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Good-bye, mayor

Twin Falls' first woman mayor comes to end of term

By Mark Heinz
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Elaine Steele loves roller coaster rides, which is why she said she enjoyed her tenure as Twin Falls mayor.

"It was a roller coaster ride that just went by so fast," she said. "There were lots of twists and turns, ups and downs. But there were more ups than downs."

Steele said she will honor a long-standing tradition of Twin Falls' mayors serving only one term at a time. So unless the City Council simply can't choose a

Council will pick mayor — A4

replacement, she plans to step down as mayor tonight.

She will continue to serve on the council.

Because Twin Falls has a city manager form of government — which leaves most of the day-to-day logistics of government up to the staff at City Hall — the mayor holds no more real power than the other council members.

But the position comes with major public relations duties.

And PR work seems to be Steele's strong suit.

"Elaine is truly a people person," said Twin Falls City Manager Tom Courtney. "She relates well to everyone she meets. She has a good understanding of city issues and she's able to communicate those to people she's speaking to."

So Steele put a good face on city government, he said.

"We tend to focus on the mayor at times, because the mayor is the leader of the council. The main difference between

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Elaine Steele addresses a Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce luncheon in one of her last official acts as mayor. The Twin Falls City Council chooses a new mayor tonight.

A PROMISE TO THE POOREST

Afghan leader says he'll feed and clothe nation's orphans

The Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — There was a podium, but Afghanistan's prime minister ignored it. He chose a chair instead, and pulled it close to an audience of children huddled in rags.

"Do you eat meat?" Hamid Karzai asked Sunday.

"No!" the shivering orphans cried. "We only eat rice with sauce."

"What clothes do you have?" called out the new leader of this ravaged country, the first interim government official to visit the now-famous Alawuddin orphanage.

From around the room came shouted replies: "One sweater," "One outfit," "I am cold."

To this sea of upturned faces — many of which could use a little soap — Karzai promised: "I will make you clothes, I will give you good food. I will heat your rooms."

For more than 800 orphans at the orphanage, whose dire need has tugged at hearts around the world, fulfilling those promises may save young lives.

Even a grown-up as busy as the new prime minister knows that.

Later, out of range of small gas, he vowed to work "like hell" to make good his word.

The orphanage — a drab complex in a war-ravaged district of Kabul — houses toddlers and teenagers alike. It was largely forgotten under Taliban rule, and since the rigid Islamic fundamentalists fled on Nov. 13, no one had visited from the new government.

The orphanage's population swelled under war. The children's parents include the dead, the dying, the missing and those simply too poor to care for them.

Photographs taken in Please see KARZAI, Page A2



Afghan Interim Prime Minister Hamid Karzai hugs an orphan boy during a visit to the Alawuddin Orphanage in Kabul, Afghanistan, Sunday. Alawuddin is home to more than 400 orphans.

Debate on taxes, deficit heats up

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Democrats and Republicans' pointed fingers at each other Sunday in a debate over the economy, in what amounted to a game plan for each side's election-year strategy. Democrats blamed last year's tax cut for vanishing budget surpluses, while Republicans said anyone who criticizes a tax cut must want to raise taxes instead.

Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., spelled out most candidly the dilemma of lawmakers facing new budget deficits and re-election at the same time: Taking back or delaying some of President Bush's 10-year, \$1.35 trillion tax cut is not "politically salable," McCain said on NBC's "Meet the Press."

Administration officials defended the tax cut, a centerpiece of Bush's first year in office.

"The way to stimulate this economy is to give this economy tax relief," Commerce Secretary Don Evans said Sunday on ABC's "This Week."

Democrats led by Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle, along with independent analysts, note the tax cut helps explain why the federal government is now facing a budget deficit after several years of mounting surpluses.

But Daschle and most Democrats have stopped short of calling for its repeal. Asked Sunday if Daschle would consider repealing any of the tax cut given his sharp criticism, spokesman Ranit Schmelzer would not say what his position is.

"He wants to see the administration's budget — he wants to see whether they dip into the Social Security surplus, and if so by how much," she said. "And then they Please see DEBATE, Page A2

U.S. enters a more delicate phase of war in Afghanistan

The Baltimore Sun

WASHINGTON — American airstrikes in Afghanistan have slowed to a trickle. Searches of caves around Tora Bora are

nearing the end. A new and improved cave-busting bomb slated for the front two weeks ago is now being held in reserve.

These developments and similar ones provide ample evidence that Operation Enduring Freedom, the U.S. military campaign against the Taliban and the al-Qaida terrorists, has entered a new phase, one that is more dogged, potentially hazardous and diplomatically sensitive.

The new face of the war is taking shape throughout the war-torn country: Small groups of American soldiers have joined Afghan fighters on raids and intelligence-gathering efforts, an open-ended effort that will likely take months and increase the possibility of casualties.

On Friday, an Army special operations soldier was killed as he joined Afghan

fighters in a firefight against enemy forces near the eastern city of Khost.

It was the first reported death of a U.S. soldier by hostile fire and comes after the November killing of a CIA agent by

Taliban prisoners near Mazar-e-Sharif and the December deaths by friendly fire of three Army Green Beret soldiers outside Kandahar.

"The risk to our soldiers from ambush and booby traps is pretty significant right now," — defense department official

Hundreds of Marines in the south are being replaced by Army airborne troops, who will form a garrison force of greater duration — one that will include MPs to guard the growing number of prisoners and a "quick reaction" capability to mount helicopter-borne raids against enemy hide-outs. Several hundred special operations soldiers also are working throughout the country.

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War on terrorism

After almost 100 days of war in Afghanistan, the Taliban regime has been defeated and replaced by an interim government, refugees have been freed and Osama bin Laden remains to be found.

Oct. 7 As war begins, the U.S. and Britain warplanes and ships attack strongholds of bin Laden's al-Qaida network and Taliban regime. U.S. military drops rations for Afghan people.

Oct. 9 U.S. forces strike Taliban stronghold of Kandahar in first daylight raid.

Oct. 12 Government announces a freeze of U.S. assets of senior bin Laden aides.

Oct. 13 Taliban rejects President Bush's "second chance" offer to "sough up" bin Laden.

Nov. 9 In first major territorial advance, Mazar-e-Sharif falls to rebel northern alliance.

Nov. 13 Taliban abandons Kabul and heads south toward Kandahar. Pentagon declares most of northern Afghanistan under rebel control.

Nov. 15 Eight Western aid workers are rescued in Afghanistan after being imprisoned for three months.

Nov. 17 Taliban confirms death of bin Laden military chief Mohammed Atef in airstrike three days earlier.

Nov. 22 Taliban commanders agree to let northern alliance oversee surrender of Kandahar, the Taliban's last stronghold in Afghanistan.

Dec. 2 Pentagon says a man claiming to be an American and later identified as John Walker Lindh was among more than 80 Taliban fighters.

Dec. 7 Taliban forces abandon Kandahar without a fight.

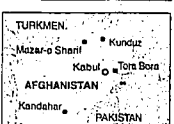
Dec. 13 Pentagon releases videotape of bin Laden recalling the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks and expressing happiness that the destruction was so great.

Dec. 16 Tora Bora, the complex of mountain caves sheltering al-Qaida and Taliban hideouts, falls.

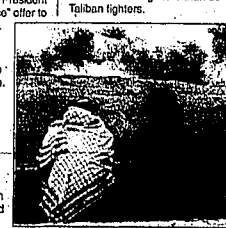
Dec. 17 U.S. Embassy in Afghanistan reopens after 13 years.

Dec. 22 Hamid Karzai is sworn in as prime minister of Afghanistan's new interim government; international peacekeeping force moves in.

Jan. 2 Afghan government confirms U.S. bombs killed the Taliban's intelligence chief.



TURKMENISTAN
Mazar-e-Sharif
Kunduz
Kabul
Tora Bora
Kandahar
AFGHANISTAN
PAKISTAN



Northern Alliance troops watch explosions during an airstrike in Northern Afghanistan.

FORECAST FOR MAGIC VALLEY

AccuWeather.com



ALMANAC table with columns for Today, Yesterday, and Tomorrow, listing weather statistics like High/Low, Precipitation, and Humidity.

FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR TWIN FALLS

Forecast cards for TODAY, TONIGHT, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, and FRIDAY, including weather icons and temperature ranges.

CANADIAN CITIES

Table listing Canadian cities with columns for Today, High, Low, and Wind.

REGIONAL WEATHER

Southern Idaho: Areas of fog this morning, then mostly cloudy and mild with a passing shower or two.

Boise: Areas of fog this morning; otherwise, rather cloudy today with a passing shower or two.

Northwest Nevada: Times of clouds and sunshine today. Nothing more than a stray shower in the far northwest late in the day.

Northem Utah: Sunshine will be mixing with cloudy today after areas of low clouds and fog.

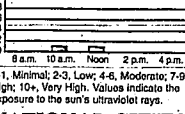
Northern Idaho: Plenty of clouds around today with a few showers. A bit of snow in the highest elevations.

NATIONAL WEATHER: High 81° in Hollywood, FL. Low -1° in Anisimoa, CO.

SUN AND MOON

Calendar-style forecast for Jan 13, 20, 21, 28, Feb 4, showing moon phases and sunrise/sunset times.

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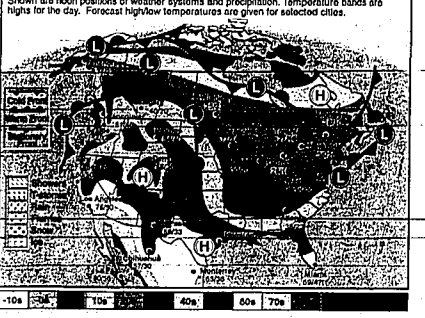
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Karzai

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"God is great" and readings from the Quran. Moving among the children, Karzai bent to stroke a girl's cheeks...

"I have no words," said the man whose job requires finding the right words. "It's the story of Afghanistan."

Schools struggle to identify dangerous pilots

WASHINGTON (AP) - Few flight schools have security measures in place that could have averted a Florida teenager who crashed a small plane into a skyscraper...

Mayor

Continued from A1. The mayor and other members of the council is the amount of time the mayor has to commit to representing the city at official events.

War

Continued from A1. At the same time, allied relationships are being tested. Anti-Taliban Afghan fighters are in some instances negotiating the surrender of their onetime foes...

Debate

Continued from A1. can discuss options about how to proceed. "I haven't stepped Bush and fellow Republicans from accusing Democrats of wanting to raise taxes."

you're unemployed, you'd much rather have sooner rather than later. "White House economic adviser Lawrence Lindsey told 'Fox News Sunday.'"

had, as some people in the administration say, no impact, or no negative impact. Democrats and Republicans ended 2001 at odds over legislation to stimulate the economy...

War

Continued from A1. The first part of that updated mission is to make sure the Taliban "stays out of power," he said, the second is to track down the elusive Taliban and al-Qaida leadership.

War

Continued from A1. It's also the mayor's job to direct council meetings and Courtney and members council gave Steele high marks for her ability to keep meetings running smoothly.

War

Continued from A1. "I probably won't miss getting phone calls at two in the morning. There's been a few of those," she said.

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Women appear in forefront of the action on combat ships

ABOARD THE USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT (AP) — Keeping an eye on incoming fighter jets, Aviation Boatswain's Mate Gail Giberson hauls steel chains and wheel chocks across the flight deck to tow down planes as they return from missions over Afghanistan. It's tough work for the 5-foot-2-inch, 20-year-old, but not unusual in today's U.S. Navy, where women have jobs on combat ships that were once the preserve of men.

More than 800 of this aircraft carrier's 5,500 sailors are women, from fighter pilots to forklift drivers. "Sometimes I need help doing certain tasks ... but the guys I work with are pretty incredible. They joke around all the time, which makes it a lot easier," said Giberson, who's from San Diego. "They treat me like one of the guys and it's good for morale. If I need help, I ask them ... I pull my weight as much as them."

Like men, women are enlisting for the money and a chance to see the world. "I wanted to see a lot of stuff and get some experience before figuring out what career to do," said Giberson, who joined the Navy in August 2000.

Working 12- to 14-hour night shifts wearing steel-toed boots, a protective helmet, goggles and ear protectors, her face spattered with grease, she leads a less-than-glamorous life. But she says being on the flight deck, amid the constant roar of jet engines as F-14 Tomcats and F/A-18C Hornets catapult off into the sky is "the most exciting place on the boat." Women have been in the Navy since before World War II, but couldn't serve on combat ships until nine years ago, when



Aviation Boatswain's Mate Gail Giberson, from San Diego, Calif., is seen aboard the USS Theodore Roosevelt as it cruises in the Arabian Sea Saturday. Giberson was newly posted to the job of keeping track of incoming aircraft as they land on the deck.

Congress eased the ban on women in combat roles. Women are still not allowed on submarines and are barred from serving in units whose main purpose is ground combat. Women now make up about 15 percent of the active-duty military.

