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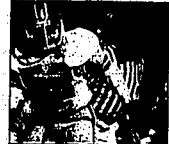
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Forced from the wild



A group of curious deer checks out a nearby vehicle on a ranch near King Hill. Deer and antelope have become so numerous in the area that farmers say they are causing damage to fields and are eating hay supplies.

Wayward deer lay claim to farmers' fields

By Jennifer Sandmann Times-News writer

GLENN'S FERRY - Winter's sunsets in King Hill illuminate amber fields spotted with the brown, gray and golden hues of hundreds if not thousands of deer and antelope.

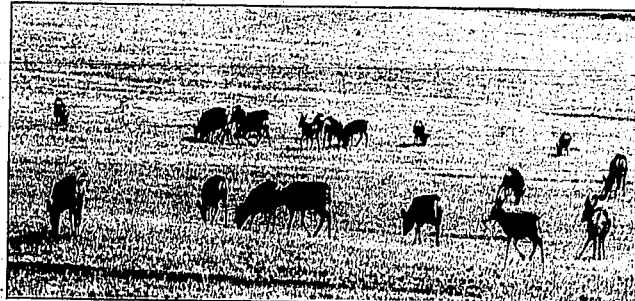
Large herds of antelope and even larger herds of deer have shown up in pockets along Interstate 84 from Eden near Twin Falls west into Glenn's Ferry.

The wild animals migrated from north of Fairfield and Ketchum. Deep snow and habitat lost to drought or wildfire pushed them from the plateaus into developed land.

From his living room window, ranch manager Doug Cameron looks north across 40 acres of newly seeded alfalfa. White-brown specks have emerged on the horizon. Antelope are making their way over the hill. It's 3 o'clock in the afternoon. The deer should be moving in soon.

"It's just something, down here, that you live with," Cameron says.

Antelope typically leave the fields for brush at dusk, while deer move in at late afternoon



Several thousand head of the wild animals wander the area eating forage from the fields.

for the night. Cameron counted some 650 antelope on the ranch in a single morning in early December. The situation has improved recently thanks to milder temperatures that have melted snow and allowed the animals back onto the range.

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pen again," Cameron says. Many folks are reminded of the winter of 1992-93. Heavy snows followed a dry growing season. Cameron has a video he filmed on a December morning 10 years ago. The tape player shows several hundred deer grazing in the alfalfa.

On the south side of the Byce ranch is Interstate 84. While it's southern Idaho's main travel

and truck commerce route, it's a barrier in the animals' traditional migratory route.

Antelope aren't good jumpers and typically can't clear the fences. Many deer make it over and attempt a crossing dangerous to both travelers and the animals. Deer too little or too lame to jump crawl through or under the barbed wire. Cameron

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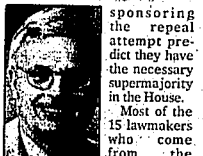
Term limit foes point to law's out-of-state origins

By Julia Pence Times-News writer

BOISE - From the South Hills to the Sawtooths, there is not one legislator who wholeheartedly favors Idaho's term-limits law.

So, the most powerful legislator of the lawmakers in the Magic and Wood River valleys - House Speaker Bruce Newcomb, an eight-term Burley Republican - introduced a bill on Friday that would wipe out the initiative.

Not every local lawmaker favors repealing the entire term-limits law, but representatives



Rep. Bruce Newcomb - sponsoring the repeal attempt predict they have the necessary supermajority in the House. Most of the 15 lawmakers who come from the Magic and Wood River valleys acknowledge the action appears self-serving, but the new law has them in a do-

or-die situation. Do nothing, and 12 out of 15 are out in 2004; or do something, and risk getting kicked out by voters in 2002.

"But Newcomb professes more altruistic motives. He led the charge, he said, because he resents outsiders funneling big bucks into Idaho to build a system he thinks works just fine.

"A lot of people would like to tell you that this was a grassroots

movement. It was not," Newcomb said. "Most of the money came from U.S. Term Limits in Washington, D.C."

He said he even heard a board member of national term-limits coalition say the reason the organization targeted Idaho is that it was "a cheap state to buy."

No doubt the Idaho campaign might have been cheaper than some other states, Idaho's population in the early 1990s was just a bit over 1 million. But also, drumming up grassroots support

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War-weary Afghans give up the fight, turn in their weapons



An anti-Taliban fighter waits for his turn to give up his gun in the village of Khoja Khon in Baghlan province of northeastern Afghanistan.

The Associated Press

KHOJA KHON, Afghanistan - Learning on assault rifles and grenade launchers, nearly 50 men weary of war waited patiently in this northern village Saturday to do something long unthinkable - give up their guns.

"I just want to get rid of this weapon. I just want to be free," said 20-year-old Zemarai, toting a grenade launcher and a bag of grenades. The men, all anti-Taliban fighters, said they were relieved

Missing pieces

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when their commanders ordered them to come to Khoja Khon to register their weapons before a mass disarmament.

Zemarai got his grenade launcher two years ago when he was recruited into the fight against the Taliban. Shrapnel from a mine explosion has blinded his right eye. "I'm tired of war," he said. "If I can just give up this gun, I can

CAFO plan goes up for comment

People on both sides will line up to speak

By Sandy Miller Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - People on both sides of the dairy issue have plenty to say about the six draft ordinances on animal feeding operations penned by county commissioners.

They'll get a chance to say it at public hearings Wednesday at the College of Southern Idaho.

Dairy operators say the ordinances would allow the county to revoke their permits based on complaints alone, while their neighbors say the appeals process would leave many of their voices unheard. Meanwhile, environmental activists say the ordinances aren't clear enough and will be difficult to enforce.

One of the proposed county ordinances establishes a new operating permit in addition to special-use permits. All AFO operators would be required to have an operating permit and to renew it each year.

"It makes them come in every year and renew their licenses so we can count how many animals they have," said County Commissioner Gary Grindstaff. "We'll be able to keep better track of how many animals we have in the county."

Before an operating permit is issued or renewed, AFO operators would have to show they're

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Gary Grindstaff

Hearing set

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Group pushes own proposal

By Sandy Miller Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - While Twin Falls County commissioners proceed with public hearings this week on proposed animal feeding operation ordinances, a group of dairy supporters and critics is putting the finishing touches on an alternative plan.

A diverse group that includes dairy operators, dairy neighbors, environmental activists and business people has been meeting for two months to create a confidential animal feeding ordinance or "matrix" as they call it now.

And while members of the group admit their ordinance isn't perfect, they all agree it's better than the six ordinances county commissioners have on the table right now.

"The matrix provides some specifics about setbacks," said Ed Smith, who lives near a large dairy in Filer. "It also allows small and medium-size operations to expand without public

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go back to my farm." No one knows how many guns and other weapons are in Afghanistan after two decades of war, but some government officials estimate there may be as many as 1 million. International observers worry the arms will be used by rival factions and ethnic groups vying for power in the chaotic post-Taliban period. Many Afghans seem unwilling to comply with the government's stated desire for widespread dis-

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FORECAST FOR MAGIC VALLEY



ALMANAC table with columns for High/Low, Normal High/Low, Record High/Low, and Precipitation. Includes data for Twin Falls through 6 p.m. yesterday.

FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR TWIN FALLS

Table with 5 columns: TODAY, TONIGHT, MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY. Includes weather icons and temperature forecasts.

CANADIAN CITIES

Table listing Canadian cities (Calgary, Edmonton, Regina, etc.) with Today and Mon. forecasts.

REGIONAL WEATHER

Southern Idaho: Clouds and times of sunshine today with a cold wind; a few spots might have a snow shower. Highs from near 30 in the mountains of the east to the 30s in the lower valleys.

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Table for Sun and Moon with columns for Sunrise, Sunset, Moonrise, Moonset, and phases (Now, First, Full, Last).

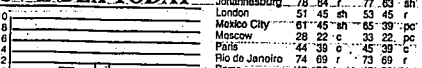
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NATIONAL WEATHER

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

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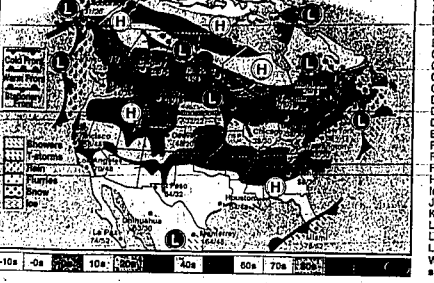
Large table listing national cities (Atlanta, Baltimore, Boston, etc.) with Today and Mon. forecasts.

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Table listing regional cities (Boise, Bonners Ferry, Burley, etc.) with Today and Mon. forecasts.

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Enron chairman touted stock before bankruptcy

WASHINGTON - In a pair of e-mails to his employees in August, the chairman of now-bankrupt Enron touted the company's stock and declared that the energy trader giant's growth "has never been more certain."

Lessons from Enron - A3
cial problems surfaced.
in an Aug. 27 e-mail, Lay outlined details of an employee stock option program which spoke of "a significantly higher price" for Enron stock in the future.

that Enron was prospering and that its stock price would rise," Rep. Henry Waxman, the ranking Democrat on the House Government Reform Committee, said in a letter Saturday to Lay. Waxman released the e-mails along with the letter to Lay, whose political donations along with those of other Enron executives have made the company President Bush's biggest financial supporter through two general elections and the presidential election.

Deer

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says he has found several deer hung up in the fences. He cringes each time he watches one jump.
The issue at hand is one of lost habitat, said Steve Elam with the Idaho Department of Fish and Game office in Jerome. Not only has winter habitat been lost to recent wildfire, it has been eroded over the years by development.

Fish & Game: Keep wild animals wild

The Idaho Department of Fish and Game does not sanction widespread feeding programs for big game. Emergency feed is provided in a few places, including the Wood River Valley and Featherhewer, where the department says human development has forced the issue. To avoid sustaining larger game populations than the range can support, feeding otherwise is done only during critical periods.
Here are some of the reasons Fish and Game lists in support of this policy:
• Health problems. Communicable diseases are spread at feeding sites. Reproduction in some herds that are fed every winter is lower at least partly because of communicable disease. Idaho's big game animals are healthy and game managers want to keep them that way.

U.N. increases focus on remote Afghan village

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) - The United Nations staff is stepping up efforts to help a remote northern village where food is so scarce that townspeople have turned to the very grass on the ground to make bread.

Bonavash, a village in the rugged Abdullah Khan region south of Mazar-e-Sharif.
"This particular village is extremely difficult to access," Dey said Friday. "By donkey, the terrain is mountainous, it was a former front-line area and the villagers were particularly hard-hit by the drought."

sent two staffers from its recently reopened office in Mazar-e-Sharif "to determine the quickest way to bring food to this village."
In addition, he said, six passenger helicopters originally scheduled to be enlisted at the end of January for "rapid needs assessments" will be pressed into shuttle food to particularly desperate villages like Bonavash.

Weapons

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armament.
Armed men continued to wander through Kabul after a midnight Friday deadline to be off the streets of the capital, where crime has soared since the Taliban collapsed.

tions loyal to different warlords have skirmished.
Gen. Atiqullah Baryalai, deputy defense minister in charge of northeastern Afghanistan, said disarmament is a matter of political will.
"If the big commanders want this, it is easy. If the big commanders do not want this, it is not easy," he said. Baryalai, who is overseeing disarmament in Khoja Khon and other towns in Baghlan province, laid out a comprehensive plan for disarmament. First, he is asking everyone to

register their guns. Then, in a lightning sweep, authorities will confiscate all the weapons in a particular region in one day, so no disarmed village is left at the mercy of a still-armed neighbor.
Baryalai hopes to accomplish all this in the next few weeks in Baghlan. He began the same program in Kunduz province a few weeks ago, he said.
He hopes to disarm northeastern Afghanistan with gentle persuasion. But he said he will resort to force if he has to.
In Kunduz, he said, a group of local Taliban refused to give him their weapons, so he sent 300 soldiers with six tanks to surround them. The troops fired a few shots in the air, and the Taliban agreed to disarm, he said.

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Enron lessons affect pension policy

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Under pressure from President Bush to keep future corporate bankruptcies from wiping out the retirement savings of thousands of employees, as in the recent collapse of Enron Corp., members of the administration's economic team said last week that they intend to do just that.

Treasury Secretary Paul O'Neill, Labor Secretary Elaine Chao and Commerce Secretary Don Evans spoke with assurance, but those who design and operate pensions and retirement plans were left wondering: Exactly who are they going to do?

Policymakers "really have to be careful. They can do good, and they can do harm. It is a very sensitive system. It's not a system that responds to punches very well," said Eric Lofgren, a benefits consultant with Watson Wyatt Worldwide in Philadelphia.

As it seeks to insulate workers from catastrophes like the Enron collapse, the administration will confront several long-running tensions of the retirement world.

First, there is the tension between the government's desire to protect workers and the employers' desire to have retirement plans that are cheap and easy to operate. When policy veers too far to the cheap-and-easy side, workers may risk losing their savings; when it veers too far to the side of regulated protection, workers risk losing the retirement plans themselves.

Other than Social Security, the U.S. retirement system remains voluntary, and employers that find providing retirement benefits too onerous are free to drop them or switch to some less-regulated alternative.

Second, in today's world of 401(k) plans, there is the tension between the advice that workers should diversify their investments and the apparent desire of many workers to make a big bet on their employer. Again, when workers place all their bets on their employer, they risk disaster. But if workers are forced to diversify, the plans may become more complicated and less attractive to them, and the risk is a decline in plan participation.

Rise and fall of Enron

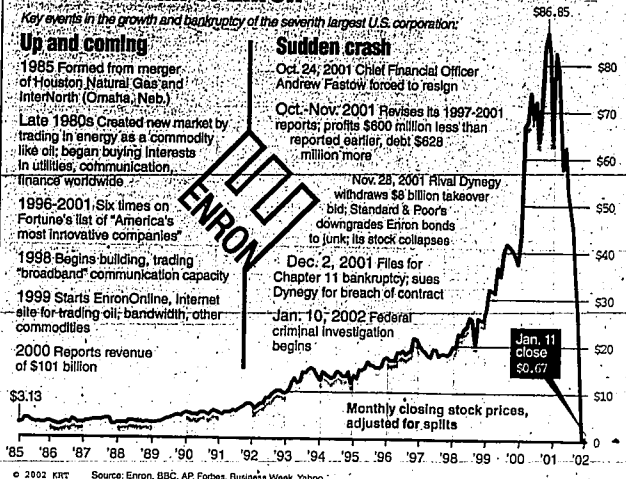
Key events in the growth and bankruptcy of the seventh largest U.S. corporation

Up and coming

- 1985 Formed from merger of Houston Natural Gas and InterNorth (Omaha, Neb.)
- Late 1980s Created new market by trading in energy as a commodity like oil; began buying interests in utilities, communication, finance worldwide
- 1996-2001 Six times on Fortune's list of "America's most innovative companies"
- 1998 Begins building "trading" "broadband" communication capacity
- 1999 Starts EnronOnline, internet site for trading oil, bandwidth, other commodities
- 2000 Reports revenue of \$101 billion

Sudden crash

- Oct. 24, 2001 Chief Financial Officer Andrew Fastow forced to resign
- Oct.-Nov. 2001 Revises its 1997-2001 reports; profits \$600 million less than reported earlier; debt \$622 million more
- Nov. 28, 2001 Rival Dynegy withdraws \$8 billion takeover bid; Standard & Poor's downgrades Enron bonds to junk; its stock collapses
- Dec. 2, 2001 Files for Chapter 11 bankruptcy; sues Dynegy for breach of contract
- Jan. 10, 2002 Federal criminal investigation begins



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Finally, there is the tension between allowing employers to make contributions to 401(k) plans in company stock, which may be cheaper for the company — and restricting or forbidding it — perhaps discouraging any employer contribution at all.

The last time policymakers faced this sort of crisis was in the early 1970s, when bankruptcies of many major corporations had not adequately funded their pension plans. When the companies foundered, the pensions evaporated.

That led to the 1974 Employee Retirement Income Security Act, which created government insurance for traditional retirement plans, along with a host of rules designed to ensure that the plans would be properly funded and administered.

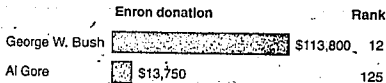
More than a quarter-century later, workers and retirees with traditional pensions, called defined-benefit plans, are very well protected. But two-thirds of all traditional plans have vanished.

White House looks to avoid Enron political fallout

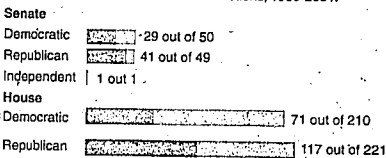
Enron's political contribution

After President Bush pledged to investigate into whether Enron defrauded investors and its employees, questions of potential conflict of interest have been raised. Enron's soft money contributions to federal candidates and parties ranked it 36th in organizational donors in the 1999-2000 election. Seventy-three percent went to Republicans.

Presidential donations
President Bush raised \$114,000 in PAC and individual contributions from Enron in 1999-2000. Enron and its CEOs also donated \$300,000 to the inaugural fund.



Congressional recipients
On average, Enron contributed \$3,210 to individual House members and \$7,472 to Senators. Here is a breakdown of current members who received contributions, 1989-2001.



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SOURCES: Center for Responsive Politics; Associated Press

Administration insists company got no favors

WASHINGTON (AP) — As Congress revs up its investigation into Enron, the White House is scrambling to blunt the political fallout, insisting no favors were given to the fallen energy company despite numerous contacts between its executives and high-ranking administration officials.

To date, there is no evidence the Bush administration acted on requests by the beleaguered company to assist it.

As the Bush administration tries to distance itself from the Enron debacle, it also acknowledges that Enron had frequent and unusually free access to some of the administration's most senior officials including those at the Treasury, Commerce and Energy departments.

While the company spiraled toward collapse last fall, Enron President Lawrence "Greg" Whalley repeatedly telephoned Treasury's undersecretary for domestic finance, Peter Fisher, the department said.

Enron spokesman Mark Palmer said the calls in late October and early November "were not about trying to improve our credit rating" nor to seek financial help, but to discuss energy trading matters. But Treasury spokeswoman Michele Davis said

Fisher from the conversations "inferred he was being asked to encourage the banks to extend credit" but did not intervene.

Fisher also had been contacted by former Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin, a Democrat, who had sought Fisher's intervention on behalf of Enron, according to Davis and confirmed by a Rubin spokesman, Michael Schlein.

Rubin is now chairman of the executive committee of Citigroup Inc., which along with other banks lent hundreds of millions of dollars to Enron, hoping to keep it afloat.

About the same time, the company's chairman, Kenneth Lay, one of President Bush's biggest campaign contributors, also had several phone conversations with members of the Bush Cabinet.

More than 250 members of Congress received political contributions from Enron between 1989 and 2001 and they included both Republicans and Democrats, according to an analysis by the Center for Responsive Politics.

Six committees of Congress have begun investigations into Enron's bankruptcy with a number of lawmakers on the committees also recipients of Enron campaign money.

Bush touts budget plans, faces challenge

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush said Saturday that his budget will increase food aid for the swelling number of recession victims. But with deficits looming, a leading Democrat was set to propose rolling back one quarter of Bush's tax cut.

Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., would be the most prominent Democrat to call for delaying part of the \$1.35 trillion, 10-year tax cut, enacted last year. His plan would put off \$350 billion in cuts for the wealthy to make room for more domestic spending, according to a source familiar with Kennedy's plans.

In his weekly radio address, the president said he would ask for a 8.3 percent increase in spending on the Women, Infants and Children program, which provides food vouchers and nutrition education to low-income families. He also promised to ask for new money for a job training program when he submits his budget to Congress next month.

He said these are "vital programs that have proven their value" and will help those affected by the difficult economic times.

"My budget focuses on the pressing needs of our country and on the basic needs of our citizens," Bush said.

Facing a budget deficit and increased demand for military and counterterrorism spending, Bush's 2003 budget request is sure to include cuts in other domestic programs. But like administration officials before him, the president is using the weeks before his budget is unveiled to focus on the spending increases.

Many Democrats argue that the president's \$1.35 trillion, 10-year tax cut — along with the falling economy and post-Sept. 11 spending — is to blame for the

tight budget picture. But few have been willing to call for its repeal. The White House has accused anyone who does of wanting to raise taxes.

In a speech Wednesday at the National Press Club, Kennedy plans to call for a delay in a portion of the tax cut set to take effect in 2004, the source said Saturday.

The savings, some \$350 billion over about seven years, would be available for domestic spending — such as adding a prescription drug benefit to Medicare and improving education, he said.



George W. Bush

A spokesman for Kennedy said the senator would have no comment on the issue Saturday.

This is the second year that Bush is proposing a spending increase for WIC, which aids nearly half of the nation's infants and one in four American children ages 1 to 4.

Last year, advocates complained that the Bush proposal was not adequate, but Congress wound up increasing spending even more, and the White House went along.

The \$364 million increase being proposed this time would bring WIC spending to \$4.75 billion, enough to serve an average of 7.8 million people per month.

"This does sound like good news," said Robert Greenstein, president of the left-leaning Center for Budget and Policy Priorities and an expert on WIC.

The Bush proposal also includes another \$150 million for a contingency fund that would allow the program to expand to serve another 250,000 people should the recession make more families eligible. To qualify, a family's income must be below 185 percent of the federal poverty level. For a family of three, that was \$25,415 per year in 2000.

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Former secretary of state Cyrus Vance dies

NEW YORK (AP) — Cyrus R. Vance, who resigned as President Carter's secretary of state over an ill-fated attempt to save American hostages from Iran, died Saturday. He was 84.

Vance died at Mt. Sinai Medical Center after a long battle with Alzheimer's disease, said his son, Cyrus R. Vance Jr. He said he did not know the cause of death.



Cyrus Vance

United Nations spanned more than three decades. He used his peace-making skills to ease conflicts in foreign lands, racially torn American cities and even corporate boardrooms.

"A champion for peace and human rights, he was a superb statesman, who served me and other presidents well," Carter said in a statement from himself and his wife Rosalynn. "We will miss his friendship, and the world will miss his humanitarian work and goodness."

Quiet and self-effacing, Vance was a study in contrasts with Henry Kissinger, his flamboyant predecessor at the State Department. Vance's politics were far more liberal than Kissinger's, and his political leanings often put him at odds with Carter's national security adviser, Zbigniew Brzezinski.

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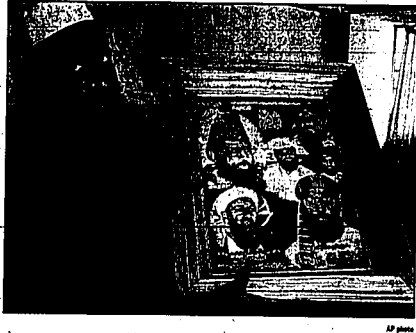
Pakistan cracks down on extremism

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) — President Gen. Pervez Musharraf declared Saturday that Pakistan will not be a base for terrorism and banned two extremist groups accused in an attack on India's parliament. He also raided religious schools and mosques and arrested more than 300 suspected militants.

There was no immediate reaction from the Indian government to the televised speech, in which Musharraf tried to defuse a crisis over the disputed Himalayan region of Kashmir that has pushed the neighboring nuclear powers to the brink of war.

Secretary of State Colin Powell, who will visit the region shortly, hailed Musharraf's "bold and principled stand" and said he believed the basis now exists "for the resolution of tensions between India and Pakistan through diplomatic and peaceful means."

In his hearing address to the nation, Musharraf vowed that "no organization will be allowed to indulge in terrorism behind the garb of the Kashmiri cause... We will take strict action against any Pakistani who is involved in terrorism inside the country or abroad."



Member Ghaffor Ahmad removes a picture of his leaders from the office of Pakistani religious militant group, Sipah-e-Sahaba (Army of Friends of Prophet Muhammad) Saturday in Peshawar, wrapping up the office, fearing a possible ban on extremist militant religious groups. Poster reads "What is Sipah-e-Sahaba." Osama bin Laden, the chief suspect of the Sept. 11 terror attacks in America is shown at lower left. Others are unidentified.

Musharraf also announced a crackdown on religious extremists

in his country who had supported Afghanistan's Taliban rulers and Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida movement. In addition to the two Kashmir groups, he banned three Pakistani Muslim organizations, including one that sent members to fight alongside the Taliban in Afghanistan.

Hours after the speech, police and militiamen reported authorities were sealing offices of all five extremist organizations throughout the country. Several militants were taken into custody, police said.

Defying the Pakistan president, Lashkar-e-Tayyaba said that it would forge ahead with its fight against Indian forces in the disputed Himalayan region of Kashmir. Lashkar-e-Tayyaba has denied being behind the Dec. 13 attack in New Delhi. "Islam doesn't permit terrorism... we never target civilians, nor consider it right to bomb public places, parliaments, buses and stations," the group said in a statement Saturday.

But the group said its "jihad," or holy war, to wrest Kashmir from Indian control would continue, despite the ban.

Detainees in Guantanamo may be Arabs, not Afghans

Knight Ridder News Service

GUANTANAMO BAY NAVAL BASE, Cuba — Military authorities Saturday said they assume al-Qaida prisoners who spent their first night in Caribbean confinement are Arabs like Osama bin Laden, not Afghans.

The prisoners spent their first night prostrate in Islamic prayer, chatting among themselves and sleeping off the effects of a 27-hour journey from Afghanistan.

"We're assuming right now they're Arabic," said Army Col. Terry Carrico, warden of a temporary detention center called Camp X-Ray, which could someday become a huge offshore U.S. prison for suspected terrorists.

Some understood simple English, he said, such as "Do you want water?" All respond to a military linguist issuing instructions in Arabic.

It is a significant lead as military investigators begin questioning the captives in the Pentagon's pursuit of bin Laden. The language of choice in bin

Laden's al-Qaida terrorist network is said to be Arabic, because many are Arabs. Bin Laden was born in Saudi Arabia to parents from Yemen.

The prisoners appear to be in their 30s, Carrico said, the typical age of veteran al-Qaida fighters.

On Friday, the terrorist prison project commander, Marine Brig. Gen. Michael Lehnert, said the first 20 of a potential 2,000 to arrive here were "the worst elements" of al-Qaida.

"We asked for the bad guys first." But by Saturday, after an 8,000-mile air journey in which at least one of them was sedated, and all wore blacked-out goggles, commanders characterized the captives as cooperative.

Most slept in their 6-by-8-foot cells that resemble dog kennels.

Security has been extremely tight, in part because previous captives in Afghanistan staged prison uprisings, seizing captors' weapons and in one instance killing a CIA operative, Johnny "Mike" Spann.

Southeast Asia crackdown grows

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP) — The investigation into terror groups in Southeast Asia widened Saturday as Malaysia announced the arrests of two more suspected militants tied to al-Qaida and linked Malaysian extremists to a cell in Singapore that plotted to bomb Western embassies.

The government of Singapore said Saturday that more al-Qaida members were likely still at large, even after the arrest of 30 suspected militants so far in the city-state and neighboring Malaysia.

Malaysian officials on Saturday said two men had been arrested in the past few days for alleged membership of an Islamic militant group called the Kumpulan Mujahiddin Malaysia.

The arrests brought to 15 the number of alleged members of the group detained since Dec. 9, Deputy Prime Minister Abdullah Ahmad Badawi said.

Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad said some members of the Malaysian group admitted to being trained in Afghanistan by

the Taliban and Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida, blamed for the Sept. 11 terror attacks in the United States.

Mahathir said Saturday that the Malaysian militants have ties to Indonesia and the Philippines. "I believe Singapore is also (linked) ... but I do not have the facts," he was quoted as saying by the national news agency, Bernama.

It was the first time the Malaysian government has linked groups in Malaysia and Singapore, which is located on the southern tip of the Malay Peninsula.

Helped by evidence found in Afghanistan, Singapore authorities arrested 15 people in December on suspicion of al-Qaida links. The suspects allegedly planned to blow up the U.S. Embassy and other diplomatic offices and targeted high-profile Americans in Singapore. Officials also say the militants stored four tons of the explosive chemical ammonium nitrate in Malaysia and were seeking more to make

truck bombs.

Malaysia's Abdullah said investigators in the two countries would share information on the militant groups. All of the suspects were being held under laws in Singapore and Malaysia which allow indefinite detention without trial.

The nature of any links between the groups in Malaysia and Singapore is unclear. Officials say they may be part of a network of militant cells which are operating in several Southeast Asian countries and have plotted violence, and which may have direct connections with suspects in the attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon.

Singapore Prime Minister Goh Chok Tong warned on Saturday that authorities may have missed "quite a few members" of the militant group in his country.

"We cannot say that we have discovered everything," Goh said. "We must work on the assumption that there may be more cells."

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Police search for traces of Sept. 11 missing at landfill

By Richard T. Plencak
New York Daily News

Moving a mountain of debris

An estimated 600,000 tons of debris covering four city blocks will need to be cleared from New York City streets. As of late Friday, almost 10,600 tons had been removed.

- 1 After an area has been thoroughly searched, workers fill 5-gallon (19-liter) buckets with debris and pass them down a line; large pieces, such as steel beams, are cut with torches.
- 2 Inspectors look through debris for rings, paper, body parts or any other signs of victims.
- 3 After inspection, debris is loaded onto garbage trucks and transported to a barge.
- 4 Debris shipped to Fresh Kills, a 2,220-acre (890-hectare) landfill on Staten Island.



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NEW YORK — Standing amid the transplanted ruins of Sept. 11, the immensity of the task underway at this makeshift City on the Hill is difficult to comprehend. Death and its aftermath are spread out everywhere.

The 175-acre encampment, born of the World Trade Center attacks, ultimately will serve as the final resting place for the countless tiny pieces of humanity that will prove to be unretrievable from the 1.2 million tons of Ground Zero debris.

Any failure to decipher completely the minute fragments of human flesh entombed in the mounds of waste will not be for lack of effort, though.

Literally billions of pieces of debris are being scrutinized meticulously at the reopened Fresh Kills landfill on Staten Island in the hope of finding a victim's body part or a personal belonging that can help give a heartbroken family a bit of solace.

"It's a corporal work of mercy," said NYPD Deputy Inspector James Luongo, who heads the sifting and retrieval effort. "We're helping to bury the dead."

The site has a second mission,

although the importance of that has diminished over time: The search continues for a chunk of incriminating evidence and for the so-called black boxes from the jetliners that hit the twin towers, killing nearly 3,000 people.

Already 900,000 tons have been processed in this arduous effort, including heavy steel that has

been recycled. At the center of the operation are several work areas, each equipped with three large conveyor belts: one for fine soil and particles, one for solid pieces as tiny as one-quarter inch, and one for larger chunks.

Working daily from 5 a.m. to midnight, hundreds of NYPD detectives and federal agents

dressed in protective gear stand watch along the conveyor belts — as many as eight to a belt — searching through every fragment. When warranted, a piece of debris is picked up and given closer scrutiny. Items such as a ripped woman's shoe are examined carefully, but usually are put back on the line because they lack any identifying feature.

Possible body parts are placed in plastic buckets, which are handed over to the NYPD Crime Scene Unit. Stored in freezers, the body parts are quickly passed on to the medical examiner's office.

A forensic anthropologist is often on site. Because there were many restaurants in the WTC complex, investigators have been finding animal bones among the debris.

So far, 2,900 human body parts have been recovered at the landfill, an average of about 30 a day — and an average of about one per victim.

By last week, 46 victims had been identified from remains retrieved here, some by fingerprints, some by dental charts and some by DNA. Many more human parts are being tested for DNA. Special Agent Richard Marx, the FBI's lead representative here, said one victim was identified

recently from a four-inch piece of bone.

The most dramatic reminder of the terrorist attacks is the collection of burned-out and crushed vehicles — now upon rows of civil-vehicle cars, NYPD police vans, patrol cars and a wide variety of fire apparatus. There are more than 1,200 wrecked vehicles here already, with another 800 expected when crews at Ground Zero get to the Trade Center's subterranean garages.

The graveyard of fire trucks is a sobering and humbling sight. Several of the trucks are so squished they are barely recognizable. The long ladders of several trucks had been softened by the intense heat of the WTC fires, then reshaped into half circles.

The contents of car trunks and back seats reveal clues about their former owners: a Wilson Hammer 5.0 tennis racket cover, tattered pages from a Nancy Drew & The Hardy Boys Super Mystery paperback ("Murder on the Fourth of July"), a kid's two-wheel scooter, stuffed animals, a shopping bag from Saks Fifth Avenue, a VCR tape of "Seinfeld," cell phone bills, a

jumpsuit, exercise equipment, a hair dryer, a box of wedding invitations.

One day the searchers found hundreds of shopping bags from a Gap store. Another day, they found a large selection of Gap clothing, with the price tags still attached.

"There's no glamour, no Hollywood here," said Luongo, contrasting this barren parcel to the celebrity atmosphere exhibited from time to time at Ground Zero. "This is the nonsexy part of the operation. This is where the work is being done."

John Paccione, 36, a 12-year NYPD veteran, said, "You hope that by working here you can help bring some finality to the families, whether they are police or fire or civilians. 'We all have to do our part,' he added. "We're at war."

Paccione, who's been reporting to the landfill one or two days a week for three months, has been part of teams that have found clothing and pieces of human remains. "The most important thing is to find bodies, or at least body parts, to help bring about that finality," he said.

Special forces on covert mission roam Afghanistan

KHOSHT, Afghanistan (AP) — The United States intensified its anti-terror campaign in turbulent eastern Afghanistan on Saturday, dropping bombs on suspected al-Qaida and Taliban hide-outs as a small group of U.S. special forces searched for renegade followers of Osama bin Laden.

To the south, the U.S. military prepared for a long stay. Fresh Army soldiers touched down at Kandahar's airport overnight, and officials said more troops were expected in coming days — part of the rotation of American forces based at the battle-scarred air base.

Col. Frank Yiercinski of the 101st Airborne Division said at least 2,000 troops would be flown to Kandahar. While the approximately 3,000 U.S. Marines now holding the airport were primarily there to secure it, the U.S. Army would perform a "full spectrum" of operations during its open-ended stay, possibly including humanitarian assistance, he said.

In the eastern Afghan town of Khosht, dominated by a large blue-domed mosque, a small group of U.S. special forces holed up for

the night in a technical school declined an interview request from The Associated Press that was conveyed to the Americans by a grim-faced, heavily armed Afghan guard — one of dozens posted by a regional commander at the facility.

But Bacha Khan, the regional governor, said the strike force, consisting of about 20 men, had arrested four of his followers earlier in the day on suspicion of belonging either to al-Qaida or the Taliban.

He said the Americans were also looking for the killer of Sgt. 1st Class Nathan Chapman, a Green Beret killed Jan. 4 by small-arms fire during an ambush near Khosht, a few miles from the Pakistani border. He was the first American serviceman killed by enemy fire in Afghanistan.

Indicating the presence of other U.S. troops in the region, two truckloads of American troops were sighted speeding northward toward Kabul. Bomb blasts shook Khosht after nightfall, suggesting the U.S. again struck in the Zawar Killi region, a nearby area that is riddled with tunnels and caves.

U.S. recovers bodies from plane crash

WASHINGTON (AP) — Military searchers found the bodies of five of the seven U.S. Marines killed in a plane crash in Pakistan and intensified efforts to determine the cause of the deadliest incident in America's war in Afghanistan.

The bodies should arrive on a flight to Dover Air Force Base in

Delaware today or Monday, said Maj. Brad Lowell, a spokesman for U.S. Central Command headquarters in Tampa, Fla.

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Deteriorating economy leaves lawmakers few options

By Bob Fick
The Associated Press

BOISE — Just 30 hours after Gov. Dirk Kempthorne gave the nation's most Republican Legislature a viable, albeit politically painful, way out of the state's worst budget crisis in 18 years, new economic information threatens to intensify the pain.

Preliminary figures on December tax collections showed another month of significant weakness, particularly in the personal income tax, which accounts for over half of all general revenue. It was the sixth straight month those receipts fall short of the target.

But they could leave the governor and lawmakers with the choice of even deeper spending cuts or rolling back last year's record tax cut — something the GOP has refused to even consider. Neither is particularly palatable in an election year.

The administration closed out

the session's first week cautioning edgy lawmakers against jumping to conclusions before the numbers are finalized in the next several days. While lawmakers say the one-month shortfall will exceed \$10 million, and possibly even \$20 million, administration analysts say there could be reasonable explanations for at least some of the slippage.

But any slippage upsets Kempthorne's intricately balanced spending-blueprint, which already takes on some political heavyweights — public schools and health care providers.

On past budgets he got high marks for presentation and failing grades for follow-through. But this year he is following up his opening night reviews. He was on the road the last two days of the week,

drumming up support throughout the state.

"The longer we talk about it and look at it, the more it unravels," Senate President Pro Tem Robert Geddes of Soda Springs said. "If it's going to pass, he's got to fight for it."

Even before the problem of inadequate December revenues arose, legislative leaders said the governor has to fight day in and day out for the support he has initially won for proposals like cuts in state aid to schools and colleges or in Medicaid payments to health care providers.

"He stepped out and took a stand, made some hard decisions, and there's some feeling that we should support him," House Republican Floor Leader Frank Brunel of Lewiston said. "There's been a lot of grumbling

because he hasn't done that before."

But Kempthorne's re-election prospects made those decisions comparatively easy. A re-election campaign with no sign of an opponent in either the May Republican primary or the November general election essentially makes the governor politically bulletproof.

GOP lawmakers, however, could easily be vulnerable from

the middle if they cut school aid, the most politically sensitive part of the budget, or from the right if they roll back the tax cut. Cutting the reimbursements for politically influential health care providers could cut across traditional political philosophies.

And their dilemma is only compounded if the economy is not about to begin its recovery as the Kempthorne administration believes. Still, they really have little choice but to stick with the


governor's projection for revenue collections this year and next. Curtailing it would only bring them closer to confronting a roll-back of the tax cut.

The governor has left little maneuvering room. He had to raid just about every special fund to avoid red ink in a general tax spending plan that totals \$2 billion this year and nearly that much next.



Gov. Dirk Kempthorne

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for government reform in Idaho at the time might have been easier than any place in the nation. Idaho citizens had just given independent presidential candidate H. Ross Perot a higher percentage of their votes than any other state in the '92 election. Those who made the switch tended to be Republicans who complained about corruption in Congress and wanted change.

Dollars from out of state

The original term limits campaign only took \$31,582 to garner 58 percent of Idaho votes to limit the terms of the state's elected officials. At the time, there was no organized effort to counter the movement.

But by the time an advisory vote rolled around in 1998, some Idaho citizens had organized against the Idaho campaign for term limits. The battle cost U.S. for Term Limits a lot more. The organization spent \$504,839 — more than nine times more than Idahoans Against Term Limits, which spent \$59,133. Even with all the extra dollars, the total state vote diminished to 53 percent.

In the '98 vote Cassia, Minidoka and the eastern half of Twin Falls counties switched from favoring the initiative to voting against it. The margins were slim, however. Blaine County favored term limits the most, with 52 percent voting for the measure.

