los Angeles, and in Portland, Ore., where he toured a job-training center. The town hall meeting, sponsored by several Hispanic organizations and local business groups, also gave him a chance to reach out to Hispanic voters.


"I stand here as a proud party man, but let me tell you something — the country is far more important," he said to a thunderous standing ovation. "There are troubling signs that the old ways are beginning to creep back into people's minds in Washington. After all, it's an election year. It's tempting to revert back to the old ways, but America is better than that."

# Robbers foiled by bank's drive-in policy

ELKHART, Ind. (AP) — Two armed men who apparently had planned to walk into a bank and rob it were foiled when they discovered the branch only offered drive-through service, police said.

A passer-by told police that two men, wearing ski masks and carrying

rifles, were loitering outside a Bank One branch on Friday morning. But the men couldn't get inside. The men left the bank property before police arrived. The car they had been driving was later found several miles away, abandoned with the engine still running.



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# India rejects Pakistan's offer of peace talks

KATMANDU, Nepal (AP) — India's prime minister grudgingly shook hands with Pakistan's president Saturday, but he rebuffed an offer of talks until Pakistan cracks down on Islamic militants.

The two nations' armies exchanged shellfire again Saturday across the line dividing the Himalayan territory of Kashmir. A truckload of explosives being unloaded by Indian soldiers at the border went off accidentally, killing 17 people.

The handshake took place when Pakistani President Gen. Pervez Musharraf addressed a summit of South Asian leaders — including Indian Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee — in a speech broadcast live throughout the region.

"I extend a hand of genuine and sincere friendship to Prime Minister Vajpayee," Musharraf said. "Let us together commence a journey of peace, harmony and progress in South Asia."

He then strode across the stage to a surprised Vajpayee and offered a handshake. The Indian leader rose from his seat and politely accepted with a faint smile. He later snubbed Musharraf, refusing to look at the



Pakistan President Gen. Pervez Musharraf, left, shakes hands with Indian Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee Saturday in Katmandu, Nepal.

waiting general or shake his hand when the meetings ended for the day.

In his own speech, Vajpayee said Musharraf's gesture should be followed by an end to support for terrorism.

"I have shaken his hand in your presence," Vajpayee told the audience. "Now, President Musharraf must follow the ges-

ture by not permitting any activity in Pakistan or any territory in its control today which enables terrorists to perpetuate mindless violence in India."

New Delhi accuses Islamabad of waging a "proxy war" against it by backing Pakistan-based Islamic militants battling India's rule over two thirds of Kashmir. Pakistan says its support for the

militants — whom it calls "freedom fighters" — is only political.

"The two nuclear-armed nations have massed tens of thousands of troops along their 1,100-mile frontier since Dec. 13 attack by gunmen on India's Parliament, which India blamed on Islamic militants.

The Indian army said that Pakistani soldiers fired rockets and mortar shells Saturday across the cease-fire line that divides Kashmir, the Himalayan region over which both nations have fought two of their three wars. Indian soldiers shelled the Pakistanis, destroying eight bunkers, while an Indian child and two men were injured in the exchange when a house was hit, said an army spokesman.

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A guard shows a bomb hole Jan. 1, where U.S. forces struck Mullah Omar's compound in Kandahar, Afghanistan, in October. Afghan forces believed Omar was in Baghran, north of Kandahar, until Saturday, but now wonder if he was ever there at all.

Al-Qaida tested on downing aircraft

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan (AP) - It looked like any other test: fill in the blanks, multiple choice, short essays. But the graded exams found at an al-Qaida camp had deadly implications - one question asked how best to shoot down an aircraft, and three terrorists-in-training got the answer right.

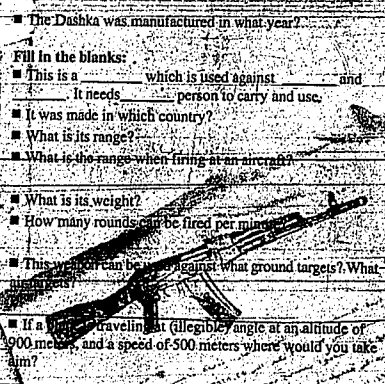
The Arabic-language test papers, found by The Associated Press Thursday in a complex of caves outside the southern city of Kandahar, show that those who attended the training camp for terrorists were taught more than how to fire Kalashnikov rifles. Students learned how to make bombs, how to use anti-aircraft weapons and how to choose the best spots on a body for a kill shot.

The tests of three students identified only as Abu Hassan Qatari, Musulab al-Freesh and one who went by the single name Osama - focused on the use of the old Russian-made Dasha anti-aircraft weapon.

The students had to know its inner workings, how to take it

A terrifying exam

The Associated Press found handwritten Arabic-language tests at an al-Qaida training camp near Kandahar. The tests focused on how to make bombs, fire weapons and choose the best spots on a body to make a kill. This is a translated sample question about the use of a Russian-made Dasha anti-aircraft weapon.



SOURCE: The Associated Press

U.S. envoy to Afghanistan goes to Kabul

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) - The United States envoy to Afghanistan arrived in the land of his birth Saturday to offer American support for rebuilding the battered country.

Zalmay Khalilzad, an American-born Pashtun born in the northern city of Mazar-i-Sharif, was named a special envoy by President Bush on Dec. 31. The 50-year-old has played a key behind-the-scenes role in the war on terrorism.

"I'm back in Afghanistan after 30 years. It's with a lot of emotion that I'm back," Khalilzad said at Kabul's airport.

"This is a moment of opportunity for Afghanistan," Khalilzad will work with the U.N. secretary general's representative on Afghanistan to help Afghans rebuild. He also plans to meet with top interim government officials, including Prime Minister Hamid Karzai.

Khalilzad believes American-led military forces must continue airstrikes in Afghanistan to rid the country of Taliban and al-Qaida remnants.



Zalmay Khalilzad

Mullah Omar eludes U.S., Afghan pursuers

By Kathy Gannon, The Associated Press

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan - The whereabouts of Mullah Mohammed Omar, the one-eyed spiritual leader of the Taliban and America's most wanted man after Osama bin Laden, is confounding his U.S. and Afghan pursuers.

He has hidden in the hills of south-central Afghanistan under the protection of loyal tribesmen who follow an ancient code of honor or on the run with his faithful inner minister?

Until Saturday, anti-Taliban Afghan fighters believed they had Omar surrounded near Baghran in the mountains north of his former stronghold, Kandahar.

Now they say he may never have been there - and if he was, he likely has fled by now.

"I have read reports that he may have fled on a motorbike," Afghan Foreign Ministry spokesman, Omar Samad, said on Saturday.

Some Afghan officials have said in recent days there had been negotiations with tribes around Baghran to hand over the Taliban leader. But there were doubts any tribal leader would ever surrender Omar, knowing he would likely be given to the Americans.

Baghran seemed the likeliest site for Omar to hide out immediately following the surrender of Kandahar, the last major city in Taliban hands, in December.

In the last days of Taliban control of the city, Abdul Wahid - the tribal chief of Baghran and a close ally of Omar's - was in Kandahar, Mullah Nangih Ullah, a leading commander in Kandahar, told The Associated Press on Saturday.

Wahid helped negotiate the surrender of the area to forces loyal to Hamid Karzai, the man who

now leads Afghanistan's interim government, Ullah said.

The night before the agreed surrender of Kandahar took place, Omar, Wahid, Taliban Defense Minister Obeidullah Akhund and Interior Minister Abdul Razzak fled the city with hundreds of Taliban fighters.

It was chaos. As the dust settled, speculation mounted about Omar's whereabouts. Some former Taliban soldiers said two likely hide-outs were Baghran, northwest of Kandahar, or Maruf, a mountainous region to the northeast where his Horkat tribe lives.

The focus turned to Baghran because of Wahid's presence in Kandahar on the eve of its surrender and the fact that Omar lived for a short time at a mujahedeen base in the rugged mountains around Baghran during the 1980s Soviet invasion of his homeland.

Baghran also sits in the first of six mountain ranges that sweep across Afghanistan, stretching from Helmand province in the south to the northwestern border with Turkmenistan to Bamian province in the center.

On Thursday in Qalat, a city in Zabul province northeast of Kandahar, several former Taliban soldiers said Omar and Razzak were reported in the area. Lined with mountain ranges, Zabul was a Taliban stronghold, and sympathies for the Taliban remain strong even after their downfall.

"Here there are a lot of people who are sympathetic to the Taliban," said Tahir, a teacher in Qalat.

Some resent Omar's single-minded support for bin Laden. "For one man, he betrayed all Pashtuns," Taher said of Afghanistan's majority ethnic group and the source of most Taliban warriors.

But still, Tahir said there are no tribesmen in the south and east of Afghanistan who would hand over Omar.

"It is not possible that we could hand him over. It is not in our tradition," he said.

Government opposes TV broadcast of terrorist trial

ALEXANDRIA, Va. (AP) - Contending that televising a terrorist trial would endanger witnesses, judges and a federal courthouse, the Justice Department is opposing a request to air the trial of Zacarias Mousawi, the only person charged so far in the Sept. 11 attacks.

The government's position pitted prosecutors against the Court TV network - which is seeking to televise the trial live - and Mousawi, who supported the broadcast as a way to ensure a fair trial.

The prosecution and defense submitted their written arguments Friday to U.S. District Judge Leonie Brinkema, who has scheduled a hearing next Wednesday. Federal court rules ban cameras in the courtroom, although many state and local courts allow broadcasts.

Prosecutors said Osama bin Laden's terrorists could find the broadcasts useful "in identifying and targeting prosecution witnesses."

There's also a threat to the judge, while "coverage of trials in federal courthouses would place those buildings, and all in them at greater risk," prosecutors contended in their filing.

They had to know the ammunition it used, how many rounds it could fire per minute and per second.

They also had to know the best way to shoot down an aircraft - at what height, the angle at which the weapon should be fired and how many people would be

required to carry the weapon (in the case of the Dasha, three). Some of the questions were handwritten in red. Some were fill-in-the-blanks. Others asked the date of a weapon's manufacture, its weight or its range.

Each correct answer was marked with a red check mark, each wrong answer with an 'X'.

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Singapore arrests suspected terrorists

SINGAPORE (AP) - Authorities have arrested 15 suspected militants, some of them trained at al-Qaida camps in Afghanistan, for allegedly plotting bombings in this city-state, the government said Saturday.

The suspects were arrested last month, and detailed information on bomb construction and photographs and video footage of targeted buildings in Singapore were found in their homes and offices, the Ministry of Home Affairs said. Al-Qaida-linked material, falsified passports and forged immigration stamps were also found, a ministry statement said.

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Newspaper: Shoe-bomb suspect was seen with al-Qaida suspects

LONDON (AP) - The man accused of trying to blow up a trans-Atlantic flight with explosives hidden in his sneakers was seen in London with suspected members of the al-Qaida terrorist network, a British newspaper reported Saturday.

recruited through British mosques in London and Leicester.

A whistleblower at London's Finsbury Park mosque, Rashid Hussain, was quoted by the Times as saying he saw Richard C. Reid at the mosque in 1998 with Djamel Beghal and Nizar Trabelsi.

Beghal is a French-Algerian who French investigators say revealed a suicide plot to blow up the U.S. Embassy in Paris and apparently told Dubai investigators he had visited Osama bin Laden's home.

Beghal, who is in jail in France, told a French judge that he

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# Police find abducted teen-ager; Virginia man faces felony charges



Scott Tyree

**PITTSBURGH (AP)**—A 13-year-old girl was reunited with her parents Saturday after a tip from a man who recognized her in an Internet photo led police to a Virginia home where she was restrained.

The Florida man who saw a Web camera photo of the girl recognized her from a photograph on a newspaper's Web site. FBI agents believe she met her abductor on the Internet.

Scott Tyree, 38, of Herndon, Va., was arrested Friday, said FBI Agent Jack Shea in Pittsburgh. Authorities would not specify how the girl was restrained.

Tyree was charged with illegal transportation of a minor for the purpose of engaging in illegal sexual conduct, a felony that

carries up to 15 years in prison, said U.S. Attorney Mary Beth Buchanan. Additional charges might be considered, Buchanan said.

FBI agents broke Tyree into his home on Friday afternoon and found the 13-year-old restrained within the residence, Shea said. Tyree was not at home, but was found about half an hour later, Shea said.

Buchanan said she believes Tyree picked up the girl in Pennsylvania. Authorities said

the girl left home unexpectedly after dinner on New Year's Day without her parents realizing it.

The girl, who had been taken to Inova Fairfax Hospital in Virginia for evaluation Friday, was greeted by a small group of family and friends as she returned with her parents to their home in suburban Crafton Heights.

She and her parents said FBI agents told them not to comment about the ordeal and what she may have told authorities.

"I don't know if or what she said to them (the FBI), but this is the end of the story for us. We want to put this guy away," her mother told reporters.

The girl said only that she was "very, very happy" to be home.



Cows feed at the Ponderosa Dairy last month in Amargosa Valley, Nev. The dairy produces 25 percent of the milk in Nevada and is 12 miles from the proposed Yucca Mountain nuclear waste dump.

## Yucca

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come in conjunction with a visit to a Nevada Test Site compound that the state's two senators say would make a good national counterterrorism training school.

Abraham also intends to tour a subcritical nuclear testing facility inside the 1,350-square-mile federal reservation northwest of Las Vegas, department spokesman Joe Davis said.

No state or federal elected officials were scheduled to accompany Abraham. Davis and spokesman Allen Beaton said security will be tight and media access limited.

Nevada elected officials are lined against the proposal. But here in the sprawling Nevada community closest to Yucca Mountain, there's no consensus whether the nuclear waste dump is a good idea.

"What I'm worried about is nuclear trafficking," VFW post bartender Anne Davidson said as she clicked on the beer lights, brewed a pot of coffee and set out the aspirin-walkie farmers, ranchers and miners filtered in.

"We've got school buses that stop on that road," Davidson said. "We've got senior citizens who don't drive more than 40 miles per hour. Trucks already come down that road. It'll only increase."

Davidson was talking about Nevada State Highway 73, a 70 mph two-lane road leading from U.S. 95 near Yucca Mountain to Death Valley Junction in California.

"We're red, white and blue out here," Virgil "Ben" Bendix offered between puffs of his pipe and pulls from his Budweiser. The 73-year-old retired North Las Vegas firefighter wore his Army veteran's credentials on his cap: 140th Tank Battalion, Company B, Korea.

"That ground's contaminated anyway," Bendix said, referring to the Nevada Test Site, which includes Yucca Mountain. Amargosa residents used to watch mushroom clouds over the northeastern horizon when atomic tests were conducted from 1951 to 1992.

"As long as it doesn't screw up the water," Bendix added.

Nevada's four-member congressional delegation and state political leaders are working hard to derail the dump. The state has filed three lawsuits — trying to deny the federal government crucial water rights, challenging the criteria Abraham is using to make his decision, and challenging federal Environmental Protection Agency radiation standards.

Aides said Abraham is reviewing testimony and comments submitted during 66 public hearings held last year. Yucca Mountain is the only place in the nation under study, and Congress wants an answer by Feb. 28.

Nevada officials — and some local residents — argue that Yucca Mountain was seen as remote when studies began in 1982, and the state had little political clout then.

Today, Nevada has 2 million people, including almost 1.5 million in and around Las Vegas, 90 miles from Yucca Mountain. Nye County officials count 1,271 people in Amargosa Valley's 455 mountain-ringed square miles.

"They were going to put this in an uninhabited area," pistachio farmer Ralph McCracken said. "That makes us the uninhabited."

Ed Goehardt, a town advisory board member and manager of the valley's biggest business — a 1,400-acre organic dairy and alfalfa farm — considered Abraham's pending recommendation and his

neighbors' positions on Yucca Mountain.

"About 20 percent are probably for it," Goehardt said of his neighbors. "About 10 percent are against it." Goehardt counts himself among the opponents.

"Seventy percent don't care."

"That's Yucca Mountain right there," Goehardt said, pointing through the windshield of his pickup. "If I was a betting man, I'd say there's less than a 1 percent chance he won't favor it. I think, basically, they don't care about this area."

*We're going to be the martyrs. We're going to end up taking what nobody else wants.*

— Doris Jackson, Nevada saloon-keeper

The material stored in mined tunnels 1,000 feet below the surface and 1,000 feet above the water table would remain radioactive for more than 10,000 years.

"That's what gets me. The time," said Doris Jackson, saloon-keeper, town advisory board chairman and — by community standards — outspoken opponent.

"We're going to be the martyrs," she said. "We're going to end up taking what nobody else wants."

Jackson worried that Abraham won't pull the plug after \$7 billion worth of studies. It is projected to cost \$58 billion more to build and 17 years to complete if it opens on schedule in 2010.

"People are so blasé. They've lived next to the Test Site all these years," Jackson said as she made a customer's sandwich at her Stateline Saloon and Gambling Hall, a faded establishment with 10 slot machines and worn pool table surrounding a dance floor where the veneer has been danced away over generations.

"Most people are for it," Jackson said. "They say we need the money. They need the work. But the biggest thing is the time. Eventually, it's going to contaminate the water and people aren't going to be able to live here."

Amargosa Valley is a rustic place — its name derives from the Spanish word "amargar," meaning bitter or miserable. On some maps, it's still labeled the Amargosa Desert and the wind

and sun never give up their relentless effort to reclaim it.

Electricity didn't arrive until 1963. Telephones, 1965. Most roads are dirt. The lone traffic signal is a blinking yellow light marking a 15 mph zone next to the elementary school. High schoolers are bused 25 miles to Beatty.

Most days, the view over the broad, brown landscape leads to the saw-toothed Funeral Mountains between it and Death Valley to the west, and the Skull Range in the Nevada Test Site to the north and east.

Paradoxically, the desert here has a plentiful supply of water — an underground river flowing from the Nevada Test Site, past Yucca Mountain, through Amargosa Valley and disappearing in to Death Valley. Residents say well water comes up warm: about 70 degrees.

Touring his farm, Goehardt pointed at a coyote padding through a field and an eagle on a sprinker rig. "Pest control," he said, explaining that they were hunting gophers.

Goehardt, 37, with a wife and two children, worries about the image of radioactivity leaking from Yucca Mountain into the underground aquifer on which his life and his business depend.

"People don't realize how much farming goes on in the Amargosa Valley," Goehardt said.

He pointed to a Nye County study that showed his dairy and a sister operation in Pahumpum contributed almost \$39 million to the Nevada economy in 1999.

Goehardt said his 5,200 cows in Amargosa provide 28 percent of the milk consumed in the state.

"My issue isn't so much the water, it's the perception," he said. "Would you want to buy products from the Amargosa Valley?"

Back at the VFW, some said they think they're being overlooked, though few expressed their concerns during the DOE hearings.

"Everybody who comes up here, they think it's uninhabited," said Dave Hall, 54, who farms 1,200 acres of alfalfa.

Vern Gilliland, a Teamsters Union trucker who works at the Yucca Mountain project, smiled big when asked about the nuclear dump.

"I'm definitely for it," Gilliland said. "At least until I'm retired."

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Edmunds said.

But the clock is ticking. The entire 120-day moratorium on new animal feeding operations and expansion of existing operations runs out Jan. 29.

### Another moratorium?

Some have suggested the county put the six draft ordinances into effect temporarily until both sides can agree on a permanent ordinance. Others have suggested enacting yet another 120-day moratorium — moratorium No. 6.

"We either have to extend the moratorium or adopt the ordinances we have," Brockman said.

"It would be hard pressed to support another moratorium. I don't think the community wants any more moratoriums. They want us to step up and draft a new ordinance so we can lift the moratorium. I would consider extending the moratorium, but I would insist that proposal come from the dairy association."

The Idaho Dairyman's Association is one of the plaintiffs in a lawsuit against the county saying commissioners broke Idaho law and hurt their businesses when they enacted five consecutive moratoriums on animal feeding operations. County commissioners have not met the allegations. Brockman and Eilers said they could not comment directly on the lawsuit.

Eilers is not only enacting another moratorium — he questioned the need for one in the first place.

"You could go back to the existing ordinance and work from that," Eilers said. "You can't just hold an ordinance at bay. Besides, if someone applied for a dairy permit tomorrow, it wouldn't be heard by Planning and Zoning until May."

### Ordinance criticisms

There are as many reasons as people for why they don't like the county's six draft ordinances. Some say they're not clear enough about what would be allowed and what wouldn't be allowed.

"They're just too vague in some instances," Chisholm said. "There's language about what they want to accomplish, but not language on how they want to accomplish it."

Chisholm also doesn't like the ordinance that says only people living within a mile of an operation would have the right to appeal a decision, especially when dairy odor has been known to drift

several miles away.

"It doesn't address the affected people," Chisholm said.

Eilers doesn't like the ordinance that appoints a hearing officer who would have the authority to grant or deny permits before they even reach county commissioners' desks.

"That's a cop-out," Eilers said. "That's what Planning and Zoning is for. It's another layer of bureaucracy that doesn't need to be there."

But what Eilers really doesn't like is that the county could revoke a operator's permit based on complaints alone.

"We can't do with what they've proposed," Eilers said. "They just haven't reasoned through this. It's a complaint-driven process that could remove your permit, and that's illegal. How could anyone go out and find financing for a dairy knowing the county could put you out of business after one day? I think they're asking for major lawsuits, and it's county taxpayers who would have to pay."

### The new proposal

The matrix, which is still far from being a finished document, mainly addresses new vs. expanding operations. Existing operations with fewer than 1,000 animal units that wanted to expand wouldn't have to meet the same stringent guidelines as new operations. In order to expand, an existing opera-

tion would have to be in compliance with existing ordinances, rules and regulations, and have no history of citations for violation of county, state or federal rules or persistent nuisance complaints in the last five years.

"The matrix has more common sense built into it," Eilers said. "It divides operators into three groups, and it leaves smaller operations (up to 1,000 animal units) alone. It leaves room for existing operations to expand."

Chisholm said he's confident commissioners and people on both sides of the issue can come to some kind of agreement on a new county ordinance. And where they can't agree, they will at least compromise.

"My goal would be to come up with a hybrid of the matrix and the ordinances," Chisholm said.

Edmunds said in the end, all the controversy sparked by the county's six draft ordinances will lead to better things.

"The fact that the ordinances have been poorly received by dairymen and citizens has been a benefit because it's forced everyone to pick up the pace and get it resolved," Edmunds said. "At the end of the day, there will still be issues. We at least need to have an ordinance that moves us in the right direction."

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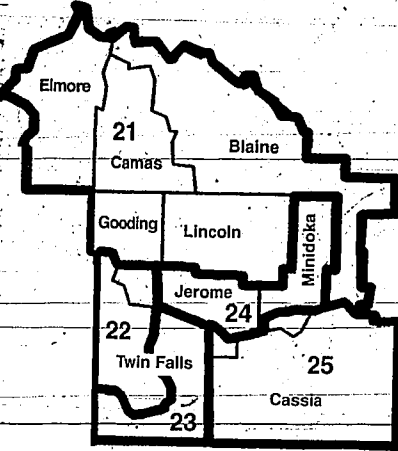
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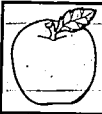
# IDAHO LEGISLATURE 2002

Regular session convenes Monday

**THIS WEEK:**  
 "State of the state" address  
 See live coverage of Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's speech at 8 p.m. Monday on Idaho Public Television, Channel 13 in Twin Falls.  
 Budget address  
 IPTV will also provide live coverage of Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's budget speech at 11 a.m. Wednesday on Channel 13.



Here's a breakdown of issues local lawmakers are saying will be of particular interest to them during the 2002 Legislature that starts Monday.



**Public school holdbacks**  
 What's at stake: Schools suffering curbacks, along with other agencies, or property owners having to make up to schools for state curbacks.  
 Who's affected: Students, families, school employees, property owners



**Early retirement**  
 What's at stake: Colleges and universities facing reduction in force.  
 Who's affected: Students, college and university employees.

Some schools have substantial rainy-day accounts, others don't. That's the reason Rep. Doug Jones, R-Filer, said lawmakers can't just tell schools they have to live with the Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's recommendations to reduce what they spend this year by 2.5 percent. Some school superintendents have hinted that layoffs could result. Some lawmakers point out that even with the holdbacks, schools still have about a 4.3 percent increase in funding this year. That's in addition to several one-time appropriations the 2001 Legislature gave them. Schools note that 80 to 85 percent of their appropriations go to personnel, and that those people are paid pretty much according to the Legislature's salary guidelines. That means the 2.5 percent has to come out of the remainder.

Southern Idaho has updated its reduction-in-force policy in order to reduce salary spending next year by up to \$2 million. College officials are asking employees who are eligible to retire to do so. But also, President Jerry Meyerhoeffer has inquired about opening a "window of time" to change the retirement age for those who pay into the Public Employee Retirement System of Idaho from the rule of 90 to a "rule of 85." The maneuver would allow a number of CSI employees to retire up-to-five years early without penalty. Dean of Finance Mike Mason said the request will likely require approval from three levels: PERSI, the governor and the Legislature. Plus, lawmakers would have to throw some money in to cover the premiums.

## MAGIC VALLEY LAWMAKERS

District 21 (Blaine, Camas and Lincoln counties; portions of Elmore and Gooding counties)



Clint Stennett

Wendy Jaquet

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Sen. Clint Stennett, D-Ketchum, Senate Minority Leader.

Rep. Wendy Jaquet, D-Ketchum, House Minority Leader.

Rep. Tim Ridinger, R-Shoshone.



**School reform**  
 What's at stake: Schools managing reform without extra money to do it.  
 Who's affected: Students, school employees, families.

Last year in order to reform education, the Legislature mandated standards that at least 85 percent of students have to meet at each level before they can move on. Schools say they can't make the 2005 deadline for meeting those standards if they don't get more funding to pay for training and curriculum alignment. But the \$8 million schools got last year to do that was one-time money, and there is no one-time money this year for schools, lawmakers are saying.



**College tuition increases**  
 What's at stake: Students facing program cuts and larger classes if colleges don't bring in money to replace state funding.  
 Who's affected: Students, families.

CS1 is considering a 25 percent hike in tuition and fees over the next three years, while state universities are looking at 35 percent increases.

District 22 (portions of Twin Falls and Gooding counties)



John Sandy

Celia Gould

Doug Jones

Sen. John Sandy, R-Hegburn, Senate Assistant Majority Leader.

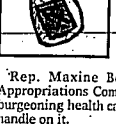
Rep. Celia Gould, R-Buhl, Chairwoman, House Judiciary, Rules and Administration Committee.

Rep. Doug Jones, R-Filer, Chairman, House Agricultural Affairs Committee.



**School facilities**  
 What's at stake: The state forced into the business of building schools.  
 Who's affected: Students, families, school employees, all taxpayers.

Last February 4th District Judge Deborah Hall ordered the Legislature to help school districts replace unsafe facilities. Lawmakers placed \$10 million into an account that districts could tap into in order to help pay interest, up front and apply to the principal of plant facility levies or bond issues. But first, voters in needy school districts had to agree to pay for improvements, too. Locally, Wendell and Minidoka tapped into the fund. Enough districts triggered tapped into the fund that not much is left. Meanwhile, it appears that Ball might not be done giving the Legislature orders. Earlier in the fall she asked the 114 school districts to submit their lists of unsafe conditions. House Speaker Bruce Newcomb, R-Burley, said he expects the Legislature will replenish the fund this session.



**Medicaid**  
 What's at stake: State cutbacks of \$11 million have already cost the state \$40 million in federal matching dollars.  
 Who's affected: The poor, local government

having to pick up the cost of indigent health care. Rep. Maxine Bell, R-Jerome, said the Joint-Finance and Appropriations Committee has been trying to hold down the cost of burgeoning health care costs for the poor for years, but can't ever get a handle on it. That lawmakers say the number of people signing up for the program is increasing, while the price of health care also escalates. Often the federal CHIPs program draws the poor into the agency in order to get health insurance for their children, and while they are there they sign up for programs for which they didn't know they were eligible, lawmakers say. Sen. Dean Cameron, R-Rupert, said Health and Welfare has tried a number of approaches, such as keeping services in house and then contracting for services. But the amount the state has to pay out keeps going up, while recipients complain that service doesn't improve.

District 23 (portions of Twin Falls County)



Laird Noh

Leon Smith

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Sen. Laird Noh, R-Kimberly, Chairman, Senate Resources and Environment Committee.

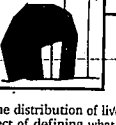
Rep. Leon Smith, R-Twin Falls, House Judiciary, Rules and Administration Committee.

Rep. Sharon Block, R-Twin Falls, State Affairs Committee.



**Higher education**  
 What's at stake: Colleges and universities facing smaller budgets.  
 Who's affected: Students, families, college and university employees.

Though colleges and universities got the largest increase over last year in state support, by the end of 2001 they were ordered to give up 3 percent of it. Now, college presidents say they've been warned there's more to come - a lot more.



**Definition of 'industrial dairy'**  
 What's at stake: The ability of individual counties to site dairies.  
 Who's affected: The public, the dairy industry.

Other local legislators say they also want to address this session the problem with insects and the distribution of livestock waste in springs, lawns and on fields. The subject of defining what constitutes "industrial" or "commercial" dairies could come up, in addition to where to site operations with thousands of cows.

District 24 (Jerome County and portions of Mindokoa County)



Dean Cameron

Bert Stevenson

Maxine Bell

Sen. Dean Cameron, R-Rupert, Chairman, Senate Finance Committee.

Rep. Bert Stevenson, R-Rupert, Vice chairman, House Agricultural Affairs Committee.

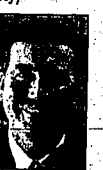
Rep. Maxine Bell, R-Jerome, Chairwoman, House Appropriations Committee.



**Dairy odor**  
 What's at stake: Quality of life for southern Idaho residents, particularly country dwellers, as well as the health of the dairy industry.  
 Who's affected: The public, dairy industry and those who depend upon it.

Dairy odor regulations will be front and center with the House Agriculture Committee. Last year the Legislature assigned the smelly issue to the Department of Agriculture. The agency had never been used as a policing agency before, and so dairy critics are still questioning its ability to treat both critics and dairy advocates fairly. The subject is bound to come up again, though some lawmakers say it's too soon to pass judgment on the job the agency is doing.

District 25 (Cassia County and portions of Mindokoa and Twin Falls County)



Denton Darrington

Bruce Newcomb

Scott Bedko

Sen. Denton Darrington, R-Declo, Chairman, Senate Judiciary and Rules Committee.

Rep. Bruce Newcomb, R-Burley, Speaker of the House.

Rep. Scott Bedko, R-Oakley.

### How a bill becomes a law

- 1. A bill is a proposal to enact, amend or repeal of an existing law, or spend public money.**  
 A bill may originate in the House of Representatives or the Senate - with the exception of revenue measures, which originate in the House. It must be passed by a majority vote of each chamber and be signed into law by the governor.
- 2. Introducing a bill**  
 A bill may be introduced by a member of a group of members or a standing committee.  
 After the 20th day of the session in the House and the 12th day in the Senate, bills may be introduced only by committee. After the 35th day bills may be introduced only by certain committees - in the House: State Affairs, Appropriations, Education, Revenue and Taxation, and Ways and Means; in the Senate: State Affairs, Finance, and Judiciary and Rules.
- 3. Committee consideration**  
 After the bill is printed, it is referred back to the appropriate committee, which conducts a study of all information that can help it determine the scope and effect of the proposed law. Studies may include research, hearings, expert testimony, and statements of interested parties.  
 The committee, by a simple majority vote, can send the bill to the floor with a recommendation to pass it; not to pass it (bills are seldom released from committee with this recommendation); sent it to the floor to be amended; withdraw it from the privilege of introducing another bill; refer it to another standing committee; or release it without a recommendation.  
 Many bills are not reported out by committees, and die in committee.
- 4. Floor approval**  
 A bill that survives a committee is placed on the second-reading calendar and then is automatically advanced the third-reading calendar the following day. The bill is ready for floor debate once it's on the third-reading calendar.  
 Each bill is sponsored by a member, who is known as the "floor sponsor" and who opens and closes debate in favor of passage of the bill. After debate has closed, a bill is approved by a majority of those present.  
 If the bill is passed, it is transmitted to the other chamber where it goes through a similar process.  
 Without a simple majority of votes in both chambers, a bill "dies on the floor."  
 5. **Governor's signature**  
 Bills passed in both chambers go to the governor for his signature. The governor can sign the bill, veto it, or let it become law without his signature. If the governor votes a bill, it can become law if passed again by two-thirds majority of those present in each chamber.  
 A bill becomes law without the governor's signature if it is not vetoed within five days after it arrives on the governor's desk.  
 After the legislature adjourns, the governor has 10 days to veto or sign a bill.  
 6. **Becoming law**  
 Most bills become law on July 1 after the legislative session ends. Unless it includes an emergency enactment clause making it law as soon as possible.  
 After a bill becomes law, it is written as a statute into the Idaho Code.

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Issues

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Lawmakers also will be debating critical but purely political issues including term limits, ballot issues and redistricting...

Leaders said they would try to keep legislators focused on the budget and hold political posturing to a minimum.

"The people I talk to and to which I want to come in and get the business done and go home," he said.

"Right now my mind is totally focused on this session," Risch said. "We have a very difficult financial situation in front of us."

Senate Transportation Chairman Evan Frasure of Pocatello also is considering a run for secretary of state, and Sen. Assistant Republican Floor Leader John Sandy of

Hagerman wants to be state controller.

"This will be the most fascinating year of the eight that I have spent in the Capitol," Senate Republican Floor Leader Frank Brunel of Lewiston said.

Some of those fascinating issues-testing friendships and political ambitions will be:

Term Limits: Legislators are desperate to undo the 1994 initiative by the Idaho Supreme Court last month.

Commission's three Republicans and three Democrats. Lawmakers might try to address the issue, while the new legislative map remains in limbo and controversy surrounding the commission is fresh on their minds.

Ballot Initiatives: Urban vs. rural in a battle over "direct legislation." A federal judge struck down a law requiring signatures from 6 percent of registered voters in half of Idaho's counties to get issues on the general election ballot.

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Indian gambling: Panhandle tribes are seeking voter support for casino-style gambling on their reservations and limited growth of existing operations.

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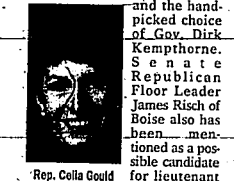
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Rep. Celia Gould... "Right now my mind is totally focused on this session," Risch said. "We have a very difficult financial situation in front of us."

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agencies with small budgets and less margin are not cut back as much as larger agencies.

"We're just going with the base this year," Bell said. "But there are some things that just positively have to be finished."

"One is a final payment on the updating a computer model of the Snake River aquifer."

"We have to finish that up so all these lawsuits will be stopped," she said, referring to a long-term dispute between southern Idaho surface water users and groundwater users.

Some lawmakers are even suggesting that a way to save money might be to temporarily slash a few programs, but Sen. Laird Noh, R-Kimberly, warned that further cutbacks in agricultural programs — such as bean-disease research in Kimberly or veterinary research in Mammoth — are dangerous because those things tend not to be replaced.

"And that further erodes the agricultural-based economy in this state," he said.

"No one knows for sure yet just how much money will really be available for the 2002 budget."

"We don't know if we've hit the bottom of the trough yet," Bell said.

But they'll have a better idea after hearing the governor's budget projections on Wednesday and comparing them to the Legislature's own revenue projections.

Meanwhile, though lawmakers are expecting a tough wrangle over fewer funds this year, Cameron said the current budgetary contraction not a crisis, but a natural part of life.

"Some times we have prosperity and we go forward, and other times we have to pull back and see where we would manage better," he said.

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NATION

# Son questions alibi of church bombing suspect

**BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP)** — Former Ku Klux Klansman Bobby Frank Cherry's estranged son says he doesn't recall his father being home the night before a 1963 church bombing, when prosecutors say Cherry and others planted the explosives that killed four black girls.

Tom Cherry's comments Friday contradict his father's possible alibi in the bombing. Bobby Frank Cherry, facing a murder trial, has said he was home taking care of his sick wife the night before the deadly blast.

"I don't recall him being home or

my mother being sick," the son told The Associated Press. His comments came in a telephone interview from Los Angeles, where he attended the debut of a movie about him, his father and the deadliest crime of the civil rights era. "Sins of the Father" premieres Sunday on the FX cable channel.

The movie uses Tom Cherry's supposed realization that his father's alibi was a lie as a key plot element.

Defense lawyer Mickey Johnson dismissed the son's statement, saying the elder Cherry has already admitted being away at least part of the night. He has also acknowledged

that his wife did not develop terminal cancer until after the bombing.

Cherry misspoke when he offered the alibi during an interview in the 1980s, Johnson said.

Prosecutors contend that Cherry, listed in court records as both 71 and 72 years old, was part of a group of Klansmen who planned the bomb outside the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church in Birmingham. The bomb went off on Sept. 15, 1963 — a Sunday, when the building was full of worshippers.

A judge reversed himself Thursday and ruled the elder Cherry mentally competent to stand trial in

the bombing. No trial date was set.

Tom Cherry, who testified before the grand jury that indicted his father, has repeatedly said he never heard his father claim responsibility for the bombing. A trucker who lives in Texas, Cherry was about 11 at the time of the blast. It's unclear whether jurors will hear his story.

The elder Cherry was indicted on murder charges in 2000, but the trial was delayed amid the questions about his competency. Two other Klansmen have been convicted in the case; a fourth suspect died without being charged.



Bobby Frank Cherry Suspected in bombing

# Race trailers fall through ice

**DETROIT LAKES, Minn. (AP)** — Nearly a dozen large trailers parked on Big Detroit Lake for a snowmobile race sank into the water Saturday when the ice was weakened by mild temperatures.

There were no injuries, but some trailers and the equipment inside were completely submerged in the northwestern Minnesota lake.

"It's a terrible situation, especially for the racers," Fire Chief Jeff Swanson said. "We've got a lot of dollars in the water."

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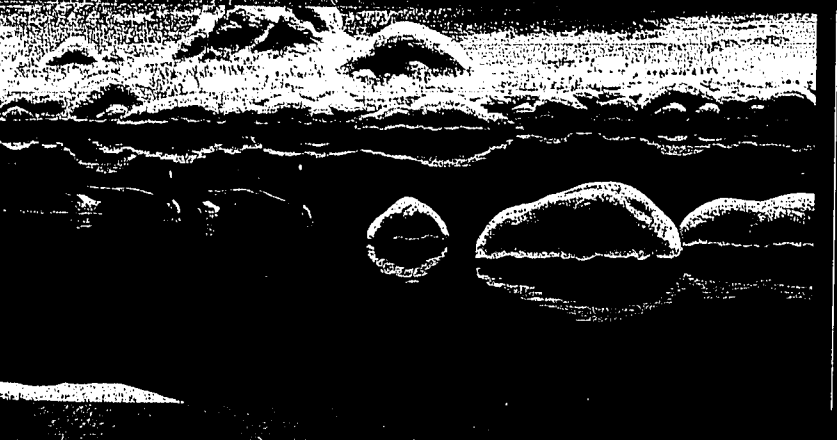
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# 'Lord of the Rings' takes top award

Fantasy epic claims top picture honors at AFI show

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) — The fantasy epic "The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring" won best-picture honors and two other prizes at the first American Film Institute Awards on Saturday.

Denzel Washington was named best actor for playing a flamboyantly corrupt narcotics detective in "Training Day." Sissy Spacek won lead-actress honors as a grieving, vengeful mother in "In the Bedroom."

Spacek, a five-time Academy Award nominee who plays a coal miner's daughter, could emerge as a front-runner for another Oscar.

"This film is so close to my heart," Spacek said. "It was a real labor of love, I think, for all of those who worked on it."

Robert Altman was picked as best director for his satiric murder mystery "Gosford Park."

Gene Hackman of "The Royal Tenenbaums" and Jennifer Connelly of "A Beautiful Mind" earned supporting-actor honors.

Hackman won for his role as an outcast patriarch who wrestles his way back into the dysfunctional family he abandoned years earlier. Connelly won as the conflicted wife of schizophrenic math genius John Nash (Russell Crowe) in "A Beautiful Mind," directed by Ron Howard.

The 12 awards in the film categories were spread among nine movies. The only multiple winners were "Lord of the Rings," which also won for digital effects and production design, and "Moulin Rouge," honored for composing and editing.



Sean Astin, left, and Elijah Wood of 'Lord of the Rings' appear at the 2001 AFI Awards in Beverly Hills, Calif., Saturday. The movie won best-picture honors.

"In the Bedroom" and "Black Hawk Down" had led with five nominations each, but "Black Hawk Down" was shut out in every category.

Writer-director Christopher Nolan won the screenplay award for the convoluted, backwards-moving thriller "Memento." Roger Deakins took the cinematography honor for the Coen brothers' film-noir update "The Man Who Wasn't There."

Many nominees turned out for the awards show, but there were plenty of no-shows, including Washington, Altman, Hackman, Connelly and James Gandolfini, who won best actor on a TV

series for "The Sopranos." "Sopranos" costar Edie Falco won the best TV series actress honor. The show also won for best drama series.

