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Public gets access to nutrient plans

By Julie Patten
Times-News writer

FILER - If neighbors of dairies think they are going to be able to find out exactly where all the manure is landing, they might be in for a surprise.

That's because nutrient management plans, which contain information on cow numbers and the amount of manure dairymen have to spread around, are "living" documents - they change according when they buy and sell land and rotate their crops.

That became apparent after a

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standoff between *The Times-News* and the Idaho Department of Agriculture over the state's public records law ended recently. The Ag Department released the nutrient management plans for the Desert Rose Farms dairy owned by Hank and Toni Haflinger near Filer which the newspaper had requested in April.

Based upon two opinions from the state attorney general's office, the agency had previously

been less than forthcoming with the information in the Haflinger documents. But a third attorney general's opinion prompted the Ag Department to release the documents.

Nutrient management plans have been required of dairymen by the Idaho Legislature since July 2001. Among other reasons, the Legislature made the requirement in order to keep track of nitrates leaching into the groundwater and to protect the soil from imbalances through application of too much manure in certain places.

Haflinger said he has no prob-

lem with the information being made public.

"I don't know what the big deal was," Haflinger said, adding that he has nothing to hide.

"It probably gives more credibility to what I'm doing than what my detractors are saying," Haflinger said.

Reviewing the plans

To date, the Ag Department has reviewed about 90 percent of the 800 or so plans submitted by dairymen, department spokeswoman Julie Pipal said Monday. Of that 90 percent, the agency is

working with about 10 percent on modifications. There's no deadline for the Ag Department to complete its review of the plans, nor is there a deadline for dairies to have their plans accepted.

But any time a dairymen modifies the size of his farm or herd by 10 percent, he is required to rewrite the plan, Pipal explained.

Such is the case with Haflinger, who recently increased his farm from 532 acres to about 1,300 acres, according to his latest plan. But his latest plan does not contain some information that neigh-

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EXPLOSION AT THE INTERCHANGE



An explosion rips through a small hill in the median of Interstate 84 north of Twin Falls. Western Construction has used explosives to fracture lava rock more than 20 times since a project to reconstruct the I-84/U.S. Highway 28 interchange started here last fall for several more months of blasting. The entire project is scheduled to be finished in December 2003.

Dairy appeal challenges setbacks variance denial

By Sandy Miller
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - If county commissioners overturn the Planning and Zoning Commission's denial of a variance to allow a new confined animal feeding operation, they'll be "throwing their ordinance out the window," said attorney Rich Carlson.

County commissioners Monday heard an appeal from Mary Nunes asking commissioners to overturn the Planning and Zoning Commission's September

decision denying them a variance on setbacks. The variance would allow the Nuneses to start a 600-animal-unit heifer replacement operation for their dairy near Bull.

After five consecutive CAFO moratoriums and the failure of a citizens group to decide on an ordinance of its own, county commissioners in January passed their own ordinances regulating animal feeding operations in Twin Falls County.

The new county ordinances are specific when it comes to set-

backs. Smaller existing operations - between 100 and 999 animal units - can expand as long as the setbacks are not reduced from the existing setbacks at the time of the applications. Smaller operations need to be at least a mile away from the Snake River and Salmon Falls Creek canyon rims and a mile away from existing operations. They have to be at least a quarter of a mile away from streams and 300 feet away from property lines.

The Nuneses are the first dairy farmers to submit a CAFO appli-

cation under the new ordinances - and the first to challenge the setbacks.

Before a packed audience that included people on both sides of the dairy issue, Carlson warned commissioners of the floodgates they would open if they overturned the county planners' decision and allowed the variance.

"If you overturn the decision of planning and zoning, you are opening up a big can of worms," Carlson said.

But the Nuneses' attorney, John Plessee see **APPEAL**, Page A2

Irrigators want no hike in water flow

By Jennifer Sandmann
Times-News writer

BURLEY - Irrigators and power utilities voiced their support Monday for nixing the possibility that water enough to fill American Falls Reservoir could be sent down river to provide what some scientists say are unproven benefits for salmon and steelhead.

Vince Alberdi, general manager of the Twin Falls Canal Co., said it's "probably the best Christmas present we can get in the Magic Valley."

Sending that much water downstream would put thousands of acres of farmland out of production and bump rates higher, echoed the 13 men who testified in a public hearing at the Burley Inn and Convention Center. About 30 representatives of irrigation companies and electric utilities attended. Missing were fish and wildlife advocacy groups, but they still have a chance to comment. Another public hearing will be held in Boise tonight, and written comments will be accepted into January.

The regional council guiding Columbia River Basin fish and hydropower policy for Idaho, Washington, Oregon and Montana no longer endorses sending 1 million acre feet of water from the upper Snake River downstream for fish. The Northwest Power Planning Council says the reversal is based on the latest research that questions whether sending more water down river in the spring will increase survival rates of juvenile salmon headed to the ocean.

How much is survival dependent on stream flows?

"We can't answer that, yet," John Harrison, spokesman for the planning council, said in a phone interview. Please see **IRRIGATORS**, Page A2

U.N. weapons inspectors resume duties in Iraq

Los Angeles Times

CAIRO, Egypt - United Nations weapons inspectors returned to Iraq on Monday for the first time in nearly four years, backed by the threat of force and the authority to search anywhere, any time for chemical, biological and nuclear weapons - even in Saddam Hussein's lavish palaces.

Chief weapons inspector Hans Blix and Mohammed El Baradei, director-general of the International Atomic Energy Agency, immediately sought to calm fears that their arrival in Baghdad brought the region closer to war.

"We have come here for one single reason, and that is the world wants to have assurance that there are no weapons of mass destruction in Iraq," Blix said shortly after they landed at Saddam Hussein International Airport.

Credible inspections are "in the interests of Iraq and the interests of the world," he said.



Iraq workers unload the U.N. inspectors' equipment at Saddam International airport in Baghdad Monday.



Hans Blix, U.N. chief inspector, right, and Mohammed El Baradei, head of the International Atomic Energy Agency, left, speak to the media upon arrival at Saddam International airport in Baghdad, Monday.

when Blix said preliminary checks are scheduled to begin. Perhaps the more important date is Dec. 8, when Iraq is to file a list of any banned weapons programs. The second deadline appears to be a conflict waiting to happen, since Iraq insists it has no such programs.

Ruling gives govt more surveillance powers

Knight-Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON - In a decision that will greatly expand the government's authority to eavesdrop on Americans, a federal appeals court ruled Monday that the Justice Department has broad powers to use wiretaps and other means to combat terrorism.

A special three-judge panel overturned a decision by the secret Foreign Intelligence

Surveillance Court in May that certain surveillance provisions in the USA PATRIOT Act infringed on citizens' privacy.

Monday's decision means the government will face fewer hurdles when it seeks to listen to telephone conversations and read the e-mail of people who are suspected of espionage or terrorism. Intelligence agents and criminal prosecutors also will be able to share information more freely.

The special appeals court, which consisted of three federal appellate judges named by William Rehnquist, the chief justice of the Supreme Court, ruled Monday that the expanded powers sought in the USA PATRIOT Act are "constitutional because the surveillances it authorizes are reasonable."

Attorney General John Ashcroft called the decision "a victory for liberty, safety and the

security of the American people."

He said it "revolutionizes our ability to investigate terrorists and prosecute terrorist acts."

Armed with the ruling, Ashcroft announced Monday that the FBI was doubling the number of lawyers in its National Security Law Unit, which handles foreign intelligence wiretap applications, and would add 25 lawyers to the Justice Department's Office of Intelligence Policy and Review.

TWIN FALLS FORECAST

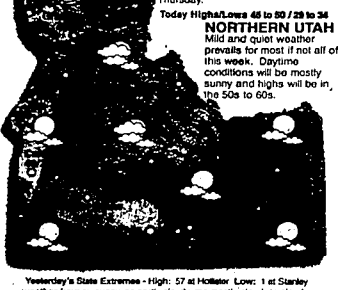
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CANADIAN FORECAST

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Irrigators

Continued from A1. Interview following Monday's meeting. The latest research from the National Marine Fisheries Service shows that juvenile salmon survival is at least 90 percent at Northwest dams, Harrison said.

Fish vs. Irrigators

How to comment. Submit written comments through Jan. 10 online to comments@nwppc.org or to Mark Walker, Public Affairs, Northwest Power Planning Council, 851 SW Sixth Ave., Suite 1100, Portland, Ore. 97204.

Irrigators and electric utilities clashed at Monday's meeting. Other proposed changes include shifting when flow augmentation releases are made to better manage water for winter power generation and resident fish such as bull charr, sturgeon.

Plans

Continued from A1. Bob Rich Carlson is looking for - such as how much manure is going to be distributed near some fields next to a stream running through Cedar Draw.

What's in the plan

Here's the kind of information you'll find in the new report about Hank Hagfliger's Desert Rose Farms dairy that it couldn't get before: Low numbers - The dairy has 4,000 milking cows with 750 dry cows and 4,000 replacements.

would be needed for clear guidance

Since that time, the third opinion from the attorney general's office advised the Ag Department that the agency would probably have a hard time in court backing up its previous stance not to give out most information in nutrient management plans.

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Appeal

Continued from A1. Lothspeich, asked commissioners to overlook Carlson's "doomsday warning" and instead consider the facts of the Nunees' appeal.

operations. These moratoriums prevented the Nuneeses from applying for a permit, Lothspeich said.

But Carlson pointed out that although the Nuneeses might have applied for a permit the day the first moratorium went into effect in July 2000, it was not for the property in question. In fact, the Nuneeses didn't even buy the property until sometime in 2001, Carlson said.

for a variance.

"It's like thousands of other acres of farm ground," Carlson said. Carlson said the Nuneeses also hadn't proven there would be hardship without the variance, or that their property value was in jeopardy, also requirements for a variance.

CORRECTION

The event will be held from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Jefferson Elementary School at 600 E. Illinois in Jerome.

for a variance.

"The Nuneeses aren't out for vengeance," Lothspeich said. "They're here to build a heifer operation."

Explosions rock area near U.S. military base in Japan

TOKYO (AP) - Two explosions resounded late Monday outside the headquarters for the U.S. Army in Japan, and a projectile launcher was found near the site, U.S. military officials and Japanese police said Tuesday.

Police refused to comment on whether leftist extremists - who have used similar launchers in the past - might have been responsible.

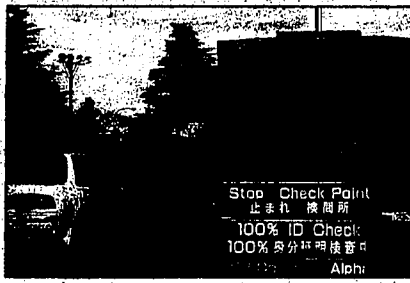
No one was hurt by the blasts late Monday night, and there were no reports of damage.

In Washington, Maj. Timothy Blair, a Pentagon spokesman, said an explosion had been reported about 800 feet from Camp Zama, the headquarters for the 9th Army in Japan and the 9th Theater Support Command.

Army spokesman Capt. Benjamin Kiykendall added that because the blast occurred off base, the inquiry was being handled by Japanese authorities. He said it wasn't immediately clear that the attack was directed against the base.

Japanese police spokesman Naritoku Sawaki confirmed that the explosion was the first seen near the blast site, but denied that he had been arrested and said he had no further details on them.

Sawaki said two explosions were heard in a park near the base at about 11 p.m. Police found a metal pipe used as a projectile launcher and burn marks



A security officer checks the identity of a driver at the main gate of Camp Zama, south of Tokyo, Tuesday. Two explosions were reported late Monday and a projectile launcher was found at a park about 800 feet from the perimeter of the U.S. military base outside Tokyo.

nearby, he said. The pipe was pointed toward Camp Zama, but said no projectile had been found on the base, he said.

Personnel officials said the U.S. Pacific Command in Hawaii, which is responsible for U.S. forces in Japan, said there were no reports of injuries at Camp Zama.

Leftist radicals in Japan are known for using similar projectile launchers in attacks on targets related to the U.S. military

here. The attacks are usually more symbolic than dangerous, and injuries or significant damage are rare.

There are 2,000 U.S. troops stationed at the base, which is located about 25 miles southwest of Tokyo. About 50,000 American military personnel are stationed in Japan under a mutual security pact.

Camp Zama public-affairs officials said "appropriate force protection measures" were being taken.

Officials: Voice on tape is bin Laden

The Washington Post

The deep, unshaken voice calling for more attacks against the United States and its allies broadcast on the al-Jazeera television network last week is a genuine, unedited audiotape made by Osama bin Laden in the past several weeks, U.S. intelligence officials said Monday.

Linguists at the National Security Agency who have been assigned for many years to study bin Laden's voice and analyze tape recordings and intercepts of his suspected conversations have no doubt it is the voice of al-Qaida's leader. But the quality of the tape, in which bin Laden is believed to be speaking into a telephone that is near a tape recorder's microphone, is not good enough to allow a 100 percent certainty that it is him, a U.S. intelligence official said.

Still, the CIA and NSA assessment is the next best thing to definitive. "Our intelligence experts do believe that the tape is genuine," said White House spokesman Scott McClellan. "It cannot be stated with 100 percent certainty. It is clear that the tape was made in the last several weeks."

Some Democrats in Congress have used the tape as evidence that the administration has not done enough in the war on terrorism and should not be diverted from Iraq by launching a war in Iraq.



Osama bin Laden

A number of high-ranking U.S. officials, among them national security adviser Condoleezza Rice, responded last week by saying they had made significant progress in capturing terrorists and disrupting terrorist plans. Monday, McClellan called bin Laden's audiotape "a reminder that we are at war on terrorism. It's a reminder that we need to continue doing everything we can to go after these terrorist networks and their leaders wherever they are and we will."

The last firm evidence that bin Laden was alive came more than a year ago in a videotape, dated Nov. 9, 2001, showing bin Laden at a dinner with his chief deputy, Ayman Zawahiri. He appeared gaunt

and weak and some analysts believed he might have been wounded during U.S. airstrikes in Afghanistan.

Kuwaiti authorities, meanwhile, are interrogating an alleged al-Qaida member suspected of plotting to blow up a hotel frequented by U.S. officials in Sanaa, the capital of Yemen, according to U.S. intelligence officials.

The man, Mohsen al-Fadhli, 21, was arrested with two other men Nov. 4. U.S. intelligence officials said he is believed to have been involved in an al-Qaida plan to launch a car bomb attack against the hotel, where about 20 Americans - most of them government and military officials - are staying.

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Court OKs state discretion on tobacco money spending

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) - A federal appeals court on Monday reaffirmed the right states, including Idaho, to spend tobacco settlement funds at their discretion.

The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals sided with a host of other courts that have addressed the topic. The San Francisco-based court, ruling 3-0, said federal legislation allows states to spend any way they want funds obtained from the historic 1998 accord with the tobacco industry.

The federal court struck down a challenge to how Hawaii is spending the \$1.38 billion it is receiving over 25 years.

In 9th Circuit case adjudicated Monday, Hawaiian residents federally insured by the Medicaid trust plan sued to get a piece of that state's settlement. But the appeals court said tobacco funds may be used "for any expenditures deemed appropriate by the state."