As on many vessels, sleeping quarters and bathrooms had to be modified on the Theodore Roosevelt, which was designed in the 1960s, to ensure the privacy of female sailors.

There are also strict regulations against fraternization between the sexes. A couple caught having a sexual relationship are likely to spend time in the brig.

The carrier's commanding officer, Capt. Richard O'Hanlon, a 25-year veteran, admits he was skeptical when women were first assigned to combat ships, but said the effect has been positive and the problems minimal. "Probably like most people I was afraid of the unknowns," he

said, but "the way it turned out it was probably a bunch of artificial barriers that we had all put up in our minds which really in the light of day didn't hold up." Female sailors have created "healthy competition" and filled a recruitment gap, O'Hanlon said.

Cmdr. Diana Cangelosi, who is in charge of the ship's combat direction center, said there have been huge changes in attitude since she joined in 1981.

Then, around 30 percent of male sailors supported women being in the Navy; now it's 90 percent, said Cangelosi, the carrier's most senior female officer. "There are still men who feel women don't belong out here," she said. But "for the most part, the command is totally supportive and people are just outstanding."

Attitudes have changed because women proved they could do the work and have "quietly done their jobs very, very well," she said.

Intel begins selling faster models

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — Intel Corp. and Advanced Micro Devices Inc. on Monday will begin selling the fastest models yet of their flagship processors, the electronic brains of personal computers.

Intel's new Pentium 4 chips run at 2.2 gigahertz and 2 GHz, or 2.2 and 2 billion of cycles per second. AMD's latest, the Athlon XP 2000+, clocks in at 1.67 GHz. Despite the speed difference,

AMD says its Athlons are more efficient and perform better than faster Intel chips when it comes to running many of the most popular applications.

But Intel's new chips are the first to be built using a new process that allows smaller transistors and other features, including doubled on-chip memory and a 30 percent reduction in overall processor size.

That means the chips have a

performance boost of roughly 10 percent, in addition to the boost that comes from increased processor speed, said Louis Burns, general manager of Intel's Desktop Platform Group.

Analysts also expect the new process technology to help Intel meet demand for the Pentium 4 as well as improve profit margins by increasing the number of chips produced from each silicon wafer.

Anti-terrorism price tag so far exceeds \$60 billion

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congress has provided more than \$60 billion since September to combat terrorism at home and abroad and to rebuild from the attacks on New York and Washington. That's roughly five times what the nation spent to fight terrorism in the previous year.

Some costs are one-time expenses or will diminish in coming years — like helping communities recover from the Sept. 11 devastation, but other anti-terrorism programs are sure to grow.

When he sends Congress his \$2 trillion budget for fiscal 2003 next month, President Bush is expected to propose billions more for the military's \$345 billion wartime budget for the rest of this year, plus a hefty increase for next year for government-wide anti-terrorism efforts. Fiscal 2003 begins Oct. 1.

Republican aides on the House Budget Committee estimate that so-called homeland security programs alone — such as hiring FBI agents and stopping bioterrorists — will grow by \$150 billion over the next decade. That excludes money for military anti-terrorism operations and for local recovery aid.

Not all of the \$60 billion Congress approved will be spent this year. Precise figures remain hazy because of disagreements — sometimes fueled by politics — over what exactly constitutes anti-terrorism spending, and because such activities are often included within broader programs and are not distinct.

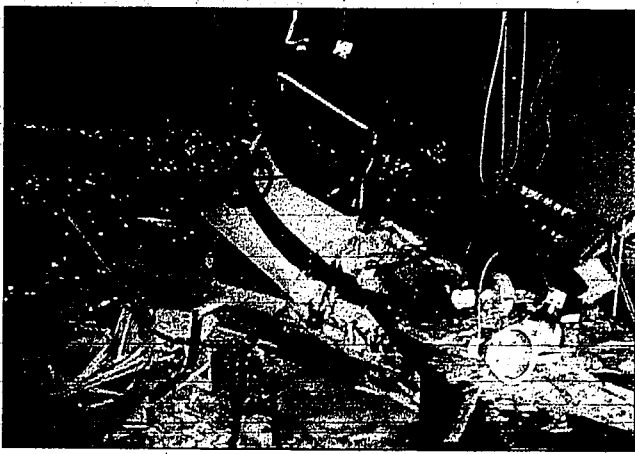
"We're scrambling" to figure out precisely how much was enacted, said spokeswoman Melissa Merson of the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office. "Though but a sliver of the federal budget, \$60 billion exceeds

the 2000 revenues of all but the dozen largest U.S. corporations, and it would buy 3 million cars at \$20,000 apiece. It is also five times the \$12 billion total for all federal anti-terrorism spending in fiscal 2001, an August White House report said.

Beeing up security at home and hunting Osama bin Laden are hugely popular with the public and members of both parties, assuring that such spending will continue.

But that hasn't stopped political warfare from erupting. Bush and congressional Democrats clashed last fall over how to divide the first round of spending between defense and domestic programs. With a return of federal deficits imminent, more fights are brewing this election year.

"We have no higher obligation than to defend this country," said Senate Budget Committee



The wreckage of the Cessna 172R is seen in an office on the 28th floor of the Bank of America building Saturday night in Tampa, Fla. A 15-year-old student pilot crashed the small plane into the building after making an unauthorized takeoff from the St. Petersburg-Clearwater International Airport.

Police: Pilot supported bin Laden

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — The 15-year-old who crashed a small plane into a skyscraper wrote a note expressing sympathy for Osama bin Laden and support for the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, police said Sunday.

The short, handwritten note found in Charles Bishop's pocket said he acted alone, Tampa Police Chief Bennie Holder said. The high school freshman had no apparent terrorist ties, Holder said.

"Bishop can best be described as a young man who had very few friends and was very much a loner," Holder said. "From his actions we can assume he was a very troubled young man."

Bishop made an unauthorized takeoff in the Cessna 172R from a St. Petersburg airport, and began a flight that briefly included airspace over MacDill Air Force Base. Ignoring signals to land from a Coast Guard helicopter, he crashed into the 28th floor of the 42-story Bank of America building.

Bishop was the only fatality. Holder said there is no indication Bishop specifically targeted the building or "had any intention of harming anyone else."

The note, a few paragraphs handwritten on plain white paper, was not addressed to any-



Charles Bishop

one specifically, said police spokeswoman Katie Hughes. In the note he did not mention his family in it, nor did he say goodbye to anyone, she said, although authorities interpret it as a suicide note.

Investigators on Sunday interviewed the boy's family and said they would search his personal computer for evidence. Bishop, of Palm Harbor, was told to check the plane's equipment before the start of a flying lesson Saturday, police said. He took off without waiting for an instructor who was supposed to accompany him.

A Coast Guard helicopter crew motioned for the boy to land but couldn't get a response, and a pair of military jets scrambled to intercept the small plane arrived after the crash. Fire department officials said damage to the building was limited to the office where the plane hit and small areas of adjoining floors. Most of the building was expected to be open Monday, though there was concern about

chunks of the facade falling to the sidewalk below. Images of the plane blasting a hole in the side of a skyscraper were chilling reminders of the World Trade Center attacks. Until it was pulled in early Sunday, the plane's tail had dangled from the 28th floor of the building.

Jury selection will begin in case of drowned children

HOUSTON (AP) — Andrea Yates breathed heavily as she called an emergency dispatcher, requesting that a police officer and an ambulance come to her southeast Houston home.

"Are you having a disturbance? Are you ill?" 911 operator Sylvia Morris asked the mother of five.

"Yes, I am ill," Yates replied. "Wet clothes clinging to her, Yates greeted officers at the door with these words: 'I killed my kids.'" Officer David Knapp testified at a pretrial hearing. In a back bedroom, the officers found four dead children under a sheet on a bed. A fifth body was face down in a half-full bathtub.

Jury selection was scheduled to begin Monday in the capital murder trial of Yates, who faces a possible death sentence if convicted of the June 20 drownings

of three of her children — Noah, 7, John, 5, and Mary, 6 months. Charges are pending for the drownings of Paul, 3, and Luke, 2.

Yates has pleaded innocent by reason of insanity. In September, a different set of jurors determined Yates, 37, was competent to stand trial, meaning she understands the charges against her and can assist with her defense. The new panel still could decide she was insane the morning of June 20 and find her innocent.

"I want to hold her accountable for the death of those children," Harris County District Attorney Chuck Rossenthal said.

Testimony is not expected to begin until February as prosecutors and defense attorneys must question dozens of potential jurors individually.

Experts see pros, cons to preflight questions

NEW YORK (AP) — Did you pack your bags yourself? Have they been out of your possession? The questions asked of airline passengers aren't designed to trip up a terrorist, and that raises another question: Should passenger questioning be tougher?

Israel's airline, El Al, routinely interrogates passengers boarding its flights, often probing their background and travel plans. But its operation is a tiny fraction of the U.S. aviation system, and El Al's painstaking security methods would not transfer easily to U.S. airlines.

Some aviation security experts say tougher questioning could be a valuable tool in the United States, at least in theory. In practice, they admit, it would be unfeasible to subject all U.S. passengers to such interrogation and difficult to find an acceptable method of selecting a subset of travelers to be grilled.

Mary Schiavo, a former Transportation Department inspector general and now a lawyer for victims of airline acci-

dents, said intensified questioning would be worth trying, but only after expert profiles developed an effective set of questions.

"We'd like to see a more scientific basis," she said. "Just delaying people while we ask more inane questions won't get us anywhere."

She stressed that authorities would have to develop sound criteria for selecting some passengers for thorough questioning.

"There's no way in the United States that you can ever do it on the basis of national origin or

race," she said. "We're a melting pot."

El Al has no compunctions about profiling — Arabs, even if Israeli citizens, and some foreigners routinely come under closer scrutiny than most Israeli Jews. While many passengers are asked only about their luggage, others might be asked to explain their itinerary or past travels recorded in their passports.

In the United States, Arab-Americans and civil liberties groups see pitfalls in emulating El Al.

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 Blaine County commissioners, 8:45 a.m., courthouse.
 Dietrich City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall.
 Gooding City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall.
 Hansen Community Library Board, 7 p.m., library, 120 W. Maple.
 Jerome County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse.
 Ketchum City Council, 5:30 p.m., City Hall.
 Kimberly Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., community center.
 Twin Falls City Council, 5 p.m., City Hall.
 Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse.

Tuesday
 Blaine County School Board, 7:30 p.m., a school in the district.
 Dietrich School Board, 7:30 p.m., school's business room.
 Gooding School Board, 7 p.m., district administration office.
 Hagerman School Board, 7 p.m., elementary school.
 Hailey Planning and Zoning Commission, 6:30 p.m., Hailey Town Center.
 Kimberly City Council, 7 p.m., community center.

Wednesday
 Castleford City Council, 7 p.m., J&D Printing Enterprises.
 Declo City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall.
 Glens Ferry School Board, 7 p.m., district office, 820 Old U.S. Highway 30.
 Heyburn City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall.
 Murtaugh School Board, 7 p.m., high school library.
 Paul City Council, 7:30 p.m., city office.
 Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse.
 Twin Falls Public Library Board, 5 p.m., library board room.
 Wendell City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall.
 Wendell School Board, 7 p.m., high school.

Thursday
 Bellevue City Council, 7 p.m.,

City Hall:
 Cassia County School Board, 7 p.m., central office, 237 19th St., Burley.
 DeMay Memorial Library Board, 4:30 p.m., 417 Seventh St., Rupert.
 Hagerman Chamber of Commerce, noon, Hagerman Senior Center.
 Jackpot Advisory Board, 6 p.m., Jackpot Recreation Center.
 Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce, noon, Price's Cafe, Burley.
 Minidoka City Council, 7:30 p.m., City Hall.
 Murtaugh Highway District, 7 p.m., district office.
 Oakley City Council, 7 p.m., city office, 200 W. Main.
 Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse.
 Twin Falls County Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., 246 Third Ave. E.

Tuesday
 South Central Head Start "Bilingual Parents as Teachers," 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Taylor 276.
 Dell Computer Corp. job interviews, 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., Taylor 256/258.
 South Central Head Start Social Services competency-based training, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Shields 104/105.

Friday
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 Idaho Department of Agriculture pesticide applicator license exam, 9 a.m. to noon, Taylor 276.
 Armed services aptitude testing, 5:30 p.m., Shields 208.
 4-H equine studies evening, 6 p.m., Evergreen A22.
 Snake River Carriage Club monthly meeting, 6:45 p.m., Evergreen A20.
 Magic Valley Amateur Radio Club monthly meeting, 7 p.m., Shields 113.

Thursday
 South Central Head Start "Bilingual Parents as Teachers," 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Taylor 276.
 Dell Computer Corp. job interviews, 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., Taylor 256/258.
 South Central Head Start Social Services competency-based training, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Shields 104/105.