"Thanks for watching the show, which we love probably more than you guys," Falco said. HBO's "Curb Your Enthusiasm" won for best comedy series. "This is a rare opportunity for my family to see me on TV. They refuse to get HBO, so they have no idea what the show is about," said Larry David, the show's star.

Jeffrey Wright won the best actor award in a TV movie or miniseries as Martin Luther

King Jr. in "Boycott." Judy Davis took the best actress honor in a TV movie or miniseries as Judy Garland in "Life With Judy Garland: Me and My Shadows."

Garland's daughter, Lorna Luft, accepted the award on Davis' behalf. "I would like to thank Judy Davis for her extraordinary courage, her exceptional talent and her love of my mother's memory," said Luft, a producer on the miniseries.

The AFI Awards, aired live on CBS, included nominees in 12 movie and seven television categories.

# Women will face men at U.S. chess tournament

SEATTLE (AP) — Except for the 1,500-year-old gentlemen's game at its core, the U.S. Chess Championship will be barely recognizable when it kicks off here this weekend.

Women will square off against men for the first time in the history of the cerebral competition, which begins Saturday at the Seattle Center. The field has been expanded to 56 players — instead of the usual 10 or 12 in the men's championship and six or eight in the women's — and the prize money has been doubled

wound up in a three-way tie for the championship last year.

Elena Donaldson, the top-rated woman in the tournament, hopes starting down some of the world's best male players won't scare women away from competition.

Women, while not mere pawns in the game, have played historically less competitive chess. But then, IBM's Deep Blue supercomputer lost its first match to chess grand master Gary Kasparov in 1996 — and as the chess world knows, the computer came back a year later, dethroning the chess king in their 1997 rematch.

There won't be ambiguity about who's champion this year. A playoff system has been implemented, with the top finisher collecting \$15,000.



Elena Donaldson

# Waylon Jennings has foot cut off

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Doctors have amputated country singer Waylon Jennings' left foot because of an infection related to diabetes, his spokeswoman said. The surgery was done Dec. 19 in Phenix, Nikki Mitchell said Friday.

Jennings, 64, postponed two Arizona concerts in early November after undergoing surgery to improve circulation in one of his legs. He suffers from peripheral vascular disease that has made it difficult for him to walk in recent years.

# Turner's new restaurants will feature bison burgers

ATLANTA (AP) — Billionaire media entrepreneur and rancher Ted Turner is hoping to create a new empire: a restaurant chain featuring 25 versions of the bison burger.

The first Ted's Montana Grill opens in Columbus, Ohio, in mid-January with a menu offering bison with avocado, bison with jalapenos and even bison with fried eggs, cheese, ham, bacon and mushrooms.

Nine more restaurants are to open in the next year in Baltimore, Denver, Atlanta and Nashville, Tenn., among other places. The 63-year-old Turner is considered the nation's largest bison rancher, with 30,000 animals — a tenth of the U.S. herd — scattered in 1.75 million acres in the West. The chain will buy bison from a cooperative that includes Turner's 14 ranches and about 300 other bison producers.

Turner's venture is unlikely to immediately boost the belea-

guered bison market, said John Bauer, a former marketing official with the industry's largest cooperative.

"I don't think there is a bison rancher out there holding his breath that this is going to change things tomorrow," Bauer said.

The saloon-style roadhouse will also offer chicken, beef, fish and "comfort food," with entrees priced between \$7 and \$17. Turner is funding 80 percent of the new venture, while George McKerrow — founder of the Atlanta-based LongHorn Steakhouse restaurant chain — will supply industry expertise. The Atlanta Journal-Constitution reported Sunday.

"Part of our mission is to introduce a new and unique food," McKerrow told the newspaper. "We could become the largest sellers of bison in the United States."

The taste of bison has been compared to the taste of a lean cut of cow, but bison has less fat.

# Author accused of plagiarism

NEW YORK (AP) — Historian Stephen Ambrose has been accused of plagiarizing sections of his new book about World War II bomber pilots, "The Wild Blue Yonder."

Fred Barnes, a columnist for "The Weekly Standard," argues in the Jan. 14 issue of the magazine that Ambrose borrowed passages from "The Wings of Morning," a book by historian Thomas Childers about the same topic.

Ambrose included footnotes that cite Childers' book as a source for the sections, but the footnotes do not acknowledge that he quotes directly from the book, Barnes said.

"Childers told The New York Times for Saturday's editions that he had concluded that

Ambrose borrowed from his book extensively and said he was "sort of disappointed."

The two books have several similar passages, according to Barnes. For example, Childers wrote about ball turret gunners: "It was the most physically uncomfortable, isolated, and terrifying position on the ship. The gunner climbed into the ball, pulled the hatch closed, and was then lowered into position."

A section in Ambrose's book, focusing on former Sen. George McGovern, reads: "The ball turret was, as McGovern said, the most physically uncomfortable, isolated, and terrifying position on the plane. The gunner climbed into the ball, pulled the hatch closed and was then lowered into position."

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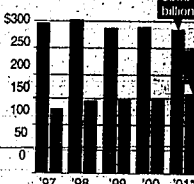
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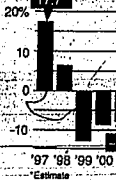
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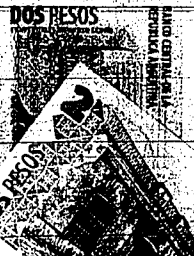
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## Argentina announces huge budget deficit

**BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (AP)** — With Congress poised to decide on a crucial currency devaluation, Argentines got fresh proof Saturday of the calamitous state of their country's finances when the government announced a \$11 billion budget deficit for 2001.

As late as November, the previous government was predicting a deficit of \$7.8 billion — already well above the \$5.5 billion target agreed upon with the International Monetary Fund last August in return for \$8 billion in emergency aid.

Speaking on local radio, Cabinet Chief Jorge Capitanich said plummeting tax revenues from an economy in a tailspin were to blame.

The announcement came as lawmakers were gathering to debate a bill that would devalue the peso and give President Eduardo Duhalde and his government emergency powers to rebuild the economy's shattered foundations.

Other countries have become concerned as the crisis has begun to affect foreign businesses, including U.S. banks. On Saturday, President Bush called the leaders of Mexico and Uruguay to discuss Argentina, the president's aides said. They provided no details.

On Friday, two days after taking office as Argentina's fifth president in less than two weeks, Duhalde sent the bill to Congress, asking for special powers to ease the peso's decade-old parity with the U.S. dollar, reform the banking system, steer prices and protect Argentine industry.

Although few details of the plan have been confirmed, Duhalde is said to be counting on using citizens' hard currency savings to temporarily bolster

Argentina's bankrupt accounts.

He also wants to protect small-time debtors by converting loans up to \$100,000 into pesos.

Declaring a "public emergency in economic, financial and exchange rate" policies, the bill aims to "create conditions for sustainable economic growth" that will allow the government to renegotiate Argentina's staggering \$141 billion debt.

Mired in nearly four years of bitter recession, Argentina last week defaulted, missing a \$28 million payment on a foreign bond for the first time.

The first drafts of the bill gave no details on when or how the peso — pegged at one-to-one to the dollar since 1991 — would be devalued, but Duhalde confirmed Friday that a devaluation was imminent.

Capitanich said Friday the devaluation could be around 40 percent.

The plan, penned by Economy Minister Jorge Remes Lenicoy, is also said to include a tricky dual exchange rate that was widely criticized by economists.

"In the past, these policies of multiple exchange rates and price controls have never worked," said Fernando Losada, Latin American economist at ABN-Amro in New York.

"But in fact, there's no such thing as a plan yet, until they give us a clue on what they will do with fiscal policy," Losada said. He said the government's budget proposal would be "crucial."

With an \$11 billion hole in the accounts, balancing the budget will likely be impossible without assistance from the IMF, which cut off Argentina's funding Dec. 5 after the previous government failed to deliver on balanced budget promises.

## Currency unites Europe, but differences survive

**BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP)** — Kris Kisbulck, a young Belgian photographer, is on the road a lot for his work, so he can appreciate how having one currency for 12 countries will simplify his life.

Yet he still has a nagging feeling that the gain in convenience is coming at a price.

"For it, but not really excited," he said as he and his friend, designer Liang Hou, withdrew fresh euro notes from an ATM.

Like many Europeans, Kisbulck worries the new common currency is another step on a path toward producing a homogenized society.

"Pretty soon, we'll all be speaking only English, too," he said, only half-jokingly, in English.

European Union leaders have heralded the single currency as the genesis of a common European identity, a giant leap toward economic and political integration for a continent long divided by language, religion and nationalistic pride.

Even the food is radically different, as anyone who has compared Greek feta to Dutch gouda cheese, or Italian mozzarella to

German Limburger, can attest.

Yet half of all cash transactions this weekend were expected to be made in euros — just days after the currency's debut on New Year's Day.

Ecstatic EU officials said Friday that such rapid acceptance shows that the public, despite grumblings about price hikes and conversion hassles, is solidly behind the change.

"The enthusiasm of the European people for their new currency has been the biggest asset," said the EU's economic and monetary affairs commissioner, Pedro Solbes.

Even the Germans, who cherished their mark as an emblem of postwar economic might and stability, lined up eagerly during the week to ditch their for glittering euros.

"The new money, until now a synonym for insecurity and danger, has put a spell on people," wrote the Sueddeutsche Zeitung in Munich.

But asked whether she felt like a true European now with euros in her purse, Regine Maulender, a 34-year-old banker in Berlin, replied: "Not yet."

### Europe's new currency

Euro bank notes and coins are now in circulation in almost all of the European Union.

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Jan. 1, 2002: In circulation

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People (billions)	Flow (bank notes)	Flow (coins)	ATMs (retailed)
440 million	13.5 million	50 billion	224,000

## British officials investigate crash that killed Americans

**BIRMINGHAM, England (AP)** — British investigators were examining flight recorders for clues in the crash of a small jet taking off from an airport here that killed five Americans, including the president of a Georgia-based company.

An airport spokesman said investigators had recovered two black-box flight information recorders from the Canadair Challenger executive jet, which crashed just after noon on Friday.

Airport officials said all of the 175 flights scheduled to arrive or depart from Birmingham, 110 miles north of London, on Saturday had been diverted to other airports. The airport said it would not reopen until Sunday at the earliest.

The plane was carrying two top executives of the Duluth, Ga.-based agricultural equipment giant AGCO Corp. as well as three American crewmembers.

AGCO said its president and chief executive officer, John Shumejda, 56, and its senior vice

president of sales, Ed Swingle, 60, were killed. Both had attended a meeting in Coventry of AGCO's British operation.

Georgia-based Epps Aviation said the three crew members were its employees Thomas Boydston, 51, Robert Norton, 58 and Timothy Vandevort, 41.

AGCO Corp.'s spokeswoman in Duluth, Molly Dye, described Shumejda and Swingle as good friends, "respected men" and "superior business leaders" who knew their customers and employees well.

The cause of the crash was not known, although the British Broadcasting Corp. reported the plane clipped one of its wings on the ground during takeoff.

"I spoke to one or two people who saw the crash and apparently the plane rolled over to the left just as it took off," Gordon Stretch, who was driving into the airport's parking lot at the time of the crash, told the BBC. "The plane is in two parts ... a complete burned out wreck."

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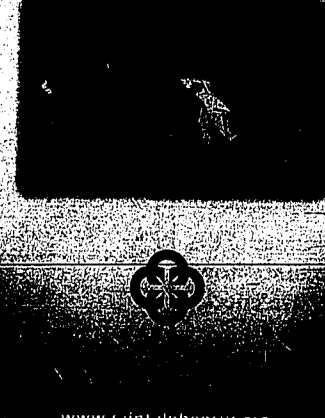
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Foreign tourists and local residents walk in the snow in front of the Acropolis in Athens Saturday. Freezing temperatures across Greece seriously disrupted transport in the country and the capital.

## Blizzard blankets Balkans

ANKARA, Turkey (AP) - Blizzards closed roads and disrupted air traffic in the southern Balkans for a second day Saturday, prompting Greece and Bulgaria to declare states of emergency in certain areas, Turkey to shelter homeless in jails and Romania to dynamite river ice. Albania's army delivered flour and cooking oil to northeastern villages cut off by snow. Two more people died from the cold, raising the toll across the region to five since the frost

began Thursday. In Turkey, at least two other people were killed after slipping on icy roads. On the Turkey-Bulgaria border, an illegal immigrant trying to sneak into Bulgaria was found frozen to death. It was the fourth death in Turkey from exposure since temperatures dropped to minus 4 Thursday. In Greece, an elderly woman also was found frozen to death Saturday and states of emergency were declared in the capital and southern Greece, where some

homes lost power. The heaviest snowfall in a decade blanketed Athens with 6 inches, trapping hundreds of motorists for nearly 20 hours on the main highway to Thessaloniki. Police, firefighters and army troops worked to clear jackknifed trucks from the road, but heavy snow resumed Saturday afternoon and forced sections of the highway to close again. About 2 feet of snow fell in Athens' northern suburbs.

## Massive blazes burn as Australia's firefighters prepare for onslaught

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) - A smoky haze choked the summer sky above Sydney and white ash rained down Saturday as massive wildfires swept bushland to the north and edged closer to a beach village to the south. Firefighters battling dozens of blazes around Australia's biggest city for 13 days took advantage of a break from the bone-dry summer heat to prepare for an onslaught they fear will come next week.

"They have been working through the night and working through the day to strengthen containment lines around the fires," said Cameron Wade of the New South Wales Rural Fire Service. "It is hard, arduous work."

Meanwhile, the fires have likely killed or injured thousands of koalas, further stressing the national icon's fragile population, wildlife experts say. Koala populations already are threatened by human development. Many of those populations will be diminished drastically by the fires burning across New South Wales state and may not rebuild for 15 years, the National Parks and Wildlife Service said.

Eucalyptus trees have a high oil content and are extremely combustible. Often, the wildfires engulf a tree before koalas have the chance to escape.

"What they would do is climb to the tops of trees and tuck themselves into a ball, covering their sensitive parts such as their nose, ears and eyes," said John



**Fire fighting helitanker**  
A firefighting helicopter carries a tank of water to a fire in Australia's wildfires. The helicopter is a Sikorsky HO4S and is used for dropping water on fires. It features a high-pressure impeller and can fill up with water from any source 18 in. (45 cm) or deeper in as little as 45 seconds. The 2,500-gallon (9,500-liter) tank drops water, retardant or foam mix; microprocessor-controlled tank doors offer eight individual coverage options. Source: Erickson Air-Crane, photo by courtesy of Erickson Air-Crane © 2002 KRI

Callaghan, chief ecologist of the Australian Koala Foundation. "If they manage to survive by doing this, they still often end up with severe burns and respiratory problems." Some of the 100-or-so fires raging across New South Wales state were too big to tackle head-on and burned out of control north, west and south of Sydney. The biggest was racing through

a national park near the tiny town of Colo Heights, about 40 miles northwest of Sydney. Wade said it had jumped a highway and was heading into rugged bushland inaccessible to fire crews. "It is just monstrous in size," he said. "I don't have the figures. But looking at it on the map it takes up a huge amount of space."

## Gabon seals province to fight Ebola

LIBREVILLE, Gabon (AP) - Gabon government was stepping up efforts to contain an outbreak of the deadly Ebola virus, restricting access to an entire province affected by the disease. Security and defense forces were helping local officials control movement in and out of the northeastern frontier province of Ogooue Ivindo, where the virus has already killed 17 people, government spokesman Andre Mba Obame said late Friday. Authorities had previously controlled access to several affected villages in Ogooue Ivindo - a remote, thinly populated region inhabited by pygmies and other tribes who hunt in the vast rain forest of the country. There were no reports, however, that the disease was spreading. Medical officials confirmed 20 Ebola cases in Gabon, of whom 17 have died since the outbreak began in October. Twelve other cases, including six fatalities, were identified in the neighboring Republic of Congo. Gabon had already sealed off its border with the Republic of Congo, allowing only medical specialists dealing with the crisis to cross. Authorities in the Republic of Congo had also cordoned off a 125-mile region on their side of the border. The World Health Organization said medical inspectors were monitoring 147 people in Gabon and 95 in the Republic of Congo who may have had contact with those infected with the disease.

## U.S. sailor dies, four others hurt in crash in Japan

TOKYO (AP) - A U.S. Navy serviceman died and four others were injured when their helicopter crashed into a tree Saturday, a Navy spokesman said. Navy Cmdr. Matt Brown said the accident took place at 1 a.m. just outside the Atsugi U.S. Naval Air Facility south of Tokyo, where the sailors were based. He refused to release the sailors' identities until after the dead serviceman's family had been notified, but local police spokesman Michio Oka identified the dead sailor as Petty Officer 3rd Class Timothy Frye, 22. Oka said the driver, Petty Officer 3rd Class Rodolfo Ruiz Jr., 20, was seriously injured, suffering a fractured pelvis and sternum. The others - Petty Officer 2nd Class Craig T. Sinclair, 25; Petty Officer 3rd Class Robert N. Redd, 23; and Petty Officer 3rd Class Shell M. Henry, 21 - were slightly injured, Oka said.

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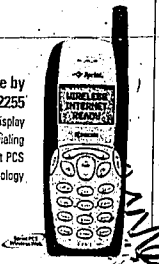
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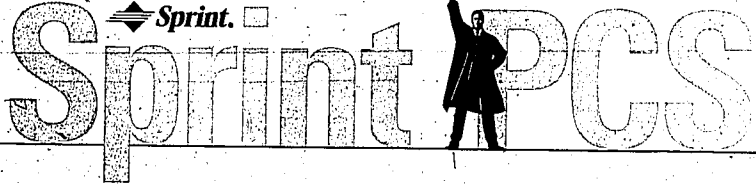
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## EDITORIAL

# Commissioners fulfilled their side of the bargain

Some moments in Twin Falls County's dairy debate have been so contentious, even Solomon would shrug and walk away in resignation.

Twin Falls County commissioners may have felt the same urge. One of them almost did. It's not easy being the target of venomous dairy critics, not to mention a lawsuit against the county's dairy moratoriums by the dairies themselves - all while trying to calm a stormy debate. By doing their best to please everybody with a suitable ordinance, the commissioners have at times pleased nobody.

But finding a solution to the dispute is what the commissioners were hired to do. So it's understandable that Commissioner Bill Brockman would put his job on the line to get the commissioners' work done.

By setting a self-imposed deadline of Dec. 31 for a final set of dairy ordinance drafts from the commissioners, Brockman made a commitment that the ordinances, or his career as commissioner, would be finished by year's end.

Despite the attacks, Brockman has lived up to his side of the bargain by releasing the draft ordinances on Dec. 31. Even despite an 11th hour effort by critics and dairymen to collectively write their own draft, the commissioners did their job.

Criticism of the commissioners' slowly evolving CAFO ordinances has been widespread. This column has joined with many community members in expressing dissatisfaction with the delay. Frankly, the dairy moratoriums have dragged on long enough. This last episode needed to be the last.

But it's not the commissioners' fault that the dairy issue is so polarized. Some dairymen have voiced criticism

of the commissioners while still being unwilling to compromise on dairy issues. Maybe the industry could focus its fault finding on rogue operators instead of on the commissioners.

There are other circles where the criticism of Brockman, Marvin Hempelman and Gary Grindstaff has wandered into cruel personal attack. Nothing the commissioners have done, or ever will do, can satisfy some critics, who want an absolute end to dairies in the county.

But we think most Twin Falls County residents would agree a good commissioner should not make a premature exit over the issue.

A few may contend Brockman hasn't lived up to his word. They might say the ordinance should have been adopted, not merely drafted, by the Dec. 31 deadline. But even if that's true, Brockman's resignation would only delay a decision and make a CAFO resolution even more difficult.

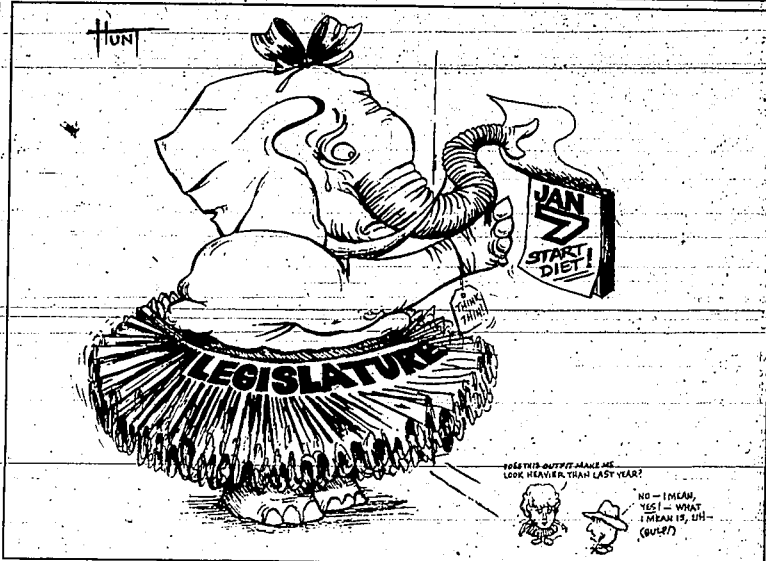
The draft ordinances released by the commissioners go as far as possible to quell the controversy. With some tweaking and some more public discussion, a suitable set of ordinances can be put in place.

They should allow dairies to continue their operations, with reasonable opportunities for expansion. They should make setbacks reasonable. They should protect the health of county residents.

The commissioners realize they aren't modern-day Solomons. But they have pushed themselves to finish a contentious job. The ordinances they have written will be subject to further shaping in public debate. But the commissioners can pat themselves on the backs for getting us this far.

### Care to comment?

Public hearings on the Twin Falls County commissioners' fifth and sixth draft ordinances on certified animal feeding operations will be held from 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 16, inside the Shields Building at the College of Southern Idaho.



# Ailing health care system needs fixing - now

At the start of the new year, an old problem is forcing its way back onto the national agenda: health care. The American system of medicine is threatened with meltdown from a combination of rising costs, declining access and incredible inefficiencies. Throw in a batch of unresolved political differences and you have a mess that demands attention, even during a war on terrorism.



DAVID S. BRODER

Shortly before the old year ended, I sat down with officials of the National Coalition on Health Care, a bipartisan organization whose honorary heads are former Presidents Ford, Carter and Bush and whose co-chairmen are two highly respected officials, Robert Ray, the former Republican governor of Iowa, and Paul Rogers, the former Democratic congressman from Florida. Its members include some 80 corporations, unions, health providers and consumer groups. The picture that Dr. Henry Simmons, the coalition's president, and Joel Miller, its research director, laid out for me is not a pretty one. Their phrase for it is borrowed from the best seller "The Perfect Storm": a confluence of forces, each worrisome in itself, but together posing a lethal threat.

The second element is the squeeze on the two largest public programs, Medicare and Medicaid, resulting from the sudden shift from surpluses to deficits in the federal budget and in the states.

Third, the recession has hammered both large and small businesses, forcing them to trim or eliminate health benefits. Many millions of Americans who became unemployed last year also lost their job-related health insurance. With unemployment likely to rise further this year even in optimistic economic scenarios, the problem will almost certainly worsen.

Fourth, as President Bush has acknowledged, the antiterror scare and threats of other forms of bio-terrorism will require heavy new investments in the public health system, further straining financial resources.

Finally, finding a solution to all these problems is complicated by the strong differences between the parties on the right approach. The economic stimulus debate ended in a deadlock and inaction last month, largely because Republicans and Democrats could not agree on how to provide temporary health insurance to laid-off workers.

A Kaiser Family Foundation survey early in 2001 noted that these partisan differences are rooted in fundamental disagreements between the constituents of the two parties. For example, two-thirds of Democratic voters said

Medicare should provide prescription drugs, but more Republican voters preferred that the government subsidize seniors' purchase of private drug-benefit plans.

Robert Blendon of Harvard, who ran the study, said that bridging the gap on that and other health policy issues "will require an extraordinary level of give and take on both sides," something that is in short supply in Washington, even after the events of last Sept. 11.

The first need is simply to agree on the scale of the challenge. With a midterm election looming in 10 months, politicians in both parties are understandably eager to show they can "do something" about health care. But the easy fixes - for example, a compromise on a patients' bill of rights to protect against abuses by managed-care companies - won't do it. That measure, in fact, is likely to increase costs and could even aggravate the problem of wasteful expenditures for services of little or no health value by forcing HMO doctors to practice "defensive medicine" to ward off lawsuits.

What the coalition members understand is that as long as somewhere between 39 million and 44 million Americans are without health insurance of any kind, it will be impossible to solve the problems of cost and quality in the health-care system.

It is also clear that tinkering around the edges cannot, for long, withstand the adverse trends that are at work, let alone reverse them.

This is an issue that cannot wait for the war on terrorism to end. It needs attention from the president and Congress. And it needs it now.

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# Takeover may be best option for SIRCOMM

It may be a good thing that SIRCOMM will be managed by law enforcement personnel for awhile. The concept of SIRCOMM is good, and needed, but we don't think it has been utilized correctly from the start.

From 1980 to 1990, all departments in the valley were on one channel. This was the old low-band radio. Departments were small and all through radio reception was limited due to geography and atmospheric conditions, officers could usually get on the air when they needed to.

In the early '90s, the valley's police departments went to VHF (very high frequency), and each department had its own channel and own dispatch center. All departments could go to Valley All Call and communicate with each other. In addition, most departments had other departments' frequencies that they regularly used, but they could tune out the other department's radio traffic until needed.

This was expensive and was the target of SIRCOMM, to do away with repeated experiences. Twin Falls Police Department had two dispatchers on duty most of the time. They were very busy and they needed the channels and the dispatchers they had. The dispatchers for the valley departments were competent and knew their officers by the sound of their voices and knew their areas. This made it safer for the officers in the field and better for the public. Citizens could go into dispatch day or night and get help or report an incident.

Even with all the channels the department's airways were busy, and supervisors were constantly enforcing radio discipline. But you could get the radio if you needed it.

READER COMMENT  
Danny Crafton  
Anita Fahrenwald-Crafton

Saving money was the carrot that was dangled in front of the public, and everyone is in favor of that. Nowadays most of the departments are very busy, especially the big ones. The officers are on calls their entire shift, often leaving calls for the next shift. Primary channel is so overloaded that an officer in the air to call for help. Often, the officer only has one chance. It's dangerous for our officers out there, folks!

The problem is, there are not enough channels being used and not enough dispatchers working to service the public and the officers in the field. SIRCOMM has the extra channels to use, but it doesn't have the people to operate the radios. The dispatchers at SIRCOMM are competent, but they need more tools. And, they should be paid more.

With Chief DeVore and Sheriff Tousey involved, we can expect a thorough and fair investigation. The folks who are filling in at SIRCOMM are highly competent. They know their jobs and they know how a dispatch center should run. They won't pull punches; they'll soon let us know the problems.

We think they will arrive at the decision that we need more channels and more dispatchers. This is going to cost all of us a little more money. When that time arrives and they tell us they need a higher budget, let's not turn our backs on them. If we do, we'll have no one to blame but ourselves for an inadequate valley dispatch.

Danny Crafton is a retired Twin Falls Police Department patrol sergeant (1973-1994) and is currently employed as a professional driver. Anita Fahrenwald-Crafton was a dispatcher for the Twin Falls Police Department from 1979 to 1983 and is now employed by the University of Idaho.

## Restaurant feeds family history

My husband and I, my sister and three brothers and four cousins have eaten at the Prime Cut every fourth Thursday since 1953. We needed a place to meet to organize our family genealogy.

We wanted it to include a picture of our grandfather and his three brothers who came from Germany in 1887. We also located the write up in the newspaper when they died. Our father had a twin brother who had five children. After some searching, we found them and now keep in touch every Christmas.

The Prime Cut was the place of choice as it had the long tables in the back where we could meet; selection of food, depending on how hungry we were with soup or potato bar, salad bar or meal, also nice and ice cream.

One of the cousins came from Jerome. She worked at King's. Her boss would let her take a longer lunch break on that day to drive to Twin and have lunch. He always checked with her to see how many were there.

We completed the genealogy and continued to meet. It has kept the family together. Thanks to Barry Steen, the food was always good.

MARGE MAYER  
Twin Falls

## Slavery didn't start the Civil War

It's a mistake when Americans consider the Confederate battle flag (the Southern Cross) a symbol of division. The Southern Cross wasn't even a figment of CSA Gen. Beauregard's imagination until after the first battle of Manassas, July 21, 1861. Even then, it was nearly a year later before the bloody red squares were seen on the battlefield.

What if I decided to wave a flag that had a single white star in the middle of a blue field? I would see this feeling of "division" be the same? Certainly not. But what you

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would be looking at is the first generally recognized Southern battle flag known as the "Bonnie Blue Flag." This flag was used by Southern militia for years prior to the so-called insurrection and was a symbol that they, the states, would never surrender their sovereign rights, as states, to a central government.

During this conflict, the North went through three distinct rhetorical phases. Phase 1: Preserve the union. This was the most truthful reason for waging war. After all, at the time of secession, Louisiana and South Carolina were the richest states in the Union and the Southern states provided 75 percent of Washington's budget. Secession meant an extreme disruption of cash flow northward. Lincoln said it himself: "What then will become of my tariff?" He did not ask what would become of the slaves.

Phase 2: Free the slaves. This freedom, as we understand it today, never was Lincoln's intent, nor, surprisingly, many abolitionists'. Charles Dickens observed, "the South seceded in spite of slavery, not

because of it." He also called the slavery issue a "specious humbug" to conceal the North's desire for economic control over the South.

Phase 3: It's God's will. The North, sensing victory went on a holy rampage to punish mercilessly the Southerners who had separated from this assumed federal supremacy. Remember, prior to the "civil war," a centralized federal authority superior to the states did not legally exist. Thus Lincoln, not being able to dictate by "rule of law" what he considered the state sovereignty choice, not law, but the bayonet.

What Americans of today fail to understand is there was no shining band of northerners fighting a moral battle to end slavery. And there were no oppressive Southerners fighting to preserve it. After the South declared its independence, the Northerners ruthlessly invaded, leaving the Southerners no choice but to defend themselves.

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# For 'Buddy,' the Clintons just couldn't spare a dime

JULIA GORIN

I owe my husband 50 bucks. I'd said the dog wouldn't make it to 2002. I guess I underestimated the ex-president's caretaking skills.

Buddy, ostensibly beloved dog of the Clinton family, was accidentally struck Wednesday afternoon when he darted out in front of a car on a busy two-lane road at the end of the cul-de-sac where the Clinton house stands in Chappaqua, N.Y.

What happened to Buddy is precisely what can be expected to happen to a dog when it's meant to be little more than a pawn in its owners' continuing attempts to impersonate human beings.

I find myself wondering whether, upon hearing the news about Buddy, Clinton even remembered that he had a dog.

Considering how expendable human life was rumored to be under the Clintons, what could a canine be worth?

Granted, the dog was mostly under someone else's watch. Still, if you care about the dog, you lay down the law with the caretakers—or with the Secret Service, as the case may be.

A dog's baby-sitters will take their cues from the dog's owner and will tend to be either as vigilant or as cavalier as the master. If the owner's attitude is lackadaisical, why should theirs be any less so?

I remember the day they told us that the president got a dog. As a dog lover, I was more than a little disturbed by the thought of a soft, fluffy and genuine thing getting into the clutches of that family. Does Hillary Rodham Clinton strike anyone as someone who likes dogs?

(Actually, they did have a cocker spaniel when they were governor of Arkansas, but Hillary Clinton reportedly didn't like it in the house.)

It is worth noting that the Clintons got Buddy after they were already First Family and in the public eye, to bolster their image as a real family. In contrast, the first Bushes had had Millie for years before they got into the White House, and the current Bushes likewise were partial to dogs and got Spot (and Barney) before the world was watching.

To give credit where credit is due, at least Bill Clinton didn't entertain photographers and guests by dangling his dog by the ears while it squealed, the way that other great humanitarian, creator of the Great Society, Lyndon Johnson, did to his dogs

Him and Her.

So Buddy's dead. Socks they gave away. Has anyone seen Chelsea?

Personally, I was surprised the girl made it past the '93 inauguration, having already done her part to fulfill the minimum family-unit requirement so her parents could have a political life. Of course, she was a self-sufficient adolescent by then, not quite as vulnerable as a dependent canine. The only visible, physical manifestations so far of the stress she's endured from playing her role are the chain smoking and the boozing (having held off on the latter all through college, until her parents were out of the White House).

But notice how, in contradiction to the mischievous Bush daughters, this kid was a stellar child; she never made a wrong move.

She must have known her life—or rather, her parents' political lives—depended on it.

At any rate, the Clintons most likely won't be getting another dog, seeing as how it wouldn't serve any political end at this point.

If they should try, however, one would hope that the animal rights people make a negligence claim to try to prevent it.

They should try, however, one would hope that the animal rights people make a negligence claim to try to prevent it.

Then again, one shouldn't rush to judgment, since we don't yet know the full story. Perhaps Buddy wanted to die. Maybe he pulled a Vince Foster.

Maybe he had seen and heard too much in that house, was privy to too many unspeakable schemes and just couldn't take the guilt.

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# Why bin Laden isn't 'Person of the Year'

MARK PATINKIN

My first reaction was that Time magazine copied out Rudy Giuliani was a feel-good choice for "Person of the Year," but he didn't meet the main criteria. Osama bin Laden did.

The measure wasn't the year's outstanding person, it was the most influential. Without bin Laden, Giuliani would have been a guy known for marriage and health problems, and we'd still be reading about Gary Condit.

The nation and world changed Sept. 11. Bin Laden did that. But Time was afraid to pick someone so unpopular. They copied out. That was my first reaction. Then I got to thinking.

Whether it's Time, or a dinner discussion, if you're going to pick the year's most important figure, you have to weigh other things. Like vision. Leadership. Character.

Those traits need not be positive—Hitler and Khomeini were legitimately chosen in the past. It does mean you need to be more than, say, an addled nobody who manages to detonate a nuclear bomb.

But bin Laden, some might say, had a vision: To create a global Islamic paradise. All right, let's start there. No he didn't.

Let's move beyond his lack of vision. There are also questions about lack of character.

Was bin Laden at least personally courageous in his evil acts? Well, here was a man who preached martyrdom as the center of his vision, then ran away as his enemy approached—even though it was the very infidel enemy he said all Muslims should attack. Except for him, I suppose.

This brings up a third measure of his significance: leadership. Now that he's on the run, did his leadership at least inspire a great following?

Start with Afghanistan. Instead of mourning the departure of so great a prophet, most Muslim Afghans were thrilled. They saw him as a leech who brought only suffering. True leaders win new followers. Bin Laden? He alienated the masses of his host country.

What of his wider leadership? Many radical Islamists see him as a hero, of course. Many cheered the Twin Towers' attack. But from the start, I've been intrigued by the number of bin Laden's devo-

tees who insist he didn't do it. That implies that even many radicals are uncomfortable with his acts. What kind of a leader does things that his own extremist disciples reject?

What we're left with is a man who likes to preach global vision, but in practice, has done little more than blow things up and alienate common people, Muslim and non-Muslim alike.

He's more global mobster than a global leader, and, without intending humor, the comparison may even be unfair to the mob, since they only kill when it helps their business, rather than focusing solely, as bin Laden does, on the business of killing.

Person of the Year? You need vision, character and leadership for that. Or at least one of the three.

In 2001, I'm afraid bin Laden was just a thug on a grand scale. All you can say about him was that he murdered civilians. That's all you can say.

Mark Patinkin is a columnist for the Providence Journal.

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Section B

## It's time for a banner year in Spud Acres

When I was in third grade, Sister Mary Agnes had us all draw Idaho's state flag and color it, complete with the blue field, the words "State of Idaho" emblazoned in gold on a red velvet banner above the state seal.

Most of the students' renderings looked something like a constipated crab-crouching-in-a-muddy stream, except for Billy Eisenberger's.

His Great Seal of the State of Idaho featured a round, bulbous nose, whiskers and flippers, with a scroll above bearing the motto: "Toss me a steelhead."

That got Billy sent home with a note for his parents; I think it should have gotten him elected governor.

For now, 40 years later, it develops that Idaho's state flag truly is pathetic.

You could look it up: A poll by the National American Vexillology Association — those are flag nerds — revealed that Idaho has the 64th-best flag among all the states, U.S. territories, the District of Columbia and the Canadian provinces. That's 64 out of 72. (See <http://www.nava.org/surveyresults.htm>.)

Voters assailed Idaho's flag as a "seal on a bedsheet" and pointed out that it is essentially indistinguishable from most of the other flags of Western states, except possibly for our neighbor's, whose banner is helpfully labeled "M-O-N-T-A-N-A" in big block letters and ranks 70th.

It seems to me that the vexillologists let Idaho off too easy. Have you actually looked closely at our state's flag?

It's basically a frame for Idaho's alarmingly grotesque state seal, designed by an unfortunate named Paul B. Evans.

Mr. Evans' design includes an obviously unwashed miner packing a pick-ax and a woman in a floor-length white dress, with an elk standing between them and holding a badge-shaped shield bearing a paint-by-numbers portrait of the Portneuf River — or is it the Low-Line Canal? — at sunrise.

The seal has forestry in it — a single tree — and agriculture, which consists of a couple of cornucopias brimming with what looks to be Hubbard's squash, plus a sheaf of wheat and a white fl' bouquet of sprouts, our state flower.

And it's all topped by a scroll bearing the state motto, "Esto perpetua," which translates as "a Saturday night in Rexburg only seems like forever."

Our flag has none of the essential elements of an authentic Idaho: Koochia, Spudnuts, fry sauce, beet dumplings, brown shoes, Chubbuck, green Jell-O, Californians and the fact that folks who live north of the Salmon River and those who live south of it are still waiting to be introduced.

It's high time for a redesign, and who better qualified than us?

Announcing the first annual Don't Ask Me We Need a New Idaho Flag and Pretty Damned Quick Contest.

What you do is you take a sheet of notebook paper out of your kid's backpack and you design a new Idaho flag, using at least some of the elements listed above.

Bonus points for including the state's name in Latin, or, I suppose, even pig-Latin.

Send your entries to: Don't Ask Me We Need a New Idaho Flag and PDQ Contest, *The Times-News*, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303, or you can fax it to 734-5538.

The winning design will receive a state flag of Georgia, judged by the North American Vexillology Association to be the ugliest on the continent (*I bought three of them off the Internet for \$14.95*). Second-place winner will receive two Georgia flags and a box of Spudnuts.

We'll send the winning design along to Gov. Dirk Kempthorne for his consideration, and if he sends it back, I'm voting for Billy Eisenberger's year.

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# Bureau waits on money

By Jennifer Sandmann  
Times-News writer

## Monitoring equipment has yet to be installed

MURTAUGH — The Bureau of Land Management awaits money and a historical accuracy check before installing monitoring equipment at the old-Murtaugh landfill to track potential hazards posed by toxic waste dumped more than 30 years ago.

It's estimated that anywhere from 5,500 to 14,400 55-gallon drums that contained the highly toxic insecticide disulfoton

were buried at the landfill before 1972. An estimated 4,400 to 13,100 pesticide containers of various sizes also were buried.

A BLM summary of the site says minimum estimates are believed to be closer to actual conditions. The dump is on BLM property about 3 miles southwest of Murtaugh.

The disulfoton drums are the chief environmental concern at the old dump

Disulfoton is highly toxic to birds and animals. It can cause illness and even death in humans at high exposure levels. Human or animal contact with soil below the surface has been identified by the BLM as the biggest risk at the site.

The groundwater below the burial site is about 490 feet underground. Disulfoton was detected in the soil down to more than 10 feet below the surface, the BLM

reports. It hasn't been detected in the aquifer.

Research is under way to check the accuracy of the known extent of dumping before monitoring wells are placed, said Ken Knowles of the BLM office in Burley.

The BLM hired Dynamac Corp., based in Rockville, Md., for the study. Dynamac advertised locally for people who may have direct knowledge of what was dumped where.

Other work at the site was finished a Please see BLM, Page B4

# ACTIVE ONCE AGAIN



Members of the color guard salute the flags during a ceremony to activate a U.S. Army Reserve unit at the Reserve Center at Joslin Field, Magic Valley Regional Airport on Saturday.

## U.S. Army Reserve Center reopens

By Nate Johnson  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The U.S. Army Reserve is looking for communities that will support its units. Maj. Gen. James Collins has high hopes for the growth of the Reserve unit activated Saturday near Twin Falls.

The Allred Army Reserve Center, next to the Joslin Field, Magic Valley Regional Airport, reopened Saturday, after sitting empty for two years. The center is now the home of the First

Detachment of the 1016 Quartermaster Company of the Reserve, a unit trained both to fight and set up fuel pipelines.

Officers at the activation ceremony spoke on the importance of the Army Reserve in the world since the end of the Cold War, and the need for a close relationship between the unit and its home community.

"When the Berlin wall came down there was pervasive demand for scaling down of the military," Collins said. The challenge is to take advantage of the

dividends of peace while maintaining an effective defensive force. This downsizing has meant much more reliance on the less expensive Reserve units, Collins said.