Under Hawaii legislation effective July 1, Hawaii is allocating 24.5 percent to a budget reserve fund, 35 percent for a children's health insurance program, 12.5 percent to the Hawaii Tobacco Prevention and Control Trust Fund and 28 percent to pay bonds

for a new medical school facility at the University of Hawaii, according to the court.

Fifty-six states, including Hawaii, settled a lawsuit with the tobacco industry, which agreed to pay them billions.

Earlier this summer, Idaho Gov. Dirk Kempthorne said he would tap Idaho's portion of tobacco settlement money if the state could not meet its budget by the end of June 2003.

Anti-tobacco activists have complained that bailing the Idaho out of its budget morass with money from the state's tobacco settlement will sacrifice children's health and end up costing more in the long run.

Idaho is expected to collect about \$20 million in 2003 from the tobacco companies.

Hawaii is one of the worst states in the country for use of the tobacco settlement funds for smoking prevention, according to a national group.

The Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids has listed the state among the "most disappointing" for meeting Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommendations for spending tobacco settlement funds.

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Allies strike Iraqi air defenses, hit new site in south

WASHINGTON (AP) - For the second day in a row, allied warplanes patrolling a no-fly zone in northern Iraq came under fire from aircraft artillery and responded by bombing near the city of Mosul, U.S. officials said.

Also, U.S. planes bombed three sites in southern Iraq after Iraqi air defenses fired multiple surface-to-air missiles and anti-aircraft artillery at the planes.

Separately, the U.S. Central Command said 11 planes dropped 120,000 leaflets Sunday near the town of Ar Rumaythah in southern Iraq. They warn the Iraqi military to stop firing on U.S. and British planes patrolling the southern no-fly zone.

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Wind causes power outages after storm

PORTLAND, Maine — A nor'easter packing a dangerous mix of snow and freezing rain spread a destructive layer of ice across parts of New England, leaving thousands of people without electricity. Brief winds on Monday caused more power outages as it snapped ice-weakened trees and electrical lines.

Tens of thousands of people in the Northeast were still without power early Monday, including more than 58,000 customers of Connecticut Light & Power.

Some customers may have to wait until Wednesday before power is restored, said Frank Poirot, a spokesman for Connecticut Light & Power. Dozens of Connecticut schools were closed Monday.

A new round of harsh weather on Monday reversed the work Massachusetts utility crews had done during the night in restoring service to all but about 1,400 homes and businesses.

Wind gusted to 40 to 50 mph during the morning, and by noon Monday the utility was back up to 18,000 customers without electricity, nearly as many as at the height of the storm, said Massachusetts Electric spokeswoman Amy Atwood.

Child calls 911, reports drunken babysitter

COVINGTON, La. — A babysitter with five children in her car was arrested for drunken driving after she pulled out at a rest stop and one of her charges, a 7-year-old girl, used a cell phone to call 911.

Linda Hebert, 40, of Pineyune, Miss., was found slumped over the steering wheel Sunday and the car was still running, the St. Tammany Parish sheriff's office said. The children were unhurt.

Hebert's blood-alcohol level registered 0.27 on a breath test, well over the 0.10 limit, the report said. Deputies said they had to use pepper spray when Hebert became "combative," and she remained jailed Monday.

Two of the children, ages 5 and 9, were Hebert's. The others, 4, 6 and 7, were left in her care by a woman who expected Hebert to keep them in Pineyune, more than 20 miles from the Interstate 12 rest stop near Covington where the car was found.

A passer-by at the rest stop let the 7-year-old call for help, authorities said.

Tire labeling regs change in response to recall

WASHINGTON — Federal standards announced Monday will require clearer labeling of tires and their recommended inflation pressure to help clear up some of the confusion that followed the Firestone tire recall.

The tire identification number, which includes information to help identify tires subject to a



Dustin Martin cleans the snow off his mother's car Monday in Burlington, Vt.

Nation in brief

recall, will have to be on both sides of a tire in type at least one-quarter inch high. Previously, the number was required to be on one side and often was stamped on the side under the car.

Many Firestone owners complained about the problem after the tire maker recalled millions of tires during the last two years. Some of the tires were losing their tread, leading to thousands of accidents and at least 271 deaths in the United States.

Elephant crushes zoo handler during routine walk

PITTSBURGH — A three-ton elephant crushed her handler to death Monday at the Pittsburgh Zoo and PPG Aquarium during a routine rail walk before the facility opened, officials said.

The 18-year-old female African elephant knocked the handler to the ground with its head and crushed him, said the zoo's executive director, Barbara Baker.

The handler was walking a 6,200-pound elephant and its 3-year-old baby when the mother knocked him over, officials said. The worker's name was not released.

The accident occurred while the two elephants were on a routine morning walk on the zoo's African Savannah trail before the zoo opened.

Officials called the incident unprovoked. Police were called and other handlers were able to get the elephants back to their holding area.

The zoo remained closed for the rest of the day. Officials said the elephant would not be destroyed.

Judge declares mistrial in Internet kidnap case

MINEOLA, N.Y. — Moments after the both sides delivered their opening statements, a judge declared a mistrial in an Internet kidnap and rape case because someone in the hall blurted out, "He's guilty."

Acting on a mistrial request from the defense, Judge Alan Honorof ordered a new jury selected next week.

At least two jurors reported hearing the remark while the jury was taking a 10-minute break. But they said they did not know who said it, or even whether it was in reference to the case they were hearing.

James Warren, 42, was on trial on charges of kidnapping, rape, attempted murder and other offenses.

Prosecutors said he and a woman befriended a 15-year-old Boston-area girl via the Internet, kidnapped her and took her to Long Island, where she was held captive for a week and sexually abused before being rescued by police.

Federal judge orders the removal of commandments

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — A Ten Commandments monument in the rotunda of Alabama's judicial building violates the constitution's ban on government promotion of religion, a federal judge ruled Monday.

U.S. District Judge Myron Thompson gave Alabama Chief Justice Roy Moore, who had the 5,300-pound granite monument installed in the state building, 30 days to remove it.

Thompson said that previous court rulings have allowed displays on government property if they have a secular purpose and do not foster "excessive government entanglement with religion." He said the Ten Commandments monument fails this test.

— compiled from wire reports

Senate says farewell to Thurmond, Helms

WASHINGTON (AP) — With a graciousness that crossed party lines, members of the Senate offered farewells Monday to colleagues serving out their last days in Congress, including Sen. Strom Thurmond — one month away from his 100th birthday and the oldest senator ever.

Thurmond, R-S.C., turns 100 on Dec. 5 and is retiring after serving in the Senate for 48 years — longer than any member.

"If you know the personal story, you're almost out of breath if you understand what he has done for his lifetime," Sen. Byrd said. "This is a man of great personal courage. I deeply admire what Sen. Strom Thurmond has done to this country."

Thurmond is one of five long-term senators retiring this week. Among them is conservative icon Sen. Jesse Helms, who is stepping down after serving five terms.

Sen. Robert Byrd, D-W.V., called the 80-year-old Helms a "Southern gentleman of the first order."

"He has never wavered in the strength of his convictions or his voice," Byrd said of Helms, R-N.C. "We have always known where Sen. Jesse Helms stands."

The other senators retiring are

Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas; Fred Thompson, R-Tenn.; and Frank Lautenberg, D-N.J., who served his last month as elected governor of his home state.

Several other senators are leaving after being re-elected to Congress. Sen. Tim Wirth, D-Colo., was re-elected to his second term.

Sen. Tim Wirth, D-Colo., was re-elected to his second term. Sen. Byron Dorgan, D-S.D., said of Thurmond, "This is a man of great personal courage. I deeply admire what Sen. Strom Thurmond has done to this country."

Jalen, look to the Senate floor to predict on her Senate career, which began two years ago after her husband, Mel, was elected to a place trash just before the election. After voters rejected Mel Caranahan, posthumously, an anti-Carnahan was appointed to the job.

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California GOP's future may rest in hands of 'Terminator'

LOS ANGELES (AP) — He has been a genetically engineered twin and a pregnant nun, a Terminator and a spy, a kindergarten teacher and a killer. Now, Arnold Schwarzenegger is the most powerful Republican in the best state in the nation.

Fresh from the Election Day success of a \$500 million education measure that he sponsored, the actor has become perhaps California's most promising GOP candidate — even though he is not yet running for anything.

"Arnold Schwarzenegger would do a tremendous amount to revitalize the party itself and the image of the party to most Californians," said Brian Todd of Bersfield, a delegate to state party conventions.

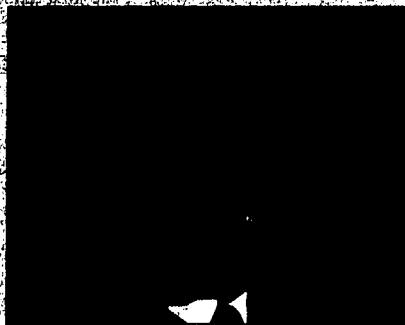
The body-builder-turned-action-hero deflates questions about his political ambitions, but many Republicans expect — and hope — his arrival in the governor's office in four years.

The Austrian-born actor considered seeking the nomination against Democratic Gov. Gray Davis this past year. Supporters launched a "It's a Republican" and "Taurus with the slogan" were strapped up at the party convention in February. But Schwarzenegger decided not to run, citing his contract to film "Terminator 3" set for release next summer.

Instead, he drafted, funded and starred in TV commercials for Proposition 49, which dedicates as much as \$50 million annually to before and after-school programs. The measure passed by a wide margin earlier this month.

America's most successful action-movie politician, Ronald Reagan, liked the trait a generation ago. Before becoming governor of California, and then president, Reagan made the transition into politics as president of the Screen Actors Guild and a spokesman for General Electric. Other celebrities who have switched to politics include former Carmel Mayor Clint Eastwood and Minnesota Gov. Jesse Ventura.

Schwarzenegger's name, wealth and potential to appeal to Democrats and moderates make him an attractive candidate in a state where Democrats outnumber Republicans 45 percent to 35 percent.



Actor Arnold Schwarzenegger speaks at a Town Hall luncheon in Beverly Hills, Calif., Sunday.

"It's pretty clear that right now Schwarzenegger is a strong early frontrunner for the nomination," said GOP consultant Dan Schur. "Proposition 49 was the first primary of the 2006 governor's race if Arnold Schwarzenegger wants it to be."

Schwarzenegger, 55, told The Associated Press: "To me it's a great honor to be considered for those kind of things. I think it's great people say, 'He's the ideal candidate' or 'He can win.' Obviously, it's much better if people say that than if they say the opposite. But I don't have a plan like that."

Republican state Sen. Tom McClintock was viewed as a potential rival in 2006 if he wins the state controller's contest, which two weeks after Election Day remains too close to call. If he loses, Republicans will hold no statewide offices.

If Schwarzenegger runs, he could have the advantage of a Democratic field divided among four or five of the Democrats' statewide offices.

Another Democrat mentioned as a competitor has been actor-director Rob Reiner of "All in the Family" fame, raising the prospect of a Terminator vs. Meathad matchup. But Reiner associates say he has no plans to run.

There are obstacles between the Terminator and the Republican nomination. GOP primaries in California tend to favor conservative candidates, and Schwarzenegger describes himself as "very liberal" on social issues. He favors legalized abortion, some gun control measures and gay adoption. His wife, Kennedy cousin Maria Shriver, is a Democrat.

Republican insiders differ on whether the nomination is his for the taking. "At this point for the Republican nomination, it would be a coronation," said GOP consultant Kevin Spillane, who helped run former Los Angeles Mayor Richard Riordan's losing campaign for governor. Riordan, a GOP moderate, lost the nomination to a conservative, Bill Simon.

"It's not going to be a coronation," said veteran GOP strategist Ken Khachigian. But he added: "If he makes the rounds and raises money, participates in the debate, lets us know where he is on issues over the next year and a half, obviously he has a great deal of name ID, and everything being equal, I think people would be interested in his running."

Supreme Court opens new death penalty inquiry

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court opened a fresh inquiry Monday into bad lawyering and the death penalty, accepting a case that could give justices a chance to spell out when inmates can claim that poor representation led to conviction.

The court already sided with prosecutors twice this year in ineffective-counsel cases. The latest appeal is less procedural and gives the justices a better opportunity to deal with the legal rights of people who face execution.

Defendants in capital cases often cannot afford to hire lawyers, so government-paid attorneys are appointed for them. The quality of those lawyers has troubled some Supreme Court members in recent years, and two justices have publicly criticized the quality of death penalty attorneys.

The court's announcement that it would review the case of a man put on Maryland's death row for drowning an elderly woman gave

opponents of capital punishment hope that worry about ineffective counsel will be reflected in the court's rule-making.

"I think it signals there's enough people on the court who are aware how terrible the representation is around the country and are willing to hear a case to address it," said Steven Hawkins, executive director of the National Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty.

Kent Scheidegger, legal director of the pro-death penalty Criminal Justice Legal Foundation, said nearly every death row inmate claims ineffective counsel, and justices can use this case to clarify how the appeals should be reviewed.

In the past year, justices declared unconstitutional the execution of mentally retarded murderers and said juries, not judges, must decide issues that determine if a particular case warrants the death penalty. Kevin Eugene Wiggins' appeal

becomes the fifth death penalty case that the Supreme Court will consider this term, an indication of the court's intense interest in the subject. The other four involve mechanics of imposing capital punishment; the Wiggins' case could be the most far-reaching of the five.

The Supreme Court refused to overturn Wiggins' conviction, but justices will consider whether his appointed lawyers did enough investigating into his background to collect sympathetic evidence for jurors considering his fate.

At issue are Wiggins' rights under the Constitution's Sixth Amendment, which guarantees defendants a lawyer.

Public defenders did not tell the jury that Wiggins was beaten and raped as a child after being put in foster care when his abusive and alcoholic mother abandoned him. He was homeless at times and may be mentally retarded, his new lawyers contend.

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WASHINGTON — The government is tightening its scrutiny of companies that process beef, pork and poultry for deli meats and hot dogs but don't test their equipment, equipment and other parts of their plants for listeria.

The Agriculture Department issued a directive Monday to its inspectors ordering increased oversight for companies that don't have testing programs of their own or who keep the results of such tests to themselves.

"What inspectors will do is this intensified testing — environmental testing — in those plants that do not do their own environmental testing or that don't share their data with us," said Dr. Elsa Murano, USDA undersecretary for food safety.

Until now, the government has required meat processors to test their products for presence of the pathogen but not their plants and equipment. Those plants that did do such environmental testing did not have to share the results with federal inspectors.

Study: Hormones, alcohol increase breast cancer risk
PHILADELPHIA — Women who drink alcohol and take hormones are at almost double the risk of breast cancer, researchers with a large ongoing study say.

Previous studies have shown that women who have more than a drink a day raise their risk of breast cancer, and that hormone replacement therapy also increases the cancer risk.

The Nurses' Health Study assessed the risk of the two factors combined.

Researchers said the good news is that alcohol and estrogen together do not greatly magnify the danger through interaction.

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Study: Extending blood thinner use reduces deaths
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He helped conduct the research and also works as a consultant for Bristol-Myers Squibb Co. and Sanofi-Synthelabo, which market the drug and paid for the study.

The study appears in this week's Journal of the American Medical Association and also was presented at Monday's session of the AHA's scientific meeting in Chicago.