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 CSI Golden Eagle basketball against Snow College, women play at 6 p.m., men play at 8 p.m., gym.
 Narcotic Anonymous weekly meeting, 7 p.m., Desert 112.
 "The Dinosaur Chronicles," 7 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.
Saturday
 Certified Nursing Assistant national writing test, 8 a.m. to noon, Aspen 108.
 Well Computer Corp. job interviews, 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., Taylor 256/258.
 Pioneer Button Club monthly meeting, 12:30 p.m., Office on Aging.
 "Larry Cat in Space," 2 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.
 "The Dinosaur Chronicles," 4 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.
 CSI Golden Eagle basketball against Dixie State College, women play at 6 p.m., men play at 8 p.m., gym.
 "WSKY: Radio Station of the Stars," 7 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.
 Piano recital for students of Sue Miller, 7 p.m., Fine Arts Auditorium.
 Magic Valley Astronomical Association monthly meeting, 7 p.m., Herrett Center Frost classroom.
 Herrett Center monthly star party (free telescope viewing if sky is clear), 8:30 p.m., front of Herrett Center.

Glitch leaves licenses unrenewed

POCATELLO (AP) - A glitch in the state's liquor licensing has left some local restaurants high and dry, and a little upset.
 The delay in renewing liquor licenses occurred because renewing license holders overpaid about two new state fees for wine sales were struck down because they had not been approved by the Legislature.
 Scott Brandon, owner of the Ristorante D'Frangiaro, said he sent his application for a state license via overnight mail in late December.
 Brandon said instead of mail-

Critics argue plant will have ripple effect

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) - Attorneys opposing a new power plant said downstream impacts on Washington must be considered because the two states' water supplies are inextricably linked.
 "The impacts in Washington will boomerang back into Idaho," Rachael Paschal Osborn, an attorney for groups protesting the plant's request for a water permit, said.
 Idaho Power LLC, a subsidiary of giant Cogentrix Energy, has proposed one of two plants planned near Rathdrum that would draw water from an aquifer shared by the two states.
 Last month, the company requested that the Washington water concerns not be considered in an upcoming hearing on the water permit before the Idaho Department of Water Resources.
 Osborn said the permit would affect not just the shared water supply but also other shared resources, including the Spokane River's rainbow trout population.
 "Those basins are important to Idaho and have to be considered in a water rights proceeding," Osborn said.
 Kevin Beaton, an attorney for Cogentrix, said Idaho code restricts the department's authority to water issues within the state.
 "Idaho law doesn't consider out-of-state water interests in issuing Idaho water rights," Beaton said. "The statute doesn't provide for that and it never has, to my knowledge."
 The plants would use water from the Spokane Valley-Rathdrum Prairie Aquifer to cool steam turbines and generate energy. The aquifer recharges the Spokane River and is the sole

SERVICES

Bessie Bell (Shaffer) Owens of Twin Falls, service at 11 a.m. today 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. today at Twin Falls Cemetery (White Mortuary).
 Jewel M. Jackson of Jerome, service at 1 p.m. today at Hove Robertson Funeral Chapel, 629 E. Third St., Jerome; burial will follow at the Jerome Cemetery.
 Maxine Jeanette Erickson of Citrus City, Ariz., and formerly of Kimberly, celebration of life at 1 p.m. today at Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.
 Warren "Chip" Lee Hurluck Jr. of Buhl, service at 1:30 p.m. today 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. today at the Elmwood Cemetery in Gooding; family and friends may call from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. today 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 Delehof of Jerome, service at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Hove Robertson Funeral Chapel, Third and Ellmore, Jerome; burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls; friends may call from 5-7 p.m. today at the chapel.
 Francisco Basilio Munoz of Jerome, visitation for family and friends will be held from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at Farnsworth Mortuary, 1343 S. Lincoln, Jerome.
 Nellie Lickley Lattimer of Jerome, service at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Hove Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome; viewing will be from 5-7 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral chapel.
 Josie 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).
 Paul William McKinnon of Hagerman, celebration of life from 4-7 p.m. Friday at the American Legion Hall in Ketchum (Demaray's Gooding Chapel).

DEATH NOTICE

Austyn Eugene Coltrin
 BURLEY - Austyn Eugene Coltrin, 19, of Burley, died Saturday, January 5, 2002 at his home.
 Services are pending and will be announced by Payne Mortuary of Burley.

OBITUARIES

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GOODING
Phillip H. Higgins
 Phillip H. Higgins, 92, of Gooding, died Saturday, Jan. 5, 2002 at his home.
 Phillip was born Dec. 10, 1909 in Beaver City, Nebraska, the son of Samuel and Mary Catherine Higgins.
 Phillip married Leona Fern Hollond on Oct. 24, 1931 in Oberlin, Kan. They moved to Glens Ferry, Idaho in 1932. Soon after that, they moved to a forty-acre farm east of Gooding. Phillip worked the check in gate at the Gooding sales yard for fifteen years.
 He is survived by his son, Rob Higgins of Gooding, his grand daughter, Anna Nobrega, of Town Creek, Ala., and four great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.
 He was preceded in death by both parents, his wife, three brothers, and two sisters.
 Funeral services will be held at the Gooding First United Methodist Church at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 9, 2002 with Rev. Mike Gregor officiating.
 Friends may call at Demaray's Gooding Chapel Tuesday, January 8, 2002 from 1-7 p.m.
 Please send memorial contributions to Idaho Home Health and Hospice, 826 Eastland Dr., Twin Falls, Idaho 83401.
 He married Elaine Edna Perry, November 18, 1933 at Fairfield, Idaho. She preceded him in death August 30, 1994. He then married Grace Marie (Johnson) Poulson, April 22, 1995.
 He was a farmer and a businessman in Gooding for 25 years. As a lifelong member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, he served as bishop of the Gooding and Gooding second ward for eight years.
 He is survived by his wife, Grace; sons Neal (Julia) of Bellevue, Wash., Glen (Jenny) of Mossa, Ariz., and Roy (Dixie) of Coatsville, Utah; step-children, Peggy (Alan) of Richland, Wash., John (Jana) Poulson of St. Anthony, Idaho, and Robert (Sheri) Poulson, of Idaho Falls; 16 grandchildren; 66 great-grandchildren; 11 step-grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren; brothers Ralph Dixon, Dick Dixon, and Ken Dixon; sisters Leah Porter and Gwen Blomquist.
 Funeral services will be held at the Gooding LDS Chapel at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, January 11, 2002, with Bishop David Rigby of the Gooding first ward officiating. Burial will follow at the Wendell Cemetery.
 Friends may call at Demaray's Gooding Chapel between the hours of 6-8 p.m. on Thursday, January 10, 2002.

Verl Lyman Dixon
 Verl Lyman Dixon, 89, of Gooding, Idaho, died Friday, Jan. 4, 2002 at St. Alphonsus Hospital in Boise, Idaho.
 Verl was born November 9, 1912 at Fir Grove, Camas County, Idaho, to James H. and Sarah E. Dixon.
 Educated in Camas county schools, he graduated from Camas County High School in 1931.

Company will provide toilets to Olympics

BOISE (AP) - A local company has landed a \$3 million contract for what might be the most sought after seats at the winter games in Salt Lake City, the portable potties.
 "Jobs of this scope are very rare," Larry Moore, chairman of A-Company Inc., said.
 The job is so big that A-Company has had to partner with four other firms to supply the 2,600 portable toilets Olympic organizers have ordered for the Winter Games.
 Moore said the Olympic potty contracts are 10 times bigger than any previous in the company's 25-year history. The firm has had the portable toilet contract for the Boise River Festival for the past few years, but that job only involved a few hundred potties.
 Still, Moore is confident he can handle the job.
 "There's a lot of work involved, but we feel good about it," he said. "We're right on schedule."
 The firm's road to the Olympics began in earnest two years ago when the Moore brothers started putting together a bid for the project.
 Jeff Moore said they ended up spending more than \$400,000 just preparing the bid for the project.
 Larry Moore said because of the size of the project, the company realized it would be difficult to handle it all, so they recruited four other companies to help. The other companies include Andy Gump Inc. and A Throne Co., both of California, and Northwest Cascade of Tacoma, Wash., and Super Bowl Portable Restrooms Inc. of Denver.
 A-Company was officially awarded the contract in March 2001, and since then has been busy preparing for the job. All 2,600 restrooms are new and are being assembled onsite in Utah. The company has until Feb. 3 to have everything completed and ready to go.
 The Moores admit they have heard their share of potty jokes and horror stories. But all smirking aside, they said they want everyone who attends this year's Olympics to have nothing but good things to say about their portable toilet experiences.
 "If our job isn't taken seriously it will hurt the whole industry," Larry Moore said. "Our whole goal is to make sure that portable restrooms and sanitation comes off as a high point in the Olympics."

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Air crews return home to base

MOUNTAIN HOME (AP) - About 150 members of the 391st Fighter Squadron are coming home in a cold drizzle Sunday evening after spending the past few months in Afghanistan.
 The crew was met by Col. Irv Halter, the commander of the 366th Wing, after landing at Mountain Home Air Force Base.
 They were later reunited with family and friends.

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SPORTSQUOTE

“Hopefully, Randy Moss will go crazy tomorrow night and catch about five touchdowns and we’ll be in.”

—Seattle quarterback Trent Diller: The Seahawks need the Vikings to reach Baltimore tonight to reach the playoffs

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

High school boys basketball
Hansen at MVC, 6 p.m.
ISDB at Shoshone, 7:30 p.m.
Twin Falls JV at Dietrich, 6 p.m.
Wendell at Gooding, 7:30 p.m.
High school girls basketball
Hansen at MVC, 4:30 p.m.
ISDB at Shoshone TV, 7:30 p.m.
Twin Falls at Buhl, 7:30 p.m.

IN BRIEF

Tonight is red and black night

GOODING — The Gooding High School Booster Club will hold a red and black night tonight at the boys basketball game against Wendell. All Booster Club members will receive a free hamburger. Memberships are available for \$5. Tip-off is at 4:15.

Diggers claim tri-meet at Kimberly

Sugar Salem 59, Kimberly 15
Sugar Salem 49, Spring Creek 17
Kimberly 42, Spring Creek 25
KIMBERLY — Sugar-Salem gained a tri-meet victory Thursday at Kimberly, first defeating the host Bulldogs 59-15, before beating Spring Creek, Nev., 49-17. Kimberly earned a split with a 42-25 decision over Spring Creek. Bulldog Ben Talbot, wrestling in the 189-pound division, was Kimberly's only grappler to take both of his matches.

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Compiled from staff reports

SALT LAKE 2002
Countdown to the Salt Lake Olympics
32 days until
Opening Ceremony
The Torch Tour: The torch crossed Michigan on Sunday, starting in Lansing, passing through Flint and ending the day in Detroit. From there, the torch goes to Indianapolis today.
March to the Medals: Tristian Gole clinched an Olympic berth and Lincoln DeWitt tightened his grip on a likely spot in the Salt Lake Games with a win in the final day of the U.S. skeleton trials Sunday.

Playoff bound

Seahawks left playing waiting game

The Associated Press

SEATTLE — The Seattle Seahawks need the help of the Minnesota Vikings to get them into the playoffs.

Trent Diller passed for two touchdowns and Shaun Alexander scored on a 44-yard run as the Seahawks got a 21-18 victory over the Kansas City Chiefs on Sunday.

Seattle gets into the playoffs as an AFC wild-card team tonight if the Baltimore Ravens, who he quarterbacked to their Super Bowl victory last season, lose at home to the Vikings. Mike Tico, a tight end for the Seahawks from 1981-88 and 1990-91, is the interim coach of the Vikings.

“Hopefully, Randy Moss will go crazy tomorrow night and catch about five touchdowns and we’ll be in,” Diller said optimistically.

The Seahawks (9-7) would have made the postseason if the Oakland Raiders had beaten the Jets on Sunday. But New York won 24-22 to clinch a spot.

Seattle coach Mike Holmgren sounded more realistic about Minnesota's chances of winning in Baltimore.

“They’ve got their hands full,” Holmgren said. “They’re going to play hard, but the trouble is they’re playing a real fine team in Baltimore.”

Diller, replacing the injured Matt Hasselbeck at quarterback for the second straight week, had TD passes of 12 and 18 yards to Darrell Jackson in the second quarter for a 14-0 lead at halftime.

It was Diller's 15th consecutive victory as a starter, including 4-0 this season, when he mainly was Hasselbeck's backup. He hasn't lost a start since October 2000.

“We did what we had to do today and we should be proud of that,” Diller said. “We played a really fine game. We can't control what happens tomorrow night. We can't beat ourselves up thinking about what could have been earlier in the year.”

The Chiefs blocked a punt to set up a touchdown and then added a field goal in the third period, making it 14-10. Alexander broke outside and ran down the right sideline on his 44-yard touchdown, his 16th TD this season.