Several speakers brought up the importance of making the unit an integral part of the community.

"The Magic Valley will become part of the extended family of the unit," Col. Paula Edmonds-Hollifield said.

The Army Reserve looks for communities that have young

people of character who are likely to join their hometown units, Collins said.

"The location next to an airport and a community college gives us hope that we are going to have a very strong unit," Lt. Col. Dee Quiggle said.

The relationship between the unit and the community will be reciprocal, Collins said. Having the center in Twin Falls means "additional income for your economy, additional training for your work force and a chance for

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## Many businesses turn wintry weather into cash

By Nate Johnson  
Times-News writer

ALBION — Farms, ski resorts and even some restaurants rely on snow to make money.

With more snow piled on Mount Harrison by December than fell in the entire winter last year, you could say Pomerelle Mountain Resort is having a good year.

"We were down from last November, but we had a terrific December, the numbers are way up from last year," said Woody Anderson, one of the owners of Pomerelle Mountain Resort.

Those numbers depend on the weather. Generally speaking, the more snow a ski area has, the more people will come. On the other hand, numbers go down while it is actually snowing, Anderson said.

"If the weather is bad the numbers definitely drop," Anderson said. Sometimes fewer people go skiing even on the clearest days, because there are



Gary Baka, owner of Baka Central in Malta, serves a sandwich to Horbarto Ayala. Malta is close to Pomerelle Mountain Resort, but because the town is off the main route to the resort, business owners say they don't benefit much from the skiers.

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## Thirteen people apply for Rupert citizens committee

By Sharl Chaney  
Times-News writer

RUPERT — Thirteen people have applied to be a part of the newly formed Rupert Citizen Advisory Committee, but only 11 are eligible.

The eligible applicants are: Elton "Pete" Ford, Santos Garza, Lewis Jones, Carol McGhie, Roberto "Bob" Nevarez, Frank Rodriguez Jr., Carlos Roundy, Ray Stockton, Elizabeth Burr-Jones, John Cooper and Tommy "Joe" Miller.

Two other applications were received from Donald Courtright and Everett Spencer. Because both live outside Rupert city limits, Mayor Audrey Neiwirth said they will probably not be considered.

Earlier, the Rupert City Council set guidelines for the committee, one of which required members to be Rupert city residents.

Neiwirth, City Administrator Roger Bagley and council mem-

bers will meet at 7 p.m. on Monday to discuss the applications. The meeting is open to the public.

There is no set criteria for choosing committee members, Neiwirth said.

"They look like good applicants," she said. "It will be hard to choose."

The committee will have five or seven members and reflect the demographics of Rupert. Members must be willing to serve a two-year term.

Ray Stockton, one of the applicants, said he would like to be inside what's going on in the city and feels he could "give a fair and unbiased opinion" on matters that come before the committee.

Elton Ford, another applicant, said he was interested in being on the committee "just for something to do."

Being retired, Ford said he has kept active since retiring, but found himself with very little to do this winter. When he saw the

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## Interest in wind power grows in MV

By Lorraine Cavener  
Times-News correspondent

JEROME — Recent response to the concept of wind power in Idaho has been unexpectedly overwhelming.

"There is an unprecedented demand for information," said Dick Larsen, public information officer for the Idaho Department of Water Resources. "The demand for wind information caught us completely by surprise."

Larsen said the interest has swelled since an IDWR/Idaho Wind Power Conference in Boise last fall.

And that's something Dave Luck can vouch for.

Since the conference, Luck, a business developer for enXco, has reached agreements with a number of Magic Valley landowners who would like wind towers installed on their property.

Luck has talked to more than 50 people who signed up at his company's information booth at the conference, and several of whose interest was piqued by recent *Times-News* stories related to wind power. He made even more contacts at a December Farm Bureau conference in Pocatello.

Since test towers at Notch Butte near Jerome went up several months ago, many other landowners are showing interest. Though his home base is in Oregon, Luck has been spending four or five days a week in Idaho throughout the fall and winter.

"In Idaho there is a high level of interest," Luck said. "We made a commitment early on to be serious about Idaho."

Luck has been working toward getting towers up at several locations, although not every property he has visited has been suitable, he said.

Some locations are down in a bowl, which is not conducive to utilizing wind; at others, hooking wind towers to transmission lines would be far too expensive, Luck said.

Meanwhile, the IDWR is making sure the interest in wind power does not die: the department is working to put potential resources and developers together, Larsen said.

"How can we tie wind generation to irrigation?" he said.

The department is pursuing the possibility of metering wind generation for power. Department officials have also contacted representatives from six major wind developers and are looking at the possibility of taking developers on the road to meet with landowners throughout southern Idaho.

While enXco is the big player now, other developers are extremely interested in being a part of the wind scene, Larsen said.

Wanless Southwick, a city councilman and economic developer in Dietrich, invited Luck to a meeting of interested landowners in Dietrich in

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## Snowpack levels

Watershed	% of Average*
Upper Snake River	83%
Salmon Falls Creek	127%
Oakley Basin	162%
Big and Little Wood	107%
Henrys and Little	94%
Big and Little Lost	87%

# MAGIC VALLEY/IDAHO

## Fund won't bail out universities

**MOSCOW (AP)** — Asking a state employees' pool to absorb the cost of early-retirement packages at the universities to help the state balance its budget is not an option, say officials of the Public Employee Retirement System of Idaho.

And that has University of Idaho leaders trying to ruse up their own set of retirement options to help manage a \$29 million shortfall in the university's budget over the next three years.

"Clearly we had hoped the state would help with some kind of funding for early-retirement packages," said Wayland Winstead, executive director of

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While there is much discussion ahead on the Legislature providing funding, the school is starting work on finding money within its own budget for retirements and voluntary severance packages, he said.

Heads of the school's colleges met in December to outline preliminary plans for cutting their budgets from 5 to 15 percent over

the next three years. About \$15 million of the shortfall will be made up by cuts while the other half is expected to come from revenue generated by the Moscow school.

Alan Winkler, director of the state retirement system, said the universities are going to reap a benefit from early retirements, so other state employees and employers should not lose in the bargain.

The trust fund retirement program is funded both by the state and by state employees, who pay 5.86 percent of their gross income into the pool, Winkler said.

"The board will not allow PERSI to be used to absorb the costs of early-retirement incentives for a few individuals," said Joe Olson, retirement board chairman.

"University leaders hope the state and the retirement fund will loosen some of their requirements and allow a few more tenured faculty and longtime staff into the program."

How Idaho's universities will make up funding deficits will also depend on whether the state Board of Education in April gives final approval to proposed student fee hikes of up to 12 per-

## Investigators say gas leak caused home explosion

**IDAHO FALLS (AP)** — Fire investigators believe an Ammon home exploded last week after natural gas leaked in through a valve near the boiler, accumulated and then ignited.

Dick Hahn, deputy state fire marshal, said natural gas probably had been slowly seeping into the house for a few days before the explosion.

"It appears a valve that led to the furnace was leaking," he said.

The home was owned by Todd and Terri Johnston, who were

vacationing in Hawaii with their six children when the house exploded early in the morning Dec. 28. Eyewitness accounts say the house was obliterated by the explosion.

Other homes in the vicinity were also damaged. Houses shook from the blast up to a mile away.

Larry Thatcher, who is investigating the accident for Mutual of Enumclaw, said natural gas-related explosions are rare.

Johnston and his father built the home themselves.

## Anti-abortion group asks for legislation

**BOISE (AP)** — The anti-abortion group Idaho Chooses Life plans to ask lawmakers to declare a crime against a fetus is the same thing as one against a child or an adult.

The organization which has sponsored abortion bills in the past said it believes the state's law is unclear when it comes to charging people who kill or injure an unborn child.

That point was proven, they said, by a case last summer in which a Nampa teen-ager's unborn baby died after she was assaulted.

"This case in Nampa is pretty disturbing," Idaho Chooses Life Executive Director David Ripley

said. "It's just a question of simple justice for the baby and for the mom involved."

The proposal would make it clear that the law would not apply to abortion providers or women who seek abortions, Ripley said.

"This legislation will have no impact on abortion per se and is not an abortion restriction bill," he said.

That is a smart move, said American Civil Liberties Union of Idaho Executive Director Jack Van Valkenburgh. To get near abortion statutes would put the proposal in trouble constitutionally, he said.

But Van Valkenburgh withheld

judgment on the full proposal until he sees what Ripley is doing.

"Knowing our experience with Idaho Chooses Life, I suspect they're pushing the envelope," he said.

The Idaho ACLU has fought Idaho Chooses Life in court on abortion measures passed by the Legislature.

Meridian Republican Sen. Hal Bunderson, who plans to sponsor the bill for Ripley's group, said the measure will be carefully worded so that it protects rights.

The case that prompted the proposed law started in July, when a 16-year-old girl told Nampa police that a man in a ski

mask kicked her in the stomach, hips and back.

Ada County prosecutors working the case charged Romaldo Luis Vela with sexual assault.

Vela was suspected of being the father of the baby, and the girl would have been 15 when her baby was conceived.

Ada County Deputy Prosecutor Rogor Bourne said the decision to charge Vela with the lesser crime would have been made even if Idaho law were more specific about crimes against unborn children.

"We made the determination that we couldn't prove beyond a reasonable doubt that he was the assailant," Bourne said.

The case ended in court on Monday.

Meanwhile, however, demand filed by Saint Michael's Cathedral says the church has lost revenue because the state's concrete barriers completely blocked one building the church had rented to a commercial tenant.

The tenant says it has lost virtually all its business and will break its lease with the church 28 months early.

The tort claim also states that the Cathedral is still being damaged by the current arrangement of the barricades. Saint Michael's Cathedral estimates the total damage to be in excess of \$300,000.

## Guardsmen stand down from Capitol duty

**BOISE (AP)** — The few remaining Idaho National Guardsmen who have been augmenting security at the state Capitol are being released from duty.

But the controversy over security measures at the Statehouse continues. A nearby Episcopal Church, Saint Michael's

Cathedral, filed a tort claim Friday against the state and the Ada County Highway District, giving notice that it intends to sue for the loss of access to its property, and for a prospective financial loss of more than \$150,000 that stems from damages to its business rental property next door.

Friday marked the final day for

five Idaho National Guard troops. Their assignment ended just days before this year's legislative session begins.

"Mission accomplished," Lt. Col. Tim Marsano, a National Guard spokesman, told KTVB-TV Channel 7 in Boise. "We did what we set out to do."

The National Guard has been augmenting security since shortly after the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11. Gov. Dick Kempthorne has taken blistering criticism for the security measures, which he ordered on advice of top military and police aides.

At its most intense level just after Nov. 1, Kempthorne had called up more than a dozen state

troopers, 28 armed guardsmen and several additional contract Capitol Mall security guards.

He also closed State and Jefferson Streets and installed concrete Jersey barriers in a defensive ring around the Statehouse to prevent terrorists from driving up to the Statehouse and detonating a vehicle bomb.

Since then, Kempthorne has reopened Jefferson Street, significantly reduced the number of barriers and replaced some of the Jersey barriers with more attractive planter-type obstacles or steel posts.

Capitol officials say there still will be some increased security as the Legislature begins its

## Ex-county commissioner, GOP leader dies at 77

**IDAHO FALLS (AP)** — Cliff Long, a longtime Bonneville County Commissioner and Republican Party official in eastern Idaho, died Friday. He was 77.

As county commissioner from 1984 to 1999, Long played a key role in getting a new jail built and also in starting a new program to help fledgling businesses.

When he retired, he became

Bonneville County's Republican Party chairman, a job he still held when he died.

"I thoroughly enjoyed my opportunity to work with Cliff," said Blake Hall, an Idaho Falls attorney and Republican Party National Committeeman. "He was a strong consensus-builder and he was willing to be creative and adventurous in solving problems."

Long moved to Iona from

Rexburg in the 1950s, and operated an independent trucking business.

"He was a hard worker. He would get up at 3 a.m. to start making deliveries," said Iona Mayor Craig Rockwood.

Long was chairman of the Idaho Innovation Center from its beginning in 1996.

He oversaw the construction of the \$4.5-million Bonneville County Technology Center in the

mid-1990s.

"That was something that was near and dear to his heart," said Rick Ritter, director of the Innovation Center from 1995 to 2000.

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**SERVICES**

Bessie Bell (Shaffer) Owens of Twin Falls, service at 11 a.m. Monday at White Mortuary; private burial will be at Sunset Memorial Park.

Nora Deloris (Allen) Lee of Twin Falls, graveside service at 1:30 p.m. Monday at Twin Falls Cemetery; visitation will be held from 4-8 p.m. today at White Mortuary.

Jewel M. Jackson of Jerome, service at 1 p.m. Monday at Howe Robertson Funeral Chapel, 629 E. Third St., Jerome; burial will follow at the Jerome Cemetery; friends may call from 5-7 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Maxine Jeanette Erickson of Citrus City, Ariz., and formerly of Kimberly, celebration of life at 1 p.m. Monday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

Warren "Chip" Lee Harlock Jr. of Buhl, service at 1:30 p.m. Monday at the Lighthouse Christian Fellowship in Twin Falls; burial will follow at the West End Cemetery in Buhl with police honor guard; no viewing is planned (Farmer Funeral Chapel, Buhl).

Ervin A. "Rusty" Dains of Gooding, graveside service at 2 p.m. Monday at the Elmwood Cemetery in Gooding; family and friends may call from 9 a.m. to

p.m. Monday at Demaray's Gooding Chapel and then meet at the cemetery for the service.

Katie Netz of Buhl, memorial service at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl.

Opal Estella Gervais Carr Dehals of Jerome, service at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Howe Robertson Funeral Chapel, Third and

Filmore, Jerome; burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls; friends may call from 5-7 p.m. Monday at the chapel.

Jose Lenore Fisk of Twin Falls, service at 1 p.m. Friday at the Cherry Lane LDS Chapel, 1615 W. Second, Meridian; friends may call from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Friday at the church (White Mortuary, Twin Falls).

**— DEATH NOTICES —**

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

**Francisco Munoz**  
 JEROME — Francisco Basilio Munoz, 26, of Jerome, died Monday, Dec. 24, 2001. A visitation for family and friends will be held from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at Farnsworth Mortuary, 1343 S. Lincoln, Jerome.

**Nellie Lattimer**  
 JEROME — Nellie Lickley Lattimer, 98, of Jerome, died Friday, Jan. 4, 2002; at Alterra Wynwood Care Center in Twin Falls. The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Howe Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome. A viewing will be held from 5-7 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral chapel.

**Phil Higgins**  
 GOODING — Philip Higgins, 93, of Gooding, died Saturday, Jan. 5, 2002, at his home.

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## Olympic security needs cars

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - The Olympic security effort needs more wheels to avoid a crash. "At the final Olympic Public Safety Command meeting before the Olympics, Director Robert Flowers pleaded with members to donate any unused squad cars from their departments, The Salt Lake Tribune reported.

He even wants cruisers that don't run well. Since they're used primarily by officers who direct traffic - not those in hot pursuits.

The security command has commitments from departments in Utah and surrounding states to send hundreds of cars for the mammoth security effort.

But the command is still 100-plus cars short of their goal.

The cars need to have police markings and be equipped with radios and lights.

Salt Lake County Sheriff Aaron Kennard said at the Friday meeting he would "see if we can come up with a mess of cars."

But he said he was concerned that officers who drive them might not be state certified in defensive driving, a process that takes about four hours.

Others raised concerns about which agency's insurance would cover the costs of an accident.

Flowers said all he needs are the wheels - all those issues can be worked out before the games.

## Car wreck kills two, injures one

IDAHO FALLS (AP) - A weather-related collision 25 miles west of Idaho Falls on US 20 claimed two lives Friday afternoon, according to the Idaho State Police.

Derick B. Degnan, 26, of Idaho Falls, was traveling eastbound and attempting to pass another vehicle in heavy fog. His 1995 Ford pickup truck struck a 1997 Jeep Cherokee, driven by Elizabeth Harrington, 35, also of Idaho Falls.

Harrington was pronounced dead at the scene. Degnan's passenger, 45-year-old Jose T. Gutierrez, was transported to Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center, where he later died.

Degnan was being treated at the hospital for serious injuries.

## Prosecutor won't seek death penalty

IDAHO FALLS (AP) - Bonneville County Prosecutor Dane Watkins will not seek the death penalty in the murder case against an Ammon man accused of killing a toddler.

Christopher D. Griffith, 25, is accused in the murder of 2-year-old Tegan Rees while the boy was in his care.

Watkins said Friday that in order to seek the death penalty, prosecutors would have to show

that Rees suffered ongoing abuse and was tortured before he died, Watkins said.

"It was a decision we deliberated over," said Watkins, adding that a conviction for Griffith could still mean life in prison.

Tegan died from blunt-force trauma to the abdomen on Nov. 6. Bonneville County Sheriff's deputies say Rees was fine when his mother left him in Griffith's care.

The decision not to seek death was announced the same day 7th District Judge Jon Shindurling set bond for Griffith at \$25,000.

Griffith, who had been held since Nov. 7 without bond, was released Friday afternoon. Shindurling said his decision to set bond for Griffith had nothing to do with whether he believed Griffith would be convicted in the boy's death.



Sgt. 1st Class William J. Ponce addresses the media at a news conference at Fort Lewis, Wash., Saturday, about his friend of nearly 23 years, Sgt. 1st Class Nathan Rose Chapman, 31, of San Antonio, Texas, who was killed Friday by small-arms fire during an ambush in Afghanistan. Behind him is Special Operations Commander Col. David P. Fridovich.

## Friends from Fort Lewis remember slain soldier

FORT LEWIS, Wash. (AP) - William Ponce first latched onto Nathan Chapman when both were green Army privates because of Chapman's skills in communications and computers - Ponce's weak areas.

Soon, however, Ponce realized he had made a lifelong friend.

No matter how bad it was, "he always made you laugh," a tearful Ponce said Saturday. "Right off the bat I was pulled to him because he was always smiling, laughing and joking around."

Chapman, 31, a Sgt. 1st Class, was killed in action Friday. He was the first U.S. soldier slain by enemy fire during the war in Afghanistan.

Ponce and several other former colleagues of Chapman gathered at Fort Lewis, about 30 miles south of Seattle, to share their memories of him.

Ponce said he'd felt fortunate that, 14 years after they had met, both he and Chapman were Sgts. 1st Class stationed on the same base.

Chapman served most of his military career at Fort Lewis, where a flag flew at half-staff Saturday. Soon, Chapman's name will be added to a list on a memorial stone at the base, behind that of Maj. Wallace Cole Hogan Jr.,

40, who died in the Sept. 11 attack on the Pentagon.

"It brings the war home," said Col. David P. Fridovich, Chapman's group commander.

Chapman was a family man who always went out of his way to help others at work, recalled Capt. Edwin D. Hoening, who worked with Hoening at Fort Lewis.

He leaves behind a wife, Renee, and two children - Amanda, 2, and Brandon, 1, in nearby Puvallu. Chapman called San Antonio home. His parents live in Georgetown, Texas, about 100 miles northeast of San Antonio.

"He was always the go-to person for people on other teams," Hoening said.

"He was a very charismatic person - people loved working with him and he loved working with soldiers."

He was competitive with other soldiers, striving to be the

strongest and fastest, Hoening said.

"He was as strong as an ox," Hoening said.

Chapman's primary duty as a Green Beret communications specialist was working with long-range communications and electronic equipment for his team. But he was also trained in weapons.

Chapman was part of a U.S. team operating near the town of Khost, a few miles from the Pakistan border, when he was hit, military officials said.

Chapman's remains were to be flown to a base in Germany, where officials said they would arrange transportation back to Fort Lewis, likely by midweek. Funeral and burial details had not been finalized Saturday.

Since the war in Afghanistan began, Chapman had been assigned to the 5th Special Forces Group at Fort Campbell, Ky., said

Maj. Gary Kolb, a spokesman for Army Special Operations Command at Fort Bragg, N.C.

Fridovich said several people were interviewed for Chapman's position, but he was chosen based on his skills with radio equipment.

"I can assure the parents and loved ones of Nathan Chapman that he lost his life for a cause that is just and important," President Bush said Saturday in Ontario, Calif.

Pence and Hoening said they have not lost faith in the country's mission.

"Nate volunteered to go on this mission," Hoening said. "We're fighting for a good cause and Nate would be willing to go and do that again."

## Plan would increase shipments

CASPER, Wyo. (AP) - Nuclear waste shipments through Wyoming would increase substantially if the U.S. Department of Energy decides to rely more on railroads for moving radioactive material from Idaho to Washington.

"The DOE is interested in seeing whether rail shipments are viable," agency spokesman Dennis Hurtt said.

Future cleanup of the Hanford nuclear reservation in Washington will involve big, heavy items that can be difficult to move by truck but can be shipped by rail more easily.

Currently, waste from the Hanford site and the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Lab is shipped by truck through Wyoming, east on Interstate 80 to Cheyenne, then south on I-25 to a storage facility near Carlsbad, N.M.

Since the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant opened in 1999, nearly 500 truck shipments have been made to the site, where radioactive waste is buried 2,150 feet below ground in ancient salt beds.

Of those shipments, 10 came through Wyoming from the Hanford site and 170 from INEEL.

Burlington Northern Santa Fe and Union Pacific railroads are vying to carry what is known as transuranic waste, which includes clothing, tools, debris and other items contaminated with radioactive elements, including highly radioactive plutonium.

A preliminary Energy Department study indicates that Hanford could ship 14,417 cubic meters of waste through Wyoming over 33 years, at 832 railcars at 25 cars per year. INEEL could ship 34,962 cubic meters through the state over 23 years, or 2,018 railcars at 88 per year.

Hurtt said no timeline has been set for implementation.

The railroads are working closely with the Western Governors' Association and affected states on routing and safety issues, he said. The Maryland-based Institute for Regulatory Science has been hired to help study the aspects of adding rail transport.

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Hardwood caskets include a variety of woods such as mahogany, walnut, cherry, maple, oak, pecan, poplar and pine. These caskets are the choice of families who prefer the aesthetic qualities of natural wood.

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## Eddie Bauer CEO retires abruptly

REDMOND, Wash. (AP) - Rick Fersch, president and CEO of clothing retailer Eddie Bauer, has abruptly retired after a five-year stint marked by international expansion and diversification beyond the outdoor gear inspired by the company's Northwest roots.

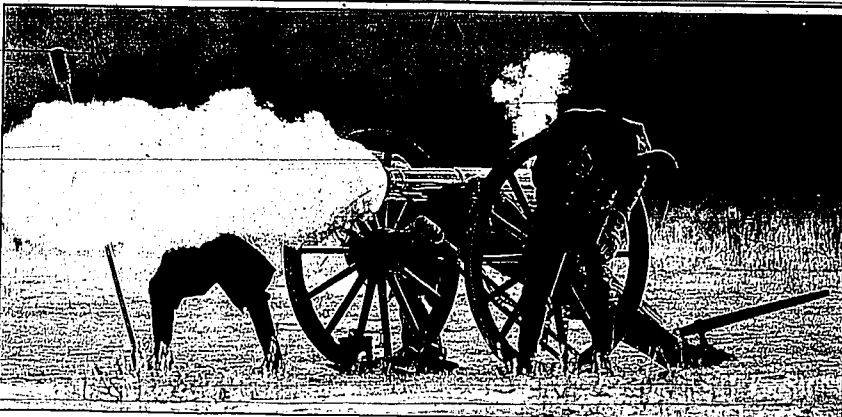
The development was announced Friday by Spiegel Group, the company's parent, based in Downers Grove, Ill.

"I plan to pursue a broad range of opportunities, which include serving as an adviser, consultant and community activist," Fersch said in the news release.

Fersch had been president of the Redmond-based apparel and home-furnishings retailer since 1993, and CEO since 1997. In the past five years, Eddie Bauer has grown into a worldwide brand with \$1.6 billion in annual sales.

But the company has been struggling. In the past 18 months, Eddie Bauer cut 250 positions at its headquarters in Redmond, an east Seattle suburb.

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Casey Mott, right, of Sheridan, Wyo., covers his ears as he fires a cannon at Fort Phil Kearney, south of Story, Wyo., last month.

# Tourists often overlook massacre site

STORY, Wyo. (AP) — A decade before Lt. Col. George A. Custer led the soldiers of the 7th Cavalry to annihilation at the Little Bighorn, another veteran of the Civil War fought an equally desperate battle against an overwhelming force of Indian warriors.

On Dec. 21, 1866, Capt. William Fetterman charged out of the gates of Fort Phil Kearney with 79 soldiers and two civilians in pursuit of what he believed to be a small band of marauding Indians. Against the orders of the fort commander, Fetterman chased the Indians over a ridge three miles to the north of the fort.

It was a trap.

Within an hour, Fetterman and his soldiers were killed by 1,500 or more warriors of the Sioux, Cheyenne and Arapaho nations.

At the time, it was the U.S. military's worst defeat in its campaign to open the West. The battle and other events over the next two years would lead to the withdrawal of the military from the Powder River region and the end of the Bozeman Trail.

Today, the fort and battlefield near here attract fewer visitors than other historical sites in the region.

While the Little Bighorn Battlefield in Montana draws hundreds of thousands of visitors each year, Fort Phil Kearney, located 80 miles to the south, averages about 20,000 visitors a year, said Sonny Reisch, superintendent of the state park and historical site that includes a visitor center and museum.

"We're kind of in the shadow"

of the Little Bighorn, Reisch said. About 50 people attended a recent interpretive tour on the 135th anniversary of the Fetterman Battle. The tour has been offered for the past five years, and turnout depends on the weather, said Bob Wilson, curator of the fort's museum.

"Most people don't even realize it's here," said Rick Ingoldby, president of the Fort Phil Kearney/Bozeman Trail Association. "I've talked to people who have lived their whole life in Sheridan and say they've only been here once."

Built in 1866, the fort was abandoned and burned two years later. The fort site was overlooked for decades by everyone but local ranchers and farmers who salvaged the remaining bricks and

timbers for their own use, Reisch said.

In 1935, Sheridan County purchased three acres of the 17-acre fort site for preservation. A few years later, the Civilian Conservation Corps rebuilt a small section of the timber stockade that surrounded the fort and a caretaker cabin.

Interest in the fort's history waned during World War II, Reisch said, then was rekindled in 1963 when the federal government designated Fort Phil Kearney a national historic landmark. The state of Wyoming also gave the fort and two nearby battlefields — the Fetterman and Wagon Box sites — historic designation. In 1970, the first visitor center at the fort was built by the Wyoming Recreation Commission.

# Man pleads guilty to fraud charges

BOISE (AP) — After misrepresenting himself as a state licensed Certified Public Accountant, Brian Nye pleaded guilty to several counts of fraud in federal court.

The charges against Nye, 45, stem from a scheme to defraud a Nampa couple under the guise of resolving their tax problems. The couple owed more than \$230,000 in taxes when Nye, who currently lives in Burke, Va., offered to help.

Nye collected \$16,000 in fees from the couple. He also kept

more than \$23,000 the couple gave him for payments to the Internal Revenue Service. By the time the scheme was found out more than two years after the couple began working with Nye, they owed more than \$330,000 in taxes.

Nye pleaded guilty to mail fraud, wire fraud, making a false statement and tampering with a witness.

He will be sentenced on March 18 and faces a maximum of 30 years in prison and a fine of \$1.25 million.

# TRAX train kills teenager; operator will take drug test

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A Sandy youth who wandered away from a group home for mentally disabled people was struck and killed Friday by a TRAX train.

Witnesses said 17-year-old Michael McKay ducked under the crossing arms and walked into the northbound train's path about 5:30 p.m.

The operator immediately activated the train's emergency brake system. "It was going full speed," said Utah Transit Authority spokesman Kris McBride. "The operator was ringing the gong, the horn, but it was just too late."

"From what I understand he was killed instantly," said TRAX supervisor Susan Dolamba. When the boy walked in front of the train, "he was looking in the opposite direction," she said.

McBride said there were 20 passengers on the train, which

hit the boy at the intersection of 9400 South and 150 East.

TRAX shut down for about an hour in Sandy; passengers were taken around the scene by bus. At 10:15, the trains were running again on a single track, McBride said.

The fatality was the fourth for the light-rail system, which has been operating just over two years.

*"It was going full speed. The operator was ringing the gong, the horn, but it was just too late."*

— Kris McBride, Utah Transit Authority spokesman

# Reserve

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to them to serve their country," he said.

"It's always a positive thing to have the presence of a training center in a community," said Elaine Steele, mayor of Twin Falls.

The center has potential for growth if the unit is successful. Collins is looking for a place to put two transportation units. If the Magic Valley community becomes a supportive base for this first unit, he will strongly consider adding more, he said.

The area is likely to be a good home for the Reserve, said

Joseph Eyre, Army Reserve ambassador for Idaho.

"The Magic Valley has a lot of military-oriented families. We should have some warriors here," he said.

Several speakers referred to a renewed appreciation for the military and the Army Reserve since Sept. 11. There are about 100 reservists from the Pacific Northwest serving in Afghanistan, Collins said. The opening does not come in response to the terrorist attacks, however. The plans to open the Allied Army Reserve Center were made prior to Sept. 11,

Collins said.

The members of the 1016 Quartermaster Company are trained to receive bulk shipments of petroleum fuel and build storage facilities consisting of huge bags.

"We set up giant bladders, 200,000 gallons each, to store the fuel, and transport it to where it's needed," 1st Lt. Wesley Benjamin said.

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# Snow

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low clouds in the valley. "When it is cold down in the valley people don't realize it's an inversion and it's warmer up here. We are above most of the low clouds," Anderson said.

The skiers bring outside money into the area when they stop at businesses along the route to the resort. Many skiers stop at the Sage Mountain Grill in Albion, formerly the Git 'n' Go Deli, restaurant manager Brenda Stevens said.

Thursday through Sunday is usually better because of the skiers," Stevens said.

The restaurant's business is not dependent on weather and skiers. When it is stormy on the mountain, some of the skiers come down to the restaurant to order salmon rolls, or pizzas and beer, while warming up, Stevens said.

Farther away from the resort, the impact of the skiers is more diffused. There are usually a few skiers who stop at Connor's Cafe in Heyburn on their way to and from the resort.

"It's not a large portion, but I'll tell you, every little bit helps," said Karen Fetzner, one of the owners of Connor's Cafe.

Not all area businesses benefit from the resort. Very few skiers travel through Malta, and few stop to buy provisions said Gary Bake, owner of Bake Central in Malta.

"Every once in a while we'll get one or two skiers, but not enough to affect us," Bake said.

Pomerelle is not the only business which depends on the weather.

Agriculture depends on snow as much as the resort. Earl Warthen, a longtime critic of the resort, said the amount of water that flows onto his land from the mountain has decreased as the traffic on the mountain has increased. This has decreased the profits from his land and the surrounding areas, Warthen said.

When a blanket of snow is packed down by skiers and grooming machines, the snow ceases to insulate and instead freezes the topsoil, Warthen said. Because this frozen layer keeps

the moisture from soaking into the ground, the water runs off quickly over the surface rather than percolating down through the ground throughout the year, Warthen said.

With continuous further development in the watershed, economic gains will only be won by few while long-term economic losses will be suffered by the land holders from environmental degradation," Warthen said.

Warthen sees the ski resort as a bad trade of agricultural for service.

"We're getting into this service-oriented nation and we're losing our self-sufficiency," Warthen said.

Anderson does not think the resort lowers the productivity of the watershed and thinks agriculture can exist comfortably beside Pomerelle while helping area merchants.

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# Committee

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new committee forming, he became interested and applied.

Sara Garza said she applied to make sure there is a place where people can voice their concerns and be heard.

Garza worked with city officials to get the committee started.

The purpose of the committee is to have a place for people to voice complaints and be heard, instead of complaining to the

department they are unhappy with, such as the police department. Complaints about the police department are what sparked discussion of a citizens committee.

"That is still the main goal," Garza said.

Other cities have similar committees but Garza hopes Rupert's will be even more successful. In Twin Falls, Garza said, some city officials say their committee is

effective, but some residents of Twin Falls don't know it exists.

"It's there, but it really isn't," Garza said.

In Rupert, Garza said, the committee should work to make sure it is known and accessible.

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# Power

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November. Seventeen people, including Luck, were at the meeting.

"Those who were in the meeting view it as a possible development with minimum impact and an additional income source," Southwick said. "We've always known this is a windy area."

Luck has visited with several of the Dietrich landowners since

then, and it is possible to develop wind power there, based on information from the test turbines at Notch Butte, Luck said.

"Wind energy is one resource that Lincoln County may have to export that we haven't already exploited," Southwick said. "In this sparsely populated area that is economically depressed, wind energy is an untapped economic resource."

While contacting interested landowners, visiting their property and eventually putting up towers is a long process, the message to Luck is clear: "There is a high level of interest. And we're following up."

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# BLM

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couple of years ago, Knowles said. It included the fencing of the hazardous area to prevent access and the addition of another 2 to 3 feet of topsoil to cover toxic chemicals on the surface.

Twin Falls County operated the landfill and helped pay some of the cleanup costs, Knowles said.

The BLM, which has taken the lead on cleanup, has spent about \$1 million to \$1.5 million at the site since the mid-1990s, Knowles said.

Soil testing was done two years ago that showed no significant changes at the site, Knowles said.

Once in place, monitoring will occur four times a year for the first two years. If results prove favorable, monitoring then most likely will occur only in the spring when snowmelt and precipitation pose the greatest chance of water leaching contaminants toward groundwater.

"One nice thing about the area, or southern Idaho in particular, is there is very little translocation of water," Knowles said.

There is a 50-50 chance of receiving the money for the monitoring this year, Knowles said. It wasn't approved last year.

Initial estimates put the cost of installing the monitors at \$12,000 and annual monitoring at \$42,000.

Plans for handling the site were completed in the early 1990s.

"In broad terms, the evalua-

tion had to consider whether the threats posed by the site warranted the risks to workers and expense involved in excavating and treating the contaminated containers and soils," the BLM action plan says.

"Contaminant migration to the

underlying ground water is not considered to be a significant threat," the plan says.

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# Police hold suspect in teen's death

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — A friend of a teenage girl whose skull was found in the forest is in the Kootenai County Jail charged with being an accessory to her slaying.

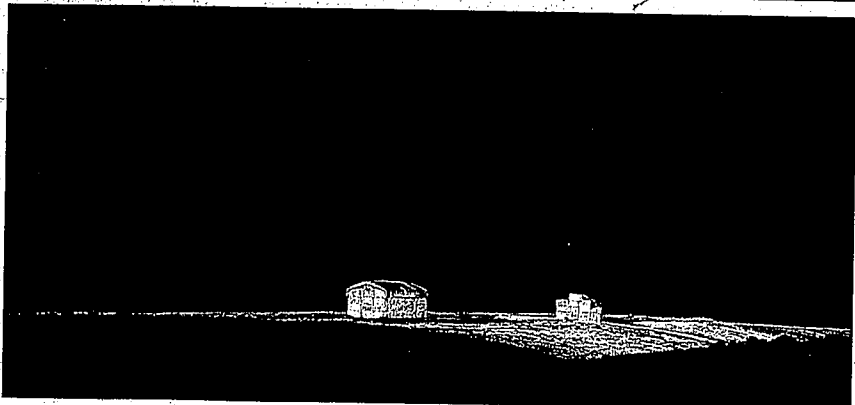
Cody Andrew Merritt, 17, of Castle Rock, Wash., turned himself in Friday after a warrant was issued for his arrest.

In October 2000, hunters discovered the jawbone of a 14-year-old Carrisa Benway, a Coeur d'Alene teen with a history of drug and alcohol use, as well as absences from home.

Investigators recovered her skeleton near a makeshift campground in the Coeur d'Alene National Forest.

Benway was last seen by family and friends in June 2000, when she planned to go camping at the Honeysuckle Campground.

# A DROP OF GOLDEN SUN



A ray of sun touches down on a couple of haystacks near the Horse Heaven Hills in Kennewick, Wash., on Thursday as the sun broke through banks of fog moving along the hills.

# Retirees look for homes in Idaho towns

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — Two growing Idaho towns have made it magazine's list of the nation's 100 best places to retire.

Where to Retire evaluated cities based on 18 criteria, including crime rate, recreation and quality of hospitals. Making the list were Boise and Coeur d'Alene.

Where to Retire targets people two to five years away from retirement. It has about 200,000 subscribers nationally.

"These are people in that phase of researching and dreaming where they will go next," said Karen Nordridge, consulting editor.

Bend and Lincoln City in Oregon; and Whidbey Island, Wash., also were on the Houston-based publication's list.

This is the magazine's first top 100 list, she said. Towns were selected based on the amenities that retirees named as important.

Though a low crime rate topped the list, a vital downtown, a college or other access to continuing education, and a mild, four-season climate were also considered key.

Retirees tend to bring considerable financial assets to communities, and they do not put a lot of demands on local infrastructure. They usually benefit the retail, service and medical sectors, said Kathryn Tucker, state lab analyst for the Idaho Panhandle.

The article mentions Lake Coeur d'Alene, and includes a testimonial from Shirlee and Dick Wandrocke, who moved there from Newport Beach, Calif.

# Paper: Coeur d'Alene Tribe suspends enrollment director

WORLEY (AP) — The Coeur d'Alene Tribe has suspended its enrollment director as part of an investigation into money missing from a tribal payment program, according to a published report Saturday.

The Spokesman-Review quoted two high-ranking tribal leaders as saying computers and records were confiscated from the enrollment office in a federal investigation into \$100,000 in missing funds. The newspaper said the sources spoke on condition they not be identified.

The enrollment director, Pam Johnson, declined comment when reached by the newspaper. She has no listed number in

Worley, and an attempt to reach her Saturday was unsuccessful.

Tribal officials said she had been suspended with pay.

Fake names and the names of deceased tribal members appear to have been used to funnel money from a tribal payment program, tribal officials said. The missing funds date from 1995.

Tribal leaders discussed their investigation in a Thursday night forum at the Coeur d'Alene Casino. Some of those at the meeting spoke with The Spokesman-Review.

Tribal spokesman Bob Bostwick declined to discuss details of the investigation, but

said it was being overseen by the FBI. Bob Davis, who is supervising the FBI probe, said investigators were "making good progress."

Bostwick indicated tribal employees had detected a problem with the tribe's finances.

"We have people in place whose job it is to watch the dollars the tribe has and where they go," Bostwick said. "Those people did their jobs. That's why we have an investigation, and that's all I can tell you."

He did not say how long the money had been missing. The missing funds reportedly come from

the tribe's biannual enrollment payments, which are financed by the tribe's casino, farm and market. Those funds — totaling \$2,100 per person this year — are vital to many tribal families.

As the tribe's economic success grew in recent years, enrollment numbers climbed steadily. This year, enrollment payments totaling \$3.8 million were divided among more than 1,800 members.

The money is separate from a federal fund created by the U.S. government in the late 1800s to compensate Native Americans for mining, logging and grazing on tribal lands.