Nation in brief

Study: Herbal treatments for menopause lack punch
PHILADELPHIA — Except for an herbal remedy developed by American Indians, most of the exotic berries, teas, herbs and oils frequently taken by women to ease menopause symptoms, have been ineffective in clinical

trials, according to a study. Alternative treatments for hot flashes, vaginal dryness and other menopause symptoms have gotten additional attention since July, when researchers found evidence linking estrogen-progesterin hormone supplements with breast cancer and heart disease.

Researchers at Columbia University and George Washington University examined the results of 29 independent

studies on alternative treatments for hot flashes and found that only the herb black cohosh appeared to work.

Three of four trials found the herb had a benefit, according to the review in Tuesday's issue of the Annals of Internal Medicine.

Report: Time in hospice care declines for the dying
WASHINGTON — Terminally

ill patients are spending fewer of their last days in hospice care, advocates of better care for the dying said in a report Monday.

Last Acts, a coalition of health and aging groups, looked at the availability of good end-of-life care. One central measure is hospice care, which provides dying patients with such services as pain relief and assistance in putting their affairs in order. More people are turning to

hospice care, the report said. Enrollment jumped from about 1,000 a year in 1975, when hospice care began, to 700,000 in 2000.

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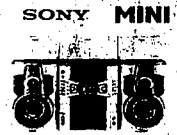
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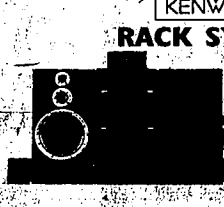
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Israel says flight incident was act of terror

JERUSALEM (AP) - A struggle aboard an El Al Airlines jet in which security agents wrestled an Israeli Arab to the floor was "to all appearances a terrorist attack," the Israeli government said Monday in a statement.

Airline officials concurred and said their security guards prevented a hijacking, but officials at Ben Gurion Airport in Tel Aviv played down the confrontation. Relatives said the passenger, Yusef Fuqra, 23, had a simple argument with a flight attendant.

It was the first official Israeli description of the incident late Sunday that began when Fuqra

drew suspicion - accounts vary about what he did - and was overcome by El Al security men on board the Boeing 727 flying from Tel Aviv to Istanbul, Turkey. None of the 170 passengers on board was harmed, and the plane landed safely.

The Israeli government statement said Fuqra told the guards holding him afterward: "Today is the day I die, and I do this because they killed (my) brothers," an ambiguous declaration that could have referred either to family or other Arabs.

Israeli Arabs, who make up 20 percent of the country's population, have expressed growing

sympathy for Palestinians during two years of violence.

Earlier Monday, a Turkish television report said that Fuqra brandished a knife, tried to hijack the plane and carry out a Sept. 11-style attack on Tel Aviv. The report could not be confirmed, but the Israeli government statement said the incident was similar to the suicide hijackings in the United States. It said Fuqra's actions were "not spontaneous."

In the general area of what took place, all agree that Fuqra had a pocket knife, but it was not clear if he produced it as a weapon and threatened anyone.

Chinese art show removes work inspired by spy plane

BEIJING (AP) - It was planned, but it wasn't quite so simple.

An artwork inspired by a U.S. spy plane that collided with a Chinese fighter jet has been removed from an art show in southern China on orders from culture officials. The artist says the piece has been all but destroyed.

Chinese officials wouldn't explain why they removed Huang Yongping's work, which already had been installed for the Guangzhou Triennial at the Guangdong Province Art Museum. Huang accused officials of acting under U.S. pressure, the U.S. Embassy in Beijing

denied any involvement.

Huang, who works in Paris, said he spent a week assembling the 50-foot-long piece depicting a section of the crippled American plane before receiving a notice Friday that officials had refused permission to exhibit it. He said museum staff ripped it apart during the weekend and swept clean the area where it had stood outside the building.

"We just felt excited that modern art in China could finally get out of its underground status and appear in an official state museum," Huang said Monday. "It is ridiculous that Chinese authorities made such an order on

behalf of a foreign government. Such a case couldn't take place in a Western country."

The U.S. Embassy in Beijing said it had nothing to do with the decision.

"At no time did the U.S. Consulate or U.S. Embassy ask the Chinese authorities to dismantle the EP-3 sculpture," said an embassy spokesman, speaking on customary condition of anonymity.

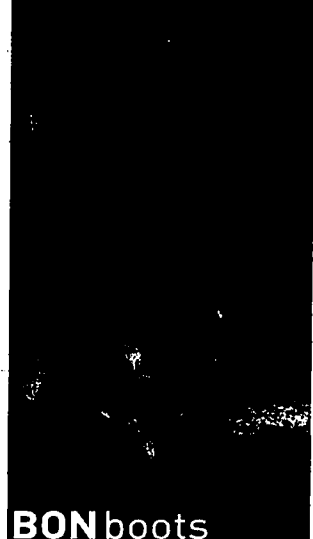
The collision of the EP-3 and a Chinese fighter jet over the South China Sea in April 2001, sent Chinese-USA relations plunging to their lowest level in years.

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EDITORIAL

Publicity in Retmier case doesn't equal prejudice

One of the expectations of our legal system is to protect a defendant's right to a fair and impartial trial while preserving the press' freedom to report on criminal proceedings. However, case law has consistently shown that the delicate balance between the two can be preserved.

That history went astir last week, when a 5th District judge ordered a change of venue in the trial of Dr. James Retmier. Judge Nathan Higer ruled that news coverage of Retmier's case had been "sensational" and that Retmier was unlikely to receive a fair trial in this jurisdiction.

Retmier's attorneys argued that potential jurors had "repetitive exposure to one version of the facts." But while those attorneys took pains to list every story, letter or editorial that was negative about Retmier, they neglected to mention the half-dozen Times-News stories that told Retmier's version of events.

Our view: The scales of justice can work fairly under the spotlight of media coverage in the Retmier case. **What do you think?** We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

Nor did they mention the many published letters supporting and praising Retmier. Apparently, positive publicity can't prejudice a potential jury.

Some readers will agree with the judge and say this case has received too much media coverage. They may argue that the average citizen would never get as much ink as Retmier.

On the latter point, we would reply, "You're right." Because of his position as chief of staff at Twin Falls' only hospital, Retmier's case warrants the public's attention.

Retmier's position has been a pervasive factor in this case from its beginning - and not just in the news coverage. Would the average citizen be immune from arrest on the night of the incident? Would the prosecutor refer the average citizen's assault case to a grand jury? Would the average citizen's employer issue a blanket statement of support?

Probably not.

Moving the trial is a bigger cost and inconvenience to the taxpayers, but mostly it's unnecessary. The scales of justice can and should work fairly - even with the spotlight of media attention.

Higer's ruling means the Retmier trial will be moved, but area citizens can still expect the newspaper to cover it.

Election cycle looks like the '80s

Almost everything about the 2002 election season felt retro - like 1984, in fact. The Republican triumph this year didn't approach the scale of that year, when Ronald Reagan rolled to a 49-state victory over Walter Mondale. But the debate between the parties this fall - and the ways that competition divided the electorate - often seemed to replicate the early 1980s. Which is not good news for Democrats.

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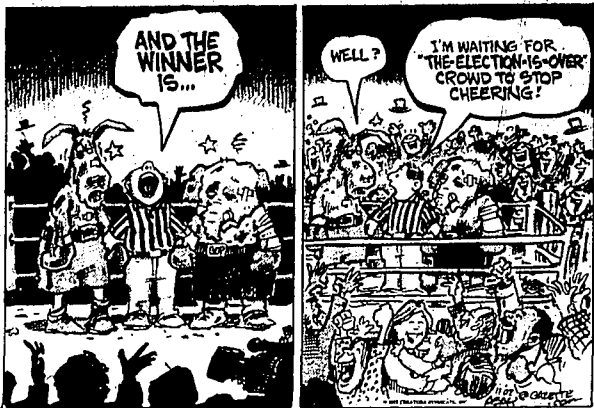
Understanding exactly what happened and why it happened is more difficult than usual because technical problems have prevented the release of the Voter News Service exit poll, the principal tool in recent years for assessing how the electorate aligned and which issues moved them.

But county-by-county results and election-day polls by Republican Bill McInturf and Democrat Stan Greenberg reveals a trend that first emerged in the 1998 congressional election: the resurfacing of problems. Here played the Democrats through the 1980s, when Republicans dominated the White House and the national debate.

Compared with the 1980s, Democrats are stronger today on several fronts. Under President Clinton in the 1990s - with his socially liberal, fiscally moderate "New Democrats" message - the party expanded its reach among white suburbanites and moderates outside of the South. And for the most part it has held those gains.

But on electoral battlegrounds, the GOP is re-establishing the dominance in the Reagan era. Key among them:

• **White men:** They were the backbone of the Reagan coalition - in 1984, they gave Reagan a staggering 35 percentage point margin over Mondale. In his two presidential races, Bill Clinton reduced that deficit to around 10 points or less (partly because Reform Party candidate Ross Perot siphoned many white men



away from the GOP.) Now the gap is widening again: White men gave Republicans a 21-point margin in the 2002 vote, according to Greenberg's poll.

The resurgent GOP advantage among white men is so powerful that it could threaten one of the most important Democratic assets: the labor movement's turnout machine. Greenberg found that Democrats led Republicans this year among all union households by just 14 points - half the margin of 1988 - and only by 6 points among white union households. That's sufficiently reminiscent of Reagan's blue-collar appeal that it may soon be time to start talking about Bush Democrats.

• **Married Women:** They leaned Republican in the 1980s, which helped the GOP close the gender gap. (Then, as now, single women, who tend to be more liberal or socially liberal, mostly voted Democratic.) Clinton made progress here, too, carrying married women in 1996 with a message built around "tools" for parents.

Now values and security issues are nudging married women back toward the GOP.

Republicans carried married women comfortably in the 1998 congressional race, ran even in the 2000 presidential race and Greenberg found, posted a 10-point advantage in 2002.

• **Rural voters:** They gave Reagan and President George H.W. Bush big margins in the 1980s, then divided almost evenly in the Clinton years. Now Democrats are down on the farm again. Big gains in small places have been key to the recent Republican upsurge. GOP congressional candidates this year carried rural voters by more than 20 percentage points, just as candidate George W. Bush did in 2000.

• **The solid South:** This region is resurfacing as the cornerstone of GOP strength. In the 1990s, Democrats enjoyed a mini-revival through the South, capturing seven states with Clinton, adding two senate seats and winning six governorships. But in the 2000 presidential race, George W. Bush won every Southern state. And in 2002, Republicans recaptured three governor's mansions, ousted Sen. Max Baucus, D-Ga., and easily held four open Southern seats

that had been in GOP hands.

Driving these demographic and geographic tilts are shifts in the debate between the parties. Values issues such as guns and abortion - following the backlash against the Clinton scandals in the late 1990s - have been central to the GOP surge, especially in the South.

Democrats compounded their problem by failing to articulate a comprehensive alternative vision for defending the nation. Indeed, democratic candidates lacked overarching messages this year on almost any subject, from economic opportunity to government reform.

Instead, in a final echo of Mondale in the 1980s, many Democratic candidates tried to patch together majorities by wooing individual constituencies with targeted programs, prescription drug coverage for seniors. That was a recipe for disaster in the Reagan years. And based on the mid-term election results, it's no more appetizing for voters today.

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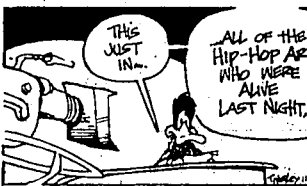
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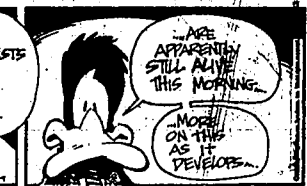
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Employee feels sorrow, but isn't to blame

In regard to Beverly Hunter's article on Nov. 12, I am a mother of two and my heart goes out to you and your family for your loss.

I am the sister of the manager of the car wash that hired Corey Hood. My sister is a law-abiding citizen who is very respectful and honest. She worked closely with those kids; she never asked anything of them that she would not have done herself. Everyone seems to forget my sister was also a risk; she worked with him as much as the next guy.

My sister was not aware of Corey Hood's convictions; otherwise, she would not have hired him because there was no way she could have been there 24 hours a day nor seven days a week to baby-sit him. It was up to the probation officer to make sure of his placement and that was proven. The probation officer should never have allowed him to work there, knowing at some point he would be around minors. For the most part, they were all minors and all at risk.

To all who are interested and feel your children may be in danger for this is all public knowledge, go to your local sheriff's office, ask a listing of all offenders, go over this list with your children so they are aware of who is on it and who to be careful around.

Corey Hood is the one who

admitted and was convicted. My sister had no control of what happened outside of the work place, nor did anyone else. My sister, also a mother, would never knowingly put anyone at risk.

Corey Hood is the one that committed this crime, the blame needs to stay there.

Justice has been served; the one who committed this crime has been punished. Although it will not bring back your daughter, and I am sorry for that, but it is time to let the innocent move on with their lives.

MICHELLE ARROWAY
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Why put a squeeze play on Boy Scout booth?

As a parent of two former members of Boy Scout Troop 67 from the First United Methodist Church in Twin Falls, we read with interest several earlier letters and a news story concerning the negotiations between the scout troop and the Twin Falls County Fair Board over future operation of the concession stand at the arena grandstand on the fairgrounds.

We have two questions:

1. Why the "squeeze play" by the fair board on the troop?
2. Will other fairgrounds concession stands be subjected to a similar action in the future?

At the time our sons were in the troop, we assisted in the operation of the concession stand not

Politicians don't oblige the people's needs

This letter is in regard to your Tuesday, Nov. 12, edition, Section B, headline, "Legislators disagree over ISU impact." The implication prompts me to think of an old Politics 101 course, "Voting with the Majority," specifically voting with the majority party represented on the Legislature's Budget Committee. Sen. Dean Cameron, co-chairman of the Budget Committee, provides a key objective for anyone taking Politics 101. He says, "I am fond of ISU and try to treat them well, but it's absolutely right that there is some loss of clout." Should anyone taking Politics 101 have a discussion question, the key objective voiced by Sen. Cameron means that if the elected representatives of an area such as Bannock County, Idaho, are not of the same party as those

of the Legislature's Budget Committee, that area will not have the sufficient clout to receive a fair share of the Budget Committee's allocations.

It is called "Politics." Politics gathers its tax booty from every citizen of the state and then allocates the booty where "clout, i.e., like party affiliation," prevails.

Moscow and Lewiston, each a university or college center, elected "non-same party to Budget Committee members" representatives this year, hence diluting their "clout."

Politics does not oblige the citizen vote. That citizens in Bannock County, Moscow, Lewiston elected more Democrats this year does not "really matter" when the "political" process reaches for the Legislature's Budget Committee. There is no minority party representation on that committee, save a negative implication resulting in the consensus of the Legislature's Budget Committee members. This small voice reminds them, "but it's absolutely right that there is some loss of clout." Politics does not oblige the citizen vote. The current political things have not changed from the time of the publication of "The Prince" by Niccolò Machiavelli in 1513. On the other hand, things have changed. The corruption, simultaneously more sophisticated and more cross - meaning, "to your face, citizen!"