Kansas City's Priest Holmes won the NFL rushing title with 1,555 yards, finishing ahead of Curtis Martin of the Jets, who had 1,505 yards. Holmes had 117 yards on 23 carries, breaking the franchise mark of 1,480 set by Christian Okoye in 1989.

“It means a lot,” said Holmes, signed by the Chiefs as a free agent in April after playing four seasons in Baltimore. “I think whenever you have an opportunity to have something, it's worth grabbing.”

Garcia meets lofty goals at Mercedes

The Associated Press

KAPALUA, Hawaii — Sergio Garcia set his goals high and took a big leap in the first tournament of the year, making birdie on the first playoff hole Sunday to beat PGA champion David Toms in the Mercedes Championships.

Garcia, who wants to win the money list on the PGA Tour and the European tour, holed a 10-foot birdie putt on the 18th hole in regulation to close with a 9-under 64 and force a playoff with Toms, who missed a birdie putt from about the same distance.

They finished at 18-under 274. Returning to the 18th for the playoff, Toms hit a sand wedge from mangled rough to about 30 feet and two-putted for par.

Garcia pitched to about 10 feet past the hole — in almost the same spot from where Toms had his



New York wide receiver Laveranues Coles celebrates after a touchdown reception against the Oakland Raiders Sunday in Oakland, Calif. The Jets won with a late field goal to clinch a playoff berth.

Late kick lifts Jets into postseason

The Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — John Hall waited a year for another shot to kick the New York Jets into the playoffs.

When Hall got one long shot in the last minute, his kick was even longer. And true.

Hall booted away the memories of his team's late-season failures by making a 53-yard field goal with 59 seconds left, clinching a postseason berth for the Jets in a wild 24-22 victory over the Oakland Raiders on Sunday.

On his only field goal attempt of the game, Hall proved his leg is one of the NFL's strongest — even strong enough to overcome three turnovers and the heavy load of history for the Jets (10-6), who made the playoffs for the first time since 1998 under first-year

NFL Playoff scenarios

AFC EAST
New England has clinched division and a first-round bye.
Miami has clinched a playoff berth.
New York Jets has clinched a playoff berth.

AFC CENTRAL
Pittsburgh has clinched division title, a first-round bye and homefield advantage throughout playoffs.
Baltimore can clinch playoff berth with a win or tie.

AFC WEST
Oakland has clinched division.
Seattle can clinch playoff berth with a Baltimore loss.

NFC EAST
Philadelphia has clinched the division.

NFC CENTRAL
Chicago has clinched the division title and a first-round bye.
Green Bay has clinched playoff berth.
Tampa Bay has clinched playoff berth.

NFC WEST
St. Louis has clinched the division title, a first-round bye and homefield advantage throughout playoffs.
San Francisco has clinched a playoff berth.

AFC Wild Card Matchups
N.Y. Jets or Seattle at Oakland
N.Y. Jets or Baltimore at Miami

NFC Wild Card Matchups
San Francisco at Green Bay
Tampa Bay at Philadelphia

coach Herman Edwards. “I looked him in the eyes and said, ‘Can you make this?’” Edwards said. “It’s an emotional win. A lot of guys are on a high in that locker room. A lot of people

didn't expect us to win here.” It was redemption for Hall, who missed two field goals, including a 35-yarder with 9 seconds remaining, in a three-point loss to

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Strahan sets NFL sacks mark

The Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Michael Strahan of the New York Giants broke the NFL record for sacks in a season, and only Brett Favre will ever know if the record-setter was a gift.

Strahan got sack No. 22.5 with 2:42 left in the fourth quarter Sunday, falling on Favre after the Green Bay Packers' quarter-back rolled out and went down at the feet of the defensive end.



The new sack master

22.5 — Michael Strahan, New York Giants, 2001
22 — Mark Gastineau, New York Jets, 1984
21 — Rogee White, Philadelphia Eagles, 1987
21 — Chris Doleman, Minnesota Vikings, 1989
The play looked questionable because the Packers were leading 34-25 and Favre didn't have a blocker in front of him on the rollout. Teammates said Favre called a run in the huddle. The quarterback insisted he changed the play to a naked bootleg to catch the Giants off guard, something he's done five or six times this season.

“No, I didn't,” Favre said when asked if he allowed Strahan to sack him. “That was a keep pass. I tried to get the edge but he got through.”

Strahan didn't know what to make of the play. “I just react to what happens,” he said. “He was booting out on the same play earlier and I missed him, as far as containing and keeping him in the pocket.”

Favre handed him the ball and several other Giants came over and patted the quarterback on the head.

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Gooding, Declo strong in wrestling rankings

The Times-News

Just two wrestlers from the Magic and Wood River Valley earned No. 1 rankings in the latest statewide wrestling rankings compiled by independent wrestling authority Rocky Bart. **Complete polls — A9.**

And both wear orange and black. Declo's John Clark and Ian Webb head their respective weight classes in the latest poll, with Clark topping the 103-pound division and Webb leading the 171-pound class in the 3A ranks.

Five wrestlers from Gooding helped propel the Senators to a No. 2 spot in the team rankings. The Senators, coming off a second place finish at the Buhl Invitational on Saturday, trail only Sugar-Salem in the 3A team poll. Declo is third and Buhl is sixth.

Minico checks in as the only school from the larger-classifications to earn a spot among the elite. The Spartans are ranked fourth in the 5A division poll with seven wrestlers appearing in the individual rankings.

Minico junior Gene Hammond is ranked second in 103-pound class, while three-time state qualifier Josh Anderson is second in the 152-pound division. Second-place state finisher Joey Veal is also ranked second in the 171-pound class.

For complete team and individual rankings for all four classifications, please see Scores and Stats on page A9.



Sergio Garcia follows his shot from the second tee of the Plantation Course during the final round of the Mercedes Championships in Kapalua, Hawaii Sunday. Garcia won the event on a playoff hole.

OTHER VIEWS

Kempthorne's challengers should put up or shut up

The Idaho Statesman

Gov. Dirk Kempthorne is pretty much saying he plans to ask Idaho residents for another four years on the job. So now it's time for Kempthorne's often-behind-the-scenes critics to put up or shut up.

It's time for critics — unimpressed by Kempthorne's first term in office or the fuming over Statehouse security, or both — to field a candidate. Or not.

Kempthorne's future has been a hot topic of speculation, especially after he allowed the Statehouse security issue to become a public-relations fiasco.

Some have suggested he won't run because he's not having much fun on the job, or because he prefers Washington, D.C., politics to Idaho politics.

Kempthorne himself hasn't said much about his plans. But in an interview Wednesday with The Idaho Statesman, the Republican governor dropped some clear hints.

He said he enjoys his job and has some work he still wants to do. He wouldn't discuss re-election during Monday's televised State of the State address — wisely deciding not to mix politics into a forum to discuss policy — but promised some announcement in the future.

So he's sounding like a candidate-to-be, albeit one irked by all the speculation to the contrary. No other top-tier incumbents have announced their re-election plans, he correctly pointed out Wednesday, but that's beside the point. Because Kempthorne's future has been

subject to so much speculation, he's under unique pressure to come clean about his plans.

He knows this. It's all about sound political instinct — which should be one of Kempthorne's strengths, but one he really hasn't used during the mishandled security issue.

Kempthorne's hints should allow legislators to focus on business when the session starts next week, which is a good thing. They need to be concentrating on a slumping economy, tightening budgets, the school buildings lawsuit, the plight of rural Idaho — not playing "will he, or won't he" games regarding Kempthorne's career.

Assuming Kempthorne is running, it's time for opponents to make their plans

clear. Will a Republican challenge Kempthorne in the May primary? Former U.S. Rep. Helen Chenoweth-Hage and state Sen. Jim Risch of Boise are rumored candidates, but both are lying low.

And what about the Democrats? Boise businessman Skip Oppenheimer has decided against a run, for personal reasons, state Democratic Party Chairwoman Carolyn Boyce said last week.

Democrats are a couple of weeks away from announcing a candidate, she said.

Critics have gotten plenty of mileage from the security issue, using it as an indicator of Kempthorne's overall job performance. That's fair criticism. But absent a candidate, the criticism doesn't mean much for voters.

This editorial, reprinted from The Idaho Statesman in Boise, says critics of Gov. Dirk Kempthorne should make their move now if they want to topple him in 2002.



District should rebuild TFHS industrial arts

In view of the attention given by the Twin Falls School District to the consideration of building a technical center on the College of Southern Idaho campus, I wonder if the people of Twin Falls realize that, at one time, Twin Falls Senior High School had one of the finest industrial-technical programs and facilities in the state of Idaho.

When I came to Twin Falls in 1957 to teach industrial education, the high school was new with a large vocational building next to the main building. There was one vocational ag teacher, one part-time shop teacher and myself. We built programs and added to the building until there was five full-time teachers in the building, and I served as vocational department head.

The programs that we had were vocational agriculture, woodworking with cabinet-making and building construction, drafting (both mechanical and architectural) and an introduction to computer-aided drafting. There was a crafts program of ceramics, leatherwork and lapidary. Also, there was a metals

READER COMMENT

Bill Jacobsen

program of machine and lathe operations, welding, sheet metal and bench metal work and even a foundry. These programs served more than 400 students a day, almost a third of the school's enrollment.

When I retired in 1990, the metals program ended and, as other teachers retired or left, their programs ended also, and I know of no effort made to replace them. Today, there is one vocational ag teacher there struggling with enrollment demands. Now the administration that allowed the demise of what we had wants us to give them \$5 million to \$7 million to build a facility off campus.

The vocational-technical facility at Twin Falls Senior High School still exists, and a lot of equipment is still there. I

believe that the programs that we once had can be restored at a 10th of the cost of a new facility off campus. In my opinion, students should never be expected to leave the high school campus for instruction elsewhere. Leaving campus presents problems and risks that far outweigh opportunities.

I say that we should give the students the technical education opportunities that they deserve to have on campus at the high school and for those who find an interest or ability after graduation can go on to one or more of the excellent vocational programs that now exist at the College of Southern Idaho and prepare for a vocation that they desire.

As a former educator, I will definitely vote no for a new technical facility off campus. I believe that there is a better solution, and I would like to invite the comments of my past students regarding my opinion.

Bill Jacobsen of Twin Falls was president of the Idaho Industrial-Technical Education Association for two years and was selected as Idaho's Industrial-Technical Education Teacher of the Year in 1980.

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War between India and Pakistan would cost the U.S.

A terrorist attack on the Indian Parliament on Dec. 13 killed 14 people, including the five attackers. The same two Islamic fundamentalist groups that attacked the Parliament carried out a similar suicide attack on the legislative assembly of the Indian state of Jammu and Kashmir and killed 38 people on Oct. 1.

India blames Pakistan for harboring terrorist groups that strike Indian targets. Pakistan denies those charges, but has agreed to freeze financial assets of the two fundamentalist groups, which have been declared terrorist by the United States as well.

The U.S. intervention was welcomed by India — especially the freezing of assets of terrorist groups and a statement by President Bush condemning terrorism against India. But tensions between the two South Asian rivals continue at a level not seen for years. Both countries have moved troops as well as missiles along their common border, and India has recalled its ambassador from Pakistan — a step that India took 30 years ago when the two countries fought their third war. The number of diplomats in each other's capital has been reduced by half, and a ban has been declared on air, rail and bus travel between the two countries.

For years, the United States considered South Asia, including India, Pakistan and Afghanistan, a region of low priority.

The United States got involved only if hostilities broke out or if communism

KUL B. RAI

became a threat during the Cold War, as when the Soviets invaded Afghanistan in 1979.

The U.S. interest in the region changed dramatically with the testing of nuclear weapons by both India and Pakistan in 1998. Any doubts about the region's importance were removed with the terrorist attacks on the United States on Sept. 11 and the resulting war on terrorism.

The United States had imposed economic and military sanctions against Pakistan (as well as against India) as punishment for developing nuclear weapons.

The United States was also unhappy about the military coup in Pakistan that ousted a democratic government and brought the current leader, Gen. Pervez Musharraf, to power in October 1999. Now Pakistan has become a valuable ally of the United States in the war on terrorism.

During the Cold War also, it was on the U.S. side.

When Pakistan was asked for help in fighting terrorism and the war in Afghanistan, it demanded and received from the United States economic assistance and debt relief that has already surpassed \$1 billion and may eventually amount to more than \$3 billion. Pakistan is a virtually bankrupt country. The lifting of sanctions and the

influx of massive American foreign aid will keep Musharraf in power for some time. Musharraf's decision to side with the United States in the current war, despite domestic opposition, was, therefore, a well-calculated one.

Pakistan has made its airspace and some bases available to the United States for the bombing campaign against Afghanistan. Since many of the members of the Taliban and al-Qaida are now attempting to cross into Pakistan, Musharraf is helping in sealing the border with Afghanistan and arresting those who try to sneak through.