# SCHOOL LUNCHES

## AGAPE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL AND CHILD CARE CENTER

Milk and juice served every day  
Monday-Friday: Menu not available

## BUHL SCHOOL

Breakfast menu  
Milk served every day. Choice of fruit or juice every day.  
Monday: Cereal, cinnamon toast  
Tuesday: French toast, maple syrup  
Wednesday: Biscuits and gravy  
Thursday: Breakfast pizza  
Friday: Hot oatmeal, toast  
Lunch menu  
Milk and juice served every day  
Monday: Tuna fish sandwich, pickle spears, chips, fruit, celery sticks  
Tuesday: Chicken fajita, Spanish rice, baked beans, chili  
Wednesday: Pepperoni pizza, French fries, bread sticks, strawberries  
Thursday: Hot turkey sandwich, chips, cranberry fruit cake  
Friday: Sloppy Joes French fries, corn, peanut butter cookie

## CASTLEFORD SCHOOL

Breakfast menu  
Milk and juice served every day  
Monday: Donuts  
Tuesday: Scrambled eggs  
Wednesday: Pancakes  
Thursday: Cinnamon rolls  
Friday: Muffins  
Lunch menu  
Milk served every day  
Monday: Baked potato bar  
Tuesday: Sandwich and soup  
Wednesday: Pizza  
Friday: Cheeseburgers

## CLOVER TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Milk served every day  
Monday: Taco salad, tossed salad, bread sticks, applesauce  
Tuesday: Mini corn dog, tater tots, mashed potatoes  
Wednesday: Sliced turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, hot roll, mixed fruit  
Thursday: Hamburger on a bun, corn, pineapple, pudding  
Friday: Ham and beans, tater bread, peas, pears

## FILER SCHOOL

Monday: Italian dunkers  
Tuesday: Chicken patties  
Wednesday: Burritos  
Thursday: Turkey stir fry  
Friday: Chili

## HANSEN SCHOOL DISTRICT

Breakfast menu  
Milk served every day  
Monday: Cereal, toast, fruit, juice  
Tuesday: Biscuits and gravy, fruit, juice  
Wednesday: Scrambled eggs, hash browns, toast, fruit, juice  
Thursday: Oatmeal, toast, fruit, cereal, juice  
Friday: Long johns, cereal, fruit, juice  
Lunch menu  
Milk served every day  
Monday: Potato soup, ham sandwich, fruit  
Tuesday: Chicken nuggets, rolls, meat beans, fruit  
Wednesday: Tomato soup, bologna sandwich, fruit  
Thursday: Chili, cinnamon rolls, fruit  
Friday: Corn dogs, French fries, pudding, fruit

## IMMANUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Choice of milk every day  
Monday: Chicken nuggets, barbecue sauce, potato, planks, apple slices, peanut butter cookie  
Tuesday: Bean and cheese burrito, Mexican rice, corn, Mexican cookie, salsa  
Wednesday: Salad bar, bread sticks, orange slush, zucchini bread

## TWIN FALLS ELEMENTARY

Milk served every day  
Monday: Cereal, apple juice  
Tuesday: Biscuits, fruit, applesauce  
Wednesday: Pizza

## ST. EDWARDS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Monday: Spaghetti  
Tuesday: Soup and sandwich  
Wednesday: Cheeseburgers  
Thursday: Bean and cheese burritos  
Friday: Pizza

## THURSDAY: Macaroni and cheese, peas, carrots, rolls, jelly, apple crisp

Friday: Canadian bacon pizza, vegetables, fruit, banana, chocolate cake

## KIMBERLY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Milk served every day  
Monday: Chicken nuggets, au gratin potatoes, sweet and sour sauce, rolls, peas  
Tuesday: Pizza pocket, corn, cinnamon bread stick, fruit, Jell-O  
Wednesday: Hamburger, French fries, ketchup, pickles, spiced apples  
Thursday: Baked ham, potatoes, fruit, whole wheat rolls, peas  
Friday: Nachos, bread stick, salsa, pineapple

## KIMBERLY HIGH SCHOOL

Milk served every day  
Monday: Chicken nuggets, au gratin potatoes, fruit and vegetable bar  
Tuesday: Pizza, fruit and vegetable bar  
Wednesday: Hamburgers, French fries, fruit and vegetable bar  
Thursday: Chicken fillet, potato patty, fruit and vegetable bar  
Friday: Nachos, bread stick, fruit and vegetable bar

## MAGIC VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

Choice of milk served every day  
Monday: High school lunch, seasoned potato wedges, pear, fruit snacks  
Tuesday: Popcorn chicken basket, chicken dipping sauce, strawberries, bananas, biscuit, fruit  
Wednesday: Fiesta Ole burrito, lettuce, tomatoes, Mexican, chilled applesauce, cinnamon churro  
Thursday: Pizza, tossed green salad, ranch dressing, orange quarters, bread stick, pizza sauce  
Friday: Pork chop, scalloped potatoes, cool fruit, Jell-O, dinner roll

## MURTAUGH SCHOOL

Milk served every day  
Monday-Friday: Menu not available

## ROBERT STUART AND O'LEARY JUNIOR HIGH

Breakfast menu  
Milk served every day  
Monday: Cereal, apple juice  
Tuesday: Biscuits, gravy, applesauce  
Wednesday: Cereal, pineapple chunks, donut  
Thursday: French toast, link sausages, orange smiles  
Friday: Cereal, pears, toast, jelly

## BLISS SCHOOL

Milk served every day  
Lunch menu  
Milk served every day  
Monday: Barbecue beef sandwich; salad bar or rib-eye sandwich; seasoned potato wedges, pear, fruit snacks  
Tuesday: Popcorn chicken basket; soup and sandwich bar or Taco Bell burrito, chicken dipping sauce, cinnamon churro, chilled applesauce, cinnamon churro  
Wednesday: Taco bell or pizza, tossed green salad, ranch dressing, orange half, bread stick, pizza sauce  
Thursday: French dip sandwich; potato bar or foot long hot dog, potato chips, kiwi, chocolate chip cookie  
Friday: Pepperoni Hot Pocket; salad bar or taco salad, guacamole, salsa, Jell-O with whipped topping, maple bar

## DIETRICH SCHOOLS

Salad bar, fruit and milk served every day  
Monday-Friday: Menu not available

## GLENN'S FERRY

Monday-Friday: Menu not available

## GOODING ELEMENTARY

Choice of milk served every day  
Monday-Friday: Menu not available

## HAGERMAN SCHOOLS

Choice of milk offered every day  
Monday: Burrito, salad bar, fruit, muffin  
Tuesday: Turkey gravy, mashed potatoes, fruit, gelatin, roll  
Wednesday: Ham and cheese bun, oven fries, fruit, cookie  
Thursday: Pizza choice, salad bar,

Wednesday: Cereal, pineapple chunks, donut  
Thursday: French toast, link sausages, orange smiles  
Friday: Cereal, pears, toast, jelly  
Lunch menu  
Monday: Italian spaghetti, seasoned green beans, chilled applesauce, garlic bread sticks  
Tuesday: Pepperoni pizza, sweet corn, pineapple tidbits, trail mix  
Wednesday: Deli turkey sandwich, mini pretzels, orange, smiles, snickerdoodle cookie  
Thursday: Beef stew, tomato green salad, ranch dressing, diced pears, corn bread, honey  
Friday: Chicken sandwich, lettuce, mayonnaise, tater tots, mixed fruit cup, birthday cake

## VALLEY SCHOOLS

Monday: Soft-shell taco, tortilla chips, salsa, corn, apple Cobbler  
Tuesday: Barbecue beef on a bun, potato wedges, carrots, applesauce, chocolate cake  
Wednesday: Pig in a blanket, tater tots, greasy beans, pecan pie, no bake cookie  
Thursday: Chicken nuggets, scalloped potatoes, carrots, hot roll, butter, peas  
Friday: Chili, crackers, vegetable sticks, cinnamon roll, peaches

## 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 everyday.  
Monday: Corn dog or Polish sausage sandwich, seasoned potato wedges, apple, Sara Lee pound cake  
Tuesday: Chili crispitos, lettuce, tomatoes, corn, chilled applesauce, cinnamon churro  
Wednesday: Hamburger, lettuce, pickles, French fries, bananas, strawberries, raisin snack  
Thursday: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, seasoned peas, fruit, Jell-O, dinner roll  
Friday: Little Caesar's pizza, vegetables, ranch dip, mixed fruit cup, bread sticks, pizza sauce

## BLAINE-COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

All elementary  
Lunch menu  
Bellevue Elementary has no self-serve bar.  
Monday-Friday: Menu not available

## BLISS SCHOOL

Milk served every day  
Lunch menu  
Monday: Pocket sandwich, soup  
Tuesday: Chicken stir fry, rice  
Wednesday: Stew, cheese, fries  
Thursday: Chicken fried steak dinner, vegetables, roll, mashed potatoes, gravy  
Friday: French dip or peanut butter sandwich, French fries, fruit

## DIETRICH SCHOOLS

Salad bar, fruit and milk served every day  
Monday-Friday: Menu not available

## GLENN'S FERRY

Monday-Friday: Menu not available

## GOODING ELEMENTARY

Choice of milk served every day  
Monday-Friday: Menu not available

## HAGERMAN SCHOOLS

Choice of milk offered every day  
Monday: Burrito, salad bar, fruit, muffin  
Tuesday: Turkey gravy, mashed potatoes, fruit, gelatin, roll  
Wednesday: Ham and cheese bun, oven fries, fruit, cookie  
Thursday: Pizza choice, salad bar,

fruit, fruit turnover  
Friday: Chicken, oven fries, fruit, brownie

## IDAHO SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND BLIND

Milk served every day  
Breakfast menu  
Monday: Choice of juice, fruit, choice of cereal, waffles, ham, syrup  
Tuesday: Choice of juice, fruit, choice of cereal, hot cakes, Little Smokies, syrup  
Wednesday: Choice of juice, fruit, choice of cereal, apple cinnamon muffin  
Thursday: Choice of juice, fruit, choice of cereal, yogurt, cinnamon toast  
Friday: Choice of juice, fruit, cinnamon rice, hash browns, fried eggs, toast, jelly  
Lunch menu  
Salad bar and choice of milk served every day  
Monday: Chicken and noodles, broccoli and cheese sauce, peaches, wheat rolls, margarine  
Tuesday: Fiesta tacos, salsa, corn, sliced pears, applesauce cake  
Wednesday: Chicken burger, tater tots, lettuce, tomato, pickles, apples, ice cream, ketchup, mustard  
Thursday: Italian spaghetti, bread sticks, green beans or spinach, oranges or mandarin oranges, chocolate chip bars  
Friday: Tuna salad sandwich or Mexican chicken pasta, French fries, spiced applesauce, tapioca pudding, ketchup, salsa

## JEROME SCHOOLS

Milk served every day  
Monday-Friday: Menu not available

## RICHFIELD SCHOOLS

Breakfast menu  
Milk and juice served every day  
Monday: Cereal, muffin  
Tuesday: Biscuits and gravy, hash browns  
Wednesday: Cereal, churros  
Thursday: French toast, sausage  
Friday: Cereal, cherry pies  
Lunch menu  
Monday: Pepperoni pizza, corn, crisp rice bar, pineapple  
Tuesday: Hot turkey sandwich, potatoes, gravy, cake, peach  
Wednesday: Soft-shell taco, lettuce,

## WENDELL SCHOOLS

Breakfast and choice of milk served daily  
Monday-Friday: Menu not available

## CASSIA COUNTY ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Breakfast menu  
Monday: Cereal, cinnamon toast, applesauce  
Tuesday: Cheese toast, sausage, applesauce  
Wednesday: Breakfast on a bun, orange  
Thursday: French toast, ham slice, pears  
Friday: Cereal, graham crackers, banana, pineapple  
Lunch menu  
Monday: Ham, Belgian waffle, strawberries, hash brown patty  
Tuesday: Hawaiian pizza, corn, pudding  
Wednesday: Baked potato special, applesauce oatmeal muffin, celery sticks, pineapple  
Thursday: School choice  
Friday: No lunch served

## MINIDOKA COUNTY SCHOOLS

Breakfast menu  
Monday: Cereal, muffin, peaches  
Tuesday: Cheese toast, applesauce, trail mix  
Wednesday: Breakfast cookie, pears, trail mix  
Thursday: Granola bar, fruit mix, raisins  
Friday: Cereal, muffin, fruit  
Lunch menu  
Choice of white or chocolate milk every day  
Monday: Chicken nuggets, sauce, peas, carrots, peas, dinner roll  
Tuesday: Hamburger, gravy, whipped potatoes, vegetable sticks, fruit crisp, dinner roll  
Wednesday: Chili, crackers, cranberry sticks, peaches, sweet roll  
Thursday: Hamburgers, green beans, carrot sticks, fruit  
Friday: Hard shell taco, corn, pink applesauce, cookie

## BURLEY JUNIOR HIGH

Breakfast menu  
Lunch and fruit served every day  
Lunch menu  
Choice of salad bar with sandwich or soup or sandwich bar every day  
Monday: Taco or corn dog, corn, orange half, Salad bar Crispito  
Tuesday: Chicken malibu or tuna on a bun, French fries, pears, pizza bar or salad bar, Fingert, roll  
Wednesday: Pizza or cheese square, green beans, fruit cup, Salad bar, Hot Pockets  
Thursday: Pig in a blanket or seaburg, er, crinkle fries, apple half, Pizza bar or salad bar, Fajitas  
Friday: No lunch served

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# Visitors can carry guns during the Olympics

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Anyone legally entitled to carry a weapon will be allowed to bring it into the Capitol during the Olympics. In addition, weapons that aren't loaded can be openly displayed, for instance a revolver in a belt holster.

The Capitol Preservation Board approved the measures in an emergency rule Friday. The board also designated three security levels to be used at the state's most prominent government building from now through the Olympics.

People will be allowed to freely enter and leave the building under a normal security level one status. Metal detectors may be used and bags searched under a security level two, while all visitors will undergo metal-detector screening and bag searches dur-

ing a level three.

The Capitol will be in security level two during the Winter Olympics, which runs for 17 days in February. The area could be upgraded to level three in an emergency.

House Minority Leader Ralph Becker, D-Salt Lake City, said he wasn't "completely comfortable" with the Capitol policy on licensed concealed weapons and other legal weapons, but voted for the new rule anyway because it reflected current state law.

State law prevents law enforcement from denying entry to people with valid concealed-weapon permits or legal, openly displayed guns. "Restricted persons" with past felony or domestic-violence convictions or those who are mentally ill are barred from owning or carrying guns.

## BRACING FOR BANNERS



Roy Silver, left, and Curt Pandiscio position a pole Friday that will be used for Olympic banners at the University of Utah in Salt Lake City. For every bright flag flapping outside a venue, there's likely to be a National Guardsman dressed in camouflage checking each car allowed into a parking lot.

# Boise lines up cash for torch celebration

BOISE (AP) — Twin Falls isn't the only Idaho city gearing up for a visit from the Olympic torch.

With the torch just 20 days away from its three-day trip through Idaho, Boise supporters have raised more than \$120,000 for the party planned to welcome the sporting icon.

"One of the torch coordinators told us this was one of the top places in the country," said Tod McKay, the aide to Mayor Brent Coles who has headed the city's Olympic efforts.

The Boise celebration will last two days. It starts with the lighting of a cauldron Jan. 25 and ends with a women's hockey game between the American and Chinese Olympic teams Jan. 26.

"It helped us make a weekend out of it," said Carl Wilgus, the state Department of Commerce's Olympic coordinator.

The torch passes through Caldwell and Nampa on Friday afternoon, before heading to Boise's Centre on the Grove that night.

Wilgus and McKay will head to Kansas City next week to spend some time with torch-run planners. They will study the arrange-

ment of the truckloads of tents, stands, interactive games and more that the relay's main sponsors — Chevrolet and the Coca-Cola Co. — bring to towns along the way.

The performance stage and "Big Mo," a giant television that pops out of an 18-wheeler, will take up the most space in Boise at The Grove.

Main Street will be closed and largely filled with a giant tent that houses virtual-reality games for ski jumping, ice skating and hockey goal tending.

Though Kansas City is expected to spend about a quarter of what Boise has raised so far, McKay said the trip there will help Boise prepare for the coming caravan.

"We have a traveling circus coming to town, and all we've seen are some bad pictures of it," McKay said.

On Saturday morning, the torch heads through Mountain Home and across the Perrine Bridge to Twin Falls. A celebration takes place later in the day in Pocatello's Holt Arena, with Olympic gold medal high jumper Stacey Dragila in attendance.

# Test of fireworks scares animals at Salt Lake zoo

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — An exercise intended to test the amount of noise created by fireworks shows during the Winter Games scared some animals at Hogle Zoo.

The Salt Lake Organizing Committee plans to launch fireworks and closing ceremonies from a variety of spots, including two locations relatively close to the zoo.

Workers at Logan-based Fireworks West shot off 10 fireworks shells from the Bonneville Golf Course, near the University

of Utah, Friday afternoon.

"We did see some startled responses on a few of our animals, which causes some concern," said Craig Dinsmore, executive director of Hogle Zoo.

The giraffes, cheetahs and big horn sheep all showed acute reactions to the noise and got very nervous, Dinsmore said. Among other things, he suggested SLOC abandon the site.

The other fireworks site close to Hogle Zoo is at This Is the Place Heritage Park. This site will be tested for loudness sometime next week, Dinsmore said.

# Free tickets to music shows available starting this week

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Early birds may be rewarded with tickets to some of the most famous bands ever to hit Utah.

Starting Monday, about 62,000 tickets will be distributed to right-ly, free medals-presentation ceremonies and concerts at the downtown Olympic Medals Plaza.

Bands such as Martina McBride,

Creed, Sheryl Crow, Marc Anthony and the Dave Matthews Band will perform after medals are awarded to athletes every night of the Olympics.

Tickets will become available in three waves starting this week.

On Monday at 10 a.m., wristbands will be distributed to 100 members of the public at each of

35 Smith's Six outlets in Utah.

Getting a wristband will entitle the wearer to return to the same Smith's store at a later day to select up to four tickets on one of the first five nights of competition.

The first wave will chose from five acts — Dave Matthews Band, Foo Fighters, Macy Gray, Barenaked Ladies and one act not

yet announced.

A random drawing will determine the order in which wristband holders line up on pickup days, said Salt Lake Organizing Committee spokeswoman Nancy Volmer.

The process will be repeated two more times — at 10 a.m. on Wednesday and Friday.

# FAA grounds planes during ceremonies

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Flights into Salt Lake International Airport will be suspended during Olympic opening and closing ceremonies.

While the airport itself will remain open, all flights coming or going will be grounded from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Feb. 8 for the opening ceremonies and again on Feb. 24 for the closing ceremonies, said Robert Flowers, head of the state Department of Public Safety, in a copyright story in the Deseret News on Saturday.

The restrictions are partly a response to the terrorist attacks on September 11, he said.

"We looked at what occurred there, and we wanted to make sure it didn't happen here," Flowers said.

The Federal Aviation Administration's plan also includes restricting a 45-mile radius of airspace around Salt Lake City between opening and closing ceremonies, said Mike Ferguson, FAA Northwest Mountain Region spokesman.

Commercial flights will be allowed to fly into that 45-mile swath, but charter flights, cargo planes and other private aircraft will be required to land first at one of four "gateway" airports in surrounding states, Ferguson said.

# Skiing, snowboarding deaths increase at U.S. resorts in '01

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) — Fatal accidents among skiers and snowboarders increased last year at the nation's resorts, but the rate was still less than one for every million trips to the mountain.

There were 47 accident-related deaths on ski slopes during the 2000-2001 season, according to the National Ski Areas Association in Lakewood, Colo.

That represented a 38 percent increase over the historical average.

Deaths last season included one at Schweitzer Mountain near Sandpoint and one at Silver Mountain near Kellogg. In both cases, out-of-control skiers hit trees.

The region will contribute another statistic when this season's death toll is tallied: A 45-year-old skier died recently at Mount Spokane when he ran into a light pole at approximately 30 mph.

Todd Clifton of Mead was pronounced dead at the scene. He was not wearing a helmet.

"The issue in most cases is not the helmet," said Jim Meyer, president of Mountain Spokane 2000, the organization that manages the ski areas. "The issue is skiing in control."

More skiers and boarders are choosing to wear helmets.

The sport is more dangerous now than years ago.

**Safety code**

The ski areas association's safety code for skiers and boarders is posted at many resorts.

**The code:**

- Always stay in control, and be able to stop or avoid other people or objects.
- People ahead of you have the right of way. It is your responsibility to avoid them.
- You must not stop where you obstruct a trail, or are not visible from above.
- Whenever starting downhill or merging into a trail, look uphill and yield to others.
- Always use devices to help prevent runaway equipment.
- Observe all posted signs and warnings. Keep off closed trails and out of closed areas.
- Prior to using any lift, you must have the knowledge and ability to load, ride and unload safely.

*"People are responsible for their own actions on the slopes. To avoid tragedies, you've got to know what your responsibilities are."*

— Tom Fortune, general manager of Schweitzer Mountain

practicing stunts, keeping those activities away from other skiers.

Schweitzer Mountain posts slow zones where trails merge and at tops of ski lifts. Staff members with whistles enforce speed limits.

"A traffic cop is really what they are," said Schweitzer general manager Tom Fortune.

But accidents can happen despite a resort's best efforts, he said.

"People are responsible for their own actions on the slopes," Fortune said. "To avoid tragedies, you've got to know what your responsibilities are."

Of the deaths nationally last ski season, 35 were skiers and 12 were snowboarders. Thirty-nine were males and eight were females.

# Hispanics stage poorly-attended rally

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The third rally by members of Utah's Hispanic community over a December roundup of Salt Lake City International Airport workers drew far fewer people to the state Capitol than organizers had hoped.

On Friday about 30 people called for Gov. Mike Leavitt to take a stand against the way the federal crackdown was handled.

The protesters included some of the 69 workers indicted for allegedly falsifying documents or lying to get jobs at the airport.

Attorney Mark Alvarez, whose law firm is representing five workers, said he had hoped for

between 100 and 500 people at the rally.

In addition to the 69 workers, 202 others were fired from their jobs but not indicted at the end of the seven-week-long "Operation Safe Travel."

Natalie Gochnour, Leavitt's spokeswoman, said the governor knew about the rally but was not at the Capitol at the time.

Though it is primarily a federal issue, the state's role, she said, was to assist in the background checks of workers. Leavitt was briefed about the indictments before the raid but knew nothing more than the number and nature of the violations, she said.

Employees from the gover-

nor's office have met with Hispanic leaders, and Leavitt continually receives briefings on the situation, she said.

Alvarez has expressed hope that the charges will be reduced from felonies to misdemeanors.

Reducing charges would increase the likelihood that workers, if deported by the INS, would have an easier time re-entering the United States in the future, said Steve Branch, INS officer in charge for Utah.

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# Rescuers tow orca to deep water after repeated beachings

SEQUIM, Wash. (AP) — A male killer whale that repeatedly beached itself near Dungeness Spit was towed into open water after several failed rescue attempts.

Scientists continued their search to determine what killed a female orca found dead Wednesday in the same area.

Tissue samples were sent to a lab to be analyzed. Brian Gorman of the National Marine Fisheries Service said results could be available within a week. The whale's head will be examined in detail in the next week or two, he said. Experts have hypothesized that toxins in Washington's inland waters may be poisoning the black and white whales.

"We may never know what causes these strandings," Gorman said. "In half of these cases, there are no apparent causes. It's just a mystery!" The male orca was swimming freely Friday and was headed



Jeff Foster steadies a male orca as it is towed into open water Friday from Dungeness Bay near Sequim, Wash. The boat contains whale experts checking the condition of the animal.

west through the Strait of Juan de Fuca toward the Pacific Ocean at about 6 knots, Gorman said. Scientists and wildlife workers had towed the whale five times

only to have it return to shore. Using a small boat, they were able to tow the whale farther Friday using a harness instead of the ropes used previously,

Gorman said. "I think a cheer went up when he started heading in the right direction," Gorman said. "We're all keeping our fingers crossed."

The whale will be closely monitored, Gorman said. A radio transmitter was attached. Experts had thought they might have to remove the whale,

thought to be 20 years old, and place it in a tank.

"This whale doesn't appear to have anything else wrong with it," Gorman said. "The results are what you'd expect for a healthy killer whale. It doesn't seem to be under great distress and it has no internal injuries that we can see."

About a dozen people worked on the rescue effort Friday.

Rescuers had monitored the whale overnight, keeping his skin wet and making sure he did not hurt himself. The orca had beached himself repeatedly Thursday, frustrating wildlife workers, who towed him out of shallow water several times only to see him return to shore. The female had been found dead nearby.

At nightfall Thursday, the 10,000-pound male was in the shallows in the westernmost corner of the bay behind the spit, far from the small opening that would allow him to escape.

## Teen who cracked AOL says he's not a hacker

LOGAN, Utah (AP) — From his bedroom computer, 19-year-old Matt Conover can perform wonders or wreak havoc.

The Utah State University student insists he is an Internet security expert, not an underground hacker. Nevertheless, he spoke of one of the world's largest media giants earlier this week with just a little brains and his desktop computer.

He leads an international team of what he calls "Internet security professionals" that discovered a security leak in one of the most popular Internet

applications in his history — America Online's Instant Messenger.

Conover's stunt landed him in newspapers and on radio stations as far away as Miami and Washington, D.C. And in the process, he got a lesson in the far-reaching scope of the Internet and how one person with a computer has the potential to create universal confusion.

"I failed to realize how the environment of the Internet has changed," he said. "I knew the Internet was dynamic. But I never knew it was as dynamic as it is now."

He also illuminated a debate that has been raging between Internet security experts on whether the public at large should be told when their software is vulnerable to hacker attacks.

Some, such as Conover and his group, say the public should know immediately when their software is open for attacks, even at the risk of alerting computer criminals who could take advantage of the news. Others, like the CERT Coordination Center, an Internet security research center at Carnegie Mellon University, believe software developers should be given enough time to plug up the holes in their programs before vulnerabilities become widely known.

In the case of AOL, Conover said he tried to contact them over the holiday week when his team discovered the vulnerability in Instant Messenger. When he could not reach them by phone, he eventually sent the company an e-mail. He got no response.

AOL said it wished it had more time to answer with a patch or fix for the problem before Conover released his program to exploit the security leak.

"The e-mail was not received by the appropriate people in the organization," AOL's Weinstein said. "It's in the best interest of the users and the company to have the opportunity to respond."

Shawn Hernan, a team leader for the CERT Coordination Center, agrees. Last year, there were about 2,600 reports of Internet applications with security leaks, according to the center. This year, they expect it to jump to 3,700.

"There is empirical evidence suggesting that the simple knowledge of vulnerabilities tends to lead to the exploitation of the problem," he said. "If nobody knows about it, then nobody can exploit it."

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He leads an international team of what he calls "Internet security professionals" that discovered a security leak in one of the most popular Internet applications in his history — America Online's Instant Messenger. He then created a software program to exploit the vulnerability and posted it on his team's Web site.

Providing a tool for computer evildoers was not Conover's intent, he says. Rather, he wanted to "alert AOL Time Warner to a serious problem. The glitch in its Instant Messenger software had the potential to let unwanted hackers into a user's computer to steal files or send unwanted e-mails."

"When I first did this, I intended it really for the Internet security industry," Conover said. "When I released this, I didn't expect it to reach the general population and create this hysteria."

"I do have a set of moral values in this, and I don't agree with hackers," added Conover, who has a biography of Adolf Hitler and The Teachings of Gordon B. Hinckley on his bookshelf. Hinckley is president of the Mormon church.

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## Washington state residents drive to Idaho to buy cheaper cigarettes

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — The state of Washington's new \$1.42-per-pack cigarette tax is sending smokers across the Idaho border in droves.

Washington's new tax, aimed at all types of tobacco products, was projected to raise \$130 million a year, to be used for improving health care of low-income people.

But eastern Washington residents are flocking to the numerous tobacco shops dotted throughout the Idaho border towns of State Line, Hauser and Post Falls, where taxes are just

28 cents per pack. That is technically illegal.

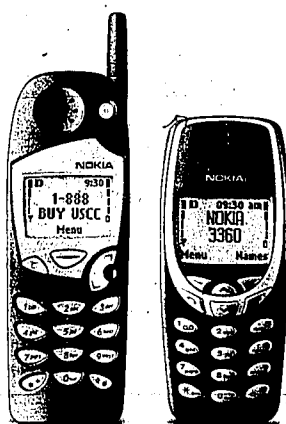
"It's not even funny," remarked a customer at the State-Line Shop and Go in State Line on Friday. "Washington did it to themselves. They cut their own throats."

At one truck stop in Coeur d'Alene, the price quoted for a carton of regular cigarettes on Saturday was \$32.69. At a truck stop in Spokane, a carton of the same brand was selling for \$38.39, an increase of \$5.70, or about 14 percent.

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Tracy noted that working a dairy, also means paying close attention to detail and taking pride in a job well done. Understanding that first-rate efforts on the dairy results better working and living conditions for the animals and happy heifers will produce higher quality products.

There's also the financial end of the dairy business. Terry and Tracy handle the accounting of the dairy and have taught their girls the importance of staying debt free, how to save and plan ahead for important expenditures, to not get greedy, and the integrity that comes from being an honest businessperson. This has been especially important for Colleen who this fall moved away from Twin Falls to start her college career. Because she paid such close attention to how her parents dealt with the dairy's accounting, Mom and Dad Underwood are comfortable



(Pictured Left to Right-Terry, Tracy, Colleen, and Meghan (sitting) Underwood, (not pictured- Allison).

land, how to treat the animals humanely, and how to be good environmental neighbors. They've also come to appreciate the positive impacts dairies have on the local economy and consumer needs - how important those 200 milking cows are. It starts with the cows, and buying the feed from a neighbor farmer, who spends money on implements and seed. The cows are milked and the product is transported to the processors. Cheese plant employees produce the dairy products that are sent around the country where grocery store clerks stock the store's shelves. Those dairy products go a long way in feeding a nation. "We've learned that much of what consumers want and need starts right here on our dairy," Colleen says. "It begins with the cows, and ends up with the products in the stores. We see it from start to finish. It makes all of us very proud to put food on lots of families tables, to touch so many lives with what we do here on our family dairy."

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First, Terry believes the overall success of a family dairy depends on how well family members work together as a team. Everyone learns that their individual tasks on the farm are important and everyone has to pull their own weight. This attitude has spilled into other aspects of the Underwood's lives as family members volunteer and participate in the local 4-H programs and other school and community services projects.

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SPORTS

Herzinger, Twin Falls shock Pocatello

POCATELLO - Chris Herzinger made a driving shot with two seconds left on the clock to give the Twin Falls Bruins a 54-52 win over the Pocatello Indians in Pocatello Saturday night.

Leigh Castillo netted 23 points to lead all scorers, and grabbed 11 rebounds. Herzinger added 13 points and Brett Miller had seven points for the Bruins. Nick Hansen led Pocatello with 17 points.

The Bruins outscored the Indians 13-7 in the second quarter to take a five-point lead into halftime.

"It was a great win for us, and I am very proud of my boys," said Twin Falls head coach Dan Vogt.

Twin Falls (4-5) hosts Highland on Wednesday.

Gooding 61, Wood River 39

GOODING - The Gooding Senators defeated the Wood River Wolverines 61-39 Saturday night in boys basketball.

Sean Campbell had 18 points to lead Gooding. Henry Lozada added 10 points for the Senators.

Gooding (7-2) hosts Wendell on Monday.

Minico 75, Jerome 68

RUPERT - The Minico Spartans rolled past the Jerome Tigers 75-68 Saturday night in boys basketball.

John Fennell led all scorers with 22 points for Minico. Taylor Duncan added 11 points, and Ryan Henpworth netted 16 points for the Spartans.

Minico (6-3) hosts Pocatello on Wednesday.

Hagerman 72, Camas County 49

FAIRFIELD - The Hagerman Pirates defeated the Camas County Mushers (0-8) 72-49 Saturday night in boys basketball.

Whitney Martin led all scorers with 26 points for Hagerman. Cooper Bates added 20 points for the Pirates.

Hagerman (2-9) travels to Carey on Monday.

Bonneville 63, Burley 54

IDAHO FALLS - Bonneville's Jake Krenshaw scored 24 points and Burley started with a slow start to the second half before falling 63-54 to the Bees on Saturday.

Senior Jono Barker finished with 18 and Eric Berg added 11 to lead the Bobcats.

Burley (1-2, 6-4) travel to Blackfoot on Wednesday.

Murtaugh 67, Oakley 54

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The Hornets gave up nine turnovers in a tumultuous fourth quarter. Murtaugh went 12 for 15 in the foul line in the fourth with Kellen Post shooting 10 for 10.

Local sports

Castleford 73, Raft River 45

MALTA - Elvis Medina scored 18 points and Bradon Tverdy boys basketball team defeated Raft River 73-45 Friday.

Raft River's Bryce Greenwood managed 18 points and Quinn Harper had 11 to pace the Trojans.

Raft River led to 0-1 in conference and 5-3 overall.

The Community School 42, Bliss 37

BLISS - Josh Stanek hit a pair of 3-pointers and Ethan Vayns finished in double figures as The Community School defeated Bliss 42-37 Saturday night in boys basketball.

Calib Burke had 20 and Josh Patton added 11 to pace the Bears.

Bliss (2-6) meets Carey on Tuesday.

Kimberly 42, Shoshone 40

KIMBERLY - The Bulldogs, led by Aaron Osborn, scraped by with a win over Shoshone 42-40 Saturday night in boys basketball.

Osborn scored all of his 15 points in the first half, as Kimberly (4-5) clung to a three-point lead at halftime.

Bliss (2-6) meets Carey on Tuesday.

Aberdeen 62, Valley 60

HAZELTON - The Vikings succumbed to visiting Aberdeen 62-60 in Hazelton Saturday night.

Valley's Clint White led all scorers with 22 points. The Vikings (4-4) closed the Tigers' five-point lead to two in the fourth, but couldn't steal the win.

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Middleton 57, Filer 30

FILER - It was a rough night for the Wildcats as they lost 57-30 to the Middleton-Vikings Saturday night in Filer.

Filer shot just 22 percent from the field; and went 13 for 31 from the line. Justin Mecham had the high score for the Wildcats with eight; Sam Kirch finished with 11 points for Middleton.

The win extended the Vikings' record to 8-0.

Filer (2-0 SCIC, 5-5) plays host to Wood River Thursday.

Girls Basketball

Valley 46, Wood River 41

HALLEY - The visiting Vikings dismantled Wood River 46-41 Saturday night in girls basketball.

The Wolverines' Natalie Green scored six in the fourth quarter before fouling out; she finished with 14 points for the night.

After holding a one point lead in the first half, Wood River was outscored 17-6 in the third quarter.

On Tuesday the Wolverines (3-2 SCIC, 9-5) host Gooding.

Bliss 38, The Community School 28

BLISS - Lindsey Miketa scored 10 points and Sundii Brizendine added nine as the Bliss girls basketball team defeated the Community School 38-28 Saturday.

Bliss improved to 7-4.

Glenns Ferry 38, Wendell 35

WENDELL - Glenns Ferry beat Wendell 38-35 Saturday night in girls basketball.

Amy Walker led all scorers with 17 points for Glenns Ferry. Kylee Noble added eight points for the Pilots.

Wendell (2-11) hosts Buhl on Wednesday.

Friday's late results

Highland 35, Minico 22

POCATELLO - The Highland Rams girls basketball team pulled away from Minico with an 18-5 fourth quarter to down the Spartans 35-22 Friday.

The Rams were helped by Stanford-bound Clare Bodensteiner, who fought foul trouble and a poor night shooting to finish with 10 points.

Highland also benefited from a pair of three-point plays and a four-point play in the quarter as the Spartans held a 19-17 advantage early in the final quarter.

Murtaugh (8-1) visits Twin Falls Christian Academy on Tuesday.

Jerome sweeps season series with Bruins

By John Dem... Times-News writer

JEROME - After the Bruins and Tigers battled for forty minutes, it came down to free throws.

Jerome made two while Twin Falls made just one as the Tigers came away with a 42-41 victory in girls non-conference basketball action Saturday night.

The game was delayed one day after school was canceled in Jerome Friday due to the weather.

The teams first met Nov. 30, with the Tigers sneaking away with a two-point victory in a game that was close throughout.

Saturday was pretty much the same. The only difference was the players. Jerome's two seniors, Traci Lee and Corni Ford, were both out with injuries - Lee for the year with a torn ACL and MCL.

The Bruins' leading scorer, Kim Stanek, hurt her knee in practice Friday. She will have it examined next week.

With 90 second left in the game, the score was tied 40-40. After a Bruin turnover and a Tiger-missed shot, Twin Falls went to the free throw line.

The first found the net, but the second shot bounced out and the Tigers called a timeout.

Jerome's sophomore point guard Whitney Clark was fouled with nine seconds left. She hit the tie, then Twin Falls called a time out to ice her. It didn't work as the second shot bounced around before falling.

"I was nervous, but I knew I had to make it. The pressure was on us," said Clark, who finished with 10 points, including a pair of 3-pointers.

Brooke Johnson netted 20 points. Sy added 16 and Kestee Nelson had 15 to lead UVSC (3-1, 14-1) and we're playing the top six teams at the league. That's a tough task.

"Ask me again in five weeks and if things are still going the same way, I'll tell you I'm not a very good coach."

But instead of capitalizing with Sy out, CSI went ice-cold, missing eight straight shots during a 5:19 span as the Wolverines pushed the lead to 12 points at 48-36.

Unaudited, referee Camille Porter attempted to rally the troops, sinking back-to-back 3-pointers to get CSI back within five at 49-44 with 9:36 left. But that was as close as CSI would get the rest of the game.

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The Bruins turned the ball over, then nearly got it back before the Tigers ran out the clock.

"We had a great effort from everyone. That was our best of the year," said Twin Falls coach Lawrence Pfeiffer. "We rebounded well in the first half."

Both teams started slow offensively in the first period. The Tigers got three short-range jumpers from three different players as they jumped out to an 8-2 lead. Twin Falls' Shay Tusov scored late in the period but Jerome led 8-4 after one.

The smaller Bruins dominated on the boards in the second period and rallied to take the lead while keeping Jerome off the scoreboard - The Bruins speed-led to a pair of steals and fast-break baskets by sophomore Belinda Turley, who led the Bruins with 10 points, and Danielle Maloney.

Clark, who usually connects from beyond the arc, drove a lane two straight possessions, was fouled and converted the three-point plays as the Tigers came back to lead by a pair at the half.

Kim Vriesman led a Bruin charge to start the third period. She made three jumpers, including a 3-pointer and added an assist to Tusov as Twin Falls led by five, 24-19, midway through the period. Jerome helped the Bruins with three straight turnovers.

"It was time for a Tiger rally. Katie Thuault ignited the comeback. She drained a 3-pointer, then hit from just inside the arc

"I saw a lot of heart out there," he said. "I thought the kids showed heart. I'm happy. We've got three returners and 12 who are still here and we're playing the top six teams at the league. That's a tough task."

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Buhl

Continued from C1. match," Stone said.

Burley heavyweight Jaxson Jones followed up his impressive performance in early December with another win against Buhl's Russell Wiersma in the heavy-weight championship. Jones sent Wiersma to his back twice with a

head-and-arm throw, eventually winning by decision.

Bobcat junior Gordo Vega outlasted Wendell's Mark Dimond in the 171-pound championship to finish Burley to a 10th place team finish.

Vega defeated Dimond earlier in the season and said he used that experience to his advantage.

Despite Buhl's solid fourth

placed showing, senior Estaban Serrano was the only Indian to win a championship. The 215-pound senior had little trouble against his North Fremont opponent in the title match.

Highland also benefited from a pair of three-point plays and a four-point play in the quarter as the Spartans held a 19-17 advantage early in the final quarter.

Murtaugh (8-1) visits Twin Falls Christian Academy on Tuesday.

Murtaugh 67, Oakley 54

MURTAUGH - The Red Devils scorched Oakley 67-54 Saturday night in boys basketball.

Men

Continued from C1. "I just wanted to come out and play hard," Clemons said. "Last night (an 84-81 win at Salt Lake Community College), we had a bad game and I didn't step up and play like I was supposed to play. I just did what I had to do to win the game."

As good as Clemons was, it was Bobbitt's ice-water nerves that might have been the biggest points of the game. Tied 95-93, Utah Valley took the ball with 14 seconds in regulation and after running it down, John Hille duffed a cross-court pass to Nick DeWitz, who drained the long 3-pointer from the corner.

The shot brought a roar from the crowd and the Wolverines off the bench.

But Bobbitt, who verbally committed to the University of Cincinnati next season, took the inbound and drove over. It's a tough one to take.

Earlier, it was Clemons who came up with the tying points. With two Wolverines hanging onto his jersey, Clemons put up a no-look, reverse lay-up and free throw to tie at 95-93 with 47 left.

Prior to that, Utah Valley actu-

ed skyward before toeing the line and swishing both attempts.

"Big-time," Clemons said of Bobbitt's free throws. "That's why he's called the Iceman. He's the best shooting guard I've ever seen in my life."

A Monagan desperation heave at the buzzer hit the backboard and caught the front lip before bouncing out to go overtime.

In overtime, it was all Southern Idaho, as the Eagles outscored Utah Valley 18-7.

"We needed everybody to play and everybody stepped their game up and focused," Clemons said.

Utah Valley coach Jeff Reinert said his team played well enough to win.

"Game's over if we don't foul Bobbitt," he said. "We make the mistake, he hits the three free throws and the momentum completely swings over. It's a tough one to take."

As much damage as King and Parnold did on offense and on the boards, their second-half defensive effort on DeLoe-pastie Jamie Chatburn was just as crucial, Johnson said.

They shut Jamie down in that second half and I just didn't have anyone else to step up for me," DeLoe coach said.

Chatburn had 10 of her team-high

and the deficit was down to three. "She hit two key shots that we had to have," said Jerome coach Michelle Skyles.

Twin Falls led 28-26 heading into the final period.

Turley, one of 28 sophomores who see considerable playing time for the Bruins, grabbed the steal and went the distance as the Bruins led by four early in the fourth quarter.

Pond and Vanessa West both connected in the paint as Jerome regained the lead 36-35 with three minutes remaining.

"We were coming off a loss just like the last time we played them and we wanted to rebound on ourselves," said Pond, who finished with a game-high 14 points. "We knew they (Twin Falls) are a good team. It came down to free throws and our height advantage."

Turley answered again for the Bruins, grabbing a steal and converting the layup. Tusov scored inside, was fouled and hit the free throw, but Pond and West answered again for the Tigers to tie the score.

Both teams will continue with non-conference opponents. Jerome (13-2, 4-2) returns to the gym on Wednesday as the Tigers head to Highland. A win for the Tigers would mean Skyles her 200th coaching victory.

Twin Falls (6-7, 2-3) travels to Buhl on Monday.

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Basketball

Continued from C1. Buhl or on a neutral court. But we'll see. They're a great team."

Early on, it looked like the speed of the Hornets (4-1, 12-1) might be too much for the Indians as they harassed Buhl into numerous turnovers with full-court pressure, defense to gain a 14-9 lead at the end of the first quarter.