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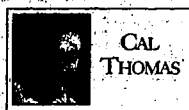
OPINION

Government should open federal jobs

Remember "reinventing government"? That was a task assigned by Vice President Al Gore during the last administration. Gore and President Clinton hailed the results of their own efforts, asserting that more than 300,000 federal jobs had been "shopped." The implication was that under Clinton-Gore, government had become leaner and more efficient.

The trouble was that nearly all of those jobs were cut from the military (27,000), according to the Office of Management and Budget, weakening the armed forces at a time when they should have been strengthened, especially in light of the terrorist threat, and now...

President Bush proposes something far different and much better.



CAL THOMAS

for big and ever-expanding government. In a 1994-like response to the president's proposal, Bobby L. Harnage Sr., president of the American Federation of Government Employees, said Bush had "declared all-out war on federal employees." This statement is likely to have as much credibility as some of those coming from soon-to-be Senator Minority Leader Tom Daschle, who says president hasn't yet won the war on terror.

Most people on the outside of government, looking in, will say that when they have to contact a government agency — from the IRS to the local DMV — they would prefer to visit the dentist. On a recent visit to a Cabinet-level department I found the halls filled with people who did not appear to be working. Partially overheard conversations were about break times, vacations, sick leave and other benefits. Upon entering an office, I saw one employee doing her nails and another engaged in what appeared to be a personal phone call. There did not appear to be a working attitude, much less a working employee, in the place. My tax dollars are paying their salaries, and so I care how they are being spent.

A friend of mine recently applied for a federal job. He finished near the top of his college class with straight As. He has a strong work ethic, is honest and

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should be an asset to anyone, especially the federal government, which claims it wants high-quality people.

He has spent more than 18 months submitting applications for available positions for which he is qualified and has received only one interview and no job offers. Maybe he is not the kind of employee the government wants, after all. Like the A student in my high school science class, maybe he would mess up "the curve." Mediocrity loves company and is the enemy of efficiency. Competent workers embarrass the mediocre by exposing

ing their laziness and incompetence.

It is an often heard truism in Washington that it takes an average of 18 months to hire someone and far longer to fire that person. This should not be.

Just as school choice would improve education through competition, so will open bidding by private contractors for federal jobs improve the federal workforce. Government doesn't need to be reinvented, so much as it needs to be reinvigorated.

President Bush's proposal should do that and open up new opportunities for people who really want to work, producing a product that can only be a lot better than some of what we have now. It will have the side political benefit of reducing union clout within the Democratic Party and freeing union members and their dues to follow their own convictions instead of those of their leaders.

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He wants to open as many as 500,000 government jobs — half the federal workforce — to competition. Private firms will be able to bid on the work. The goal will be to increase efficiency and lower costs.

One objective is to put about 15 percent of the government jobs that are not "inherently governmental" into private competition. These would include trash collection, prison operations, collecting traffic fines and other mundane chores.

In the private sector, this would be counted as a good thing and an extension of what is taught in business schools about cost-effectiveness. But in government, where unions and political power exert undue influence, cost-effectiveness often comes in second.

Unions are livid. They mostly give Democrats their votes and lots of campaign cash in exchange

LETTER

Boy Scout troop has worked booth diligently

I would like to express my opposition to the proposed purchase of the food booth concession equipment at the Filer rodeo grounds by the Twin Falls County Fair Board. This equipment belongs to Boy Scout Troop 67. The food booth is the troop's sole source of income, and this transaction would essentially force the troop out of the food concession business that it has conducted continuously there for more than four decades. For those unfamiliar with Troop 67, it is sponsored by the Methodist Church, has been in existence for more than 60 years, and produced more than 120 Eagle Scouts. Frank Mogenson was scoutmaster of Troop 67 for 35 of those years.

The fair board requires the troop to pay 15 percent of its gross profit for the privilege of operating the food booth. That amounts to several thousand dollars annually. As I understand it, the fair board now wishes to allow other groups to operate the food booth, even though Troop 67 receives many compliments from our customers each year on

the quality of our food and the promptness with which it is served. We serve Falls Brand hamburgers and hot dogs and Laska's Western french fries and buy most of our other products locally.

In addition to operating the food booth during fair week, the troop also participates in events like Demolition Derby, Monster Trucks, Idaho Power Co. Lineman rodeos and, until several years ago, the high school rodeo. As the parent of a former scout in that troop and former troop committee chairman, I have worked many nights in the food booth and know firsthand how essential it is for the troop's continuing existence.

Forcing Troop 67 to give up its longstanding food concession business at the rodeo arena would be extremely disruptive to the troop's functioning and a gross disservice to the community. It is tantamount to forcing a third-generation Idaho rancher to give up his grazing lease on public land.

I urge the Twin Falls County Fair Board to reconsider its decision on this issue.

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Cop delivering pizza ends hostage situation

HOSPITALET DE LOBREGAT, Spain (AP) - A teenager with a knife took his sister and 19 other children hostage at his former school and held them for hours Monday until a plainclothes officer overpowered him while delivering a pizza, officials said.

None of the students was hurt in the 3 1/2-hour ordeal at the Casal de l'Angel school in this gritty, industrial town just south of Barcelona. All the hostages were 11 or 12 years old.

The Interior Ministry said the attacker had a knife and that his motive appeared to be money, but it could not confirm a report that he had demanded \$1 million. The attacker was a former pupil of the school, said Interior Minister Angel Acebes, speaking in the central city of Guadalajara. The Education Ministry said he was 16 or 17.

The Interior Ministry, disputing initial accounts, said there were 20 hostages altogether and that



SOURCES: Associated Press; ESRI AP
16 were released about two hours into the ordeal. Four remained until the end.

It was not immediately known if the boy's sister was among the 16 hostages he had freed. While the youth held the last four, police asked if he was hungry, and he asked for pizza, the Interior Ministry said. A plainclothes policeman came back with a pizza and overpowered the youth when he opened the door to the classroom where he was holding the students, a ministry official said.

As a car left the schoolyard, apparently taking the assailant to a police station, a crowd swarmed around it and many people screamed insults.

One unidentified boy who was evacuated from the school before hostages were released said teachers rushed to classrooms and took students out of the building through the cafeteria.

"They told us some man had slipped into the school," the boy told Spanish national radio. "I was scared."


Land mine explodes under bus in India

HYDERABAD, India (AP) - A land mine exploded under a passenger bus Monday as carried about 35 people through a dense forest in southern India, possibly killing all aboard, police said.

The bus was destroyed and police had no word on survivors. The incident happened about 125 miles north of Hyderabad, the capital of Andhra Pradesh state.


Officials blamed the leftist People's War Group, and suggested they mistook the state transport bus for a police convoy. The group, which claims to be inspired by the communist ideology of Chinese revolutionary leader Mao Zedong and Soviet founder Vladimir Lenin, also targets rich landowners, police and government officials.

"Maoist-Leninist guerrillas have mistaken the bus for a police vehicle," said Gajanan Swamy, police deputy inspector-general for the Warangal district. He said that at least half of the 35 passengers, if not all, were dead. A police officer near the scene said aboard the bus were killed.



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Notes on the economy

Magia Valley reports

Filling the rooms
Hotels, motels, campgrounds, recreational-vehicle parks and other lodging facilities in Magic Valley's eight counties reported these lodging sales from Oct. 1 through Oct. 31:

County	Sales
Blaine	\$2,500,270
Cassia	\$24,557
Cassia	\$219,207
Gooding	\$101,576
Jerome	\$324,693
Lincoln	\$3,315
Minidoka	\$113,133
Twin Falls	\$1,271,043
Magic Valley	\$4,861,282

The State Tax Commission tracks lodging sales monthly. But because of the normal reporting lag, the October sales total - for the most part - reflect activity that happened in September.
Lodging totals include nontaxable sales, such as those to nonprofit schools, or federal or state government employees, in addition to taxable sales.
Source: Idaho State Tax Commission

BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Area woman markets bracelets, charms

KIMBERLY - While visiting her son in Fresno, Calif., Cindy Lancaster chanced upon a new Italian charm bracelet that impressed her.
After talking to an enthusiastic friend in Beverly Hills, Calif. - a representative for manufacturers of the charms - Lancaster decided to market the product in Idaho.
Lancaster calls her new company Nana's Toys and operates it from her home at 3665 N. 3200 E. in Kimberly. Although she also is a service manager at the Walla Walla Bank, she finds time to show her wares - bracelets, charms and watches - at home parties, and the College of Southern Idaho harvest festival and a Magic Valley craft fair.
Lancaster can be reached at 736-0939.

Business specializes in designs for Christmas

JEROME - Owner Christopher Jones recently opened Festive Glow, a franchise of Omaha, Neb.-based Brite Ideas, a business and residential decorative lighting company.
The business specializes in designs for Christmas and other occasions, plus custom displays for any event or function. Jones caters to those who don't want to install, remove or store their Christmas lights.
Festive Glow is a wholesale and retail company with no showroom. Jones is willing to show the facets of his lighting system using a brochure or by talking by telephone. He can be reached at 539-1246.

Officials cite losses as reason founder was ousted

COEUR D'ALENE - Medinex Systems Inc. has ousted its founder and chief executive and is moving its corporate offices back to Idaho from Florida.
The board terminated Chief Executive Officer Tony Paquin's employment with the software company Oct. 21. His net worth, Executive Vice President Kelly McCarthy Paquin, also lost her job.
The technology company once employed 180 people in northern Idaho on the East Coast. Tony Paquin in 1998 dropped his Republican primary challenge to incumbent U.S. Rep. Helen Chenoweth for Idaho's 1st Congressional District.
Board member Scot Haug said Medinex's poor third-quarter performance contributed to the decision.
The company reported a third-quarter drop of \$16.0 million, and a loss of \$1.6 million for the first nine months of 2002.
Tony Paquin and his brother, Gary, founded Medinex in 1997. It raised \$25 million through an initial public offering.
However, the company was never profitable. Gary Paquin left at the end of 2000. Medinex sold off a money-losing political division to focus on health-care technology. The company relocated headquarters from Coeur d'Alene to Celebration, Fla., in August.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

WHATEVER'S PRACTICAL

Tech slump affects focus of Comdex show

Knight Ridder News Service

LAS VEGAS - The Comdex trade show focuses this year on practical innovation at a time when both consumers and businesses may have no money to spend. But hope springs eternal even in the deep freeze of the tech slump.

About 1,100 tech companies were showing off their wares in Las Vegas starting Monday, including high-end gear like GeForce3 graphics chips from Nvidia, fix for hardcore gamers, and a \$2,999 laptop from PC Laprope that runs at 2.8 gigahertz. On the low end are \$15 DCLA disposable digital cameras. Tablet PCs could entice road warriors who want to write on their displays with a stylus. Wireless networking will be built into all sorts of gadgets. Combination cell phone-PDAs will be plentiful. But there may be more lookers than buyers at the show.

"The fact of the matter is it's not 1999 anymore," said Stephen Baker, an analyst at NPDTechworld in Reston, Va. "Everyone is looking for the next great thing that will take off, but we're really in a mature business now."

Historically, big impractical technologies like plasma TV sets that hang on a wall have snared center stage, but this year affordable technology may be the rage. Nothing brings this point home like Dell Computer's new handheld, the Dell Axim X5, which, at \$199 after discounts and rebates, is much cheaper than other color handhelds.

"Dell is going to have a tremendous impact on this market as it comes in and flattens prices," said Tim Bajarin, president of market researcher Creative Strategies International in Campbell. "This is the kind of thing that will catch on during a slowdown."

The bleeding edge will still be impressive. Nvidia will show its much delayed graphics chip, which sales executive Dan Vivoli says will be as much as twice as fast as graphics chips from rival ATI Technologies (no way, says ATI) and able to come much closer to the lifelike quality of animated films. The Nvidia chip will have 125 million transistors, and if you counted every one of them a



Claudia Covillion of Thousand Oaks, Calif., tries out the new Peace One Personal Computing Environment at Comdex Monday at the Las Vegas Convention Center. The computer and consumer show opened its display floors on Monday.

second at a time it would take 3.9 years to do.

Another bleeding edge device will be National Semiconductor's Geode Extended Office, a handheld computer that runs the full Windows XP operating system in contrast to dumbed down Palm and Pocket PC devices that only offer partial system functionality. Devices like this will push the PC from center stage, but they will still be connected to PCs.

"The PC stays important as the

reservoir of all of your digital content, from your pictures to your music," said Brian Halla, CEO of National Semiconductor in Santa Clara, who will deliver a keynote today. "But the gadgets that connect to the Internet, whether they be cell phones or handheld computers, are going to be driving any recovery that we have."

The Comdex crowd has heard that before and it hasn't quite come true. But they will hear it repeatedly from

keynote speakers.

On the consumer side, Comdex will look like the Consumer Electronic Show. Booths will be stacked with all sorts of digital cameras, personal digital assistants, MP3 players, miniaturized storage media for tiny gadgets, spying devices and security gadgets like fingerprint-reading smart cards, and cell phones like a Sony Ericsson model with color displays and a built-in camera in a package no bigger than your thumb.

Sacagawea dollar fails popularity contest

Knight Ridder News Service

STOCKTON, Calif. - Want to make a coin disappear? The U.S. Mint knows how, and you don't even have to be a magician.

Just produce and mete out 850 million of the cute little Sacagawea gold dollar coins, flashy as 14-carat gold, while the ever-convenient dollar bill remains in circulation.

And voilà! Most people end up rarely seeing the golden dollar two years after it was first issued in an attempt by the Mint to save money with the more-durable coin.

Best guess is that most have ended up nesting in the bottoms of dresser drawers and the like. "It is not a success," said Stephen Bobbitt, spokesman for the American Numismatic

Association, a Congress-chartered nonprofit that promotes the study and collection of money.

"People save them because they're new and they're unique. It's a real shame."

The coin features an image of Sacagawea, the American Indian guide for explorers Lewis and Clark. Wal-Mart Stores Inc. handed out 94 million of them in change as part of a six-week promotion in partnership with the Mint beginning in late January 2000.

After that, the flash of gold pretty much petered out. "We did get a significant amount of attention in the stores when we rolled those out," said Wal-Mart spokeswoman Sharon Weber, "but we don't see them

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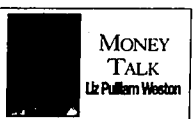
LOOKING A LITTLE BETTER



Kmart Corp. CEO James B. Adamson answers a question Monday during a news conference in Detroit. Kmart, which has a store in Twin Falls, will show a slight improvement in October sales over the past few months, the bankrupt retailer's chief executive said. Kmart sales will be down less than 5 percent from October last year, Adamson said prior to a speech to the Detroit Economic Club. The Troy-based retailer, which is to report third-quarter earnings and October sales later this week, saw a decline of 6.9 percent in September same-store sales.

Maxing out credit cards shouldn't be a part of wedding plans

Question: I'm getting married in a couple of months. I make about \$50,000 a year and my fiancée makes about \$20,000. We are saving vigorously for the wedding. I have credit cards and we are hoping that the wedding gift money will pay off as much as 75 percent of the credit card debt. Any leftover debt can be paid off with my year, tops, wedding gift money. Unfortunately, her car is really a



wreck, and I fear for her safety. My question is: Should we get her a new car now or wait until after the wedding?
Answer: By the time this column appears, you probably will have bought the car. You're not

the kind of folks who defer gratification very well. But here goes anyway.