India has become important in this war as an indirect player. If India and Pakistan start a war, Pakistan would likely remove troops from its border with Afghanistan to fight in that war, thus enabling the Taliban and al-Qaida to cross over. The armed forces of Pakistan and the public would likely support Musharraf in the war with India, perceived as Pakistan's rival and enemy.

Of course, a war between the two nuclear adversaries is in itself a nightmarish scenario that the United States and the rest of the world would like to prevent.

It is, therefore, certainly in the United States' interest to prevent a war between India and Pakistan.

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Our youth can learn respect

The entertainment at a Christmas party the other night was very good. There were three young fiddlers playing for the program. One was 16, one 9 and one 7. They put on a very interesting program.

The last song of the program, the 9-year-old asked the audience to stand while she played our anthem. The other two, along with the crowd, stood and put their hands over their hearts. It was beautiful and made one proud to see this. It can be done — to have respect by one and all.

When people tell me youngsters can't learn this, they are mistaken. Training starts from baby on up to respect our country and others. We will have a better country if we do this.

I am sure if a veteran, a fireman, a policeman or scout leader was asked to attend a school and teach all about the flag and respect, they would not refuse. It doesn't hurt one to learn all they can every day of one's life.

I know one will never know everything there is to know in this world. My saying is "I learn something new every day."

I hope we see more respect at parades, etc., when the color guard comes through. After all, we have had a lot of men and women give their lives for us. We need to show them our respect and appreciation.

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Local feels kept in the dark

I read today where the "manager" of the newly acquired Billingsley State Park has renounced the business part of it. The announcement was in a local, Hagerman news print. I know for sure how mushrooms feel now. They are "damp" and in the "dark." I thought that public property was subject to equal opportunity. I believe the advertisement was required for this action. So far, this whole acquisition has been, in my opinion, without proper handling. The single hearing held by Sen. Sandy was a stacked deck. The park manager is now dealing from the bottom also. How do they know the rent or lease would have brought 10 times what they got? What did they get? This should be public information also.

The state is broke and will have scrimp, lay off workers, the park could be on hold for years. This rental agreement, whatever it is, may pay something for maintenance. I hope to receive the information that this was a legal and open transaction; however, I won't be surprised if it is not. Did they think about the fed's fossil beds needs?

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There's no crime in teaching values

SAN DIEGO - When the Soviet Union collapsed in 1991, most Sovietologists were caught flat-footed. With their lives' work based on the assumption of an enduring communist state, they were ill-prepared to offer explanations when V.I. Lenin's legacy went pof. Many American intellectuals find themselves similarly empty-handed after Sept. 11.

The fall of the twin towers shook the twin assumptions of a generation of scholarship: that America's relations with the Third World are essentially wicked and that our country's domestic history can only be understood as a continuing battle over race, class and gender.

Then came Sept. 11 and the spontaneous, heartfelt flag-waving that followed. The American academics had persistently characterized as "wrong" had been wronged. Students returned to their classes changed. But they found minimal guidance if they were looking for an intellectual bridge between love of country and a sophisticated understanding of the nation's place in the world.

A lot of intellectuals burned that bridge a decade ago.

There are numerous examples of the castigating tendency of American scholars, but my personal favorite is an anthology I reviewed a few years back. This textbook gave undergraduates three articles on World War II. The first was on Japanese internment, the second on segregation of black troops in the South and the third on harassment of Italian Americans. Every article discussed an aspect of the war that was absolutely true, yet, collectively, they made for a portrait of the war that was fundamentally false. No Adolf Hitler, no Emperor Hirohito, no Holocaust - just an imperfect America battling its demons.

Historians who step out of this mold risk censure from academia's ivory tower. Take professional attitudes toward Stephen Ambrose, arguably the nation's most widely read historian, whose books frequently reach the best-seller list. Ambrose is often disparaged as a superficial popularizer, but one senses that what really bugs many fellow academics is his admiring portrayal of the national experience and virtual silence on topics of race, class and gender.

Like many of my colleagues, I hesitate to write books or give lectures that might appear to whitewash America's character. flaws or its choices as a superpower. But it is time to admit that this generation of historians - with some notable exceptions - has yet to deliver to students, and to the public, a usable and balanced interpretation of the past.

Too many researchers have done a better job documenting the republic's weaknesses than revealing its strengths. This lip-service serves both foreign and domestic audiences. As teachers, we urge youth to learn from the country's errors, but offer few lessons in what it has done right.

I returned to the classroom Sept. 12 and am aware that I had not done enough to prepare students to think complexly and comparatively. Since Sept. 11, I've been editing old lecture

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notes and asking students new questions.

But tinkering with classroom dynamics is not enough. We need to change our approach more fundamentally.

To begin, intellectuals should think harder about how to apportion responsibility for world problems and stop reflexively blaming America. That Saudi Arabia is undemocratic or that Israel and Palestine have yet to resolve their conflict is not the fault of the United States. Those countries are the primary actors in determining their fates. We do not control the world, nor should we aspire to.

Second, we need to recognize that the United States often has played at least a decent hand in the game of world politics. Our country made its debut in global affairs in 1917, when the intractable dilemmas of the Third World were well advanced. Even so, Woodrow Wilson's Fourteen Points, which culminated in the formation of the League of Nations, gave hope to colonized peoples that self-determination was possible. During World War II the United States led the effort to create the United Nations, the first body to give a voice and vote to every country, no matter how small or poor.

Third, we need to be more self-critical if we want to exert the best intellectual leadership. A few weeks ago, a conservative group associated with the vice president's wife and former head of the National Endowment for the Humanities, Lynne Cheney, published a list of quotes by academics about the war in Afghanistan. The organization charged professors with being insufficiently pro-American. Intellectuals have scorned the broadcast as "Cheney's blacklist."

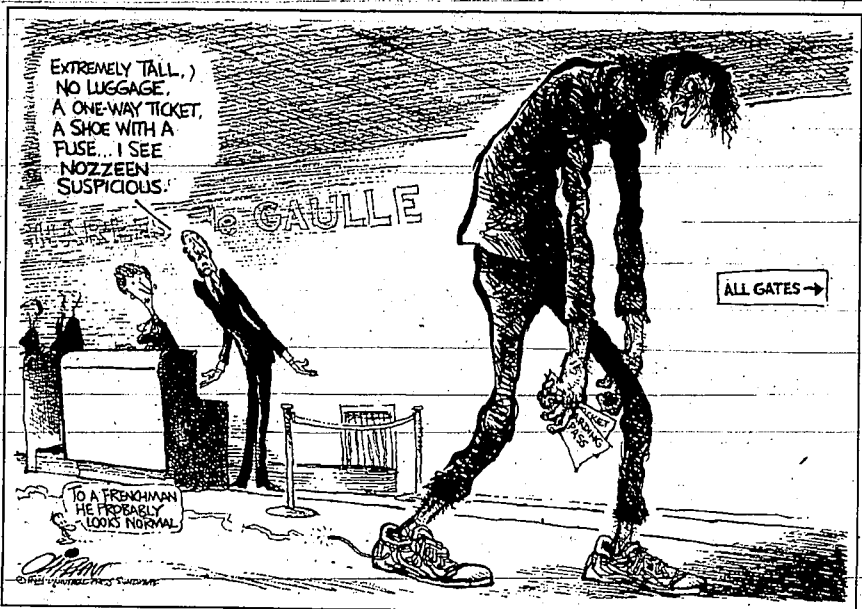
It is easy to write off inflated, patently partisan criticisms made by a people we do not like. But it is a poor way to learn. If some American intellectuals are not as prepared to defend the nation as they are to criticize it, they may deserve the accusations of "unpatriotic" that we have parried for 30 years.

Lastly, it would not hurt for professional skeptics to meditate on the nature of American goodness. What the nation does right is typically underrated, underreported and underappreciated by academics.

This is a lesson that scholars can embrace and share. An open-minded examination of America's historical willingness to defend freedom might help those students with flags pinned on their backpacks to fit their newfound patriotism with what they also learn about the nation's flaws.

The tragedy in New York and at the Pentagon rekindled respect for our country. Academics who ignore this risk becoming as irrelevant as yesterday's Sovietologists. America is more than the sum of its problems.

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U.S. can't let its guard down now

There are many who say that they are happy that 2001 is gone, as though the troubles that rose up in September have dissolved. They have not.

We are now faced with a set of troubles that will continue to make demands on our resources and that will, now and again, snap us to attention through the slaughtering of civilians. That's what time it is. I am not trying to sound alarmist, only face where we are.

This battle with terrorism is something new to us. It's not about going to war with a particular nation. True, we smashed the Taliban, putting on quite a display of what sustained bombing can do. No, we did not get the kind of whipping that the Russians received in Afghanistan. But Osama bin Laden is now nowhere to be

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found. Same with Mullah Mohammed Omar.

This means - unless both were killed but had given their followers orders to say they still lived - we have a very determined enemy on the loose.

In short, all is not back to normal, regardless of how quickly our television programming leaped again into its fundamental evil-headedness, vulgarity and exploitation.

Things are not now the same as they were, no matter how consistently the networks and the bulk of the cable commentators proved their inability to do anything other than paste deals on complex problems and move on to the next sound bite.

We have to keep in mind that

these terrorists took eight years to bring off on Sept. 11 what was first attempted here in 1993. They believe in the adage, "If at first you don't succeed, try, try again." Unless behind bars or intimidated into inaction, they remain dangerous and willing to go the distance. That's the ice-cold way it is.

Most must be willing to go the distance.

With bin Laden and most of his top men apparently somewhere out there, we cannot pretend that our immigration policies can slide back to what they were before Sept. 11.

Anyone attempting to enter this country from a hostile Muslim nation, or who is an avowed Muslim, as we recently learned with the alleged shoe bomber, should be thoroughly checked out before coming to America.

That will be described as anti-

Islamic bigotry at first, but, in the long run, it will enrage Muslims against terrorists, not us, and might well lead to the authorities being supplied with some solid information on the whereabouts of those kinds of enemies.

Our most complex job is maintaining our constitutional freedom and our safety while responding within reason to where we are in the world right now.

Just as New York's new mayor promised to keep the city safe from criminals, our government should use every rational measure across this nation to protect citizens from small numbers of men willing to murder many.

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Environmentalists seek to shackle American rights

The war on terrorism, with its potential effects on the supply of Mideast oil, has seemingly generated a debate over America's energy policy. But the only two sides we hear are the environmentalists, who exhort us to use less oil, and the timid supporters of the oil industry - who are conceding environmentalism's basic premise.

The National Resources Defense Council's Robert F. Kennedy Jr., for example, calls on Congress to "reduce our dependency (on foreign oil)" by raising fuel-efficiency standards. New York Times columnist Paul Krugman argues that now is the time "to prevent another dangerous surge in oil consumption." The Union of Concerned Scientists insists that we "secure our energy future" by "reducing our reliance on imported and domestic oil."

The ostensible rationale for curtailing energy consumption is that America is running out of oil. Environmentalists point to the 33 percent decline in domestic production of crude oil over the last 25 years as a sign of impending scarcity. Given the new potential disruptions in Mideast supplies, they say, the only solution is for Americans to sacrifice their standard of living and make do with less.

As irrational as that "solution"

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is, a close inspection of the facts reveals a far more insidious agenda. The environmentalists' actual premise is not that we are running out of oil - but that the oil companies should be stopped from finding it.

Consider the controversy over the Arctic National Wildlife Reserve. In 1998 the U.S. Geological Survey found that ANWR's Coastal Plain region contains between 11.6 billion and 31.5 billion barrels of oil - potentially 10 percent of U.S. consumption for the next 30 years. But ANWR is legally off-limits to drilling. Why?

America's vast Outer Continental Shelf contains about 46 billion barrels of oil, according to the Minerals Management Service. There, too, environmental controls severely restrict access to the oil. The voices alleging that supply is running short are the same ones opposing new exploration and development.

For 30 years environmentalists have been sealing off millions of acres of possible oil-laden reserves - thereby creating the decreasing domestic supply. Again, why?

Their concern about problems such as oil spills is just a facade.

Environmentalists are resistant to any technological advances that minimize the possibility of such occurrences.

And they are utterly indifferent to all the hardships caused by the absence of petroleum products that would otherwise be available. What they really believe is that energy production is undesirable, because it "violates" the earth's natural state.

According to the Sierra Club, bringing technology to ANWR would "destroy the wilderness even if (drilling) is carried on with immaculate care." The Alaska Wilderness League declares that "drilling the wildest place in America is objectionable no matter how it's packaged." And Sen. Joseph Lieberman, D-Conn., says ANWR development "would cause irreversible damage to one of God's most awesome creations." What damage? The "damage" of reshaping nature to serve human needs.