The areas of the state where term limits garnered the most votes tended to be northern Idaho and the population centers in and around Boise — areas with higher concentrations of Democrats.

House Minority Leader Wendy Jaquet, D-Ketchikan, speculated a desire to break up the Republican stronghold in the Legislature might have been the motivating force in Blaine County, where Democrats dominate.

"I don't know. Maybe they're thinking any change is better than nothing," she said.

The methodology of the term-limits movement really irks Newcomb, too.

He said the Washington, D.C. group's strategy is to take whatever money it takes to blanket to win a campaign and then move on.

An article in a 1997 Capitol Hill newspaper, Roll Call, showed how the organization uses a nationwide strategy to channel money through as many as 20 organizations to conceal the original source of contributions.

A list of contributions from the Idaho Secretary of State's office in 1998 shows that the term-limit campaign chairwoman, Donna Weaver, who moved to Hayden Lake from California, dumped about \$115,000 into the '98 Idaho campaign. She made the majority of donations during 1997.

In 1998, organizations such as Utah for Term Limits U.S. Term Limits and Term Limits for America, among others with similar names, took over the large donations. They have out-of-state addresses. Those contributions add up into the hundreds of thousands of dollars.

But not everyone agrees with the idea that out-of-state money bought and paid for Idahoans' votes. Twin Falls Republican Rep. Leon Smith countered the suggestion, saying, "It was the people's choice."

In addition, 19 other states — including all of the Western states — have lined up during the 1990s with some sort of limits on at the least their state-level elected officials.

cated that Republican support for this bill is strong enough that a caucus won't be necessary. Democrats haven't taken a stand yet, though there are some who do support repealing aspects of the term-limits initiative.

If the House passes the bill, it still has to pass the Senate with a supermajority.

Then it has to pass muster with Gov. Dirk Kempthorne, who two years ago pledged to veto any attempt to repeal term limits, despite declining electoral support

for the notion.

Whether Kempthorne still would oppose partial or full repeal now is unclear.

The governor has said he wants to discuss the issue with legislative leaders.

Meanwhile, term limits supporters have launched a media campaign urging Kempthorne to stand by his earlier position. They vow to punish lawmakers with an even more restrictive initiative next fall if they succeed in repealing the law.

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Ex-Energy chief runs for N.M. governor

SANTA FE, N.M. (AP) — Former Clinton administration Energy Secretary Bill Richardson entered the gubernatorial race on Saturday, pledging to end political gridlock caused by eight years of conflict between a Republican governor and Democratic Legislature.

Richardson, 54, kicked off his campaign for the Democratic nomination in Santa Fe, his political base when he was in Congress from 1983 to 1997.

"All too often the answer from Santa Fe has been gridlock, blocking and no to initiatives that help people. That way has failed," Richardson said in the state capital.

New Mexico has the nation's highest rates of poverty and uninsured residents and is near the bottom in state rankings of per capita earnings and average teacher salaries.

Four other veterans of the Clinton administration are running for governor: former Attorney General Janet Reno in Florida; former Housing Secretary Andrew Cuomo in New York; former Labor Secretary Robert Reich in



Former Secretary of Energy Bill Richardson greets supporters after announcing his candidacy for governor of New Mexico at the Sweeney Center in Santa Fe, N.M., on Saturday. Richardson pledged to end political gridlock caused by eight years of conflict between a Republican governor and Democrat-led Legislature.

Massachusetts; and former White House aide Bill Curry in Connecticut.

Richardson said education would be the top priority of his administration, including raising

teacher salaries and lowering class sizes. He also said he would support tax incentives to encourage businesses to expand and create better paying jobs.

Two other Democrats have

announced they'll run for the party's nomination in the June 4 primary: state Land Commissioner Ray Powell and former state Rep. Gary King, who finished second in the gubernatorial primary four years ago. The general election is in November.

Republican Gov. Gary Johnson is completing a second term and cannot seek re-election.

Richardson enters the governor's race as the front-runner because of his name recognition and experience in congress and President Clinton's Cabinet, said F. Chris Garcia, a political science professor at the University of New Mexico.

"He certainly is the 500-pound gorilla in this race," said Garcia.

State Republican Chairman John Dendahl said the party would have plenty of campaign ammunition if Richardson becomes the Democratic nominee.

"Clearly the guy has a treasure trove of opposition-research available from 14 years in Congress ... and a disastrous few months at the Department of Energy," said Dendahl.

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New Gettysburg museum resembles farm from 1900s

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"The story of Gettysburg is so big, it needs a bigger, better facility," said Chris Rebmann, a Gettysburg resident and president of the Association of Licensed Battlefield Guides. "To have one that blends into the landscape, instead of intruding on it, is going to be wonderful."

The public got its first look Friday at a New York architecture firm's plans for the \$95 million museum and visitor center. The new complex is to be built less than a mile from the current visitor center, which is near the cemetery where President Lincoln delivered the Gettysburg Address.

Although it is designed to look like a turn-of-the-century Pennsylvania farm — complete with a stone grain silo and tin-roofed circular barn — the center will house two theaters, a cafeteria, a bookstore, classrooms, interpretive exhibits and other modern amenities.

"We wanted to draw on the strong building traditions of the area," said Jack Robertson, a principal in the architecture firm Cooper Robertson & Partners. "The structure should look like it belongs in this beautiful, pastoral, agricultural landscape."

The 45-acre site of the new center was chosen because of its relative lack of significance in the 1863 battle, a turning point in the Civil War.

In contrast, the current visitor center is located on Zeigler's Grove on Cemetery Hill — the site of the Confederate assault called Pickett's Charge, which brought the Battle of Gettysburg to its climax.

The old building and the Cyclorama Center, which houses a 360-degree panoramic painting of Pickett's Charge, will be demolished after the new museum is completed in about four years. The painting will be restored and displayed in an auditorium in the new facility.

Landscape architects and historians also plan to restore the site of Pickett's Charge to its 1863 appearance.

Funds for the project are being raised by the Gettysburg National Battlefield Museum Foundation, a nonprofit group. The federal government is chipping in about \$2.5 million to help with the restoration of the Cyclorama painting, said Robert C. Wilburn, president of the foundation.

Wilburn said the foundation has received about \$9 million in funding commitments. Ground will be broken on the project in about two years and construction will take another two, he said.

"The foundation will run the new center for 25 years and then donate the property to the National Park Service unless the government agency decides to have the foundation keep running it."

Each year, the battle site brings in about 2 million tourists who spend more than \$100 million for accommodations, meals, sightseeing and souvenirs.

Fire guts California university lab, destroys valuable genetic research

SANTA CRUZ, Calif. (AP) — A fire tore through university laboratories and destroyed valuable genetic research that took years to develop, officials said.

The fire broke out early Friday and gutted the top floor of a University of California, Santa Cruz lab. It later flared up twice more and destroyed the inside of a second lab, said UCSC Fire Chief Charles Hernandez said.

Flames as long as 5 feet stretched out of windows, shattering them, firefighters said.

Manuel Ares, chairman of the Molecular, Cell and Developmental Biology department, estimated about 10 percent of the building's interior was destroyed and said other labs and offices suffered smoke

and water damage. "It's a devastating situation. I don't know how far it has set me back," he said.

Ares said many of the genetic strains in his lab took 14 years to develop and could take that long to replace. His work was related to the Human Genome Project, a national effort to identify the tens of thousands of genes in human DNA.

Campus spokeswoman Elizabeth Irwin could not estimate damages Friday but said it was sure to be in the millions. Hernandez said the building did not contain a sprinkler system because it was built in 1987, before fire codes mandated one.

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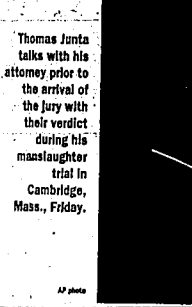
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Thomas Junta talks with his attorney prior to the arrival of the jury with their verdict during his manslaughter trial in Cambridge, Mass., Friday.

Sentencing may show hockey dad's gentle side

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (AP) — He's been called a raging bully, the 270-pound truck driver who killed another hockey dad with his fists. But a gentle picture of Thomas Junta will likely emerge when his family testifies at his sentencing later this month.

The jury found Junta did not intend to kill Costin, but went too far during the fight at the Burbank Ice Arena in suburban Boston. He faces a maximum 20-year sentence, but guidelines recommend three to five years.

His lawyer, Thomas Orlandi Jr., said Junta works four long work days so he can spend the other three with his sons, 12-year-old Quinn and 17-year-old Kendall, both avid hockey players. His wife, Michelle, is a swim coach.

Witnesses testified that Costin and Junta both were belligerent the day of the fight, exchanging profanities and brawling in front of children.

Supremacists converge on race riot site

YORK, Pa. (AP) — Several dozen police officers in riot gear kept demonstrators at bay on Saturday as white supremacists gathered to bring their message of racial segregation to a city still feeling the lingering effects of deadly race riots more than 30 years ago.

Hundreds of demonstrators shouted outside as Matthew Hale, the leader of the white supremacist group World Church of the Creator, spoke to about 70 people inside a library.

Hale organized the meeting, with members from the National Socialist Movement, the Aryan Nation and the National Alliance expected in attendance.

"We seek the advancement of white people, our people without any apologies, any compromise, any groveling before anybody," Hale said.

Marion Kinard, 31, of York, said he attended the meeting with his two sons, 4 and 6, to teach them about racism.

"I want my children to know that they're teaching it to their children," he said.

Hale's scheduled speech has stoked fears of violence and anxiety over York's ability to withstand such a divisive message.

Witnesses reported a clash between the white supremacists and demonstrators, although police did not confirm it.

Hale's group has been accused of helping hone the racist beliefs of a man who went on a shooting rampage in 1999. Benjamin Smith killed two people and wounded nine in Illinois and Indiana before taking his life. All of the victims were Jewish, black or Asian.

Two Hale appearances in Illinois in 2000 ended in violence, with people arrested after each melee. Several anti-racist groups known for provoking fights with white supremacists were also expected in York on Saturday.

Cathy Ash, the director of the city's human relations commission, thought it was logical to try to talk Hale out of convening the meeting. She said she was shocked by the e-mail reply she received earlier this month.

"I won't repeat the words he used about the difficulties in York and whose fault they were," Ash said.

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Comedy actor McCutcheon dies at age 77

Los Angeles Times Bill McCutcheon, a Tony Award-winning comedy character actor who played the grandfatherly Uncle Wally for eight years on "Sesame Street," has died. He was 77.

McCutcheon, who lived in Mahwah, N.J., died Wednesday of natural causes at a hospital in Ridgewood, N.J.

In his nearly 40-year acting career, McCutcheon appeared in a cross of Broadway and off-Broadway shows, regional theater productions, television shows, commercials, and movies, including "Steel Dawn" in which he played Shirley MacLaine's husband. He even played Leo the Leprechaun on "Howdy Doody."



Perry Chocktoot, a member of the Klamath Tribes, says he heard gunshots directed toward Indians in Chiloquin, Ore., Dec. 1. AP photo

Shooting raises issue of racism in Klamath Basin water wars

CHLOQUIN, Ore. (AP) — Perry Chocktoot was in front of his house working on the stereo in his pickup when three guys drove by yelling "Sucker lovers, come out and fight!" and put a shotgun blast into a portable outhouse across the street.

The pickup drove around this town of about 500 that is headquarters for the Klamath Tribes, firing at signs and buildings, and stopped for awhile behind a school bus, where the men asked kids headed for a basketball game whether they were Indians, Chocktoot said.



George Curry



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Adam Lee

hunting and drinking beer when they decided to shake up the Klamath Tribes.

The arrests came on the heels of an Oregon State University draft report on last summer's water wars noting that "racism that mostly lies below the surface of social life in the basin emerged as some framed the issue as 'Indians vs. farmers.'"

Tribal officials say the shooting was bound to happen, given the tensions over irrigation cutbacks mandated by the Endangered Species Act to assure water for the endangered suckers in Upper Klamath Lake, as well as threatened coho salmon in the Klamath River.

"I believe it took the drought of 2001 to bring to the surface how deeply embedded racism is in this community," said Joe Hobbs, tribal vice chairman.

Though water dedicated to the salmon tipped the balance away from farmers for the first time since the Klamath Project irrigation system opened in 1907, the local focus was on suckers.

People at rallies carried anti-

sucker signs, and denounced the sucker as an inedible bottom-feeding trash fish. Bumper suckers said "Save a farmer, fillet a sucker fish." Signs announcing a "Sucker Special" were left at the tribes' Klamoya Casino.

"They don't understand how significant these fish are to us," said Tribal Chairman Allen Foreman.

"To them it's a trash fish. But to the Klamath people, the C'waam (TCH-waam), or Lost River sucker, and Qapdo (KUP-doe), or shortnosed sucker, are sacred gifts of Creator, celebrated with an annual ceremony to mark the spring spawning run just as Columbia River tribes celebrate the return of the salmon.

Besides feeding the Klamath people, the suckers supported a popular sport fishery. But after state-regulated harvests plummeted from 12,500 in 1966 to 687 in 1986, the fish went on the endangered species list. Biologists blamed overfishing, and declining water quality and habitat from overgrazing, agricultural runoff, and draining marshes for pasture.

Fish and Game worries about wolf preying on elk

JACKSON, Wyo. (AP) — Game and Fish Department officials are concerned that a pack of wolves preying on elk in the Gros Ventre drainage may reduce the herd to the point of affecting hunting season.

"If the wolves continue to prey on elk in the feed grounds along the Gros Ventre River northeast of Jackson, it could become a 'real problem' for Game and Fish, Warden Bill Long said.

"If the wolves start impacting the herd, it will jeopardize hunting season length," he said.

Federal wolf experts dismiss the concern.

"If you look at the effect of predators on big game populations, predators don't really determine the direction the populations go," said Ed Bangs, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service wolf recovery coordinator for the lower 48 states.

Vehicles cause more kills than

wolves, he said, adding that mountain lions kill an average of twice the prey that wolves do.

Jackson Hole is home to about 13,000 elk. The target goal of wildlife managers is 11,500.

Mike Jimenez, of the U.S.

Department of Agriculture and Wyoming's federal project wolf recovery coordinator, said wolves that feed on the three Gros Ventre feedgrounds have averaged about one elk killed per day over the past two winters.

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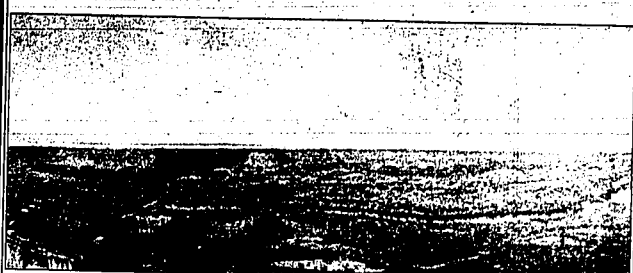
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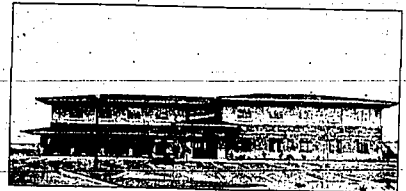
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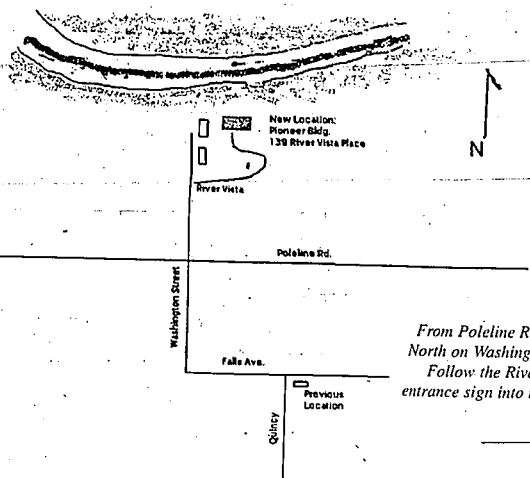


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Alternative

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 hearings, realizing the small operators have been caught up in these things because of the failure of large operations to control odor."

"While the matrix doesn't satisfy everyone completely, the people who run it together have at least agreed to disagree on some key issues."

"It deals with siting - it doesn't deal with environmental regulations," said Lewis Eilers, executive director of the United Dairyman of Idaho. "We have a few minor concerns, but we're meeting and working those things out."

County commissioners have seen the matrix and have let the group know they'll take it into serious consideration as soon as it's put into ordinance form.

Kerr Edmunds, the local businessman and consultant who brought the group together, said an ordinance will be ready in time for Wednesday's public hearing.

"I think it's a good ordinance," Commissioner Gary Grindstaff said. "I like the matrix because we'd like to sign something they all agree on. We've written a resolution to use the matrix as guidelines for the administrator of planning and zoning."

Grindstaff said as soon as public hearings are held on the matrix and it passes legal scrutiny, commissioners will consider it. Then it has a good chance at becoming the county's permanent ordinance, he said.

But the clock is ticking. The county's fifth moratorium on new CAFOs or expansions runs out Jan. 29, and neither side wants to see a sixth moratorium.

"We're going to have to do an interim ordinance," Grindstaff said. "We can't do another moratorium with the lawsuit and everything."

The Idaho Dairyman's Association, Gambia Foods, dairy operators Michael and Valerie Quesnell and John and Mary Nunes, heifer operation owners David and Leslie Snelson, Clear Creek Loan and Mortgage owner Jack McCall and radio and television broadcaster Zeb Ball have filed a lawsuit against county commissioners, saying commissioners broke Idaho law and hurt their businesses when by enacting the moratoriums.

The county filed a response denying the allegations.

Some would like to see commissioners use the matrix as the interim ordinance. But Grindstaff said there's not enough time to advertise and hold public hearings on the matrix before the moratorium runs out. Public hearings must be advertised two weeks in advance, Grindstaff said.

So county commissioners plan to put the six new ordinances into effect during the interim while the matrix goes through the process of becoming a final ordinance that can be approved.

Edmunds said he'd rather see commissioners work from the old ordinance for the time being.

"We're going to ask them to lift the moratorium and continue to use the existing ordinance, taking into consideration the requirements from the judge, and to use the matrix as guidelines for the planning and zoning administrator," Edmunds said.

But Grindstaff said that's not an option.

"There's a lot of flaws in the old ordinance," Grindstaff said. "Our attorneys tell us there are problems in the way it's written."

Either way, the county will still have to wait awhile for a permanent ordinance. And chances are not everyone will be completely satisfied with the ordinance that ends up on the books.

But Smith said no matter which way it goes, the priority of the final ordinance should be to protect the citizens of Twin Falls County.

"An ordinance must protect the citizens while allowing the industry to operate," Smith said. "They (dairy operators) have to operate without adversely affecting their neighbors. It all comes down to being a good neighbor."

Members of a group formed to seek a compromise plan to regulate confined animal feeding operations in Twin Falls County.

- Ed Smith, filer dairy neighbor
- Lewis Eilers, United Dairyman of Idaho executive
- Bill Christman, Idaho Rural Council
- Ken Edmunds, businessman and consultant
- Rich Carlson, Idaho Rural Council
- Ken Taylor, attorney
- Alvin Smutny, dairyman

Brent Olmstead, Milk Producers of Idaho executive

What they're proposing:
 The group's "matrix" categorizes AFOs by size and water usage and whether they're new or expanding. The matrix places AFOs into the following categories:
 • Partially confined or pastured: Operations that have one animal unit or less per acre.
 • Agricultural domestic: Operations

An alternative plan

With fewer than 300 animal units of domestic well water usage of 13,000 gallons or less per day.
 Agricultural commercial: Operations using a commercial water permit with fewer than 2,000 animal units.
 Agricultural confined animal feeding operations: Operations using a commercial water permit with 1,000 animal units or more.
 Expansion:
 The matrix allows existing operations with fewer than 1,000 animal units to

expand as long as their expansion doesn't put them into another category, they're in compliance with existing ordinances, rules and regulations; and they don't have a history of citations or nuisance complaints in the last five years.
 Existing operations with 1,000 animal units or more would have to meet the same requirements to expand as new operations.

Setbacks:
 An existing operation with fewer than

1,000 animals could expand in the present location as long as it doesn't reduce its current setbacks.
 Existing agricultural CAFOs that want to expand and all new operations would have to meet stricter setback rules. Lagoons, waste treatment and land application of waste would have to be located at least 1/4 of a mile from residences and 300 feet from property lines and wells. Other facilities would have to be located at least 300 feet from residences and property lines.

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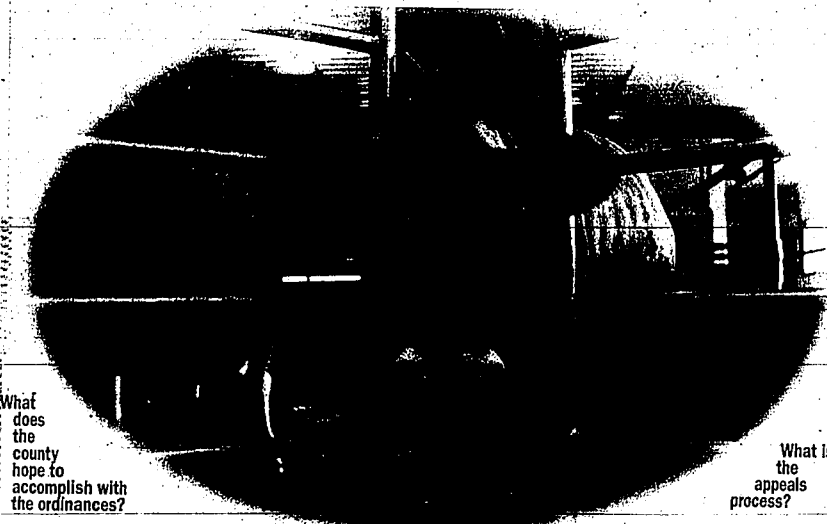
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Twin Falls County's proposed animal feeding operation ordinances CAFO



What does the county hope to accomplish with the ordinances?

- ▶ Minimize the effects of animal feeding operations through design and siting standards and by monitoring them to provide compliance with legal standards and to provide an avenue by which to address adverse consequences of operations on nearby lands.
- ▶ Protect environmentally sensitive areas of Twin Falls County by regulating the location of AFOs.
- ▶ Require the use of effective technologies in the design and operation of AFOs.
- ▶ Provide a central location to keep track of operational compliance of AFOs.
- ▶ Provide a process for applicants to obtain permits while protecting the interests of other county residents.

To whom would the new ordinances apply?

- ▶ All new and expanding AFOs and any AFO that has not been registered with Twin Falls County before the enactment of the ordinances.

What's the difference between small and large animal feeding operations?

- ▶ A small animal feeding operation consists of 100 to 999 animal units (other than aquatic animals) that are stabled, confined and fed for a total of 180 days or more during any 12-month period.
- ▶ A large animal feeding operation consists of 1,000 animal units (other than aquatic animals) or more that are stabled or confined and fed for a total of 45 days or more during any 12-month period.
- ▶ Two or more animal feeding operations under common ownership that adjoin each other and/or use a common area or system for disposal of wastes will be considered as a single animal feeding operation.
- ▶ Included as part of an animal feeding operation are all barns, stalls, corrals, feed stalls, feed storage areas, waste lagoons, storm runoff containment, waste storage areas and vehicle parking areas used in conjunction with the operation.

Standards for the keeping of livestock

- ▶ No more than five animals will be allowed per acre with the exception of four additional animals on the first acre.
- ▶ One-acre parcels must have a minimum area of at least 3/4 acre specifically for livestock that does not contain residential units, carports, storage sheds and barns.
- ▶ Buildings and corrals housing livestock shall be located at least 30 feet away from property lines and at least 50 feet away from residential structures.
- ▶ Non-domesticated animals such as wolves, bobcats and raccoons must be kept in fully enclosed structures and be in compliance with federal and state licensing requirements.

Odor and files

- ▶ Property owners keeping livestock must maintain their animals in a manner that does not adversely impact their neighbors. Those negative impacts include odor, flies, noise, drainage and erosion. People keeping livestock are responsible for the regular removal and disposal of animal waste, control of insects, erosion and odor.
- ▶ AFO operators must not violate state and federal regulations. The state Department of Agriculture says waste containment systems must be far enough away to not adversely impact private or public water systems. In general, waste treatment systems should be 100 feet from a private water supply (though 200 to 300 feet is preferable), 100 feet away from a residence and 1,000 feet away from a public water supply, according to the state Department of Agriculture.

Where can AFOs be located?

- ▶ Animal feeding operations will only be permitted in agricultural and agricultural range preservation zones.

What is the appeals process?

- ▶ The applicant can appeal the zoning official's decision to county commissioners. Appeals must be filed within 15 days of the decision.
- ▶ Only people living within one mile of a proposed location may file an appeal.

What are the permit requirements for AFOs?

- ▶ Permits will be required to construct new AFOs; increase animal units above authorized numbers on an existing permit; add improvements to expand an existing operation; construct or modify a component of an AFO, such as a change in location or capacity of a waste treatment system; change a species of an AFO, for instance, from cows to pigs; repair an existing AFO that would change the location, capacity or increased loading of a significant component of an AFO.

- ▶ In order to obtain a siting permit, an AFO must be in compliance with local and state regulations; recognize climatic conditions to minimize potential adverse effects on residential and agricultural environments; have a facility design that won't adversely affect the use of nearby lands; have outdoor lighting certified by a qualified professional that is fully shielded and contained to keep all light within property boundaries; and have effective buffers against adverse environmental conditions on nearby lands.
- ▶ Building permits are required before constructing new facilities or expanding existing facilities. Construction must begin within two years of approval.
- ▶ A site plan must be certified by a registered surveyor or civil engineer licensed in the state of Idaho.
- ▶ An application for a permit will not be processed until it's fully completed. A zoning official will review the application and give it to the Siting Advisory Team. When the application process is complete, the applicant shall notify property owners within one mile of the proposed location. The zoning official will accept written comment for 15 days after date of mailing. The zoning official shall then produce a report with an explanation for accepting or refusing to grant a permit.

A new operating permit will be required

- ▶ Operating permits are required for all AFOs and must be renewed each year.
- ▶ The planning and zoning administrator or another zoning official will review the permit application.
- ▶ Before an operating permit is issued or renewed, the operator must show he is in full compliance with the terms and conditions of a permit; possesses all required state-issued permits and licenses; is in compliance with all reporting and monitoring requirements; is in compliance with state regulations governing air and water quality; has the necessary water use permits; and doesn't constitute a nuisance to the public by way of illumination, odor, water pollution, air pollution, noise or other environmental factors.
- ▶ Citizen complaints and comments can be considered by the zoning official when deciding whether to grant or renew a permit.
- ▶ The AFO operator can appeal a zoning official's decision to county commissioners.

Public hearings for large AFOs

- ▶ Upon receiving a fully completed application for a large AFO, the zoning official shall schedule a public hearing before the county hearing examiner. Notice of the hearing must be published in the newspaper at least 15 days in advance of the hearing.

What's an animal unit (AU)?

Dairy cattle	
Holsteins:	
Milking and dry cows	1.4 AU
Jerseys	
Milking and dry cows	1
Others	
1,000 pounds or more	1
Horses	
100 to 300 pounds	0.2
300 to 500 pounds	0.4
500 to 700 pounds	0.6
700 to 900 pounds	0.8
900 to 1,000 pounds	1
Beef cattle-slaughter/feeder	
100 to 300 pounds	0.2
300 to 500 pounds	0.4
500 to 700 pounds	0.6
700 to 900 pounds	0.8
900 to 1,000 pounds	1
Swine	
Boars	0.5
Sows	0.5
55 pounds to market	0.4
Up to 55 pounds	0.15
Other	
Sheep/Lambs	0.1
Horses	2
Chickens	0.033
Turkeys	0.18
Ducks	0.02

Grandfathering existing operations

- ▶ Existing operations can be grandfathered in and will be allowed to continue operating up to their permitted numbers. If they are in compliance with previous county ordinances. Grandfathered operations may make improvements to corrals, barns, lagoons and storm runoff containments as long as the location of the facilities hasn't changed, the setbacks are not reduced and the number of animal units isn't increased.
- ▶ If existing operations want to increase in size or capacity, they must meet the requirements of the new ordinances in order to obtain a permit.

Variances

- ▶ Variances may be granted to applicants who show undue hardship not created by their own actions or in conflict with public interest.

Violations

- ▶ Each day a violation continues shall be considered a separate offense and constitute a misdemeanor punishable by up to six months in jail and up to a \$300 fine.
- ▶ The county may also seek civil penalties against the operator who committed the violation.

Revoking permits

- ▶ The county may revoke an operator's permit. In the event a violation threatens public health, safety and/or the general welfare of the citizens of Twin Falls County, commissioners may take any lawful action they deem necessary to abate the violation.
- ▶ The zoning officer may revoke the permit of an operator who is not in compliance with county regulations. The operator may appeal the decision to commissioners, who will review the situation and make a final decision.
- ▶ Commissioners may direct the administrator to approve a provisional operating permit for up to six months to operators who agree to bring their operations back into compliance with county regulations. Commissioners may also renew the permit.

What is a hearing examiner?

- ▶ One of the ordinances allows county commissioners to appoint a hearing examiner to review information on animal feeding operations and conduct hearings regarding permits for large operations, conditional and special use permits, variances, subdivisions and requests for zoning changes.
- ▶ The hearing examiner will make a decision after considering all the information.
- ▶ A hearing examiner's decision can be appealed to county commissioners.

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in full compliance with the terms and conditions of a permit; possess all required state-issued permits and licenses; are in compliance with all reporting and monitoring requirements; are in compliance with state regulations governing air and water quality; have the necessary water use permits; and don't constitute a nuisance to the public by way of illumination, odor, water pollution, air pollution, noise or other environmental factors.

The ordinance also allows the zoning administrator to take citizens' complaints into consideration when deciding whether to grant or renew a permit. "And that, says United Dairymen of Idaho Executive Director Lewis Eilers, is unfair and might even be illegal."

"I think that's the worst thing commissioners have proposed," Eilers said. "You can't have mob rule. That's like taking a contractor's license away because someone complained that they didn't like the way he builds houses. It's unacceptable. All they should be responsible for is the siting of new operations. Environmental and operating enforcement is the state's role."

But Grindstaff said the proposed ordinances give the county a little more enforcement capability when it comes to large, problem dairies.

"It's a way of trying to get people to fix all the odor problem," Grindstaff said. "The good operators shouldn't have any problem."

Bill Chisholm, a local environmental activist and member of the Idaho Rural Council, said it's about time the county had some muscle when it comes to problem dairies.

"The problem we've had all along is that the county never had the capability to pull a permit," Chisholm said. "If the state fails to do its job, there has to be a local mechanism to deal with problem operations."

But wouldn't the county be overstepping its authority? "They shut down nuisance operations all the time," Chisholm said. "They let people burn their weeds or get rid of their garbage. It's the responsibility of county government to protect the public safety, health and welfare."

The mile rule

Under the new ordinances, only people living within one mile of a proposed feeding operation could file an appeal.

And the county won't even consider appeals based on allegations of anticipated odor or water quality which are regulated by federal and state agencies. Because odor, the most common complaint, has been known to drift five miles down the road, some say the new ordinances leave a lot of affected dairy neighbors out of the loop. "I don't think there should be any limitation," said Ed Smith, who lives a mile and a half away from a large dairy in Filer. "If a person is affected, they should have a voice in what's going to happen in their environment."

And Smith knows first hand how dairy odor can put a damper on someone's day.

"For the past two summers, we have lost the enjoyment of our property," Smith said. "We can't go out on our deck and enjoy the evenings. The odor drives you inside where you close the windows in order to protect your carpet, furniture and clothes. You essentially become a prisoner in your own home."

Chisholm agrees there shouldn't be a distance limitation. "Anyone whose property, quality of life or recreational enjoyment could be affected should have a right to appeal," Chisholm said.

Grindstaff said the one-mile rule is still an improvement over the old ordinance, which said only those living on adjoining properties could oppose a new operation setting up shop.

Still, even those who would be living next-door to an operation wouldn't be able to ask the county for help, because-odor is regulated by a state agency.

"That's equally shortsighted," Smith said.

"Even though the state agencies have the ultimate corrective tool, citizens should have the right to voice their concerns to commissioners who are elected officials. If it's out of their realm or capabilities, they should go to the state and say 'Here's our problem, and we need you to fix it.' When citizens have a problem, they don't want to call long-distance to Boise. They want to talk to someone locally."

Unclear about setbacks

"Some say the ordinances are unclear when it comes to setbacks. 'I think the ordinances have some good points, but they're lacking in specific setback standards,'" Smith said. "We're still trying to convince the commissioners to put those standards in them."

The six proposed ordinances contain only a setback for buildings and corrals which must be 30 feet away from property lines and 50 feet away from residential structures.

"We're not worried about being 30 feet away from a barn," Smith said. "What we're looking at is separating the lagoon or confinement area from the nearest neighbor."

But Grindstaff said the ordinances make it clear that operators must abide by state and federal regulations. The state Department of Agriculture says waste containment systems must be far enough away as to not adversely impact private or public water systems. In general, waste treatment systems should be 100 feet from a private water supply (though 200 to 300 feet is preferable), 100 feet away from a residence and 1,000 feet away from a public water supply, said Mary Faxon, dairy bureau chief at the state Department of Agriculture.

Chisholm said the ordinances are so unclear they'll be difficult to enforce.

"They have some good general concepts of what they want to achieve, but nothing about how they are going to achieve it," Chisholm said.

Why a new hearing examiner?

One of the proposed ordinances would establish the position of a hearing examiner, who would have the authority to grant or deny permits to large operations. The hearing examiner, appointed by county commissioners, would conduct public hearings, review applications and make the decision on whether to grant or deny a permit for an animal feeding operation.

Grindstaff said commissioners want to ease the workload on the Planning and Zoning Commission. "We feel like Planning and Zoning is overloaded," Grindstaff said. "We also want to make sure the ordinances are followed correctly."

Although the examiner's decisions can be appealed to county commissioners, Eilers calls it just one more level of bureaucracy to complicate matters.

"That's another level of government bureaucracy that's not needed," Eilers said. "Committee decisions are better than individual decisions. They make faster decisions."

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EDITORIAL

Don't change dairy odor rules before their time

It ain't broke, don't fix it. And if you don't know it's broke, don't fix that, either.

Members of the House Agriculture Committee start tinkering with the state's dairy odor regulations during this legislative session, they'll be pulling unripe fruit from the tree. The state should leave the regulations in place long enough to see their full effect.

Last year, the state gave the Department of Agriculture the job of regulating dairy odors. That didn't sit well with some dairy critics.

They contend the agency, with a traditional role as an ally to agriculture, has a conflict of interest when it acts as a regulator.

So some dairy critics will head to Boise on Jan. 22, seeking an open ear from the House Ag Committee, chaired by Rep. Doug Jones, R-Filer. They'll ask for an overhaul of dairy rules.

Dairy opponents certainly have the right to testify to their elected representatives. That's part of the democratic process, guaranteed by the Bill of Rights. Jones and other committee members should listen respectfully.

But lawmakers shouldn't act prematurely. The state did not even begin setting its new dairy odor regulations in motion until July 1, 2001. Passing judgment on those rules now - before they've had time to succeed or fail - makes no sense.

Hank Hafziger's Filer-area dairy, the biggest fighting rod for complaints, attained state compliance near the end of the summer - when

cooler temperatures typically quell odors.

That event didn't please Hafziger's critics. But the fact is, the critics now bear the burden of proving any continuing problem at Hafziger's Desert Rose Dairy. Their best chance to do that is after it warms up in the spring.

It also would be unfair to dairies to change regulations less than a year after they were implemented. Many owners made costly improvements so their dairies would be in compliance.

Changing the rules so soon risks penalizing the complying dairies.

There likely will be testimony accusing the Ag Department of being too soft on dairies. Some critics already have complained the Jan. 22 hearing was a sham.

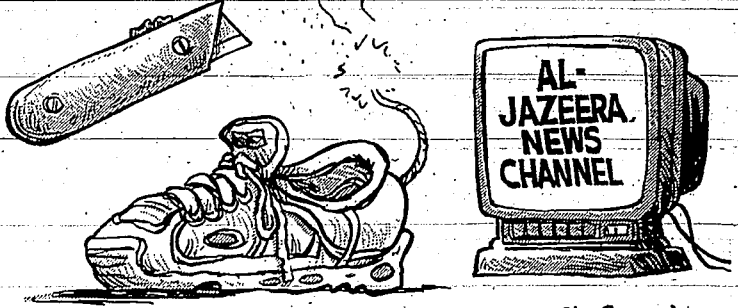
Some of the people pushing those viewpoints don't seem to want scientific methods applied to dairy regulation. Rather, their goal seems to be to shut down the dairy industry in Idaho. Legislators are likely to hear some tirades. Jones may have trouble keeping order.

Everyone agrees the state needs a firm set of odor regulations. Without them, dairy odors will continue hurting nearby residents' quality of life.

But efforts to regulate any industry would be weakened by too-frequent rewrites. Last year's legislation should be given enough time to show results. Then the state can determine if a fix is really needed.

The Ag Committee, despite the emotionalism it will hear, should stay the course this year.

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New worry about old concern - health care

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Suddenly, all of the vital signs for America's health-care system are pointing toward the danger zone. The conditions are coalescing for a surge in the ranks of the uninsured, similar to the crisis of the early 1990s that helped drive President Bush's father from office - and then nearly destroyed Bill Clinton's presidency when he tried to respond.

"We are likely to see a jump in the number of people who are uninsured this year that is greater than anything in the past decade, at least," says Ron Pollack, executive director of Families USA, a health-care advocacy group.

In the coming months, the rising number of Americans without health insurance is likely to become a growing public concern, even as the return of federal budget deficits crimps Washington's capacity to reverse the trend. That gap between need and response, between what and what, may help sharpen to a point the approaching debate over whether the country can still afford the 10-year, \$1.35 trillion tax cut Bush pushed through Congress last spring.

Health care became a huge issue in the early 1990s because of a vicious circle of rising costs and reduced access. As health insurance premiums soared (up 12 percent in 1988 alone), employers responded by dropping coverage or forcing employees to bear more of the cost, which compelled many low-income workers to decline coverage. Rising unemployment in the recession of the early 1990s compounded the problem. The result was an explosive rise in the number of uninsured, from 31 million in 1987 to nearly 40 million when Clinton took office in 1993.

That rapid erosion in coverage inspired Clinton's 1993 effort to restructure the health-care system. His goal was both to control costs and guarantee universal access. But his plan was too vast and complex, and it collapsed - a victim of both its own weight and the determined resistance of virtually every health-care interest group, from insurers

to small employers.

Yet even amid the wreckage, the storm that raged through the health-care system in the early 1990s seemed to blow over by the middle of the decade.

Insurers got a better handle on costs, largely by pushing more workers into managed-care programs that limited access to expensive services. That allowed the insurers to hold down employer premium increases to as little as 1 percent by 1996, according to a Kaiser Family Foundation survey.