First of all, you are not on target to afford your wedding. You're going into debt and expecting your guests to help bail you out. Maybe they will, maybe they won't. In many circles, gifts of cash are seen as a bit gauche, so you might not rake in as much as you expect.

Maxing out your credit cards to pay for anything is a fool's game. It damages your credit, usually results in higher interest rates and leaves you vulnerable to any finan-

cial setback that comes along. Remember, if you have to pay for something with a credit card and can't pay off the bill at the end of the month, then you can't afford it. There are a few exceptions to this rule, but a wedding isn't one of them. And a wedding with costs that represent half your income is simply insane.

So is the idea of buying a new car when you're shelling out money and going into debt at such a pace. If her car truly is not drivable, then buying a used car, preferably with cash, would be a better option. At the very least she,

not you, should be buying the car. There's no reason to hike on joint debt until you're legally married.

You included in your e-mail a long explanation of why you couldn't possibly ask your future bride to scale back her expectations. Unless you two got on the same page financially, though, you're dooming yourself to a life of debt, stress and unreasonable demands. A wise woman realizes it's not too late to start married life in a deep financial hole and is willing to help craft a celebration that matches the available resources.

The Times-News

BOISE - Recent activity in U.S. Bankruptcy Court included these Magic Valley filings:

Chapter 7, nonbusiness, under \$50,000

Laurie Janac McNamar, also known as Laurie J. McNamar, Laurie McNamar and Laurie Woodhead, 360 Fillmore St., Twin Falls, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 02-42178.

Marla JoAnn Berr, also known as Marla JoAnn Crooker, 317 N. Ada St., Glenns Ferry, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 02-3765.

David M. Hall and Tonia Hall, 189 Maurice St., Twin Falls, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 02-42137.

Erick A. Melendez, also known as Alfonso Melendez, and Katrina M. Melendez, also known as Katrina M. Mendez, 434 Main Ave., N. Twin Falls, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets not indicated, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 02-42200.

Chapter 7, nonbusiness, \$50,000 to \$100,000

Eldon Hobbs and Ruth Hobbs, also known as Ruth Sisk, 412 S. 400 W., Jerome, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets \$50,000 to \$100,000, liabilities \$50,000 to \$100,000. Case no. 02-42170.

Jerry Rowe and Lynette Rowe, 300 S. Clark, Beula, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets \$50,000 to \$100,000, liabilities \$50,000 to \$100,000. Case no. 02-42171.

Helen Katrina Cooper, also known as Katrina Cooper, 516 N. Fifth, Bellevue, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities \$50,000 to \$100,000. Case no. 02-42184.

Sheldon R. Wilkinson, 608 S. 125 Lane W., Rupert, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities \$50,000 to \$100,000. Case no. 02-42212.

Chapter 7, nonbusiness, \$100,000 to \$500,000

Lisa R. Martin, P.O. Box 2155, Hailey, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets \$100,000 to \$500,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000. Case no. 02-42179.

Richard Martin Tibbets, also known as Rich M. Tibbets, 211 Rock Creek Road, Hansen, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets \$50,000 to \$100,000, liabilities \$50,000 to \$500,000. Case no. 02-42185.

Jose Juan Ruiz and Cristal Celina Ruiz, 501 E. Lincoln St., Boise, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets \$50,000 to \$100,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000. Case no. 02-42210.

Chapter 7, business, \$100,000 to \$500,000

Charlie D. Knapp Jr., also known as Chuck D. Knapp, and Donna J. Knapp, 3076 N. 3600 E., Kimberly, joint, business (handyman jobs), Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets \$50,000 to \$100,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000. Case no. 02-42201.

Chapter 13, business, \$100,000 to \$500,000

Todd E. Kuhn, doing business as Kuhn Custom Cn'l Ranch, and Brenda E. Kuhn, 5201 S. Starway, Gooding, individual, business (ranching), Chapter 13, 16-49 creditors, assets \$100,000 to \$500,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000. Case no. 02-42183.

MONEY

Stocks fall on war fears, Wal-Mart sales outlook

NEW YORK (AP) — Wall Street pulled back Monday as investors tried to extend six weeks of blue chip gains but were stymied by war concerns and a tepid Wal-Mart outlook.

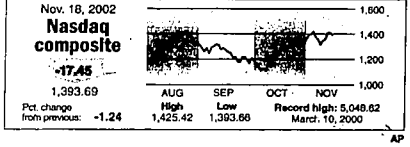
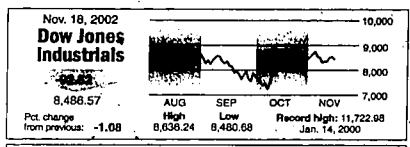
Analysts said investors had little significant economic news to digest, resulting in light trading volume and somewhat exaggerated price swings. Selling in cash profits from October's big rally also depressed the market.

"What we're seeing is some skittishness from investors in the near term about the prospects of war with Iraq," said Kevin Caron, market strategist at Ryan, Beck & Co. "But I caution that we've already discounted a great deal of anxiety in the market."

"We're beginning a recovery process, and we think we've got significant room to move off these levels. I wouldn't be terribly concerned about some moderate declines, he said.

The Dow Jones industrial average declined 92.52, or 1.1 percent, to close at 8,486.57, snapping a four-day winning streak. Earlier in the day, blue chip stocks rose as much as 57 points.

The broader market also finished lower. The Nasdaq composite index fell 17.45, or 1.2 percent, to 1,393.69. Standard & Poor's 500 index dropped 43.67, or 1 percent, to 900.36.



Analysts say investors have been upbeat following October's rally and have faith in a strengthening economic recovery, leading to six straight weeks of Dow advances, the longest weekly winning streak in 3.5 years.

Indeed, stocks got a big boost last week on stronger-than-expected retail sales and consumer sentiment, raising hopes of continued consumer spending, which accounts for about two-

thirds of the nation's economic activity.

"I think what the market feared as far as retail sales going into the holiday is not going to happen," said Scott Wenn, equity strategist for A.G. Edwards & Sons. "People are still going to be out there spending money. I think that's one reason why we've been able to hang on to these levels in the Dow."

But analysts caution that terrorism concerns and a war with Iraq continue to weigh on investors' minds, likely limiting

gains in the coming weeks, particularly now that the better-than-expected earnings reports are largely complete.

U.N. inspectors met with Iraqi officials Monday as they prepared to search for weapons of mass destruction, a mission that could determine if there is war. Investors also are nervous after the FBI warned last week that al-Qaida would likely attempt a "spectacular" attack.

"It's never going to be a straight line, but I think we have moved from a position of decid-

edly negative activity in the market where you generally saw falling stock prices," Caron said. "You've now turned the corner, where you're seeing more positive weeks than negative weeks."

AT&T dropped 25 cents to \$13.51 after Goldman Brothers cut the company's stock rating to "underweight" from "equal weight."

Home Improvement retailer Lowe's reported third-quarter earnings that beat analysts' expectations by 3 cents.

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MARKETS

Qwest agrees to pay \$1.3M settlement

SEATTLE (AP) - Qwest Communications Inc. has agreed to pay Washington state \$1.3 million to settle 7,500 complaints filed by Washington customers against the telecommunications company in the past two years, Attorney General Christine Gregoire announced Monday. Gregoire told a news conference Qwest also will make restitution totaling about \$250,000 to customers who said they paid for unwanted or misrepresented services.

The Denver-based regional phone company acknowledges no wrongdoing. But it agreed not to engage in "crumming," the practice of adding unauthorized charges on bills. Qwest also will establish new customer service standards under the agreement with the attorney general's office.

"It's the No. 1 company that we've received complaints about the last two years," Gregoire said. "When you have 7,500 complaints in a two-year period, that is dramatic."

She said 2,000 complaints were received by her office and 5,500 by the state Utilities and Transportation Commission. Qwest serves 2 million customers in Washington state. It also serves 13 other states.

"We are pleased to resolve this matter so that we can continue to focus our efforts on delivering good customer service to our customers," said Qwest's president for Washington, Kirk Nelson. He called the \$1.3 million "a fair number."

In February, Oregon Attorney General Hardy Myers announced that Qwest had agreed to pay \$575,000 to settle complaints that it had engaged in crumming in Oregon.

"I don't think I would say we are out of the recession," said Mark Knudsen, senior economist at the Utah Department of Workforce Services. "I haven't seen any movement in any great degree that's telling me we're moving back out of it."

However, Utah's jobless rate in recent months has continued to decline. In October, the rate fell to 5.1 percent from a high of 5.9 percent in March when roughly 68,000 Utah residents were unemployed.

The report by Manpower Inc., a Milwaukee-based staffing company, tracks 16,000 public and private employers in 470 U.S. markets, including Salt Lake City, Ogden and Orem.

Utah has 107 employers, 81 percent, they said they will keep their work forces at present levels in the first quarter of 2003, with 10 percent saying they would downsize.

The new year's forecast shows a dramatic downturn in hiring.

"This included advertising, promotional events with transit agencies, and 23 party shops with banking, entertainment, retail, grocery and restaurant chains, all of which doled out a total of \$42 million in the dollar coin in change."

After all this, the GAO found that two-thirds of people surveyed said they saved the gold dollar coins instead of spent them.

And the total amount of transactions involving the dollar coin? The GAO concluded 1 percent through 2001.

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Dollar

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Basically, the GAO concluded that so long as the over-circulation dollar bill remains in general circulation, the coin will remain an oddity.

The GAO report found that public awareness of the gold coin was way up, thanks to the Mint's \$67.1 million marketing campaign from 1998 through 2001.

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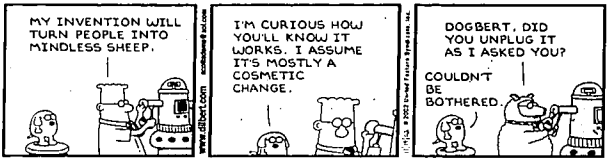
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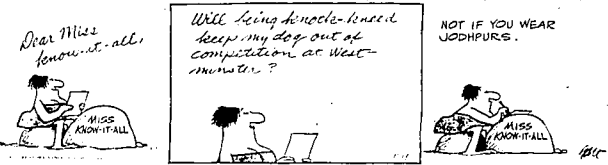
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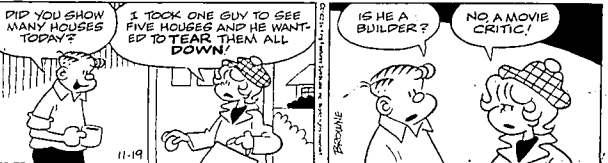
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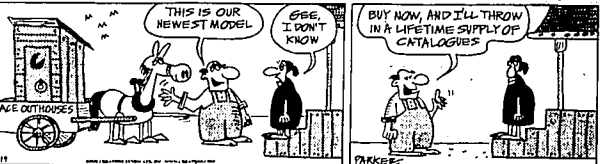
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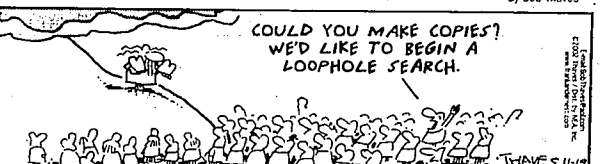
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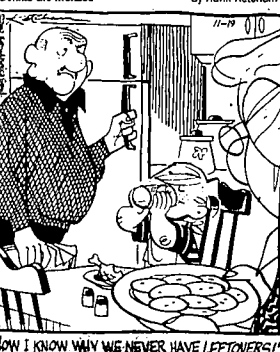
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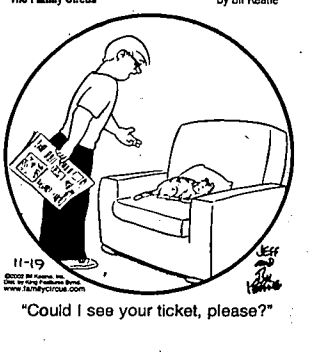
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AROUND THE VALLEY

Giant Christmas tree will stop in T.F. today

TWIN FALLS - A 70-foot Douglas fir heading from Oregon arrives at the U.S. Capitol Christmas tree is scheduled to be in Twin Falls today.

The Magic Valley Mall will host the Capital Holiday Tree at 2 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom.

To help in the celebration, the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce - along with several dignitaries and a student choir - will also be on site to serve as masters of ceremonies.

The Umpqua National Forest cut the big tree and others to be sent to Washington, D.C. Along with the tree, Oregonians have sent 6,000 handmade ornaments to decorate the big tree.

The custom of placing a tree on the front lawn of the U.S. Capitol dates back to 1860.

The Holiday Tree will stand on the lawn of the Capitol throughout the Christmas season.

Next year, the Capital tree will come from Idaho. Although the "which forest" decision has not yet been made, the final choices of where the tree will be taken are the Boise, Payette and Sawtooth national forests.

Police officer finds missing girl in Shoshone

SHOSHONE - A teen-age girl who ran away from a youth school excursion was found unharmed within a city of Shoshone Sunday by a law enforcement officer.

"She's fine," said Jim Gay, patrol sergeant for the Lincoln County Sheriff's Department and search and rescue commander, who located the girl.

The girl, whose identity won't be released, was part of a group which was in the French Creek area about 7 miles north and 9 miles west of Shoshone Saturday. Her disappearance prompted a search effort by Lincoln County Search and Rescue including one plane and search dogs.

She has been returned to the youth school which has legal custody of the juvenile. Gay said that since the girl's return, no more information will be released.

Piano duo will perform Friday at Fine Arts Center

TWIN FALLS - The College of Southern Idaho will host the Neirwith-Sherman Piano Duo in concert Friday at 7:30 p.m. at the Fine Arts Center auditorium. All proceeds go to the CSI Music Department Scholarship Fund.

The two-piano team of Mark Neirwith and Jeanne Green Sherman will perform three large-scale selections on the program: Variations on a theme by Haydn by Johannes Brahms, Fantasy on themes from Gershwin's "Porgy and Bess" by Grainger, and Suite No. 2 by Rachmaninoff.

Admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for students.

Sherman, an Idaho native, grew up in Pocatello, where she was involved in many Pocatello Music Club activities and competitions. She studied from ages 4 to 10 with the late Esther Gates in Pocatello, then for the next 10 years with the late Gladys Gladstone in Salt Lake City. After a 25-year career at the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory, Sherman elected to take early retirement in January 2002 to continue her musical education. She is seeking a bachelor's degree in piano performance at Idaho State University, where she is busy with soloing and accompanying.

"She's also a native of Idaho, grew up in Kimberly, where he studied as a teen-ager with the late Teala Bellini in Twin Falls. He went on to receive his professional training at the Manhattan School of Music as a teacher and teaching assistant to Dora Zaslavsky. He has performed hundreds of concerts as concerto soloist, piano soloist and collaborative pianist throughout his country. He recently celebrated 50 years of teaching and performing throughout Idaho for the past 12 years.

Neirwith-Sherman Duo has performed throughout Idaho for the past 12 years.

Compiled from staff reports

CSI receives assurance over funds

By Robert Meyer
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The College of Southern Idaho and the rest of Idaho higher education will have their needs addressed in Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's blue ribbon economic task force.

The committee - designed to identify the long-term and immediate economic needs of the state - didn't feature a single member from Idaho's public higher education institutions.