The use, by now, should be clear. What threatens us is not any physical scarcity, but a politically created one. Environmentalists want us to produce, and consume, less energy, because they value untouched nature above human comfort. The declaration by the radical group Earth First that our "industrial culture must be dismantled," is a consistent

application of environmentalist ideology.

Almost as bad, though, is the capitulation by the alleged defenders of energy development. The American Petroleum Institute, for instance, argues for ANWR development - with the appealing claim that the wildlife there will remain unaffected. And congressional Republicans, instead of categorically upholding man's right to use nature to sustain his life, are quibbling with their opponents over whether ANWR will yield 30 billion or 13 billion barrels of oil.

These "defenders" should be asserting that the production of even a single barrel of oil should not be stopped by a wish to preserve the caribou or the tundra. Human beings have rights; wildernesses do not. Laying pipelines along a frozen wasteland benefits man; keeping that wasteland "pristine" does not.

Today, particularly as the architects of our foreign policy worry about reductions in the output of Persian Gulf oil, there is one obvious way to ensure abundant, reliable sources of energy: free the American producers from the shackles of environmentalism.

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Study says colleges are out of reach Docs say babies should be vaccinated

A new study being released Monday on the skyrocketing cost of higher education says there are only five states where all the four-year public colleges are affordable for low-income students, and in many of those, the students still need to borrow money to get by. In a third of all states, low-income students need loans even to attend some two-year communi-

ty colleges, the study found. The findings of the year-old Lumina Foundation for Education have sparked sharp criticism from higher education groups. The foundation rated nearly 3,000 colleges and universities, and said that while at least half the public four-year schools in 40 states are financially manageable for median-income students, those

students often need loans. Only in Alaska, Arkansas, Hawaii, Kentucky and Wyoming are all four-year public colleges affordable for low-income people, it said. Critics complained that the study flies in the face of reality: 15 million people from all income levels attend college at two- and four-year schools.

CHICAGO (AP) — All U.S. newborns should be vaccinated against hepatitis B before leaving the hospital to protect against possible disease from infected mothers, doctors recommend. Previously, giving the shots in the hospital was recommended only for newborns whose mothers were known to be infected or whose disease status was unknown.

The new recommendation is listed in the childhood immunization schedule for 2002, prepared by the American Academy of Pediatrics, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices, and the American Academy of Family Physicians. It is a minor change from the group's list last year. For one of the first times in recent years, no

new shots are recommended; both lists recommend a series of seven vaccine shots starting in infancy for all U.S. children. The recommendation for hepatitis B shots was made out of concern that some infants of mothers mistakenly thought to be disease-free might be falling through the cracks, said Dr. Julia McMillan, a member of the AAP committee that helped create this year's list.








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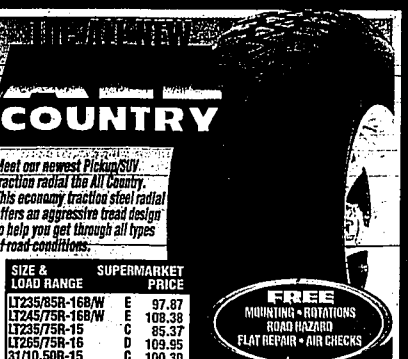
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At least once per day, without fail, my computer, like every computer I have ever owned, has some kind of emotional breakdown. It simply stops working... often when I'm not touching it... and it puts a message on the screen informing me that an error has occurred.

It does not say what the error is, or where it occurred. For all I know, it occurred while I was out, and my computer found out about it via the Internet, and became so upset that it could not go on.

When this happens, I have to turn my computer off and start it up again. When I do, my computer puts a snappy note on the screen informing me that it is scanning its disks for errors, because it was shut down improperly.

"But I didn't do anything!" I shout, but my computer ignores me, because it is busy scanning its disks. You just know that if it finds any errors, it's going to blame me, even though I don't even know where its disks are.

While my computer is busy, I scan my wart. I have a wart on my right leg. It has been there for many years. I call it Buddy. I keep an eye on Buddy, in case his appearance changes. I've read that it's a bad thing, medically, when a wart suddenly changes appearance. If I ever look down and see that Buddy has turned green, or he's wearing a little pair of Groucho glasses, I'll know it's time to take some kind of medical action. Such as quit drinking.

But my point is that because of computer weirdness, I regularly see an entire morning's work... sometimes as many as 18 words... get blipped away forever to the Planet of Lost Data. Needless to say, I use Microsoft Windows. I've been a loyal Windows man since the first version, which required you to write on the screen with crayons.

Every year or so, Microsoft comes out with a new version, which Microsoft always swears is better and more reliable, and I always buy it. I bought Windows 2.0, Windows 3.0, Windows 3.1, Windows 95, Windows 98, Windows Me, The Best of Windows, Windows Strikes Back, Windows Does Dallas, and Windows Let's All Buy Bill Gates a House the Size of Vermont.

My computers keep having seizures, but I keep buying new Windows versions, hoping to get lucky. I'm like the child in the nightclub who keeps hitting on the hot babe. His shoes are squishing from the pina colada she poured on him, but he's thinking: "She's warming up to me!"

I've had this all up because now Microsoft has a new version out: Windows XP, which according to everybody is the "most reliable Windows ever." To me, this is like saying that asparagus is "the most articulate vegetable ever."

I recently spent an entire weekend trying to solve a "simple" computer problem. I wound up at the computer store, talking to guys who were trained by the Monty Python Institute of Customer Service.

ME: So, what do I need to make it work?

THEM: You need a model FRT-2038 expulating reformatulator.

ME: And that will make it work?

THEM: No.

Finally, I hired a guy named J.C., who is a Microsoft Certified Technician. He was in my office for the better part of two days, most of it on the phone with Technical Support.

It was fascinating for me, a layperson, to hear the technical terminology that J.C. used to get the information he needed: "Do not put me on hold; do you hear me? Do not put me on hold; do you hear me? You (very nautical term)..."

The more I think about this Windows XP, the better it looks, sitting over there by the bar, drinking a pina colada. All I have to do is move my mouse, and I'll have what every guy dreams of: computer reliability.

I worry about who will take care of Buddy.

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Pillow talk



Pam Latham sells all kinds of pillows in the home furnishing department of J.C. Penney Co. Inc. in Twin Falls, from the very soft to the extra firm 'Hunk.'

Where you lay your head might not cure what ails you

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

KETCHUM - With a deep nod to the curative powers of sleep, Dr. Davitl Hanscom is unimpressed with fluff.

Or down. Polyester. Cotton. Feathers. Buckwheat hulls. Pillows won't remedy the pain in your neck, the ache in your head or the bother in your back, the Ketchum orthopedic surgeon says.

"I've looked at the research and a lot of bad backs and sore necks over the years, and I don't think what you put your head on makes much difference," said Hanscom, of the San Valley Spine Institute. "What's important is that you get enough good quality

sleep, and if a pillow helps you do that, then that's great."
Hanscom's observation is more than casual. He's done clinical research on the relationship

between sleep disorders, depression and musculoskeletal pain and is a firm believer that American adults aren't getting enough sleep and are harming

their health as a consequence. "But when the pillow-makers tell you that one pillow is better than another for your spine - or better than not using a pillow at

all - that's just marketing," Hanscom said.

And there's no doubt that it's a formidable marketing machine: Bed pillow sales in 2000 were \$737 million, according to Marvin Lazaro, product editor for the trade newspaper Home Textiles Today. And bed pillows make up 11 percent of total bedding sales, which topped \$6.7 billion in 2000.

"There are few other products that you spend as much time with than the pillow. It's right there on your face, and you spend 8 hours a night on it. It's critical to have the right kind of pillow," Matt Moses, vice president of marketing for the utility bedding division of Pillowtex, told Knight Ridder News Service.

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Do's and don'ts for a good night's sleep

- Avoid eating heavy meals an hour or so before bed.
- Try not to watch TV, listen to the radio, or read or do work in your bed.
- Try not to nap during the day.
- Exercise regularly; the best time is in the morning or afternoon.
- If you can't fall asleep, get out of bed, no matter what time it is, and

- don't go back to bed until you feel sleepy.
- Establish a regular time for getting out of bed each morning, regardless of how many hours you've slept.
- Minimize the amount of light and noise in your bedroom; and keep the temperature moderate - neither too hot nor too cold.

- Sources: Dr. Daniel Buysse, University of Pittsburgh; Los Angeles Times

Accutane works, but is it worth it?

DEAR PAULA: I am considering taking Accutane for my acne but my doctor says I will need extensive monthly monitoring if I want to go on it. That sounds like a lot of trouble. Is it worth it?

BROKEN OUT IN DALLAS
DEAR BROKEN-OUT: According to the FDA, any physician prescribing Accutane to women will have to include a monthly pregnancy test. To assure the pregnancy testing is done, pharmacists will be limited to dispensing only a one-month supply of Accutane at a time even though the typical treatment period is about six months. The pharmacist will probably be required to see the results of the pregnancy test before dispensing the next month's supply.

"This is a necessary and vital step to assure that women do not become pregnant while taking Accutane. It turns out that despite the warnings and information regarding Accutane's detrimental effect on fetuses, women are still becoming pregnant while taking it.

Two studies, "Continued Occurrence of Accutane-exposed Pregnancies" and "Dispersions of a Teratogen Warning Symbol" were published in the September issue of the Journal Teratology. (A teratogen is a drug or process that causes birth defects). Both of these studies indicate that there are serious problems related to women either not understanding or not being fully informed about the risks of becoming pregnant while taking Accutane.



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Paula Begoun

Women wanting to take Accutane are supposed to have two negative pregnancy tests before beginning the medication, use two forms of effective birth control during treatment, and have repeat pregnancy tests every month during the course of medication.

It turns out that many women do not follow these recommendations. Moreover, doctors are not informing their patients that this is required. The FDA states that they are working with Hoffman-LaRoche, the manufacturer of Accutane, to "strengthen the existing Pregnancy Prevention Program."

As cumbersome as this may be, keep in mind that Accutane is the only known cure for many types of acne.

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Researchers: Sweat contains antibiotic

Human sweat contains a protein that acts as an antibiotic against several disease-causing bacteria, say researchers at Eberhard Karls University in Tuebingen, Germany. They say the gene for the substance, which they called dermicidin, is unique in sweat glands and, besides being effective against several disease-causing bacteria, probably plays a role in the skin's innate immune responses.

Disturbed victims

Mentally ill patients are six times as likely to be homicide victims than the general population, concludes a recent study of deaths among psychiatric patients in Denmark. Researchers from the University of Manchester in England studied 72,208 deaths that occurred between 1973 and 1993 among patients listed on the Danish Psychiatric Case Register. The study found that 17,892 of the patients died of unnatural causes. It further determined that 73 percent of the deaths were suicides, 26 percent were accidents, and 1 percent were homicides. The high suicide and accident mortality rates had been documented in previous studies. However, the new study "recorded an increased risk of dying by homicide in men with schizophrenia and in individuals with affective psychosis," writes lead author Urrara Hiroh in The Lancet, a British medical journal. The researchers suggest several

Health notes

possible reasons: Mentally ill people might be more likely to live where homicides are more common. They might have behaviors, such as drug or alcohol abuse that increase their risk. Such individuals also might provoke hostility because of symptoms of their illnesses or simply be less aware of their safety needs.

Overbite risk

Children who still use a pacifier or suck their thumbs at age 4 or beyond run a greater risk of developing an overbite and of altering the way their jaws fit together, says a recent study in The Journal of the American Dental Association. Studies dating to the 1870s had shown that long-term sucking habits that are unrelated to nutrition could lead to bite abnormalities. Until now, little has been known about the effects of sucking in shorter duration. The new study involved 372 children ages 4 to 5 who had been enrolled in the Iowa Fluoride Study since infancy. Researchers at the University of Iowa College of Dentistry interviewed the children's mothers about the youngsters' pacifier use and thumb-sucking habits and compared wax casts of their teeth to look for altered bites. - compiled from wire service reports

NATION

Afghan leader vows to find Omar

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan (AP) — Afghanistan's interim leader promised Sunday that fugitive Taliban leader Mullah Mohammed Omar will be tracked down, even as reports said the one-eyed cleric may have eluded capture and fled to another province.

Meanwhile, American officials said the highest-ranking Taliban official in U.S. custody — former Taliban ambassador to Pakistan Abdul Salam Zaeef — has been moved to an American warship.

The Pakistan-based Afghan Islamic Press reported Sunday that U.S. forces and their Afghan allies, backed by airstrikes, were carrying out operations in the Spinghar mountain range of eastern Afghanistan near Jalalabad, where al-Qaida holdouts were suspected to be hiding. It said 40 were arrested and handed over to the Americans.

Visiting an orphanage in the Afghan capital of Kabul, Prime Minister Hamid Karzai told The Associated Press that Omar, America's most wanted man after Osama bin Laden, will be taken into custody when found.

"We are looking for him, and we will arrest him," Karzai said.