That price restraint gave employers the means to expand coverage. And the tight job market of the late 1990s gave them the motivation to lure new workers with health insurance. In Kaiser surveys, the share of employers offering health insurance jumped from 55 percent in 1998 to 67 percent in 2000. At the same time, with their treasuries bulging, the states and the federal government in 1997 agreed on an innovative partnership to fund insurance for the children of the working poor, the Children's Health Insurance Program, known as CHIP.

Taken together, these developments reversed the seemingly inexorable rise in the uninsured. The number of Americans without health insurance peaked in 1998 at 44 million and by 2000 had fallen to 39 million.

But these gains now look like merely the calm between storms. Indeed, one expert Jonathan Choh recently quoted in a trenchant New Republic article on the health-care dilemma says the country faces virtually "perfect storm" conditions for another rise in the uninsured.

The spiral of rising costs and reduced access is spinning again. Skyrocketing drug costs, tougher negotiating by hospitals and doctors, and a consumer and political backlash that has forced insurers to loosen the reins on managed care are all driving up the price of insurance. Kaiser found that employer premiums

jumped 11 percent last year, and experts such as Emory University's Kenneth E. Thorpe say the country can expect "a long-term acceleration" in insurance costs that will renew pressure on employers to drop or scale back coverage.

Meanwhile, rising unemployment means more workers are losing their insurance along with their jobs. The slackening labor market also is reducing pressure on employers to court workers by offering coverage at all.

Which ought to raise the question of how Washington will respond as the health-care safety net unravels. Before the Sept. 11 attacks, the Senate Finance Committee appeared ready to advance bipartisan legislation that would spend \$28 billion over the next three years to help states expand CHIP to the working-poor parents of eligible children.

That legislation now faces a murky future. Part of the difficulty is that Bush prefers to help the uninsured with tax credits to buy individual policies (although Thorpe's research has found that the government can cover twice as many workers per dollar by expanding CHIP rather than extending tax credits). The larger problem is that recession, war and the cost of Bush's tax cut have consumed the federal budget surplus that might have paid for expanding coverage.

More federal money alone won't solve the deepening problem of health-care access; without greater public and private efforts to control costs, those dollars will never go far enough. But while federal money may not be sufficient, it's the indispensable foundation of a solution; without Washington intervention, the problem seems certain to worsen. As the number of Americans without health insurance rises in the coming months, so, too, may the questions about whether the country can still afford the tax cut it promised itself last spring.

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U.S. may need a designated successor

Like a Cheshire cat, Dick Cheney's swirling visage lingers in the morning news hours after he has headed back to that "undisclosed location." This disquieting, but necessary, movement of the vice president should be but a first step toward creating a third national office. Our Constitution must be amended if we are to have an orderly succession in the event of a doomsday strike on Washington.

There is, of course, only one explanation for the current vice presidential shell game: the potential for terrorists to launch a decapitating strike against the capital. Years before biological terrorism and weapons nuclear "dirty bombs," it took a portentous scene in a Tom Clancy potboiler to appreciate what decapitation might look like. Clancy vividly described terrorists hijacking a 747, overshooting Dulles airport and flying into the Capitol dome during a State of the Union speech, killing almost every member of the three branches of government in one instant.

Of course, in that scenario someone would become president. That someone would be a member of the Cabinet; a single member's absence during the State of the Union has long been one of the spooky hallmarks of the nuclear age. Most recently, the vice president himself was the absentee during President Bush's address to a joint session of Congress.

Now that the staff of far-out thriller fiction is almost quiescent, Rep. Brad Sherman, D-Calif., is suggesting that the president be allowed to designate a successor in Congress. Left unaddressed is what would happen if someone detonated an atomic device on an ordinary day when the Congress and Supreme Court were in session, and the president in town. On a typical Washington afternoon, the current order of successors - from No. 2 in line, the speaker of the House, to No. 17, the secretary of veterans affairs - would be nullified in a blinding flash of light.

Another solution is to always keep one Cabinet secretary on the road. But relying on Cabinet travel schedules could dump the most serious crisis in modern history into the lap of the least prepared Cabinet member. Scholar Norman Ornstein's proposal to put governors in line for succession by order of population runs the same risk (even Democrats I know would fly into a screaming panic if a terrorized America turned to its television sets only to see President Gray Davis).

The current solution, the "now you see him, now you don't" movement of the vice

MARK W. DAVIS

president, is even more of a problem. The modern vice president cannot afford to disappear. John Nance "Cactus Jack" Garner, who famously said the vice presidency wasn't worth a bucket of warm spit, knew better. He was himself a powerful figure in Washington who could both advance and synthesize portions of FDR's New Deal.

The vice president serves, in effect, as the 101st senator, with staff in a Senate office building, positioning him to act as the president's chief lobbyist. The informal responsibilities of the office have been even weightier for vice presidents from Nixon to Mondale, Bush, Gore and Cheney. They handle all the dicey diplomatic donkey work the president is too important to take and the secretary of state is too proud to take. Dick Cheney cannot be effective at these tasks for very long in a conference call. At some point, Bush's wartime consigliere will have to return to Washington for an extended stay, raising a succession question that can no longer be put off.

The best solution to this dilemma requires a constitutional amendment to create the office of "designated successor." The candidate for DS would be nominated by the president-elect, pre-confirmed by the Senate and sworn in at a secret location minutes after the president and vice president. The DS would be limited to two responsibilities. The first would be to keep up with classified briefings.

The second would be a willingness to live for a period of time in total obscurity (perhaps on a Strategic Air Command base, but never too far from a golf course).

Who would want such a position? A respected elder statesman, someone with grown children, looking forward to some quiet time with the grandkids. Nominees could be drawn from the ranks of retired leaders - Bob Dole, Alan Simpson and Sam Nunn come to mind - or some other public figure whose leadership would be instantly accepted by the American people. (Norman Schwarzkopf would be my personal favorite.)

The secrecy, isolation and languor of the job would probably make it necessary to rotate it once a year.

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Some ideas for dealing with terrorist POWs

BILL FERGUSON

Although it is difficult to declare victory in Afghanistan with Osama bin Laden still at large, the conflict has definitely moved into a mopping-up stage as any sign of organized resistance has all but evaporated. Now the military must deal with new, and in some ways more difficult, problems.

Like what to do with the mounting number of former Taliban and al Qaeda fighters who now find themselves to be prisoners of war in the hands of the nation, they sought to destroy.

A short-term plan has already been devised for these prisoners - they are to be our guests for an unknown period of time at the maximum-security facility at the U.S. Navy Base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. The Cuban government is, of course, showing characteristic support for this part of the war on terrorism as we transfer these prisoners to the base that was ceded to the United States at the conclusion of the Spanish-American War.

Cuban Attorney General Juan Escalona expressed his best wishes for the detention operation by saying that he hoped that "15 or 20 get out" and proposed to kill their American captors. The prospect of a dozen or so of these escaped terrorists being able to accomplish at Guantanamo Bay what they could not pull off when they were well-

armed and hunkered down in their bases in Afghanistan seems quite remote, but I suppose Escalona is entitled to his dreams.

Realistically, these prisoners are going to do nothing but sit in their makeshift tent cities until we decide what to do with them. I don't see an easy way out of this predicament for the United States. It will be difficult for us to summarily execute so many unarmed men with the world watching, but it doesn't seem to make sense to just let them rot at Guantanamo until they die a natural death either. And I certainly don't think we can ever let them go.

So, what to do? It seems to me that we should allow these men to live out the remainder of their lives in some useful fashion. Perhaps by doing some good deeds (even if they are forced to do them) these men will enjoy a certain amount of redemption in this life as they await judgment in the next.

Here are a few activities that I suggest we use to keep our guests at Guantanamo busy for a while:

- There is still a great deal of work to do in New York City to clean up the mess that led to be the World Trade Center, and FBI has a few hundred pairs of terrorist hands would help to speed the job.

Let them help sweep up the remains of the damage they helped to create.

- It seems that the confidence level in the safety and effectiveness of the anthrax vaccine that is currently available is not where we'd like it to be. I think some large-scale human testing of the current vaccine and any new ones under development would be helpful, and I know a little base in Cuba where a number of good human test subjects can be found.

- Lock them in a room with Pat Robertson and Jerry Falwell and let the theology debate begin!

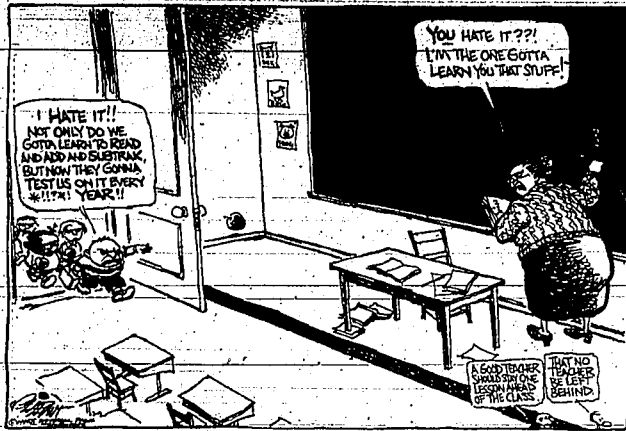
- I am sure CBS executives are already scouting locations for the next installment of "Survivor." Here's my suggestion - "Survivor Guantanamo." After a terrorist gets voted off the island and has his torch extinguished, he would be taken to the beach and told to swim home.

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OPINION



Education reform falls short of full progress

Time for a quick pop quiz. Can you identify the speaker? "Today, and for generations to come, America will benefit from this law, which expresses our national commitment to quality education for all children."

President Bush, who just signed a highly touted education reform bill with great bipartisan fanfare? Good guess, but it was President Ford ... when he had just signed a highly touted education reform bill with great bipartisan fanfare. That was in 1974.

Try another: "This year with the help of education and parent associations, we have together taken an historic step in the evolution of the federal role in education." No, that wasn't President Bush, either. It was President Carter in 1978.

One last quote: "It is not an overstatement to say this is the most important reauthorization in this legislation's history. It reshapes the manner in which the federal government supports public schools across the nation."

You've no doubt caught on by now - it's not President Bush. That was Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., in 1994. Yes, the same Sen. Kennedy who was in attendance as President Bush hailed the new education reform bill as "the most important piece of legislation most of us will ever work on."

Sounds awfully familiar. With every new education bill come lofty statements, more programs and higher spending - but no corresponding rise in achievement. Over half of all poor children still score below "basic" on the National Assessment of Education Progress, reading and math tests, taken by students across the country.

Make no mistake: The new law makes some progress. For one thing, it contains the president's Reading First proposal, which will help states set up better reading programs for children in kindergarten through third grade. A companion program, Early Reading First, will boost reading ability for poor children.

KRISTA KAJER

Clearly, teaching children to read correctly from an early age will help them excel in other subjects.

Another improvement is teacher quality. The new law consolidates several teacher programs, freeing up funds for local school districts to recruit and train the best instructors. It allows states to invest in a variety of effective teacher-quality initiatives, such as tenure reform, merit pay and teacher testing.

Its bilingual-education components are good, too. States must set goals for making students proficient in English and hold their schools accountable. The law eliminates restrictions that prevent teachers from using proven methods of instruction such as English immersion.

But look at the debit side of the ledger. The new law perpetuates most of the old federal education programs, many of which are ineffective and wasteful, and even throws in a few more. Far from focusing on a few national priorities, such as helping poor children catch up, it contains more than 65 programs, ranging from educational TV to gender-related ones such as the "Women's Educational Equity Act." (My favorite: the "Educational, Cultural, Apprenticeship, and Exchange Programs for Alaska Natives, Native Hawaiians and Their Historical Whaling and Trading Partners in Massachusetts." If that's not a national priority, what is?)

The law also gives children only limited opportunities to escape failing schools. The president's original proposal would have let parents take part of their federal education money and use it to either arrange for tutoring or transfer their children to a public or private school of choice. The law goes halfway; it allows children trapped in failing schools to transfer to another public school in the same district. If the best school in your area is a private one just down the street, you're

out of luck. Yes, the law institutes better testing and provides more accountability, which will let parents know how well their children - and their schools - are doing. But this information means little if parents can't use it to ensure that their children are attending the best school they can.

Some say half a loaf's better than none. That may be the case here, but only if Congress and the president use this law as a stepping stone to greater reforms - to create the kind of school choice children need if we're to guarantee them a world-class education. Then perhaps the next time we herald a change in the law as major progress, we'll be doing more than just supplying a nice quotation for the history books.

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Competition benefits city

What's next? A few years ago, Wal-Mart came to town. Yes, they said in the future a superstore would be built here. Well, it must look possible at this time for Wal-Mart to put in its expansion. But there are a few businesses that think Wal-Mart should pay for everything that would even benefit those businesses.

The frontage road on the northeast side of the bridge is absolutely useless. If that was all made into one road, it would make better access to all the business on the north side of the bridge. Why ask Wal-Mart to foot the entire bill because there are about nine businesses this would benefit? Remember, Exit 208 is still an eyesore.

I think more people should get involved than just a few that cannot stand competition and opposition. Competition is good for the whole area. You can control animals, but you cannot control traffic. I think our state engineers are doing an excellent job with traffic control.
DON CULLEY
Paul

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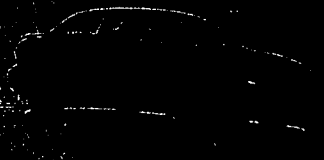
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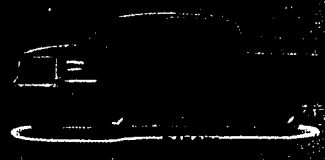


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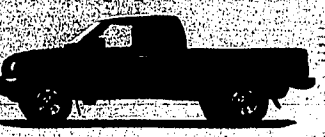
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The phone company won't answer the phone

I didn't get a phone bill last month, so I called up the phone company to ask why. Admittedly, it was a holiday week, but on three successive business days of trying—Jan. 2-3 and 4—I never succeeded in talking to anyone at the phone company who was actually in possession of a pulse.

Finally, I got to explore the back alleys of one of the most Byzantine voice-mail systems ever devised. I'm not sure, but I think I may have inadvertently ordered cable and a couple of Princess phones.

Finally, I gave up and mailed in a check for the same amount I paid in November, accompanied by a note explaining how it might be nice if the phone company would, you know, answer the phone.

Seems to have worked: My phone bill showed up in the mail that very same afternoon.

But the bill was for more than I had just sent in, so I got to write the phone company another check for the balance.

I haven't decided yet whether to send it in or just wait for the phone company to call and ask for the money.

And should I tell them that it's my dog's voice on the answering machine?

DON'T ASK ME
 Steve Crump

About this "matrix" of a dairy ordinance being proposed by a group of Twin Falls County residents to the county commissioners:

I figure either Ken Edmunds or Bill Brockman should play Morpheus (the Laurence Fishburne character in the movie). But who gets to be Keanu Reeves?

 I see that a Garth Brooks tribute act has been booked for the big Olympic torch celebration in Twin Falls on Jan. 26. An Eagles tribute act was the featured entertainment at the Jerome County Fair last summer, and folks purporting to put us in mind of everybody from Rod Stewart to Ed Sullivan have worked Jockpot in the past couple of years.

Don't you suppose it's time to acknowledge that the performing-arts talent pool available to a small high-desert town just ain't that deep anymore?

Perhaps we should follow the example of Barney's, which was a roadhouse outside of town when I was growing up in Pocatello. Barney's catered to the rodeo crowd, and he'd book country-western acts that were a little past their sell-by date. So it will surprise you not at all to learn that not all of Barney's musicians were in condition to return to the bandstand for the first time before the call.

So Barney, a busted-up emeritus bull rider with a voice like marbles rattling around inside a hubcap, would step right up to the microphone and fill it himself.

And it usually only took a chorus or two of "Have I Told You Lately That I Love You" before the soused headliner of the night was scared sober enough to finish his gig. Barney's voice has long since been stilled, but maybe I could do the job in a pinch.

I guarantee, it will only take me a singing a verse and a chorus of "Friends in Low Places" before Garth himself shows up to rescue his reputation.

 Like every other PC owner, I get tons of spam - unwanted e-mails shilling everything from sex to dentures. The other day, I received some spam about well, SPAM.
 Someone forwarded me a copy of an e-mail that originated with the Hormel company - which manufactures SPAM - advertising some promotional merchandise for the world-famous tinned mystery meat.
 But the sender, a friend of mine from California who knows I'm a fan of Monty Python, had sent along a hundred or so copies of the same e-mail, all topped with this message:
 "Dear Steve:
 SPAM spam spam spam SPAM spam spam spam spam spam spam."

Times-News features editor Steve Crump reminds you that SPAM and Yehowah are the principal ingredients in Nalgavahide.

Area test scores cover gamut

By Robert Mayer
 Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - With fall 2001 standardized test scores in, results varied significantly throughout Magic Valley school districts.

Some excelled above the national average, while others fell below. The Iowa Tests of Basic Skills administered to grades 3-8 and Tests of Achievement and Proficiency administered to grades 9-11 assess skills in math, language and reading. Scores reflect performance in percentage compared with national scores.

This may be the final set of ITBS and TAP scores for the region, as the Idaho State Board of Education is working with the Legislature to implement a new set of standardized tests.

Filer
 Bill Feusahrens, superintendent of the Filer School District, had much to celebrate, as his district witnessed every grade score higher than the national average.

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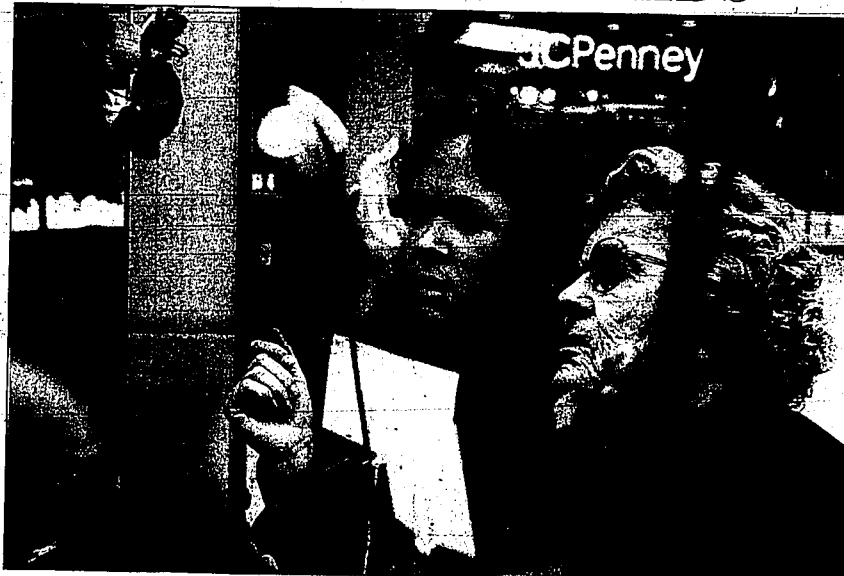
How Magic Valley students scored

Following are results for selected Magic Valley school districts from the Iowa Tests of Basic Skills, for third-through eighth-grade students, and the Tests of Achievement and Proficiency, for ninth-through 11th-grade students. Results shown are percentile ranks - not actual scores - that compare local student achievement to the combined reading, language and math score, nationally.

Cassia County School District					Filer School District				
Student Norms					Student Norms				
Grade	Reading	Language	Math	Core Total	Grade	Reading	Language	Math	Core Total
3rd	54	45	50	48	3rd	56	81	63	66
4th	59	62	47	55	4th	59	62	47	55
5th	48	42	45	45	5th	51	66	53	57
6th	46	43	43	43	6th	50	59	53	57
7th	53	55	51	53	7th	57	64	66	63
8th	55	57	52	55	8th	62	61	70	64
9th	45	47	45	44	9th	54	55	64	57
10th	55	56	56	55	10th	48	46	56	50
11th	55	49	55	52	11th	61	51	66	59

Idaho Statewide 2001-2002					Kimberly School District					Gooding School District				
Student Norms					Student Norms					Student Norms				
Grade	Reading	Language	Math	Core Total	Grade	Reading	Language	Math	Core Total	Grade	Reading	Language	Math	Core Total
3rd	57	52	57	55	3rd	62	52	60	58	3rd	50	49	50	47
4th	60	48	49	51	4th	68	55	45	56	4th	46	49	47	46
5th	53	47	50	48	5th	56	48	44	48	5th	39	29	38	34
6th	57	53	51	48	6th	55	54	44	51	6th	42	42	46	42
7th	56	54	57	56	7th	62	58	62	60	7th	49	46	52	48
8th	57	52	60	56	8th	55	57	61	58	8th	47	49	54	49
9th	51	54	54	52	9th	51	57	60	54	9th	41	51	53	47
10th	57	53	56	55	10th	56	58	61	58	10th	54	58	54	55
11th	57	50	57	54	11th	60	53	60	57	11th	50	51	57	52

ALL ABOUT ORCHIDS



Cindy Chandler, left, and Helen Saylor examine some of the orchids at the Magic Valley Orchid Society's show and sale at the Magic Valley Mall Saturday morning in Twin Falls. The show offered a sampling of several of the 35,000 species of orchids grown by enthusiasts in the area.

Group displays blooms at mall

By Jennifer Sandmann
 Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The now widely available orchid remains widely misunderstood.

"Too many people throw away orchid plants after the plants finish blooming," said orchid enthusiast Jim Huffman, president of the Magic Valley Orchid Society. "Orchid plants will last 50, 60, 70 years. It's the people that kill them," he said.

Orchid society members have their prized plants on display at the Magic Valley Mall this weekend.

"Anybody can buy an orchid, but I want people to keep them to enjoy them year after year," Huffman said.

Huffman, of Ontario, Ore., belongs to the Treasure Valley

Orchid talk

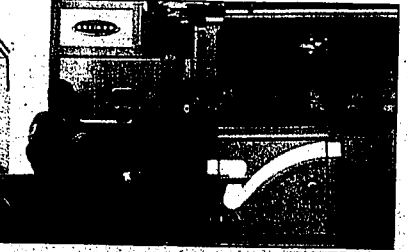
The orchid display hosted by the Magic Valley Orchid Society continues today in Court Court at Magic Valley Mall in Twin Falls. The society will hold its monthly meeting 7 p.m. Monday at Bridgeview Estates, 1828 Bridgeview Blvd. in Twin Falls. The meeting will focus on caring for orchids. Call Carol Hutchinson at 733-8264 for more information about the orchid society. Care for the common orchid requires the right combination of temperature, light, water and humidity. The variety of orchid common today in stores does well in temperatures from 60 to 85 degrees.

Like the African violet, orchids will grow indoors in any bright window but not in direct sunlight. Soil should be kept moist but not soggy. The plants enjoy 55 to 75 percent humidity, an environment that, if necessary, can be created by placing the plant in a tray of water, use pebbles or rocks to raise the pot. Feed orchids once a month with a high nitrogen fertilizer. Orchids should be repotted every other year. They can be repotted in the same pot, as they grow upwards and do not spread. When the last flower drops, cut the flower spike halfway down to try to cajole another bloom.

Society members were on hand Saturday and will be at the mall again today to share their secrets about successful orchid



Alan Porter holds an *Abdominea* orchid, one of the smallest varieties of the flower. In the world.



Levi Smith, 17, left, and his brother, Dustin Ross, 20, took advantage of the Filer Fire Department's Junior Fire-Fighter's Program. The program was established in 1988 as a way to mentor selected high school students.

Young firefighters learn confidence, responsibility

By John E. Swayze
 Times-News correspondent

FILER - A silver badge pinned over the left pocket of his shirt may explain why Dustin Ross carries himself with a sense of purpose that eludes many young men just entering their 20s. He's a member of the Filer Fire Department.

Ross started out as a junior firefighter in 1998, after he "got to know the guys" who worked

in the department with his father. After completing the two-year program in 1999, he stayed on as a full fireman.

He says that being part of the program taught him the importance of responsibility.

"There's a lot more than goofing off," he said. "If you gotta do something, get to work and do it."

In 1986, the Filer Fire Department established its Junior Fire Fighters Program as

Agency closes its M-C food program

By Lorraine Cavenor
 Times-News correspondent

BURLEY - More than 100 needy Mini-Cassia families will not receive food boxes for a few months from a food program they have depended on in the past.

The Idaho Community Action Network has temporarily closed its food program until new volunteers can be chosen and trained, said Hank Travis, newly elected vice chairman of the food steering committee and co-secretary of ICAN.

The absence of the monthly food distribution is expected to result in some difficulties, Travis said. "Unfortunately a lot are having to suffer for a few," Travis said. "All it was doing was hurting people."

Plans call now for members of the local food committee to be removed and new members appointed, he said.

Communication about the program's status wasn't as forthcoming as some would have liked. Those who ordered food boxes at this person's meeting were told the program was closing, Travis said. But not all participants learned about the closure of the program before Jan. 3, when the

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Jury convicts man of lewd conduct

The Times-News

GOODING - A Gooding County jury convicted Bobby Dean Jones, 71, of Hagerman, of four counts of lewd and lascivious conduct with a child under 16, the Gooding County prosecutor's office reported Saturday. The verdict came in at 7 p.m. Friday after a five-day trial and about seven hours of jury deliberations, prosecutor Phil Brown said. The victims in the case were two pre-teen girls.

Jones faces up to life in prison, Brown said. Sentencing has been set for March 26. Jones posted \$25,000 bond Friday night, Brown said.

Fifth District Judge Barry Wood presided over the case.

Snowpack levels

Watershed	% of Average
Upper Snake River	80%
Sallmon Falls Creek	127%
Oakley Basin	140%
Big and Little Wood	98%
Henry Fork	89%
Big and Little Lost Rivers	78%

MAGIC VALLEY/IDAHO

SERVICES

Kimberly Kay Monarrez of Twin Falls, memorial service at 2 p.m. Monday at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls.

graveside service at 1:30 p.m., Monday at Twin Falls Cemetery; no viewing will be held (White Mortuary, Twin Falls).

p.m. Monday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls; burial will follow at Twin Falls Cemetery.

Friends may call from 11 a.m. until the time of the service Monday at the funeral chapel.

Virginia A. Erke of Twin Falls,

John Ellis Thomason of Wendell; celebration of life at 2

OBITUARIES

For obituary rates and information, call 733-0931, Ext. 278, between 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Deadline is 4:30 a.m. for next-day publication. The e-mail address for obituaries is obits@magicvalley.com. Death notices are a free service and can be placed until 5 p.m. every day.

TWIN FALLS



Lucile F. Dryden

Lucile Francis Dryden passed away Thursday, January 10, 2002, in Twin Falls, Idaho. She was born February 13, 1914, to William and Priscilla Francis in North Ogden, Utah. She spent her childhood in Idaho and Nevada, living with her parents, graduating from high school in Buhl, Idaho. Thereafter, she met Edgar Dryden and they were married in Buhl on October 28, 1936. The marriage was later solemnized in the Idaho Falls Temple in November, 1933. Most of her married life was spent on a farm south of Wendell. She loved raising a large garden and was an excellent seamstress and cook. She loved to fish and camp with her family. She was a lifelong member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and spent many hours working in the church.

The family later moved to Jerome, where she resided until her husband's death in 1987, and then moved to Twin Falls to be near her children and grandchildren. She loved her grandchildren dearly and will be greatly missed by all.

Lucile is survived by five children, sons Thomas (Kathleen) Sandpoint, Idaho; Westley (Vickie Lynn) Dryden of Preston, Idaho, daughters, Dianne (Keith) Barrett, Elaine (Chuck) Hansen, and Annette (Muriel) Miller, all in Twin Falls; 22 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren. She is also survived by two brothers, William (Neida) Francis of Preston, Idaho, and Robert (Bevly) Francis of Declo, Idaho; and a sister, Alma (Darryl) Garfield of North Ogden, Utah. She is preceded in death by her husband, three brothers, one grandchild and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, January 15, 2002, at the 5th Ward LDS Chapel on Maurice Street in Twin Falls, with Bishop Charles Hansen conducting. Burial will follow at the Wendell Cemetery. Family and friends may call Monday evening at Reynolds Funeral Chapel from 4 until 8 p.m. and from 1 p.m. until the time of the service at the church.

BURLEY



Charles Gene Hatch

Charles Gene Hatch, 73-year-old Burley resident, died Thursday, January 10, 2002, at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Downtown Campus in Twin Falls.

He was born on September 4, 1928, in Rupert, Idaho, the son of Oscar Wilbur and Elizabeth Lynn Severe. He spent his early childhood and received his education in Panguitch, Utah. He moved to Paul, Idaho, at the tender age of sixteen. Gene met and married Lorraine Severe on May 22, 1946, following Severe's discharge from the Merchant Marines. They divorced on May 24, 1974. He was an avid fisherman and enjoyed hunting, both with bow and arrow. He loved the mountains and outdoors. He loved his grandchildren and great-grandchildren and enjoyed their visits.

He is survived by his children, Ed (Sharon) Hatch of Declo, and Gene (Billy) Fowler of Albion, and

(Nancy) Hatch of Twin Falls; one sister, Louise (Ken) Fowler of Portland, Oregon; nine grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, and three brothers, Fred, J. and Homer T.

The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, January 14, 2002, at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 East 16th Street, Burley. Interment will follow at the Mormon Cemetery in Albion. Friends may call at Rasmussen Funeral Home, Burley, on Sunday, from 6 until 8 p.m. and on Monday, from 1 until 1:45 p.m. In-lieu of flowers, the family suggests that those who wish may make a donation to defray funeral costs.

Debra Chase of Eagle, ID; Jim and Vicki Chase of Idaho Falls, ID; and Timothy E. and Karen Chase of Moscow, ID. Grandchildren include Benjamin, Bethanna, Chantelle, Jake, Sarah, Amanda, Karen, Margaret, Jason, Travis, Paul, Karl, Sarah, Anna, Bryan, Bryce, Katie, and Michael. She was preceded in death by her parents and her beloved husband Bud.

The family suggests that in lieu of flowers, memorials be made in Eleanor's name to Hope House, The American Cancer Society, Eagle United Methodist Church, or the American Diabetes Association. Visitation will be 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Monday, January 14, 2002, at Alan Waggoner Funeral Chapel, 5400 Fairview Ave., Boise, ID. Services and a celebration of her life will be held at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, January 15, at Eagle United Methodist Church, 251 North Eagle Road. Burial will follow at Dry Creek Cemetery.

EAGLE



Eleanor Irene Chase

Eleanor Irene Chase passed away on Thursday, January 10, 2002, at her home in Eagle, Idaho. Eleanor was born April 29, 1930, at Thompson Ridge, N.Y. Her parents were Emerson Norton and Esther Laura White Dunthorn. When she was six months old, her family moved to Eden, Idaho. She was baptized and carried her faith proudly her entire life. In her early childhood, she enjoyed mining for gold on the Middle Fork of the Salmon River with her family. She was valedictorian at Eden High School in 1949 and passed on her lifetime love of learning by giving each of her children a chance to attend college and fill her house with books and videos. While attending St. Margaret's School of Nursing at St. Luke's Hospital in Boise, she met the love of her life Harold "Bud" Bryn Chase, Jr. They were married November 23, 1949, in Eden, Idaho, and made their home in Eagle, Idaho, where they ranch, farmed, and started a dairy operation that continues today.

Eleanor and Bud enjoyed horseback riding and skiing with their seven children. Eleanor was actively involved in the community and a member of many clubs and organizations. She and Bud were co-presidents of the Eagle PTA "Boosters" for several years. Eleanor was a member of the Eagle Fishing Club, the Treasure Valley Dairy Wives, Idaho Cowgirls, Idaho Cattlemen's Association, and United Dairywomen of Idaho. She loved working with youth and was a 4-H Leader for over 20 years. She coordinated her time and talents to the Eagle United Methodist church and served as a Sunday School teacher and on church committees. She was a member and officer in local organizations, including the Gladys Society, and delighted in the beautiful glades she grew and shared with many others. She also enjoyed coordinating the Eden High School 2000 reunion.

Eleanor loved to travel and especially enjoyed trips to New York and Pennsylvania to see family, and recently achieved a lifetime goal of visiting Israel with her daughter Kathy. Her other hobbies include gardening, canning, sewing and spending time with her grandchildren. She never met a stranger, though she met many new friends, over or wrong phone numbers. She was always supportive of friends and family, and has often been referred to as the "original" in-lieu of flowers, the family suggests that those who wish may make a donation to defray funeral costs.

She is survived by her siblings, Jessica Conway of Confluent, PA; Henry Norton Dunthorn (Simone) of Eden, ID; Naomi Roberts (Harold) of Idaho Falls, ID; Dee Stevenson (Glen) of Boise, ID; and Lawrence Dunthorn (Evelyn) of Twin Falls, ID. Her children include her daughter and son-in-law, Kathy and Marv Cook of Caldwell, ID; and her six other children, including in-law, H. Bryan Chase, II and Pauline of New Plymouth, ID; The Rev. Charles W. and Colleen Chase of Vale, OR; Michael J. and Donna Chase of New Plymouth, ID; William D. and

BURLEY



Anna 'Genny' Lange

Anna "Genny" Lange, 65-year-old Burley resident, died Thursday, January 10, 2002, at her home.

She was born December 14, 1936, in Buhl, Idaho, the daughter of James Franklin and Gladys Howard Mathew. She attended grade school in Buhl and at St. Teresa's Academy in Boise, and graduated from Buhl High School in 1955. Following graduation, she attended The Twin Falls Beauty Academy. She married Jerrold Leslie Lange on November 8, 1957, in Buhl, Idaho. Due to Jerry's work with the telephone company, they were required to travel throughout the state as he installed telephone lines. They then lived in Rupert prior to moving to Burley in 1966. They farmed for a short time in Eden, but returned to Burley where she has since resided.

Genny worked at Simplot for six years and later was employed at the Amalgamated Sugar Company for 14 campaigns. Following retirement, she was able to enjoy her hobbies which included embroidery, crocheting, knitting, sewing and quilting. She not only shared these talents with her children and grandchildren, but also entered many of her projects in the Cassia County Fair.

Genny was truly devoted to her family. She was a faithful wife and mother and especially enjoyed time spent with her grandchildren playing cards, board games and putting puzzles together. She was fond and took great pride in her husband's talent as an accomplished accordion player. They did manage to spend more than 44 wonderful years together. She was proud of her family and cherished time spent together. She and Jerry spent many wonderful years traveling with family and friends and had a special bond with Scott and Norene Zimmerman. She will be greatly missed by her family and many friends.

She was an active member of the Zion Lutheran Church in Burley, where she graciously served as an organist. She is survived by her husband, Jerry of Burley; her children, Sharon, Soto, Lisa (Glen) Pocerzhnik, Roxanne (Bart) Thompson and Eddie (Beth Ann) Lange, all of Burley; one sister, Addie (Phil) Johnson of Kuna, Idaho; 13 grandchildren; and one great-grandson. She was preceded in death by her parents, and one brother.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, January 14, 2002, at the Zion Lutheran Church, 2410 Miller Avenue, Burley, with The Reverend Michael Donnan officiating. Interment will follow at the Pleasant View Cemetery. Friends may call at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 East 16th Street, Burley, on Sunday, from 6 until 8 p.m., and at the church on Monday, from 10 until 10:45 a.m.

Tourism numbers improve

BOISE (AP) - November tourism receipts show the travel business in Idaho seems to be rebounding.

State taxes from hotel room rentals are up. Passenger numbers at the Boise Airport have shown solid gains.

State tax revenue collected for rooms and campsites rented in November was almost even with the previous year, indicating an upward trend for the first time since mid-2000.

"It shows that we're rebounding, getting back on track," said Gord Wilgus, tourism director for the Idaho Department of Commerce.

The total number of passengers landing or taking off from the Boise Airport edged up nearly 2,500 passengers in November, it was the second consecutive month of increases after the terrorist attacks precipitated a drop from about 250,000 passengers in August to a low of just under 164,000 in September.

Despite the increases, passenger numbers still are running about 13 percent below the previous year.

While there is a demonstrable gain in leisure travel, it is unclear whether business travelers are getting back to normal.

Overnight stays and airport parking garage receipts are still nearly 20 percent off of pre-Sept. 11 numbers, airport manager John Anderson said. That might be an indication that business travelers, who use garage parking more than leisure travelers, are having less impact on the recovery.

Most large corporations, such as Micron Technology Inc., have cut back on business travel to hold down costs during the economic downturn. Micron cut back on travel as far back as June, spokeswoman Sean Mahoney said.

HOSPITAL

MAGIC VALLEY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

Some names are omitted at patients' request.
Admitted
Clyde Shaffer of Filer and Ted Allred of Wendell.
Released
Shirley Myer of Jerome.

DEATH NOTICES

Larry Shurtz
BURLEY - Larry E. Shurtz, 55, of Burley, died Thursday, Jan. 10, 2002, at his home.

At his request, there will be no formal service. A private family burial will take place at the Jerome Cemetery.
Arrangements are under the direction of the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley.

Louis C. Hranac
KIMBERLY - Louis C. Hranac, 88, of Kimberly, died Saturday, Jan. 12, 2002, at Mountain View Care Center in Kimberly.

A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday at the Sunset Memorial Park Mausoleum in Twin Falls.
Arrangements are under the direction of the Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls.

William R. Slater
FILER - William R. Slater, 69, of Filer, died Saturday, Jan. 12, 2002, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls.

Elliot E. Randall
JEROME - Elliott Earl Randall, 81, of Jerome, died Friday, Jan. 11, 2002, at his home following a short illness.

A tentative funeral is planned for 11 a.m. Thursday at the Jerome LDS Stake Center on North Tiger Drive. A full obituary will follow in Tuesday's newspaper. Arrangements are under the direction of the Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

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Baine Manor's revenues increase

By Karen Bossick
Times-News correspondent

HAILEY — Blaine Manor is entering its second year as a stand-alone facility with better than projected revenues, no thanks to an additional bill incurred due to the anthrax scare.

Blaine Manor's revenues for the fiscal year, which began in October, are up 11 percent, or about \$2.1 million over what was projected. Unfortunately, said the nursing home's finance director Stephanie Jaskowski, operating costs are also up but not quite as much.

But it's still good news for a facility that some feared was on its deathbed because of projected \$400,000 loss over the course of a year.

The increased revenues are due in large part to the 25-bed home being full. There are a couple of people who would move in tomorrow space became available, said Faus Geiger-Corlett, the manor's director of development.

Not helping the cause was a \$25 late fee assessed by one company for a payment on a dishwasher lease. The manor sent its payment out in time but it was held up in Newark, N.J., test office due to the anthrax scare, and the leasing company wouldn't accept the excuse, Jaskowski said.

Another problem is the month-long lag between the time the care facility bills the government for its Medicare and Medicaid patients and the time it receives payment.