With five points from Hosman to close the first quarter. Three of those points came on a three-point play following an offensive rebound.

And reserve post Abdee Espanza notched the final six points of the first half to pull the Indians to within two at 25-23 at the break.

"We had good contribution from our bench," Shepard said. "We've been struggling in that area. It was

good to see."



SPORTS

Detroit dominates Colorado

DETROIT (AP) — Igor Larionov and Brendan Shanahan scored less than two minutes apart early in the third period of the Detroit Red Wings' NHL...

Detroit avenged last month's 4-1 loss at home to the defending Stanley Cup champions. The Avalanche were without goaltender Patrick Roy, who missed a second straight game with the flu...

Martin Skoula scored for the Avalanche 3:39 into the game. Pittsburgh's Alexei Kovalev scored three goals, the final two less than a minute apart in the third period...

Pittsburgh — Alexei Kovalev scored three goals, the final two less than a minute apart in the third period, and Pittsburgh shrugged off Eric Lindros' return to beat New York.

It was Kovalev's third three-goal game this season and included a go-ahead goal at 4:38 in the third — only the 16th goal in 163 chances for the Penguins' league-worst play.

Kovalev followed with his 16th goal of the season 48 seconds later as the Penguins won for only the second time in 11 games.

Lindros returned after sitting out four games with the seventh concussion of his career. He had a mostly uneventful game without a shot in the first period...

period before getting three in the second period. Blues 5, Stars 2.

ST. LOUIS — Cory Stillman scored three goals, and Doug Weight added four assists, leading St. Louis over Dallas. Stillman scored a goal in every period to record his first hat trick with the Blues...

Keith Tkachuk and Scott Young also scored for St. Louis. Mike Modano and Jonathan Sim scored for Dallas.

Bruins 7, Capitals 4. BOSTON — Joe Thornton had three goals, and the Boston Bruins remained almost perfect when he scores and beat the Washington Capitals 7-4 Saturday.

The Bruins who won for the seventh time in nine games, are 13-0-1 when Thornton get a goal. It was his second career hat trick, the other coming last March 1 against New York.

Bill Guerin scored twice within 46 seconds midway through the second period, and Glen Murray and Rob Zamuner also had goals for Boston. Chris Simon scored twice for the Capitals, who also get power-play goals from Dainius Zubrus and Matt Pettinger.

Maple Leafs 3, Senators 1. TORONTO — Alexander Mogilyny and Darcy Tucker scored power-play goals, and Ottawa had a franchise-low 10 shots as the Toronto Maple Leafs beat the Senators 3-1 Saturday.

Mike Fisher scored a short-handed goal for the Senators, whose previous low was 11 shots on Dec. 30, 1993 against Tampa Bay.

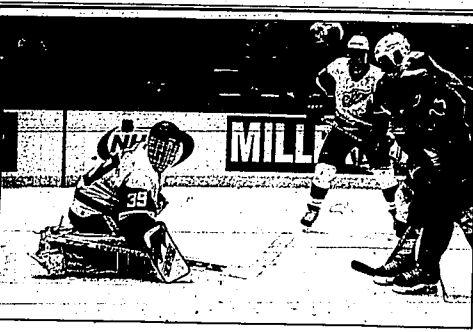
Robert Reichel also scored for the Maple Leafs, who had lost their previous seven regular-season games to Ottawa. Toronto swept Ottawa in the first round of the playoffs last year.

Devils 2, Hurricanes 1. RALEIGH, N.C. — Petr Sykora scored twice in a span of five minutes in the second period and Martin Brodeur stopped 22 of 23 shots as New Jersey beat Carolina.

Southeast Division-leading Carolina has lost five straight at home after a franchise-record 20 in December. Sami Kapanen, second in the NHL in scoring, and Ron Francis had six-game point streak snapped in the loss.

Brodeur improved to 17-5-4 all-time against Carolina. He made a spectacular pad save on Bates Battaglia with three minutes left to secure the win.

Kings 3, Islanders 0. UNIONDALE, N.Y. — Eric Belanger scored twice in the third period and former Islanders goalie Felix Potvin



Colorado Avalanche forward Milan Hejduk is tied up by Detroit Red Wings center Igor Larionov as goalie Dominik Hasek makes a save Saturday at Joe Louis Arena in Detroit.

stopped 28 shots against his old team as Los Angeles blanked New York. Bryan Smolinski also scored for the Kings, who have wins in their last two visits to Long Island.

After two scoreless periods, Belanger-put the Kings up 1-0 at 10:44 of the third. Smolinski added a power-play goal at 12:38 to give the Kings some breathing room. Belanger finished the scoring with a short-handed empty-net goal as Smolinski set him up at 17:57.

scored the go-ahead goal 3:43 into the third period as Montreal ended a four-game losing streak with a victory over Calgary.

Gilmour, playing his second game since coming back from a back injury that sidelined him for the first three games of Montreal's seven-game road trip, also had an assist to assist Guy Lafleur for 16th place on the NHL's career scoring list with 1,354 points.

Jose Theodore made 19 saves, and Stephane Quaintal, Brian Savage and Oleg Petrov also scored for Montreal.

Jarome Iginla and Dave Lusty scored for Calgary, which had its three-game unbeaten streak stopped.

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Power rankings

Rams ready for playoff push

- 1. Rams
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Week 17 matchups

Patriots (10-5) at Panthers (1-14)
49ers (11-4) at Saints (7-8)

Key elements: By winning, the Patriots will nail down the AFC East title, and victory shouldn't be hard to come by...

Key elements: A victory, coupled with a Packer loss, will land the 49ers a home date for the first round of the playoffs...

Packers (11-4) at Giants (7-8)

Falcons (7-8) at Rams (13-2)

Key elements: The Giants, out of the NFC playoff picture, can play spoiler by beating the Packers...

Key elements: The Falcons' soft defense should provide a nice playoff tuneup for Kurt Warner and Marshall Faulk...

Jaguars (6-9) at Bears (12-3)

Chiefs (6-9) at Seahawks (8-7)

Key elements: This game brings no relief for the Bears, who need a win or tie, or a loss or a tie by the Packers...

Key elements: It has taken all season for Seattle Coach Mike Holmgren to realize that the Seahawks' best chance for a playoff berth is with Trent Dilfer at quarterback...

Cowboys (5-10) at Lions (1-14)

Bills (3-12) at Dolphins (10-5)

Key elements: This equates to an exhibition game, since both coaches will be evaluating talent for next season...

Key elements: The Bills upset the Jets last week but Miami needs a victory to have a realistic shot at clinching the AFC wild-card title...

Browns (7-8) at Steelers (12-3)

Raiders (10-5) at Jets (9-6)

Key elements: The Steelers would like to get Jerome Bettis some game action before the playoffs to take the pressure off...

Key elements: With a combined 46 December record, these teams are looking into the playoffs. The Raiders can't run on offense, and have trouble stopping the run on defense...

Cardinals (7-8) at Redskins (7-8)

Eagles (10-5) at Bucs (9-6)

Key elements: Look for the Redskins to feed the Cardinals' underdog front seven a steady diet of Stephen Davis...

Key elements: This is a dress rehearsal for next week's playoff game between these teams.

Bengals (5-10) at Titans (7-8)

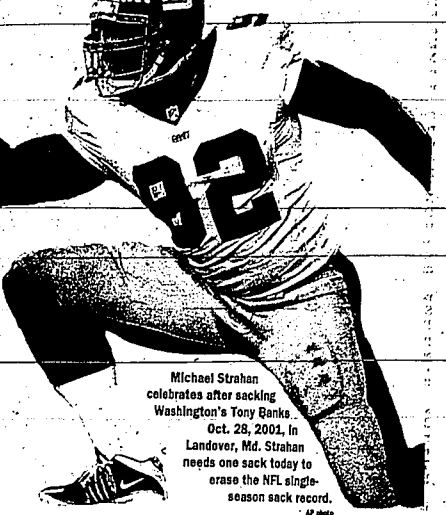
Vikings (5-10) at Ravens (9-6)

Key elements: This is a meeting of opposites. The Bengals started strong and collapsed, and the Titans recovered well after opening the season with three losses...

Key elements: The Ravens should have little trouble beating the Vikings, who have lost 10 consecutive road games...

Sack attack

New York's Michael Strahan is approaching the NFL single-season sack mark, and he has Green Bay's Brett Favre in his sights this week



Michael Strahan celebrates after sacking Washington's Tony Banks, Oct. 28, 2001.

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) - No one has had a closer view of Michael Strahan's assault on the NFL single-season sack record than Cornelius Griffin...

everyone assumed he had a bad year, or had taken it off. Strahan didn't do either. He played the season with elbow and other injuries and noted that his pressures, hurries and run defense made up for the lack of sacks...

Strahan also has size at 275 pounds to handle any tackle and the speed to get to the quarterback in a hurry and change the complexion of a game.

Strength coach John Dunn has worked with Strahan for five years. He said the biggest mistake is to assume that Strahan has done something different this season.

Lawrence Taylor (20.5 in 1986), Chris Doleman (21 in 1989) and the late Derrick Thomas (20 in 1990) all came close to breaking Gastineau's record.

It was one of three games where he had at least three, the best being a four-sack day against Kurt Warner when Strahan man-handled offensive tackle Ryan Tucker...

Trent Dilfer debate rages on

The Orlando Sentinel This is just too rich. Didn't the Baltimore Ravens make everybody look stupid last season, the way they scooped up Trent Dilfer and won a Super Bowl with him?

that Randy Moss decides he wants to play Monday night and Vikings quarterback Spergon Wynn plays about 50 stories over his head - wouldn't it be something if Dilfer helped eliminate his former team from the playoffs?

sen one went just 5-7 as a starter, this season while Dilfer went 3-0. Dilfer, 28, is a free agent again after this season, and the coach of Seattle is the Seahawks would like him back, but not as the starter.

Hope springs eternal in Raiderland

By Sam Farmer Los Angeles Times OAKLAND, Calif. - A field goal here, a tackle there, and today's game would have been little more than a tuneup for the Oakland Raiders.

over the Raiders, or a loss by Seattle, which hosts Kansas City. The Raiders got a big boost Friday, emotional and otherwise, when Jerry Rice returned to the team after spending time in Mississippi with his father, who is hospitalized with heart problems.

spilled in recent weeks with losses to Arizona, Tennessee and Denver. Still, hope springs eternal in Raiderland. "As long as you have a chance to breathe and fight another day in this league, you have to have a smile on your face," tight end Roland Williams said.

# Spurs win Texas tussle Webber helps Kings burn Suns

## Porter's late free throws sink Mavs

DALLAS (AP) — The Interstate 35 rivalry between San Antonio and Dallas is rapidly becoming one of the NBA's best.

Terry Porter hit two free throws with 5.1 seconds left, giving the Spurs a 105-103 victory over the Mavericks, avenging an agonizing overtime loss 10 days before.

Dallas trailed 103-95 when Tim Duncan, who had 29 points and 17 rebounds, fouled out with 1:49 left. The Mavs scored the next eight, with Dirk Nowitzki tipping in his own miss with 9.3 seconds left to tie the game.

San Antonio, with its Midwest Division lead on the line, got the ball to Porter and on a crossover dribble at the foul line he knocked heads with Dallas' Steve Nash. Nash came away from the collision with a foul and a bloody gash over his left eyebrow.

While Nash was tended on the sideline, Porter's first foul shot rolled around the rim, skipped over the glass and dropped in. He finished his second for his 22nd point, his most in two seasons.

On Dallas' final possession, Nash dribbled free of Antonio Daniels and fired up a jumper that clanged away, sending the Mavericks to their second straight loss after a 10-game winning streak.

Nash had the game-winning 3-pointer in Dallas' 126-123 win in San Antonio on Dec. 26, when Duncan scored a career-high 53 points. The teams also met in last season's playoffs, with the Spurs winning their second-round series in five games.

Porter hit big shots all night, starting with a long jumper and a 3-pointer to open and close a 12-1 run that put San Antonio ahead by 11 early in the second quarter. The lead grew to 17 shortly before halftime.

Porter scored six of the Spurs' last eight points in the third quarter, putting them up 84-72 going into the final period.

The Mavericks came out energized, though, with Nowitzki swatting a Porter layup to start a



San Antonio's Tim Duncan delivers an elbow to Dallas' Dirk Nowitzki Saturday in Dallas. Duncan, who had 29 points and 17 rebounds, fouled out with 1:49 to play, but the Spurs won 105-103.

10-0 run that fed off defensive play. Dallas stopped five straight San Antonio possessions, including a running inbound pass after a Mavs basket and a 24-second violation.

Porter got the Spurs clicking again with a 3-pointer and San Antonio seemed in control again. Dallas' ropes dimmed when Michael Finley aggravated the strained left hamstring that kept him out of two of the previous three games with 8:36 left and didn't return. He had 10 points, all in the first half.

Duncan was upset about his last three fouls, all in the final 10 minutes. The first came on

offense, the second on a loose ball and the finale when he blocked a Nowitzki shot from behind. While smiling, Duncan whispered something to official Scott Wall, then slapped him on the rear and left the court.

David Robinson, who had eight points, missed two free throws with 1:14 left and was called for an offensive foul with 34.4 seconds left.

Steve Smith scored 18 for San Antonio and Daniels had 13. Nash had 17 points and six assists, Tim Hardaway had 13 points and six assists and Eduardo Najera and Wang Zhizhi each scored 10.

PHOENIX (AP) — Chris Webber scored 22 of his 35 points in the second half as Sacramento withstood a fourth-quarter rally to win its sixth straight, beating the Suns 118-112.

Peja Stojakovic added 25 points and Doug Christie had 20 for the Kings, who blew a 16-point first-quarter lead before rebounding to pull within a half-game of the idle Los Angeles Lakers in the Pacific Division.

Stephon Marbury scored a season-high 35 points to lead the Suns, who have dropped three straight.

## Celtics 90, Knicks 81

NEW YORK — Paul Pierce scored 28 points and contributed to a strong defensive effort that led the Boston Celtics to a come-from-behind 90-81 victory over the New York Knicks on Saturday night.

Pierce, Eric Williams and rookie Joe Johnson caused trouble all night for Allan Houston and Latrell Sprewell, busting up the Knicks' two primary scorers. The Celtics outscored New York 29-12 in the fourth quarter, holding the Knicks to just two field goals.

Antoine Walker scored 22 points, Tony Battie had 13 and Johnson 11.

Ante Camby led the Knicks with 21 points and 19 rebounds.

## Nets 89, Hornets 80

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Jason Collins had 18 points and 12 rebounds, both career highs, and fellow rookie Richard Jefferson added 16 points as the two substitute starters led undermanned New Jersey.

The Nets were without Kenyon Martin, who was suspended for two games earlier in the day for

a flagrant foul and throwing a punch at Tracy McGrady on Friday, and Keith Van Horn, who had a stomach virus. Collins and Jefferson started in their place.

Elden Campbell led Charlotte with 26 points and 13 rebounds.

## Timberwolves 112, Hawks 96

ATLANTA — Wally Szczerbiak scored 23 points and Kevin Garnett added 22 points and 14 rebounds as Minnesota won its fourth straight.

Minnesota dominated the inside game, outrebounding the Hawks 56-34 and outscoring them 48-36 in the paint. The Timberwolves have beaten Atlanta in four straight and six of seven.

Shareef Abdur-Rahim scored 20 points for the Hawks, who dropped to 2-8 against Western Conference teams.

## Pistons 101, Cavaliers 91

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Jerry Stackhouse scored 22 of his game-high 29 points in the second half as Detroit won for just the second time in 11 games.

Cliff Robinson added 22 points and nine rebounds for the Pistons, while Corliss Williamson added 14 points and a season-high 11 boards.

Zydrunas Ilgauskas led Cleveland with 20 points and Lamond Murray added 18.

## Magic 118, Warriors 109

ORLANDO, Fla. — Reserve Troy Hudson scored a season-high 26 points, hitting four of Orlando's 13 3-pointers.

Golden State's Bob Sura had a steal and layup in the opening minute of the fourth quarter to tie the game at 87. Orlando answered with four 3-pointers — two each by Pat Garrity and Hudson — to make it 100-93.



Sacramento's Chris Webber shoots over Phoenix's Jaka Vukobratovic Saturday in Phoenix.

## Jazz 113, Bulls 111, 07

CHICAGO — John Stockton made three free throws in the final 42 seconds of overtime, and Karl Malone scored 32 as Utah held off Chicago.

Donyell Marshall added 25, including two of Utah's first three baskets in overtime. Scott Padgett tied his career high with 16. The victory was Utah's eighth straight over the Bulls.

Ron Mercer led the Bulls with 29 points, and Ron Artest added 23.

## Pacers 81, Rockets 79

HOUSTON — Jermaine O'Neal scored 28 points, including three in the final 33 seconds, to lead Indiana over Houston.

O'Neal, who also had 15 rebounds, hit a 19-foot jumper with 39 seconds to play to put the Pacers ahead for the first time in the fourth quarter. He then hit one of two free throws with seven seconds to play to make it a two-point game.

Steve Francis and Eddie Griffin led the Rockets with 13 points apiece.

# Upsets abound in men's hoops

## Five favorites fall in top 15 action

CHARLOTTEVILLE, Va. — Julius Hodge scored 21 points on near-perfect shooting, and North Carolina State ended a 13-game losing streak at University Hall, beating No. 4 Virginia 81-74.

The Wolfpack (11-3, 1-1 ACC) led 65-64 with 9:57 to go after a 12-3 run by Virginia, but held the Cavaliers (9-1, 0-1) without a field goal for the next 7:47 while opening a 73-66 lead.

## No. 3 Florida 69, South Carolina 60

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Udonis Haslem had 24 points and 10 rebounds as third-ranked Florida opened defense of its Southeastern Conference championship by beating South Carolina 69-60 Saturday.

The Gators (12-1) won their school-record 11th straight game, building a 31-24 halftime lead and breaking it open with a 12-2 surge late in the second half.

South Carolina (10-4) did a fairly good job of handling Florida's relentless full-court defensive pressure. But the Gamecocks missed 23 of 32 shots in the opening half and shot just 37 percent (23-of-62) for the game.

## Wisconsin 72, No. 7 Illinois 66

MADISON, Wis. — Charlie Wills scored 19 points in the biggest victory yet for Badgers first-year coach Bo Ryan.

The Badgers (8-7, 1-1 Big Ten) have won 10 of their last 12 at home against the Illini (12-3, 1-1), whose six-game winning streak ended.

## Ohio St. 72, No. 9 Iowa 62

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Brian Brown scored 19 points, including 10 in a row in the second half, as Ohio State surprised No. 9 Iowa.

The win was the fourth in a row for the Buckeyes (10-2, 2-0 Big Ten). Iowa (12-1, 1-1) had its six-game

winning streak snapped. Ivey made a career-high four 3-pointers for the Longhorns (9-4), who have won five straight games and eight of 10 against Oklahoma State (13-3). The Cowboys played most of the game without leading scorer Maurice Baker, who was slowed by a strained groin and scored just six points.

## Mississippi St. 74, No. 6 Kentucky 69, 07

STARKVILLE, Miss. — Mario Austin hit his first career 3-pointer with 7 seconds left in regulation, then made five free throws — in overtime — for Mississippi State.

Austin scored a career-high 32 points, and Derrick Zimmerman added 14 for the Bulldogs, who trailed by 16 at halftime.

When the final horn sounded, Austin joined Zimmerman on top of the press table, arms raised, encouraging the near-capacity crowd to join the Bulldogs (14-1) on the court. A few dozen fans did.

## Pittsburgh 77, No. 11 Boston College 74

Pitt led Troy Bell, the Big East's top scorer, without a point for the first 25 minutes to extend its winning streak to nine games and avenge a loss in last year's Big East tournament championship.

Boston College (12-2, 1-1 Big East) had won 25 consecutive games at the Conte Forum since losing to Pitt on Feb. 23, 2000 — the fifth-longest home win streak in the nation.

## No. 13 Cincinnati 72, East Carolina 62

GREENVILLE, N.C. — Steve Logan scored 24 points and hit eight straight free throws in the final 3 minutes as No. 13 Cincinnati held off East Carolina in the Conference USA opener for both teams.

Cincinnati (13-1), which has won 13 straight after opening the season with a loss to Oklahoma State, is off to its best start since opening the 1998-99 season 15-0.

# Connecticut knocks off Tennessee

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Diana Taurasi scored a career-high 32 points as top-ranked Connecticut beat No. 2 Tennessee 86-72 on Saturday to improve to 16-0.

There have been 34 meetings between No. 1 vs. No. 2 in women's college Press rankings since 1979. The No. 1 team has won 19. Five of those 1-2 matchups have been between the Huskies and Lady Vols.

Taurasi, a sophomore, scored 24 points a year ago in the last meeting between the teams, which Tennessee (11-1) won 92-88.

Connecticut leads the series 8-6, and has won both of the last five meetings.

The Lady Vols shot just 27-of-72 from the field, while Connecticut was 32-of-56.

Kara Lawson led the Lady Vols with 17 points.

NEW YORK — Schenem Kimyacioglu scored 14 points in a reserve role, as Stanford extended its winning streak to six games.

T'Nae Thiel and Lindsey Yamasaki each had 11 points for Stanford (14-1), which led 46-31 at halftime. Patsy Williams had 14 points for the Rams (3-9), who have lost five of six games. Lara Hanson had 13 points.

## No. 6 Vanderbilt 77, Penn State 62

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Chantelle Anderson scored a game-high 22 points in front of the largest crowd (9,712) at Memorial Gym this season.

Vanderbilt (13-3) took a 16-6 lead five minutes into the game on Zuzi Klimesova's third basket.

Kelly Mazzante led Penn State (9-6) with 21 points — five below her average of 25.4.

## Kansas St. 89, No. 7 Baylor 75

MANHATTAN, Kan. — Nicole Oltide had 26 points and 13 rebounds in the Wildcats' second straight victory over a Top-10 team.

Oltide hit a turnaround jumper and a free throw with 3:08 to go that gave the Wildcats an eight-point lead and secured Kansas State's 12th straight victory.

Baylor (12-1, 0-1 Big 12) led by as many as 11 points, but the Wildcats (14-1, 2-0) never went away.

## Michigan St. 70, No. 8 Georgia 49

EAST LANSING, Mich. — Syreeta Bromfield had 20 points and nine rebounds in the Spartans' first victory over a non-conference ranked opponent in five years.

The loss was Georgia's worst since a 99-70 defeat at No. 1 Connecticut in last season's opener. Tawana McDonald led the



Connecticut's Diana Taurasi drives against Tennessee Saturday in Knoxville, Tenn. Taurasi scored 32 points to lead Connecticut past Tennessee.

Bulldogs (11-1) with 14 points.

## No. 13 Louisiana Tech 90, UTEP 53

RUSTON, La. — Cheryl Ford had 22 points and 14 rebounds, and Amber Obaze scored 20 as Louisiana Tech won its sixth straight.

Louisiana Tech (9-3, 4-0 Western Athletic) forced 28 turnovers, had 10 steals and outrebounded the Lady Miners 45-31.

Kimya Murray led UTEP (3-8, 1-2) with 20 points.

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## BRIEFLY IN MONEY

### CSI presents series of supervision studies

**TWIN FALLS** - The College of Southern Idaho, in conjunction with Boise State University, will present a four-part series of supervision studies this semester, beginning with Part 1 on Tuesday.

Sherry Rust, training facilitator at CSI's Idaho Small Business Development Center, said the series is designed for beginning supervisors as well as those who will soon assume supervisory roles. Through interactive classes, students will learn to understand and meet customer expectations, deal with the need for higher levels of productivity and employee commitment, and build the skills and confidence needed in all businesses.

Participants will become skilled in leading employees, setting individual, team and organizational performance, she said.

CSI professor and Financial AID Director Colin Randolph, a veteran supervision training instructor, will teach the classes.

"Part 1 - Basic Supervisory Roles and Responsibilities," will meet from 6 to 9 p.m. Tuesdays, Jan. 8-29. Cost-for-each-four-evening program is \$365, which includes all program materials. If three or more employees of one business enroll, each receives a 10 percent fee discount. Classes will be held in Room 276 of the Taylor Administration Building.

Preregistration and prepayment are required. For a syllabus of all four program elements and more information, contact Rust at 733-9554, Ext. 2455, or by e-mail at srust@csi.edu.

### Boise Center hosts 2002 Idaho Horticulture Expo

**BOISE** - The 2002 Idaho Horticulture Expo will be held this weekend at the Boise Centre on the Grove.

Seminar sessions will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Jan. 16 and 9 a.m. to noon Jan. 17 and 18. Sessions for arborists, retail nursery operators, landscape contractors, lawn maintenance firms, nursery stock growers and greenhouse operators are included. Featured speakers will be Charles VanderKooi, Larry Helms and Jim Clark.

The trade show will be held from noon to 5 p.m. Jan. 17 and noon to 4 p.m. Jan. 18.

Exhibitor setup will be from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Jan. 16.

Show coordinator Anne Bates said more than 1,200 attendees come from Idaho, Washington, Oregon, Montana and several other states to participate in industry-related seminars and the more-than-135-booth trade show.

The expo is sponsored by the Idaho Nursery Association. The show is closed to the public.

### CSI's M-C Center holds tax-planning workshop

**BURLEY** - The College of Southern Idaho's Mini-Cassia Center in Burley will hold a one-evening tax-planning workshop Tuesday. The class, coordinated through the Idaho Small Business Development Center at CSI, is designed and priced for small businesses.

Sherry Rust, training facilitator at the ISBDC, said the class will help business owners better understand the taxes they pay and learn about techniques to reduce them. Participants will first understand the tax laws then apply planning strategies that best fit their unique circumstances.

Topics will include recent updates in federal and state tax laws; techniques to defer, reduce and shift taxes; structuring the business entity; choosing and maintaining a record-keeping system; travel, transportation and entertainment expenses; and employee, payroll and independent-contractor issues.

The class will be from 6 to 9:30 p.m. Thursday in Room 114 at the Burley CSI Center. The instructor is Dennis Tilley of Tilley & Co.

Enrollment cost is \$20 per person. Spouses of participants can enroll for \$10. Preregistration and prepayment are required.

For information, contact Rust at 733-9554, Ext. 2455, or by e-mail at srust@csi.edu.

Compiled from staff reports

# New homes lead to record year

## Despite commercial decline, construction in Twin Falls in 2001 hit a four-year high

By Virginia S. Hutchins  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** - Twin Falls' bustling residential sector more than compensated last year for a decline in commercial building and helped the city tally its highest combined construction values of the past four years.

### GOING UP

Home building, in fact, set a new record in 2001 and gave City Hall cause for celebration last week.

Last year's 241 building permits issued for new single-family homes citywide barely bested the previous record of 238 in 1994. The year-to-date total pulled into record-making territory on the final day of the year.

New commercial construction last year was less than half of

Type	Dec. '01	Dec. '00	Full-year 2001	Full-year 2000
New single-family homes	\$1,249,149	\$559,495	\$23,077,234	\$15,130,382
New multifamily units	0	\$303,668	\$3,393,060	\$1,466,800
New commercial projects	0	\$1,392,568	\$7,770,208	\$16,817,496
Commercial alterations/				
additions	\$30,000	\$80,600	\$7,266,777	\$4,020,563
Total	\$1,483,654	\$1,300,769	\$44,220,469	\$40,480,730

\*Including such things as mobile homes, residential alterations/additions and signs

Source: City building department

2000's level. But with housing's help, the value for combined types continued the journey upward that it started in 2000. The city that year had seen its first annual rise in values for combined types since 1994's big spurt of commercial building on Blue Lakes

Boulevard North. December, however, narrowed the city's year-over-year growth. Twin Falls' construction values in December slumped 35.5 percent from the year-earlier total. The city last month issued building permits for projects totaling an estimated \$1.48 million -

that's \$816,908 less than in December 2000 - for combined construction types.

By comparison, the city's year-over performance was up a slight 2.9 percent from December 1999 construction values.

This December's shortfall brought 2001's revised tally of values to \$44.2 million for combined types, compared with \$40.5 million for all of 2000. That's a \$3.7 million advance in construction values, or 9.2 percent.

One major revision in previously-reported 2001-values concerns real estate developer Nielsen & Co.'s Canyon Park East project on the Snake River Canyon's south rim.

"That project was scaled back, so it changed the total value of projects for the year," city build-

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### The historical view

Total construction values and permit numbers for Twin Falls city (January-December totals for all types)

Year	Value	Permits
1990	\$21.94 million	434
1991	\$34.56 million	489
1992	\$47.23 million	555
1993	\$37.94 million	656
1994	\$55.09 million	815
1995	\$50.65 million	741
1996	\$48.28 million	742
1997	\$46.57 million	776
1998	\$39.26 million	740
1999	\$38.66 million	717
2000	\$40.48 million	652
2001	\$44.22 million	732

Source: City Economic Development Director Dave McAlindin

# Softer recession still hurts

Some areas suffer more than in '90-'91

The Associated Press

**NEW YORK** - When Sonja Heinrich was laid off from her job as a machine operator at Briggs & Stratton Corp. in the spring of 2000, she figured it would be just a couple of months before she was called back to work. That hasn't happened yet.

"This time it looks really bleak," said Heinrich, who has endured a number of short-term layoffs in her 23 years with the suburban Milwaukee manufacturing company, including one in the 1990-91 recession.

The big problem this time, she said, is that "no one can tell you when things might turn around."

Economists say the current recession, which began last March, isn't expected to be as deep as the downturn a decade ago. At that time, the nation's unemployment rate rose to 7.8 percent, considerably above the 6.5 percent peak analysts are predicting this year.

But this time, the industrial sector has been especially hard hit, pulled down in part by what Deutsche Banc Alex. Brown economist Edward Yardeni calls "the tech wreck." The National Association of Manufacturers estimates more than 1.2 million manufacturing jobs have been lost so far, more than double the industrial job losses in the early 1990s.

Meanwhile, the hospitality and travel industries have been in a slump since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. But banking and home building, which suffered mightily in 1990-91, are holding up better this time.

In both the last recession and the current downturn, rising interest rates helped induce a national economic slowdown, said Sung Won Sohn, chief economist at Wells Fargo & Co. And there is "external shock," Iraq's invasion of Kuwait in 1990 which destabilized oil markets and last year, the attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon.

"But last time, everything went down together," Sohn said. "This



Greg Feistman, a public relations specialist, worked through the 1990-91 recession at a financial services company but lost his job at an online bank last October.

time, the sectors are taking turns starting with technology, autos, manufacturing, consumer goods."

Another difference is that there are still jobs to be had, he said. "In 1990, if you lost your job, it was very difficult to find a new one. This time, there are openings."

The 44-year-old Heinrich, for example, has been working at a

fast-food restaurant and dipping into her savings while she waits to be called back to Briggs & Stratton.

In Philadelphia, public relations specialist Greg Feistman, 43, worked through the 1990-91 recession at a financial services company but lost his job at an online bank last October. Still, he's confident the Federal

Reserve's aggressive rate cutting last year will boost the economy and his job prospects this year.

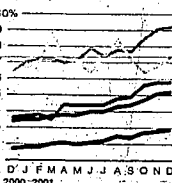
"I'm cautiously optimistic that I'll have something by February," Feistman said. "The rate cuts are starting to take effect. And hiring managers, who put everything on hold after Sept. 11, are starting to make spending decision again."

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### Less Jobs

Here is a look at the unemployment rate by occupation for the past year.

- Occupation
- Farming, forestry, fishing
- Operators, fabricators, laborers
- Precision production, craft, repair
- Technical sales, administrative
- Managerial, professional, specialty



Source: U.S. Department of Labor, BLS

# County near Portland struggles

The Associated Press

**VANCOUVER, Wash.** - A year ago, Dennis Bodeman had a new house in the suburbs and an exciting high-tech job paying \$75,000 a year.

Now he collects unemployment and can't even get a part-time job selling tools at Sears.

"There's nothing, and it's getting worse," Bodeman, who was laid-off this fall because of the recession.

"It's getting worse just about everywhere, but nowhere else in Washington state is the contrast as stark as it is in Clark County, a once-golden place where unemployment has nearly doubled in the past year.

The county borders Portland, Ore., and so is right on the edge

of the state with the nation's worst unemployment, Oregon, and the state with the second-worst, Washington. Clark County's story is the story of western Oregon and Washington - flying high on new money and new technology, then falling hard.

"It's shocking. It's depressing," said Bruce Nimmo, an employment specialist at the Vancouver WorkSource job center, which has been overwhelmed by people like Bodeman. "At this front-line level, it has been devastating."

Clark County's November unemployment rate was 7.3 percent, up from 4 percent a year ago. Nationally, the jobless rate in December was 5.8 percent, the highest in more than six years.

Things in Clark County were

far worse in the early 1980s, when unemployment regularly topped 11 percent. But the early '80s recession inspired Clark County leaders to diversify the economy, which at the time relied primarily on timber and fishing. They formed an economic development council to recruit high-tech companies that would link globally and employ locally.

It was highly successful. Capitalizing on its closeness to airports and its relatively low-price industrial land, Clark County brought in Kycera Corp. - now AVX - which opened a computer chip manufacturing plant in Vancouver in 1984. In 1995, the county scored big with WaferTech, a \$1 billion chip

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# Foreign stocks will stay tricky

By Lisa Singhanla  
The Associated Press

**NEW YORK** - As bad as the U.S. stock markets were in 2001, international markets fared far worse.

But if you're reassessing your portfolio at the start of the new year, there's no reason why you shouldn't consider investing in overseas funds.

Just choose carefully and be sure you're well diversified.

International funds are important to have," said Raymond D. Mignone, a financial planner in Little

Neck, N.Y. "In theory, their performance should be less correlated to the U.S. market, meaning their funds go up and down at different times than U.S. funds."

That was true in 2001. Overall, overseas returns fell an average of 20 percent for the year, compared with a 7.4 percent loss by U.S. diversified equity funds, according to Lipper research. The extent of the declines varied by region; European funds dropped by 20.6 percent, while Latin American funds lost 3.2 percent.

"That uneven performance is one reason why investors should look to broad international funds. If you only invest in one region or country and its economy flags, you're stuck."

"Politics are another wildcard. An investor, for example, who purchased an Argentina-focused fund last year likely lost money since riots resulted in the president stepping down and a likely default on \$132 billion in public debt. A more expansive fund might have cushioned some of those losses."

"By going with a broader approach, you let the portfolio manager make all the asset allocation decisions. They can look for opportunities and avoid risks that an individual investor might miss," said Vincent Willard, portfolio manager for Duncan-Horst International Growth Fund.

Investment style is another variable. So are international funds' top growth stocks, other value.

The size of the companies a fund invests in can also vary, with some portfolio managers focusing on those with small capitalizations, and others on larger caps.

"Over time, the same thing happens internationally as here - small caps do a little better. But the category is still a little more volatile and riskier than bigger stocks," said Don Cassidy, senior analyst at Lipper Research.

# Recession

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The availability of jobs and the Fed rate cuts have helped maintain consumer spending, which accounts for about two-thirds of the economy. While holiday retail sales were lackluster, the auto industry got a boost by offering low or no-interest financing.

As in any recession, some sectors have fared better than others. Banking and other financial services are in better shape now than during the last downturn, said economist Mark Vtiner of Wachovia Securities.

"Back then, the banking system was in very bad shape," he said. Savings and loan associations had so many bad loans on their books that the federal government had to bail them out. Banks also faced mounting loan defaults and sharply reduced lending.

"This time, there's been some increase in problem loans, but not to the extent they would threaten solvency," Vtiner said. "And credit has been available."

The availability of loans at low rates has been a boon to the housing industry, which traditionally has led the economy into recessions — and led it back out.

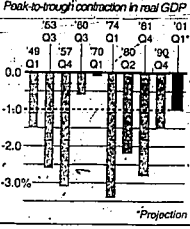
Bruce Smith, a California developer who is president of the National Association of Home Builders, said that in past downturns, builders often suffered as inventories of unsold homes rose to levels that would take nearly 10 months to clear. This recession, the inventory will take just 4.5 months to clear.

"We've had aggressive monetary policy led by the Fed," Smith said. "The administration

## A milder recession

Analysts are saying that the current recession in the United States, which began in March, will be milder than the economic downturn of 1990.

### Economic contractions



SOURCE: Wells Fargo & Co. — AP

came through with tax cuts starting last year and there's a stimulus package pending (in Congress) for this year."

In addition, he said, housing had benefited from "extraordinary demographic" — there's been greater household formation and higher immigration than anticipated, leading to persistent demand.

Manufacturing almost always gets hit in a recession, but this time it got hit sooner and could stay depressed longer, said David Huether, chief economist for the National Association of Manufacturers in Washington, D.C.

# YOUR BUSINESS

## CAREER MOVES

**TWIN FALLS** — Twayne O. Buhler recently attended a two-day training session in Salt Lake City on the Money Trax "Circle of Wealth" software program focusing on client strategies covering wealth accumulation and avoiding unnecessary wealth transfers.

Buhler started in the insurance and investment business in 1971 in Twin Falls. He is a general agent for Midland National Life Insurance Co. and owner of Buhler Insurance Agency, which was founded in 1965 by his father, Jay O. Buhler.

**TWIN FALLS** — Magic Valley native Julie Pence is the new Times-News political reporter. She'll cover the 2002 Idaho



Julie Pence

Legislature, which starts in Boise Monday. For the past eight months she covered education issues for The Times-News. Previously she worked as a correspondent for the newspaper since 1999, covering a variety of topics.

Pence also taught high school for 20 years and worked in the crafting industry for five years. She and her husband, Steve Pence, live near Murtaugh.



Kim Dockstader

**RUPERT** — Western U.S. law firm — Stoel Rives announced the admission of Kim Dockstader — a Mini-Cassia native and Minico High School graduate — to the firm's partnership, practicing in the Boise office. Dockstader counsels and represents clients in employment law and civil litigation. He focuses his counseling practice on private employment in all aspects of employment law affecting their business inter-

ests. He focuses his civil litigation practice on defending employers, including cases in state and federal courts and administrative claims before state and federal agencies, as well as representing business clients in cases involving trade secrets and noncompetition, business torts and commercial disputes. Prior to joining Stoel Rives, he was deputy general counsel with Micron Electronics Inc. (1997 to 2000), and with the law firm of Howard & Hart (1990-97). Dockstader holds his law degree from the University of Utah College of Law. He received his bachelor's degree and graduated magna cum laude from Utah State University in 1987.

## County

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foundry built in Camas. Many more companies came.

People followed the jobs. Clark County was the state's fastest-growing county in 1990s, expanding 45 percent from 238,000 to 345,000 people. The state overall grew by 21 percent during that period.

"Frankly I think we all forgot during the '90s that there are such things as economic cycles," said Bart Phillips, president of the Columbia River Economic Development Council.

The employees of AVX were reminded this year. The company closed the plant and laid off all 700 workers. WaterTech cut 320 jobs, a quarter of its Clark County work force.

Bodemam, 48, got his reminder Sept. 1, when he was laid off from Electronic Data Systems, an information technology company founded by Ross Perot. Bodemam had moved from Portland to help EDS sell and install computer systems for auto dealers.

"The benefits package was just so far superior. I traveled all over the country — there was just so much exciting about it," he recalled. "It was a fun job, a lot of work."

He still wears his business-casual attire these days when he goes to scan the job listings at Vancouver WebSource; khakis, a sweater and wingtips. But he has had no reason to polish the shoes lately.

All of EDS' competitors are laying off, and Bodemam has not found anything in information technology. He has a background in sales, so he contacted every auto dealer in Vancouver, but no

one was hiring. He tried to find retail work, even a seasonal job — nothing.

"All you hear about every day is layoffs," Bodemam said. "I was never scared, but I'm scared now."

Nimmo, the employment specialist, said the desperation level is rising. He recently helped a computer programmer with a classically trained voice get a job as a singing telegram messenger.

"Before Sept. 11 things were sliding, and since September 11's just been downhill fast," Nimmo said. "People are in danger of losing their houses. They say, 'I'm willing to do anything.'"

The downturn is straining Clark County's social services network. While people like Bodemam may get by for a few months on unemployment and savings, laid-off workers further down the economic ladder are not making it.

"The homeless shelters are turning away record numbers of single women, single men and families with children," said Michael Piper, Clark County director of social services. Food banks are also overwhelmed, and Piper said he expects mental health and addiction-treatment services to see the effects in the new year.

Instead of just trying to ride it out, Phillips' economic development council is aggressively recruiting companies again, a practice it suspended in the 1990s. Now, as in the '80s, the county can brag of a large, available work force.

"That's a key strategic advantage," Phillips said. "We're well-positioned."

## CONTRIBUTIONS



The Helping Hands Mission in Burley receives a holiday gift from employees and customers of the Burley Wal-Mart store. Wal-Mart Manager Troy Richards presents Cody Thornton of Helping Hands Mission with a check for \$1,088.13 as part of a nationwide charity effort.

Dec. 1, Wal-Mart stores nationwide held a promotion to donate a percentage of sales to charities in their communities.