Omar appeared to have eluded capture in Baghran, in mountainous central Afghanistan, where government officials claimed a few days ago he was surrounded by anti-Taliban forces negotiating his surrender. Omar's close associate, Abdul Wahid, is the tribal chief there.

Reports from some former Taliban soldiers say Omar and his former intelligence chief, Abdul Razaq, may be in Zabul province, north of Kandahar.

Meanwhile, two members of the U.S. Senate Intelligence Committee said Sunday officials are beginning to believe that bin Laden has fled Afghanistan, possibly for Pakistan.

Sen. John Edwards, traveling with other senators in the region, told "Fox News Sunday" that Uzbekistan's military intelligence service believes bin Laden has crossed into Pakistan. Uzbekistan, like Pakistan, borders Afghanistan and has been a U.S. ally in the military campaign.

"I fully expect the Pakistanis will do everything they can to help us locate bin Laden," Edwards, D-N.C., said.

Intelligence Committee Chairman Sen. Bob Graham said bin Laden and other top officials probably have escaped Afghanistan, but no one is certain.

"Increasingly, as our efforts to get them in Afghanistan have been futile, there is a greater sense that they have, in fact, escaped, and are probably in one of those tribal territories just



A soldier of the 17th Regiment du Gonic Parachutistes (Airborne Engineer Regiment) based out of Moutanban near Toulouse, France, inspects ammunition found in a room at the Kabul airport Sunday. 56 soldiers of the regiment are fixing the Kabul airport ahead of the arrival of more French troops which are part of the International Security Assistance Force for Afghanistan.

over the border into Pakistan," Graham, D-Fla., said on ABC's "This Week."

"The United States hopes a pair of high-profile prisoners will provide valuable intelligence about bin Laden's al-Qaida network, blamed for the Sept. 11 attacks on New York and Washington, and the radical Taliban movement that gave it a base of operations.

Marine Lt. James Jarvis said Zaeef was in custody aboard a ship in the Arabian Sea.

Also, Ibn Al-Shayk al-Libi, who ran al-Qaida terrorist training

camps in Afghanistan, was transferred Saturday from anti-Taliban forces to U.S. authorities at Kandahar airport, controlled by the U.S. Marines.

Jarvis said 25 new prisoners arrived Saturday night in Kandahar from Pakistan, where they were captured while trying to flee, bringing the total to 300. They were being interrogated for information on area al-Qaida.

"We are looking for things we can act upon," Jarvis said. "We remain active in our quest to (uncover) al-Qaida and Taliban" warriors.

Zaeef probably was the best-known face of the Taliban, giving daily news conferences at his embassy in Islamabad, the Pakistani capital, during the height of the U.S.-led bombing campaign in October and November to topple the extremist Islamic regime.

The U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees rejected his application for refugee status. Pakistan, the Taliban's strongest supporter before the Sept. 11 attacks, said Zaeef no longer was protected by diplomatic immunity after the Taliban government fell.

U.S. troops head to Navy base in Cuba

WASHINGTON (AP) — About 1,500 soldiers are heading to the U.S. Navy base in Cuba to prepare for the arrival of al-Qaida and Taliban prisoners. The biggest prize — Osama bin Laden — remains uncaptured, though there's a growing belief he's gone to Pakistan, two U.S. senators said Sunday.

About 1,000 troops — many of them military police — from bases all over the United States have received orders to go to the Navy base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, where the prisoners will be held under maximum security. Lt. Cmdr. Jeff Davis, a Pentagon spokesman, said Sunday. Another 500 U.S. troops will go to the base in the coming weeks.

"This is our part and we are going down to take care of business," said Col. Terry Carrico, commander of the 89th Military Police Brigade at Fort Hood, Texas, just before boarding a plane to Cuba to prepare for the troops' arrival.

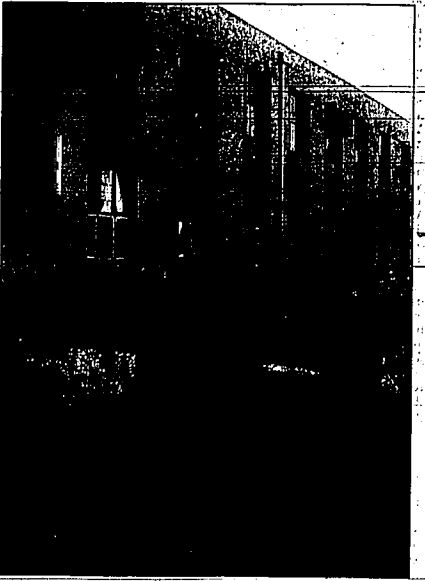
Some of the troops are being sent to transport the prisoners from Asia to the island, officials said.

Others will quickly prepare a section of the base to hold an ini-

tial first group of fewer than 100 prisoners, though up to 2,000 prisoners eventually may be housed there, Davis said. Gen. Tommy Franks, the head of the military campaign in Afghanistan, said Friday that some prisoners are to arrive at Guantanamo within 10 days.

The U.S. Navy base at Guantanamo predates the communist revolution on the island nation. It is well-defended and would offer few avenues of escape for prisoners. Fidel Castro's government says the base should have been closed and returned to Cuban control decades ago.

More than 300 suspected Taliban or al-Qaida members were in U.S. custody this week end, military officials have said. Soldiers were guarding 275 prisoners at the base in Kandahar, 21 at Bagram air base north of Kabul, and one in the northern city of Mazar-e-Sharif. Another nine prisoners, including American Taliban John Walker Lindh, are being held on the USS Bataan in the Arabian Sea. Afghan and Pakistani authorities are holding thousands more prisoners captured during the fighting.



Women pass the ward of the Mir Wais Hospital in Kandahar, Saturday, where seven heavily armed al-Qaida members have been holed up for a month.

Saddam vows Iraq will defeat any foreign attacks

BAGHDAD, Iraq — President Saddam Hussein on Sunday vowed that Iraq's army would defeat any foreign attack and shrugged off reports that the United States might extend its campaign against terrorism to Iraq.

Addressing the nation on the occasion of Army Day, Saddam also praised Iraq's military and the Palestinian uprising against Israel.

"As your debased enemies failed in the past, so will any aggressor fail, if he loses himself by succeding into committing an act of evil," Saddam said in a 20-minute speech on national television.

Separately on Sunday, the newspaper of the ruling Baath party, al-Thawra, described U.S. Sen. Joseph Lieberman as "insolent" for his comments last week during a visit to Turkey.

Lieberman said: "The war against terrorism will not end until Saddam Hussein is removed from power in Baghdad."

"Lieberman is leading a hostile campaign against some Arab countries, and he is provoking others against Iraq, in particular," al-Thawra said in an editorial.

Pope ordains new bishops, complains of consumerism

VATICAN CITY — Pope John Paul II declared that the true spirit of the Christmas season is being overshadowed by consumerism and urged the faithful Sunday to focus on its original meaning.

The pontiff made the comments as he ordained 10 new bishops in a ritual-filled Mass celebrating Epiphany, the day that Catholics believe the three kings, guided by a star over Bethlehem, visited the infant Jesus.

"How suggestive is the symbol of the star in the iconography of

News in brief

Christmas and Epiphany! John Paul said in his homily, "Today it still evokes profound sentiments, even if it sometimes risks — as with so many other sacred signs — becoming banalized by the consumerist use that is made of it."

He told the 10 new bishops — five from Italy, two from the Republic of Congo, and one each from Congo, Portugal and the Philippines — that they represented the "light of the people and hope of the world."

Delegation in Uzbekistan

says U.S. is ready to help

TASHKENT, Uzbekistan — A delegation of U.S. senators on Sunday thanked Uzbekistan's president for his support in the U.S.-led war against terrorists, and said economic and political contacts would likely increase between the two nations.

"Our interest in this region post-Sept. 11 is going to be permanent, and I believe constructive both to economic development and the spread of democracy," Sen. Joseph Lieberman, D-Conn., said during a news conference in the Uzbek capital, Tashkent.

Lieberman and Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., were leading a delegation of nine senators on a

trip that includes stops in Turkey, Tajikistan, Pakistan, Afghanistan and Oman.

On Sunday, the senators met with Uzbek President Islam Karimov, Defense Minister Kadyr Gulyamov and Acting Foreign Minister Sadyk Salafav.

Kidnapped Minnesota girl returns home

MINNEAPOLIS — A 12-year-old girl who was reported kidnapped in November and found in Tennessee was swarmed by family members when she returned home Sunday.

Johania Funes looked stunned as she faced cameras and didn't speak to reporters.

Her family — including both sisters, her parents and an aunt — sobbed and gave Johania a group hug.

"Imagine how happy I feel. So happy," her mother, Ilsa Escobar, had said through an interpreter earlier while waiting for her daughter. She reported Johania missing Nov. 26 after the girl failed to show up for school.

On Saturday morning, Johania was found "safe and unharmed"

at an apartment complex in Jackson, Tenn., authorities said. Raymundo Barrios Roblero, 24, was later arrested at a friend's house in Carroll County, Ky., according to the FBI.

Submarine veteran and son of Navy legend dies at 86

NEEDHAM, Mass. — Rear Adm. Chester W. Nimitz Jr., a decorated World War II submarine veteran and only son of Navy Fleet Adm. Chester W. Nimitz, died with his wife, Joan Laberri Nimitz. He was 86 and she was 89.

The couple faced deteriorating health and chose to take their own lives, a day after a New Year's Day celebration with their family, said their daughter, Betsy Van Dorn.

"This was not unexpected," she said. "They had lived their whole life together and wanted to die together."

The two had married in 1938. Nimitz followed his father to the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md., and the Navy, before moving on to a career with high technology companies. — compiled from wire reports

Food begins to run out for seven al-Qaida men holed up in hospital

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan (AP) — Anti-Taliban troops said Sunday they plan to starve out seven heavily armed al-Qaida members who have been holed up in an Afghan hospital for a month.

Troops with automatic weapons have cornered the al-Qaida members in a few rooms of the Mir Wais hospital in Kandahar. They said they expect the standoff to end within a week.

"The United States wants us to take them alive. It would be easy

to finish it now, but they would all die," said Fazil Bali, a commander with the Kandahar security force. He said the men's food "was running low, and one doctor said it might already be finished."

"We gave (soldiers) advice and said 'Let the food run out,'" Bali said. "The al-Qaida members have said they will blow themselves up if anyone tries to take them from the hospital, where they were dropped off by comrades as Kandahar fell to anti-Taliban forces."

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Somberness marks Orthodox Christmas

BETHEHEM, West Bank (AP) — Orthodox Christians held low-key services Sunday to celebrate Christmas, with a small turnout that didn't include Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, barred from the ceremonies by the Israelis.

In Bethlehem, only a few hundred Christian celebrants were present as the Greek, Syrian, Coptic and Ethiopian patriarchs passed in a procession. The turnout was a fraction of past years.

Making its way through the hilly streets of Bethlehem before arriving in Manger Square, the procession entered the Church of

the Nativity, built over a grotto where tradition says Jesus was born.

"There is no joy in Christmas this year. My friends and relatives from other Palestinian towns can't share it with us," said Issam Juha, 25, watching the proceedings with his family.

Arafat, a regular at the services since the Palestinians gained control of Bethlehem in 1995, was unable to attend because of a travel ban imposed by Israel.

Israel says it will keep Arafat confined to his West Bank headquarters in Ramallah until he arrests those responsible for the

October assassination of an Israeli Cabinet minister.

Arafat was also barred from attending the Christmas Eve celebrations on Dec. 24 despite international criticism of the Israeli move.

In past Christmas celebrations, Bethlehem was filled with thousands of pilgrims and foreign tourists. Christmas decorations and religious icons filled the streets. Shops and houses were lit, and bustling restaurants stayed open late.

This Christmas the streets were largely absent of decorations, save the Palestinian flags. Hotels and restaurants stood

empty. Souvenir shops that depend heavily on the holiday season were shuttered.

The blockade of Palestinian towns, which has been in place throughout the 15 months of Mideast-fighting, has devastated the Palestinian economy. Bethlehem, which depends heavily on tourism, has been extremely hard hit.

While the Greek Orthodox Church celebrated Christmas on Sunday, Orthodox Christians in Russia, Ukraine, Bulgaria, Serbia, Montenegro and Macedonia were to celebrate on Monday, according to the old Julian calendar.



An Orthodox priest prays at the Grotto in the Church of the Nativity believed to be the birthplace of Jesus, celebrating the Orthodox Christmas Sunday in the West Bank town of Bethlehem.

Argentine Senate OKs devaluation

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (AP) — Despite the concerns of foreign investors, Argentine lawmakers on Sunday granted President Eduardo Duhalde emergency powers to devalue the peso and set the shattered economy on a new, less market-friendly course.

The bill giving Duhalde the power to pass some laws without congressional approval for the next two years sailed through the lower house of Congress late Sunday night and won Senate approval Sunday.