That problem may be mitigated somewhat with a new online system which will reduce processing time by three weeks, said Jaskowski, who went to Boise on Thursday to learn about the system. But still the system is quick to deny claims if one is out of order, said manor administrator Gail Goglia.

Regardless, Blaine Manor will

never be in the black as long as it remains a 25-bed home for the most seriously ill and incapacitated, Jaskowski said. The home serves clients who need the most expensive care ranging from oxygen to nursing personnel. And nursing personnel costs more in a place like Hailey, which has higher labor costs than a similar facility in Twin Falls due to the higher cost of living in the Wood River Valley.

That's why the home is forging ahead with an expansion plan that would add assisted-living, physical therapy and rehabilitation services.

Geiger-Corlett said the center got a good number of personal letters and citations in response to 8,000 mailers it sent out before Christmas explaining the expansion. But, she added, she has not tallied them yet.

It does appear that investing in senior housing is a good bet, Goglia said, with such projects projected to exceed \$3 billion over the next five years.

While it's premature to conclude that the health care industry is immune from recession, hospitals have withstood the economic downturn so far, she added, with increased inpatient admissions, emergency room and outpatient visits.

That said, the industry is nervous about Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's proposal to slash about \$10 million in Medicaid costs from the budget to make up for the state's revenue shortfalls.

Blaine Manor, which has been in business 20 years, costs \$1.5 million to operate and has been subsidized by Blaine County since it was left on its own last November following the opening of the state's Luke Wood River Medical Center. Blaine Manor currently has one Medicare patient, six private pay patients, one private pay respite and 16 Medicaid residents.

Public links offer alternatives

By Nate Johnson
Times-News writer

BURLEY — The Magic Valley features three public golf courses — in Burley, Gooding and Twin Falls.

Unlike some private golf clubs, none of the municipal courses set a limit on the number of seasonal memberships sold. The number of people who play is limited only by the daylight hours, said Mike Williams, head golf professional at the Burley Municipal Golf Course.

A municipal golf course provides a nonexclusive alternative to the private clubs, where anyone who is willing to buy a pass can play, said Twin Falls City Administrator Tom Courtney.

The city of Twin Falls sets the rates for the city's golf course, Courtney said. The cities of Gooding and Burley do not control prices, but the city councils do review the rates periodically to ensure they are reasonable, said Carmen Korse, treasurer for the city of Gooding.

In Gooding, the members of the country club elect a volunteer board, which sets the prices and works with the Gooding City Council to make major decisions, said Troy Vitek, head golf professional for the Gooding Golf Course.

Any profits from the Gooding course is used to make improvements to the course. The rent the city charges the club for the land is re-invested. "The profit goes back into the golf course," Vitek said.

The city of Burley has not had to worry about profits in the years since it began keeping track of the money-the-course-makes, City Administrator Mark Mitton said. Some of Burley's losses on the golf course have been the result of expensive improvements he said.

The three Magic Valley public golf courses belong to the cities, but are run by private contractors. The cities lease the land to a golf professional, or a country club, and leave the details to them.

The Burley City Council checks in with Williams on a fairly regular basis, but for the most part, council members let him run the facility as he sees best.

"They keep control of what's going on. They give me the tools I need and I use them," Williams said. The city pays for major capital improvements and big ticket items, like golf carts, while Williams owns the golf store and is in charge of the rentals.

While the people who run the golf courses are private contractors,



Mike Williams is the head golf professional at the Burley Municipal Golf Course. Williams runs the golf shop and a small food concession at the public course. Burley's public links are among the best in the area, Williams said.

Public rates

Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course	Burley Municipal Golf Course	Gooding Country Club
Weekdays	Weekdays	Weekdays
Adults \$15	Nine holes \$10.50	Nine holes \$10.50
Seniors \$12	Adults \$9.25	Student \$4
Juniors \$6	Seniors and juniors \$8	Adult \$14
Weekends	Weekends	Weekends and holidays
Adults \$18	Adults \$17.50	Nine holes \$14
Seniors \$18	Seniors and juniors \$16	18 holes \$17.50
Juniors \$6	Weekends \$10	Season passes
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BLM tries to prevent the spread of wildfires

By Dixie Thomas Reale
Times-News correspondent

JEROME — Fire experts can't praise enough the virtues of good fire response. And a congressional act enables federal and local firefighters to use such methods to prevent the spread of wildfires in rural Jerome County.

The Communities at Risk Act is a proposal to create green strips or fire buffers, by replacing flammable plants with fire resistant ones in an area of about 1,260 acres in rural Jerome County.

"North Butte burned every year or two until 1977 when we planted what had not been burned since," said Andy Paine, U.S. Bureau of Land Management Shoshone District's fire operation manager.

The project, a joint effort by the BLM and the Jerome Rural Fire District, was made possible by the U.S. Congressional Communities at Risk National Fire Protection Act. Ray Mitchell of R & S Enterprises in Shoshone prepared a hazard assessment and a mitigation assessment for the BLM at a Wednesday informational meeting.

Mitchell rated the fire hazard in Jerome County as moderate. According to Mitchell's documents from 1975 to date, the Jerome Rural Fire Department responded to 116 wild land fires, for a total of 30,476 acres lost.

In the process of removing the plants to be removed include cheat grass and sagebrush.

"The sagebrush may grow back but that's OK because it takes a long time for it to get really big," said Stephen Freiburger of Freiburger Engineering LLC and the project engineer.

The target area is bordered by Interstate 84 on the north and extends about 2,000 feet eastward from the eastern boundary of the Sawtooth Acres and Big Little Ranches. A swath about 2,000 feet across runs southwest to Golf Course Road, then the boundary turns westward and extends 1,000 feet south along Golf Course Road to North Rim Fairways. The buffer zone then extends south to the canyon rim and westward along the southern boundary of North Rim Fairways to a point about 2,000 feet west of the western boundary of North Rim Fairways.

No vegetation will be removed from private property, said Jerome Rural Fire District Fire Chief Joe Robinette.

"We will be removing the vegetation on public land and seeking permission and cooperation of the private land owner to determine the risk on their private land adjoining the buffer zone,"

Robinette said. Once the land is cleared and planted, the green strip will be fenced to keep cattle out and maintained for two years to get it established. Then it should be in place for at least 10 years, Freiburger said.

The project is expected to cost an estimated \$320,000. BLM has agreed to cover 90 percent of the expense and the Jerome Rural Fire Department will cover 10 percent with its own in-kind match through public education, manpower and staff training.

The project will get under way in the spring and must be completed by October 2003.

Eventually the rural fire district wants to install fire hydrants in all the rural subdivisions and upgrade the water sources for subdivisions which in rural will increase the amount of water available for fire emergencies in rural areas.

The rural fire district also hopes to place a second rural fire department on U.S. Highway 93 near Petro II. At this point the fire department and BLM are looking for funding for those projects, Freiburger said.

University will study ways of cutting smoke

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — As the political debate rages over torching bluegrass fields in the fall, the University of Idaho will use two experimental farms to conduct long-term studies on alternatives to choking smoke.

The program announced Friday will involve the university, tribal leaders, farmers and federal agencies.

"What we are trying to do is to find a way to address the health concerns while helping an industry that is good for the region environmentally and economically continue to be competitive," said Michael Weiss, head of the school's Plant, Soils and Entomological Sciences Department.

On the Coeur d'Alene Indian Reservation, researchers will test

the effects of alternating years of baling and burning after harvest with years of just mowing and baling the stubble. The study would cut in half the amount of burning.

At a farm on the Nez Perce Reservation, burning will be avoided altogether, using mechanical and chemical means to

remove leftover bluegrass stubble. The partnership will be one of the largest studies in the state on field burning, a practice that bluegrass farmers use to shock the seeds into production.

But as growth continues to push into farm land in Idaho, groups staunchly oppose the practice

there," Williams said. The Gooding Golf Course has a target date of Feb. 15 to open each year, but the first golfers will probably have to wait until later this spring, Vitek said.

Safe Air for Everyone, started by a group of Sandpoint physicians concerned about their patients' breathing problems, has launched a campaign to ban the practice in Idaho, as it has been in Washington.

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Hot dogs roast on burning trees

By Lorraine Cavener
Times-News correspondent

PAUL — A 48-year-old tradition was celebrated in a different location Saturday for the first since the Christmas tree bonfire started in 1954.

But that didn't matter to Ukraine exchange student Liuba Blinn, for whom hot dog roasting over a pile of burning trees was a novel experience.

"It's unusual," said Blinn, who came to the event with her host mother Karen Roberts. "It's really interesting. We just throw them (the trees) away and somebody takes care of it."

"What an American experience for you," Roberts said to Blinn, who would normally celebrate Christmas on Jan. 6 and 7 in the Ukraine. There, the trees are called New Year's Trees.

While the community devoured hot dogs and hot chocolate, tours were given of the new fire station and City Hall. The event was held in conjunction with the West End Fire Department and city of Paul open house. The two now share the same building.

"It is positive to see the city and fire department work together and save some dollars for both of them," said Rep. Bert Stevenson, R-Rupert. "It's the way government ought to work."

The fire department has five rigs parked at the new fire station.

The vehicles include a first-aid ambulance, a vintage truck that has been completely refurbished, a 2,500-gallon water tanker that tends to the other trucks, an emergency equipment truck and a support van.

The department serves 250 square miles including a portion of the Interstate 84, a portion of



Steve Roberts of the West End Fire Department prepares the bonfire to roast hot dogs Saturday at the annual Christmas tree burn in Paul.

railroad, U.S. Bureau of Land Management support, some industry and the city of Paul, said fire chief Dan Korsen.

The 17-volunteer-member department also has a fully operational rope rescue team, he said.

The new building and all the equipment in it are all paid for, Korsen said.

"We've never had a bond or loan for any of it," he said.

Sen. Dean Cameron, R-Rupert, commented on the success

of the department and the city.

"This shows some great leadership on the part of the mayor, the City Council and the fire department," he said. "And some great fiscal responsibility."

Cameron presented the city and the fire department with U.S. and Idaho flags on behalf of the state Legislature. A local Boy Scout troop raised the flags.

Having the bonfire at the new facility was different for those who remember the years it has

been held at the Paul City Park, said Paul resident Julie Bennett.

"It's a good thing in the community," Bennett said. "It brings out a lot of people."

Michelle Roberts, who came all the time when she was little, agreed.

"I see a lot of people here that I don't see all year," she said.

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Group might challenge Indian gaming initiative

BOISE (AP) — An anti-gambling group is looking into a legal challenge of two northern Idaho tribes' pending initiative to protect their gaming operations.

"Those that are working on it feel there is a very solid legal basis," state Sen. Laird Noh of Kimberly said Friday of the anti-gambling group.

The Coeur d'Alene and Nez Perce have been collecting signatures to qualify the initiative for the ballot in November's election.

The legislation pushed unsuccessfully last year by Gov. Dirk Kempthorne, the initiative would give the tribes legal certainty they can continue their current casino operations, and would limit future

growth and expansion. Noh said he is confident that a legal challenge could be brought, even against an initiative that is not yet on the ballot.

But Alice Koskela, legal counsel for the Coeur d'Alene Tribe, disagreed.

"What we can say is that we believe our initiative is legal in Idaho, and that the precedent that has been set by the Idaho Supreme Court with regard to this particular question is that the Supreme Court won't rule on an initiative before it's been passed by the people."

That was the court's position in an earlier case involving the state lottery, she said.

Fire

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a way to mentor selected high school students and help them gain a sense of achievement.

"We just saw a need for some kids in Filer to get off the streets and find something to do, and it worked," Fire Chief Bud Compher said.

"We took a couple of knuckleheads under our wings and turned them into some pretty good kids."

A junior firefighter is required to complete 60 hours of course work over a two-year period. He or she — although the program has never had a female applicant — will learn a wide variety of essential skills ranging from safety, survival, ax handling, hose laying and pump operations. Toward the end of their second year, junior members will learn learning how to drive a truck.

Some of their instruction requirements are met through regular in-house training of courses offered at the College of Southern Idaho. But the majority is picked up by attending three-day state and regional fire schools each year.

Training in the program is almost identical to that of a full firefighter. Until they have reached the age of 18, however, junior firefighters are not allowed to go through live burning drills or enter burning buildings. Their duties during a fire are restricted to handing out equipment from the truck.

"If a kid sticks around for the two years, you probably get a couple thousand dollars tied up in him," Compher said.

At 17, junior firefighter Levi Smith has just completed his first year of training and witnessed his first structure fire at a local church. Smith, who said he started the program as a reason for getting "out of the house," wasn't sure if he would stay at first.

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Orchid

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The display includes miniature and grandiflora blooms colored various shades of purple, yellows, pinks and whites. Some have subtle perfumes. Others are strongly sweet.

Orchid society member Alan Porter of Rupert said the most common variety of orchid found in stores is commonly called the moth orchid.

It's easy to grow and gets people hooked on orchids. "Orchids just take a little time. Caretakers are rewarded with blooms that can last months. Porter for sure is hooked on

"I didn't think the program was for me, but I'm beginning to enjoy it," he said. "My dad and brother (Dustin Ross) love it, so I can make it part of me."

In its 15-year history, the Junior Fire Fighters Program has graduated a total of 11 students. Compher attributes the program's success to the fire department's involvement with community sports programs. As coaches, members of his crew can get to know youth who might need help. He also says referrals from teachers and junior firefighters play a big part.

"Teachers come to us with kids who they think might benefit from a little extra guidance," Compher said.

However, the department has room and a budget — \$500 per student — for only two junior candidates. Those who are accepted, after being interviewed by a fireman review board, are placed on a six-month probation and must meet some specific criteria. Participants must:

- Be at least 16 years old
- Attend 90 percent of training sessions
- Maintain a 3.00 grade point average
- Pass a police background check
- Be courteous toward officers and people around them
- Be willing to work

"If he gets hot doggie, the officer assigned to this kid is responsible for having a talk with him and keep him uplifted so he'll try harder," Compher said. "We've only lost one guy because he wasn't willing to change."

For further information about the Filer Junior Fire Fighters Program, call Compher at 326-5001.

orchids. Four years ago he bought an orchid variety that grows 30 years before it ever blooms. The plant turns 30 this year.

Carol Hutchinson of Twin Falls helped start the society in the mid-1990s. Its membership has grown to about 20. She had little experience growing orchids when she started the club.

"I do it strictly for the pleasure of growing them and watching them bloom," she said.

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Food

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monthly meeting for participants to order food would have been held.

ICAN member Sherri Rhodes received a call from other members that day who asked her why nobody was at the designated meeting site. People were standing out in the cold in front of the Burley National Guard Armory waiting to order food that day, Rhodes said.

"They hadn't bothered calling some of the people," Rhodes said. "Some of them got really ticked off."

With all the recent complaints about the program, Rhodes said it no longer served people well. "This program has gotten so ugly," she said.

About 150 pages of complaints from members received during the past several months filled a binder, Travis said.

Leaders of the group tried to salvage the program by holding a grievance meeting in November, which was open to members only.

Larry Archuleta, vice chairman of the food committee, said he has turned in more than 30 pages of grievances about how the food program is run and other issues involving the ICAN organizer and food coordinator to the board of directors in Boise.

The grievances, which had to do with those in charge not following food program guidelines, ranged from mishandling of membership money to there being more than one family member on the committee. When she asked for a meeting to be held at the local level to discuss the issues there was never a meeting set, Archuleta said.

"They don't want to discuss anything," he said.

Shaunon Hanson, who has been food committee treasurer since October, said that when she took over the job the books were not in order. Others besides the treasurer were taking membership money at meetings, she said. Reports were not given, minutes were not read and there was no prescribed agenda, Hanson said.

"I have not seen any paperwork showing an official bank statement," she said.

She added her written grievances to those Archuleta sent the board of directors.

Archuleta said he sent his grievances to the Boise headquarters at the end of October.

"Here we are in January and they still have not got back to me," he said.

But Travis said the board of directors intends to address the issues Archuleta and other members presented.

"We are taking it very seriously," he said. "We want to make sure what we do is right and legal."

Directors have been having conversations with their attorney, he said. "It will take us a little time, but we want to treat everybody fair."

Archuleta said the food coordinator and the treasurer asked him to watch what happened while turkeys were being distributed a few days before Thanksgiving. While the Thanksgiving food boxes were being packed up, he observed bickering, and when he tried to intercede, police were called.

Citizen citations were signed regarding the incident, said Rupert Police Officer Todd McGhie, who was one of the officers who responded to the call.

Archuleta and others involved signed disturbing-the-peace citations against each other, McGhie said. A court conference regarding the incident is scheduled for Jan. 15.

"It's being blown out of proportion," Travis said. "I don't feel there was anything that warranted the police being called."

But disciplinary action will be taken against those who are not following guidelines, he said. "This whole thing started by people going off and doing it their

own way," he said.

While people will not be allowed to run the program outside of guidelines, the program will survive, he said. "It is a good program," he said. "I hope everybody understands why it's being done the way it is."

In the future, when the program is back on track, there will be more food selections and more food sources, he said. "Hang in there. It's going to get better," Travis said.

In the meantime many who depend on the organization are missing out, Hanson said.

"I feel sorry for the members it's injured in not receiving the food," she said.

The ICAN food program is operated on a membership basis. In addition to paying annual dues, which range from \$12 to \$24, members pay \$10 per family plus a \$2 donation for gas to receive food boxes each month.

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Scores

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"We are elated as to how well our kids did," he said.

The grade 6 charge, scoring in the 67th percentile, beating the state average which ranked in the 55th percentile.

He attributed the district's success to the standards it has developed since 1996. Furthermore, they've aligned their grade levels in which what is taught in one third grade class is paralleled with the other third grade classes and is not repeated in the fourth grade. That uniformity and consistency translates into efficient teaching and learning, he said.

The district also implemented a program, called "6+1 trait writing" developed by the Northwest Regional Educational Laboratory, that improved students writing skills, he said.

"Our punctuation, capitalization and spelling skills are terrific," he said.

Also, every school must have a weak area, and for Filer it's vocabulary.

"(It's) still a bugaboo for us," he said, adding that the district is analyzing the data to determine how to improve.

Cassia County

Cassia County School District's ITBS results hovered in the average range.

"Overall, we're not greatly disappointed," said Michael Chesley, Cassia County Joint School District superintendent.

"We see there is definite room for growth."

Grades 3-5 and 9 fell below the national average, with the rest of the grades scoring at or just above the national average.

The district is having success with its K-3 reading program and is strengthening the language arts program with new programs, he said.

He said he's not sorry to see the ITBS being phased out, adding that he finds progressive tests more accurate than the norm-reference tests such as the ITBS.

"I'm OK with it leaving," he said.

Gooding

Most Gooding School District grade-levels scored below the national average.

but the most positive thing is, the longer we have the kids in the system, the more they improve," said Superintendent Darrell Hatfield.

Indeed, while grades 3-9 fell below the national average — the worst being fifth grade, which ranked only in the 34th percentile — grades 10 and 11 scored above, ranking 55th and 52nd, respectively.

Hatfield said last year the district focused on math computational skills aided by such devices as the 50-in-a-minute drill. The efforts were rewarded, as scores were up — grades 9, 10 and 11 all tested above the national average in the computation math portion of the test.

The language and reading skills remain a challenge as grades 4 through 8 tested below the national average. Third grade bucked that trend by just matching the national average, reaching the 50th percentile, while grades 4-9 fell below the national average.

He attributed that to the district's diligent work for the last three years with the Idaho Reading Indicator, which targets K-3 students.

Kimberly

Kimberly School District schools generally scored at or above the national average. Fifth grade was the one exception, just

missing with a 48th percentile ranking.

John Garner, superintendent of Kimberly School District, said that while he's happy with the scores, he pays more attention to the long-term trends.

The district tracks an individual class through the years to make sure students improve as they progress through the grades.

"By and large, we've seen continued growth upward," he said. "We are above significantly the state average; that hasn't always been true."

The district has spent a lot of time implementing reading and math skills in every class, he said. Because it's a smaller district with smaller class sizes, Kimberly looks at individual grades levels as a whole rather than break scores down to analyze individual classrooms.

A weak area, spelling, is going to be a focus of the next curriculum change, he said.

He said he's quite concerned about the test's replacement. Because much of the district's success is based on tracking classes through the years, with the test's demise, he'll lose his reference point and have to start at ground zero.

"We're not going to have for a period of time, probably three years, the ability to compare apples to apples," Garner said.

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 Lunch menu
 Monday: Chicken, crackers, ranch dressing, fruit, Jell-O, hot roll

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Breakfast menu
 Milk and juice served every day
 Monday: Donuts
 Tuesday: Pancakes
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 Thursday: Cinnamon rolls
 Friday: Muffins
 Lunch menu
 Monday: Chinese menu
 Tuesday: Burrito
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Breakfast menu
 Milk served every day
 Monday: Cereal, toast, fruit, juice
 Tuesday: Breakfast burrito, fruit, juice
 Wednesday: English muffins, fruit, juice
 Thursday: Cream of wheat, toast, fruit, juice
 Friday: Raisin bran, cereal, fruit, juice
 Lunch menu
 Monday: Sandwich bar
 Tuesday: Pizza, salad, fruit
 Wednesday: Chicken nuggets, rolls, corn, fruit
 Thursday: Ground beef stringanoise, mashed potatoes, rolls, fruit
 Friday: Cereal, strawberries, bananas, angel biscuits
 Saturday: French toast, later tots, ham, slice, fruit

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Choice of milk every day
 Monday: French toast, sausage links, orange halves, syrup
 Tuesday: Baked potato bar, peaches, maple bars
 Wednesday: Ham and bean soup, honey cornbread, honey butter, cinnamon apple slices
 Thursday: Spaghetti with meat sauce, green salad, assorted dressing, garlic bread, peas
 Friday: Italian sub sandwich, pineapple, carrot and celery sticks, oatmeal cherry cookies

KIMBERLY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Milk served every day
 Monday: Corn dog, pasta, celery sticks, apple half
 Tuesday: Ham sub, potato patty, baked beans, fruit cup
 Wednesday: Potato bar, rolls, apple sauce
 Thursday: Chicken and noodles, potatoes, white wheat rolls, peach half
 Friday: French bread pizza, green bean, carrot sticks, orange half

KIMBERLY HIGH SCHOOL

Milk served every day
 Monday: Corn dog, pasta, fruit and vegetable bar
 Tuesday: Ham sub, baked potato, fruit and vegetable bar
 Thursday: Chicken noodle soup, rolls, fruit and vegetable bar

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 Thursday: Baked potato with cheese sauce and ham, seasoned green beans, strawberries, bananas, angel biscuits
 Friday: Hamburger deluxe, French fries, school boy apple, vanilla pudding

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Milk served every day
 Monday: Stew, crackers, carrot sticks, peaches, cookie
 Tuesday: Open menu
 Wednesday: Turkey sandwich, soup, fruit cocktail, muffins
 Thursday: Hamburger burger, mashed potato, green beans, rolls, peaches
 Friday: Chicken burger, fries, cinnamon apples, fruit roll up

ROBERT STUART AND O'LEARY JUNIOR HIGH

Breakfast menu
 Milk served every day
 Monday: Cereal, orange juice, graham cracker, toast
 Tuesday: Waffles, syrup, scrambled eggs, cherry sauce
 Wednesday: Cereal, apple slices, granola bar
 Thursday: Oatmeal, grapes, toast, jelly
 Friday: Cereal, strawberries, bananas, angel biscuits
 Lunch menu
 Monday: Ham and cheese sandwich; salad bar or chicken nuggets, sweet and sour sauce, rice, fruit cup
 Tuesday: Malibu chicken sandwich; soup and sandwich bar or deli sandwich, pickle spear, mini pretzels, strawberries and bananas
 Wednesday: Taco bar or pizza, vegetable sandwich, pineapple larderbay cake
 Thursday: Corn dog, potato bar or cheeseburger, lettuce, pickles, French fries, school boy apple, Rice Krispie cookies
 Friday: Beef tacos, salad bar or chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, fruit, Jell-O, dinner roll

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 Tuesday: Chili
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Milk served every day
 Monday: Cereal, orange juice, graham crackers
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 Wednesday: Cereal, apple slices, granola bar
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DIETRIK SCHOOLS

Salad bar, fruit and milk served every day
 Monday-Friday: Menu not available

GLENN'S FERRY

Monday-Friday: Menu not available

GOODING ELEMENTARY

Choice of milk served every day
 Monday: Finger steaks, mashed potatoes, salad bar or hamburger fries
 Tuesday: Hot dog, later tots, potato bar or pizza sticks
 Wednesday: Burrito, fries; deli bar or fat cow
 Thursday: Chicken burger, fries; salad bar or corn dog, fries
 Friday: Chili, cinnamon rolls, salad

HAGERMAN SCHOOLS

Choice of milk offered every day
 Monday: Corn dog, fruit or juice, salad bar, cherry pie
 Tuesday: Beef taco, lettuce, cheese, vegetable, hot banana bread
 Wednesday: Macaroni and cheese, Little Smokies, salad bar, fruit, granola bar
 Thursday: Turkey pot pie, fruit, trail mix
 Friday: Chili, roll, salad bar, cinnamon roll

IDAHO SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND BLIND

Milk served every day
 Breakfast menu
 Monday: Choice of juice, fruit, choice of cereal, pancake, bacon, butter, syrup
 Wednesday: Choice of juice, fruit, choice of cereal, biscuit, sausage gravy, jelly
 Thursday: Choice of juice, banana, choice of cereal, cinnamon toast
 Friday: Choice of juice, fruit, cinnamon rice, hash brown, french fries, toast

BLAINE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

All elementary Lunch menu
 Redwood Elementary has no self-serve bar.
 Monday-Friday: Menu not available

BLISS SCHOOL

Milk served every day
 Lunch menu
 Monday: Burrito, nachos, fruit
 Tuesday: Kolasa sandwich, French fries
 Wednesday: Chicken nuggets, vegetable, mashed potatoes, gravy, fruit
 Thursday: Chili, cinnamon rolls
 Friday: Chicken fingers, French fries

JEROME SCHOOLS

Milk served every day
 Monday: Pork patty on a bun or nachos, cheese, salad with low-calorie dressing, oranges or Yoplait Go-gurt
 Tuesday: Deli sandwich or chicken nuggets, potato salad, vegetables, grapes or apricot crisp
 Wednesday: Burrito, salsa or chicken and onion rolls, later tots, fruit, Jell-O or banana
 Thursday: Crisp taco or hamburger, corn dog, apple sauce or kiwi
 Friday: No school

RICHFIELD SCHOOLS

Milk and juice served every day
 Monday: Cereal, toast
 Tuesday: No school
 Wednesday: Cereal, Pop Tarts
 Thursday: Biscuits, grape, sausage
 Friday: Cereal, churros
 Lunch menu
 Monday: Spaghetti with meat sauce, green salad, bread sticks, apple sauce
 Tuesday: No school
 Wednesday: Chicken nuggets, potatoes, gravy, lunch roll, peach
 Thursday: Ham and cheese sandwich, chicken noodle soup, crackers, brownies, peas
 Friday: Potato bar, cheese, hamburger, gravy, chili, bread, butter, cake, apple sauce

SHOSHONE SCHOOLS

Breakfast and choice of milk served every day
 Monday: Soft taco, refried beans, salsa, cinnamon apple sauce
 Tuesday: Chicken party, potato puffs, orange halves
 Wednesday: Chili, colelaw, cinnamon roll, peaches
 Thursday: Hot dog, French fries, apples, chocolate cake
 Friday: No school

WENDELL SCHOOLS

Breakfast and choice of milk served daily
 Monday: Friday: Menu not available
 All schools serve milk with meals

CASSIA COUNTY ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Breakfast menu
 Monday: Cereal, toast, apple
 Tuesday: Toaster pastry, trail mix, peas
 Wednesday: Cereal, cinnamon toast, juice
 Thursday: Cinnamon roll, string cheese, mixed fruit

MINIDOKA COUNTY SCHOOLS

Breakfast menu
 Monday: Toaster tarts, fruit rolls, trail mix
 Tuesday: Cereal, graham crackers, trail mix, apple sauce
 Thursday: Hot cereal, muffin, pineapple
 Friday: Breakfast burrito, trail mix, peaches
 Lunch menu
 Monday: Hawaiian pizza, green beans, carrot sticks, apple sauce
 Tuesday: Chicken sandwich, later tots, carrot sticks, apple sauce
 Wednesday: Italian dinners, corn, fruit, peanut butter bar
 Thursday: Enchilada, green salad, dressing, peach, cookie
 Friday: Baked potatoes, toppings, vegetable sticks, fruit, Jell-O, dinner roll

BURLEY JUNIOR HIGH

Breakfast: Juice and fruit served every day
 Choice of salad bar with sandwich or soup or sandwich bar every day
 Chocolate milk served every day
 Monday: Hamburger, cheeseburger or bacon cheeseburger, later tots, apple sauce
 Tuesday: Spaghetti, roll
 Wednesday: Chili or barbecue, cinnamon rolls, carrots or celery, apple half, salad bar, Hot Pockets
 Thursday: Hoagie or hot combo, potato wedge, orange half, salad bar, Mini corn dogs
 Friday: Turkey noodles, carrots or celery, fruit cup, roll, Pizza or salad bar, Finger steak, roll

WENDELL SCHOOLS

Breakfast and choice of milk served daily
 Monday: Friday: Menu not available
 All schools serve milk with meals

CASSIA COUNTY ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Breakfast menu
 Monday: Cereal, toast, apple
 Tuesday: Toaster pastry, trail mix, peas
 Wednesday: Cereal, cinnamon toast, juice
 Thursday: Cinnamon roll, string cheese, mixed fruit

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MAGIC VALLEY/WEST

M-C mules will pull at Olympics

By Shari Chaney
Times-News writer

BURLEY — Calling it the chance of a lifetime, four Mini-Cassia residents will be part of the Olympic Games in Salt Lake City next month.

Lloyd Warr, Larry Harper, Gary Uhrich and Joe Adams will give sleigh rides to spectators heading to cross-country skiing events at the Solider Hollow venue.

Other teams will also be there to provide sleigh rides. Organizers estimate 20,000 people will ride a sleigh each day, Warr said. A total of seven teams of mules and seven teams of draft horses will be on site.

"Tennessee" John Stewart said teams will come from all over the United States, including Idaho, Wyoming, Utah, Iowa, Tennessee and Nebraska.

Spectators ride a steam engine in, then take a sleigh ride to the security checkpoint, Warr said. Spectators then take another sleigh ride to the bleachers where they watch the event, he said.

The group of Mini-Cassia residents became involved with the Olympics through a friendship started on the trail. Warr met Joe Adams and some of the others met Tom Whitaker on the Mormon Wagon Train.

Whitaker had organized a western-themed site at a skiing event in Utah and took the idea to Olympic officials, Warr said. They liked the idea and have created another western-themed site for the Olympics, now under the direction of Stewart.

The exhibit will include a blacksmith's shop and a cabin of mountain men. Buffalo are also involved, Warr said. Stewart said American Indians will also be included in the exhibit.

The western site is near the security checkpoint the mules and sleighs will take spectators through, and the sleigh ride will



Lloyd Warr stands with his mules at his Burley farm. Warr, Larry Harper, Gary Uhrich and Joe Adams will give mule-drawn sleigh rides to spectators at the Olympic Games in Salt Lake City next month.

be part of the experience. Stewart said those he invited to be a part of the sleigh rides are those he has known personally from trail rides.

"They are good at what they do," Stewart said. The four men, their wives and mules, will leave for Salt Lake City around the first of February, Warr said. They'll be there throughout the Olympic Games, Uhrich said.

Olympic organizers will have a place for the RVs the group will

travel in, Warr said, and the group already went down to Salt Lake City to build corrals for the mules. Some days' sleigh rides will only be needed four to five hours, but most days will be 10 to 11 hours, Warr said. Mules have to be harnessed and ready by 6:15 a.m. to be ready for the first spectators.

Each morning drivers and mules will go through a security check, Warr said. Uhrich was excited to be a part of the games and called the

opportunity a chance of a lifetime. Warr agreed and is also excited to be a part of the Olympics and to meet people from all over the world.

They will also get to show people the world of the early western pioneers, Stewart said.

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Quip bombs with Idaho 'ER' viewers

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — No matter how hard it tries, northern Idaho can't seem to shake its national reputation as a haven for hate.

The NBC television network brought that point home again Thursday night during the airing of its Emmy-winning medical drama, "ER."

Coeur d'Alene resident Tom Shepherd was watching the show at home when he heard a character refer to northern Idaho as the white supremacist part of the state.

"My mouth just fell open. I couldn't believe it," Shepherd said. "I was appalled."

The exchange came near the end of the episode entitled "Beyond Repair," when Abby, an Emergency Room nurse played by actress Maura Tierney, introduced herself to a new neighbor in her Chicago flat.

The neighbor, played by guest star Christina Hendricks, tells Abby that she moved recently to Chicago from Idaho. She then pauses and clarifies, "The potato part, not the white supremacist part," with a laugh.

The humor was lost on some local residents.

"That is just awful," said Tony Stewart, an instructor at North Idaho College and board member on the Kootenai County Task

Force on Human Relations. "This is so unfair to the people of northern Idaho."

An NBC publicist on Friday declined to comment on the brief piece of dialogue.

Stewart said the task force will likely write a letter to NBC and try to talk to the show's writers.

Countless volunteers have worked against racism since the early-1980s, when a handful of residents formed the task force. Its primary focus at the time was aimed at white supremacy and Richard Butler, founder of the Aryan Nations.

Task Force members declared victory nearly two years ago, when Butler lost a \$6-million lawsuit over an incident in which Aryan Nations security guards assaulted a mother and her teenage son along a rural Kootenai County road.

The suit forced Butler into bankruptcy and he was forced to surrender his 20-acre compound. Many of his followers are believed to have left the state.

Human rights activists hoped that the landmark judgment would help lift the stigma.

"That was the people of Idaho speaking out and that was a step in the right direction. Will that alone change the perception? I don't think so," said Marshall Mend, a founding member of the task force.

Man held in depot shooting got state child-care payments

SPOKANE (AP) — The state of Washington made welfare payments last summer to an ex-convict whose meth addiction may have triggered a gunfight with police at the city's downtown train-bus depot this past week.

Jason A. Graham, 20, got public assistance for three months after his finances. Betsy J. Burnett, was arrested on federal drug charges in July, family members say. He received child-care payments for looking after Burnett's 8-year-old daughter and year-old son.

The state cut off the payments in October, after welfare workers learned Graham had a felony burglary conviction and was involved in the drug scene, the family members say.

About that time, Burnett's sister began caring for the children. In December, they were taken in by a friend of their mother, a woman who is their legal guardian.

Graham was arrested Monday after a shootout with police at the crowded Amtrak transportation center, family members say.

Volunteers will aid homeless during Olympics

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — AmeriCorps volunteers will run a snow-flow homeless shelter and help at existing shelters, the Salvation Army and the Utah Food Bank during the Olympics.

On Friday, Salt Lake City Mayor Rocky Anderson, Utah Sen. Orrin Hatch, Rep. Jim Matheson and Lt. Gov. Olene Walker welcomed dozens of AmeriCorps volunteers, the first of more than 200 expected to assist during the games.

Even though it means sleeping on a cot in a Catholic church, "there is no other opportunity I'd rather have," said 26-year-old John Hourihan of Emerson, N.J., an AmeriCorps unit leader.

Members of the national service organization launched in 1993, they will be in Utah until March, when they will move on to their next duty.

In exchange for their work, volunteers like Hourihan receive a modest living allowance and, after a year of service, a \$4,725 education award that can be used to pay off student loans or cover future education costs.

Officials change their remedy for contamination

BOISE (AP) — Officials have modified the remedy for groundwater contamination at the Test North Area at the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory.

The new plan uses two new methods of treating in addition to the original pump and treat technology. The new methods use microorganisms to breakdown contaminants and let them decay. The current method involves pumping in the water to the surface to remove contaminants and then replacing the water.

Officials said the new methods will be cheaper and clean the water more quickly. Reviews will be conducted to ensure that the process is working.

Ground water beneath the Test North facility is contaminated from past wastewater disposal. Officials said all activities that contributed to the contamination have been stopped.

Anderson claimed Salt Lake City is doing something few Olympic host cities have done — welcoming those who have fallen on hard times and need a place to live.

"We're doing almost the opposite of what happened in Atlanta," said Anderson, who heard tons of homeless visitors being given one-way bus tickets out town during the 1996 Summer Games.

"We're doing everything we can for those in need. We are an extremely caring community."

Working with the warm and fuzzy helping hand comes a warning: Troublemakers are not wel-

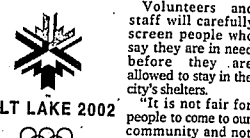
come at shelters. "These are not crash pads for people coming to disrupt the games," Anderson said.

Volunteers and staff will carefully screen people who say they are in need before they are allowed to stay in the city's shelters.

"It is not fair to people to come to our community and not plan for themselves, creating more pressure on the resources we have for those who are truly in need," Anderson said.

Some job seekers are arriving to pursue Olympic employment starting at \$5 an hour, even

though many of those jobs aren't available until the Feb. 8 start of the games.



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Sex offender gets life, no parole

CALDWELL (AP) — A convicted sex offender was sentenced Friday to spend the rest of his life behind bars for sexually assaulting a young girl.

Abel Perez, whose age is unknown but appears to be in his 30s, was sentenced to the maximum penalty of life in prison without the possibility of parole by 3rd District Judge Dennis Goff.

Perez was convicted in October of lewd and lascivious conduct with a minor under 16 after Canyon County Deputy Prosecutor Aaron Lucoff convinced a jury that Perez had repeatedly abused the child.

The assaults took place between the time the child was 7 and 9 years of age.

The victim, now 10, testified during the trial, as did her mother.

Defense attorney Klaus Wiebe contended at trial that the incidents could not have happened because his client did not have access to the child at the times she said they occurred.

But jurors took them less than two hours to find Perez guilty.

WINTER REFLECTIONS



The winter season is reflected in the new Holstrom Business Center on the Northwest Nazarene College campus in Nampa Friday as Sean McFadden of D&A Glass Company Inc. fits in metal panels around the corner of the building. The center is set to be completed around the end of February.

ACLU looks into crowded Nampa jail

NAMPA (AP) — A civil rights group has set its sights on the Canyon County Jail for signs of overcrowding after inmates complained of having to sleep on jail floors.

Jack Van Valkenburgh, executive director of the American Civil Liberties of Idaho, said he received calls from four inmates Friday who complained about overcrowded conditions.

Sheriff George Nourse said the inmate population at the 355-bed center has taken a significant increase recently from 423 before the holidays to 491 on Friday.

"It's just skyrocketed," Nourse said. "Some inmates are sleeping on mattresses on the floor of the jail, but it's a temporary situation that can't be helped."

Although he said as many as 50 inmates have had to sleep on the floor at any given time in recent weeks, Nourse expressed little sympathy.