This was the effort's 11th Christmas season. Last year, companywide holiday contributions to local nonprofit organizations totaled more than \$5.2

million. This year, the Burley store's employees selected Helping Hands Mission as a beneficiary of the annual holiday fund-raiser.

Wal-Mart said employees picked that charity because of the tremendous contribution it makes to the community.

## Construction

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ing official Marianne Barker said. A building permit issued in June for just the shell of Neilsen's Canyon Park LLC retail building listed 138,152 square feet for stores, plus 3,831 square feet canopy, for a total value of \$3,758 million. But the developer in early November revised those plans to 99,152 square feet for stores, 3,063 square feet of canopy and a \$2,701 million value, Barker said.

Year-end results reflect that million-dollar change.

The city's total houses in 2000 had risen a more modest 4.7 percent from 1999 levels. The new residential side showed an expansion in both home numbers and values in December, finishing the year with 241 new single-family homes averaging \$95,755 in value. Those numbers are up 43.5 percent and 6.3 percent, respectively, from 2000 results.

December's number of permits for new single-family homes in the city rose from just seven a year ago, and nine the year before that, to 10.

"And that's a lot for December," Barker said. And those Twin Falls homes' average estimated value shot up 12.8 percent to \$89,223 in December from the \$79,069 of December 2000, when values had

### Recent numbers

Twin Falls' total construction values in last-hal 2001 — stacked up against the same months in 1999:

Dec. '01	▼ 38 percent
Nov. '01	▲ 88 percent
Oct. '01	▲ 95 percent
Sept. '01	▼ 37 percent
Aug. '01	▲ 5 percent
July '01	▲ 6 percent

plummeted 38 percent from a year earlier.

The city issued no permits for new multifamily units last month. So the year ended with permits for 68 such housing units. That's up from 28 units in 2000 and 21 in 1999.

The commercial sector trickled a few projects into December's numbers. They included a \$20,000 remodeling as a tenant improvement for a Back Country Outfitters store at 2333 Addison Ave. E., and a \$10,000 remodeling for a new Java Jungle coffee shop and drive-up window at 1970 Addison Ave. E.

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## Western Center establishes grant for risk management

The Times-News

**TWIN FALLS** — The Western Center for Risk Management Education has established a competitive grants program to train agricultural producers and their families to use improved risk management practices.

The Western Center will award \$313,000 for risk management education projects to be conducted before May 30, 2003, in Idaho and 12 other Western states.

The request for proposal is available online at <http://westme.wsu.edu/funding/>. Eligible applicants include any public or private sector organization with the ability to deliver risk management education to agricultural producers and their families and who also have the financial capacity to receive grant money and provide appropriate training for its use.

The Western Center's Risk Management Education grant awards process contains:

- documenting these results.
- partnerships to assure ongoing program successes.
- a range of risk management tools and approaches including the inclusion of family-stability issues in risk management education.

A short preproposal must be submitted by Feb. 15. Training for prospective applicants will be offered via a satellite broadcast and Web streaming Jan. 22. Details and all application materials will be available on the center's Web page.

For more information contact The Western Center for Risk Management Education, Washington State University Cooperative Extension, 222 N. Havana, Spokane, Wash., 99202; (509) 477-2188; fax (509) 477-2197; or e-mail [WestRME@wsu.edu](mailto:WestRME@wsu.edu).

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## MILESTONES

### Subway wins top franchise opportunity honors again

**TWIN FALLS** — Subway Restaurants said it was named the No. 1 franchise opportunity for 2002 by Entrepreneur Magazine in its 23rd annual Franchise 500 ranking.

This honor has been awarded to the Subway chain, which includes 10 restaurants in the Twin Falls market, 10 of the past 14 years. Subway was the first franchise to receive the distinction for four consecutive years — which it did twice, 1988-91 and 1993-96.

Subway said its same-store sales are growing at a rate that is seven times the average of the top 50 fast-food companies, which include such giants as McDonald's, Burger King, Wendy's and Taco Bell.

"Subway's growth rate is unprecedented for a chain of our size in the quick-service restaurant business where many of the industry's giants are struggling," said Bill Schettini, chief marketing officer of Doctor's Associates Inc., the franchisor of Subway.

The record number of Subway franchises sold in a single calendar year was broken recently — with more than 2,000 sold worldwide in 2001. The previous record of 1,923 was set in 1994.

### Sonic Corp. announces record first-quarter results

**TWIN FALLS** — Oklahoma City-based Sonic Corp. said its record first-quarter revenues and profits reflected an acceleration in same-store sales during

November, increased new unit openings and improved profitability at the restaurant level.

The company, whose franchises recently opened Sonic's first Twin Falls location — also noted systemwide sales for the 12-month period that ended Nov. 30 surpassed \$2 billion; Sonic's annual systemwide sales topped the \$1 billion mark five years ago.

Net income for the first quarter increased 12 percent to \$9.6 million from \$8.5 million in the same period last year and rose 10 percent on a diluted-per-share basis to 34 cents

from 31 cents. Revenues for the first quarter were up 23 percent to \$873 million compared with \$71 million in the first quarter last year. Systemwide same-store sales for the first quarter rose 2.1 percent.

"We are pleased with our first-quarter results, particularly the strong momentum that characterized our operations as the quarter ended," said Clifford Hudson, chairman and chief executive. "After a somewhat sluggish sales environment during September and October, same-store sales accelerated nicely during November and, for the month, were significantly ahead of our targeted range by 2 percent to 4 percent. These strong sales results continued in December and reflect the continued success of our core sales-driving strategies, which also produced a 4.8 percent gain in same-store sales during the last six months of fiscal 2001."

Hudson said promotions and new-product news, coupled with higher media expenditures, drove higher sales in the quarter.

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# Wyoming man's mapmaking business thrives

Charts help firms find coal, natural gas

GILLETTE, Wyo. (AP) — Looking through an office window across the expansive grasslands of his family's South African ranch, Craig Knight could spot kudu, impala and warthogs foraging across the range land his family used to raise beefmaster cattle.

He came to the United States in 1958 and began to seek out knowledge from American ranchers about the beef industry he could take home.

Traveling from West Lafayette, Ind., Knight made his way from ranch to ranch learning as much as he could.

Then he arrived in Wyoming. Something about the Powder River Basin's wide-open grasslands reminded him of South Africa.

Looking across the mineral-rich basin, Knight saw more than cows, antelope and ranches; he saw opportunity.

Coal mines were increasing production and environmental reclamation and the natural gas industry was just getting started.

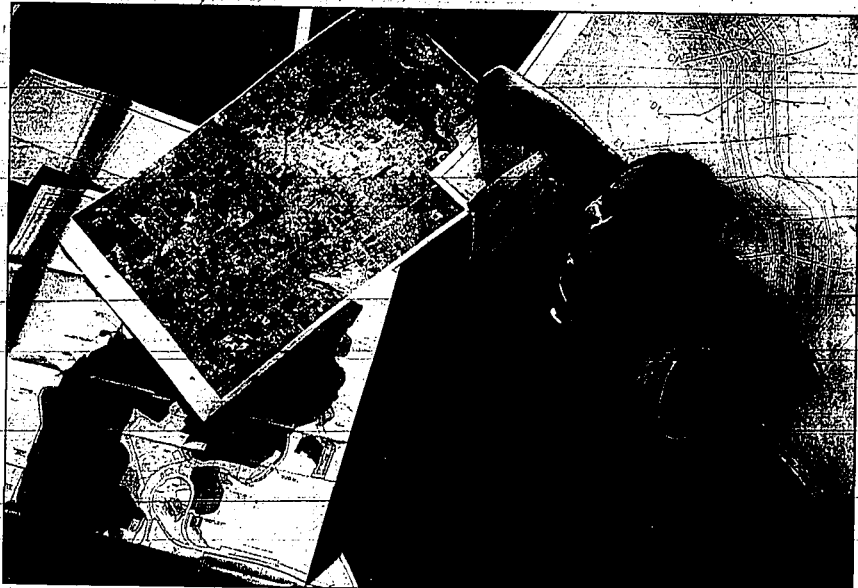
Mineral companies needed skilled mappers to plot and locate facilities, drainages and help plan development.

So, he ended up staying and undertook a new career in computer-aided drafting and geographical mapping. He now has his own company, Knight Technologies Inc., which he runs with his wife.

Now, looking out the window of his office in Gillette, Knight has the privileged perspective of seeing those early opportunities realized, even beyond what he expected.

"I knew coal-bed methane was going to take off, but I had no idea it would take off as it has," he said. "I don't even think the operators knew."

For this mapping business, the goal was the coal mining, to develop site mine plans and do



Craig Knight sits at his desk with geologic cross sections, topographic maps and color infrared images on Dec. 6 at his company, Knight Technologies Inc. in Gillette, Wyo. Knight, a native of South Africa, founded the company to plot and locate facilities for coal and natural gas businesses.

reclamation work," Knight said. While coal mines are the mainstay of the business — Knight Technologies has all but two of the basin's coal mines for clients — work in the coal-bed methane industry is what is allowing it to grow.

Knight Technologies is looking to double its staff to six, with an administrative assistant, an engineer and a computer-aided design and geographic information systems specialist.

It has grown out of the cozy 1,500 square-foot office and is

preparing to move into a 2,600 square-foot office space nearby.

New development is the key to Knight Technologies' coal-bed methane business. For every new coal-bed methane project targeting federal minerals, operators must submit a water management plan that details the location of the wells, pipelines, roads, water discharge points and reservoirs.

Surveyors send Knight e-mail attachments or computer disks full of unformatted data x, y and z coordinate points, relating with

near pinpoint precision longitude, latitude and elevation of the land, wells, pipelines and roads.

Knight Technologies takes that information and, depending on the desired output, maps or plots the raw data on a grid, topographic map or aerial satellite photograph.

John Dolinar is an engineer with William H. Smith, a surveyor company from Green River, who has been in Gillette on a temporary coal-bed methane job for the past year and expects to

be here another year.

The company has used Knight Technologies for the last year to map and plot all the projects that its draftsmen can't handle.

"Primarily we use them because we need additional help. They assist us in preparing maps by placing the data we generate," he said. "I think they're the only ones in the area doing that. The rest are engineering consultants that work in Gillette."

They have a better way to integrate with different systems than most of us do."

Pennaco Energy has started making more use not only the mapping capabilities of Knight Technologies, but also its database management skills, as well.

"This is the only company that I have seen in the area that make databases talk to each other and they are probably one of the better ones," said John Kawcak, Pennaco's drilling and construction manager.

Knight has just completed a project that allows Pennaco's GIS "smart maps" to automatically update weekly, inserting nested data into the map, like layers in a cake.

With data from local conservation districts and independent soil scientists, "smart maps" also can nest information on soil chemistry and susceptibility to erosion.

Methane companies can use these maps to help determine where to discharge water and where not to, Knight said.

But it is not just the mineral industry that have found the services useful.

Knight has been approached by ranchers and landowners who are interested in doing an inventory of their lands before methane wells start producing.

Knight uses enhanced satellite images taken from space to map vegetation and drainages that can be used as a baseline measurement once methane development begins.

While coal-bed methane activity has allowed Knight Technologies to expand, recent price drops and volatility in the natural gas market don't have Knight too worried.

"Don't think that the price is going to affect growth, because we're all targeting the long term and diversifying," he said.

"Five years ago, they said it would last five years, and now they're saying it will last another five to 10 years still, he said Knight said his plan is to stick around and grow.

"I love it out here, it is a small town with wide open spaces and very similar to parts of South Africa, except for the winters."

# Recession drives home benefit of shopping for insurance

By Patricia V. Rivera  
The Dallas Morning News

Peggy Christensen had long taken health insurance for granted. Even though her husband is self-employed, she'd always been able to enroll her entire family in her employer-sponsored plan.

Then in March, she lost her job and the family's safety net was pulled out from under them.

"We've been without insurance since then," said Christensen, 37, a former manager at a technology consulting firm.

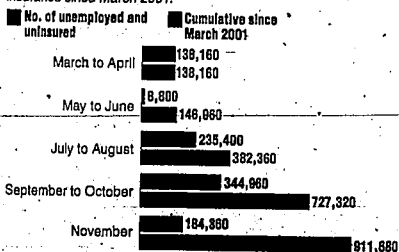
The number of Americans losing their jobs and their health insurance continues to increase in the wake of the economic recession and the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

An estimated 911,680 people have lost their health coverage and their jobs between March and November, according to the consumer health organization Families USA. And individual insurance is in the spotlight nationally, as the Bush administration and some members of Congress push tax credits as a way to help Americans buy insurance.

But it's no longer just the unemployed who are shopping in the individual market. More products and services are becoming available as double-digit increases in premiums force some workers to abandon their employer-sponsored plans for cheaper options in the individual

## Uninsured workers

Number of workers who have lost their health insurance since March 2001:



Source: Families USA  
Graphic: The Dallas Morning News

market, said Sterling Squires, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas' executive director of individual market.

Entrepreneurs, the self-employed and small business groups are also comparing benefit and premium data.

"Two years ago, people wanted access to the broadest network with the richest set of benefits and lowest deductible. Today they're looking for other ways to meet that cost and lower the monthly premium a little bit," Squires said. "We've seen some turn to the individual market."

One thing most experts agree

on: You should avoid going without insurance — waiting until a condition develops will end up costing you more money.

If you lose your job, employers must tell you that you're entitled to continue your health care coverage through COBRA, which stands for the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act.

Under COBRA, employers must offer you the opportunity to continue health coverage for at least 18 months. You pay the full health insurance premium, plus a 2 percent administrative fee that your former employer may charge. This is often a consumer's most expensive option.

Christensen said she was told she'd have to pay \$635 a month for COBRA, when she was accustomed to paying about \$150 monthly for her employer-sponsored plan.

"When you're out of work, that's a lot of money and it's often not an option," she said.

The lack of coverage has meant she has had to put off an annual exam and has paid \$45 for her two daughter's pediatric visits for routine runny noses and scratchy throats. Each incident puts her on pins and needles.

An estimated 34 percent of the unemployed lack insurance compared with 14 percent of the general population. Part of the reason is wishful thinking.

"I keep thinking I'm going to get a job any day now. Before I knew it nine months had passed," she said.

Now Christensen faces the seemingly daunting task of purchasing insurance in the individual market.

Shopping for health insurance is tricky because coverage and costs vary from company to company, said Joseph A. Luchok of the Washington-based Health Insurance Association of America, a trade group for health insurers.

"In evaluating policies, consider what medical services are covered, what benefits are paid and how much you must pay in deductibles and coinsurance," he said.

The good news for consumers is that they have more choices than in past years.

For instance, Blue-Cross and Blue Shield of Texas just launched a more economic version of one of its preferred provider organization plans.

Online companies such as eHealthInsurance.com or InsWeb.com can be a starting point to check out prices and policies.

Health insurance plan options for individuals usually fall into one of the following categories:

- Indemnity plans (sometimes called fee-for-service), which allow consumers to use any medical provider (such as a doctor or hospital). But you usually have to

foot the bill up front. Under indemnity plans, insurers pay their portion only after they receive a bill. The insurer generally pays 80 percent of the usual and customary cost, and you pay the other 20 percent, which is known as coinsurance.

The plan will pay for the charges for medical tests and prescriptions as well as from doctors and hospitals. It may not pay for some preventive care, such as checkups.

- Preferred provider organizations have arrangements with doctors, hospitals and other care providers who have agreed to accept lower fees from the insurer for their services. Plan members can see other doctors, including ones outside the plan, for higher fees. Consumers have less paperwork and lower out-of-pocket costs with a PPO.

- Medical discount cards, although not considered an actual insurance plan, are another option. A growing number of companies — invariably found on the Internet — advertise that by paying \$100 to \$800 per year, cash-paying customers can receive a discount from participating doctors, hospitals, pharmacies and other health care providers.

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California joins fight on 'predatory lending'

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) - Beatrice Fee once owned a house and a restaurant and even had money in the bank.

Then a creditor's suit forced her into bankruptcy. Still needing to borrow to save the restaurant property, she jumped on an attractive loan offer from Spartan Home Loan.

But the final terms were not what she hoped for, and they kept getting tougher as she borrowed more. In the end, she said, she wound up paying \$85,000 to borrow \$12,000 for the next year, without reducing the principal.

"This was not a loan company," said Fee, 66, of Marysville. "This was a loan shark."

Spartan, based in Sacramento, denies it took advantage of Fee's circumstances. But her story and others like it helped persuade California to impose new restrictions on what critics call predatory lending.

Predatory lending costs borrowers more than \$9 billion a year in excessive fees and interest rates, according to a recent study by banking data by the North Carolina-based Coalition for Responsible Lending. With nearly 10 percent of the loan market, California is absorbing nearly \$1 billion of that total.

Fees' testimony has recently sparked action by several states and cities, as well as state lending companies themselves.

The law adopted in California, after five false starts, follows North Carolina's enactment of an even tougher measure that took effect last year. Consumer groups loosely long-stalled action in some other states.

Both California's and North Carolina's laws limit fees, prepayment penalties, so-called "balloon" payments and single-premium credit insurance that requires purchasers to borrow the full premium and repay it with interest. Traditional mortgages, by contrast, sometimes require insurance paid in monthly installments that aren't financed.

Illinois this year adopted new predatory restrictions, following the lead of Chicago, which along with Oakland, Calif., and Washington, D.C., has adopted ordinances banning predatory lending practices.

The new California law comes shortly after state regulators ordered two subsidiaries of Household International - the nation's oldest and second-largest subprime lender, active in 46 states - to refund more than \$1.5 million in excessive administration fees, late charges and prepayment penalties.

Household International has been targeted as a predatory lender for months by ACORN, the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now, a national organization based in Little Rock, Ark., that is pressing for changing finance regulation. Household spokeswoman

Megan Hayden denied the company engaged in predatory lending through its Beneficial and Household Finance subsidiaries, even as she pointed to steps the company took this year to end some of its most criticized practices.

Hayden said the problem involved not her company, but "rogue lenders." Government regulators say predatory lenders often target the poor, racial and ethnic minorities, seniors and single women.

Fee said she lost her house, and has been forced to take a job as a live-in aide to pay off the loan, as well as some \$25,000 she

borrowed from friends and relatives. She managed to hang on to the restaurant site.

"I was one of the fortunate ones who was able to keep my property. It's devastating to talk to people who have lost everything."

*"I was one of the fortunate ones who was able to keep my property. It's devastating to talk to people who have lost everything."*

- Beatrice Fee, who claims to be the victim of a predatory loan

Lenders, including Spartan Home Loan, said over-regulation will only discourage lending to people who really need it. Subprime loans, which traditionally carrying stricter terms, go to people with tarnished credit ratings.

"Conventional sources of financing would not have been available to Beatrice Fee," said Ron Bieber of Spartan Home Loans.

He said the Sacramento firm fully disclosed its terms to Fee but acknowledged it would likely change its practices because of the new law.

Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan and Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation Director Anna Escobedo Cabral have warned repeatedly that poorer neighborhoods could be devastated by the concentration of high monthly mortgage payments and resulting flurry of foreclosures.

"Borrowers learn too late that they have entered a cycle of indebtedness that is almost impossible to escape," Tanous said.

The spiral often begins with an unsolicited appeal by mail, e-mail, telemarketer or door-to-door salesman, frequently urging homeowners to use the equity in their home to pay off other loans.

Subprime loans account for 13 percent of home loans nationwide, a U.S. Treasury Department study found last year. The \$370 billion market was up tenfold between 1994 and 1999, the study found.

Because subprime loans go to people with less-than-stellar credit, it defaults tend to be higher than for conventional borrowers. When that happens, it can affect the lending institutions.

Last July, the Superior Bank in Hinsdale, Ill., was declared insolvent by the Office of Thrift Supervision after subprime loans worth \$1.2 billion in a month, shares in Provident fell sharply and its chief executive resigned amid mounting losses in its subprime credit card portfolio.



Stephen Berman, president and CEO of JAKKS Pacific, the country's fifth-largest toy producer, stands with one of their toys, 'Limbo Legs,' on his shoulder in the company showroom in Malibu, Calif., Dec. 7.

BIG BUSINESS IN TOYS

Malibu toymakers is nation's fifth-largest six years after founding

MALIBU, Calif. (AP) - With its stunning view of Malibu's sun-drenched shore, the glass-fronted office building tucked into a hillside off Pacific Coast Highway gives no hint of the child-oriented activity inside.

It's home to JAKKS Pacific Inc., a 6-year-old company that has risen to the nation's fifth-ranked maker of so-called traditional toys. With some 4,500 products, more than 70 percent of them priced at less than \$10, JAKKS racked up sales last year of \$252 million. It's gunning to push that to \$1 billion in 2002 or thereabouts.

With licenses to market World Wrestling Federation action figures and use the images of kids TV icons like Barney, the Power Rangers, Blues Clues, SpongeBob SquarePants and Sesame Street characters on many of its products, management says JAKKS is poised for phenomenal growth.

Along with its lofty sales goals, JAKKS stock price on the Nasdaq exchange (symbol JAKK) more than tripled in 2001, from \$8.25 on Jan. 2, 2001, to \$25 in early December. But it fell back to below \$19 after three analysts downgraded its rating to neutral when it hit their \$25 target price.

"It was really basically a price call. We thought there was some momentum money on the stock and it was time to say goodbye," said William Gibson, senior analyst with Banc of America Securities in San Francisco. "But I like JAKKS a lot. I think over time JAKKS gets a lot bigger."

JAKKS isn't concentrating on creating the big-selling hot toy in the market. "Our mentality has been since

inception not betting on home runs. We bet on singles and doubles, that's been our philosophy from day one," said Stephen Berman, JAKKS' 37-year-old president, chief operating officer and co-founder. "Our goal for the next two to three years is to get to \$1 billion in sales. With our organic growth and our acquisition growth, we can get to that level. We know we have the infrastructure to do it, and now we just have to execute."

The company, named for the small metal toys kids throw, went public nine months after it was launched in 1995. Since then it has acquired eight other toy makers, all with the goal of building evergreen products to challenge those of its larger competitors.

It's branded divisions include Flying Colours, Road Champs, Child Guidance, Remco, Color Club and Pentech.

A big key to JAKKS' success was its early acquisition of licenses to make World Wrestling Federation action figures. In the fiercely competitive toy industry, the WWF put JAKKS on the map. "At the time, the WWF was to JAKKS what Barbie is to Mattel or what GI Joe is to Hasbro," Berman said. "Barbie allowed Mattel to acquire companies ... (major toy makers) Fisher Price, Milton Bradley and Tyco. GI Joe did the same for Hasbro."

With new toys out as often as every six weeks, the WWF franchise remains a major part of

JAKKS' steady business. But it has lots of company. Goozee, a slimy activity compound that isn't messy when played with and which comes in an array of bright colors as well as glitter, metallic, glow-in-the-dark and scented formulations, was the country's hottest-selling activity toy for most of last year. Its sales doubled in 2001.

Using an array of characters from cable TV's Nickelodeon channel and PBS' "Barney" and "Sesame Street," JAKKS markets all manner of arts and crafts materials, notebooks, folders, writing paper, colors, pens, many with glitter or scented jell ink.

The company's newer items include BattleBots and JunkYard Wars toys based on a popular Comedy Central TV show; It's A Girl Thing; fashion-activity products for pre-teens; Limbo Legs, a line of long-legged plush animals; and Skweezee, a material that children mold into imaginary toys. JAKKS claims it's easier to handle than Play Dough, the top seller.

In a joint venture with Calabasas-based game maker THQ Inc., JAKKS will market a line of WWF computer games next year, all formatted for Microsoft's Xbox, Sony Play Station 2 and the other new electronic game platforms.

The toys are designed in Malibu, manufactured in the Orient and shipped directly to Toys 'R Us, Wal-Mart, Target,

Knart and other mega retailers. Jack Friedman, JAKKS' chairman and CEO, co-founded the company with Berman. The two best friends for many years, worked together at THQ, which Friedman headed and took public in the early '90s. Friedman also launched LNC Toys, which made E.T., Michael Jackson and Brooke Shields dolls in the late 1970s and early '80s.

With about 250 employees, JAKKS can make new-product decisions quickly, an imperative in the toy business, Berman said. When it acquired Pentech, a maker of some 600 paper and writing instrument products, last year JAKKS moved quickly to trim its line to 200 products. The two think that will spur the division's growth and profitability.

With nearly \$100 million in cash, an unused \$50 million credit line and almost no debt, JAKKS aggressively is looking to buy more companies. "So why did analysts suddenly downgrade its stock? Bob DeLeon of Morgan Keegan in Memphis said he made the call because he thought the price run-up was over and because Friedman and Berman reported selling big blocks of stock in October."

"You kind of say why are you guys taking so many chips off the table if business is so good?" DeLeon said. "I didn't see anything wrong, but just felt like the stock got fully priced." Investors overreacted, DeLeon said. He believes the business is solid and that the stock will quickly recover much of its loss.

Berman echoed that, saying good toys will always have lots of buyers. "Everyone relates to children," he says. "What's better than giving pleasure to kids?"

National taxpayer advocate lists Americans' complaints

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON - Last year, a mother of five, separated from her husband and earning \$45,000, had to pay \$1,850 in alternative minimum tax under a law meant to keep the rich from using too many tax breaks.

The year before, about 7.5 million taxpayers made math mistakes on their returns, nearly half of them related to just five sections of the voluminous tax law.

Since July 1998, 354,900 taxpayers have been claimed to be "innocent spouses" - meaning their current or former spouses should pay all the tax. Just processing such claims - half of which are rejected outright - requires the equivalent of 887 Internal Revenue Service employees working full time. E. Olson then says here? Nina E. Olson, the national taxpayer advocate at the IRS, concludes in her annual report to Congress that the tax laws are too complex and confusing and that the IRS does less than a terrific job helping taxpayers through the maze.

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phone. The others included defining a "qualifying" dependent child, determining and documenting eligibility for the earned income tax credit, getting a question answered on the telephone on understanding estimated tax payments, and inquiring about refunds. "Too many taxpayers are impacted by the problems ... and the IRS expends too much in the way of resources to ensure compliance, for Congress not to act," Olson said in recommending changes. While tax simplification is widely endorsed, it is rarely enacted. In April, for example, the staff of Congress' Joint Committee on Taxation issued a three-volume study of the tax code pointing out many of the same deficiencies and urging change. A month later, Congress passed a giant tax-cut bill so full of twists and turns, phase-ins, phase-outs and other oddities that nearly 10 million taxpayers later even experts say they haven't fully figured it out. Olson said Tuesday she is aware of such political realities, so

"We really tried to write this so it would be actionable." "The hope is by making this so clear that (Congress) would be left with saying, 'The only reason why we don't enact this is we don't have any money,'" Olson said. "To try to deal with that objection, she said, a number of the proposals are segmented so that they could be done in pieces, depending on available resources. The report proposes reforms in six key areas: Family-status issues (child dependency, head-of-household filing status and related matters). Joint and several liability, in which both spouses are fully liable for all the couple's taxes.

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- The alternative minimum tax (AMT) for individuals. Penalties and interest. Issues involving home-based workers. IRS collection procedures.

For example, Olson said, "in a perfect world," the AMT would be repealed. But that would cost the government billions of dollars. So the report recommends various alternatives: indexing the tax for

inflation, establishing an income threshold below which it would not apply, and eliminating items such as personal exemptions or state and local deductions as factors in calculating AMT liability.

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# Odor, smoke will top ag agenda at Idaho Statehouse

**RUPERT** - New rules regarding odor and smoke management will rise to the top of both the House and Senate agricultural committees' agendas, one local legislator predicts.

Rep. Doug Jones from Filer expects those to be two of the most controversial agricultural issues in front of the Idaho Legislature this session. Joint House and Senate ag committee hearings on the issues have been scheduled for the third week of the session, Jones told conservation district leaders during a legislative update meeting on Wednesday.

Legislators knew when they passed the odor management legislation a year ago that they'd be revisiting the issue. The legislation, which covers all agricultural odors not just dairy odors, went into effect July 1.

The Agricultural Department issued odor management rules in mid-September.

John Chatburn, who oversees the odor management rules for the state Agriculture Department, told both legislators and conservation leaders that it's not fair to judge the program based on the first year. The law didn't go into effect until the middle of the odor season, and rules weren't in place until near the end of the season. This year will be a better test of the program, he said.



Odor from animal feeding operations will be one of the most discussed issues at the Idaho Legislature this year.

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## Cattle industry will work to implement resolutions

**JEROME** - "We'll take our issues from your house to the Statehouse to the White House," said Dave Nelson, president of the Idaho Cattlemen's Association and a Mackay rancher. Nelson referred to issues that made the priority list during a leadership meeting in Twin Falls in December.

Although 129 resolutions were generated by ICA membership for 2002, some moved to the top of the priority short list.

The fight for private property is a front seat issue for ICA in 2002. The association wants an amendment to Idaho's constitution to legally define partial land takings.

The amendment would require just compensation to the landowner for such takings.

## Farm bill, trade top grain industry's agenda for '02

**BOISE** - Trade issues and a new farm bill will continue to dominate the grain industry's political agenda in 2002.

Neither are new issues, but both have new relevance in

today's world.

The 1996 Farm Bill is scheduled to expire in September of this year.

Steve Johnson, executive director of the Idaho Grain Producers Association, said grain producers will carry the same message to Washington, D.C., in 2002 that they've carried for the last three years. That message includes for a continuation of fixed payments, counter-cyclical payments for periods of low prices, a bump in the loan rate and equity among all program commodities.

## Expert warns potato growers not to over plant

**RUPERT** - Even though the price of potatoes has come up within the past few weeks, growers are cautioned to not over plant which would bring the market back into a state of oversupply.

Dennis Herbold, president of Max Herbold, Inc., said every time the price comes up a little bit growers have a tendency to plant too many during the following season.

But he did not know if demand would be strong enough to con-

tinue to bring prices up.

The pent-up demand generated by the holidays was one reason for the price rise. If demand continues, price could continue to climb.

## Sugar beet growers anticipate improvement

**RUPERT** - The outlook for sugar beets in 2002 appears to be good.

"I think there's going to be an improvement," said Perry Meuleman, president of the Idaho Sugarbeet Growers Association and Treasurer of the American Sugarbeet Growers

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Prices have come up from about \$31 per ton to about \$36 to \$38 per ton this year, and Meuleman sees the possibility of another \$2 to \$3 per ton improvement.

## Economist expects average year for dairy producers

**BOISE** - With a reasonable feed cost outlook and near average milk prices, 2002 "should be a decent year for most Northwest dairy producers," said C. Wilson Gray, University of Idaho extension agricultural economist. "It probably just won't be a record-setting one."

The November 2001 price for manufacturing grade-milk was \$11.31 per hundredweight - very near the five-year average and above the November price for the previous two years, Gray said. December's price should be "near-average" as well, and, indeed, prices throughout 2002 "may be more 'average' than not."

Currently, the USDA is forecasting manufacturing grade milk prices to bounce between \$10.50 and \$12.70 per cwt. during 2002.

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## Utah struggles to fill abundant office space

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One of Utah's claims to fame during the booming 1990s was the proliferation of telephone-call centers of every size and type.

Some of the dozens of centers along the Wasatch Front handled incoming calls for credit card companies and other financial services businesses. Others used employees to peddle everything from magazine subscriptions to satellite television service.

Today, however, empty call centers abound, the victims of the nationwide recession and the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. The 11 largest empty centers total nearly 340,000 square feet.

Space once occupied by call centers is among a growing amount of office space along the Wasatch Front that has become vacant over the past year as companies in a variety of industries scaled back to cut costs.

"A lot of the space that is available now used to be occupied by dot-coms, high-tech firms and other types of companies that are downsizing right now," said Rich Nordlund, office specialist with commercial brokerage Colliers Commerce CRG in Salt Lake City. "There is enough space available now that landlords are starting to give more concessions

- free rent, improvements, whatever - to attract tenants."

While some buildings in downtown Salt Lake City have only small portions of their structures vacant, some buildings near Salt Lake City International Airport are one-third to one-half empty. Colliers Commerce estimates the vacancy rate for Salt Lake County climbed to just over 12 percent last year, up from 8.7 percent the previous year.

The problem of excess office space is not unique to Utah. Office markets throughout the United States are struggling with a surplus of space. As in other states, companies operating in Utah that have closed down entire divisions in Utah - or entire companies - are responsible for emptying large blocks of space that in the near term have little chance of being leased.

One example is Starwood Hotels and Resorts Worldwide Inc., which closed a call center in Salt Lake City during the holidays and laid off all 375 workers due in part to reduced demand for hotel rooms following the events of Sept. 11.

Struggling Teltrust early last year abruptly emptied offices in Salt Lake City and Clearfield that employed more than 700 people.

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Is talk of an economic recovery pie in the sky?

NEW YORK — Travel spending is often first to be cut from a family or corporate budget when the economy is holed, and the last to be restored when business is on the mend.

As a result, economists have watched for rebounds in the airline industry as one way to detect when a fledgling economic turnaround firmly takes root. That is still the case today, although the signs have become murkier in the wake of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, which damaged travel more than any other industry and left a legacy of fear that has kept many people out of the skies and close to home.

Most major carriers have a long way to go before they return to profitability. But the fact that passenger demand appears to be steadily improving since the dramatic drop-off immediately after the attacks is an indication that Americans might be feeling comfortable again about traveling for work and play.

Combined with the expectation that economic losses will stabilize and consumer confidence will continue to hold up, market gurus consider this to be important evidence of a recovering, if anemic, economy.

"Things have definitely begun to improve," said Sherry Cooper, global economic strategist for Harris Bank of Chicago. "What we see is that the big decline in air travel has leveled off."

Airline executives said planes were 90 percent full during peak hours of the latest holiday travel period and preliminary results show December might be the third month in a row for which they improved on a month-to-month basis.

Industrywide carrying capacity remains down about 16 percent and multimillion dollar losses are accruing daily, but the passenger demand trend is moving in the right direction, Cooper added.

"In a sense, it can be seen as a leading economic indicator because it is discretionary spending," she said. In fact, airlines had been reporting quarterly losses long before Sept. 11 — and several months before March of last year, when the recession officially started — because of curtailed spending by business travelers.

Age discrimination can be subtle or overt

The Washington Post

On the job regularly hears from older workers about perceived slights in the workplace and, with the economy limping along, the difficulties they encounter as they attempt to change careers or get a new job after being laid off.

Of course, a perception of discrimination does not always a lawsuit make. But older workers can anticipate some age-related situations and be prepared to deal with them. Q: I applied for a job with a contractor for the National Institutes of Health, a subsidiary of one of the largest communications firms in the world. After the first interview with someone who may, at most, be 25 years old (I am 47), I was told by the human resources person that the manager said I was her top choice. I was asked a second interview with the HR person, who only question to me was "How do you feel working for someone so much younger than you are?" I was astonished and said I had no problem. Before then, everyone was very friendly. Now, HR informs me that the job has been reawarded to a younger person. I have years of experience doing such work. Am I a victim of age discrimination? What can I do?

A: Dorine Andrews reinvented her work life at 52 and became a research professor at Georgetown University. As chair of Forty Plus of Greater Washington, a support group for older jobless workers, she described the vice president's question as a clear indicator of his disregard for older workers. "I'm not sure I'd want to work for a place like that," Andrews said. "I'd call the HR person and

BUSINESS MIRROR Brad Foss

Economists say now this was a strong sign that the economy was grinding to a halt.

Transportation accounts for about 1 percent of gross domestic product yet the movement of people and products across the nation has a vigorous "multiplier effect" on the economy. Tourists spend money on hotels and rental cars, oil companies supply fuel to the airlines and manufacturers and companies such as Boeing Co. get orders for new planes.

Still, a thorough reading of the travel industry tale leaves me it obvious that this multiplier has been reduced by several factors. The cheap airfares offered to lure travelers have been matched by heavily discounted room rates at hotels, crimping profits for both carriers and lodging companies.

Cities that depend on tourism dollars such as Las Vegas and Honolulu, have suffered disproportionately and will recuperate more slowly than others — as will cities that are home to the country's biggest airlines, which combined have laid off some 100,000 employees.

Perhaps the greatest detriment to major carriers — and the strongest sign that a full-fledged recovery is not yet under way — is that business travelers, extravagant with their budgets when times are good, continue to hunt for bargains.

Corporate travel managers say the management impact of belt-tightening of 2001 will remain in place for the foreseeable future. Large companies, such as tool maker Black and Decker Corp., trimmed their annual spending on flights, hotels and rental cars by as much as 40 percent.

Only when the broader economy improves will business travel return to more normal levels, said Mike Iswalt, an associate economist at West Chester, Pa.-based Economy.com. "If businesses really start to see improved demand for their products, they're going to get their salesman back on the roads," he said.

But she and Laurie McCann, senior attorney for AARP Foundation Litigation, both said that by itself the comment would not make for a winning age-discrimination lawsuit.

"It certainly wouldn't be considered by a court to be a smoking gun," McCann said. "But it's strong circumstantial evidence" of a violation of the 1967 Federal Age Discrimination in Employment Act, she said.

So, what to do? McCann said: "I would ask them for a reason why he's no longer being considered, Fin them down." Thus, she said, if the worker eventually makes an age-discrimination claim to the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, the worker will have a record of what was said and what the explanation was.

"That question alone is not going to win a lawsuit, but it's very strong that they discriminated against him," she said. "Definitely alarms should go off when you're asked that question." McCann said it is "not per se illegal to ask someone's age, but any such request would be strongly scrutinized. It would only be justified when age would be a qualifying factor." For instance, airline pilots must retire at age 60.

Most interviewers already would know a job seeker's age from his or her resume or application. McCann said, "If the question is asked, she said, 'You might turn it around and ask how relevant it is. But you should never lie and say you're 47 when you're 57, even though you might look 47. It's always going to come back to haunt you, and if you get the job and then get caught, you'll get fired.'"

Retirement communities seek boomers

NEW YORK (AP) — Steve and Jodie Ostrin moved to a retirement community five years ago, but they're not slowing down just yet. In between rounds of golf, working out and traveling, the couple both work full-time, sometimes out of a home office.

"This place is great. It gives us a lot of things to do," said Steve Ostrin, 54, who lives at the Sun Lakes community in Phoenix, which also offers computer classes, hiking and tennis. "We knew we loved the desert area, so we decided why not go where we want to retire first, and keep working until we're ready?"

As the first wave of boomers begin contemplating retirement, many communities are leading amenities designed to appeal to the generation's nonstop lifestyles.

The new look includes more activities ranging from rock wall climbing to softball to kayaking. His-and-her home offices with Internet access are also on rise, as well as continuing education classes.

"Boomers are a dynamic group. They want choices, they want control, and they want freedom," said Ron Geraci, an editor for My Generations, AARP's magazine for baby boomers. "They have no intention of really stopping their lifestyles, and retirement communities are changing to reflect that very quickly."

Just ask 55-year-old Nora Timson. For years, she juggled 25 miles of bike riding each day with her job as a legal secretary. Growing weary of her 20-year-old house, Timson visited a friend at Sun City Grand community and was amazed by the state-of-the-art fitness center with a luxury spa, indoor pool and weight equipment.

Now retired, the triathlete and her 76-year-old husband, Jim House, devote more time to lifting weights, swimming and running. She competes regularly in triathlons and recently won a gold medal in a 40K bike race in the National Senior Olympics.

"It's like living in a resort," said Timson, who says retirement



Steve Ostrin, 54, sits in his home office in the community of Sun Lakes, Ariz., Dec. 24. Ostrin, 54, moved to the retirement community near Phoenix five years ago but still works for a company selling wood products from home.

has allowed her to become more active than ever before. "It's my turn to play."

Indeed, many developers now avoid the term "retirement" to describe these communities, referring them instead as "active adult" or "country club" properties.

The goal: attract boomers like the Ostrins who aren't ready to quit working just yet, or fitness buffs such as Timson, who won't settle for a quiet game of shuffleboard.

The strategy appears to be working. Del Webb Corp., the No. 1 U.S. developer of adult communities, says home sales increased 29 percent in the last five years, partly by focusing on boomers. The group now represents up to one-fifth of the properties' residents.

Phoenix-based Koba Communities, another big market player, reported an 11 percent jump from 1998. It and other

companies expect additional growth, even amid an economic downturn, as the nation's 76 million boomers become middle-aged.

"It won't be too many years before the term 'retirement community' has lost all meaning," said Alan Fox, publisher and editor of Where to Retire magazine. He pointed to the growth of home offices, which he says were unheard-of in the adult communities 10 years ago, until graying boomers entered the landscape.

Also popular: continuing education classes from foreign languages to computer literacy to home repair. Sun City Grand, for example, offers courses in conjunction with Arizona State University in a post education center, complete with a student union and coffeehouse for late-night (or early morning) study sessions.

Still, it's unclear how well boomers will get along with an

older population who might prefer a quieter lifestyle. While many developers are loosening requirements to accept more residents under age 55, adult communities which accept federal funding still must have 80 percent of the residents over 55.