"I do think we are going to

have an opportunity to at least have some input, which I think is real important to us," Meyerhoeffer told CSI board members Monday evening.

The statewide committee - which many, including Meyerhoeffer, believed to be on a fast track - probably won't have its first report for at least a year, with a second report not out for another three years.

"(That's) the one thing that surprised me and surprised

everybody else," Meyerhoeffer said. "They said they weren't sure right now that they would have anything to provide this Legislature."

A hopeful outcome for both the task force and Meyerhoeffer is to create a dependable, stable funding system, regardless of the state's economic situation.

"It's kind of interesting to see what they're going to do right now," he said.

In another matter, the board revisited the Falls Avenue entrance changes, as some areas continue to be troublesome.

Some drivers ignore the raised yellow medians by driving over them.

Though it was discussed to install even taller lane dividers, Meyerhoeffer was reluctant to approve that plan.

"I'm trying to figure that one out," Meyerhoeffer said.

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A NEW FRONTIER

Students, others test for area wind power

By Lorraine Cavener
Times-News correspondent

KIMBERLY - The wind is something LeRoy Jarolimek has fought for years.

He tells a story of the wind blowing all his wheel lines - even fully loaded with water - out of his fields on his farm on Burley Butte.

But now he sees it differently. "Here's a chance to take something we've lived with and turn it into money," he said.

Jarolimek was helping Monday to install an anemometer that the Idaho Energy Division is loaning the College of Southern Idaho as part of a wind project funded by a \$75,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Energy.

Several parcels of state land in the hills south of Kimberly, between Kimberly and Murgha, were considered for a dual-purpose site. The anemometer will serve to test wind in that area and be used as an educational tool by Ross Speckman, CSI agricultural, consumer and environmental science associate professor.

Recently Jarolimek had an anemometer - part of the same project - installed on his farm to test wind speed and wind direction.

Jarolimek is learning everything he can about installation of anemometers and about wind farms. He is planning to use everything he has learned in the past year or so to help others who want to install anemometers on their property.

After attending a wind conference more than a year ago in Boise and similar meetings around the state, Jarolimek said he realized there is one question everybody always asks: "How can I find out the wind potential on my place?"

Learning the direction, speed and other wind measurements is the most important thing when considering a wind farm, Jarolimek said.

"You need to measure the wind before putting up a turbine," he said.

Different wind turbines are designed for different wind speeds, Jarolimek said. It is a waste of money to put up a turbine of the wrong size.

Jarolimek has been helping the Please see WIND, Page C3



Rommie Jarolimek, a person interested in wind power, and Gerald Fleischman, staff engineer for the Idaho Energy Division, work Monday to secure one of four anchors, where guy-wires were attached, which will hold an anemometer in place. The anemometer, south of Kimberly, will test wind potential.

Judge dismisses lawsuit against Twin Falls County

By Sandy Miller
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Twin Falls County Prosecutor Grant Leobs said Monday he wasn't surprised when 5th District Court Judge earlier this month dismissed a lawsuit against the county that began over a child custody dispute.

In February 2001, Orville Winslow of Filer filed a \$4 million lawsuit against the county and the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare over a child custody dispute that began nearly three

years ago. Winslow claimed state and county officials were wrong in taking away an elementary-school-age girl placed in his legal guardianship.

"It was a frivolous suit from the start," Leobs said. "They had absolutely no evidence that anyone did anything wrong."

Winslow, 54, who is not the girl's biological father, was given custody of the girl in 1998 after the girl's mother was jailed. Just days later, the girl's biological father reported to Health and Welfare that Winslow was abusing the girl. That began a series of

events that led to the girl being removed from Winslow's care. A judge later ruled the girl was not in imminent danger and in 1999, he returned the girl to Winslow and dismissed the child protection case.

County and state officials have maintained that everything they did was in the best interest of the child. According to court records, social workers and the Filer police in the course of two investigations found no evidence that the girl was being abused.

But a Twin Falls psychologist who interviewed the girl in April

1999 recommended that she not be returned to Winslow's care, according to court records. Dr. Richard V. Smith stated he was concerned over Winslow's apparent efforts to isolate the girl from other relatives.

In May 1999, Twin Falls County Magistrate Judge Michael Redman found the girl was not in imminent danger and returned her to Winslow's care. Two months later, Redman dismissed the child protection case after finding no evidence of abuse or neglect.

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Making slow progress: Inmates try to dig out of Mini-Cassia jail

By Nate Johnson
Times-News writer

BURLEY - Using the leg of a bed, toothpaste, a hacksaw, a stool and a long string, inmates tried to dig a tunnel to escape from the Mini-Cassia Criminal Justice Center.

The would-be escapees barely

denied the jail wall after working for two months, Cassia County Sheriff Jim Higns said. The cell-breakers chipped through a 2-inch-thick layer of cinder block. They still had a substantial distance to go before they would have broken out.

At least two inmates are under investigation regarding the inci-

dent, Higns said.

One of the suspects was being held in the Mini-Cassia jail for Twin Falls County officials. On Sunday, sheriff's deputies took that inmate back to the Twin Falls County Jail. Twin Falls fallers searched the man before he was admitted to the jail and found a hacksaw in his clothing.

Alarmed by their find, Twin Falls jail personnel called the Mini-Cassia jail, Higns said.

Jail workers in Burley searched each of the inmates in cell block 400, where the suspect had been housed, Higns said. They found a hacksaw broken down into three pieces in a man's shoes. In Room 4 of cell

block 400 an officer found a piece of metal cut from a bed leg. It was about 6 inches long and cut to a sharp point on one end.

In the north wall of the room inmates had chiseled a hole and patched it to look like the sur-

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Jeannette Frances Nelson

Jeannette Frances Nelson was called to be with the Lord on November 15, 2002. Jeannette was a loving and devoted sister, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.

Jeannette was born January 29, 1919, in Seattle, Washington. She married Carl L. Nelson on October 29, 1940, in Pocatello, Idaho. They farmed in the Twin Falls and Hazelton areas. Jeannette's passion was crocheting afghans for her family and friends, sewing and providing for her family.

Jeannette is survived by her children, Deanna McKee of Riverside, California; Mrs. Carl Smith (Mary) and Bill Nelson, both of Twin Falls; Carla Ford of Longview, Texas; Joe Nelson of Hazelton, Idaho; Mrs. John Tompkins (Doris Lynn) of Jerome, Idaho; and Brel Nelson of Hazelton, Idaho. Two brothers, Jerry Gasser and Joe Gasser of Twin Falls; five sisters, Joan Poppo of Portland, Oregon; Jeannette Justice of Castro Valley, California; Justin Messersmith of Jerome; Jeanette Bledsoe of Maryland; and Edna Francis Schautz of Portland, Oregon. 18 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Jeannette was preceded in death by her parents, husband Carl, and three brothers.

The funeral service will take place on Friday, November 22, 2002, at 2 p.m. at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, with Arlyn Boddy officiating. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park.

The family suggests that contributions to Jeannette's memory be given to the Alzheimer's Association or to Toys for Tots. Contributions may be left with funeral chapel staff or mailed to Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2461 Addison Avenue East, Twin Falls, Idaho 83301.

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Memorial Hospital. He was born August 17, 1919 to Randall and Alice Baker Greene. Harold was preceded in death by his wife, Elizabeth, his parents and his five brothers: Clyde, Lee and Cowan.

He is survived by one son, Darwin Greene of Rupert; one step-son, Dale (Deane) Baker of Rupert and several nieces and nephews.

Harold played football at BSU Boise, was in the army in WWII and retired from the Union Pacific Railroad. He was an avid motorcycle rider.

A memorial service with military rites will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, November 23, 2002, at the Hansson Mortuary Rupert Chapel, 710 6th Street.



Robert 'Bob' Conley Lewis

Robert "Bob" Conley Lewis, 60, passed away on November 15, 2002, at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center of a sudden illness. Bob was born on June 25, 1942, in Wendell, Idaho, the son of Edna Ruth Newlan and Edgar Francis Lewis. He grew up in Jerome and attended schools there.

Bob married Karen Peterson in 1967 and to this union three children were born: Doug, Dean, and Tracy. They were later divorced. To this union their son Ryan was born. They were later divorced.

Bob was drafted into the Army in November 1967 and served until the time of his discharge in November 1969. While serving in Vietnam he was wounded and later received a Purple Heart for his bravery.

Bob had a custom farming operation in Jerome, Idaho, for several years. He also worked with his uncle Chuck hanging drywall. At the time of his death he was employed at Simpson in Jerome.

Bob was an avid hunter and fisherman and loved to be in the outdoors with his family and friends. He was a member of the Moose Lodge and enjoyed playing pool and attending CSI basketball games.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents, a brother, Edgar "Junior" Lewis, and his close friend, Carol Stanger.

Bob is survived by his four children, Robert Doug and Dawnette Lewis, Edgar Dean Lewis, Tracy Lynn Lewis, and Ryan Conley Lewis; brothers, Gary and Linda Lewis, David and Seann Lewis, and Harvey and Loreita Lewis; sisters, Pamela and Thane Maddox and Ellen and Jerry Johnson, grandchildren, Dawson, Chalis, and Garrett Lewis, Beatty and Justin Lewis, and Donovan and Lindsay Wilson and numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, November 21, 2002, at the Lighthouse Assembly of God, 25 East 100 South, Jerome, ID. Burial will be at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, November 22, 2002, at the Jerome Cemetery American Legion, Post #19, will conduct military rites. Ashes will be scattered over Yellow Jacket at a later date.

A private family viewing will be held from 6-7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 20, 2002 with the public invited to greet the family from 7-9 p.m. at Home-Robertson Funeral Chapel. Funeral arrangements and cremation are under the direction of Home-Robertson Funeral Chapel, 3rd and Filmore, Jerome, ID 83338.

The family suggests that memorials be made in Bob's name to the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, P.O. Box 8249, Missoula, MT 59807. Donations can also be given to the funeral home staff.



Alberta Darlene Shaffer

Darlene Shaffer, 83, of Twin Falls, passed away November 15, 2002, at Twin Falls Care Center after a short two-month battle with pancreatic cancer.

Darlene was born October 10, 1919, in Red Cloud, Nebraska, to Ernest and Luia Johnson Secret. She was the second of six children. She finished her schooling in Red Cloud and met Lorrin Carl Shaffer. They were married on October 24, 1936, in Red Cloud, and he passed away on May 25, 1959. To the union were born two children, Allen and Wanda. Darlene worked at Rogers Brothers Seed Co. as a floorwalker for five years, at Nowborn's as a furniture manager for seven years and at the hospital until her retirement in 1982. She was an active member of the First Assembly of God Church and the "Keenagers" group. She loved to travel, enjoy raising and caring for her flowers and spending time with her family.

She will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

"We love you Mom, & Grandma"

Survivors include her two children, Allan Shaffer of Twin Falls, Idaho and Wanda (Kurt) Johnson of Logan, Utah. Also surviving are her five grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and her brother, Donald Secret of Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Her parents, two sisters, Mary and Opal, and her beloved husband, "White" preceded her in death.

Funeral services for Darlene will be held Thursday, November 21, 2002, at 12 p.m. at the First Assembly of God Church in Twin Falls, Idaho. Visitation for Wanda will be held Thursday, November 20, 2002, from 6-8 p.m. at the Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls, Idaho.

All services and arrangements are under the direction of the Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls, Idaho.



Norma Pflughoeft

Norma Pflughoeft, an 82 year old Rupert resident, passed away, November 12, 2002, at Mindoka Memorial Hospital Extended Care.

Norma was born August 20, 1920, in Kingfisher, Oklahoma, the daughter of Roy Arthur & Katherine Popper Schroeder. She lived in Oklahoma where she was 10 years old, and moved with her family to Ellsworth, Kansas, where her father was the Pastor of a rural parish. She married Melvin Pflughoeft on February 9, 1941. Shortly after their marriage they moved to Rupert and farmed.

Norma loved her family and enjoyed traveling. She also loved to serve others in church and in the community. She was a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church in Rupert, where she was involved in several of the

church organizations. She enjoyed being a Pink Lady at Mindoka Memorial Hospital and was in charge of the Blood Mobile for many years. She will be greatly missed by her family, and the community.

She is survived by two daughters Ardyth (John) Del Santo of Atlanta, Georgia; and Susan (Charles J.) Groatz of Pocatello, Idaho; four grandchildren and four great grandchildren; four sisters Lorna Schroeder of Ellsworth, Kansas; Anna May (Ernest) Hochman of Geneseo, Kansas; Ruth Kaskia of Kenoplis, Kansas; and Jeanette (Bob) Wosterhaus of Wichita, Kansas; and two brothers Kenneth (Gladya) Schroeder of Austin, Texas; and Lambert (Bernice) Schroeder of Nampa, Idaho; and her step mother, Hilda Schroeder of Ellsworth, Kansas; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband Melvin, her parents and three brothers and one sister.

Burial services will be held 11 a.m. Thursday, November 21, 2002, at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Rupert with Reverend Gary Benedix officiating. Burial will follow at the Rupert Cemetery. A viewing will be held Wednesday evening from 6-8 p.m. at Hansson Mortuary Rupert Chapel and one hour prior to the service on Thursday at the church. Memorials can be made to the Trinity Lutheran Church Building Fund or the Lutheran Care Center.

AMERICAN FALLS



Mary Alice Severson

Mary Alice Severson 94, of American Falls and former Oakley resident died Saturday, November 16, 2002, at the Power County Nursing Home in American Falls, Idaho.

Alice was born August 15, 1908, at Garfield, Idaho, the daughter of David Crystal and Mary Ellen Thurston Crystal. Alice was the ninth child of six sisters and five brothers.

She married Hyrum Raymond Severson on May 12, 1926, at Blackfoot, Idaho. To this union four sons were born. Roy and Alice traveled many states with construction being extensively in Oakley. In 1964 they moved to Corona, California until Ray's death. In 1981, Alice moved to American Falls to be near her son Vard.

She was a life long member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and Daughters of Utah Pioneers.

She is survived by three sons, LaMar (Dora) Severson of Declo, ID, Gary (Norma) Severson of Dennis, ID, and Brent (Linda) Severson of Pinon, CA; daughter-in-law Lois Severson of American Falls; 10 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren and seven great-great-grandchildren. She is also survived by two sisters, Zola Spencer of Wendell, ID and Inez Waters of Meridian, ID.

She was preceded in death by her husband Ray and son Vard.

The graveside service will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday, November 19, 2002, at the Grant Cemetery in Grant.

The visitation will be Tuesday, November 19th from 10-11 a.m. at Davis Mortuary, 170 Idaho St., American Falls.

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Memorial contributions may be sent to: **Barbara Hadlock Memorial c/o Central Elementary 311 North Lincoln Jerome, Idaho 83338**

SERVICES

Lyle J. Collip of Twin Falls, service at 10:30 a.m. today at Immanuel Lutheran Church; interment will follow at Sunset Memorial Park (White Mortuary, Twin Falls).

Maxine Alfred Chapman of Lodi, Utah, and formerly of Twin Falls, service at 3 p.m. today at the Twin Falls 7th Ward LDS Chapel, 847 Eastland Drive N.; interment will follow at Sunset Memorial Park; friends may call from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. today at the church (White Mortuary, Twin Falls).