"We've got guys in Afghanistan who are sleeping on the ground — and they didn't do anything wrong," Nourse said. "In my opinion, if our GIs can sleep on the ground, the inmates can sleep on the floor."

Van Valkenburgh said his primary concern is not inmate comfort, but safety.

Man gets 20 years for molesting grandchildren

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A 73-year-old grandfather and former Mormon bishop will go to prison, possibly until he dies, for molesting his four granddaughters.

James E. Denos on Friday asked 3rd District Judge Timothy Hanson for probation, rather than prison, citing a lifetime of good works as a junior high school teacher and a bishop in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Denos, who abused his four granddaughters, now aged 7 through 13, both in Utah and in his home state of California, pleaded guilty in October to four counts of

first-degree felony aggravated sexual abuse of a child.

The counts carry prison terms of 5 years to life, which Hanson ordered run consecutively.

California defense attorney Mike Stapleton complained that the 20-year minimum prison term would be a death sentence for Denos. "This defendant will never see daylight," Stapleton said.

Indeed, the defendant's daughter, Beverly Miner, said the hearing was "a lot like a funeral."

The defendant has one son, three daughters and 25 grandchildren, but family members

said they do not plan to see him again unless they attend a parole hearing to protest his release.

The family has identified 17 alleged victims — relatives and neighbors — since July, when one of the granddaughters came forward. Ray Denos claims his father molested his first known victim 50 years ago.

Charging documents allege the four girls were molested when their grandfather visited Utah between January 1998 and January 2000. The girls also claim they were molested when they visited their grandfather at his Huntington Beach home.



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Sea ice keeps Antarctic penguins from breeding

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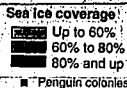
A combination of massive grounded icebergs and a record amount of sea ice in Antarctica's Ross Sea has blocked entire colonies of penguins who are trying to return from their feeding grounds in the open sea to their breeding areas. The result is expected to be a significant reduction in regional penguin populations; one colony is in danger of extinction.

A NASA remote-sensing instrument aboard the Terra Earth Observing Satellite is capturing the unfolding ecological disaster affecting hundreds of thousands of penguins at Earth's southern tip.

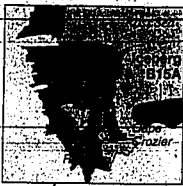
Images from the Multi-angle Imaging Spectro-Radiometer (MISR), a unique remote sensor built and managed by NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, Calif., are documenting the movement of the huge

Penguins in peril

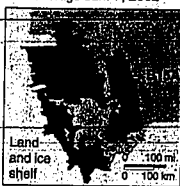
Unusually high ice levels around Antarctica have cut off penguin populations from their feeding grounds at sea.



Ice coverage Jan. 8, 2001



Ice coverage Jan. 7, 2002



SOURCE: National Ice Center

icebergs and spreading sea ice in Antarctica's Ross Sea. A barrier formed by two enormous bergs

has altered wind and current patterns in the sea; the satellite image series shows.

The frozen continent's most populous "Adelie" penguin colonies are affected, according to researchers funded by the National Science Foundation (NSF). The National Science Foundation manages the U.S. Antarctic Program, which coordinates almost all U.S. scientific research in Antarctica.

The numbers of Adelie penguins at Cape Crozier, about 130,000 breeding pairs in most years, "are at the low side" of the normal range, said David Ainley of H.T. Harvey & Associates of San Jose, Calif. The Adelie colony at Cape Crozier is the sixth largest in the world.

A smaller colony of Adelies at Cape Royds will "fail totally" this year, Ainley said. This is the longest-studied penguin colony in Antarctica. Next to it is a hut erected by Ernest Shackleton during his first Antarctic expedition early in the 20th century.

Argentines wonder just how far to rock bottom

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (AP) — A banking freeze has panned up most of people's savings. A deep-currency devaluation threatens inflation. Even insulin is getting scarce, and the cashless country is turning to impounded Customs goods to help the needy.

For Argentines caught in their worst economic crisis in decades, the question is: Where is rock bottom? The country is in the fourth year of a bitter recession. Food riots and supermarket looting erupted in December, and protesters attacked banks and ATMs on Friday. There have been five presidents in less than a month.

Argentina has defaulted on its \$141 billion public debt; the newly floated currency has slumped 39 percent on the open

marker, and bank accounts are virtually frozen to stop a catastrophic run on the banks.

"People are just desperate to protect their savings," said Oscar Dellano, a 60-year-old retired sailor standing in a throng outside a currency exchange office trying to buy dollars.

The economy is all but paralyzed. With the financial system in flux, checks are bouncing and credit cards are no longer accepted because merchants worry about the risks from further erosions in the peso's value.

But it is the "Corallito" — "Little Corral" — that has most Argentines enraged. Each day they turn up the radio newscast for the latest word on the government rules that freeze most savings to prop up the tottering banking system.

Israel disputes that weapons smugglers have been detained

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — Israel fired missiles at a Gaza City naval base Saturday in a fourth day of reprisals for a Palestinian weapons smuggling operation, and disputed Palestinian claim that two suspects in the affair have been detained.

One of the men supposedly in detention is not even in the Palestinian areas, Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's office said.

"The Palestinians said Israeli's daily attacks, including the razing of homes and the demolition of the runway at Gaza International Airport, were inflaming an already tense situation.

Israel last week intercepted a boat carrying 50 tons of weapons from Gaza, which the Palestinian captain said were destined for the Gaza Strip.

Israel has said Arafat and his Palestinian Authority were behind the shipment of arms, which included rockets, explosives and anti-tank missiles forbidden under Israeli-Palestinian accords.

Car bomb explodes in Basque city of Bilbao, Spain

BILBAO, Spain — A car bomb exploded on a downtown street in this Basque region city after a warning call on Saturday, wounding two people who were hit by flying shards of glass, police said.

The mid-afternoon blast shattered windows in several buildings and sent a plume of black smoke into the air. Police had evacuated the area after a caller phoned a warning to a newspaper and claimed ETA planted the bomb, but they were unable to find it before it exploded.

The Basque region of northern Spain has been plagued by ETA violence for more than 30 years. The group has claimed responsibility or been blamed for more than 800 killings since the early 1960s, when it began its violent campaign to carve an independent Basque homeland out of lands straddling northern Spain and southwest France.

Three Russian officers go to trial for deaths of 22 police

MOSCOW — Three officers will be tried for negligence in the March 2000 deaths of 22 Russian police troops in Chechnya by friendly fire, a blood bath that Russian officials publicly blamed on rebels, a newspaper reported Saturday.

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The TV6 case revolved around a bankruptcy suit brought by minority shareholder Lukoil-Garant, a pension fund owned by Russian oil giant Lukoil.

TV6 journalists accused the judges of carrying out the Kremlin's orders to eliminate critical voices.

The case has prompted international concern about media freedom in Russia. Of Russia's four major networks, TV6 provides the most critical reporting about President Vladimir Putin and the war in Chechnya.

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District 4 seeks new commissioner

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Twin Falls Bruin Boosters plan meeting for Monday

TWIN FALLS—The Twin Falls Bruin Booster Club will hold its monthly meeting on Monday at 7 p.m. in the teacher's lounge of Twin Falls High School. For more information, call 734-6384.

ISDB hosts hoops touney Jan. 21-Feb. 2

GOODING—The Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind will host a basketball touney Jan. 21-Feb. 2. The school expects about 250 participants to attend from several states, along with their families. ISDB is located at 1450 Main St. in Gooding.

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SALT LAKE 2002
Countdown to the Salt Lake Olympics

26 days until Opening Ceremony

13 days until the torch arrives in Twin Falls

The Torch Tour: The torch will begin the day in Tucson, Ariz., and pass through Scottsdale, Ariz., before ending the day in Phoenix.

March to the Medals: Idaho's Picabo Street finished in 18th place Saturday at a World Cup downhill ski event in Saalbach-Hintergamm, Austria. Street came in at 1 minute, 23.94 seconds, which was third best among U.S. skiers. Street placed 10th in a World Cup event on Friday.

TRIVIA ANSWER:

The Oakland Raiders, who defeated the Philadelphia Eagles, 27-10, in New Orleans in 1981.

Just another game

Longtime official Ostyn plans to retire

By Joe Sunnen
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS—The internal alarm inside Paul Ostyn is ringing again.

This time, that most precise of instruments is calling the 72-year-old to give up the whistle and official's stripes he's worn for the better part of 52 years.

And like always, he's listening. "It's just time," Ostyn said.

"I'm mentally ready to get out. There's an old saying that you don't want to try and officiate beyond your time. I've always said I'll know when it was time to quit, nobody will have to tell me. I'm the same way with everything else."

His body needs a little more time to mend after running the sidelines at high school football



Paul Ostyn

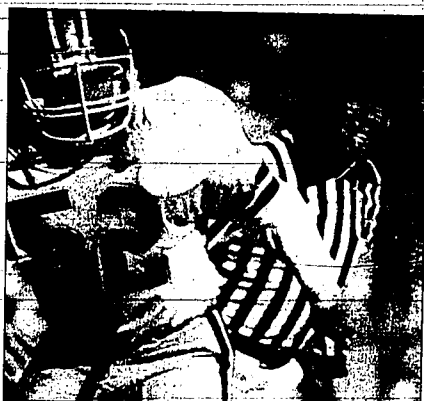
Zebra tales

In 52 seasons of officiating, Paul Ostyn has been in more than his share of big games. Here are some of the highlights:

- 4 - NCAA Division II national football championships
- 8 - Trips to the state basketball tournament
- 25 - District 4 Shrine All-Star games
- 27 - Seasons officiating college basketball
- 52 - Years officiating football at the high school and collegiate levels

games, and he's grown a little softer around the middle. And after so many years, the ego that drove him to become the Director of Athletics at the University of Idaho and eventually the Mayor of Twin Falls is finally subsiding.

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Paul Ostyn looks around an unidentified University of Nevada, Reno player in this undated photograph. After 52 years of officiating football, baseball and basketball the former coach, University of Idaho director of athletics, and Mayor of Twin Falls is finally retiring from his life in black and white stripes.

CSI topples No. 2 Dixie Eagles claim sole possession of first

By Kevin Hall
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS—In your eye Dixie State College. The 13th-ranked College of Southern Idaho men's basketball team ran its winning streak to 10 games, beating No. 2 Dixie 100-91 in another classic Saturday in front of a packed-to-the rafters CSI gymnasium.

Ricky Clemons scored a game-high 30 points to lead five Golden Eagles in double figures as CSI remained undefeated in the Scenic West Athletic Conference at 6-0 and improved to 16-2 overall.

Tony Bobbitt chipped in 18, Tim Ellis had 17 and Jack May and Yakhouba Diawara added 11 apiece.

Preseason All-American Jaime Lloreda led the Rebels (4-1, 15-2) with 28 points, including 12 of 20 from the free-throw line. Kevin Woodberry had 18 and Rod Prater 16 for Dixie.

Clemons added insult to injury in the waning seconds, stealing the inbound pass and sinking an NBA-length 3-pointer at the buzzer. Clemons sat for most of the second half after picking up his fourth foul with 15:51 to go.

"Overall our guards played hard and that was the difference in the game," CSI coach Guy Beach said.

Another difference was on the glass, where CSI outboarded their arch-rivals 41-26, including an 18-8 advantage on the offensive side.

And it was a passing test for the deep CSI bench, which kept CSI in the lead when Clemons and Tim Ellis were forced to the sideline with foul trouble, and Tony Bobbitt had to come out with a cramped calf muscle after sinking two pressure free throws on one foot for the 10-point lead at 78-68.

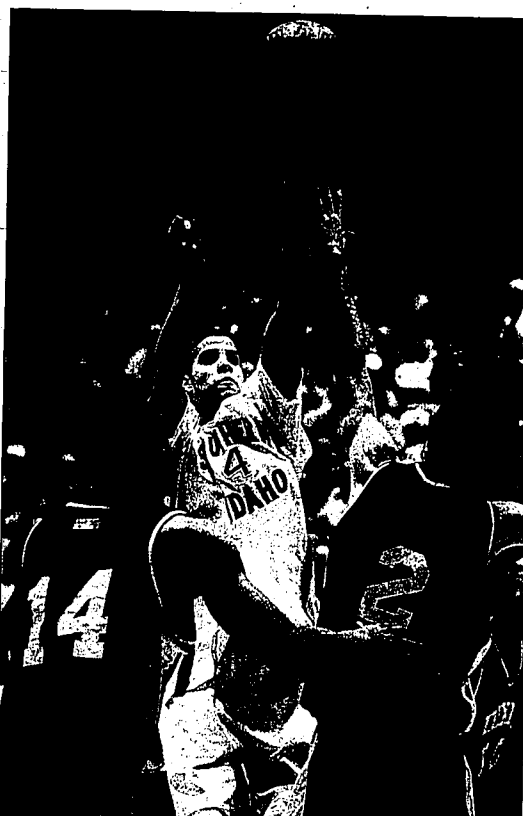
"This game may go a long way for our bench

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Eagle hoops

Saturday's games

Men
CSI 100, Dixie State 91
Women
CSI 82, Dixie State 74
Next up: Treasure Valley - CC at CSI on Saturday.



MENDY K. OSTERHOUT/The Times-News

College of Southern Idaho's Jack May takes shot while Dixie State College's Jaime Lloreda, left, looks on. Dixie teammate Andrew Gaudin puts pressure on May during Saturday night's game at the College of Southern Idaho.

Spartans sneak past Pocatello

By Scott Thompson
Times-News writer

RUPERT—The Pocatello Indians girls basketball game entered the Minico gym with just a lone conference win Saturday night and the Spartans wanted to make sure they left with just that one victory.

Especially since it came at the Spartans' expense. None of the Spartans did more to make sure that happened than senior guard Clare Bodensteiner, who notched 25 points in the 58-50 victory. And most of those points came at critical times in the tight Region III conference matchup.

"I know everyone wants to read about how she is going to Stanford," Pocatello coach Tony Stapleton said. "And that's why."

But she wasn't the only one to come up big as the rest of the Spartans (3-2 Region III, 9-7 overall) didn't give up any ground when Bodensteiner picked up her fourth foul with 1:42 remaining in the third period.

The Spartans were up 37-33 when she left at that point and were still up 39-38 when she came back with 5:55 left in the game.

She immediately hit a bucket and then hit another a few minutes later.

The last bucket was another biggie since it interrupted a mini-run by the Indians (1-4, 7-10) and kept the Spartans ahead at 46-44.

"A lot of times when a star goes out, the defense will break concentration on stopping her," Minico coach Clint Stratman said. "And that's what happened here."

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One for the ages Rice dazzles in Raider win

The Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif.—No matter his age or the color of his uniform, Jerry Rice is simply amazing in the playoffs.

Rice caught nine passes for 183 yards and a touchdown, and Charlie Garner rushed 80 yards for a score with 1:27 left as the Oakland Raiders pulled out of their late-season nosedive with a 38-24 victory over the New York Jets on Saturday night.

The Raiders (11-6) advanced to face New England (11-5) next Saturday in Foxboro. By closing the season with three straight losses, Oakland handed a bye and home-field advantage to the Patriots.

Six days after the Jets beat Oakland 24-22 in the teams' regular-season finale, the Raiders emphatically turned the tables with their best performance in two months. A roster of veterans assembled specifically for the postseason got it together just in time — and Rice led the way.

It was Rice's 24th career postseason game, but his first with the Raiders after 16 record-setting seasons with the San Francisco 49ers. At 39, the NFL's most prolific receiver wrote a remarkable new chapter in his match career with several clutch receptions in the second half.

Rice caught a 21-yard TD pass from Rich Gannon

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Oakland's Jerry-Rice catches a pass as New York's Marcus Coleman looks on during their AFC Wildcard playoff game in Oakland, Calif., Saturday.

Kwan, Cohen, Hughes make Olympic team

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES—Look out, Salt Lake City, Michelle Kwan is back on her game.

The most dominant American woman in decades won her sixth U.S. Figure Skating Championships crown Saturday night in magnificent style.

And with a pair of 6.0s for presentation, she sent a warning to her chief rivals from Russia: The chase for the Olympic gold next month will come through her.

Joining Kwan on one of America's strongest women's Olympic squads are Sasha Cohen and Sarah Hughes. The teenagers edged Angela Nikodiny to earn their first Olympic berths.

No one blocks out distractions and bad vibes better than Kwan, whose season has been marked by "inconsistent performances" and a split with longtime coach Frank Carroll. But when the pressure is on at nationals, Kwan has become unbeatable.



Michelle Kwan

Kwan's sixth U.S. title tied her for second place on the career list with Theresa Weld-Blanchard, who skated in the 1920s, and Gretchen Merrill, whose last crown was in 1948. Only Maribel Vinson, with nine, has more.

Kwan, 21, also is the first woman with five consecutive American championships since Janet Lynn (1969-73).

"Just the feeling of it is just incredible," she said. "You just hope that everyone skates well and you come up on top."

SPORTS

Lady Golden Eagles shock Dixie State 82-74

CSI women snap four-game losing streak

By Kevin Hall
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Kendall Grant breathed a huge sigh of relief.

All of Twin Falls followed in suit. Showing an energy they haven't displayed in weeks, the College of Southern Idaho women pulled off their biggest win of the season Saturday, topping Dixie State College 82-74.

The Eagles did it by hitting the glass, playing smothering defense and throwing Dixie's press and run-gun game right back at the Lady Rebels.

Grant said she lost this, it would've been tough. "We headed in the right direction."

The win snapped a four-game losing streak for CSI (2-4 Scenic West Athletic Conference, 10-7) and halted the Lady Rebels' winning streak at three.

Melanie Croser scored a game-high 17 points to lead CSI, which shot 42 percent (25 of 67) for the game. Angie Layton recorded 14 points and Bolinda Stubbs netted 10 points and snagged nine rebounds.

CSI outrebounded Dixie (3-2, 13-4) 49-39, hauling down a season-high 20 offensive boards and making 14 steals.

Croser said the Eagles grew tired of hearing the whispers behind their back.

"We were pumped; we were ready," she said. "After last night's loss (a 77-70 defeat to Snow College on Friday), and people saying this and that ... we found it in ourselves to come out and beat the best team in the league."

Stephanie Peterson scored 15 points and rebounded 10 to lead Dixie State. Peterson tangled in the final 4:49 going just 1 of 5 from the field and 1 of 6 from the free-throw line with three turnovers. The Lady Rebels had previously won four of the past five games against Southern Idaho.

Already playing at a new level on offense and in the floor, CSI picked it up a notch when Stubbs departed with her fifth foul at the 5:26 mark and the Eagles clinging to a slim, three-point lead.

All Southern Idaho did was respond with a 10-3 run that "I don't think it hurt us. I think it made us stronger because we could go with a quicker lineup," he said. "With that kind of intensity we're one of the best teams in the league."

A back-and-forth first half saw Croser give the Eagles back the lead briefly at 21-19 with a 3-pointer. The shot came after CSI grabbed four offensive rebounds and a tip from Biggers to Croser.

After a Peterson basket in the paint, Angela Williams put CSI up 24-21 with a 3-pointer then added a second jumper for the 26-21 lead.

Jaimy Tanner answered with her own 3-point shot, cutting the deficit to two, and after a Stubbs over-the-back foul, Dixie made the front end of a one-and-one, bringing it back to a one-point game just with over nine minutes remaining.

But Southern Idaho wasn't done yet, charging out on a 9-0 run for the 35-25 lead with 5:57 to go. Five Golden Eagles scored during the span. Dixie trimmed it to six at 37-31 with 4:52 left, but another 7-0 run by CSI gave the Eagles their largest lead of the half at CSI at 44-31 with 1:45 to play. CSI went in at the break leading 44-35.

Throw-ins

First-year Dixie State coach Dexter Irvin is also the Sr. Coeur d'Alene school's athletic director. ... Stubbs wore a soft knee wrap on her left knee after she aggravated it against Snow College on Friday. ... Grant showed some rare emotion with about five minutes left in the first half, racing down the sideline and ripping off his jacket all the time barking at official Kenny Livelli for a non-call. ... Angela Williams went down with an apparent knee injury with 17:42 left in the game.

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The Times-News

POCATELLO - Twin Falls Bruin Lehigh Castillo scorched the nets for 23 points Saturday but the Bruins came up short in an 84-77 loss to powerhouse Century.

The Diamondbacks were paced by Matt Stuck's 30-point effort. Twin Falls (4-8) hosts Burley Thursday.

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Raft River 75, Magic Valley Christian 59

MALTA - The Raft River Trojans downed Magic Valley Christian 75-59 Saturday in a Magic Valley Conference clash.

Adam Darrington led the way for the Trojans with 20 points and Bryce Greenwood added 17. Zach Doug had 25 points for the Conquerors.

Raft River (6-5) hosts Hagerman on Tuesday.

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Aberdeen 53, Buhl 52

BUHL - Tim Bourner finished with 21 points but the home-standing Buhl Indians came up short, falling to Aberdeen 59-52 Saturday in a nonconference game.

Bourner had a trio of 3-pointers to lead the way for the Indians. Buhl (1-10) meets Valley Tuesday.

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Scoreboard falls at soccer game

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - A scoreboard fell on two men in Orem Saturday, sending them to a hospital in serious condition.

A cable holding up two basketball scoreboards snapped at about 7:45 p.m. at Canyon-View Junior High School, Orem fire battalion chief Dave Thomas said.

It happened during an indoor soccer game.

Both scoreboards fell, and one of them struck two soccer players, 18 and 30 years old, who were sitting on the sidelines.

Both men were taken to Utah Valley Regional Medical Center with head, neck and back injuries.

They were hit by the heaviest scoreboard, weighing more than 150 pounds and measuring 4-by-4 feet and 8 inches thick. It fell from a distance of about 20 feet, Thomas said.

A steel cable held up both scoreboards. Thomas said it wasn't clear why the cable snapped.

The cable allowed the light bulbs needed changing.

The names of the two injured soccer players were not available. Neither man spoke English, but an interpreter was able to talk to them in Spanish.

Local sports

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also added 16 as Oakley defeated North Gem 57-43.

The Hornets' defense held North Gem to just 16 points in the second and third quarters. Sander Mullin added 12.

Oakley (7-5) hosts Raft River Thursday.

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Ostyn

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He won't miss the constant second-guessing or the sideline arguments. And the late calls from coaches and the time away from home he can do without.

The people though, none that's a different story.

"I'll miss the camaraderie," Ostyn said. "I'll miss just being with the guys. Why would you want to drive three hours to Wood River to officiate a football game? The biggest reason is because four or five of you are in the same car, talking football or whatever. What's more fun than that?"

As Ostyn tells it, he leaves behind a rather quiet legacy, if any at all. His job was as simple and complicated as calling games objectively while preserving fair play and sportsmanship.

Paul has been a promoter of officiating and it's always been a professional," said Bill Young, the executive director of the Idaho High School Activities Association. "He's somebody that made it OK to be an official."

Ostyn has touched an innumerable amount of people first as a coach, then as an administrator and finally as an official.



Paul Ostyn, left and John Robinson work a college game in 1977.

Ed Troxel had an equal impact on my life."

Ostyn started his career at Richfield in 1950 before migrating to Shoshone, Filer and eventually Twin Falls. He helped establish the state track meet for girls when he was given permission to hold an invitational event at Twin Falls High in the early 60s. He also helped found the Bruin wrestling program.

Ostyn will stay on as the rules interpreter for another season as he gradually eases away from the games. He said he and his wife hope to travel and spend time together on Friday nights instead of late autopaid.

"He's really helped a lot of young officials understand that you have to work at being an official," Young said. "It's like anything else. It can be discouraging, but Paul has always been there to give a pat on the back."

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Spartans

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It wasn't the first time Bodensteiner hit shots to break a tie or put the Spartans on front.

After the Indians took their only lead of the game at 15-13 to start the second quarter, Bodensteiner took a charge and hit a basket to put Minico back up for good.

However, it was tied many times thereafter as Bodensteiner and Pocatello's Crystal Alexander waged a two-person battle with each scoring seven times in the early part of the second quarter.

That ended as the game disintegrated into a free-throw shooting contest to end the half as the last nine points before intermission were all scored from the line, including a 4 of 6 performance by the Spartans and a 5 of 10 showing by the Indians.

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However, the Spartans closed the rebounding disadvantage to 33-32 by game's end.

Bodensteiner again went to work with a trio of big baskets in the second quarter to open up a 30-30 tie into a 36-30 lead with 2:46 remaining.

However, her fourth foul soon found her.

But her teammates hung on for Bodensteiner to work her late heroics, including a 4-of-6 performance from the line in the closing minutes as the Indians were forced to foul.

SPORTS

Late turnover does in Utah as Grizzlies win in double overtime

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Jason Williams scored 22 points, and Pau Gasol had 18 as Memphis beat Utah 97-95 in double overtime.

The outcome wasn't decided until Utah's John Starks NBA threw the ball away 4 seconds remaining and the Jazz trying to start a fast-break that could have produced an electrifying end to a roller-coaster night.

The Grizzlies beat the Jazz for only the second time in 24 tries. Karl Malone led the Jazz with 23 points, but didn't score in either overtime period.

Timberwolves 108, Wizards 100 WASHINGTON — Kevin Garnett had 31 points, seven assists and six rebounds Saturday night as the Timberwolves followed up their 18-point victory over the Lakers with a 108-100 win over the Washington Wizards.

Chauncey Billups scored 19 of his season-high 29 points in the first quarter, giving the Timberwolves an early lead they never relinquished. Billups also ended the Wizards' last hope of a comeback with the game's final point, a 3-pointer with 42.6 seconds remaining.

Michael Jordan scored 35 points and was a thrill to watch in the first half as he made his first flashy dunk of the season and toyed with Garnett on three straight possessions.

Celtics 115, Hawks 91 ATLANTA — Paul Pierce scored 31 points and Antoine Walker added 23 for Boston.

The Celtics, who improved to 14-1 when they score 100 points, had lost two straight to Atlanta and entered the game with just two wins in their last seven on the road.

Dion Glover led the Hawks with 19 points. Shaheef Abdur-Rahim had 17 points and 14 rebounds.

Cliff Robinson added 21 to help the Pistons end a three-game slide.

The 28-point victory matched Detroit's biggest of the year and was its first "third win in 15 games. It ended the Hornets' season-high three-game winning streak.

Reserve Corliss Williamson added 17 points for the Pistons, while Ben Wallace had 16 rebounds.

Tracy McGrady had 17 points, 12 rebounds and seven assists for Orlando.

Bucks 102, Knicks 97 NEW YORK — Ray Allen scored a season-high 37 points, including a franchise record-tying eight 3-pointers for the Bucks.

The Knicks scored a season-low 92 points in the first quarter and extended their losing skid to a season-worst five games.

Alton Houston scored a career-best 44 points and led New York's attempt to rally from a 64-0 deficit midway through the third quarter. The Knicks cut their 24-point margin to two.

Houston scored 24 points in the fourth quarter and the Knicks pulled within 86-84 on Kurt Thomas' basket with 3:36 play.

Knicks 98, Nuggets 86 HOUSTON — Eddie Griffin tied his career high with 25 points in 10-of-11 shooting and blocked five shots to lead the Rockets.

Kenny Thomas added 15 points, and Steve Francis had 14 points and seven assists for the Rockets.

Voshon Lenard scored 20 points, and James Posey added 19 to lead the Nuggets, who lost their sixth game in seven outings.

Nick Van Exel, the team's leading scorer with a 23.6-point average, missed his first nine shots from the field and managed only four points on 2-of-14 shooting.

Mavericks 111, Pacers 102 DALLAS — Dirk Nowitzki had 31 points and Steve Nash added 29 points — 15 in the fourth quarter — as Dallas rallied from a 15-point third-quarter deficit.

Eduardo Najera added 13 points and 13 rebounds off the bench for the Mavericks, winners of 13 of their last 15. Nash added 11 assists and Nowitzki 11 rebounds.

Phoenix 108, Heat 74 PHOENIX — Shawn Marion had 21 points in under three quarters, and the Suns ended a five-game losing streak.

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SPORTS

Eagles breeze to wild-card win

Buccaneers face uncertain offseason

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Donovan McNabb has the Philadelphia Eagles headed for Chicago and the second round of the playoffs. After another post-season failure, the Tampa Bay Buccaneers can only watch and wait, perhaps for Bill Parcells.

McNabb threw for two touchdowns and 194 yards and ran for 57 more as the Eagles beat the Bucs 31-9 in the first round of the playoffs Saturday and perhaps ended Tony Dungy's coaching career in Tampa Bay.

"It left the Bucs talking about the Eagles and some of the Eagles talking about Dungy."

"If he gets fired, it's crazy," said Philadelphia tight end Chad Lewis, who caught one of McNabb's TD throws. "He's a great coach and one of the great people in the NFL."

Dungy himself wouldn't speculate on his future.

Asked if he would be dismissed after six seasons, the only winning coach in Tampa Bay history responded, "I don't think so. But I don't make the decisions."

That was the mood of his players, who were quick to praise McNabb and the Eagles, but reluctant to speculate on the future.

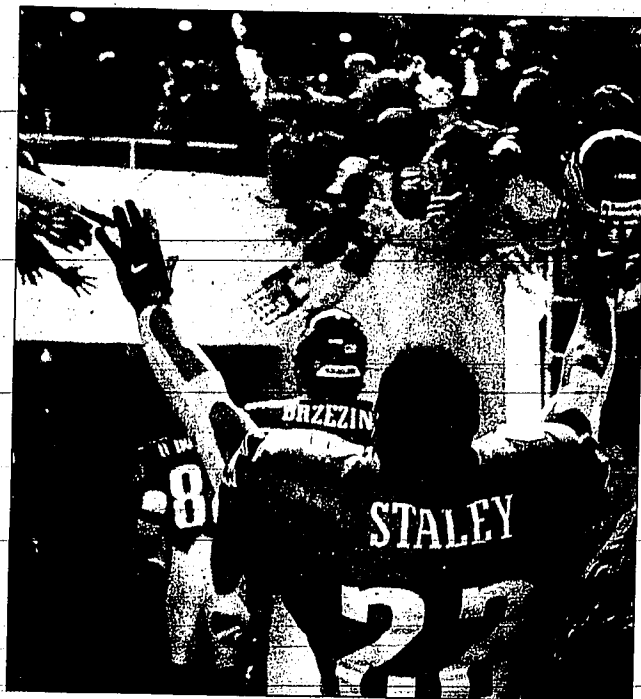
"Next question," Warren Sapp said each time he was asked about Dungy.

Praising McNabb and the Eagles was easy.

In the first half, which ended with Philadelphia leading 17-9, he accounted for 161 of his team's 190 yards, and his 39-yard run after the Bucs took a 3-0 lead seemed to ignite the Eagles. He had 251 yards passing and rushing, all but 83 of the Eagles' total of 334 for the game.

And it wasn't only the running — he kept moving to avoid the rush and was about to take off running to an open field when he found Todd Pinkston for 40 yards to set up the Eagles' field goal.

"I was able to see some lanes and pick up some yardage," said McNabb, who spent much of this season trying to stay in the pocket.



Philadelphia's Duco Staley is cheered by fans after the Eagles' 31-9 win over the Tampa Bay Buccaneers in the NFC wild-card game in Philadelphia Saturday.

Still, the Eagles' win was overshadowed by speculation that this would be Dungy's last game after six seasons as the only winning coach in Bucs history. He could be replaced by Giants coach Tom Coughlin, who led the New York Giants to two Super Bowl victories, took New England to the Super Bowl and the New York Jets to the AFC title game.

The loss was typical of Tampa Bay's offensive failures — the Bucs have had three starting quarterbacks and three offensive coordinators in the last three seasons, and just don't score enough

touchdowns. This was the third straight playoff game they didn't score a TD, and Brad Johnson compounded the problems by throwing four interceptions.

"I talked to this team last night and told them if we can make the decisions about Tony hard or we can make it easy," said Keyshawn Johnson, who played for Parcells with the Jets and was traded by him.

"I'm not worried about Tony. If he's coming back, he'd better get some guys who can play. If they bring in the guy they're talking about bringing in, he

won't stand for it."

The Eagles (12-5) will face the Bears (13-3) in Chicago next Saturday. The Bucs (9-8) go home — wondering whether their future is under Dungy, Parcells or perhaps Steve Spurrier if the notoriously fickle Parcells decides not to take the job. Reports out of Tampa Bay say he already has agreed to a 5-year contract.

But even Eagles coach Andy Reid was talking about Dungy. "Whatever happens," he said, "Tony is a class act and I wish him the best."

Faulk, Strahan gamer unanimous All-Pro bids

The Associated Press

Michael Strahan, who set the single-season sacks record, and Marshall Faulk, with yet another 2000-yard season, were unanimous choices Saturday to The Associated Press NFL All-Pro Team.

While Strahan was the only member of the New York Giants on the squad, Faulk's St. Louis Rams were well-represented. In addition to Faulk, who rushed for 1,382 yards, had 765 yards receiving on 83 catches — best among NFL running backs — for a total of 2,147 from scrimmage, and Faulk's 21 touchdowns, teammates Kurt Warner, Orlando Pace and Aeneas Williams were selected.

On Wednesday, Warner was voted the NFL's Most Valuable Player for the second time in three years. The quarterback also made his second All-Pro Team — both previous honors came in 1999.

Joining the two Rams stars in the All-Pro backfield was Kansas City's Priest Holmes, who led the league in rushing (1,555) and total yards (2,169). Not bad for a player deemed expendable by the Ravens after they won the Super Bowl last year.

Holmes edged Curtis Martin of the Jets by one vote. Strahan had 22.5 sacks in 2001, surpassing the league record of 22 set in 1984 by Mark Gastineau of the Jets. Only by Mark Gastineau's other defensive end choice in balloting by a nationwide panel of 50 sports writers and broadcasters who cover the NFL was the Jets' John Abraham.

"I think the biggest difference between my game and getting the sack is, I supposed to not get it, was that generally I was a little more positive about getting them," Strahan said. "I think it's such mental game when you visualize yourself making a play, you have to finish that play

in your head." Pace's partner at tackle was Walter Jones of Seattle. The Jets' Kevin Mawae was selected at center, with Pittsburgh's Alan Faneca and Dallas' Larry Allen at guard.

Chosen at wide receiver were David Boston of Arizona and Terrell Owens of San Francisco. Boston had career highs of 38 receptions for a league-leading 1,598 yards and eight touchdowns. Owens had 93 catches for 1,127 yards and a league-high 16 touchdowns.

Kansas City's Tony Gonzalez made it at tight end for the third straight year.

Philadelphia's David Akers was the kicker. Akers made 26 of 32 field goals and 37 of 38 extra points for 115 points.

One rookie, kick returner Steve Smith of Carolina, made the team.

Oddly, the Panthers, who had the league's worst record (1-15) and set an ignominious mark by losing 15 in a row, were doubly honored, because punter Todd Sauerbrun was chosen. Sauerbrun easily led the league with a 47.5 gross average, far ahead of the competition.

Along with Strahan and Abraham on the defensive line were tackles Ted Washington of Chicago and Warren Sapp of Tampa Bay. Only Sapp made previous All-Pro teams, in 1999 and 2000.

Inside linebackers Brian Urlacher of Chicago and Ray Lewis of Baltimore received strong support, getting 47 and 40 votes, respectively. They were joined on the outside by Jason Gildon of Pittsburgh and Jamir Miller of Cleveland.

The other cornerback with Williams was Ronde Barber of Tampa Bay, who tied for the NFL lead with 10 interceptions.

The safeties were Brian Dawkins of Philadelphia and Mike Brown of Chicago.

Lindros gets rough reception as Flyers beat up Rangers

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Eric Lindros got a raucous reception from his former fans Saturday, while the rest of teammates took a beating from the Philadelphia Flyers.

Kim Johnsson skated in through the circles and flipped the puck over Mike Richter's shoulder at 5:51 of the third period for the go-ahead goal, giving the Flyers a fight-filled 4-2 win over the Rangers.

Johnsson, one of the players the Flyers got in the trade from Lindros, made it 3-2 and Justin Williams padded the lead with 4:23 left.

Blues 4, Penguins 1

PITTSBURGH — Mario Lemieux played for the first time in nearly two months, but Scott Mellanby beat two goals as St. Louis had the Penguins.

Cory Stillman and Keith Tkachuk scored less than two minutes apart in the third period as the Blues weathered an early Pittsburgh flurry.

Red Wings 5, Stars 2

DETROIT — Brendan Shanahan got the 1,000th point of his NHL career, scoring two goals as the Red Wings won their fifth straight game.

Shanahan scored the game's first two goals and added an assist for Detroit, which outshot Dallas 35-18.

The Red Wings, who lead the NHL with 69 points, have been tough to beat at Joe Louis Arena this season, going 21-4-2.

Kings 3, Sharks 2

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Jaroslav Modry had a goal and an assist, and Los Angeles used its expertise on the power play to hold off the Sharks.

Felix Potvin stopped 39 shots for his 14th career victory over the Sharks as the Kings got power-play goals from Modry and Craig Johnson and another goal from Ziggy Palffy.

Sabres 2, Devils 1

BUFFALO, N.Y. — Martin Biron made 28 saves and Miroslav Satan and Chris Gratton scored to lead the Sabres.

Islanders 5, Bruins 4

BOSTON — Mariusz Czerkawski scored two goals and added an assist and Alexei Yashin had four assists for the Islanders.

Dave Scatchard, Mats Lindgren and Oleg Kvasha also scored for the Islanders, who built a 4-1 first-period lead and held on.

Maple Leafs 1, Canadiens 1

TORONTO — Mats Sundin scored midway through the second period, rallying the Maple Leafs to a 1-1 tie.

Marcel Hossa scored and Joseph Theodore made 38 saves for the Canadiens, who haven't won consecutive games since winning five straight in mid-November.

Curtis Joseph stopped 28 shots for the Maple Leafs, who have just one loss in seven games.

Blue Jackets 5, Blackhawks 4

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Mike Sillinger scored two goals and added an assist to lead the Blue Jackets.

Deron Quint, Rostislav Klesla and Grant Marshall also scored for Columbus, which matched its season high for scoring in a game.

Senators 2, Lightning 1

TAMPA, Fla. — Ottawa goalie Jani Hurne made 30 saves for the Senators.

The penalty shot was awarded after Hurne knocked the net off its moorings.

Hurne made 33 saves as Ottawa beat the Lightning for the seventh straight time.

Predators 2, Mighty Ducks 1

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Petr Tenkrat snapped a tie with a second-period goal against his former team, leading the Nashville Predators to a 2-1 victory over the Anaheim Mighty Ducks.

Tenkrat, acquired on Nov. 10 from Anaheim for Patrik Kjelberg, scored on a slap shot at the 15:49 mark.

Capitals 1, Panthers 0

SUNRISE, Fla. — Jeff Halpern scored a first-period goal and Olli Kolzig made 25 saves as the Washington Capitals beat the Florida Panthers 1-0 Saturday night.

The shutout was Kolzig's second of the season and fourth of his career against Florida.