Ostrin, who enjoys playing golf with many of the older residents, acknowledges that if they're "anything like my mother, who's 76, they probably get a little frustrated" having younger boomers scurrying about all the time. He playfully adds: "But some of them shouldn't be driving the car. There's a good size supermarket here, and some days you get the feeling you should be in a Sherman tank."

House, the 76-year-old who married boomer Timson and bikes 33 miles a day, said she doesn't mind the younger company. "You don't see people sitting on the porch here," he said.

'January effect' helps stock market rebound

By Lisa Singhania The Associated Press

NEW YORK — The stock market's surge during the first trading sessions of 2002 was welcomed by investors looking forward to a better year. The advance certainly was evidence that Wall Street is growing more optimistic about the outlook for the economy and stock prices.

But analysts note that the market's own mechanics were also likely at play — stocks frequently rise in January as investors stop selling stocks for tax purposes and start investing year-end bonuses.

"You have money coming into the market," said Jeff Hirsch, publisher and president of the Stock Trader's Almanac. "Once the new year starts, tax selling pressure lifts and stocks rise. You also have people feeling better about the change of the year."

The phenomenon, which is heartening as Wall Street continues its recovery from its post-Sept. 11 lows, coincides with what historically has been a strong time of the year for stocks. The market rises or falls based upon what it believes will happen in the future, usually about six months out. As a result, stocks typically rise in November, December and January on hopes for the new year and then settle or fall back during the spring as corporate earnings and economic news come in. Investors also collect profits and otherwise adjust their portfolios.

That's what happened in 2000 and 2001, and it's possible that will happen this year. The market's current gains reflect the economic recovery Wall Street expects to see this summer. If earnings or economic news fall to bear out that forecast — or the numbers just meet rather than exceed expectations — investors might decide to sell and consolidate their gains rather than stay

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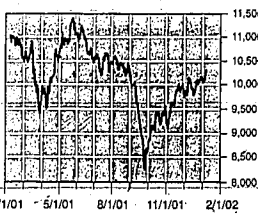
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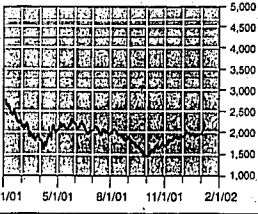
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exposed. Weak results, including earnings due out this month, might also give investors little incentive to keep buying and slow the momentum of any future rally.

Although economic reports and earnings predictions appear to be stabilizing, analysts say the market must be careful not to go too high or to overestimate the extent of a turnaround.

"I would say that a recovery in the economy by the end of the first half of 2002 is basically close to 100 percent, excluding something coming out of left field like a terrorist attack. This is a classic recovery we're seeing," said Charles Pradilla, chief investment strategist at SG Cowen. "That said, it doesn't mean the

rally is going to last forever. It could run out of steam by the end of the first quarter. We'll have to see," he said.

But many analysts do expect Wall Street to have a strong January. The gains stand to be especially striking for lower priced small-cap stocks, which often do well the first month of the year, said Hirsch, of the Stock Trader's Almanac.

"It's easier for a dollar-stock to double than a \$10 stock," Hirsch said.

Pradilla, the SG Cowen analyst, noted that many big-cap stocks have also run up considerably in the last three months. Some of the most significant gains have been in the technology sector — which helped lead the market

higher this past week. Advanced Micro Devices, for example, is up nearly 160 percent from its post-Sept. 11 low. Intel has gained nearly 90 percent during the same period.

It was a good week for the markets, particularly in the technology sector.

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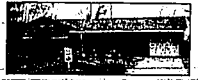
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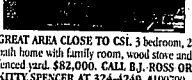
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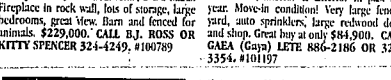
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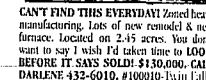
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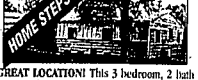
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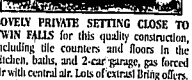
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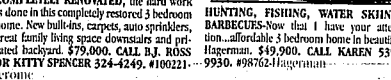
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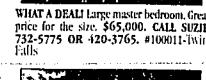
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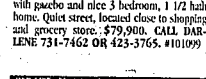
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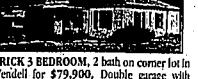
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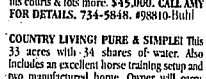
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**TWIN FALLS Country Charm** - One time owner, newer home on 2.2 acres, 5 minutes to I-20 and on a quiet cul-de-sac. Custom built with 6 bdrms, 3 baths, office/library, master bdrm leading to railroad wrap around deck, lighted plant shelves & all of those amenities. Price right at \$235,000.

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**60 LEGALS**  
 One Director from District No. 1  
 The Stock books will close ten days prior to January 16, 2002, and all proxies must be filed with the Secretary at least two days prior to January 16, 2002. In accordance with the provisions of the By-laws of the Company, dated this 18th day of December, 2001 at Jerome, Idaho.

**TWIN FALLS**  
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 DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
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 Notice of Realty Action, Recreation and Public Purpose (RAPP) Act Classification, Idaho  
 The following public lands in Cassia County, Idaho have been examined and classified for possible disposal for lease to the State of Idaho, Department of Parks and Recreation under the provisions of the Recreation and Public Purpose Act (43 U.S.C. § 269 j (24)). The Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation proposes to use the land as a public campground for the City of Rocka National Reserve.

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**\$19,500.** 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




**\$48,000.** Great location for your small business - located on a heavily traveled street - accessible from street and alley. Call **JOANN** @ 737-3981, OR **KATHI S.** @ 737-3917. #07463



**\$59,900.** Enjoy this cheerful home on a tranquil street with easy-care landscape. Spacious, room-to-ruary yard. Food storage area, central air. Rain-pool covered patio, garden, sprinkler system, chain-link fence, flowerly fruit trees. Immediately available. Call **DEBBIE DANIELS** 737-3907. #05904



**\$43,000.** Great starter home on 65'x65' lot partially fenced w/irrigation shed. Auto Sprinkler system & A/C. This 2 bedroom 1 bath 1985 Broadmore 14x66 is on a permanent foundation. Clean in good condition. Freshly painted exterior. Call **JOANN** 737-3961. #100216




**\$88,000.** NICELY PRICED HOME in a mature Jerome neighborhood: 3 bedroom, 1 bathroom, partially finished basement with room to grow. Nice living room with wood burning stove and wood accents. Large lot with detached garage. **VANCE WALKER** 420-0368 or **NICHOLE WEBB** 737-3906. #98562



**GREAT BUY!** Only \$48,000. 2-3 bedroom home with large garage/shop. Home was just painted and is in good shape. House has gas heat, wood stove, oven/range, refrigerator, washer and dryer, storm windows, fenced yard. Great value and potential for first time home buyers... Call **TOM LLOYD** 737-3924 or **308-0117**. #05603



**\$49,900.** Excellent buy on this 2 bedroom brick home. A spacious living room, 950 square feet of living space, and there's ample storage in the unfinished basement. Gas heat. Detached garage. Walking distance to everything! Call **DOROTHY** 737-3903 or **734-0400**. #09844



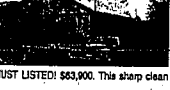
**\$82,900.** Lots of potential with this home. Home sits on just a little less than an acre in city limits. 2 bedrooms 1 bath, 2 car detached garage. Call **DIANN DOMAN**, 737-3916. or... 731-1205. #101029



**\$84,500.** Situated on over 1 1/2 acres with a small cottage is a great place to get away from it all. Cozy 2 bedroom home that is updated, and shows great pride in ownership. Lots of room for all your animals. This one won't last. Call **ERNIE** or **KAY KENDRICK** 410-2002/410-2000. #101475



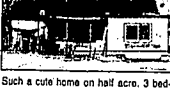
**\$85,000.** Great 3 bedroom home on Wendell Street. Good sized rooms, oversized garage. Central air, gas heat, auto sprinklers. Fully fenced with great back yard. Excellent floor plan. Call **THE RASMUSSEN TEAM** for your appointment or view @ [lynmrasmussen.com](http://lynmrasmussen.com). #101503



**JUST LISTED!** \$63,000. This sharp clean home with many upgrades, gas forced air heat, fenced, maintenance free siding. Call **RON** @ 737-3910 or **KATHY P.** 737-3820. #101106



**\$69,000.** Investment opportunity or 1st Time Home Buyer. This 1112 sq. ft. home has 2 bedrooms & 1 bath, forced air gas heat, metal siding & single car garage. Call **WALT** @ 737-3938 or **TAMI** @ 737-3940 or Visit [TheHessTeam.com](http://TheHessTeam.com) for more information. #100468



Such a cute home on half acre. 3 bedroom, 1500 sq. ft. central air. Mature trees all around. Very serene! Priced right at \$76,900. Don't delay call **BRENDA** today @ 420-4976 or 324-3473. #100610



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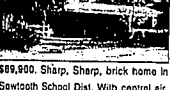
**\$85,000.** Brick home, wonderfully landscaped, you'll fall in love. 3 bedroom, 1 bath, fully fenced yard w/garden spot. Central air, gas heat and a brand new two car garage with RV parking. A must see, won't last long. To see, call for showing **PEGGY** @ 737-3925. #101416



**\$87,000.** 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 1/2 bath and laundry. View at [www.lynmrasmussen.com](http://www.lynmrasmussen.com) or call **THE RASMUSSEN TEAM** @ 737-3900. #05912



**\$88,000.** Looking for a shop? 24x36 shop? This nice home also has vinyl windows, metal siding, and newly remodeled bath with the attached single garage, partly remodeled for a small great room, not heated, and wall can be removed to be converted back to a single garage. 3 bedroom, 1-bath. Call to see **CAROL BULLEN** @ 737-3911 or 410-2000. #101466



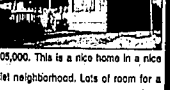
**\$89,900.** Sharp, Sharp, brick home in Southwest School Dist. With central air, gas heat, wonderful fenced backyard. At this price this one won't last so call **RON FREEMAN** 737-3915 Licensed to Sell or **KATHY PARTRIDGE** 737-3920. #101300



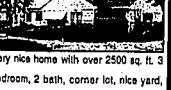
**REDUCED TO \$85,900.** Lovely brick home in quiet neighborhood, 3 bed (1 w/out gross walls) 1 3/4 bath, bright kitchen, nice utility room, single car garage w/auto opener, fenced yard w/abundant mature landscaping, covered patio, auto sprinklers, very nice home! A must see! Call **DIANA WHITNEY** 737-3959. #100105



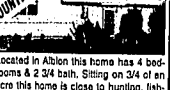
**NEAT AS A PIN \$104,000.** Beautifully maintained 3 bedroom, 2 bath home on a quiet cul-de-sac near Morningdale School. Built in 1993. Large fenced yard with concrete patio. Gas heat and central air. Auto sprinklers. Gas fireplace in living room. Call **DORIS BARKER** for an appointment to see this immaculate home. Call **KEN** or **DOROTHY** 734-0400. #101030



**\$105,000.** This is a nice home in a nice quiet neighborhood. Lots of room for a large family or could easily be set up for 2 separate families. Close to shopping & schools. To see call **LOUISA HARRIS** 280-0822 / 324-8652. #101433




Very nice home with over 2500 sq. ft. 3 bedrooms, 2 bath, corner lot, nice yard, beautiful fire place. A must see for only \$106,500. Call **JUANITA MYERS** for more information @ 731-3625 or 324-8652. #100120



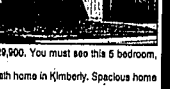
**COUNTRY HOME**  
Located in Albion this home has 4 bedrooms & 2 3/4 bath. Sitting on 3/4 of an acre this home is close to hunting, fishing, skiing & snowmobiling. This getaway has lots of room for friends & family to visit in the 14x70 mobile home that is included in the price of \$115,000. Call **KAY** or **ERNIE KENDRICK** 410-2000 or 410-2002. #101338



**WOV'T LAST!**  
Lovely 4 bedroom, 2 bath home on quiet Cul de Sac in Kimberly. Approximately 2400 sq. ft. including family room in fully finished basement. Home features Auto Sprinklers, 2 bulky bams for great storage & many vinyl windows. \$116,900. Call **NICHOLE** 737-3906 or 420-5262. #101427



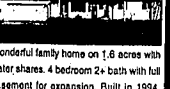
**\$119,900.** Check out this property located in Edon. Main home is a 1999 manufactured 5 bedroom, 2 bath home. Second home is a 3 bedroom 1 bath home with a 30x32 shop/garage. For more details call **JOHN HOUSER** @ 280-2248 or 324-8652. #101452



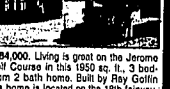
**\$129,900.** You must see this 6 bedroom, 3 bath home in Kimberly. Spacious home in newer neighborhood, excellent finish work, lots of tile work. Please call **RICK BEARD** at 639-5911. #00013



**\$129,900. PRICE REDUCTION!** - Makes this home an even better buy. Over 3000 square foot 4 bedroom 3 bath spacious home on a corner lot in a fine KEE Twin Falls Neighborhood. Has all the necessities, very efficient 72.00 level yard, 2 car garage and RV Parking, sprinkler system, lots and lots of space. Call **LEW** 737-3918 or 734-8753. #03311



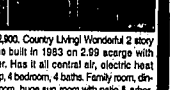
Wonderful family home on 1.6 acres with water shares. 4 bedroom 2+ bath with full basement for expansion. Built in 1994, this home boasts a 2 car garage deep enough to park 4 cars at once. Quiet country setting! \$149,000. Call **NICHOLE** 420-5262. #101294



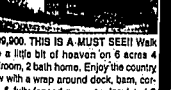
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One of the most beautiful homes on the market today! Gourmet Island Kitchen and formal dining room complement four good-sized, fully-decorated bedrooms and three baths, all immaculate. Fenced and sprinklered yard, of course! Priced @ \$190,900. Please ask for **KATHI SCHRADER** today 734-0400 or 737-3917 or 731-6819. #100027



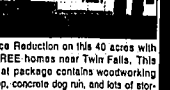
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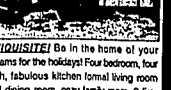
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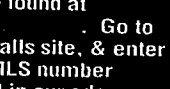
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FOUND: Big, yellow Lab, neutered male, white collar, 1 1/2 yrs. S of Curly, near Laurie Lane. 358-0709, or 730-2289

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FOUND: Ring, emerald blond ring, light, neutered, well-mannered cat, 543-5546.
FOUND: Male Dalmatian, approx. 4 months old, 2 black eyes, 2 black patches & Fibra-Vet. Call 733-9490.

FOUND: Pet parakeet or cockatiel yellow and white, flying around white, lying around white and Bruce Ave. Call 732-8424.
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ROUTE 729
1100-1200 2nd Ave. E. 1100-1400 5th Ave. E. 1100-1400 6th Ave. E.
ROUTE 735
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ROUTE 743
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Sunday, Jan. 6, 2002
THE ACES ON BRIDGE Bobby Wolff
Dear Mr. Wolff:
At duplicate, partner opens one diamond and RHO bids two clubs. I pass with ♠ J-8-7-6, ♠ 10-7-2, ♠ A-Q, ♠ 10-7-3. After LHO bids two hearts, two passes follow. Should I "compete" with two spades?
Boss Ault, NashVille, Tenn.
ANSWER: Absolutely yes. Duplicate players should expect a poor score if they allow their opponents to play an uncontested two-level major-suit contract. Bid two spades and hope for the best.
Dear Mr. Wolff:
LHO opens one diamond and partner doubles. RHO responds one heart, and I hold ♠ 7-2, ♠ J-7-5, ♠ A-Q, ♠ J-8-6, ♠ J-7. Should I bid two diamonds or pass?
Tishlah Probert, Sacramento, Calif.
ANSWER: If you have a partnership agreement that two diamonds in this sequence is a natural call, then a two-diamond bid would be best. However, if partner is likely to interpret two diamonds as a cue-bid, it is more prudent to pass. You may have an opportunity to bid two diamonds later at a reasonable level.
Dear Mr. Wolff:
At duplicate, LHO opens one club, followed by two passes. What do you recommend I bid with ♠ K-7-2, ♠ A, ♠ A-Q-10-8-7-5, ♠ K-6?
Wrong Shape, Albuquerque, N.M.
ANSWER: You have more than enough high cards to justify a balancing double; however, the singleton heart is a deterrent. Better to bid a simple one diamond, awaiting developments. If partner bids hearts, you can then introduce your spade suit.

ANSWER: A good first step is to check on aces. Since a jump to four no-trump would be a quantitative raise, you should jump to four clubs (Gerber). If partner has one ace, settle for six no-trump. If he has two, ask for kings. If he has both missing kings, you can count 13 top winners.
Dear Mr. Wolff:
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Major Decisions, Newark, N.J.
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## Family: What's left when all else fails

# Day care without any tears

The truth is most evident in the hard-times—when families are standing outside their burning homes, huddled together under blankets. Or when a man loses his job and realizes that his family was "who really mattered all along."  
"We're still got each other." That's the message. "We are family."  
It's a message I've clung to myself a few times through the years, but its truth became even clearer a few years ago as I watched a young Romanian man standing outside Gate 2 at the Twin-Falls airport waiting for his family. He hadn't seen them for four years and most of that time, he had feared for their lives.

At that moment, in the eyes of a man, a woman and their two small children, I saw "family" stripped down to its starkest essence. Sometimes, the members of my family take each other for granted. In a way, I guess, we've earned to right to do that. We have committed, however irrationally, to be there for each other, no matter what. Without that kind of commitment, I think my children would have grown up confused and insecure and unable to trust.

A woman once told me about a second-grader who, during a science lesson on magnets, was given this riddle: My name starts with "M" and I pick up things. The child's answer? "Mom."  
It's true. No respect. Usually, I get pretty mad when my kids misbehave or my husband says the wrong stuff and should know better. But I'll bet that Romanian dad didn't get mad at the members of his family for a long time. He was too busy hugging them, and holding on tight.

According to a press release I got this year, a Public Agenda survey revealed that 90 percent of parents say their sacrifice and work hard so their kids can have better lives—but 71 percent of their kids give them an "F" for their lack of ability to fight temptation, especially when the parents are tempted to get angry and lose control of inner peace.

David James, author of "A World Tour of Defines: Finding Inner Peace," writes inner peace as "a state of unconditional love in which we are true to our personal values." If we teach our children to value love, honesty and joy, he reasons, then we must exhibit those values ourselves, even when we feel scared or threatened.

Enter Mark Kiehler, who has come up with the idea of KidsContracts, fill-in-the-blank agreements to help parents do their jobs better. Just in time for the new year. Each contract covers one of the "nine most difficult issues facing today's parents"—driving, drugs/alcohol/tobacco, school/study/grades, allowance, dating, working/jobs, citizenship, chores and one that can be adapted to other trouble issues such as curfew, phone, computer, TV and weapons (at www.kidscontracts.com).

I don't know if a family contract will solve the problems of the world, but I think anything that will help us build better relationships. Relationships have always been the backbone of our country, whenever our country is at its best. And "family" doesn't necessarily mean a group of people who are related by blood. Sometimes, we find our own families, of the homemade variety, because everyone needs relationships.  
On Sept. 11, amid national tragedy, many people became family out of a shared pain and a need to rediscover hope.  
I suppose I shouldn't get mad at my family so often. I mean, my husband and kids are pretty easy to live with. Most of the time, anyway. They don't even squirt catnip on anyone outside the immediate family.  
I think I'll go home and think about that.

Denise Turner is assistant features editor at The Times-News.



LIFE AND TIMES  
Denise Turner



Kids' Club day-care teacher Marlene Mitchell supervises afternoon free play while a new student and her parents get a tour of the facilities from Barbara McRoberts during Christmas break.

## Make the childcare experience a happy one

By Steve Crump  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** — At last Kadie Anton heard the words she needed to hear:  
"Why don't you just leave?" Barbara McRoberts asked.  
"Korbin will be fine."  
"And, of course, he was," said Anton, mother of a 3-year old. "I wasn't, not at first, but Korbin did great."  
McRoberts, who operates The Kids' Club pre-school day-care center, is a specialist in managing the long goodbye.

"Leaving a child in day care is one of the most traumatic experiences that parents go through," she said. "They're separated from their children, sometimes for the first time, and they feel guilty. That's natural. But the only way to find peace of mind is to do your homework and make sure you're leaving your child in a good place."  
But a little previous experience doesn't hurt, Anton said.  
"I had Korbin in a day-care

**More tips for parents with children in child care:**  
• Pick children up before the center closes. "Teachers want to get off work on time, too," said Kelly Hittle, director of Brown Bear Educare.  
• Address concerns when they happen, but not in front of children. "Parents will be accusing without talking time to get to the bottom of things," said Marilyn Russell, director of Grace Children's Center.

center in Boise and another facility here, and I didn't have as good a feeling as I do leaving him with Barbara," she said. "It's really valuable to have a basis for comparison."  
Most American kids spend at least some time in day care before they become old enough to go to kindergarten, according to the federal Department of Education — and the numbers are about evenly split between commercial providers and baby-sitting family members and friends.

### What parents can do to help

- Don't put infants and toddlers in child care for more than eight hours a day. "If parents drop toddlers off at 7 a.m. and don't pick them up until 5 or 6 p.m., it makes it really hard for the toddler to adjust. The child will not have as many problems and will enjoy care a lot more if parents make the day shorter," advised Tina Russell, director of Bright Star Children's Center.
- Communicate with teachers about

Those experiences, for both parents and children, range from wonderful to awful.  
"These people are in charge of your child's life," Anton said. "If you're not comfortable, then you need to look around some more."  
Child-care directors say they can do a better job with their charges if they get basic assistance from moms and dads. This can mean anything from marking tuition on time to not gabbing on the cell phone to paying everything—even socks—with a

what's going on at home, including social, emotional or developmental changes. A toddler in diapers will show up in undies on one day "but nobody told us the child was potty-trained," said Katrina Brooke, program director for The Discovery Center.  
• Make sure children get a good night's rest so they are ready for their busy day.  
— Source: The Seattle Times

child's name or initials.  
Here, then, is a checklist for a good child-care parent:  
• Give your kid time to adjust to child care and then leave. Don't drag out the goodbye.  
Parents can set a positive tone for the rest of the day by taking five minutes in the morning to greet the caregiver and help involve the child in an activity, at least to start with.  
After that, there's the door.  
"Young children are often anxious when they see their

parents are anxious," McRoberts said. "So it's better at some point if Mom or Dad just leaves."  
Especially when kids first start in child care, parents are sometimes hesitant to leave them. But that just delays the inevitable and encourages the child to think crying will make the parent stay.

"A child is not going to bond with the caregiver until mom or dad leaves," Tina Russell, a Bellevue, Wash., day-care operator told the Seattle Times.  
Instead, try to depart without much fuss and then call during the day to see how your child is doing. Or ask about a good time to stop in and view your child without him or her knowing you're there.

"I called all the time when Korbin first started," Anton said. "Now I don't worry about it, because I don't have to."  
• Focus on your child when you pick him or her up.  
Kids are very excited to see  
Please see CARE, Page E2

### Baby boomers can rock grandkids to sleep

What if you're a baby-boomer grandparent, and just way too hip to sing "The Itsy Bitsy Spider" as a lullaby to your grandkids? Here are some '50s and '60s songs you might sing to your grandchildren.

- Just for fun:**
- "Itsy Bitsy Teenie Weenie Yellow Polka Dot Bikini"
  - "Yummy, Yummy, Yummy"
  - "Hound Dog"
  - "Purple People Eater"
  - "Wooly Bully"
  - "Alley Oop"
  - "The Name Game (We're Gonna Rock Around the Clock)"

- At bedtime:**
- "All You Have To Do Is Dream"
  - "Catch a Falling Star"
  - "The Lion Sleeps Tonight"
  - "Puff the Magic Dragon"
  - "There's a Kind of Hush"
  - "Blowin' in the Wind"
  - "What a Wonderful World"
- Sources: "The Nanas and the Pupas. A Boomer's Guide to Grandparenting!" Akron, Ohio, Beacon Journal

## Etc...

### Group sponsors free throw championship

**Saturday**  
BUHL — The Buhl Knights of Columbus will sponsor a youth free throw championship at 1 p.m. at Buhl Middle School, 217 Seventh N.  
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FAMILY LIFE

Life and love in the movies

Romantic films often strike chord with audiences

The Washington Post

Ever sink deep into your seat in a darkened movie theater as you realize the love story projected on the big screen is your own? It's not uncommon, according to Marcia Millman, who says many romance movies strike emotional chords in audiences because they reflect plot lines and themes that emerge time and again in our own lives.

"These are kind of universal stories," says Millman, author of "The Seven Stories of Love: And How to Choose Your Own Happy Ending" (2001, William Morrow, \$25). "I don't know how deliberately or consciously the studio people are thinking about this, but they are coming up with plots that key into very profound experiences and emotional fantasies."



Patrick Swayze and Jennifer Grey played out an opposites-attract story line in the 1987 movie 'Dirty Dancing.'

"Dirty Dancing." This is a powerful plot line for youth when finding romance has much to do with "breaking away from our parents and finding our own identity," says Millman. Later in life, as in "The Way We Were," some people long for their first love to recapture their youth or when something's missing in their current relationship.

line often triggers emotions in women who lost their fathers at an early age. • Obsessive Love: "Play Misty for Me" and "Fatal Attraction." This often is wrongly characterized as "loving too much," says Millman, instead, it's more about a lover whose fear of abandonment and anger drive him to control his partner.

falls in love with a powerful and wealthy man out of her reach. "Her aim is to win the love of a powerful man to make up for the father who paid no attention to her or rejected her," says Millman.

• Sacrifice: "Casablanca," "The Bridges of Madison County" and "The End of the Affair." This more typically middle-age story is ostensibly about sacrificing once-in-a-lifetime happiness for a higher moral purpose or principle - not hurting someone else, a higher calling. "What these people are often afraid of is passion," says Millman. "So now, in middle age, it may be they are less afraid of it."

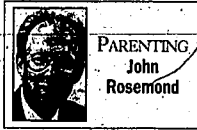
• Rescue: "Beauty and the Beast," "Run Lola Run" and "What Dreams May Come." Common for both men and women, it's the tale of falling in love with someone who's been wounded in the past, and unconsciously seeking to rescue one's self by saving the lover.

• The Courage to Love: "Postponement and Avoidance: An Affair to Remember," "Sleepless in Seattle" and "Forever Young." Perhaps the all-time favorite, it's about having the faith that love will survive every obstacle. Such stories are about "someone who has been inhibited or afraid and finally takes a chance on love and it works out well," Millman says. "That really brings tears to people's eyes."

Millman says the seven basic love stories, like myths, reflect existential human problems - all evolving from common childhood experiences that have an impact on our later lives, influencing the kind of mates we choose and how we behave in romantic relationships. While we can never change our primary love stories, we can, however, change their endings. "All we have one major story we keep coming back to," says Millman.

Law is the answer for some bullies

Sometimes, I hear a parenting story that just warms my heart, but just as much, I want to stamp up and shout "Amen!" Sometimes, having forgotten that I am no longer the flexible physical specimen I once was, I throw my back out in the process. In this case, it was worth it.



A friend of mine has a 10-year-old son. On the same street lives a family with two boys, 15 and 13. The parents work, and it is common local knowledge that the boys have unlimited Internet, video game and television access after school. Then, says my friend, "they sally forth into the neighborhood spewing filth and bullying children smaller than themselves."

Neighbors have tried to talk to the boys' parents, but as is usually the case with parents of bullies, they deny that their sons are even capable of wrongdoing. Every bully needs an enabler, and every bully has at least one. Not once, in 15 years of writing this column, have I heard of parents who had their children were bullied and asked me what to do about it. I think a lot of these people are bullies at heart who tell their children to do their dirty work.

For that reason, I often advise that parents of bullies' victims consider calling the law. After all, bullies are nothing more than young criminals. They are children who are breaking laws against assault and battery. Sure, call the bully's parents first, but if you get nowhere then call the police.

So, back to my friend. One day, the older of the bully brothers called my friend's son a series of vulgar names and hit him in the head. Mama struck back! First, she told the 15-year-old that the next time he verbally or physically assaulted her son, she would call the police and file criminal charges. Next, so they would hear it firsthand, she called his parents and told them the same thing. Next, she told neighbors what she had done.

Upon hearing this, I threw my back out. This is not a mom, by the way, who jumps to her child's defense whenever she thinks he has been wronged. She has, for years, insisted teachers discipline him when they were reluctant to do so. She can be a taskmaster, in fact, and is not likely, when another adult reports that her son has misbehaved, to even give her son the privilege of explaining himself.

Her story caused me to recall a similar incident from the Rosemond Family Archives. Our son Eric was maybe 10 at the time - There was a boy in an adjoining neighborhood who was much bigger than the other kids

his age, and he used his size to intimidate. One day, we came home to hear from the siter that this boy had chased Eric home. That, in and of itself, rates a big yawn. The ugly part came next. Eric ran inside our house. The boy opened the door, let himself in, and proceeded to threaten Eric in our kitchen!

I called a couple of other parents in the neighborhood and asked if the boy's parents were the sort of people who would discipline their son for this outrage. Not on your life, I was told. They are going to defend him, as they have many times before. Here's a kid who's not yet a teen and he thinks he can get away with trespassing with intent to assault. What's he going to do next? I called the police. They came to the house, took a report, and arrested the boy on a juvenile charge. Two hours later the boy's parents called, begging me to drop charges. I refused, at which point they got nasty, proving that it takes one to raise one. The next week, their house was up for sale. Say Amen somebody.

That was 23 years ago. Since then, bullying has become a much, much worse problem. The kids in question are little skyscrapers. They're immune to therapy, and punishment only fuels their fires. What do they understand? In a word, force.

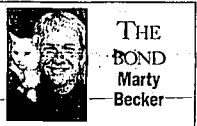
If your child is the victim of a bully, don't expect the bully's parents to apply the necessary force. Seek their help, sure, but don't expect them to do anything but deny and defend. Don't expect the school to apply the necessary force, either. Besides, the legal environment is such that many schools are actually afraid to intervene in situations of this sort.

That leaves the law. If a bully is causing your child to live in fear, and you have exhausted other options (and exhaust them quickly, for your child's sake), then it's time for you to use the force of the law to stop it. It's your civic duty.

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Get over the loss of a pet with these hints

For many of us, the events of the past months have created a dilemma. On the one hand, we realize how quickly things can change and that the loss of a loved one may be among those changes with which we must cope. On the other, we want to banish such thoughts and convince ourselves that this can never happen to us; somehow we will beat the odds. Because we often view our pets as treasured family members, it's not surprising that pet loss creates a similar dilemma for us.



factors involved in pet loss before the fact often discovered that doing so prolonged their pet's lives. How can this possibly be? Well, as Milani explains in "Preparing for the Loss of Your Pet" (Prima Publishing), the more we understand those health, behavior, and bond factors that may result in pet loss, the more we can do to prevent them.

about advanced directives or living wills for humans to avoid making regrettable end-of-life decisions. Don't our beloved pets deserve similar consideration?

And although much has been written about the pet-loss grieving process, Milani discovered that this often didn't address some of the issues that bother pet owners the most. Many owners she spoke to wanted to know what actually happens when an animal dies and what the process of euthanasia involves, but they felt embarrassed to ask their own veterinarians about this.

Others wanted people to acknowledge that those who must give up their pets or those whose pets disappear often experience the same bouts of denial, anger, bargaining, and depression before they reach acceptance as those who lose their animals to death.

Still others wanted information about the devastating effects of loss-related guilt, the ins and outs of hospice/home death versus euthanasia, or what to do if their veterinarian disagreed with their end-of-life decisions for their pets. They wanted to know it was both normal and all right to wake up suddenly in the middle of the night and ached for the scent, soft breathing, or feel of a deceased or lost pet lying beside them. They wanted to know that most pets do become so intimate-

ly involved in our daily lives that we may feel totally disoriented for a while when we lose them, and that's normal and all right, too.

It's not disloyal to that healthy, happy pet snuggling beside you to consider all the factors that come into play when pets disappear or face death or give up as a result of sudden or chronic medical or behavioral problems.

The more you know about these, the more you can prevent problems that might shorten your pet's life or your relationship. The more you know, the less likely you will make decisions in a moment of panic that you later regret. The more you know, the more confidence you'll have that, no matter when loss occurs and how, you will be able to handle it in a way that serves as a lasting and comforting tribute to your pet and your relationship.

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Continued from E1 their parents at the end of the day, so, "It would be nice if parents put down the cell phone and paid attention to their kids," said Marilyn Russell of Grace Children's Center in Des Moines, Wash., told the Seattle Times. "Korbin usually has work - a project - that he's done, and he's excited about it," Anton said. "And my husband and I are excited to share it with him. • Keep your sick kid home. "This is tough, because a lot of parents don't have many options," McRoberts said. "The rule of thumb is that if a child has a fever, they're probably contagious. They should stay

home. We try to be as flexible as we can, but we have to consider the welfare of the other children."

"Luckily, I have an understanding boss and a mother who lives in my town, so those are kind of aces in the hole," Anton said. "Young children are going to get sick, so you need to let your boss know that - and have a backup plan."

To get around rules that say a child should be free of a fever for 24 hours, parents will give kids Tylenol in the morning before school.

Providers have to send kids home later when the medication wears off and the fever spikes again. "It's your child we're talking

about here," McRoberts said. "Taking care of them when they're sick is a parent's responsibility."

• If your child is unhappy in a day-care situation, he or she will show you even if he or she doesn't tell you. "Children act out when they're unhappy," McRoberts said.

"You'll see changed behavior, or maybe in saying they're sick all the time. If you notice that, you need to find out whether their child-care setting is the problem."

• Watch, listen and do your homework. Happy child-care centers have enough employees to keep kids

supervised and occupied, McRoberts said. They also have space to run, and organized activities.

"You can sit a child down in front of a TV all day, and they'll be occupied," Anton said. "But that's not the same as having something to do."

"When Korbin gets to kindergarten, he'll be a lot further a long as a result of where he went to day care," she added. "That's the kind of situation you want."

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Watch and understand Mars' mysterious motions

In October 1601, Tycho Brahe - perhaps the greatest observer of the pre-telescopic era - died. With his passing, 20 years' worth of his observational records on Mars' motions passed to his assistant, Johannes Kepler. By this time four centuries hence Kepler had begun his quest to understand Mars' mysterious motions, which had baffled skywatchers for eons.

If you've been watching Mars over the past year, you can empathize with the ancients. Last spring the red planet crept into the eastern evening sky. Over the summer, it slid farther toward the south after sunset, spending two months moving backward (eastward) or "retrograde" as earth's faster orbital speed swung us past the lagging Mars. All the while, Mars sank lower in the sky with the ecliptic (the plane of the solar system), which scrapes low over the southern horizon in the summer. By late summer, Mars resumed creeping westward, now rising a little higher each night. Through the fall, it almost seemed as if Mars was moving straight up in the sky from night to night, with the westward progress lost over the summer, it seemed as if Mars had barely moved compared to its spring-time location.

The reason Mars seems to move so slowly is that, of all the planets, its orbital speed is the closest match for earth's. Consequently, the time required for Mars to return to the same place in the sky is the longest for any planet - a little more than two years. Further complicating matters is Mars' oblong, slightly tilted orbit, which causes it to retrograde motion tracing a loop,



Sky calendar (through Saturday) • Planets: One hour before sunrise: Jupiter One hour after sunset: Mercury: WSW, very low at week's end Mars: SSW Saturn: E Jupiter: ENE, low • Moon: Third quarter, Saturday, 8:55 p.m.

an inverted loop, an "S" curve, or a backward "9". Curve. No wonder the indefatigable Kepler studied Mars for eight years before deducing his laws of planetary motion. For now, Mars will continue to sink westward toward the flow of evening twilight, disappearing in the sun's glare by June. We'll have to wait until September before it emerges from morning twilight and starts its trek toward evening visibility again. Next week: Spotting a very young moon.

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# Teens find freedom in cell phones

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PHILADELPHIA — Not since her children were toddlers has Sandy Kauffman had such a direct means of keeping tabs on their whereabouts.

When her 16-year-old son drove to an Eagles game for the first time, she knew exactly what time to expect him home. And when her 20-year-old son went to a forbidden concert in Washington, D.C., she knew about that, too.

She simply dialed his cell phone. "They always carry them with them. We called, and he answered. He was busted," said Kauffman.

It's no secret that parents love cell phones and are willing to shell out an average of \$120 per phone and \$55 in monthly fees to help keep track of their increasingly mobile offspring.

"It gives parents a confidence level we didn't have before," said Kauffman, who bought phones for her sons, ages 16 and 20.

To parents, they are electronic safety nets, but teen-agers see them as instruments of liberation. The result is a new balance in the perennial struggle between parents' desire to know what their children are up to and teen-agers' desire to escape their parents' prying eyes.

It looks as if the teens are winning. New research suggests cell phones may actually drive teen-agers farther from home and give parents less control of their activities and their friends.

James Katz, a professor of communications at Rutgers

University in New Brunswick who has studied teen-agers' cell-phone use for a decade, said the phones give parents and children a false sense of security. Parents are more willing to let their teens, or even preteens, go to concerts or stay out late, believing they are safe because they have phones.

"They'll say, 'I'll call you at 9 to make sure you're not bodysurfing the crowd,'" said Katz, author of "Perpetual Contact," due out in February, which addresses teens and cell phones.

But instead of being safer, with cell phone-savvy teen-agers able to go further afield and meet new people who their parents may not have wanted them to meet," he said.

Of the nation's 31.6 million teens, 33 percent already own cell phones, a number that's rapidly growing, according to Teen-ager Research Unlimited, a market-research firm based in Northbrook, Ill.

With teen-age ill increasingly

nomadic and spontaneous, a cell phone is considered as much a necessity as a car and spending money.

Gathering at a burger joint or hanging at a friend's house has given way to migratory nights spent roaming from house to restaurant to movie to ... wherever. And a phone gives a teen-ager access to friends — the importance of which cannot be overstated — while "on the go."

It makes it easier to stay in touch with friends from camp, said Brett Kauffman, 16. It also broadened his social circle.

"If I'm in the area, I'll call them up and we'll get together. They bring friends, and now they're my friends, too," he said.

For Benjamin Magaziner, 17, it takes up to 20 calls just to organize a night out with friends from the area.

"We're always moving around," he said. "I don't know where we go or we nowhere." But they can't get there with-

out their phones.

"I'll be driving around with my friend, Nate, and the phone will ring and it will be some friends — they're at a restaurant, so we go there," he explained. "Then some other friends call and say, 'Come on over,' so we'll go there. We never stay at one place."

His parents bought him and his two sisters cell phones about a year ago so they could keep in touch. He said he's pretty good about telling his mother where he's going and with whom.

But other teens have gone to extreme lengths to keep their parents from intruding into their social lives.

Talbot, 17, a freshman at Cabrini College, said that when she lived at home she would let her phone ring or turn it off if she knew her parents were calling.

"That's because she sometimes told them she was going to a friend's house when actually they were going to stay, a party."

"They thought they knew where I was, but they didn't," said the Annapolis, Md., teen-ager.

Other teens say they have told white lies about batteries running out.

Said researcher Katz: "It's the modern-day equivalent of running out of gas on a date."

Back when teens had to use the family phone to call friends, "parents were the gatekeepers. If you were stuck in the hallway or kitchen talking on the phone, it was not possible to disguise very well what was going on," he said.

Now, "they can go off and have their own private conversations with strangers," he said.



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# Baby boomers move back home

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COLUMBIA, S.C. — A teenage Elizabeth Crews, ruckus away from her second-floor bedroom, thought her parents were oblivious to her antics.

Thirty years later, she knows better. Crews' 13-year-old daughter, Margaret, is camped in her old room, and Elizabeth and her husband, Sam, are in the master bedroom on the first floor, the one her parents used to share.

"I can hear every time she's dancing and singing up there," Crews said. "I thought Mom and Dad didn't know what I was doing. Now I know they heard everything."

You learn things like that when you return to your childhood home.

Memories flood back when you check out something as simple as scratches on the door from a long-ago puppy, see the pencil markings of a family growth chart on the wall, or look with frustration at the bathtub faucet, still dripping after all these years.

Whether their parents have moved to smaller houses, retirement homes or, in the Crews' case, some baby boomers find themselves settling down in familiar territory — the house where they grew up.

The practice probably is pronounced particularly among Southerners, said Gary B. Melton, a professor and director of the Institute of Family and Neighborhood Life at Clemson University.

"Sense of place, expressed through attachment to family and community, is perhaps the essence of Southern culture," he said.

"Personal identity — even one's name — is based on family. Family life provides us with continuity — connections within the community and across the generations. It should be unsurprising that many people find solace and meaning in the physical structure that they associate with their families."

Southerners who move away

from home commonly return, he said: "The lure that brings people back to their home state undoubtedly is also the attraction that pulls people back to the family homeland."

Some families who have "moved home" did so only from a few miles — or blocks — away.

Elizabeth Clark's parents approached her and her husband, Emery, about moving from Columbia's West Garden neighborhood to the Heathwood home in which she grew up.

Her mother, Joyce Sumwalt, had been ready to downsize for a while.