The bill's passage marked an early victory for Duhalde, who took office Wednesday as Argentina's fifth president in two weeks.

It also heralds a radical departure from the fixed currency regime and free market economics that were a bedrock of South America's No. 2 economy over the past decade and attracted billions of dollars in foreign investment.

Armed with the special powers, Duhalde plans to ease the peso's 10-year one-to-one parity with the dollar, reform the banking system, control prices and protect local industry and jobs.

"A new economy begins," said the front-page headlines of the respected daily Clarin newspaper Sunday, adding that "new rules of the game after 11 years" would "bring profound changes for people and companies."

But the "new rules" have made foreign investors nervous. They fear a devaluation will slash their profits and the government will protect local industry with old-fashioned, less market-friendly policies.

Clarin reported Sunday that Spanish Prime Minister Jose Maria Aznar and Duhalde on Saturday and in a "rough and tense" conversation, urged him to protect Spanish investments totaling \$30 billion over the past decade — second only to American economic interests here.

Duhalde responded by telling Aznar that Argentina was "broke," Clarin reported.

Analysts say a 50 percent drop in the peso's value could trigger some \$3 billion in losses for Spanish companies, including telecommunications giant Telefonica, oil company Repsol-YPF and two major banks, Santander Central Hispano and Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria.

France's Foreign Minister Hubert Vedrine, concerned for investments by companies like Carrefour supermarkets, France Telecom and automaker Renault, also urged his Argentine counterpart Carlos Menem in a diplomatic note to "do everything in your power to protect both companies."

Presidential spokesman Eduardo Amadeo said Duhalde and Economy Minister Jorge Remes Lenicov would start "a serious dialogue" with representatives of foreign companies starting Monday.

"We can slap in the face people who have invested in Argentina," Amadeo said. "We want foreign investment because it means jobs."



Indian Army Officers inspect the spot on Sunday where land mines and other explosives exploded Saturday in Village Mahwa, Indian, near the India and Pakistan border.

Indian, Pakistani leaders meet at summit

KATMANDU, Nepal (AP) — A brief meeting between the leaders of India and Pakistan failed to resolve a standoff between the nuclear-armed neighbors. Later Sunday, India said it downed a small, unmanned Pakistani spy aircraft.

The private meeting at a regional summit in Nepal was the first between Indian Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee and Pakistani President Gen. Pervez Musharraf since both countries put their armies on war alert last month.

The continuing tension was apparent Sunday night as the Indian military claimed to have shot down the drone after it intruded 2.5 miles into Indian air space over the disputed region of Kashmir. Pakistani officials immediately denied this, and the state-run news agency claimed the aircraft was India's own.

Indian defense analyst C. Uday Baskar said in New Delhi that he did not believe the downing of the aircraft would lead to war, but emotions

remained high in Kashmir. India and Pakistan have fought two of their three wars over the Himalayan province, which is claimed by both South Asian nations.

As they left for home after the two-day South Asian summit in Nepal, Vajpayee and Musharraf said neither their brief chat nor televised handshakes had eased tensions along the 1,600-mile border that divides their countries.

Later, in New Delhi, Vajpayee met with British Prime Minister Tony Blair, who said Pakistan needs to condemn all types of terrorism to pave the way for negotiations. Blair was to meet with Musharraf on Monday.

"There must be a complete rejection of the types of terrorist actions carried out on the first of October and the 13th of December," Blair said, referring to attacks on the Jammu-Kashmir state legislature and the Indian Parliament, both blamed on Pakistan-based militants.

The Dec. 13 attack triggered the current standoff. Vajpayee said the militants were supported

by Pakistan. Musharraf's government and the two militant groups have denied the charge.

When asked Sunday about his brief chat with Musharraf, Vajpayee said "there was no talk of de-escalation." He also said there were no plans for formal talks "at the moment."

Vajpayee said the meeting was a "courtesy call" and that "there was no significant discussion."

Musharraf told a news conference, "We must remove the dangerous standoff between India and Pakistan," saying he hoped the weekend's interactions would continue on a formal basis.

Secretary of State Colin Powell called the foreign ministers of both countries Saturday night. Indian officials said, the same day Vajpayee refused to look at Musharraf or shake his hand at the end of the summit session after grudgingly accepting Musharraf's surprise offer of an on-camera handshake.

There was more contact on Sunday.

As the summit broke up, the foreign ministers of the two countries also chatted briefly with Vajpayee's national security adviser, discussing a handwritten note.

A Pakistani official told The Associated Press that it was an Indian "wish list" of demands for action against Pakistan-based Islamic militants who target India, and for the extradition of Indian criminals living in Pakistan.

Pakistani authorities have been announcing mass arrests of militants for the past two weeks, including the leaders and other members of two groups — Lashkar-e-Tayyaba and Jaish-e-Mohammed — that India accuses in the Parliament assault. Fourteen people were killed in the attack, including the five assailants.

Pakistani police said Sunday that security forces arrested 42 Muslim militants in a night-long sweep in eastern Punjab province, raising to 300 the number of detainees held in the crackdown.

Israel shows captured weapons

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israel accused Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat on Sunday of plotting "the next wave of terror," displaying 50 tons of missiles, mortars and mines seized during a commando operation at sea. Amid recriminations, a U.S. envoy wrapped up talks without an agreement for a formal Mideast truce.

Standing before row upon row of the confiscated weaponry, Prime Minister Ariel Sharon alleged Arafat was directly involved in the \$100 million arms shipment, accusing him of personally ordering the weapons from Iran and a ship from Lebanon to carry them.

Sharon was joined by senior Israeli security officials for the nationally televised event that emphasized the importance the government has placed on the weapons cache, laid out in near rows Sunday at a naval yard in the Red Sea port of Eilat.

There were machine guns, mines, mortars, Ajax rockets, grenades, AK-47 assault rifles and more than a half-million rounds of ammunition for various guns, all of which Israel says were on their way from Iran to the Gaza Strip.

The Palestinian leadership has denied any connection to the Iranian-made weapons or the ship.

In a statement Sunday, the Palestinian leadership said it "condemns this operation and condemns the Israeli attempt to accuse the Palestinian Authority of being involved in this."

Israeli commandos stormed the Karine A Thursday in the Red Sea about 300 miles south of Eilat. While the pre-dawn raid occurred in international waters, no one has claimed ownership of the boat or its weapons.

A U.S. official in Washington, speaking on condition of anonymity, said it was possible the weapons were headed for Hezbollah, the militant Lebanese group, or Hamas, the extremist Palestinian movement.

A Hezbollah official in Beirut, Lebanon, denied any member of the guerrilla group was on board the ship. He declined to say whether any of the weapons were intended for the movement.

Rain douses many flames, but Australian fire isn't over

BULLABURRA, Australia (AP) — Heavy rain fell in parts of Australia for the first time in more than two weeks, dousing flames Monday after weary crews of volunteers had fought fire with fire, setting controlled burns to block blazes.

Up to 2 inches of rain fell overnight, mainly in the Blue Mountains national park 50 miles west of Sydney. Officials said wildfires that had raged through the area since Dec. 24 had now been reduced to smoldering embers.

Lowes said rain had not fallen in all fire affected areas and that the crisis in New South Wales state was not over.

"There's a long way to go yet, but certainly there's no more welcome sound to a firefighter than raindrops on a roof," said John Winter, Rural Fire Services spokesman.

Weather forecasters said that the rain showers broke an 18-day dry spell. They warned, though, that high temperatures approaching 100 could return later Monday, bringing dry Outback winds that could help rekindle fires.

The bush fires have burned across Australia's most populous state for two weeks. About half of the original 100 fires were set deliberately, and 24 people —

including teen-agers and a 9-year-old — have been arrested, officials said.

Controlled burns were conducted Sunday near homes and along highways north, west and south of Sydney, Australia's most populous city.

For days, residents of Bullaburra in the Blue Mountains 56 miles west of Sydney, have watched wildfires consume nearby areas.

On Sunday, they applauded firefighters who torched bushland bordering their backyards.

"Seeing these fires right now is so reassuring to us because we

know that this back burn is going to be the buffer zone between disaster and being safe," resident Marten Dickens said.

Some 20,000 firefighters have battled the "Black Christmas" fires.

Exhausted volunteer firefighter Alex Hood said he would not stop until all the blazes were out.

"We have been at it for days and we are all pretty tired. But your adrenalin pumps when you are out there," he said.

While no deaths have been reported, thousands of people

have been evacuated and about 170 homes have been destroyed in the fires.

As much as 1.2 million acres of forest and farmland have been razed.

Wildlife officials estimate thousands of native Australian animals, including koalas, have been killed or injured in the fires.

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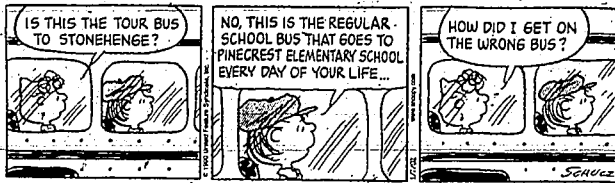
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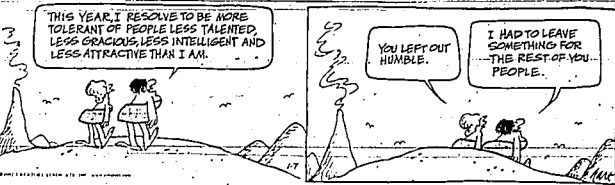
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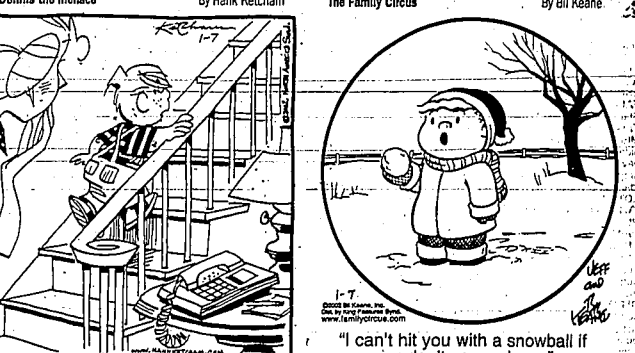
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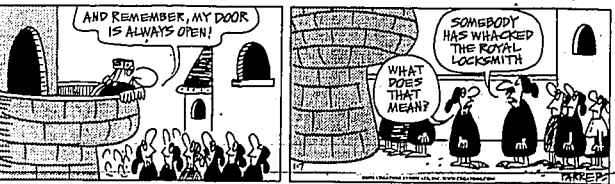
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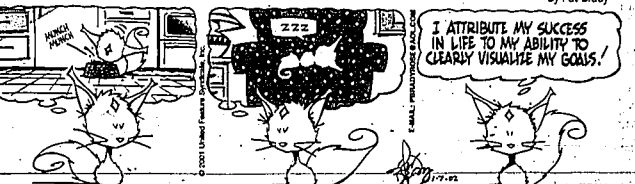
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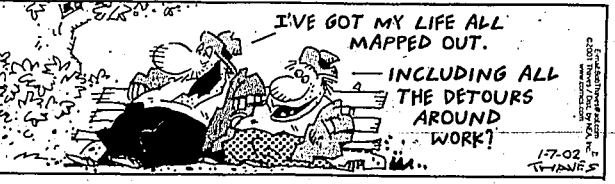
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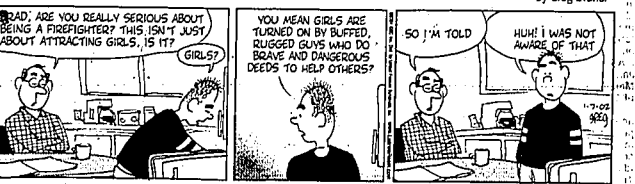
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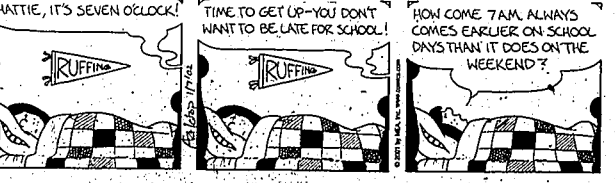
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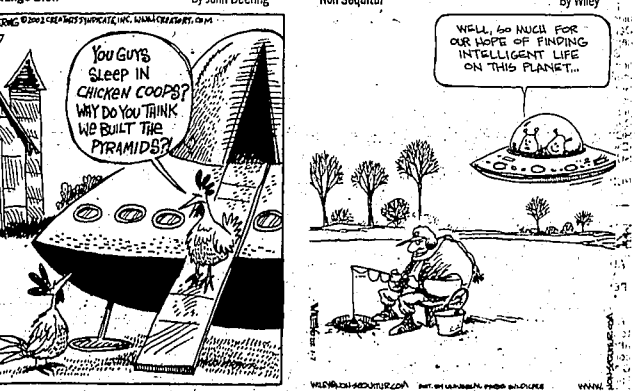
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