Whitaker leads West to win in Shrine Game

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — San Jose State's Deonco Whitaker took full advantage of the 77th annual Shrine All-Star game.

Whitaker, hindered by injuries most of the regular season, scored two touchdowns, including the game-clincher in the fourth quarter, as the West beat the East 21-13 on Saturday.

"This was very important for me because I started to doubt myself after the year I had," Whitaker said. "I started to think I may have lost a step. To come out and do well makes me feel good."

Whitaker, selected the offensive MVP, ran for 40 yards and caught three passes for another 40 yards at sparsely populated Paycom Park, home of the San Francisco Giants.

"I feel like I can play anywhere," Whitaker said. "Not too many scouts talked to me, but I went around with a smile on my face. If I can actually get a shot, I can prove what I can do."

Iowa's Kahili Hill caught eight passes for 146 yards for the East, and Louisville's Zeke Parker had six receptions for 110 yards.

Texas linebacker Everick Rawlis was selected the defensive MVP.

Whitaker's 2-yard run with 6:09 remaining clinched the victory.

UC Davis quarterback J.T. O'Sullivan hooked up with Whitaker on a 38-yard pass preceding the touchdown.

"I was pleased with our execution," West coach Mike Bellotti said. "We had some big plays. We missed a couple, but the defense played great."

Stanford's Randy Fasani replaced Oregon quarterback

Joey Harrington, who left the game with a strained MCL in the right knee, midway through the first quarter and drove the West to its first touchdown. Whitaker went the final yard of a 50-yard drive for the score.

Whitaker helped set up the touchdown with a 33-yard run to the East 12. Fasani also completed an 11-yard pass to Arizona State's Delvon Flowers.

"Hopefully it's nothing serious," Bellotti said of Harrington. "He's walking, but it's sore. It will probably be a couple of weeks."

Fasani, who played the remainder of the first half, completed 12 of 16 passes for 87 yards.

Clemson quarterback Woodrow Dantzler made the most of his second-quarter appearance, completing 3-of-4 passes for 102 yards, including a 3-yard scoring toss to Army's Clint Dodson.

Dantzler, who led Clemson to a Humanitarian Bowl victory over Louisiana Tech, completed passes of 51 yards to Hill and 48 yards to Parker.

Illinois quarterback Kurt Kittner, who played the first quarter for the East, was 7-of-19 for 95 yards. Georgia Tech's George Godsey was 7-of-13 for 112 yards in the third quarter.

Florida's Jeff Chandler kicked field goals of 33 and 28 yards, and successfully executed an onside kick to open the second half, recovered by Virginia Tech's Ben Taylor.

Indiana quarterback Antwaan Randle El tried to rally the East, driving inside the West 20 as time ran out.

The West improved to 40-31-5 in the series.



The West's offensive MVP Deonco Whitaker of San Diego State runs untouched into the end zone for a fourth quarter touchdown Saturday during the West's 21-13 win over the East in the Shrine Game in San Francisco.

of the Jets' only Super Bowl victory, New York played well, but couldn't contain Rice, even with double coverage. After winning three of their final four regular-season games to sneak into the playoffs, the Jets failed to earn just their second playoff victory since 1986.

Zack Crockett's 2-yard TD run on the first play of the fourth quarter was set up by a 47-yard catch by Rice, who became the oldest player in NFL history with

a 100-yard receiving game in the playoffs. It was the eighth such game of the 39-year-old Rice's postseason career.

After the Jets (10-7) closed to 24-17 on Richie Anderson's 3-yard TD reception with 10:18 left, Rice again took charge. He made a key 21-yard catch before scoring all alone in front of the Black Hole, where the fans nearly collapsed the small barrier holding them in.

Raiders

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with 5:53 left, giving the Raiders a 31-17 lead. It was their only play off TD, moving him one behind Thurman Thomas and Emmitt Smith for the NFL record.

The Jets pulled within seven points on Vinny Testaverde's second TD pass to Wayne Chrebet, with 1:51 left. After the Raiders with New York to use its final two timeouts, Garner sprinted down Oakland's sideline on third-

and-10 for the clinching score. After losing four games during a six-week slide that cost Oakland a first-round playoff bye and threatened its once-promising season, the Raiders snuffed back into form.

Sebastian Janikowski, a week after sitting out a game with cellulitis, was perfect on three field goals, and Pro Bowl starter Garrison passed for 294 yards.

On the 33-year anniversary of

Bruins knock Jayhawks off perch

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Matt Barnes scored 27 points and No. 11 UCLA got key contributions from everybody else to beat No. 1 Kansas 87-77 Saturday, snapping the Jayhawks' 13-game winning streak.

The Jayhawks (13-2), whose only other loss was to College Ball State the day before that same team upset UCLA in November, had won the last three meetings with the Bruins.

No. 3 Florida 95, Vanderbilt 85
NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Matt Bonner scored 28 points to lead five Gators in double figures and had 12 rebounds as Florida won its 13th straight.

The Gators (14-1, 3-0 Southeastern Conference) also won their 10th consecutive league game and won consecutive games in Memorial Gym for the first time since 1984-1985.

No. 5 Oklahoma 99, Texas Tech 72

NORMAN, Okla. — Hollis Price had a career-high 27 points and Ebi Ere added 25 as the Sooners handed coach Bob Knight his first Big 12 Conference loss.

The Sooners (13-1, 2-0) controlled the game from the start and won their 12th straight.

Kasib Powell had 16 points for Texas Tech (13-2, 2-1), which had won 10 in a row.

No. 6 Oklahoma State 69, Iowa St. 66

AMES, Iowa — Ivan McFarlin scored 16 points and Oklahoma State overcame a career-high 30 points by Tyrar Pearson to end the Cyclones' 19-game conference winning streak at home.

Oklahoma State (15-1, 2-1 Big 12) led by 10 points with eight minutes to play then held on over Iowa State (9-8, 1-2).

No. 7 Virginia 71, North Carolina 67

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. — Roger Mason Jr. scored 18 points, including four free throws over the final 41 seconds, for the Cavaliers (10-2, 1-2 Atlantic Coast Conference), who lost their first two league games.

Craig Lang led 19 points for the Tar Heels (9-13), who matched the school record for home losses in a season with five and lost to Virginia for just the second time in 17 games in the Smith Center.

No. 8 Kentucky 51, South Carolina 50

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Cliff Hawkins' driving shot with 3.4 seconds to go gave the Wildcats (10-4, 1-2) their 11th straight win over South Carolina (10-5, 0-2) and saved them from their first 0-start in the Southeastern Conference since 1975-76.

No. 9 Illinois 94, Michigan 70

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. — Brian Cook had 20 points and Robert



UCLA's Matt Barnes, center, is congratulated by teammates Cedric Bozeman, right, and Andre Patterson after a slam dunk during the Bruins' 87-77 win over the No. 1 Jayhawks Saturday in Los Angeles.

Archibald added 19 points and nine rebounds for the Illini (13-4, 2-2 Big Ten), who shot 58 percent in extending its homecourt winning streak to 26 games.

LaVell Blanchard led the Wolverines (6-7, 2-2) with 17 points.

No. 10 Cincinnati 83, Houston 62

HOUSTON — Leonard Stokes scored 19 points and Steve Logan added 16 as the Bearcats (15-1, 3-0 Conference USA) extended the nation's longest winning streak to 15 games.

Louis Trusscott had 12 points for the Cougars (7-7, 1-2), who have lost eight straight to Cincinnati and are 1-20 in the series.

No. 12 Syracuse 75, West Virginia 69

MORGANTOWN, W. Va. — Preston Shumpert had 21 points and a season-high 11 rebounds for the Orangemen (15-2, 4-0 Big East), who ran their winning streak to six games and won for the first time in Morgantown in three tries.

Jonathan Hargett and Chris Moss each had 17 points for West Virginia (7-7, 0-3), which lost its fifth straight.

Oregon 87, No. 14 Stanford 79

EUGENE, Ore. — Luke Jackson scored 27 points as the Ducks (12-4, 5-1 Pac-10) snapped a 10-game losing streak against the Cardinal and improved to 10-0 — including 4-0 in the conference — at home.

Casey Jacobsen scored a career-high 32 points for Stanford (9-4, 2-2), while center Curtis Borchardt had a career-high 29 points and nine rebounds.

Auburn 59, No. 14 Alabama 56

AUBURN, Ala. — Marquis Daniels scored Auburn's final eight points as the Tigers (9-5, 1-2 Southeastern Conference) blew a

big lead then rallied for their sixth win in the last eight meetings with Alabama.

Erwin Dudley had 17 points and nine rebounds for the Crimson Tide (14-3, 2-1), who had their eight-game winning streak snapped.

Georgetown 70, No. 16 Boston College 43

BOSTON — Mike Sweeney had 15 points and 11 rebounds for the Hoyas (10-5, 1-2 Big East), who snapped a four-game losing streak.

Kenny Walls scored 16 points for Boston College (13-3, 2-2).

No. 17 Missouri 81, Kansas St. 66

MANHATTAN, Kan. — Arthur Johnson had a career-high 23 points and grabbed 15 rebounds and Kareem Rush scored 20 points to lead the Tigers (12-4, 2-1 Big 12), who had lost four of their last six.

Larry Reid had 17 points for the Wildcats (6-7, 0-2).

No. 19 Wake Forest 96, Clemson 55

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. — Antwan Scott scored 17 points to lead a dominating frontcourt performance as Wake Forest (13-3, 3-0 Atlantic Coast Conference) won its fifth straight overall and seventh in a row over the Tigers.

Juan McKnight had 18 points for Clemson (15-2, 2-2), which lost 92-60 in the teams' last meeting.

No. 21 Miami 77, Virginia Tech 68

BLACKSBURG, Va. — Elton Tyler scored 20 points for the Hurricanes (15-2, 2-2 Big East), who snapped a two-game losing streak. Darius Rice hit two 3-pointers in the final three minutes to help send the Hokies (6-10, 0-4) to their 13th consecutive conference loss.

Terry Taylor led Virginia Tech with 17 points.

Mississippi 66, No. 22 Mississippi St. 59

OXFORD, Miss. — Justin Reed scored 17 points to lead Mississippi (13-3, 2-1 Southeastern Conference), which was 5 for 11 from 3-point range in the second half.

Mario Austin had 18 points for the Bulldogs (14-3, 1-2).

Note Dame 56, No. 23 Pittsburgh 53

PITTSBURGH — David Graves hit a go-ahead 3-pointer with 54 seconds remaining and Notre Dame (12-3, 2-1 Big East) scored the final eight points in snapping the Panthers' 10-game winning streak.

Brandin Knight had 13 points for Pittsburgh (15-2, 3-1), which returned to the Top 25 this week and was off to the best start since the 1973-74 teams opened 22-1.

No. 24 Butler 68, Youngstown St. 50

YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio — Ryan Hainje scored 14 points and Mike Monserec added 12 for the Bulldogs (15-2, 2-2 Horizon League). Thomas Jackson added 11 points and six assists for Butler, which is ranked in the Top 25 for the first time in 53 years.

Ryan Patton had 16 points for the Penguins (3-11, 1-3), who had never played host to a ranked team since becoming a Division I program in 1981.

Wisconsin 64, No. 25 Michigan St. 63

EAST LANSING, Mich. — Charlie Willis scored 17 points and Freddie Owens added 12, including the go-ahead basket with 25 seconds left for Wisconsin (9-8, 2-2 Big Ten), which ended the nation's longest home winning streak at 53 games.

Frenchmen finish 1-2 at biathlon World Cup

OSL, Norway — Ralph Poiree and Vincent Defrasne on Saturday became the first Frenchmen to finish first and second at a biathlon World Cup event.

Poiree had just one miss and completed the 15-kilometer event with a mass start in 42 minutes, 42.4 seconds, edging Defrasne by 1.1 seconds.

Russia's Viktor Maigurov overcame two penalty rounds from misses to finish third at 9.0

Calix controls South African Open

DURBAN, South Africa — South Africa's Tim Clark shot a 4-under-par 68 in windy conditions Saturday to take a two-stroke lead after the third round of the South African Open.

Clark had a 12-under 204 total. U.S. Open champion Retief Goosen of South Africa shot a 69 to match England's Jonathan Lomas (71) at 206.

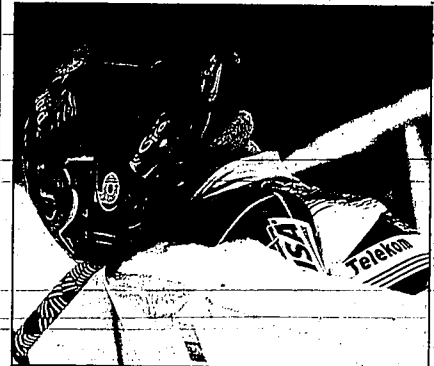
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Picabo places 18th in disappointing downhill



U.S. skier Picabo Street shows her dejection after managing just an 18th place finish Saturday at the World Cup downhill in Saalbach, Austria.

Germany's Gerg grabs second win

SAALBACH-HINTERGLEMM, Austria (AP) — Hilde Gerg of Germany won her second World Cup downhill in two days on Saturday, finishing ahead of a trio of Austrians.

Gerg swept down the Zwoelferkogel course in 1 minute 22.31 seconds. Renate Goetschl was next, .05 seconds behind, followed by Michaela Dorfmeister and Brigitte Obermoser, who shared fourth place with Pernilla Wiberg of Sweden.

"It was a good run and a good result," Gerg said. "I was a bit surprised and a bit proud to have won the double downhill. It doesn't happen very often and not many people manage to do it."

Among U.S. racers, Kirstin Clark was 16th at 1:23.90, Caroline Lalive 17th at 1:23.91, Picabo Street 18th at 1:24.31, Lindsey Kildow 24th at 1:24.31, Kathleen Monahan 27th at 1:24.89 and Julia Mancuso 41st at 1:25.21.

Hannawald soars to new ski jumping record

WILLINGEN, Germany — Sven Hannawald of Germany got the highest point total in ski jumping history Saturday when he won his record-tying fifth straight World Cup event.

Competing before 40,000 spectators, Hannawald got 319.1 points for leaps of 141.5 and 148.0 meters. The points topped the previous mark of 316.0, set last year by Poland's Adam Malysz at Willingen.

Hannawald has six World Cup wins this year, matching Malysz, who leads "The overall standings."

Matti Hautamaki of Finland was with 309.0 points on jumps of 137 and 148 meters, followed by Veli-Matti Lindstrom of Finland, whose leaps of 141 and 135 gave him 298.8.

Maj, Tchepalova win World Cup races

NOVE MESTO, Czech Republic — Fabio Maj of Italy won a men's 10-kilometer freestyle cross country World Cup race Saturday, while Russia's Julia Tchepalova won the women's 5-kilometer freestyle.

Maj, 48th in the World Cup standings prior to the race, finished in 26 minutes, 12.9 seconds for the second victory of his career.

Jaak Mae of Estonia was second, 1.9 seconds back, and Kristen Skjeldal of Norway was third, 4.1 seconds behind.

Bergthou wins freestyle ski event

MONT-TREMBLANT, Quebec — Eric Bergthou won a World Cup freestyle ski event Saturday, beating Jeff Bean of Canada.

Jacqui Cooper of Australia won the women's event, followed by Alla Tsipura of Belarus and Veronika Bauer of Canada.

Woods slips in rainy New Zealand Open

PARAPARAUMU BEACH, New Zealand (AP) — Tiger Woods four-putted the second hole for a double bogey and appeared to slightly injure his left wrist Sunday in the final round of the New Zealand Open.

Woods, who began the round seven strokes behind leader Stephen Leaney of Australia, was 1 under for the round after 10 holes and 3 under for the tournament.

New Zealand's Michael Campbell held the lead at 9 under through seven holes. Leaney was a stroke back along with New Zealand's Steve Alker

and Australia's Craig Parry. Following his double bogey on the par-3 second hole, Woods stopped in his downsuing on his tee shot on No. 3. He appeared to wince in pain and held his left wrist, saying "Ow."

After stepping back for a few moments, he hit his tee shot into the fairway. He ended up with a bogey on the hole, leaving him 3 over for the round after four holes. He rebounded with birdies on Nos. 6 and 7 and reached 3 under with a birdie on No. 10.

Kelly opens lead at Sony Open
HONOLULU — Jerry Kelly

birdied on the final two holes Saturday for a 5-under 65, allowing him to pull away from a large pack and take a two-stroke lead in the Sony Open.

Kelly, seeking his first PGA Tour victory, had a tap-in birdie on the 189-yard 17th hole and two-putted from about 45 feet for birdie on the 18th to finish at 14-under 196.

PGA champion David Tom got into contention with the best score of a windy day near Diamondhead, a 7-under 63 that left him two strokes behind. John Cook had an even-par 70 and also was at 198.

Jim Furyk missed 7-foot birdie

putts on the final two holes and still had a 64, three strokes out of the lead.

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Tennis

Australian Open — her third in a row at Melbourne Park.

In the men's final, Roger Federer defeated qualifier Juan Ignacio Chela 6-3, 6-3.

Hings got her third win in six years at an Australian Open. It was the first appearance in a final since April for the former No. 1.

"It's nice being back out there now with the best and competing with everyone," she said.

Sampras beats Agassi for title of Aussie Warmup

MELBOURNE, Australia — Pete Sampras and Andre Agassi

resumed their epic duel from the U.S. Open, slugging through two more tiebreakers Saturday before Sampras took the trophy in a warmup for the Australian Open.

Helped by 24 aces, Sampras won the Kooyong Classic exhibition tournament with a 7-6 (6), 6-7 (6), 6-3 victory in 1 hour, 48 minutes in swirling wind.

In one of the greatest of the matches between the two old rivals, Sampras beat Agassi in four tiebreak sets without a service break in last year's U.S. Open quarterfinals.

Sucha wins first WTA Tour title in Australia

HOBART, Australia

Hings rediscovered winning ways at Adidas

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) — Martina Hings figures a break from tennis was just what she needed to rediscover her winning form in the lead-up to another Australian Open.

She won her second straight Adidas International championship, 6-2, 6-3 Saturday over No. 8 Meghann Shaughnessy, for her first title in 11 months.

"It's more than I expected at first. It gives me confidence going into the Aussie Open," Hings said. "I'm here, I'm ready and I'm back."

In her first tournament back after three months off due to an ankle injury, Hings exceeded her expectations. Now she's hopeful of winning her first Grand Slam title since the 1999

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CONSOLIDATED UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENT
At the close of business December 31, 2001

ASSETS:	12/31/2001	12/31/2000
Mortgage Loans and Other Liens on Real Estate	\$153,525,000	\$145,884,000
Mortgage Related Securities	11,544,000	4,431,000
Commercial Loans	13,706,000	11,898,000
Consumer Loans	15,480,000	15,816,000
Home Equity Lines of Credit	11,770,000	10,774,000
VISA Cards and Related Plans	1,355,000	1,291,000
Real Estate Owned and in Judgement	0	0
Other Repossessed Assets	7,000	0
Cash on Hand and in Banks	7,852,000	7,104,000
Investments and Securities	47,620,000	98,498,000
Fixed Assets Less Depreciation	7,101,000	6,074,000
Deferred Charges and Other Assets	3,263,000	2,348,000
Total Assets	\$273,223,000	\$244,118,000

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LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH:	12/31/2001	12/31/2000
Deposit Accounts	\$234,685,000	\$207,315,000
Advances from the Federal Home Loan Bank	6,000,000	8,000,000
Other Borrowed Money	3,231,000	2,040,000
Other Liabilities	5,192,000	4,565,000
Undivided Profits	24,115,000	22,198,000
Total Liabilities and Net Worth	\$273,223,000	\$244,118,000

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Mini-Cassia chamber holds breakfast

BURLEY — The Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce will hold a "Tost and Topics" session from 7:30 to 9 a.m. Thursday at Connor Cafe. A no-host breakfast is available.

The meeting will focus on the 2002 economic outlook for Mini-Cassia. Those attending will have an opportunity to ask home-town financial experts about their projections on interest rates and local economic forecasts.

Panel participants will be Todd Barney of U.S. Bank, Randy Hawkins of Wells Fargo Bank, Greg Osterhout of Zions Bank, Ron Clawson of First Federal Savings and Dan Lloyd of D.L. Evans Bank.

CSI offers Quick Books course for businesses

TWIN FALLS — Three evenings of instruction in Quick Books, an accounting and inventory control software program, is being offered through the Idaho Small Business Development Center at the College of Southern Idaho.

Classes will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. Jan. 17, 24 and 31 in Room C93 of the Evergreen Building at CSI. The first class will be spent entirely on setting up a company on Quick Books 2001. Students should be familiar with basic accounting terms and have Windows 95 or higher experience with a personal computer.

Cost is \$100; enrollment is limited to 15. Preregistration and prepayment are required.

Builders association plans installation event

TWIN FALLS — Magic Valley Builders Association plans its 2002 installation event this week.

Food industry executive joins Albertson's Inc.

TWIN FALLS — Boise-based Albertson's Inc., a food and drug retailer with Magic Valley stores, said food industry executive Terry Lee joined the company as vice president, corporate brands.

Compelled from staff reports

Big changes in our tax laws

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Lower income taxes, a bigger child tax credit, new breaks for education and enhanced retirement savings are only a few of the dozens of changes awaiting taxpayers in 2002 as a result of the sweeping tax law enacted last year.

In all, the 10-year, \$1.35 trillion tax cut passed by Congress and signed by President Bush last June made 441 tax law changes, according to H&R Block Inc. Most will be gradually phased in over the decade, but some important ones are already



in effect. The changes are some of the most significant shifts in the tax code we've seen in many years," said Mark A. Ernst, H&R Block president and chief executive officer. Even with the changes, the Internal Revenue Service is promising a "smooth" tax filing season through this year's deadline of midnight April 15. The IRS expects to get about 132 million individual tax returns this year, including a projected 45

million that will be filed electronically.

Due to extra mailroom precautions resulting from last year's anthrax scare, IRS Commissioner Charles Rossotti says taxpayers should give computer e-filing a fresh look to reduce the chance for paperwork delays and to cut the agency's costs.

"The less paper we get, the better off we're going to be," Rossotti said.

Millions of taxpayers already received some benefit of the big tax cut in the form of rebate checks of up to \$600 that were

mailed out over the summer and fall. The checks represented only a sampling of what's to come.

Key changes affecting 2001 returns:

- The child tax credit for eligible families rises from \$500 to \$600.
- Taxpayers who did not receive a rebate check or get less than the full amount may be able to claim a credit for the money that will either reduce their tax bills or increase their refunds.

Alternative minimum tax exemptions rise by \$4,000 for married couples filing jointly, \$2,000 for individuals and heads

of households.

- Income tax rates, except the 15 percent rate, were reduced by one percentage point on July 1, 2001.

More is on tap for 2002. For starters, a new 10 percent income tax rate will apply to the first \$6,000 earned by single taxpayers, \$10,000 for heads of households and \$12,000 for married couples filing jointly.

For 2001, the rebate checks were chosen by Congress to deliver the benefit of this lower tax bracket. The upper income tax rate cuts remain the same. Please see CHANGES, Page D3

Estate tax begins to phase out

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Estate tax exemptions rise and the top tax rate falls in 2002 as the tax begins its long march to repeal at the beginning of 2010 — a situation that opens up a whole new set of problems.

The 10-year, \$1.35 trillion tax cut enacted last year will gradually phase out the estate or "death" tax over the next decade while increasing the amount exempt from tax. In 2002, the top tax rate falls from 55 percent to 50 percent and the per-person exemption rises from \$675,000 to \$1 million; a couple can exempt \$2 million with minimal estate planning.

Looking ahead, the new tax law scraps the estate tax on Jan. 1, 2010. Before repeal, the top tax rate drops only to 45 percent but the exempt amount rises to \$3.5 million.

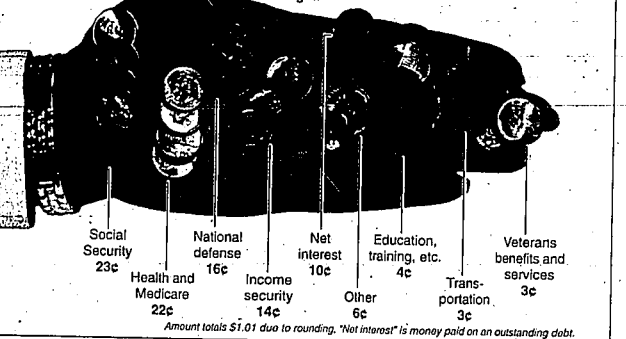
But because of a Senate budget rule, the law ending the tax expires exactly a year later, on Jan. 1, 2001.

That means unless Congress makes the tax cut permanent, the estate tax will reappear as it was in 2001. It also means that people who expect to have taxable estates have some choices to make, based on what they believe might happen in the future.

Most estate planners say it's wise to assume some inheritance tax will be in place, no matter when you die. Many believe that Congress will keep the higher exemptions in place to protect farmers and small businesses, but will eventually reinstate an

Where each tax dollar goes

A breakdown of how the federal government spends each tax dollar, according to the fiscal year 2002 budget:



SOURCE: Tax Foundation

AP

estate tax. "It's hard to imagine that the federal government is going to allow a large amount of wealth to pass through generations without them taking a piece of it," said Don Weigandt, vice president for wealth advisory at J.P. Morgan Private Bank in Los Angeles.

A case in point: President Reagan's 1981 tax cut reduced the top estate tax rate from 70 percent to 50 percent over four years. After three years, the top rate fell to 55 percent as scheduled but Congress froze it there because revenue needs had changed — just as deficits now are replacing surpluses in Washington.

Assuming the tax remains, Weigandt said there are several strategies to consider. The most common one is to give money away during lifetime to reduce the taxable estate left at the end. "If you want to save on estate taxes, you need to die with less assets," he said. "It's kind of

tough to time your last expenditure to your last breath, so it's better to give assets away during your lifetime."

An individual can give up to \$11,000 away each year to an unlimited number of people without incurring gift taxes, on the appreciation of an inflation-adjustment from the \$10,000 previous limit. There is no limit on gifts to a spouse.

The lifetime gift tax exemption for gifts exceeding these limits is \$1 million — an increase of \$325,000 over last year that remains the new permanent cap.

There are a number of trusts and partnerships involving children that can reduce the amount of taxable assets. For example, a "freeze" strategy involves selling an appreciating asset to the kids for an installment note with a reasonable interest, which effectively shifts the bulk of the profit to children without exposing it to estate tax.

As time goes on, adjustments might be needed to such

arrangements as the tax-exempt amount rises from \$1 million to \$3.5 million. In some situations, the children might wind up with the full inheritance while the spouse gets nothing, or vice versa.

Another thing to consider is the change in capital gains taxes that accompanies repeal of the estate tax in 2010.

Beginning then, heirs can be held liable for taxes on all of the capital gains associated with an asset from the time the decedent purchased it. Under current law, heirs pay capital gains taxes only on the appreciation of the asset from the date the owner died to when the heirs sell it.

Bottom line: An heir in 2010 could face a much bigger capital gains tax bill on any inherited assets that are sold.

There is some relief, however. Executors of estates will be able to increase the basis of assets in the estate by up to \$1.3 million with another \$3 million available for spouse inheritances.

Alternative minimum tax may get worse

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — There's good news and bad news this year regarding the dreaded alternative minimum tax.

First, the good news: Exemptions for individuals and married couples go up, meaning less income is subject to the tax. Individuals and heads of households can exempt \$2,000 more, for a total of \$35,750, and married couples filing jointly can exempt \$45,000, or \$4,000 more.

Now the bad news: An estimated 14 million taxpayers will still find themselves paying more to



the years ahead.

Originally designed to prevent wealthy taxpayers from using legal loopholes to escape income taxes, the alternative minimum tax now is snaring more and more middle-class taxpayers who have multiple credits and deductions. One reason is that it was never indexed for inflation, so it affects more people as their

incomes rise.

"Over the years, many of these shelters have been curbed," said Bob Trinz, an editor at RIA's Federal Taxes Weekly Alert, a leading publication for accountants. "Much of the motivation for the AMT has fallen away, but the AMT is still here."

The 10-year, \$1.35 trillion tax cut enacted this year will only make the problem worse in the years ahead because minimum tax rates were not reduced. The Joint Committee on Taxation, which provides formal estimates of tax law for Congress, projects that

by 2010 about 35 million taxpayers will pay the alternative minimum tax, compared with 17 million before the big tax cut.

The alternative minimum tax is frequently triggered when taxpayers have multiple large deductions. People with large families and those who live in high-tax states are particularly vulnerable, Trinz said.

To determine if the alternative minimum tax comes into play, a taxpayer must first figure regular income tax and then do the AMT version, leaving out many of the credits and deductions. Please see ALTERNATIVE, Page D3

Low-income taxpayers face lower capital gains

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Taxpayers with relatively modest incomes could take advantage this year of a new 8 percent capital gains tax rate for long-term investments they sold in 2001. Others will have to wait until at least 2006 to take advantage of another lower rate.

Beginning in January 2001 taxpayers whose capital gains tax rate is 10 percent saw it drop to 8 percent for assets they have held for at least five years.

But that tax break is expected to apply to relatively few investors on their 2001 tax



returns because income above \$77,000 for a single taxpayer is taxed at a 15 percent rate. Only those taxpayers whose income from sources other than the capital gains is below \$27,000 can qualify for the 8 percent rate.

Far more people are likely to be affected by a new 18 percent capital gains rate on investments made in 2001 or later and held for at least five years. Anyone, regardless of their other income, will be able to take advantage of

it. Most gains on assets held longer than one year are taxed at a 20 percent rate.

A higher income taxpayer would have to wait until 2006 at the earliest to sell an asset purchased in 2001 to qualify for the 18 percent rate.

It gets even more confusing. When Congress passed the law authorizing these new lower rates in 1997, it decided to give taxpayers a way to make their pre-2001 investments potentially qualify for the lower 18 percent rate without actually selling and repurchasing them. It's called a "deemed-sale" election and it's irrevocable.

"What it means is, I can take something I bought in 1993 and treat it as if I had bought it in 2001," said Jackie Perlman, senior tax research analyst at H&R Block.

There's a catch: The 18 percent tax on the gains so far would have to be paid in this year. So taxpayers who make the deemed sale election would owe taxes on the difference between their basis in the asset and its value on Jan. 1, 2001. While gains are reportable, losses are not allowed on a deemed sale. Future gains also would be taxed at 18 percent, if the asset is not sold before 2006.

Tax cut takes effect

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Many taxpayers who did not receive a rebate check in 2001 could get the benefit when they file income tax returns this year. Even some children could qualify.

The 10-year, \$1.35 trillion tax cut enacted in 2001 by Congress and President Bush created a new 10 percent income tax rate that was retroactive to Jan. 1, 2001. To give people speedy and tangible tax relief, the Treasury Department was told to cut checks of up to \$300 for individuals, \$500 for heads of households and \$600 for married couples filing jointly.

The new 10 percent tax rate applies to the first \$6,000 of a single filer's taxable income, \$10,000 for a head of household and \$12,000 for a married couple.

To figure out who should get a check in 2001, the Internal Revenue Service relied on information from the 2000 tax filing season — the most recent available. That means many people whose 2000 taxable income was low but who had sufficient income to qualify for the full benefit in 2001 might not have received a check or got less than the full amount.

In addition, people who were claimed as dependents on 2000 tax returns were barred from receiving a rebate check, even though they may have had sufficient taxable income in 2001.

To give a tax cut to those people, Congress created a Rate Reduction Credit allowing them to benefit from the 10 percent rate reduction — which will reduce taxes and partially increase refunds by up to \$600.

The credit can be claimed on line 47 of the 1040 form, line 30 of the 1040A form and line 7 of the 1040EZ form.

Things are a bit different for rebate checks, but congressional leaders later clarified the law so that many of them should still benefit from the income tax cut.

Instructions for this year's tax forms include a worksheet for dependents to determine if they qualify. These dependents still must have sufficient taxable income in order to get the maximum of \$300 for individuals.

Non-resident alien taxpayers, who also were excluded from the checks, can benefit from the 10 percent rate on their 2001 returns, too, if they had tax liability.

Needless to say, people who got rebate checks in the full amount for their 2001 filing status can't put in a new claim for the same money on their 2001 tax returns.

The 10 percent rate will remain a fixture of the income tax system unless Congress changes it in a future year, increasing take-home pay for all wage earners. In 2008, the rate will begin applying to the first \$7,000 of an individual's income and \$14,000 for a married couple — but it will remain at \$10,000 for a head of household.

YOUR BUSINESS

MILESTONES

Jerome men start

Bio-Earth Elements Inc.
JEROME — Two local men recently started a new company, Bio-Earth Elements Inc., which deals with management of waste lagoon problems and soil amendments.

Kirby Koop is president and Tim Franklin is vice president. Koop has degrees in chemistry and biology and has used that background, along with experience gained on a former job, to change and upgrade several products and create some new ones.

Koop said the business has a variety of products, such as **Stubble Digester**, which, when sprayed on a field, helps with decomposition of anything dead in or on the field and turns it into nutrients for the soil. It also makes a product, **Bio-Activator**, to treat waste ponds that convert solids to a dissolved state which can be pumped out of the pond. He added it "absolutely eliminates the smell by eliminating the ammonia nitrate and it also reduces the phosphate counts."

He said the business is working with 21 dairies.

"Every product we sell is certified organic," he said.

Franklin, with a fertilizer and farm-implement background,

handles marketing for humic acid.

"It breaks down fertilizer molecules so the root of the plant can absorb more of the fertilizer," Koop said.

Koop is in charge of the dairy operations and garden products. He said the two are coming out with a garden line in the spring with four different varieties, one each for flowers, vegetables, trees and shrubs, and grass and turf.

Bio-Earth Elements is at 405 S. 200 E. in Jerome County, just off U.S. Highway 93 north of the Interstate. The phone number is 324-4899.



investment services. The bank's Internet site — at devians.com — lets users print a current statement, transfer funds, order checks and make payments.

D.L. Evans has served Idaho since 1904. It has an administration center in Burley; nine branch offices in Albion, Burley, Rupert, Twin Falls, Jerome and Boise; an operations center, loan center, data services center, investment center and two real estate mortgage offices.

The newest facility's grand opening will be announced later.

Irrigation dealer in Jerome earns Top 10 distinction

JEROME — Nebraska-based Reinke, manufacturer of mechanized irrigation systems, named its 2000-01 Top 10 selling dealerships in the United States and Canada, including Farmore Inc. in Jerome.

The Top 10 dealerships are based on dollar volume of sales, which includes all Reinke system sales and replacement parts sales combined. The awards were presented at Reinke's four regional sales meetings this fall.

J.D. Power study ranks Countrywide loans No. 1

TWIN FALLS — J.D. Power

and Associates ranked Countrywide Home Loans highest in overall customer satisfaction among the largest national mortgage lenders, Countrywide said.



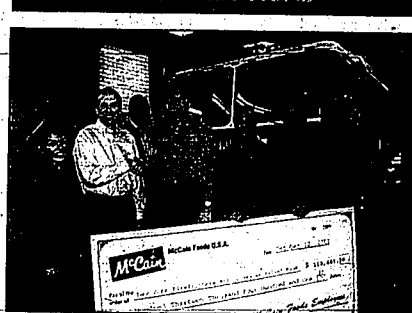
Tony L. Nicholson

The ranking was based on the inaugural Home Mortgage Study conducted by the global marketing information services firm, Countrywide Home Loans is the primary subsidiary of Calabasas, Calif.-based Countrywide Credit Industries, Inc., a diversified financial services provider.

The J.D. Power and Associates study used responses from more than 6,800 home mortgage customers across the United States. According to the study, because customers have very few occasions to interact with their lenders, each "touch point" is critical in influencing customer satisfaction.

Countrywide Home Loans originates, purchases, securitizes, sells and services home loans. It has a new retail office at 778 Falls Ave., Suite B1A, in Twin Falls. Tony L. Nicholson is branch manager.

CONTRIBUTIONS



Representatives of Mc Cain Foods USA present a check to the Engine No. 65 Fire Station in Manhattan. Peter Rejulia, president of Mc Cain Foods USA - Retail Business, shakes hands with Capt. Murtagh. Also representing Mc Cain are Anna Compest, human resources manager, and Troy Jamison, plant manager at the Mc Cain plant in Lodi, N.J., which is 11 miles from the World Trade Center site. Firefighters (from left) Tom Orlando, Rob Lopez and Chris Remusat also met with Mc Cain representatives.

Representatives of Mc Cain Foods USA, which has a plant in Burley, met with New York City firefighters and police officials recently to present money raised by Mc Cain employees following the Sept. 11 attacks.

Mc Cain Foods raised \$67,299.06 for the World Trade Center Police Disaster Relief Fund and \$113,401.38 for the New York Firefighters 9-11 Disaster Relief Fund. Employees at the various Mc Cain plants helped raise the money through personal donations and fund-raising activities, such as bake sales, auctions and raffles. Mc Cain Foods contributed \$2 for every dollar raised by the employees.

D.L. Evans Bank plans to open Boise branch

BURLEY — D.L. Evans Bank said it received approval from the Idaho Department of Finance and Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. for the bank's application to open a branch in Boise this month. The newest office of D.L. Evans Bank will be in the Vista Village at 1002 Vista Ave. in Boise.

The office will be a full-service financial institution providing a full lending facility — consumer, small-business, commercial, agricultural, home equity and real estate mortgage loans — and a full range of deposit and

CAREER MOVES

TWIN FALLS — Countrywide Home Loans said Amanda Shaw has completed all of Countrywide's mandatory classes, provided to meet customers' needs and provide one-stop shopping for a home loan.

Classes include Countrywide Home Loans' proprietary Fast & Easy, Fastrack, Tax Advantage Mortgage Insurance, privacy, home equity lending and 10-day closing guarantee, along with others.

Shaw, a home loan consultant, has four years of mortgage experience and is responsible for originating both first mortgages and home equity loans. She has authority to approve loans up front and locally.

TWIN FALLS — Countrywide Home Loans said Tom Hawley joined the company as a home loan consultant.



Amanda Shaw

Hawley, with 20 years' experience, is responsible for originating both first mortgages and home equity loans. He has authority to approve loans up front and locally.

TWIN FALLS — State Farm introduced Matt Stokes as a new agent in Twin Falls.

Stokes opened his office Jan. 2 at 1688 Kimberly Road, Suite 1. He is taking over the agency of Sandra McDermott-Anderson, who is retiring.

Stokes has over five years' experience with State Farm in a variety of customer service and marketing positions. He recently completed State Farm's agency training program. He is a graduate of Boise State University.

His office will offer a full line of State Farm insurance and financial service products.



Matt Stokes

Stokes' agency will hold an open house Feb. 7. The public is welcome. Refreshments will be served, and road atlases will be given away while supplies last.

Office hours are 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Evening and weekend appointments are welcome. The telephone number is 734-8327 or, for callers outside of Twin Falls, 1-800-542-8327.