John Robert Pettigrew of Jerome, celebration of life at 2 p.m. today at the Magic Valley Evangelical Free Church, 821 E. Ave. H, Jerome; burial will follow at Jerome Cemetery (Reynolds Funeral Chapel, Twin Falls).

Roland Junior "R.J." Ochmer of Buhl, service at 2 p.m. Wednesday at White Mortuary in

Twin Falls; burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park; friends and family may call from 4-8 p.m. today at the mortuary.

Bert E. "Joe" Blair of Wendell, memorial service at 1 p.m. Wednesday at the New Life Community Church in Wendell; interment at the Wendell Cemetery; a dinner will follow the graveside service at the Portuguese Hall in Wendell (Demary's Funeral Service, Wendell).

Ehwood K. "Duke" Withisback of Twin Falls, service at 6 p.m. Thursday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2468 Addison Ave. E.; Twin Falls, interment will follow at Sunset Memorial Park; private family viewing from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Thursday at Reynolds Chapel.

J.C. Hendrix of Buhl, memorial service at 11 a.m. Nov. 23 at the Farmer Funeral Chapel, 130 N. Ninth Ave., Buhl.

DEATH NOTICES

Mildred Jones Lynch BURLEY - Mildred Ann Jones Lynch, 80, of Burley died Saturday, Oct. 26, 2002, at Cassia Regional Medical Center in Burley.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, Nov. 25, 2002, at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley, with Bishop Steve Ormond officiating. Interment will be in Pleasant View Cemetery.

The family suggests that memorials may be given in Mildred's

name to the Mini-Cassia Christmas Council, c/o Jackie Brandy, 402 West 100 South, Rupert, ID 83350.

A complete obituary will appear in Sunday's edition.

Had Brown - **BURLEY** - **Hedwig "Had" Brown**, 83, of Burley died Saturday, Nov. 15, 2002, in Vancouver, Wash.

Arrangements will be announced by Payne Mortuary in Burley.

Hello winter! Alaska town bids farewell to sun

BARROW, Alaska (AP) - Barrow said goodbye to the sun Monday. It won't make another appearance until Jan. 23.

Sunrise was at 12:37 p.m. and the last sunset of 2002 came only 69 minutes later, at 1:46 p.m.

Ipalook Elementary School second-grade teacher Jill Exe said students were marking the occasion.

"They will be making posters and they always like to have a 'goodbye to the sun' party the day it goes down for the year," she said.

But other Barrow residents said they barely noticed the seasonal marker.

"It's just the start of winter," shrugged banker John Gleason.

What did stocks do today? See page B2

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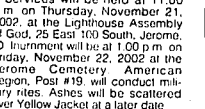
Betty L. Walker

Betty L. Walker, 77, of Ober, Ohio and formerly of Kimberly and Twin Falls, passed away Nov. 2, 2002.

She resided after many years, from Minniscada Insurance Co. and was a member of the Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church.

She is survived by her husband of 51 years, Donald; sons, Douglas (Gwen) Walker of Baltimore, Ohio; Charles (Cindy) Walker of North Carolina; daughter, Linda (Richard) Michels of Florida; eight grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, six brothers and sisters, Dale Rimsick, Ernest Romans, Mary Lou Rimsick, Mohr, Erma June Romans Arnsperger, Alice Marie Romans Pappas and Gerda Romans many nieces, and nephews.

Services were held in Ohio.



Harold R. Greene

Harold R. Greene, 83-year-old Rupert resident, passed away November 13, 2002, at the Mindoka

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New agency offers tips for air travelers

The Times-News and The Associated Press

TWIN FALLS — Don't try to take wrapped presents on airplanes this holiday season. And it's best to pack your bin in checked bags.

Those pieces of advice were delivered Monday by the new Federal Transportation Security Administration, which is implementing a passenger education program to help move people efficiently through crowded airports during the holidays.

Passengers may be asked to unwrap their presents during screening, and new baggage screening equipment could ruin camera film.

Just as at other commercial airports around the country, federal baggage screeners are on duty at Jostin Field, Magic Valley Regional Airport in Twin Falls and Friedman Memorial Airport in Halley. Information about how to navigate new airport security measures will be distributed at both local airports.

"We were eager to help passengers prepare to travel through airports," said Magic Valley Regional Manager Bill Cartney. "A passenger who knows how to

If you're flying

Following these tips will help you reduce your wait time at airport security checkpoints, according to the Transportation Security Administration:

- **Before the airport**
 - Do not pack or bring prohibited items to the airport. Go online to www.TSAtraveltips.us for a complete list.
 - Leave gifts unwrapped. They may be opened for inspection.
 - Avoid wearing clothing, jewelry and accessories that contain metal. Metal items may set off the alarm on the metal detector.
 - Put all undeveloped film and cameras with film in your carry-on bag. Checked baggage screening equipment will damage undeveloped film.
 - Carry-on baggage is limited to one carry-on bag plus one personal item. Personal items include laptops, purses, small backpacks, briefcases or camera cases.
- **At the airport**
 - Place ID tags in and on all of your baggage. Don't forget your laptop.
 - Don't bring drinks or other liquids to the security checkpoint unless they are in paper or Styrofoam spill-proof containers.
 - Don't bring food to the security checkpoint unless it is wrapped in a container. Unpeeled natural foods such as fruit are OK.
 - Once in line, put metal in your carry-on bag. That includes jewelry, loose change, keys, mobile phones and pagers.
 - Take out your laptop computer. Place it in a bin, separate from its carrying case.
 - Take off your outer coat. Place it in a bin. Suit jackets and blazers don't have to be removed, unless requested by the screener.
- **On the Jet**
 - Transportation Security Administration: <http://www.tsa.dot.gov> and www.tsa.gov
 - www.isaovetips.com

effort to smooth holiday air travel is one of the agency's next priorities since it will meet the Nov. 19 deadline for a federal screening work force at commercial airports.

During a ceremony at Reagan National Airport, Homeland Security Director Tom Ridge called meeting the deadline a historical milestone.

"We say congratulations on a job very well done," Ridge said, praising the TSA for the largest peacetime mobilization in U.S. history.

Congress last year set the deadline for a federal screener work force after screeners working for private companies allowed security breaches after Sept. 11.

The agency, which had 13 people in January, now has more than 5,000 employees checking passengers and their baggage.

About 18 to 20 screeners will eventually work at the Twin Falls airport, and about two dozen will be assigned in Halley. During any given shift, about a half-dozen screeners — including a supervisor — will be on duty. Their uniforms will be white and khaki.

Cassia County takes land for unpaid taxes

The Times-News

BURLEY — There is going to be another county land auction, eventually.

Cassia County commissioners signed the papers to transfer nine parcels of land from private to county ownership. The property owners have stopped paying taxes.

"Some of the owners are dead," said Cassia County Treasurer Gayle Erickson. Others simply haven't responded to the county about past-due taxes.

The county will assume ownership of the land, then will try to sell it, according to Cassia County Prosecuting Attorney Al Barus.

The county does not need to sell the land right away. When Cassia County held a land auction in February, it was the first time in at least 20 years the commissioners had offered land for public sale. Commissioners might wait a while before they sell the county's new acquisitions.

are dividers of land in places like Strevell and Bridge.

Barrus laughed, looking at one tax deed.

"This must be one fine acre," he said. "The tax is only 16 cents."

Other commission business included:

Snow removal contract — Commissioners Dennis Crane and Shirley Danner voted to enter into a contract with Billy Cox for snow removal services on county property. Commissioner Paul Christensen was absent.

The contract calls for Cox to shovel the snow off the walkways around the courthouse and sheriff's office for a flat fee of \$50 per day.

Audit contract — Commissioners signed a contract with Evans and Beck to do the county audit.

Community fire plan — Commissioners decided to wait for input from Christensen before signing a letter in support of the wildfire plans for Albion and Oakley. The \$150,000 price tag on each of the projects seemed high to Commissioner Crane.

Acequia looks at charter school possibility

By Shari Chaney Times-News writer

PAUL — Becoming a charter school could bring more money to Acequia Elementary School.

The Minidoka County School Board approved investigating the possibility of the Acequia school becoming a charter school at a board meeting Monday.

Principal Terry Garner said when sixth-graders moved to the local schools, Acequia lost students and teachers, making it more difficult to have programs such as leveling, where students of similar abilities are placed together to learn.

The variety of skills is just as large, with students' skills ranging from high to low, but now there are fewer students overall. Garner said his staff has been shored at how difficult it is. As a charter school, Acequia could gain more teachers and grant money.

pack and what to wear is going to help keep the lines moving without delay."

Garner was quick to point out the programs, curriculum and other aspects of the school would be expected to stay much the same, even if the school becomes a charter school.

Superintendent Nick Hallett agreed. As a charter school, Acequia Elementary could still keep the programs and policies which are in place.

Board Chairman Rande Martin gave his blessing to investigate the idea, saying, "It has some financial advantages."

Investigate, but investigate carefully, said board member Greer Cleland.

schools by fostering competition. They are funded with public money.

Other board business included: Moving in — Student representative Morgan Parker reported classes have begun to move into the new addition at the high school.

NWEA testing — Federal Programs Director Jodie Mills said the district as a whole is below test score projections in the Northwest Evaluation Association tests. Mills is meeting with individual schools to address concerns, she said.

IRI testing — Mills noted trends in Idaho Reading Indicator scores throughout the district. Standard-graders are seeming to see high test scores before dropping off slightly in the third grade.

This might be a concern of the test, not of instruction, Mills said. The district is still aiming to have 90 percent of students reading at

grade level by the end of the third grade.

Many kindergartners are coming to school not prepared, Mills said. The problem does not seem to be specific to a gender or ethnicity. But it doesn't matter who they enter school, Mills said, they are seeing improved scores once they begin school.

Fire escape plans — Aaron Phillips designed fire escape plans for Heyburn Elementary School as his Eagle Scout project.

Phillips worked with Fire Chief Mike Brock to create primary and secondary escape routes. The route maps are posted in each classroom at the school.

Paperless meetings — The board is hoping to begin paperless board meetings next month, but lack of equipment might set them back, said John Fennell, curriculum director. Equipment, including laptop computers, has been ordered.

Even identical twins have different patterns," Thompson said.

were reported in the June 2002 publication of the Office of the National Drug Control Policy's Conference Proceedings, "Counterdrug Research and Development: Technologies for the Next Decade."

The test checks individual-specific auto-antibodies — described by Thompson and Key as a barcode of proteins unique to each person.

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Landing a record: Former Burley resident catches big fish

The Times-News and The Associated Press

GOLD BEACH, Ore. — Burley High School graduate Grant Martinsen, who now lives in Grants Pass, Ore., caught the new world record chinook salmon while fishing Oct. 21 on the lower Rogue River in Oregon.

The 71.5-pound fish holds the record as the heaviest chinook ever caught on a fly. It beats the 15-year-old record by 8.5 pounds. The previous record fish was caught on the Trask River in northern Oregon.

Martinsen initially thought the fish would "be a good eater." He has since decided to share it with others by putting it on display at the Rogue Outdoor Store in Gold Beach. The fish is undergoing the certification process by the International Game and Fish Association.

Martinsen is described as a rookie salmon fly fisher. He usually fishes for steelhead and trout. His record-setting fishing expedition came off only because he'd canceled a chukar hunting trip when his partner was too ill to hunt.

Martinsen launched his boat at Clay Banks, a fly-fishing hole about three miles upstream of Gold Beach.

Martinsen was actually fishing for coho salmon, using an 8-weight rod, 7.5-pound leader, small flies and a net suitable for coho. After seeing a few large and bright-looking chinook jumping, Martinsen living in the dormitory and started casting for the big fish.

ger fish.

About 10 minutes later, he felt a strike.

"It rattled my rod and shook its head," he said. "I thought, 'This is a good fish.'"

He pulled his two small anchors into the boat and let the fish tow him around. Then the chinook breached more like a whale than a salmon.

"He jumped halfway out of the water with his face pointed toward me," Martinsen said.

"You see something like that, and it seizes you."

After about 30 minutes, the fish started swimming casually atop the surface. Binky Castlesberry, who was fishing nearby, rowed near the fish and dipped his oversized net into the river and scooped it. Martinsen then delivered his fish to a tackle shop in Gold Beach, not realizing he'd set a world record. The next day he met chukar hunter.

Castlesberry said when he saw the fish, he knew it was "something special." Castlesberry noticed Martinsen's small rod, light leader and understated net and knew Martinsen was suffering from the fly-angling equivalent of taking a knife to a gun-fight, prompting him to row near Martinsen.

Martinsen is a retired biology teacher and Grants Pass High School football coach. He grew up in Burley, graduating in 1963. He was described as a great football player while at BHS.

He played football at Utah State and in the Canadian Football League.

Elko commission will meet

The Times-News

ELKO, Nev. — The Elko County Commission will meet in regular session at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Carlin Senior Center.

Agenda items include reports

from the Montello and Mountain City town boards; updates from the Turley and Midas ward districts; and a discussion of road projects.

The Carlin Senior Center is located at 718 Cedar St. in Carlin.

Custody

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Winson later legally adopted the girl.

Loebis said Judge Monte Carboni was dismissing Winson's lawsuit earlier this month. Carboni said Winson's complaint "failed to state any valid claims upon which relief may be granted."

The chief complaint that the county did something to subject Mr. Winson to public ridicule is absurd on its face because what

we did was in a closed (child protection) hearing and it was Mr. Winson's attorney who publicized it by sending a copy of the transcript of the hearing to the press," Loebis said.

But Pak said although child protection cases are not open to the public, some of the evidence was incorporated into the civil proceeding, which was open to the public.

Pak said Winson's whole purpose for filing the lawsuit was because he felt the public had a right to know about the case.

Loebis said the fact that neither Pak nor Winson showed up for the Oct. 29 hearing on the motion to dismiss the lawsuit speaks loudly about the frivolous nature of the lawsuit.

Pak said he was ill the day of the hearing and spoke to the judge by teleconference.

Winson has another month to decide whether to appeal the District Court decision. But

Pak said cases against government agencies are difficult to win.

"Because it was dismissed doesn't mean there wasn't unlawful conduct," Pak said. "Mr. Winson thought what they did was wrong. But the laws were designed to make it very difficult to sue government agencies. They have government immunities."

Pak said Twin Falls County will pursue attorney's fees from Winson.

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Jail

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rounding wall. Inmates used a mixture of toothpaste and powder from the crushed cinder blocks to conceal their work. Deputy Cassia County Prosecuting Attorney Kerry Martensen said jail officials found a plastic cup partially filled with toothpaste stashed in the headboard of the bed, Higgins said.

In Room 4, investigators found inmates had cut the bolts which held a stool to the floor. The stool was plastered to the floor with toothpaste and paper. Officers also found a long string in Room 4, but Higgins would not reveal the relevance of the stool or the string. Higgins said he could not release more information because detectives are still interviewing possible suspects.

The two inmates in Room 4 were tunneling straight toward the roof. But they had a ways to go, Higgins said.

The cinder blocks are filled with concrete and reinforced with rebar. If the unsuccessful escapees had used the brick and knocked away the rebar on the other side, they would still have had to climb a wall topped

with barbed wire to escape, Higgins said.

Because it took the inmates two months just to break through the first layer of cinder block, it's unlikely they would have had time to finish the job.