"One Sunday, my dad called and said, 'Mama's buying a house, and I'll buy it if you'll buy our house,'" Clark said. "It was a little stunning."

The Clark family decided to move with their two children to the house; it had more room and a swimming pool.

"The only way Dad would leave the house was if (my brother) Robert or I would move in," Clark said. "He still comes over all the time. He still has a key."

Clark said moving back to the family home was never something she gave much thought to. But she said the transition was smooth. They had always spent time there, enjoying the pool and celebrating holidays with family.

"My parents entertained a lot, and a lot of people have fond memories of fun times here," she said. "It's a gracious house. We'd like to be able to carry on that tradition."

To return home, Mary and Scott Elliott moved only a few blocks, from Devereaux Road to Belmont Drive in Heathwood.

Mary Elliott's parents moved to a smaller home in WildeWood from the house on Belmont, the one Mary lived in her entire childhood.

While her parents also were looking to downsize, her mother's attachment to the home ran deep.

"I believe she would not have moved if she was selling the house to strangers," Scott Elliott said. "It's really a sweet concept."

# Ex-husband threatens to sour relationship

DEAR ABBY: I am a 35-year-old woman. Two years after my divorce, I started dating a man I'll call "Tony." He has my 4-year-old daughter, "Emma," and she adores him.

Last week I learned I am pregnant with Tony's child. He's overjoyed. The night I told him, he proposed marriage and I accepted.

I also told my ex-husband, "Rod." He called me some vulgar names for getting pregnant before marriage. Now he threatens to tell Emma that what I have done is wrong. I know I made a mistake and I feel terrible. I don't want Emma to think it's OK to have premarital relations, and I don't know how to handle this. Any suggestions?

—TROUBLED AND PREGNANT IN MINNESOTA

DEAR TROUBLED: As vindictive as your former husband may be, let's hope he's not so twisted as to try to explain the dos and don'ts of premarital sex to a 4-year-old who doesn't yet know the facts of life.

Solidify your marriage plans immediately — before your little girl understands the significance of counting to nine.



DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend, "Ricardo," and I have an ongoing dispute over money. He does not save or plan for the future. He thinks that if he wants to buy something, I should provide him with the money.

Ricardo quit his job before finding another, and I ended up paying his living expenses. Several months ago, I loaned Ricardo money to buy a car. He's repaid half but still owes me the balance. He's borrowed more money since then to buy a present for my birthday.

My baby sitter quit last week, and Ricardo offered to watch my son until I find another sitter. When I told him I was unable to pay him the full amount I had paid the sitter, he became angry and accused me of never helping him or ever loving him. He says I am taking advantage of his kindness because I am working and he is not.

Write to Abby

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I have really tried to help Ricardo, but I think it's nerve of him to be asking me for more money when he owes me close to \$1,000. What do you think?

—ALMOST BROKE IN BALTIMORE

DEAR ALMOST BROKE: I agree with you. Your boyfriend has been mooching into an art form. Sift through your backlogs, tell him the bank is closed, and go on with your life without him. He's a bottomless pit.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I lived in a small apartment with our two young children in a bad part of town. When "Cousin Ramona" offered to rent us half of her large home in a nicer area, we jumped at the chance. It meant we'd be sharing the house with Ramona and another female renter, but we didn't mind.

Since we moved in, it has become clear that the female renter (aged 19) is a real party girl.

When I asked our cousin if any guys would be spending the night, she said no. Well, after only one week, our housemate started having a male visitor regularly for evenings and overnight stays. He also helps himself to our food. I am livid. I made a comment to Ramona about this "guest." She got uptight and said it was no big deal, and it shouldn't matter to me.

Well, Abby, it does matter. Our kids are 2 and 3 years old, and this isn't the kind of atmosphere I want them exposed to. Am I wrong?

—HELPLESS IN TACOMA

DEAR HELPLESS: Certainly not. You and your husband are responsible for setting the standards your children will live by. Wasted no time in checking the classified ads for another place to live. The living conditions in your current dwelling are not as they were represented.

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designated platform bed and a sitting area with a deep sofa, bookshelves and an entertainment unit designed to resemble a Japanese onsen chest.

The other bedroom, across the hall from the first, was turned into an office with a built-in desk and cupboards above it. A pull-out sofa in the office provides extra sleeping space for guests and a favorite afternoon reading spot for Sophie Vitale.

The Vitale's home also has two bedrooms they haven't usurped, so there's still plenty of space for visiting children. That's important, says Stow interior designer Janet Yester Klosky. "Children come back, and you have to have a place for them. ... I think it's very important for those kids to know that they can come home," she says.

When a few drinks would change "the whole judgment thing."

Sure, there were risks, she says. Things that might happen when you mix liquor and love: date rape, pregnancy, STDs, someone slipping GHB, or the "date rape drug." ... I think it's very important for those kids to know that they can come home," she says.

Also in July, the Journal of the American Medical Association found one in five high school girls had been physically or sexually abused by their date.

Researchers said victimized girls were more at risk to drug abuse and suicide.

# School-age cheats turn to the Web

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With the school year at the midpoint and teachers handing out writing assignments and research projects, students are bypassing the library and heading for quicker and easier offerings on the Internet.

Recent studies estimate that as many as half of all high school students are copying word-for-word reports from Web sites and then pasting it into word-processing documents to pawn off on their teachers as original work.

Dozens of overt cheating sites offer free school papers on just about any subject ([www.cheater.com](http://www.cheater.com)) or, for prices ranging from \$4.95 a page ([www.ezwrite.com](http://www.ezwrite.com)) to \$35 a page ([www.a1-termpaper.com](http://www.a1-termpaper.com)), more detailed research.

Paul Roberts, owner of the Ya-based Cheaters.com site, says he gets 100,000 hits a day. He shrugs off ethical issues. "My only concern with the site is that it helps people complete their work easier and faster," he said in response to my e-mailed question.

Educators are fighting back with Web sites of their own that offer tips on how to spot online cheats. They have also developed programs that analyze phrases from student papers to identify plagiarized material.

One of the most active anti-cheating sites is Plagiarism.org (<http://www.plagiarism.org/>), which acts as a clearinghouse for educators fighting Internet plagiarism. The Oakland, Calif., founders of the site have also formed a company called Turnitin (<http://www.turnitin.com>) which sells powerful plagiarism-screening software to high schools and colleges.

Dr. John Barrie, one of the founders, says 30 percent of all the papers they screen are not original work.

In a report released last summer, the Coast Range Department's Census Bureau says nine out of 10 school-age children from 6 to 17 years old had access to a computer in 2000.

# Extra space can fulfill the wishes of parents

Knight Ridder News Service

Ever see that TV commercial that depicts a father's tender goodbye to his college-bound son? Your mother's too upset to come down and see you off, the father tells the departing colleague.

Ha. Mom's really upstairs measuring Junior's room for a hot tub.

Maybe most parents aren't quite that eager, but one-fourth of America's empty nesters plan to renovate their homes in the wake of their grown children's departure, according to a survey by the American Furniture Manufacturers Association. For many, it's a time when they finally have the means to create a home geared toward their own interests and tastes, rather than

one suited to the needs of a growing family.

They also have the space, thanks to those bedrooms the kids left behind.

Beneath the Eminem posters and 3-year-old pizza boxes, there's a decorating gold mine in those abandoned rooms. With a little sweat or a good contractor, they can become retreats, offices, hobby spaces, luxury bathrooms — almost anything that can be dreamed up by an empty nester with a mind freed of soccer schedules and orthodontic appointments.

For Sophie and Bob Vitale, children moving out brought the opportunity to spread out in one of the second floor of their house in Stark County, Ohio. They took over two of their children's bedrooms, turning one

into a home office and using the other to provide space to expand their master bedroom suite.

The children live out of town, and "I didn't see them moving home," Sophie Vitale says. "There was really no reason not to (restyle their bedrooms), and then we thought, 'We want to do it our way.'"

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designed platform bed and a sitting area with a deep sofa, bookshelves and an entertainment unit designed to resemble a Japanese onsen chest.

The other bedroom, across the hall from the first, was turned into an office with a built-in desk and cupboards above it. A pull-out sofa in the office provides extra sleeping space for guests and a favorite afternoon reading spot for Sophie Vitale.

The Vitale's home also has two bedrooms they haven't usurped, so there's still plenty of space for visiting children. That's important, says Stow interior designer Janet Yester Klosky. "Children come back, and you have to have a place for them. ... I think it's very important for those kids to know that they can come home," she says.

When a few drinks would change "the whole judgment thing."

Sure, there were risks, she says. Things that might happen when you mix liquor and love: date rape, pregnancy, STDs, someone slipping GHB, or the "date rape drug." ... I think it's very important for those kids to know that they can come home," she says.

# Hooking up: Sexual encounters can turn dicey at college

The Washington Post

It's an age-old tradition: guy asks girl out, dating follows, they kiss-and-ting. Then comes love, then comes marriage, and one day there's a baby in the baby carriage.

But according to a recent study, college students aren't dating as much as traditional singles say they do, and the variable of "hooking up" seems to have emerged prominently outside the dating equation.

Hooking up. The term is usually synonymous with "making out" or sexual contact. The definition varies

across college campuses, and can mean anything from kissing to "going all the way" and having sex. The more vague, the better. That way no one knows exactly what goes on behind closed doors.

The Independent Women's Forum (IWF) released a study in July called "Hooking Up, Hanging Out, and Hoping for Mr. Right." They had interviewed 62 women and polled 1,000 others on that topic. What was the sexual culture like on campuses? Were college females hooking up? The survey pointed toward

"yes." Of those interviewed, 40 per-

cent said they had hooked up, and one in every 10 said they had hooked up more than six times.

The study reported a polarity on the relationship spectrum: students either hooked-up on one end, or were involved as a monogamous couple on the other. Very little action in between.

"There's the party scene — bars, clubs, fraternities — or you hang out with your friends. If you're not in any of that, you're stuck in the middle," says Tiffany Sanders, 22, a fifth-year senior at Northeastern University in Boston. Sanders says she started hooking up in her freshman year,

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# COMMUNITY

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## Man carries Olympic torch for many years of service to Scouts

By Amie Thompson  
Times-News correspondent

Leo Heider will help carry the Olympic flame en route to Salt Lake City. The honor brings to light his volunteer efforts of building the Boy Scout camp at Murtaugh Lake - the reason he was nominated as a torch bearer.

"I'm proud to represent the Boy Scouts and America in running the torch," he said. "The camp includes a climbing tower, high ropes course, 40-foot rappelling wall, waterfront with 10 docks for canoes and sailboats, amphitheater that seats 200 people and campfire bowl, rifle range, roads, fences and grass, all put in by Heider and his crew. They also have installed running water and restrooms.

And, the job is not finished. "We're going to have a really nice Scout camp," he said. "The potential is tremendous." Heider, 54, is the developer for the huge undertaking, but he stressed that there are many other volunteers who have made it possible.

Heider has been in Boy Scouts for 46 years.



Leo Heider

He made Eagle Scout as a young boy and became a Scout master later on.

"I love the ideals that it teaches the young men," he said. "It's just a character building organization."

Heider has five boys, one daughter and seven grandchildren. He said one of the reasons he stayed in Boy Scouts was so he could spend more time with his boys.

"Our family is most important to us," he said. Heider graduated from Twin Falls High School in 1955. After graduating from Brigham Young University and getting married, he spent six years in the Air Force as a pilot during the Vietnam War. He then received his master's degree in public administration from Ball State in Indiana.

Heider returned to Twin Falls and has continued the business his father started - Heider Floor Service, a hardwood flooring contractor. Now, his sons work for the business.



The 2002 Olympic torch will be carried through Twin Falls between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Jan. 26, followed by a city-wide celebration. An area selection committee chose 42 people to be among the 11,500 inspiring Americans who will carry the torch along a path that begins Dec. 4 in Atlanta and ends Feb. 8 in Salt Lake City, with the opening of the games. Leading up to the games, The Times-News will profile local Olympic torch runners.

## Woman's fight for recovery from illness inspires family

By Amie Thompson  
Times-News correspondent

Karen Thompson suffered from an autoimmune disease that didn't even allow her to put her hands over her head to wash her hair.

Her fight for recovery has been a big inspiration to her husband; Matthew, who nominated her to carry the Olympic flame.

Thompson, 28, of Kimberly was diagnosed with myasthenia gravis in August 2000 after about a year of doctor visits and tests. Myasthenia gravis is an autoimmune disease that affects the skeletal muscles, producing weakness of voluntary muscles. It can be deadly if it starts affecting the muscles used to breathe.

Thompson had always been an avid exerciser and the disease stopped her from continuing her routine.

"The first time I could walk around our block, it was a big accomplishment," she said. That was about three months after she had

her third surgery of the year. Within a couple more months, she could run a mile again.

While recovering from surgery, Thompson tuned into the 2000 Summer Games in Sidney. "I was really inspired by the swimmers," she said. "Swimming was the first kind of exercise I did."

"When Thompson found out that she would be a torch bearer for the 2002 Olympics, she had a lot of different emotions.

"I felt really grateful for the medical technology we have, and for my family and grateful to be a citizen of this country. I was just really excited. I just really felt honored," she said.

Thompson said she is going to dedicate her leg of the relay to all the people who inspired her throughout her fight and to others who have myasthenia gravis because she knows how frustrating it can be to not be able to move well.

"For me to be able to hold the torch up and raise it up high, they can have hope that they can get better," she said.

## STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

### HANSEN FRESHMAN OFFICERS



Hansen High School freshman class officers are, from left, Retha Stanger, secretary/treasurer; Matt Freestone, president; and Jidget Rouse, vice president.

BETTY TAYLOR/The Times-News

## Albion club focuses on past, present activities at meeting

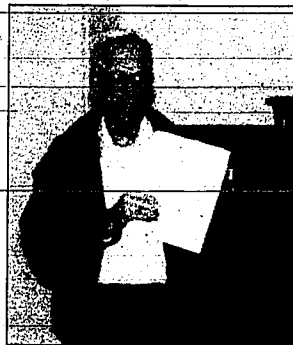
ALBION - A glimpse into the past and eye on future activities was on the agenda at the November meeting of the GFWC Albion Four Leaf Clover Club.

Under the direction of the club's Conservation Committee, Glen Camahan and his wife, Janice presented a program about the early history of Elba, Malta and Albion that he has learned from doing research on his ancestors who settled in the area.

The couple also talked about several people whose names have been given to mountains, creeks, and other geographic sites, such as Sweetzer and Cotrel. Several historic pictures of family and early Elba were passed around.

In club business, President Gwen Montgomery presided over the meeting, and led the Club Collect: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ben Lien, son of club member Tammy Lien. The minutes of the September meeting were read by Edie Fitzgerald, secretary. Linda Leach gave the treasurer's report. The club had received money for preparing and serving the potato bar for the Jim and Susan Kempton, recognition night.

In club business, Carey Leach reported that the Library Committee is preparing the work schedule for the next year and distributed a sign-up sheet for those who wanted to work on Saturdays.



Glen Camahan from Elba presents the program to the GFWC Four Leaf Clover Club of Albion. He talked about the early history of the area that he has gleaned through a study of his ancestors.

Photo courtesy of MARY LYNN COSTA

A report was given by those who attended the GFWC-Idaho Board meeting. Several grants are available from GFWC in such areas as safety and conservation. Ideas for using these grants were discussed by the club members. Members also were reminded of the scholarships available from the State Federation.

Albion City Council candidates expressed appreciation to the club for sponsoring the Meet the Candidate Night.

Montgomery showed a commemorative plaque made for a bench in the City Park. She asked for input on memorial plaques for the park.

Plans for the Christmas dinner and program were discussed. Carol Amende arranged the entertainment and Ina DiGrazia was in charge of the decorations. Members of the committee in charge of the dinner were Marcella Mahoney, Edie Fitzgerald and Montgomery.

Refreshments were served by Lorna Rogers and Judy Heller.

## Albertson College names dean's list

CALDWELL - One hundred forty-six students at Albertson College of Idaho have been named to the dean's list for the fall semester.

To be eligible, a student must earn a 3.75 grade-point average. Albertson College of Idaho is a private, liberal arts institution.

The students and their hometowns are:  
Bull, Ted Fleming  
Gooding, Samantha Storey  
Hagerman, Madeline Ritchie  
and Ryan Urie  
Heyburn, Nick Fulcher  
Jerome, Francesca M. Cantone

Ketchum, Alexander McLaughlin  
Kimberly, Erin Baldwin and Riqui Heinemann  
Murtaugh, Lindsey Ward  
Rupert, Johnathan McGill  
Twin Falls, Michelle Hazen, Andrea Lindberg, Adam Paxton and Karly Eppig  
Wendell, Bill Strunk

## FOCUS ON PEOPLE

### BSU college of business honors for achievement

An Oakley resident has been named a student of the month for Boise State University

College of Business and Economics:  
International Business: Matt G. Smith, a senior, is a 1996 graduate of Oakley High School. The son of Craig and Vickie

Smith of Oakley, Smith is a purchasing expediter at Norco Inc. in Boise. He is a member of the Golden Key Honor Society and has been named to the dean's list.

### Mini-Cassia AARP group hears about senior health

BURLEY - Roanne Gillette of Paul will be guest speaker at the Mini-Cassia AARP meeting at 1 p.m. Thursday at Golden Heritage Senior Center, 2421 Overland Ave.

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All interested people are invited. Merle Sager is president of the American Association of Retired Persons chapter.

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For more information, call 732-0302. All contestants on the local level are recognized for their participation in the event.

## Have an organization? Let the T-N know about it

TWIN FALLS - The Times-News would like to profile your organization.

Send your information along with your name, a photo and your phone number to Pat

Marcantonio, Community Editor, P.O. Box 548 Twin Falls, ID 83301.

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Last year, Knights donated 57 million volunteer hours and \$116 million to charitable and benevolent causes, sponsoring projects to benefit their church, councils, communities, families and young people, the organization said.

### Filer Public Library offers 'Let's Talk About It' group

FILER - The Filer Public Library at 215 Main St. in Filer will offer "Let's Talk About It" book discussion group for adults at 7 p.m. Jan. 14, Jan. 28, Feb. 11, Feb. 25 and March 11 at the library, 215 Main St.

The study theme is "Autobiographies." Books are available for check out at the library and a library card is not required.

Pre-school Story time will be postponed until further notice.

For more information, call 326-4143.

### The hostess is Ilse Hylton. Hand weavers new to the area are encouraged to attend.

For more information, call Elly Young at 734-5358 or Ilse Hylton at 734-6258

### Gooding Senior Citizens holds annual meeting

GOODING - The Gooding County Senior Citizens Center at 308 Senior Ave. in Gooding will hold its annual meeting at 11:45 a.m. Thursday.

Nominations will be accepted

from the floor before the annual election of the board of directors. Following the break for dinner at noon, the meeting will continue and ballots will be collected.

Four board members will be elected for two year terms. Three alternate board members will be elected for a one year term.

Nominations for board members will accepted up until the time to vote. No ballots will be accepted after adjournment of the meeting.

For more information, call 934-5504.

## HEALTH SHORTS

### How Stresses Affect Your Health

No one likes stress. It makes us anxious and irritable, but does it also make us more likely to have illnesses? It seems so, and not just for the things that come to mind, such as ulcers and high blood pressure.

This is a field that is being studied extensively, and researchers are learning how stresses-affect our lives, especially in regard to such

serious illnesses as heart disease and cancer.

It has been known for a long time that increased stresses in life make it more likely for you to have infections in the following months. The most serious stresses are deaths in the family, divorce, and major stresses in life, such as a change in residence or jobs.

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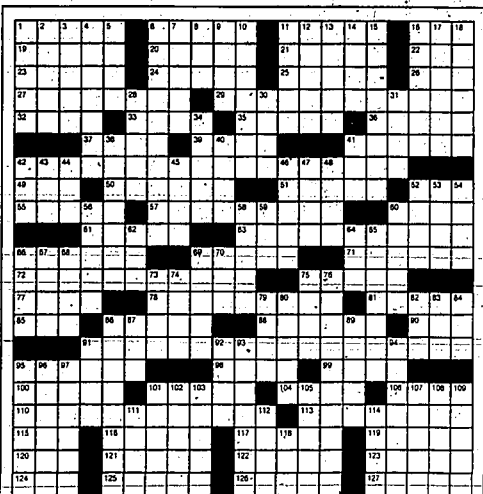
SCHOOL OF THOUGHT

By Alan P. Olachwang, Huntington Beach, California

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THE Sunday Crossword

Edited by Wayne Robert Williams



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Gemini: Communicate ideas

**IF JANUARY 6TH IS YOUR BIRTHDAY...** you have unusual voice and appreciation of music. You are gentle and diplomatic, but in love you are passionate. Taurus, Libra and Scorpio persons play important roles in your life. could have these letters, initials in names: F, O, X. On the 9th, 18th and 27th of this month, you will be active in sociopolitical activity. During this cycle you receive proposals that include business, career and marriage.

**ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19):** Forces are scattered. Light touch wings along with humor. Be aware of legal rights, permissions. Marital status figures prominently. Sagittarius plays key role.

**TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20):** Go slow. Make necessary repair work at home. Be willing to review, revise and rebuild. What had been rejected could now be accepted. You'll ask, "Is it love or lust?"

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Read and write, communicate ideas. Keep plans flexible; be alert for change, travel and variety of experiences. You will exude aura of sensuality and sex appeal.

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**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Attention revolves around necessity for beautifying surroundings, including home. You will receive luxurious gift that brightens living quarters. Libra represented.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Play waiting game; time is on your side. You require additional information; element of deception exists, deliberate or otherwise. Follow through on "psychic impression."

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Focus on power, authority and ability to correct engineering problem. Funding will be obtained once you get format in writing. Shortcuts will not do; be as thorough as possible.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Lunar cycle high. Judgment and intuition honed to razor-sharpness. Imprint style. Lead the way, and do not wait to be told what to do. Circumstances turn in your favor.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Provide enlightenment for those who fear the unknown. Take initiative, make fresh start and take yet another chance on romance. Visit individual confined to home, hospital.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Wish comes true tonight. Attention revolves around where you live, marital status. Resolve dilemma concerning direction and motivation. Cancer native plays major role.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** You learn perhaps more than you care to know. Individual in position of authority will confide "secret." Highlight versatility, humor and intellectual curiosity. Gemini in picture.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Attend to details early; later, communicate with individual in a foreign land. Emphasis on advertising, publishing and writing the press. Scorpio figures prominently.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20):** Investigate financial position of one who would be partner or mate. You will be surprised by money that has been accumulated. Filtration is serious; don't play games with emotions.

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ENGAGEMENTS

**SIMS-BLACK**  
BUHL - Marty Hoos of Deeth, Nev., and Don Sims of Oklahoma announce the engagement of their daughter, Georgia Sims, to Jay Black, son of Jerry and Kay Black of Buhl.  
Sims is a 2001 graduate of Cal Poly in San Luis Obispo, Calif., with a degree in marketing and farm-ranch management.  
Black attended the College of Southern Idaho and graduated from Miller Silver-smithing.  
The wedding is planned for Feb. 23 in Lamolle, Nev.



Georgia Sims and Jay Black

**CONOVER-BINGHAM**  
TWIN FALLS - Ray and Carol Conover of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Anne Elizabeth (Annie) Conover, to Brett Vernon Bingham, son of Steve and Debbie Bingham of Twin Falls.  
Conover is a 2000 graduate of Twin Falls High School and is attending Brigham Young University-Idaho.  
Bingham is a 1998 graduate of Twin Falls High School. He served an LDS mission in the Washington, D.C., French-speaking mission. He is attending the College of Southern Idaho and is employed by Office Max in Twin Falls.



Anne Conover and Brett Bingham  
The wedding is planned for Jan. 17 at the Logan LDS Temple. A reception will be held from 7-9 p.m. Jan. 18 at the LDS Church, 847 Eastland Drive N., Twin Falls.

Study says kids surf Web more than ever before.

Knight Ridder News Service  
A new study shows children are spending more time online than ever before, and more are asking parents to buy them things they've seen online.  
The annual study, conducted jointly by SpectraCom Inc. and Circle 1 Network, began in 1996.  
The companies survey kids on their Internet usage and preferences.  
According to the study:  
• One-fourth of kids spend 10 or more hours online each week, up from 19 percent for the previous five years. A third said they spend less than five hours online each week.  
• Nearly 60 percent have asked parents to buy things they've seen online, up from 40 percent in 1996.

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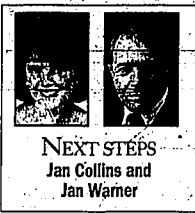
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FAMILY LIFE

# Consider geriatric care manager

Q. I am a single retired woman with no living relatives. I have never married. Although I have quite a few documents in place - a will, a durable medical power of attorney, and a durable financial power of attorney that gives a friend authority over my financial affairs if I become incapacitated, I still do not feel that I am fully covered. If I end up in an assisted living or nursing facility or I am unable to fully care for myself at home, how do I find someone who will be my advocate, my friend and my companion? I have friends now, but I certainly do not expect them to change their lives to look after me. And besides, they might not be around. I want to have someone - similar to family - who will look-out for my welfare and make sure that I am well-fed, dressed in clean clothes, get out for a walk, etc. How do I arrange for this? Can you get me headed in the right direction?

A. Many folks do not have family members available to assist them with quality of life concerns when they become incapacitated



**NEXT STEPS**  
Jan Collins and Jan Warner

or need assistance with certain activities of daily life. At these times, in addition to basic care, companionship and caring, human contacts are essential to reduce the isolation and loneliness that many seniors face.

We have several suggestions: Seek out a geriatric care manager who would be retained by either you or your attorney-in-fact should you become incapacitated or need assistance. The role of the care manager would be to not only evaluate your situation and help you find community and pri-

vate resources to assist you, but also to conduct ongoing visits to assure that your plan of care was being followed. In appropriate situations, care managers can even help locate and monitor live-in caregivers. You can locate a qualified geriatric care manager in your area by going to <http://www.caremanager.org/>

Since companionship and non-medical assistance such as household chores, meal preparation, shopping, entertainment, reading - are essential ingredients to allowing some folks to stay at home longer or to make the most of an institutional setting, we suggest the use of companion services. The best one we know about which has a national reach is Home Instead, <http://www.homeinstead.com/>

More than 10,000 non-medical caregivers are available nationwide, each of whom has passed a criminal background check, is bonded, insured, and supervised. These services can be arranged for either short or long-term situations.

With these resources in mind, you should revisit your documents, particularly your durable power of attorney, to assure that should you become incapacitated, your attorney-in-fact is authorized - or even mandated - to hire these resources to assist you. Remember: powers of attorney should be drafted by knowledgeable lawyers who understand your needs and desires, and should not be form documents that may or may not pass muster when you need them. You should also consider appointing alternate agents just in case your friend who has agreed to help you is not available. And look into long-term care insurance as more and more policies today are including geriatric care management as a covered expense.

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# Request new Social Security Statement

Knight Rider News Service

Q: I received my Social Security Statement a few months ago, but I've misplaced it. How can I get a new one?

A: The easiest way is to request one over the Internet. Visit our web site <http://www.ssa.gov/> - and go to Online Services and select Request a Social Security Statement to have one mailed to you. Or you can call us toll-free at 1-800-772-1213 or visit your local Social Security office.

Q: My wife recently died at age 56. She had worked steadily up until becoming ill a couple of years ago. I've 55 years old. Could I get Social Security benefits as her surviving spouse?

A: Yes. You, as the surviving

## Social Security Q&A

spouse, may be able to get survivors' benefits beginning at age 60, provided that your late wife had enough years of work under Social Security to be fully insured for benefits. Contact Social Security at 1-800-772-1213 for an appointment to file for widower's benefits on your late wife's record. They will look at her Social Security record and determine your eligibility.

This column was prepared by the Social Security Administration. For fast answers to specific Social Security questions, contact Social Security toll-free at 800-772-1213.

# Don't leave home without your discounts

The Orange County Register

Carl Bodie wants his senior discount before he steps aboard an airplane, rents a car or books a hotel room.

Discounts make a big difference, says Bodie, 77, an Orange, Calif., resident who flies frequently to Hawaii, his original home. "I've got five different cards and invoke all of them to see what's best."

Since the 1980s, senior discounts have let most of the 50-plus crowd feel good about getting old. Of course, there are exceptions. "I dated a guy once who was ashamed to ask for senior movie tickets," says Elana Peters, 64. "I said, 'For gosh sakes, here, take it,' but he said he didn't want anyone to know he was over 55."

Peters, a Corona del Mar, Calif., resident, has little sympathy for such sentiments. "I hate them, so why not take them?" she says. She shops at Ross Dress for Less on Tuesdays to get the additional 10 percent senior discount. At least twice a week, she's at a movie theater taking advantage of discount pricing.

offered, many seniors ask for them. "If you don't ask, you don't get," says Anna Boyce, 73, of Mission Viejo, Calif., who uses discounts at restaurants, yoga classes and wherever they are offered. "I think they're a form of advertising," she says.

A recent Wall Street Journal report says the senior discount started in 1955 when the National Retired Teachers Association wanted health-insurance premiums for its members. Three years later, that group spawned the American Association of Retired Persons, now called AARP, which negotiated more deals with hotel chains and other companies. Retailers discovered that the discounts helped them drum up business with the frugal generation that had lived through the Depression.

By the 1980s, the trend expanded to hospitals, airlines, banks and even Jiffy Lubes, which offers 10 percent discounts to the 55-plus crowd.

However, there are signs the discount craze may go the way of the hula-hoop as companies reassess the future. After all, one in five Americans is 55 or older, and the ranks keep growing. These seniors are more active than ever and have a higher net worth than any other age group.

"Why should seniors be pampered? Asks Ken Dychtwald, author of "Age Power." The San Francisco-based gerontologist, 51, says the senior generation "is the most advantaged, entitled group in America" and should not receive special privileges.

Eventually, his view may prevail if companies find the senior market too expensive to woo with price cuts.

But meanwhile - 55 candies on your birthday cake entitles you to that "senior special" at Denny's.

The travel industry offers the best deals, says Joan Ratner Heilman, author of "Unbelievably Good Deals and Great Adventures That You Absolutely Can't Get Unless You're Over 50" (Contemporary Books). Still the only definitive guide to a full range of senior discounts, Heilman's book points readers toward deals in everything from college to housing.

"But travel is the best arena because the industry wants to fill its empty seats and empty beds," she says. Seniors are perceived as having the time and the money - to take advantage of special offers.

In fact, if discounts aren't

# SENIOR CALENDAR

## Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center

616 Eastland Drive  
Dinner served from noon to 12:30 p.m. Suggested donation is \$3 for seniors. The cost is \$4 for non-seniors under 60 and \$2.50 for children under 12.  
Monday-Friday: Menu not available  
Activities  
Library, Pool Room, and Bargain Center with cards, games, color television, puzzles and movies. Open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Monday  
Quitting from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.  
Foot clinic, make appointment  
Tuesday  
Blood pressure from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.  
Exercise, 10 a.m.  
Wednesday  
Quitting from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.  
Elks Card Club, 7 p.m.  
Thursday  
Pinocle at 1 p.m.  
Friday  
Blood pressure from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.  
Lunch bingo

## West End Senior Citizens Inc.

1010 Main St., Buhl  
Noon meals served Monday through Friday. Buffet meal at 1 p.m. on Sunday.  
Evening meals served at 5:30 p.m. Monday and Thursday. Lunches are \$3 and evening meals will be \$2. Sunday dinners are \$3.50. Meals can be delivered Monday through Friday. Call 543-4577 for more information. Free bus service to and from meals is available Monday evening, Tuesday at noon and Thursday noon and evening. Please call 543-4577 by 10 a.m. to arrange a ride. Coffee and cinnamon rolls each morning at the center, everyone is welcome.  
Sunday: Fried chicken  
Monday-Friday: Menu not available  
Activities  
Thrift shop open every day. Quitting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Roseland Band plays from 8-11 p.m. the second Saturday of each month. Admission is \$3.  
Sunday  
All-you-can-eat fried chicken dinner, \$3.50  
Monday  
Exercise from 7-8 a.m. and 10 a.m.  
Smorgy at 5:30 p.m.  
Cards at 6 p.m.  
Tuesday  
Exercises from 7-8 a.m.  
Treasure Tuesday  
Bingo at 11:45 a.m.  
Crafts from 1-4 p.m.  
Bingo from 7-9 p.m.  
Wednesday  
Exercises from 7-8 a.m. and 10 a.m.  
Thursday  
Exercises from 7-8 p.m.  
Bingo from 1-3 p.m.  
Friday  
Exercises from 7-8 a.m. and 10 a.m.

## Filer Senior Haven

222 Main St., Filer  
Dinners served at noon on Tuesday, and Thursday. Suggested donation is \$2.50 for seniors. Home delivered meals available each meal time.  
Tuesday: Vegetable beef soup  
Thursday: Sliced turkey  
Ageless Senior Citizens Mo. 310 Main N., Kimberly  
Monday: Menu not available

## Wednesday: Center closed

Friday: Chicken fried steak, potatoes, gravy, harvard beans, tossed salad, rice pudding, bread  
Saturday: Coffee, milk  
Activities  
Tuesday  
Bingo at 7 p.m.  
Wednesday  
Dominoes at 1 p.m.  
Thursday  
Crafts at 1 p.m.

## Gooding County Senior Citizens Inc.

308 Senior Ave.  
All dinners at noon. Suggested donation is \$3 for seniors.  
Monday: Swiss steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, carrot salad, french bread, plum cobbler  
Tuesday: Chicken a la king, mashed potatoes, peas; three bean salad, bread, fruit  
Wednesday: Chili, baked potato, stir fry vegetables, Waldorf salad, bread, pudding  
Thursday: Roast pork, mashed potatoes, gravy, winter mix vegetables, peaches, roll, oatmeal raisin cake  
Activities  
Monday  
Pool at 9:30 a.m.  
Pinocle at 12:30 p.m.  
Hand and foot at 6 p.m.  
Tuesday  
Pool at 9 a.m.  
Foot clinic at 10:30 a.m.  
Foot at 3 p.m.  
Pinocle at 1:30 p.m. in Shoshone  
Bridge at 6:30 p.m.  
Wednesday  
Pool at 9:30 a.m.  
Board meeting at 1 p.m.  
Shuffleboard at 6 p.m.  
Thursday  
Pool at 9:30 a.m.  
Blood pressure check at 11 a.m.  
SHIBA at 11 a.m.  
Annual meeting and election at 11:45 a.m.  
TOPS at 5 p.m.  
Pinocle at 7 p.m.  
Friday  
Bridge at 1 p.m.  
Hand and foot check at 1 p.m.  
Bingo at 1:30 p.m.  
Bingo at 6:30 p.m.

## Jerome Senior Center

212 First Ave. E.  
All dinners at noon. Suggested donation is \$3.  
Monday: Liver and onions, potatoes, gravy, California blend vegetables, tossed salad, fruit, cookies  
Tuesday: Barbecue ribs, macaroni and cheese, carrots, three bean salad, raisin squares  
Wednesday: Swedish meatballs over noodles, spinach, Jell-O with fruit, zucchini bars  
Thursday: Chicken fried steak, potatoes, gravy, mixed vegetables, carrot raisin salad, cream puff  
Friday: Tuna casserole, corn bread, peas, fruit salad, strawberry shortcake  
Activities  
Monday  
Aerobics at 11 a.m.  
Tuesday  
Board meeting at 1 p.m.  
Pinocle at 1 p.m.  
Snack bar at 6 p.m.  
Early bird bingo at 6:45 p.m.  
Bingo at 7 p.m.  
Wednesday  
Aerobics at 11 a.m.  
Pinocle at 7 p.m.  
Thursday  
Foot clinic, sign up  
Blood pressure check  
Friday  
Raffles at 11 a.m.  
Pinocle at 1 p.m.  
Saturday  
Breakfast from 8-10 a.m.

## Hagerman Valley Senior/Community Center

140 E. Lake, Hagerman  
Open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Lunch is served at noon on Monday, Wednesdays and Fridays. Suggested donation for seniors is \$3, non-seniors \$4 and children \$5. \$2.75. Milk, juice, coffee, tea, rolls, merrdough or cornbread served with all meals.  
Monday-Friday: Menu not available  
Thrift store open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

## Blaine County Senior Center

721 Third Ave. S., Halley  
Meals are served at noon on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. Milk, tea, coffee and tea are served with all meals.  
Tuesday: Finger steaks, honey mustard sauce, Texas toast, cole

## Richfield Senior Center

Monday: Macaroni and cheese, buttered carrots, lettuce salad, bread, rice custard, orange juice, milk, coffee  
Thursday: Ham sandwich, vegetable soup, cream pie, orange juice, milk, coffee

## Shoshone Senior Center

218 N. Rall St. W., Shoshone  
Tuesday: Ham and beans, fried potatoes, raisin carrot salad, homemade bread, cinnamon rolls, orange juice, milk, coffee  
Wednesday: Chicken noodle soup, bread, peach pie, orange juice, milk, coffee  
Friday: Pork chow mein, rice, pea salad, bread, cinnamon rolls, orange juice, milk, coffee  
Activities  
Monday  
Exercise from 9-9:30 a.m.  
Coffee at 9:30 a.m.  
Quitting from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Tuesday  
Lunch at noon  
Pinocle at P.P.m.  
Toe nail clinic  
Wednesday  
Lunch at noon  
Rotary Club  
Pinocle at 1 p.m.  
Snack bar at 6 p.m.  
Early bird at 6 p.m.  
Bingo at 7 p.m.  
Thursday  
Exercise from 9-9:30 a.m.  
Coffee at 9:30 a.m.  
Richfield lunch  
Friday  
Pinocle at 1 p.m.  
Saturday  
Pancake breakfast from 7:30-10:30 a.m.

## Silver and Gold Senior Citizens

203 Wilson, Eden  
Open from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 8 a.m. to noon Friday. Suggested donation for seniors is \$3. All meals include salad, dessert, fruit, milk and coffee. Mondays are cookie and bread bake days and Wednesdays are cinnamon roll and maple bar bake days. Home delivered meals are delivered Monday through Friday.  
Tuesday: Liver and onions, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, fruit cobbler, bread  
Wednesday: Bake day  
Thursday: Cheeseburger, potato salad, baked beans, peaches, coleslaw  
Activities  
Wednesday  
Bingo at 7 p.m.  
Saturday  
Pancake breakfast

## Golden Heritage Senior Center

2421 Overland, Burley  
All dinners are served at noon.  
Monday: Swiss steak, potatoes, gravy, corn on the cob, rolls, mixed fruit, cole slaw  
Tuesday: Ham and beans, corn bread, carrot salad, Jell-O with fruit, assorted desserts  
Wednesday: Birthday and anniversary dinner  
Thursday: Spaghetti, green salad, french bread, Italian vegetables, cherry crisp  
Friday: Pork chops, potatoes, gravy, peas, carrots, roll, lemon apple sauce Jell-O, orange sun-shine cake  
Activities  
Monday  
Men's pool at 10 a.m.  
Exercise at 11 a.m.  
Pinocle at 1 p.m.  
Tuesday  
Men's pool at 10 a.m.  
Exercise at 11 a.m.  
Board meeting at 1 p.m.  
Bingo at 7 p.m.  
Wednesday  
Men's pool at 10 a.m.  
Exercise at 11 a.m.  
Pinocle at 1 p.m.  
Thursday  
Ladies' pool at 10 a.m.  
Exercise at 11 a.m.  
Hearing aid check  
AARP meeting at 1 p.m.  
Friday  
Men's pool at 10 a.m.  
Exercise at 11 a.m.  
Bingo at 1 p.m.  
Pinocle at 1 p.m.

## slaw, hash brown casserole, brownies

Wednesday: Bacon vegetable quiche, scones with honey butter, salad bar with orange slices, bread pudding, hard sauce  
Thursday: Roast beef, onion gravy, hot rolls, mashed potatoes, green beans, Waldorf salad, cherry cheesecake  
Activities  
Tuesday  
Exercise at 9 a.m.  
Caregiver support group meeting at 10 a.m.  
Foot clinic at 10 a.m.  
Wednesday  
Board meeting at 9:30 a.m.  
Choir at 11 a.m.  
Thursday  
Exercise at 9 a.m.  
Shopping at 9:30 a.m. in Twin Falls  
Smoking cessation at 7 p.m.

## Milidoka County Senior Citizens Center

702 11th St., Rupert  
Meals are served at noon and home delivered upon request. Juice and assorted beverages are served every day with meals.  
Monday-Friday: Menu not available  
Center gift shop is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Monday through Friday. Quitting and pool table daily during center hours. Crafts every day. Volunteers are needed to do grocery shopping for shut-ins. Call Rideney at 436-1200  
Activities  
Monday  
Exercise from 10-11 a.m.  
Songfest from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.  
Bridge  
Quitting from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Bingo from 1-2 p.m.  
Wednesday  
Pinocle 1-4 p.m.  
Bingo at 7 p.m.  
Thursday  
Exercise from 10-11 a.m.  
SHIBA Medicare supplemental insurance assistance from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call George Schwinderman at 436-9107.

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