RUPERT — Tina Kraus, formerly of Rupert, was hired by Dan Rafter's news program at CBS.

Kraus, a producer, writer and editor for the program, edits video footage from Afghanistan-based CBS correspondents such as Drew Levinson and Kim Dozier. She was hired by Dan Rafter's program in October, just weeks after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. Kraus



Tina Kraus

works daily, editing video shot by the Afghanistan-based correspondents, as well as writing and producing for the newscast.

This is the first time in her broadcasting career she has worked behind the camera rather than in front of it. A 1990 Minico High School graduate, Kraus attended St. Paul's North West College, where she earned a degree in broadcast journalism. She worked at Twin Falls-based KMYT and eventually signed on with KIDD in Idaho Falls. In 1999, Kraus was hired by New York's ABC affiliate WRNN-TV. Kraus was working as an anchor for WRNN Sept. 11.

TWIN FALLS — Jensen Jewelers announced the graduation of Sheryl Thorpe, of the Jensen management office, from the Certified Professional Jewelry program.

Thorpe completed the 11-week course and received certification. The course involves training in product areas of the jewelry industry, including diamonds, genuine stones, watches and jewelry making.

TF resident wins trip to the Olympic Games



James Holden of Twin Falls receives an Olympic package from Historic Old Towne, presented by Richard Crowley.

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — A Twin Falls man gets a trip to the Olympics, paid for by Historic Old Towne's Christmas shopping promotion.

James Holden, a Twin Falls resident for about six years, is a semi-retired civil engineer. He won an Olympic getaway that includes a one-night stay in the Crystal Cottage Inn in South Ogden, Utah, dinner for two at Red Lobster in Layton, Utah, and two Olympic snowboarding tickets. Total value of the trip is \$350, according to Historic Old Towne's business improvement district.

Money for the promotion came from the Historic Old Towne association in Twin Falls. It announced in November that a random drawing would be held

Dec. 24. All current members of Historic Old Towne were given a Christmas wrapped drawing box with entry blanks. No purchase was necessary to win. The group collected thousands of entries, and Holden's name was drawn.

Also, Historic Old Towne gave away three large Christmas baskets during the season. The last winner of a basket was Donna Downs of Buhl. Two winners were announced earlier.

That promotion began at the Festival of Trees in November. Thirty merchants made contributions to the three baskets. Customers had to go around with paper Christmas trees and get them decorated with stamps from any 10 of the participating merchants, then bring them to the district's office. Three random drawings were held.

Alternative Careers program helps struggling farmers

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — Idaho farm and ranch families who have been affected by diminishing incomes over the past few years are eligible for assistance through a new program called Alternative Careers for Idaho Farmers.

The program is administered locally at the Center for New Directions on the west side of the College of Southern Idaho campus.

ACIF is a two-year program introduced by Sen. Larry Craig and funded by Congress through the U.S. Department of Labor. It provides post-high school training, technical and professional education programs, and on-the-job internships for participants. For farmers who require training to remain competitive and eco-

nomical in today's market, farm and ranch management programs and marketing training are available.

Applicants can receive money for training, tuition, fees, books, child care, transportation, car repair, equipment and eyeglasses.

The amount of financial support available to each farm family will be based on the training programs needed.

The average amount available for a six-month or short-term program is \$4,000. Medium-term programs requiring seven to 15

months to complete would qualify for an average of \$9,000.

Long-term programs requiring up to two years would receive an average reimbursement of \$15,000.

Counselors will also help participants with interview techniques and resume preparation one month before course completion.

For information, visit the Center for New Directions or call 733-9554 or (800) 680-0274, Ext. 2680. Information is available at the Idaho Agriculture hot line by calling toll free (877) 862-5870.

The Alternative Careers for Farmers Web site is www.ag.uidaho.edu/acif/.

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Buy Idaho show begins Wednesday

The Times-News

BOISE — The public is invited to the free Buy Idaho Capitol Show from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday.

Hundreds of Idaho products and services will be on display in Idaho's historic Capitol Rotunda.

A total of 70 Idaho product and service booths will be there, on all three floors of the rotunda, to show and tell Idaho's business and industry diversity, Buy Idaho

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Families get bigger tax break

WASHINGTON (AP) - Tax breaks for many families with children get more generous this year, including a bigger child tax credit and larger credits for adoption. The changes were part of the 10-year, \$1.35 trillion tax cut enacted last summer by Congress and President Bush. Credits are generally better for taxpayers than deductions because they amount to a dollar-for-dollar reduction in taxes owed.

The credit for each dependent child under age 17 grows from \$500 to \$600 for 2001 tax returns. The credit will stay at \$600 through 2004, grow to \$700 in 2005 and \$800 in 2009, then jump to \$1,000 in 2010.

The law also made some changes in how much of the credit is "refundable" - that is, how much a taxpayer can receive as a refund even if no more taxes are owed.

For 2001, the credit is refundable to the extent of 10 percent of a taxpayer's income in excess of \$10,000. In the past, the law required a taxpayer to have at least three children. There is a worksheet and Form 8812 in IRS tax filing packages to figure this. Income limits can prevent some taxpayers from claiming the credit. The total credit amount is reduced by \$50 for each \$1,000 of modified adjusted gross income above \$110,000 for married couples filing jointly and \$75,000 for single filers until it eventually phases out completely.

The new tax law also increases the adoption tax credit, which helps families defray the expenses of adopting a child.

Since 1997, a credit of up to \$5,000 has been available for such costs as travel and legal fees associated with an adoption. The credit is \$6,000 for adoption of a child with special needs.

Things get even better in 2002. The credit doubles to \$10,000 for all adopted children, including those with special needs, and income limits for taxpayers get more generous.

In 2001, the adoption credit begins to phase out when a taxpayer's adjusted gross income exceeds \$75,000 and disappears completely at \$115,000. In 2002, the phaseout range rises to \$150,000-\$190,000.

To qualify for the credit, married taxpayers must file jointly and some information about the child must be included on the tax return.

Shouldering the burden

Everyone bears the burden of taxes - some more than others. The tax burden is expressed as the percentage of income that is spent on taxes. It factors not only income tax, but all other taxes such as sales tax and property tax.

Total tax burden		State/local tax burden	
1. Connecticut	39.9%	1. Maine	13.6%
2. New York	37.0%	2. New York	12.9%
3. Wisconsin	36.4%	3. Wisconsin	11.9%
4. Maine	35.9%	4. Vermont	11.7%
5. Wyoming	35.8%	5. Hawaii	11.6%
6. Washington	35.8%	6. Connecticut	11.6%
7. Wisconsin	35.4%	7. Rhode Island	11.4%
8. Florida	35.2%	8. Minnesota	11.3%
9. Vermont	35.0%	9. New Mexico	11.1%
10. Minnesota	34.8%	10. Arkansas	10.9%
11. Michigan	34.7%	11. Nebraska	10.9%
12. Illinois	34.6%	12. Mississippi	10.9%
13. Rhode Island	34.5%	13. Ohio	10.8%
14. Nevada	34.4%	14. Utah	10.7%
15. Massachusetts	33.9%	15. Kentucky	10.6%
16. Pennsylvania	33.8%	16. Michigan	10.6%
17. Delaware	33.8%	17. North Dakota	10.5%
— U.S. average	33.8%	18. West Virginia	10.5%
18. Indiana	33.4%	19. Idaho	10.4%
19. Nebraska	33.3%	20. New Jersey	10.4%
20. Ohio	33.2%	21. Washington	10.4%
21. Maryland	33.1%	22. Louisiana	10.3%
22. Virginia	33.0%	23. Pennsylvania	10.3%
23. California	33.0%	24. Kansas	10.2%
24. Arizona	32.8%	25. Indiana	10.2%
25. Arkansas	32.8%	26. Iowa	10.2%
26. Kansas	32.8%	— U.S. average	10.2%
27. New Mexico	32.4%	27. Delaware	10.1%
28. Missouri	32.4%	28. North Carolina	10.0%
29. Kentucky	32.4%	29. Oklahoma	9.9%
30. Georgia	32.4%	30. Illinois	9.9%
31. Texas	32.4%	31. Montana	9.9%
32. Utah	32.3%	32. Missouri	9.8%
33. North Carolina	32.3%	33. California	9.8%
34. North Dakota	32.3%	34. Florida	9.7%
35. New Hampshire	32.3%	35. Maryland	9.7%
36. Iowa	32.2%	36. Nevada	9.6%
37. Oregon	32.1%	37. Georgia	9.6%
38. Hawaii	32.0%	38. Virginia	9.5%
39. Louisiana	31.9%	39. Massachusetts	9.5%
40. Colorado	31.8%	40. Arizona	9.5%
41. Montana	31.7%	41. Oregon	9.4%
42. Idaho	31.7%	42. South Carolina	9.3%
43. Mississippi	31.7%	43. Wyoming	9.2%
44. Alabama	31.2%	44. Alabama	9.1%
45. South Carolina	31.2%	45. Texas	9.0%
46. Tennessee	31.2%	46. South Dakota	8.9%
47. West Virginia	31.1%	47. Colorado	8.4%
48. Oklahoma	31.1%	48. Tennessee	8.3%
49. South Dakota	30.4%	49. New Hampshire	7.6%
50. Alaska	29.2%	50. Alaska	6.3%
— Washington, D.C.	37.9%	— Washington, D.C.	13.2%

SOURCE: Tax Foundation

AP

It's time to save for education

WASHINGTON (AP) - A host of tax law changes makes it smart money to take advantage of new opportunities to save for education.

One of the biggest changes involves state-sponsored plans often referred to by Section 529 of the tax code. Effective in 2002, money withdrawn from these 529 plans will be tax-free if it is used for qualified higher education expenses, including tuition and room and board.

In the past, these distributions were taxable. There's one caveat: distributions not used for higher education are subject to a 10 percent excise tax.

Other changes for 529 plans include a chance each year to roll benefits from one plan to another for the same beneficiary; the ability for students to also claim an education tax credit or tax-free distribution from an education savings account; and an increase in the room and board dollar limits to reflect a college's published "cost of attendance" amounts.

There's more. Education IRAs - renamed Coverdell Education Savings Accounts for late Georgia Sen. Paul Coverdell - have several new benefits.

The annual tax-deferred contribution limits to these accounts rises from \$500 to \$2,000 per beneficiary. The income eligibility to contribute for a married couple to an account is now \$190,000. Above that level, the contribution limits begin to phase out until they end completely at \$220,000.

In addition, corporations can now contribute and distributions from the accounts can be tax-free for some elementary and secondary school costs.

Other important tax-related education issues for 2002:

- Taxpayers with incomes up to \$50,000 for an individual and \$130,000 for a married couple filing jointly may deduct up to \$3,000 in higher education expenses. Taxpayers do not have to itemize to claim this deduction.

- Taxpayers cannot claim both an education tax credit and the higher education tax deduction for the same student in the same year. In addition, a taxpayer cannot claim the deduction for the same expenses covered by a Coverdell account, a 529 plan or an education savings bond.

- Employers can provide workers up to \$5,250 each year in tax-free education benefits. This benefit, now made permanent, also was expanded to apply to graduate studies beginning in 2002.

- Interest on a student loan can be deducted regardless of when it was paid or how old the loan is. Previously, only payments made within the first 60 months of the due date were counted. The deduction is available to individual taxpayers with incomes up to \$65,000 and \$130,000 for married couples - but it begins phasing out as income rises above \$50,000 for individuals and \$100,000 for joint returns.

CSI offers course for battling stress of work

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - Change in today's work environment - new policies, management and laws; downsizing, mergers and layoffs; new equipment, technologies and job descriptions - may cause employees to feel stress, frustration and fear, the Center for New Directions at the College of Southern Idaho said in a press release.

So the center is offering "WorkSmart: Navigating Change" to help employees handle transitions in the workplace.

Participants will begin by identifying their learning styles to determine how they affect their reactions to change. Then they will practice techniques to apply that new knowledge to solve prob-

lems and make decisions. They also will develop skills to improve adaptability and enhance their learning styles so that change is welcomed, not feared, organizers said.

One credit is offered. Cost is \$70.50; scholarships are available through the center.

Classes will be offered at two locations:

- Twin Falls - 530 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, Jan. 22 through Feb. 5, at the Center for New Directions. Deadline to register is Friday.

- Burley - 4 to 7 p.m. Wednesdays, Jan. 28 through Feb. 11, at the CSI Mini-Cassia Center. Deadline to register is Jan. 24.

For information or to register, call 733-9554 or (800) 680-0274, Ext. 2680.

Women's Financial Health Week kicks off Monday

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - A national campaign to help America's women gain greater control of their personal finances kicks off Monday and runs through Friday.

Presented by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and Money for Women, the campaign - called Women's Financial Health Week - is designed to provide women with the knowledge and tools they need to improve their financial planning skills, a local CPA said.

The centerpiece of the event is an interactive Web site, www.womensfinancialhealthweek.com, which will include live chats with CPAs and personal financial specialists, a personal finance makeover contest, a

financial fitness test, daily polls and a database containing contact information for CPA/PFS professionals in all 50 states.

"The AICPA believes the timing for this educational campaign is especially appropriate as current reports show that women today have higher profiles in the marketplace, but are not in control of their finances," said Lisa Donnelley, a CPA/PFS with

LeFogee, Braga & Donnelley Club of Twin Falls. "In fact, a recent survey reports that 64 percent of women are not confident about having enough money to cover medical expenses and continue to lag behind men in preparations for retirement."

Ultimately, Donnelley said, this program is meant to be a catalyst for women to become financially aware, secure and independent.

Chinese-American heads agency for small business

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - Conrad Lee, a Chinese-American businessman, engineer and community leader, was appointed regional administrator in Region X to oversee the Small Business Administration's programs and services in Idaho, Oregon, Washington and Alaska.

"Small-business owners in the Northwest have an outstanding advocate in Mr. Lee, an Asian-American with experience helping businesses in the Pacific Rim," said SBA Administrator Hector V. Barreto. "His business management skills and experience, along with his long history of public service, also make him a tremendous asset as a member of the SBA's management team."

Born in China, Lee came to the

United States to earn an engineering degree from the University of Michigan in 1962.

Since 1979 Lee has been owner and managing partner of a property-management business. During the 1980s he helped small businesses with international trade.

From the SBA's regional headquarters in Seattle, Lee oversees district offices in Boise; Seattle and Spokane, Wash.; Portland, Ore.; and Anchorage, Alaska. During fiscal year 2001, Region X helped 2,014 small businesses obtain \$556.2 million in loan guarantees.

For information about the SBA's programs for small businesses, call the SBA Answer Desk at 1-800 U ASK SBA or TDD 704-344-6640. Or visit the SBA's Web site at www.sba.gov.

Learn to sell Mary Kay at CSI

The Times-News

BURLEY - The College of Southern Idaho Mini-Cassia Center is offering a "Mary Kay Computer Tricks" workshop from 10 a.m. to noon Jan. 26.

Internet sales have rocketed Mary Kay cosmetics sales to the top of the Internet charts, organizers said. The workshop covers

specific programs that independent consultants use to order products and services. Topics covered include preferred customer registration and maintenance, online ordering, Web sites and downloading information.

Cost is \$15 and class size is limited. For information, call 678-1400.

Phone numbers and Internet sites taxpayers can use to get free tax filing assistance, forms and other information from the Internal Revenue Service:

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• For assistance from IRS employees, call 1 (800) 829-1040. This is available in caller's local area 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Friday and Saturdays in filing season from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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- To contact the Taxpayer Advocate Service about unresolved IRS problems, call 1 (877) 777-4778.

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- This contains 2,500 federal tax forms, instructions and other resources. It can be purchased through IRS Internet site or by calling 1 (877) CDROMS (233-6767). Cost is \$21 plus \$5 handling fee for those who buy through the toll-free phone line.

For professionals

- Practitioner Priority Service, IRS help for tax preparers, can be reached at 1 (866) 860-4259. It's staffed from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. local time Monday through Friday.

Changes

Continued from D1. until 2004, when they fall by another percentage point.

People saving for retirement gain a number of important benefits in 2002, beginning with a \$1,000 increase in the maximum annual contribution to an individual retirement account and a \$500 increase in limits for 401(k)-type plans. These limits will continue to rise through the decade.

Those age 50 and up get special, higher "catch-up" limits per-

mitting additional contributions in 2002 of \$500 to an IRA and \$1,000 to a 401(k).

Besides boosting a taxpayer's savings, contributing to retirement plans on a pre-tax basis lowers taxable income in 2002, said John W. Roth, an attorney with CCH Inc., a leading tax publishing firm. By adjusting W-4 forms now, he said, a taxpayer can take advantage of those lower taxes right away and boost take-home pay.

"You can start receiving your 2002 refund in January instead of waiting until 2003," Roth said.

Other changes taking effect in 2002 include:

- Increased annual contribution limits for tax-favored Coverdell Education Savings Accounts and tax-free distributions from Section 529 education plans if the money is used for qualified expenses. A \$3,000 higher education deduction for qualified tax-

payees also will apply to 2002 expenses, even for taxpayers who do not itemize deductions.

The child adoption tax credit rises to \$10,000 and the income limits for taxpayers become more generous.

- The top estate tax rate drops from 55 percent to 50 percent and the per-person exemption rises from \$675,000 to \$1 million. The annual gift tax limit rises by \$1,000, to \$11,000.

Alternative

Continued from D1. that applied the first time.

After adding various tax preference items to a taxpayer's regular income taxes and subtracting the exemption amount, the alternative minimum tax is figured at a flat rate of 26 percent of the first \$175,000 and 28 percent above that amount.

If the minimum tax is more than the regular tax, the taxpayer reports the difference as the AMT amount on the tax return.

One problem is that many people may not be aware they owed any alternative minimum tax

until they get a notice from the IRS. Details are found in the 1040 form instructions; most tax preparation software will flag it.

Legislation has been introduced in Congress to eliminate the alternative minimum tax, but it carries a big price tag. Trinz said lawmakers could also raise the exemptions, index the income amounts for inflation or allow some common deductions and credits to be taken against the tax.

"Anything would help over the flat structure we have now," he said.

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ture and the procurement
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menting a downtown
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gram, including parking
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ing, residential parking
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ROUTE 718
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1100-1200 blk 11th Ave. E.
1300-1400 blk Poplar Ave.
ROUTE 735
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ROUTE 821
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ROUTE 883
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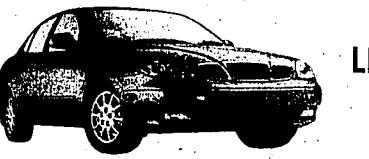
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Don't let technology tell you 'no'

'Sometimes we cry...'

I was probably born in the wrong era. Something must have tripped the generational switch in the wrong direction—back when I was supposed to be born.

The result: Though I have no trust in mechanical or electronic objects, I ended up living in the technological age.

Whenever I send a fax to someone, I call to see if it actually got there. Sometimes I even write a follow-up note. Which, of course, defeats the whole purpose of saving time by sending the fax.

"Message sent," the fax machine tells me.

"Ha." I reply. "I've heard that one before."

—It's the same with my e-mail. I spend half of my day calling people to see if they got it.

"You just don't understand mechanical objects," my husband has always told me.

When the computer era came around, I was almost ready to bail out and go live on a deserted island somewhere.

I shouldn't be expected to understand all this, I told myself. When I was a teen-ager, we talked to our friends on the telephone. But in today's cyberstage of life, the computer replaces the telephone, which kids now use only as a last resort, when someone forgets to log on.

When I was a teen-ager, a date was dinner and a movie. But in today's cyberstage, the computer is the new form of dating. You simply "lock" out everyone but your date, and you spend Friday night in private conversation. It's cheap. It's safe. And the computer even plays your music for you.

It's a whole new world. And I don't understand any of it.

I don't want to be like that. I want to be the strong, independent type who can pound a message onto a laptop with one hand and change a flat tire with the other. But in truth, it would take at least two of me to efficiently change a light bulb.

Whenever I try to be the teenage woman, something malfunctions and sends me out into cyberspace.

I have a friend who was going through the carwash one day when her power windows decided to fail. She went home soaked and cynical, a lot like me.

I'm not even good with washing machines.

In recent years, I've come to believe that my problem is my mother's fault, especially since it's become fashionable to blame everything on something traumatic from childhood. I do know that my mother is no more friendly with technology than I am, and she's at least a decade behind me in her attempts to learn.

Mother is still trying to figure out how to play her Garth Brooks cassette tape.

I once asked my mother if she left me alone with a motor when I was too young to remember it, but she just ignored the question and continued telling me about my third cousin's wedding gifts.

In contrast to my mom and me, the children around me seem entirely comfortable with the fact that much of life has become a matter of pushing the right buttons. And the seem to have unconditional love for any new gadget that comes along.

I know one woman who says she thinks the worst thing about her youngest son going away to college will be the fact that there will be no one left in the house who can program the VCR.

Last week, a friend e-mailed me a list of signs that you've gone over the edge implementing the technology of the '90s. Two days later, when I figured out how to retrieve the e-mail, I read the list.

"You tried to enter your password on the microwave," it said. And, "You pulled up in your own driveway and used your cell phone to see if anyone was home." And "You e-mailed your son in his room to tell him that dinner is ready."

Not only have I not gone over the edge, I haven't even made it to the center.

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LIFE AND TIMES
Denise Turner



Kids Count Too! bereavement facilitator Mike Seward sits with group members Allie Anderson, 13, and Cruz Bates, 11, who lost an uncle in a car accident. Cruz says the group talks about how to handle their losses and have some fun doing it, and it's nice to be with other kids that know what he's going through.

Magic Valley group touches child's grief

"There is no grief like the grief that cannot speak."
—Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — On New Year's Day — the anniversary less one day of his father's death — 8-year-old Michael Packham climbed on to his mother's lap.

"Do you ever feel, Michael, that this isn't your life?" asked his mom, Sandi. "That this isn't the way it was supposed to turn out?"

Michael nodded, through the tears.

On Jan. 2, 2001, Michael's dad was killed in a car wreck on Idaho Highway 75 north of Shoshone. When they heard the news, neither he nor his younger brother, Jacob, could cry.

"Being able to try was a big step," said Sandi, 30. "The group was a big part of that."

The group is Kids Count Too!, a year-old collaborative project of Twin Falls' four hospice organizations designed to help children who have lost loved ones — a parent, a grandparent, uncle or aunt, a sibling.

"Children grieve as much as adults do," said the Rev. Mike Seward, pastor of the Kimberly Nazarene Church. "They just show it in different ways."

"It's not always easy for children to express grief," said Sheryl Ford, volunteer hospice coordinator at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. "We try to put them in a setting where they can."

These strategies can help you get your child to bed at a reasonable hour:

- Establish a bedtime, and stick to it.
- Build some "deceleration time" into your children's evening routine. Turn off the television, video games and computer, and either read to your children or have them read to themselves.
- Do not allow your children to consume caffeine after dinner. That means no caffeinated soda or chocolate.

To learn more about the group

More information about the children's bereavement group is available by phoning Sheryl Ford at 737-2508, Mike Seward at 423-5424 or Gloria Misbach at 734-4820.

Grief: 9 things parents should know

1. Preschool children usually see death as temporary and reversible, a belief reinforced by cartoon characters who "die" and "come to life"
2. Children between 5 and 9 begin to think more like adults about death, yet they still believe it will never happen to them or anyone they know.
3. It's normal during the weeks following the death for some children to feel immediate grief or persist in the belief that the family member is still alive. However, long-term denial of the death or avoidance of grief can be emotionally unhealthy and can later lead to more severe problems.

The kids' bereavement group meets once a month — part group counseling, part recreation time. Parents normally aren't present. "Everything that's said in the group stays in the group," said Michael, a third-grader at Perrine Elementary School. "We tell each other about the people we love who have died, and sometimes we cry."

Typically, one-on-one counseling is left to professional grief counselors; the kids' bereavement group is about sharing.

"We do group once a month, and we're there other times if

Child bereavement

4. A child who is frightened about attending a funeral should not be forced to go; however, honoring or remembering the person in some way, such as lighting a candle, saying a prayer, making a scrapbook, reviewing photographs, or telling a story may be helpful.
5. Once children accept the death, they are likely to display their feelings of sadness on and off over a long period of time, and often at unexpected moments. The surviving relatives should spend as much time as possible with the child, making it clear that the child has permission to show his or her feelings openly or freely.
6. The person who has died was essential to the stability of the child's world, and anger is a natural reaction. The anger may be revealed in boisterous play, nightmares, irritability, or a variety of other behaviors. Often the child will show anger towards the surviving family members.

7. After a parent dies, many children will act younger than they are. The child may temporarily become more infantile; demand food, attention and cuddling; and talk "baby talk."
8. Younger children frequently believe they are the cause of what happens around them.
9. A young child may believe a parent, grandparent, brother, or sister died because he or she had once "wished" the person dead when they were angry. The child feels guilty or blames him or herself because the "wish" came true.
10. Children who are having serious problems with grief may lose interest in daily activities and events inability to sleep, loss of appetite, prolonged fear of being alone, excessively imitating the dead person repeated statements of wanting to join the dead person withdrawal from friends, or refusal to attend school.

—Source: American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry

they need us," Ford said. "And last summer, we did a camp."

One of the biggest benefits, Sandi Packham believes, is giving kids permission to talk about their dead loved ones — however and whenever they need to.

"It's a funny thing about the way people react to you when they know you've lost someone close to you," she said. "They're afraid to talk about it because we need to talk about it, and that's absolutely true for children."

Grief will manifest itself one way or another in children; Ford

is convinced: If they don't learn to deal with it now, it will cause problems later.

"And there's a feeling by a lot of children that they're somehow blame for the person going away," she said.

"There's great wisdom in the things children say about grief," Seward said. "They say it simply, but they have great insights. Adults just need to listen."

And, never, Sandi Packham says, try to put on a brave face for the children.

"Kids are very good at reading adults and they take their cues

from them," she said. "If you're trying to bottle up grief inside, they'll know."

There are or have been kids from ages 5 to 16 in the local bereavement group. Although the group is nominally for a year, kids can participate for as long as they want.

"We can talk to each other about the people who've died," Michael said. "It's good to talk about my dad."

Michael and Jacob now do so all the time, says Sandi, who's engaged to be married again — and they talk about their father with Sandi's fiancée.

"The holidays were hard this year, especially New Year's Day, which fell on a Tuesday which was the same day of the week that their dad died," Sandi said. "Michael said he hated New Year's Day, and it will never be easy for any of us. But at least he's able to say it. That's the biggest thing."

The bereavement group welcomes kids of any age who've suffered the death of anyone close to them, Ford said. They can participate at their own pace and for as long as they want.

"The death of someone you love is one of the hardest things people have to deal with," Seward said. "Adults struggle with it, and it's just as hard for children. We want to help with that process."

"I remember my Dad," Michael said. "I remember him all the time."

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Help your kids sleep at night

Studios will give performance

Etc...

• Turn off the lights in your child's room. There should be nothing more than a nightlight on at bedtime.
• Try to make sure your child is not too hot or too cold.

—Source: Kansas City Star

Upcoming

TWIN FALLS — Dance studios from Twin Falls, Wendell, Halley, Ketchum, Burley and Jerome will present "Freeze Frame," the annual fund-raising performance by the Idaho Dance Arts Alliance, 7 p.m., Feb. 2, College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center auditorium. Tickets, which are \$5 for adults, \$3 for children, and senior citizens and \$15 for families, are available at On Stage Dance/Activewear in Twin Falls and

To do for families

Dance Addictions in Burley.

Every Sunday, To Do for Families lists family oriented events in south-central Idaho. To get an item listed, send it Features Department, The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls 83303. Deadline is noon on Wednesdays.

Cyber tots: How young is too young?

The Orlando Sentinel

WINTER PARK, Fla. - After being dropped off at preschool at 8:30 a.m., Adam Haney can hold out for about an hour before he starts tearing and asking for Mom.

But then a trip to the computer lab, un-failingly-brightens-the-3-year-old's mood, separation anxiety dissolving in giggles as Reader Rabbit cavorts across the screen.

Older and wiser by a year, schoolmates Hayley Behm and Eric Lord also shine when they visit the computer lab at Parke House Academy in Winter Park, Fla.

And the teacher is busy with another student, Haley or Eric will take charge and help a puzzled classmate highlight the correct word in the computer reading comprehension game, Pochomats.

Adam, Haley and Eric are part of the private school's ambitious effort to help youngsters master the skills of the digital era.

whose schools follow a more traditional curriculum.

However, there's a lively debate among early childhood education experts on the merits of plugging 3-year-olds into PCs when they're barely potty trained.

In a sense, we're all the progeny of Bill Gates these days: it's rare to find a youngster who hasn't perched on a parent's lap in front of a colorful screen, or experimented with a playmate's Gameboy or Nintendo.

The larger issue, experts say, is whether the mind of a kindergarten pupil is more stimulated by artificial intelligence or a caring teacher.

At Parke House Academy, which has an enrollment of 200, in grades pre-K through third, there's a top-down insistence on having it both ways.

The school strives to balance old and new approaches: Along with daily time on the computer, pupils wear uniforms, receive lessons in manners and etiquette and still enjoy lots of time to play and be kids.

Youngsters are introduced to the alphabet at age 3, letter

sounds and early reading skills at 4. Instead of taking naps, many take spelling during rest periods. Three-year-olds practice their computer skills 30 minutes a day and play educational games like Jump Start Toddlers and Arlway's Birthday that reinforce classroom skills.

Four-year-olds learn to type and understand the parts of the computer, like the monitor and hard disk. Kindergartners work with drawing and typing programs and learn to log onto the internet. First graders type their spelling words and do author studies online, while second graders send e-mail to other schoolchildren around the state and world.

"None of the parents have questioned the value of PC education," says Rene Dietzel, director of the school's Lower Division.

"In fact, it's a big selling point for us. Many parents want their children to be exposed to technology early on, because they realize it will be such a big part of the future. When parents tour the school and see 3-year-olds on the PC, they're amazed by how much they can do."

The computer is valuable in teaching youngsters to read, thanks to phonics programs that make it fun to learn sounds and letter recognition. Active young minds that may not be drawn to books as frequently are stimulated by reading words on a PC, Dietzel says.

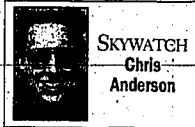
Daily exposure to fun-based computer software also stimulates creativity and reinforces classroom learning in shapes, colors, alphabet and numbers, says school founder and principal Debbie Knight.

"We believe the core of individual success is knowledge, self-esteem and optimism," says Knight, a former first-grade teacher who started Parke House in 1997 after drawing up a business plan and securing a \$1 million loan from an Orlando bank. "I don't really believe children need to be technically advanced to succeed in today's world. By the age of 3, they have the attention span to learn the alphabet and how to manipulate a PC mouse. The younger you're exposed the better and, besides, kids love playing with computers."

Look for a young moon this week

Astronomers mark the beginning of the lunar phase cycle at new moon, when the sun and moon are closest in the sky. Since the moon is lost in solar glare, the moment of new moon must be determined by calculation, not observation. Ancient people couldn't calculate the moon's unseen position, so they typically began the month upon the first appearance of the crescent moon after new.

Practically speaking, early people didn't worry if the month started a day or two off from their neighbors across the valley. Before long-distance travel, people really believe children need to be technically advanced to succeed in today's world. By the age of 3, they have the attention span to learn the alphabet and how to manipulate a PC mouse. The younger you're exposed the better and, besides, kids love playing with computers.



SKYWATCH
Chris Anderson

Sky calendar
(through Saturday)

- Planets:
 - One hour before sunrise: No planets visible
 - One hour after sunset: Mercury: WSW, very low; Mars: SW; Saturn: ESE, high; Jupiter: E, low
 - Moon: New moon today, 6:29 a.m. Near Mercury early Monday evening; near Mars Friday evening.

While this week's new moon probably won't result in any records, it's still worth a look. New Moon is today, so start looking Monday night at about 5:50 p.m.

Sweeping binoculars along the western horizon will help, but see if you can spot the moon with them once you've located it. If not, your job will get easier as the week goes on, and the moon will be only a little less dramatic.

Next week: The moon visits Saturn and Jupiter.

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SENIOR CALENDAR

Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center

616 Eastland Drive
Dinner served from noon to 12:30 p.m. Suggested donation is \$3 for seniors. The cost is \$4 for non-seniors under 60 and \$2.50 for children under 12.
Monday: Chicken fried steak, potatoes, gravy, vegetable, tossed salad, bread, pudding.
Tuesday: Spaghetti, green beans, tossed salad, french bread, fruit dessert
Wednesday: Ham, baked potato, creamed broccoli, vegetable Jell-O salad, rolls, cheesecake
Thursday: Taco salad
Friday: Roast beef, potatoes, gravy, green beans, cottage cheese with fruit, rolls, cake
Activities
Library, Pool Room, and Bargain Center with cards, games, color television, puzzles and movies. Open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Dance from 2-5 p.m.
Monday
Quitting from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Foot clinic, make appointment
Tuesday
Blood pressure check
Wednesday
Quitting from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Bird meeting at 1 p.m. Elks Card Club, 7 p.m.
Thursday
Pinchle at 1 p.m.
Friday
Blood pressure
Lunch bingo
Quitting

West End Senior Citizens Inc.

1010 Main St., Buhl.
Noon meals served Monday through Friday. Buffet meal at 1 p.m. on Sunday.
Evening meals served at 5:30 p.m. Monday and Thursday. Lunch prices are \$3 and evening meals will be \$2. Sunday dinners are \$3.50. Meals can be delivered Monday through Friday. Call 543-4577 for more information. Free bus service to and from meals is available Monday evening, Tuesday at noon and Thursday noon and evening. Please call 543-4577 by 10 a.m. to arrange a ride. Coffee and cinnamon rolls each morning at the center, everyone is welcome.
Sunday-Friday: Menu not available
Activities
Thrift shop open every day. Quilting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Roseland Band plays from 8-11 p.m. the second Saturday of each month. Admission is \$3.
All-you-can-eat dinner, \$3.50
Monday
Exercise from 7-8 a.m. and 10 a.m.
Smorg at 5:30 p.m.
Cards at 6 p.m.
Tuesday
Exercises from 7-8 a.m.
Treasure Tuesday
Bingo at 11:45 a.m.
Crafts from 1-4 p.m.
Bingo from 7-9 p.m.
Wednesday
Exercises from 7-8 a.m. and 10 a.m.
Thursday
Exercises from 7-8 p.m.
Bingo from 1-3 p.m.
Friday
Exercises from 7-8 a.m. and 10 a.m.

Filer Senior Haven

222 Main St., Filer
Dinners served at noon on Tuesday and Thursday. Suggested donation is \$2.50 for seniors. Home delivered meals available

each meal time.
Tuesday: Pizza burger
Thursday: Sliced ham

Agee Senior Citizens Inc.

310 Main N., Kimberly
Monday: Menu not available
Wednesday: Chef salad, Texas toast, custard pudding, orange juice, coffee, milk
Friday: Roast pork, potatoes, gravy, cream carrots, tossed salad, bread and butter, ice cream, cake, coffee, milk
Activities
Tuesday
Bingo at 7 p.m.
Wednesday
Dominos at 1 p.m.
Thursday
Crafts at 1 p.m.
Friday
Birthday dinner
B. J. and Friends will entertain
Pinchle at 1 p.m.

Gooding County Senior Citizens Inc.

308 Senior Ave.
All dinners at noon. Suggested donation is \$3 for seniors.
Monday: Baked ham, yam, Mexican corn, cottage cheese, pineapple, french bread, cookie
Tuesday: Hot beef sandwich, potatoes, gravy, broccoli, apple sauce Jell-O, cake with lemon sauce
Wednesday: Beef steak, fruit salad, corn bread, cinnamon roll, peanuts
Thursday: Turkey breast, potatoes, gravy, mixed vegetables, apple date salad, roll, pudding
Activities
Monday
Pool at 9:30 a.m.
Pinchle at 12:30 p.m.
Hand and foot at 6 p.m.
Tuesday
Pool at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.
Birds at 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday
Pool at 9:30 a.m.
Shuffleboard at 6 p.m.
Thursday
Pool at 9:30 a.m.
Fiddlers at 12:20 p.m.
TOPS at 5 p.m.
Friday
Pinchle at 7 p.m.
Friday
Bingo at 1 p.m.
Hand and foot check at 1 p.m.
Bowling at 1:30 p.m.
Bingo at 6:30 p.m.

Jerome Senior Center

212 First Ave. E.
All dinners at noon. Suggested donation is \$3.
Monday: Salisbury steak, potatoes, gravy, winter mix vegetables, pickled beets, applesauce, cookies
Tuesday: Beef stroganoff over noodles, spinach, cole slaw, date bars
Wednesday: Stir fry chicken over rice, stir-fry vegetables, Jell-O with fruit, bread pudding
Thursday: Roast pork, potatoes, gravy, carrots, kidney bean salad, apple crisp
Friday: Polish sausage, parsley peas, sauerkraut, tossed salad, pineapple upside down cake
Activities
Monday
Aerobics at 11 a.m.
Tuesday
Pinchle at 1 p.m.
Snack bar at 6 p.m.
Early bird bingo at 6:45 p.m.
Bingo at 7 p.m.
Wednesday
Aerobics at 11 a.m.
Pinchle at 7 p.m.
Friday
Aerobics at 11 a.m.
Pinchle at 1 p.m.

Richfield Senior Center

Monday: Tuna noodle casserole,

California blend vegetables, fruit salad, ginger bread, orange juice, milk, coffee
Thursday: Grilled cheese sandwich, tomato soup, apricot pie, orange juice, milk, coffee

Shoshone Senior Center

218 N. Rail St. W., Shoshone
Tuesday: Fish, fried potatoes, green beans, green salad, apricot cobbler, orange juice, milk, coffee
Wednesday: Turkey salad sandwich, vegetable soup, carrot sticks, chocolate pie, orange juice, milk, coffee
Friday: Tuna noodle casserole, California mixed vegetables, fruit salad, bread, ginger bread, orange juice, milk, coffee
Activities
Monday
Exercise from 9-9:30 a.m.
Coffee at 9:30 a.m.
Quitting from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Tuesday
Lunch at noon
Pinchle at 1 p.m.
Wednesday
Lunch at noon
Rotary Club
Pinchle at 1 p.m.
Snack bar at 6 p.m.
Early bird bingo at 6 p.m.
Bingo at 7 p.m.
Thursday
Exercise from 9-9:30 a.m.
Coffee at 9:30 a.m.
Richfield lunch
Friday
Pinchle at 1 p.m.
Blood pressure check

Silver and Gold Senior Citizens

203 Wilson, Eden
Open from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 8 a.m. to noon Friday. Suggested donation for seniors is \$3. All meals include salad, dessert, fruit, milk and coffee. Mondays are cookie and bread bake days and Wednesdays are cinnamon roll and maple bar bake days. Home delivered meals are delivered Monday through Friday.
Tuesday: Trout, hash browns, peas, salad, raisins, ginger bread, bread
Wednesday: Bake day
Thursday: Meat loaf, mashed potatoes, gravy, carrots, cole slaw, oranges, brownies, roll
Activities
Wednesday
Bingo at 7 p.m.

Hagerman Valley Senior/Community Center

140 E. Lake, Hagerman
Open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Lunch is served at noon on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays. Suggested donation for seniors is \$3, non-seniors \$4 and children under 12, \$2.75. Milk, juice, coffee, tea, rolls, sourdough or cornbread served with all meals
Monday-Friday: Menu not available
Thrift store open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Blaine County Senior Center

721 Third Ave. S., Halley
Meals are served at noon on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. Milk, juice, coffee and tea are served with all meals
Tuesday: Breaded pork chop, au gratin potatoes, spinach, orange almond salad, rolls, banana cake, frosting
Wednesday: Baked lasagna, hot parmesan bread, peas, green salad, apricots, peanut butter cookie
Friday: Baked ham in pineapple, potatoes, creamy cheese

sauce, Scandinavian mixed vegetables, fruit salad, blueberry pie

Activities
Tuesday
Exercise at 9 a.m.
Energy assistance at 10:30 a.m.
Vision support group meeting at 12:30 p.m.
Wednesday
Choir at 11 a.m.
Thursday
Exercise at 9 a.m.
Smoking cessation at 7 p.m.
Friday
Birthday party

Milhdoka County Senior Citizens Center

702 11th St., Rupert
Meals are served at noon and home delivered upon request. Juice and assorted beverages are served every day with meals.
Monday: Assorted salads, fish burgers, fries, carrots, ice cream, beverage
Tuesday: Tossed salad, spaghetti with sauce, carrots, garlic bread, sherbet, beverage
Wednesday: Birthday dinner: Turkey, dressing, potatoes, gravy, fruit salad, cake, rolls, beverage
Thursday: Cottage cheese, taco salad, Texas toast, cheesecake, beverage
Friday: Smorgasbord
Center gift shop is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Monday through Friday. Quitting and pool table daily during center hours. Crafts every day. Volunteers are needed to do grocery shopping for shut-ins. Call Riddleys at 436-1200

Golden Heritage Senior Center

2421 Overland, Burley
All dinners are served at noon.
Monday: Ham and macaroni casserole, sugar snap peas, biscuit, fruit medley, ice cream sundae
Tuesday: Beef steak, hard roll, cole slaw, five cup fruit salad, pineapple cake
Wednesday: Sweet and sour chicken, rice, broccoli, Clara's salad, herb roll, apple pie
Thursday: Beef stroganoff, spinach, french bread, green salad, cherry cobbler
Friday: Taco salad, refried beans, rice, vegetable, peaches, candy bar
Activities
Monday
Men's pool at 10 a.m.
Exercise at 11 a.m.
Pinchle at 1 p.m.
Tuesday
Men's pool at 10 a.m.
Exercise at 11 a.m.
Bingo at 7 p.m.
Wednesday
Men's pool at 10 a.m.
Exercise at 11 a.m.
Pinchle at 1 p.m.
Thursday
Ladies pool at 10 a.m., Exercise at 11 a.m.
Friday
Men's pool at 10 a.m.
Exercise at 11 a.m.
Bingo at 1 p.m.
Pinchle at 1 p.m.

Activities
Tuesday
Exercise at 9 a.m.
Quitting from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Tuesday
Lunch at noon
Pinchle at 1 p.m.
Wednesday
Lunch at noon
Rotary Club
Pinchle at 1 p.m.
Snack bar at 6 p.m.
Early bird bingo at 6 p.m.
Bingo at 7 p.m.
Thursday
Exercise from 9-9:30 a.m.
Coffee at 9:30 a.m.
Richfield lunch
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Pinchle at 1 p.m.
Blood pressure check

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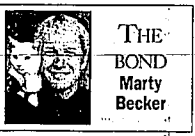
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Senior pets, children seem a natural match



THE BOND
Marty Becker

Once you bring your new, older best friend home, you'll want to do everything possible to keep your senior dog or cat healthy. Senior pets benefit from additional checks by veterinarians.

Veterinary medicine can also offer health programs tailored specifically for the needs of older animals.

With twice-annual senior exams, veterinarians are more able to diagnose diseases early. Regular blood testing helps identify diseases in their earliest, and most treatable, stages.

Pet owners are also one of the best "early-warning" systems. Watch for subtle behavioral or physical changes in pets, then discuss these changes with your veterinarian.

Once problems are diagnosed, veterinarians have more options than ever to treat conditions or alleviate signs. Many recent animal-health products meet the special needs of senior pets, especially in the areas of food, nutrition supplements and medicines. For dogs suffering with Cognitive Dysfunction Syndrome (an Alzheimer-like condition resulting from physical and chemical changes that affect the brain function in older dogs), there's Anxitriptyline to control the signs associated with this cruel condition. Our dog, Scooter, an 11-year-old wirehaired fox terrier, is on Rimadyl to free her from the pain and stiffness of arthritis.

Bonds between pets and their owners grow stronger through the years. Whether you've had a pet since it was new, or whether you've opened your home to a senior pet, you want to keep them healthy and happy for as many years as possible. Pets contribute so much to our families, it's natural for us to want to give them the best care possible.

This holiday, find room in your heart and home and help a senior pet move from the cage at the shelter to the couch at your home. The whole family will be happier and healthier for it.

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Author: Kids should go to bed early

Don't make families little democracies

Chicago Tribune
Flex time in Indis Schaeen's household ends at 7 p.m. As a magazine writer, she has done her job at 2 in the morning, squeezed in work during the kids' naps, made phone calls while spooning baby food. But there is no improvising at 7 each night. That's when Schaeen and her husband finish a two-hour routine that lands their three kids in bed.



Courtesy of the Saturday Evening Post

Norman Rockwell's 1941 painting, "Freedom from Fear."

saying they think it is great that somebody is finally sticking up for getting the kids to bed early." Schaeen said over coffee during a recent promotional visit to Chicago. "The other half wants to know how I expect the typical American family to do this." Schaeen, who lives in St.

Louis, has plenty of stories to make her point that getting children to bed early improves their mood, temperament, short-term memory and ability to organize thoughts. When she was interviewed by Katie Couric on NBC's "Today" show, Schaeen said the fourth-grade class at her chil-

den's school watched the show (the teacher had read an early copy of the "7 O'Clock" manuscript and successfully moved up the bedtime of her own kids). When the teacher polled her students after the show, she asked how many of them felt they got enough sleep.

Three hands were raised, and the same three students were the only ones to raise their hands when the teacher asked who always ate breakfast. Schaeen talked to a 14-year-old eighth-grader who is a top student and plays piano and cello. The same boy is a talented athlete who plays two sports and regularly lifts weights for training. Schaeen asked if he had any free time.

"No," the boy said. "If you had three hours to yourself, what would you do?" Schaeen asked.

"Go to my room and sleep," he said. "I'm exhausted." Nonetheless, Schaeen doesn't ask parents to take her word for it. She has interviewed more than a dozen sleep experts and asked one, Dr. Judith Owens, a pediatrician at Brown University, to write a preface to the book. The experts all point to sleep deprivation as a major problem among American children with significant behavioral consequences.

Few parents would dispute such expert opinions. They just don't see how getting their child to bed by 7 o'clock allows them to bond properly, especially if Mom or Dad or both are picking up the kids from day care at 6 p.m. Schaeen suggests shifting the bonding hour to early morning or making arrangements to get the kids earlier than 6 p.m.

O. In your constant defense and promotion of authoritarian parenting, you overlook the fact that the United States is a democratic country. You have repeatedly said parents should raise their children to be equipped to deal with the real world. If the real world is democratic, then shouldn't American families be democracies?



PARENTING
John Rosemond

A. I'll credit you for being on the right track, but close only counts in horseshoes, as they say. The idea that the USA would be a "better" democracy if its families were little democracies is baseless. It was first advanced by one of the leading mythologists of nouveau parenting (a.k.a. psychological parenting), family counselor and author Dorothy Briggs. In her 1970s best-seller "Your Child's Self Esteem," Briggs proposed that parents share power with their children, who would have "an equal part in working out limits."

She was all but explicit in arguing that since this is what children want, this is what children should have. In other words, families should not really be democracies; they should be childocracies.

Briggs defended her position thusly: "Democracy in government has little meaning to a child unless he feels the daily benefits of it at home." Although this has a nice ring to it, Briggs apparently didn't understand that although the political process in the USA is reasonably democratic, our society is definitely not. Rather, it is composed of institutions that are structured hierarchically.

Whereas adults who interface with those institutions are guaranteed the freedoms and privileges that come with democratic government, and whereas those institutions cannot abridge those freedoms and privileges, the institutions themselves (for example, your employer) do not operate democratically. Within them, persons of greater authority are found instructing, directing and dictating to persons of lesser authority.

Joe Schmo is free to work for whom he chooses, but once he makes his choice, he must take orders. His employer is not likely to consult him concerning personnel policy, and if Joe disagrees with a certain policy, he's probably going to be given the choice of either abiding by it or taking a professional hike.

This is even the case concerning the citizen's relationship with government. Consider that once "we, the people" elect public officials, we must abide by the decisions they make. If we do not like the decisions (laws), we can elect

new officials, but we are not free to break the law in the meantime. For example, I happen to think that most of the powers currently exercised by the federal government were usurped unconstitutionally; nevertheless, I pay my federal taxes. I do not expect the IRS to respect my objections and negotiate my tax bill with me.

If, in the above quoted passage, Briggs was arguing that the circumstances of a child's upbringing should reflect realities that exist in general society, I agree wholeheartedly. In effect, although she would protest the contention, Briggs has made a perfect case for creating families that are not democratic, but are benevolent dictatorships - families, in other words, in which parents recognize and respond effectively to every child's need for clear, authoritative direction. In such families, children are free to disagree, but they are not free to disobey. By the way, that's authoritarian, not authoritarian.

The authoritarian parent allows neither disagreement nor disobedience, sowing the seeds of adolescent rebellion. People who advance arguments in favor of democratic families are obviously in great need of a refresher course in U.S. history. Our democracy has survived seven generations of children reared in nondemocratic homes. Notwithstanding their psychologically incorrect upbringings, the overwhelming majority of them, as adults, demonstrated a keen appreciation for the workings of democracy. Did the parents of Thomas Jefferson, Abraham Lincoln, Susan B. Anthony or Martin Luther King consist with them on disciplinary matters? I think not.

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Heart Disease, Strokes, Spontaneous Pre-term Births Caused by Bad Gums?

The New England Journal of Medicine recently linked bad gums to heart disease and strokes. The University of North Carolina will be working with the National Lung and Blood Institute with a \$2 million grant from the National Institute of Dental Research to better define this link. The lists of studies on this topic are endless.

A recent study shows that 40% of the bacteria found in the carotid arteries of stroke sufferers comes from the mouth. Bone loss from gum disease is also associated with stroke patients. Another study lists tooth loss due to gum disease as a risk factor for cerebrovascular stroke.

What does all this mean? Brush your teeth, visit your dentist, get your gums checked. Women with gum disease are seven to eight times more likely to give birth prematurely to low-birth-weight babies according to the National Institute for Dental Research.

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Cherished memories are of people, not things

DEAR ABBY: My beloved 93-year-old Grandma Beanie passed away recently. She was kind and gentle, and we were lucky to have her as long as we did. Her funeral was for my family and me time to reflect on what is really important in life.



DEAR ABBY
Abigail VanBuren

What I remember and cherish most about Grandma Beanie are not the material things she gave me over the years. In fact, I can't remember a single toy she gave me as a child, although there were many.

What I do remember are the countless times she let me help her make strawberry jam; the afternoon she took us kids into the woods and taught us how to hunt for mushrooms; the nights she patiently played Yahtzee with us; the fact that she made the most delicious chocolate chip cookies in the world; and how she loved it when we took her out for Chinese food.

There are many more memories. The point is, she did not

share herself in material ways, but rather in the love she showed in everything she did with us.

When this world of ours seems scary, please remember that the child's hand you hold today - and the time spent with the child - is what makes this world a better place.

- CATHY I N MASON CITY, IOWA
DEAR CATHY: Right you are. You were fortunate to have had such a positive role model in your life. The most precious gift a person can give is a gift of self.

DEAR ABBY: A friend sent me a clipping that I think is very worthwhile, so I'm passing it along to you.

Write to Abby
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Wouldn't it be great if everyone would follow these rules?
HAPPY GRANNY IN PENNSYLVANIA
DEAR HAPPY GRANNY: It certainly would. There would be a lot less stress in the world. Read on.

- Ten Commandments for a Long and Peaceful Life
- (1) Thou shalt not worry, for worry is the most unproductive of all human activities.
- (2) Thou shalt not be fearful, for most of the things we fear never come to pass.
- (3) Thou shalt face each problem as it comes. You can handle only one at a time.
- (4) Thou shalt not cross bridges before you get to them, for no one

yet has succeeded in accomplishing this.

(5) Thou shalt not take problems to bed with you, for they make very poor bedfellows.

(6) Thou shalt not borrow other people's problems. They can take better care of them than you can.

(7) Thou shalt be a good listener, for only when you listen do you hear ideas different from your own. It's very hard to learn something new when you're talking.

(8) Thou shalt not try to re-live yesterday for good or ill - it is gone. Concentrate on what is happening in your life today.

(9) Thou shalt not become bogged down by frustration, for 50 percent of it is rooted in self-pity and will only interfere with positive actions.

(10) Thou shalt count thy blessings, never overlooking the small ones - for a lot of small blessings add up to a big one.

Dear Abby is written by Pauline Phillips and her daughter, Jeanne

Deal successfully with impatience

Have you noticed yourself becoming frustrated faster and easier lately?

Me too! Let's blame technology to shift the burden off of us. Does that feel better? You know, it's the computer's fault. It moves so fast, and we like it. Then when we have to come out of cyberspace and work at regular speed, it's too slow, and we get frustrated. It especially happens with people. They think too slow. They drive too slow. They talk too slow. We just can't get anything done at our pace. Wait in lines. Wait for "a live body." Wait, wait, wait!

First we get frustrated. Then we get mad. Then, sometimes we explode, and scream, and yell. Or we internalize the feelings, and keep all the emotions locked inside. Does any of this sound healthy? So, what can we do about it? Get even? Avoid people, and work only with our computers?

No, there are better ways to deal with impatience. There are basically two types of impatience, ours and others'. Let's look at ways of handling both.

For personal frustration, start by listing all the situations you know that frustrate you. Don't become alarmed if the list is long. List people, events, places, situations. List everything you can think of.



STRESS
Tim O'Brien

negative sign next to the entries that are beyond your control.

Now look at the entries that you can control.

Work to realize that since there is nothing you can do about them, you shouldn't use mental or emotional energy on them. If you get stuck in traffic, or behind a slow driver, and can't take an alternate route, recognize it.

Begin to breathe deeper and calmer. Tell yourself, "this too will pass." Shift your mindset. Recognize you can't control the situation. Accept it. Occupy your mind with something positive. Listen to a tape or CD you like, and don't take these situations personally.

On the entries that you feel you can exert control over, what control do you think you have? You can always control your mental attitude. You decide whether it is a positive or negative situation. You label it.

Everyone doesn't respond identically to the same situation. If you know certain people or places frustrate you, can you avoid them? If you can't, learn constructive ways to see these people and situations so you don't hurt yourself by the reactions you have to them.

ting frustrated.

First, try to catch yourself in the act of frustration, and change your mood. Then, try to catch yourself as you become frustrated and change. Finally, get to where you can recognize a situation as having the potential for frustration, and preemptively set your attitude to avoid it.

When dealing with the frustration of others, try these tactics. First, make sure that you aren't part of the problem. Are you causing their frustration? If you are, work to remedy the cause immediately.

If you know you aren't part of the problem, try to look at the situation from the other person's point of view. Perhaps they have frustration with your business, product, or service. Do what you can to help recognize, acknowledge, and address their frustrations.

If it is entirely the other person's problem, do what you can to remove yourself from the situation as soon as practical. Don't engage a frustrated person. Guard against "adding fuel to the fire" of their frustration.

We all become frustrated. Don't take what you can't control personally. Learn your habits and response patterns, and stop frustration before it happens. With others, don't cause their frustration, and help eliminate it when and where you can.

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New Currency

If you travel to Europe in 2002, you will experience a historic transition. Beginning January 1, 12 member nations of the European Union, such as Austria, France and Germany, will replace their unique currencies with the Euro. If you have European currencies left over from previous trips, you will be able to spend it in most locations around Europe until March 1, but expect to receive Euros in change.

This is a great concept. It alleviates the headaches of calculating in different exchange rates and different currencies as you travel around Europe.

Cruising Alaska

I know it is cold, but...this is the time to be booking your dream cruise to Alaska. Cruise lines are pushing all sorts of promotions for the coming summer. And Alaska is bound to be the "hot" spot for travel. Cruises depart from Vancouver. It's close, Americans will feel safe, and the scenery is beautiful. The agents at 4-Ways Travel have all cruised to Alaska so call soon.

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Runner's recovery spurs Olympic torch nomination

By Amie Thompson
Times-News correspondent

Just nine days before a Jerome woman planned to run her first marathon, a pressure cooker exploded when she lifted the lid. The accident left 30 percent of her body burned and she was unable to walk without help.

Had Laura Rodeman been able to run the race, her time could have qualified her for the Olympic time trials.

"I went from being able to run 26.2 miles to not even being able to walk down the hall without help," she said. "I had to start all over."

And she did. She spent eight hours a day for one year doing painful therapy, and turned a tragic event into a positive experience.

For example, Rodeman visited her daughter's classroom to talk to the students about the dangers of burns and that it's OK to be the friend of a burn victim, even though they look different.

She also ran that marathon a year



Laura Rodeman

later and has competed two more times since.

Rodeman, 33, and mother to three, is a strength conditioning coach and nutritionist at Just Women's Fitness in Jerome. She graduated from Jerome High School and Weber State University with a degree in health education and health promotion.

"I'm very excited (to be a torch bearer). It's just a neat thing to be a part of," she said.

Rodeman's husband, Jeff Rodeman, nominated her for the honor, but won't be able to watch her run. As a member of the National Guard, he has been activated to help with security at the Olympics.

She plans to have family and friends take plenty of videos and pictures to share with him.



The 2002 Olympic torch will be carried through Twin Falls between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Jan. 26, followed by a city-wide celebration. An area selection committee chose 42 people to be among the 11,500 inspiring Americans who will carry the torch along a path that begins Dec. 4 in Atlanta and ends Feb. 8 in Salt Lake City, with the opening of the games.

Leading up to the games, *The Times-News* will profile local Olympic torch runners.

PROMOTING PEACE



Wendell Elementary School named its PeaceBuilders of the Week for Dec. 3-7. They are, from left, top row: Kiraen Vanhoover, Alex Perez, Tony Alvarado and Tiffany Arendondo; middle row: Danielle Alella, Chris Hines and Alan Benson; bottom row: Kayla Thacker and Ashley Bates. Not pictured are Brooke Schear, Crystal Barnes, David Henkle, Sabrina McDaniel.

Photo courtesy of Wendell Elementary

WEST MINICO STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



West Minico Junior High School's students of the week for Sept. 28 wore, from left, back: Edger Pineda, Kenneth Pollard, Tristan Andersen, Megan Garm, Cody Melton, Josh Knuston, Sam Zomka, Zach Stanford, David Ballesteros and Daniela Zunino; front: Renee Klippes, Melissa Burns, Alme Reno, Walter Reno, Tamara Richards, Danyell Garcia, Devin DeKing, Maggie Doter and Tabatha Anderson.

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Teen thrives in class, on track

By Amie Thompson
Times-News correspondent

After discovering a learning disability that kept her from successfully writing down what she comprehends, a Rupert teen thrived in the classroom and on the track.

For years, poor test grades damaged Creola Wiggins, self-confidence, said her step-father, Kelly Grimm, who nominated her to be a torch bearer for her accomplishments.

"The way that Creola overcame that was by running,"



Creola Wiggins

Grimm said. Wiggins, 18, still holds the Minico High School record she broke as a freshman for the 100-meter dash. Her high school track career ended on a winning note. She was part of the first-ever state championship girls track team for Minico.

She was the anchor on the 4 by 100-meter relay team, which took

first place. She also came in second in a photo-finish 100-meter dash, and fourth in the 200-meter dash.

But probably her greatest feat was in the classroom, where she finished her senior year with a 4.00 grade average.

"We got to where we wanted her to be," Grimm said. "She has so much potential."

Grimm said becoming a torch bearer will be a nice reward for what she has already done.

Wiggins is eagerly awaiting the day she gets to carry the Olympic torch. "It will be fun," she said.

Manager carries torch for town

By Amie Thompson
Times-News correspondent

The Twin Falls city manager intends to enjoy every second he spends holding the Olympic torch on Jan. 26.

"I just feel very, very fortunate to have this opportunity," Tom Courtney said.

Courtney has been city manager for 22 years.

"Twin Falls really is a great place to live and work," he said.

Courtney was young when he knew he wanted to be in government after he watched his father, Ed, work for the Martinez Planning and Zoning Commission in northern California.

He received a bachelor's degree and master's degree in political science from Utah State University. After college, he worked for city managers in Stockton and Tracy, Calif. before moving to Twin Falls in 1977.

In 1980, he was promoted from assistant city manager to city manager, and has been credited with helping the Twin Falls City Council make important decisions through the years, including an improved sewage system which had been fined several times by the EPA in the 1980s for polluting the Snake River; for boosting the city's water supply; and promoting economic development.



Tom Courtney

And he is looking forward to another success in the city at the end of the month when the Olympic torch makes its way through town on its way to Salt Lake City.

"It's a great event for the city," he said.

Courtney, 53, remains satisfied, saying that the city's success is due to the city officials and city staff members working together.

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CSI offers 'gold diggers,' home security classes

BURLEY - The College of Southern Idaho Mini-Cassia Center is offering several new classes in January.

Gold Diggers 101 is scheduled from 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays from Jan. 16 through March 20. E. Durrell Moon will cover elemental rock composition, the relationship of rocks to the geological history of the area and how to use the information to locate economic minerals like gold and silver. An overnight geological adventure is planned. The course is \$75.

Instructor Rich New begins a series of personal safety workshops in January. Each course costs \$10.

Home Security will be held from 7:30 p.m. Jan. 23. The course will cover assessing several new neighborhood and on your property, smart landscaping and lighting, fences and dogs in the home defense segment, contacting law enforcement and the legal issues involved in personal defense. Personal Security Workshop will be held from 7:30 p.m. Jan. 30. The course covers mental awareness and "what if" planning, available area self-defense training suggestions, use of weapons and legal issues.

Rape Prevention is for "females only." The workshop is from 7:30 p.m. Feb. 6. The course is designed

to enable women to protect themselves, and covers attitude protection, self-defense and use of weapons.

Safe Traveling in a Terrorist World will be held from 7:30 p.m. Feb. 13. Skills covered include the need for cultural education, threat and mental awareness and what constitutes unsafe travel. Travelers will learn about embassy resources and how to contact help outside the United States.

All classes have limited sizes and early registration is recommended. For more information, call 678-1400.

CSI starts Over 60 and Getting Fit classes

TWIN FALLS - The national award-winning Over 60 and Getting Fit classes coordinated by the College of Southern Idaho will begin in eight Magic Valley locations this month.

Course designer and longtime CSI physical fitness instructor Jan Mittlender says the classes are an excellent way for seniors to improve the physical and emotional quality of their lives. The one-credit classes are free to anyone 60 years or older who signs up the first week of class.

All classes will begin Jan. 22 or Jan. 23. The schedule is as follows:

9-10 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays in the CSI gymnasium; 9-10 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Jerome Recreation Center; 9:15-10:10 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at the Buhl High School; 10:30-11:30 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at the Shoshone High School old gym; 9:30-10 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at the Gooding CSI North Side Center; 10:30-11:30 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at the Buhl High School gym; 10-11 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at the Burley Racqueters and Health and Fitness Center; and 9-10 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Rupert Civic gym.

The program is made possible through partnerships with the Office on Aging; the Buhl, Fifer, and Shoshone school districts; and the Jerome and Rupert

recreational departments.

For more information, call 733-9554, Ext. 2475 or by e-mail at gnukaya@csi.edu.

Extension system offers 'Married!' course

RUPERT - A program designed to emphasize positive aspects of marriage, giving couples tools to build a strong marriage is being offered in the Mini-Cassia area by the University of Idaho Cooperative Extension System.

Married and Loving It! is designed to appeal to couples approaching marriage and looking for marriage education, wondering how to settle their differences, raising children, who are trying marriage for the second or third time or happily married couples looking for an enjoyable night out without the kids.

Couples will be encouraged to learn about themselves and how they individually contribute to the relationship both positively and negatively. The class will help couples identify areas of potential conflict, and learn strategies for effective resolution, new communication skills, ways to let finances build the relationship, decision-making and in-law relationships and principles for making marriage work. The sessions will also provide opportunities for couples to interact with other couples who have similar experiences.

The free sessions are scheduled from 7:30 p.m. Feb. 5, Feb. 12, Feb. 19, Feb. 26, and March 5 at the Minidoka County Extension Office at the

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Class size is limited and pre-registration is required. Call 436-7184 before Jan. 28 to register.

4-H council fund-raiser involves inventory

BURLEY - The 4-H leaders council fund-raiser will help with Cal Stores inventory from 8:11:30 a.m. Tuesday.

This enables the council to earn a large part of its working funds. Thirty people are needed and they can be leaders as well as parents or other adults who would like to help.

For more information, call to sign up to help, call Paul Marchant at 862-9235 or Marla at the Extension Office, 878-9461.

Valley American Association of Retired Persons Chapter 4352 will meet at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the KMVT Community Room, 1100 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.

Guest speaker will be Renee Chariton from the State of Idaho Senior Health Insurance Benefits Advisor, Department of Insurance. The public is invited. For more information, call 733-2752.

Adult agriculture classes start up this month

CASTLEFORD - Adult agriculture classes will be offered at 6 p.m. Wednesdays, Jan. 30 and Feb. 6-20 at the Castleford Ag Science building.

Classes offered include tractor maintenance and efficiency, concepts of gardening and introduction to welding. Introduction to welding is \$15 and open only to the first 12 people that pre-register. The other classes are free.

For more information, call Roger Wells or Mr. Mink at 537-6511.

Medical center offers talk on headaches

KETCHUM - St. Luke's Wood River Medical Center will offer a "brown bag talk" on headaches from 5:30-7 p.m. Thursday in St. Luke's Baldy Conference Rooms in Ketchum.

Kenneth Brait, a neurologist at St. Luke's Medical Center, will present information on where headaches come from, why people get them and how to effectively

deal with them. Participants are encouraged to bring dinner to the free talk. For more information, call 788-5733.

St. Benedicts holds CPR instructor workshop

JEROME - St. Benedicts Family Medical Center will offer a two-day CPR workshop for CPR instructors from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Feb. 1-2 at the Health Education Center on Fifth Avenue West in Jerome.

Fran Newman, a certified respiratory therapy and care practi-

tioner, will be the instructor. The class is free, but the required materials will cost \$150. The materials include: BLS instruction manual, fundamental heart/saver manual, AED instructor manual, MDS personal pocket mask and BLS health care provider text.

Participants must have a current American Heart Association CPR card, register by Tuesday and submit full payment for the materials no later than the first day of the workshop.

For more information, call Fran Newman at 324-1122, Ext. 3267.

HEALTH SHORTS

Good Stresses Can Affect Your Health Too

Statistics have shown that even what we consider to be good changes, such as a raise in pay or moving to a nicer home, are great enough stresses that illnesses are more likely in the following year.

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heart irregularities, blood pressure and, even affects our ability to fight cancers. Some studies have shown that tumor cells grew faster in patients who were under stress - the defenses against tumor cells appeared to be decreased.

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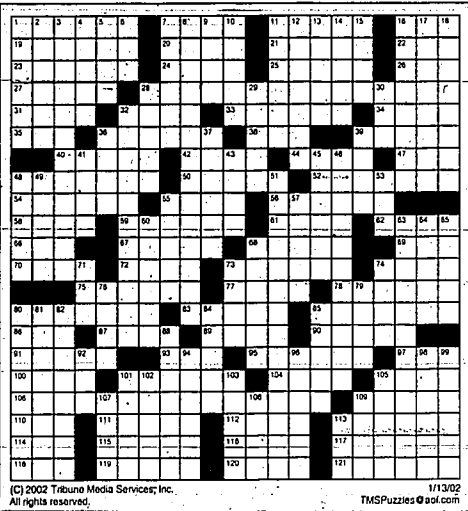
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 - 98 Broaded horn
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 - 104 Mindline
 - 105 Boundary
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 - 108 Spreadsheet
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ANNIVERSARY

THE ALMAS

BELLEVUE - Mr. and Mrs. Wim Alma of Bellevue will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on Tuesday. The family invites friends to a special reception after the 10:30 a.m. service today at Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church in Ketchum.

Wim Alma was born in the Netherlands, and Sally Benziger was born in Korea. They traveled adventuresome paths before meeting at her parents' ranch near Laramie, Wyo., in September 1941.

They were married Jan. 15,



Wim and Sally Alma 1942, in New York City. During World War II, life was a chal-

lenge for the newlyweds with the transcontinental commuting for Wim due to his career in the ocean shipping industry. In 1948, they settled in Seattle, after their three children were born. Twenty-plus years in Seattle and another 10 years in San Francisco, eventually led them to Ketchum in the early 1970s after his retirement. They moved to Bellevue in 1990, where they have since resided.

(They are the parents of Mischa (Howard) Leendersten of Seattle and Kedum, Wim (Siar) Alma of Kirkland, Wash., and Mary Alma of Bellevue. The couple has four grandchildren.

ENGAGEMENTS

STARK-WINANS



Amanda Thompson and Jeff Abram

KIMBERLY - F. Robert and Dorothy Stark of Kimberly announce the engagement of their daughter, Rebecca Ann Stark, to David H. Winans, son of LaRae Winans and Dennis Winans, both of Pocatello.

Stark graduated from Kimberly High School in 1990 and served in the New York, New York North Spanish-speaking Mission from 1993-95. She graduated from Brigham Young University in 1996 with a bachelor of science degree and Idaho State University in 1999 with a master's degree in education. She is employed at Wasatch High School in Heber City, Utah.

Winans graduated from Pocatello High School in 1989 and served in the Korea Seoul Mission from 1992-94. He graduated from the U.S. Air Force



Rebecca Stark and David Winans

Academy in 1996 with a bachelor of science degree and was captain of the U.S. Air Force Intelligence. He is attending Marriott School of Management at BYU in the MBA program.

The wedding is planned for Feb. 14 in the Bountiful LDS Temple.

The couple will reside in Heber City, Utah.

THOMPSON-ABRAM

TWIN FALLS - Richard Thompson of Jerome and Joyce Thompson of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Amanda Jo Thompson, to Jeff Abram, son of Homer and Kaye Abram of Twin Falls.

Thompson is a graduate of Jerome High School and a recent graduate of Boise State University in the licensed practical nursing program.

Abram is a graduate of Twin Falls High School. He is employed at OK Tire in Twin Falls as assistant manager.

The wedding is planned for Saturday at The Ballroom, 205 Shoshone St. N., Twin Falls.

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WEDDINGS

LARSON-USHER



Karl and Clell Usher

TWIN FALLS - Kari Michelle Larson and Clell Usher were married July 21, 2001, at the Nampa Rose Gardens.

The bride is the daughter of Ron and Vicki Harney of Twin Falls and Bruce and Glenda Larson of Pocatello.

The groom is the son of Bobby and Kathy Usher of Harper, Ore.

Bridesmaids were Kassa Patrick, Brandy Kahn and Jodie Hale.

Best men were Nate Patrick, Eric Aiken and Dan Jacobs.

Flower girls were Hallah

Kahn, Kassidi Hale and Alyia Kahn.

Special guests were grandparents of the groom, Lawrence and Vernis Gist.

A reception was held following the ceremony at the Nampa Rose Gardens. Debbie Larson, aunt of the bride, served the wedding cake.

The bride and groom attended the College of Southern Idaho. She graduated with a liberal arts degree and is a licensed financial advisor. He is a horse therapist and is president of his company, Rising Sun Equine.

MINGO-HARMAN



Jon and Jamie Harman

PAUL - Jamie Mingo and Jon Harman were married Dec. 28, 2001, in the Salt Lake LDS Temple.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ron Mingo of Paul. She is a 1997 graduate of Minico High School and attended Dixie College, where she received her licensed practical nursing degree.

She served an LDS mission to Nagoya, Japan.

She is currently studying for her registered nursing degree

research nurse.

The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Harman of Rupert. He is a 1997 graduate of Minico High School and served an LDS mission to Bogota, Columbia. He is currently attending Utah State University, majoring in business information systems with a minor in marketing.

A reception to honor the couple will be held from 7-9:30 p.m. Friday at the Paul Stake Center, 425 W. Ellis, Paul.

The couple will reside in Logan, Utah.

Cancer: Lie low, play a waiting game

IF JANUARY 13TH IS YOUR BIRTHDAY - you were separated psychologically or otherwise from parents at relatively early age. Your interests are unorthodox and could include the mantic arts. You are romantic and passionate, and are always willing to take yet another chance on romance. Taurus, Leo and Scorpio persons play roles in your life, could have these letters in names: D, V, Y. August will be your most favorable and profitable month of this year.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): New Moon is in your Tenth House; you will have fresh start and will be "promoted." A "difficult" kind of romance is on horizon. You'll awake to a new life.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Focus on participation in international activities. You will be concerned with home, security and marriage. Capricorn, Cancer natives will play outstanding roles.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): New Moon relates to areas previously unknown. Give full play to intellectual curiosity; overcome fear of "mystery." Sagittarius, another Gemini figure prominently.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Lie

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low, play waiting game. Repair work at home must be completed.

Spotlight will be on legal affairs, partnership and marital status. Have luck with number 4.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Employment picture changes in your favor. On personal level, flirtation becomes serious. Be sure you know when to say, "Enough!" Virgo, Sagittarius will highlight scenario.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Attention resolves around home, marriage and children. Key is to be diplomatic; if you force issues, loss will result. Taurus, Libra will play fascinating roles.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Define terms; you could participate in sale or purchase of land. Gain additional knowledge. Deal nothing for granted. Deal gingerly with temperamental Scorpio. Avoid self-deception.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): This is your power-play day! Relative interferes with plans; say, "Thank you, but no thanks!" Focus on organiza-

tion, become familiar with priorities.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You could be talk of the town! Reach beyond the immediate. Give aid and comfort to those who request help. Aries, Libra individuals will play memorable roles.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Lunar cycle high; make fresh start in new direction. You will be at right place at crucial moment almost effortlessly. Imprint style; don't wait for others. Leo represented.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Answers are found behind scenes and as result of meditation. Focus on direction, motivation and marital status. You will learn that you are not alone. Cancer native involved.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Your dreams could become realities. You get what you wish for - don't wish for more than you can handle. Gemini, Sagittarius will play mysterious roles. Lucky number is 3.

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Q: My mother is 84 and in a nursing home. I hold her power of attorney. She qualified for Medicaid because her only remaining asset was her home. Because she could not afford to maintain it, I sold her home and realized an \$80,000 profit. I read an article saying that a person could give family members \$10,000 each without affecting Medicaid qualification, and that that one of the biggest mistakes people make is thinking that they cannot give their children money without compromising their qualification for Medicaid. So Mom told me to give \$10,000 each to



NEXT STEPS
Jan Collins and Jan Warner

her children and other family members. Now, three months later, we are told that she no

longer qualifies, and the facility has threatened to discharge Mom if her bills are not paid. We have all spent the money buying cars, etc. She receives a total of \$950 per month from Social Security and a small pension that does not come close to covering \$5,200 per month cost. Could you please clarify as I have not been able to find the article?

A: The biggest mistake people make is listening to folks who don't know what they are talking about. You have committed cardinal Medicaid sins by converting a non-countable resource (your mother's personal residence) into

a countable resource (cash) and then giving away the cash. When the house was sold, your mother's countable resources exceeded \$2,000 and disqualified her. You either misread this article or it was dead wrong. Never rely on what you read when it comes to the complexities of Medicaid. Call a qualified lawyer.

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Tea! Part of a Healthy Diet



Some fancy a smooth, relaxing, steaming cup of brewed tea, others a cold, refreshing glass of iced tea, but regardless of how it is served, tea is fast becoming the preferred beverage of many. Now, tea lovers can feel better than ever about consuming their favorite drink, Jeffrey Blumberg, Ph.D. FACN, chief of the Antioxidants Research Laboratory at Tufts University, has identified tea as one of the top healthy foods for the new year; the new millennium and beyond, and people across the country are celebrating during National Hot Tea Month.

"This January is the perfect time to consider tea as part of a healthy diet. As a new year begins, people are making resolution to eat and live healthier, and there's no better time to celebrate tea's healthy attributes than National Hot Tea Month," says Joe Simrany, president of the Tea Council of the USA.

Scientists have found that tea contains antioxidants, substances that can reduce oxidative damage in the body, helping to maintain healthy cells and tissues. The latest epidemiological research suggests that drinking black tea may reduce the risk of cardiovascular disease. Of particular interest are two studies that were published this year.

• A recent study examined 340 men and women who had suffered heart attacks and found that those who drank a cup or more of black tea daily had a 44 percent reduction in heart attack risk compared to non-tea drinkers. The study was conducted by Dr. Howard Sesso, et al., at Brigham and Women's Hospital and Harvard Medical School in Boston and published in the American Journal of Epidemiology.

• In a study by Dutch researchers, participants who drank one to two cups of black tea daily had a 46 percent lower risk of severe aortic atherosclerosis, one factor contributing to cardiovascular disease. Those who drank more than four cups of tea a day had a 69 percent lower risk. The study, published in the Archives of Internal Medicine, examined the association of tea intake and the severity of aortic atherosclerosis in 3,454 subjects who were free of cardiovascular disease at the time of baseline.

Earlier epidemiological and laboratory studies suggest a relationship between tea consumption and reduced risk of several types of cancer, including oral, digestive, lung and colorectal, and that tea has greater antioxidant power in vitro than many fruits and vegetables.

"It's no longer a matter of considering just the vitamin and mineral content of our diets. People now need to recognize that foods and beverages can contribute important phytonutrients like the antioxidant flavonoids," said Dr. Blumberg. "Flavonoid-rich and virtually calorie-free, tea is an ideal choice for those looking for a delicious drink that fits perfectly into a healthy diet." Other foods and food components on Dr. Blumberg's list include whole grains, brightly colored fruits and vegetables, soy products, omega-3 fatty acids (found in fatty fish like salmon and tuna) and red wine.



Source: Tea Council of the USA

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