"One stays in this jail much more than a year," Higgins said.

Workers patched the hole in the wall.

CSI

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"What we'd like to have happen is for people to obey the rules."

Also proving difficult to manage was the maintenance dormitory who drive onto Falls Avenue through the entrance-only lanes.

Blocking off that area entirely was the next step, but again, Meyerhoeffer wanted to research the issue further.

Meyerhoeffer contemplated delivering warnings to those violators before doing something as drastic as eliminating that passageway altogether.

"We have to tell the dorm kids. If you're caught going out that way, you're going to get a sizable fine."

The farmland just north of campus was the third topic of Meyerhoeffer's report to the board.

The president and a handful of other administrators recently met with Katy Breckenridge, daughter of the late John and Miriam Breckenridge, owners of hundreds of acres of land donated to CSI.

Basically the land is to be kept in farm-related activities, as it is now.

When the Breckenridges bequeathed the land, "They wanted it to be ag, but they realized that at some time that property may be too valuable," Meyerhoeffer said.

Although he didn't mention any specific plans for the property of the late John and Miriam Breckenridge.

"We're going to listen very closely to what she says," he said. "I don't think we'd want to do anything without her support."

Wind

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Department of Water Resources. After the anemometer was installed on his Burley Butte farm, he helped the agency install one near Lava Hot Springs.

It has been contacted by several private companies and several organizations about helping to install anemometers, he said.

People need to figure out which kind of wind work best. What kind of government incentives are available, what they need to know before installing a

turbine, which people to contact and other information, he said.

Robert Lipskoch, manager of Bell Rapid Irrigation Project near Hagerman, was also observing and helping Monday with the Kimberly project. Later in the year an anemometer, which is part of the Energy Improvement Project, will be installed at Bell Rapids, Lipskoch said.

Students from Spackman's alternative energy class came along to observe and help install the anemometer.

Tami Breneman said she took

the class partly because she is thinking about the possibility of using an alternative source of energy when she expands her home in a few years.

Jill Patterson said she took the class because she thought it would be interesting.

"I didn't know much about it," she said as she watched as the group drove four anchors into the ground.

All of the anchors need to be an equal distance from the base, Spackman said as the group measured with a tape measure.

A global positioning system

could be used to determine exact distance from the base where the anchors holding the batteries need to be placed. But the batteries on the GPS failed Monday, and Spackman pulled out his trusty compass.

As the group worked, enthusiasm for the project was evident.

"I feel like it's a new frontier," Jarolimek said.

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Time to buy?

Price competition is sending personal computer prices down — Page C8

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Monday's Puzzle Solvers

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Cheating spouses leave clues

DEAR READERS: At the end of a recent column, I printed a short letter from a reader signed "Suspicious Texan," asking what are the telltale signs of a cheating spouse. (I listed eight—creativity, a sudden change in manner of dress or grooming, unexplained absences, less affection, unfamiliar charges on credit card bills, strange numbers on the phone bill, hang-ups on your home phone, and more business trips than usual.) If I then asked readers if they cared to add to the list. The response was so great, it nearly gave my mailman a hernial! Read on:



DEAR ABBY
Abigail VanBuren

- I play more "golf." (That's good for five or six hours.)
- You find birth-control pills in her medicine cabinet, and you've had a vasectomy.
- Mutual friends start acting strangely toward you. (They either know about the cheating, or have been told stories about what a horrible wife or girlfriend you are.)
- He stops confiding in you

and seeking advice from you.

- Sets up a new e-mail account and doesn't tell you about it.
- He leaves the house in the morning smelling like Irish Spring and returns in the evening smelling like Safeguard.
- He refuses to let you take him to the airport when he's leaving town.
- He carries condoms and you are on the pill.
- Begins to delete all incoming phone calls from Caller ID.
- Deletes all incoming e-mails when they used to accumulate.
- He becomes "accusatory," asking if you are being true to him, usually out of gull.
- Raises hypothetical questions such as, "Do you think it's possible to love more than one

person at a time?"

- He buys himself new underwear.
- He insists that the child seat, toys, etc., are kept out of his car.
- She stops wearing her wedding ring.
- Has a sudden desire to be helpful with the laundry.
- Has unexplained scratches or bruises on his or her neck or back.
- Suddenly wants to try new love techniques.
- Supposedly works a lot of overtime, but it never shows up on the pay stub.
- Picks fights in order to stamp out of the house.
- You find out by accident that he or she took a vacation day or personal time off from work — but supposedly worked on those days.
- Shows a sudden interest in a different type of music.
- Spouse's co-workers are uncomfortable in your presence.
- Has a sudden preoccupation with his or her appearance.

- Spends an excessive amount of time on the computer, especially after you have gone to bed.
- Suddenly works long hours or weekends and never seems to be at his/her desk to answer the phone. Calls back later with a reason such as, "I was working in the conference room where there was more space."
- Has lots of "emergency errands" — then comes home empty-handed, saying, "They didn't have what I needed."
- He throws up a lot because he just ate at his mistress's house, and had to eat the dinner I prepared when he got home."
- The telltale sign of a cheating spouse? Having to ask that question in the first place. Listen to your gut! And last but not least:

DEAR ABBY: My wife keeps five out of the eight telltale signs listed in your column. However, she and I agree that most of them fit her job description. She's a real estate agent.

Sagittarius: Press for the complete story

IF NOVEMBER 19TH IS YOUR BIRTHDAY — you are an original thinker and independent, romantic, you have plenty of "sex appeal." You have instincts for drama, publicity and showmanship. You attract people who are arrogant and temperamental. Leo Aquarius natives play amazing roles in your life, could have these letters in names: A, S, J. During December, you will have new outlook on life. Toss aside previous notions, inhibitions. September of next year will be romantic, profitable.

HOROSCOPE

Sydney Omarr

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Your humor and intelligence provide enlightenment. Visit individual temporarily confined to home, hospital. Help fight fear of the unknown. Leo plays sensational role.

CANCER (Jun. 21-July 22): Many of your fondest hopes, wishes will materialize. Focus on home, family, marriage and ability to win friends and influence people. Cash flow resumes; you will be accused of having a "money tree."

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You are the consultant! People seek your views on everything from astrology to the stock market. Blend explanations with hope, optimism. There will be a rise in values — when?

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You will be involved in money transactions; be bright, alert and positive concerning legal rights, permissions. Lyrics from a song could be involved. Filtration tonight lends spice.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Attention revolves around where you live, marital status. Focus on design, color coordination and home improvement. You will hear whispers of "I love you very much!" Taurus figures prominently.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Legal clearance received; you will do the job your way. Proposals featured that include career and marriage. You do not have complete story press for it. Places places dynamic role.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Your kind of day! You know what should be done; you get green light, so act accordingly. Romantic relationship should not be taken lightly; it could play role in your destiny. Cancer

of your life will make dramatic return. Maintain equilibrium; don't make same mistake twice!

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native involved.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You have "protective shelter." Take risks because you will not be hurt. Building material arrives; be positive concerning working tools. Aries, Libra individuals play extraordinary roles!

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You will "give off" vibrations of personality, sex appeal. Answer (to question): Make fresh start, go into business. Be selective, maintain aura of exclusivity. Leo makes obvious play for your affection.

Nudists in general have lower blood pressure

Blood pressure readings of nudists tend to be lower than readings of people generally. That's nudists as a group. Clearly, you couldn't say that about every new nudist recruit who walks into camp.

Q. What kind of marsupial has an upside down pouch?

A. Any kind that burrows. So it won't fill up its pouch when it digs.



REVISITED
L.M. Boyd

In the year 600 B.C. or thereabouts, a wise man of India named Susrata used the point of a needle to push a cataract away from the lens in a blind man's eye to let light enter. It worked. And is in the scrolls as the first known surgical operation on the eye.

Word is it was the Germans who invented what we call Groundhog's Day, only they used some sort of beaver.

As far as looks go, your nose is just the right length, if it's a third as long as your face. That's what a photographer of models claims.

Color of clothing a young lady wears is another of those things said to send a message. A number of items in our Love and War man's files suggest the girl who wants to marry her boyfriend to propose matrimony on some given evening might do well that night to wear white.

Most marine life in the oceans lives close to the top.

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In Illinois are places closer to Mississippi than to Chicago.

Q. What kind of animal can jump the farthest? I mean the most times its own length?

A. Flea — 120 times.

Much of Morocco has 7 feet of topsoil. That's 3 feet more than our Midwest's best. If farmers farmed Morocco, it's said, they could feed all of North Africa. That sounds right. Still, I've read some farmers won't work soil so deep it can't hold water up close to the roots. Ask the gardener in your family about this.

Lipstick dates back to the Ice Age.

TCM airs Clint Eastwood classic today

Today

"A View to a Kill" — James Bond goes up against a genetically superior industrialist with plans to become czar of the computer industry. (CC) (TV14) TBS, 6 p.m.

"A Fistful of Dollars" — Sergio Leone's classic about a mysterious drifter involvement with warring factions in a Mexican border town. TCM, 6 p.m.

"Turkey!" — The traditional Thanksgiving bird was once on the brink of extinction, but now flour-

TV Best Bets

ishes all over the United States. (TVG) THE ANIMAL PLANET CHANNEL, 6 p.m.

Wednesday

"Marty" — An award-winning adaptation of Paddy Chayefsky's novel about a shy New York butcher's search for love. TCM, 6 p.m.

"Ed" — Friends isolate Ed and Carol, forcing them to deal with

their tumultuous relationship; Josh tries to entertain Nancy and Molly while Phil challenges Eli to a Scrabble game. Kelly Ripe guest stars. (CC) (TVPG) NBC, 7 p.m.

MOVIES

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Half Past Deed (11) 7:00 - 9:00

TWIN CINEMA 12

Inchek the Movie (6) 7:00 - 9:50
McGee's Wildcat (6) 7:00 - 9:45
Tuesdays (11) 7:00 - 9:50
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The Ring (11) 7:00 - 9:50
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Santa Claus (11) 7:00 - 9:50
Herry Herry (1) 7:15 - 9:45 - 9:50

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Thursday, November 21, 2002

Located: Buhl, Idaho • Senator Mobile Park, Space 19
Northwest corner of Buhl, just south of Jackson County Corner Cafe

Safe Time: 1:00 pm No Lunch

MOBILE HOME

1981 Fleetwood 14 ft x 70 ft Mobile Home has refrigerator, electric stove, 2 bathrooms with showers, 2 bedrooms, kitchen, living room, walk in closet and bath on store room.

Note: Presently at space 19. Could be moved at buyers expense.
Note: At present the rent space is approximately \$180.00 per month, excluding phone and electricity.

Note: Personal property taxes on this unit is about \$152.00 per year.
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Note: This unit must be occupied by purchaser, can not be leased or rented out. Note: Contact Vernal Steen, park manager at 543-5946 for the Mobile Park rules.

Items for unit will be cash or bankable check day of sale.

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MISCELLANEOUS

Set of lady's golf clubs - assorted bedding and blankets - luggage - old wooden dining board - full set of dishes - bakin dishes - hot glasses - hand meat grinder - toaster - electric iron - assorted cookware - serving bowls - vacuum cleaner - assorted garden tools - and other miscellaneous items

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Survey finds support for Buhl Boys, Girls Club

By Mary Lou Potts
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - A September survey found that 90 percent of the community supports the Buhl Boys and Girls Club. The board of directors of the Twin Falls club and Buhl citizen group reported on the questionnaires and the results at a recent meeting.

According to the report, 201 citizens were sent home with electronic surveys, and 161 families returned them. The survey club, with 40 saying their children would participate.

The reasons stated for the survey response included the fact that other arrangements were made for students after school, that families live in the country and could not arrange transportation frequently, and that there was not enough information about the club.

The positive responses were encouraging and supportive, officials said.

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Summer programs would be extra but would follow the same guidelines.

The Boys and Girls Club organization can benefit a community by teaching sportsmanship and skills, providing a place to go after school, producing a drop in crime rates, and teaching appropriate behavior and social skills.

Volunteers along with professional staff would guide the children to learn relationships, inspirations and responsibilities.

For additional information on the club, call Don Hall, executive director of Boys and Girls Clubs of Magic Valley, at 736-7111 or Cally Parrott at 543-4316.

Jerome council looks at fee hikes

By Diane Thomas Reale
Times-News correspondent

JEROME - The costs of bouncing checks written to the city and remaining city services will rise in Jerome if proposed ordinances are adopted.

Several proposed fee increases will receive public hearings before the City Council tonight.

Proposed ordinances to be heard include:

Meeting tonight

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

Water fees - One ordinance would increase the fee for city water service from \$10 to \$25 during regular business hours. After hours, the fee would go from \$22.50 to \$50 if the ordinance is adopted.

Bounced checks - A second ordinance, proposes increasing the charge for returned checks from \$20 to \$25.

Pen-adoption - The city wants to charge \$5 for adopting a dog from the animal shelter. Several years ago a fee of \$50 was proposed, but was never adopted. In order to cover minimal costs and to promote the adoption of sheltered or unwanted strays at affordable prices, the city staff is recommending a fee of \$5 to be implemented.

The City Council agenda information packet says the proposed fee would cover the cost of labor and bring city fees in line with other local businesses.

In other business, the council will consider a parking ordinance. The ordinance would require a person who receives a parking ticket to pay a civil penalty of \$20 at City Hall or at the police department.

The ticketed person could appear before the parking ticket and have it reviewed. If the reviewing officer upheld the ticket, the person would have one week to pay the fine or appeal the ticket to Magistrate Court. Failure to pay the civil penalty of \$20 would result in a \$100 fine.

The council also will vote on a proposed ordinance that would limit the placement of single-wide mobile or manufactured homes in the city.

home or manufactured home parks. At present, single-wide mobile or manufactured homes are not allowed in R-1 zones but are allowed in all other zones of the city.

If the change is adopted, single-wides will not be allowed anywhere in the city, except manufactured home parks.

Any manufactured home not placed in a mobile home park would have to be made up of two or more sections and be at least 1,000 square feet on a single level. All manufactured homes would have to be placed on excavated and backfilled foundations and have enclosed perimeters.

In addition, every manufactured home would need a pitched roof no less than 3 feet in height for each 12 feet in width. Any mobile home which was manufactured before July 1976 would have to be rehabilitated in accordance with Idaho code before it would be allowed in any zone of the city.

All existing single-wide homes in the city will be grandfathered where they are currently located. In the event of fire or other disaster which makes a single-wide unlivable, the homeowner could replace the single-wide with a similar structure.

Utah teen-ager kills himself after shooting police officer

WEST JORDAN, Utah (AP) - A police officer was shot and killed Monday by a 16-year-old boy who was chased after his father reported him with a gun.

Ronald Wood, a 10-year veteran of the West Jordan Police Department, died at a hospital. The boy also died after apparently shooting himself, police said.

Wood was pronounced dead shortly after 10:30 a.m., said a university of Utah Hospital spokesman Phil Sahm.

The suspect's father had called police to say his son was in the area and had a gun, and the boy tried to crack two vehicles before Wood chased him, said Sgt. Greg Butler of the West Jordan Police Department.

The boy was chased into a neighborhood park where the officer was shot shortly before 8 a.m., police said. A witness told The Associated Press that he heard "five or six" shots.

Police gave no more details about the incident, but planned an afternoon news conference.

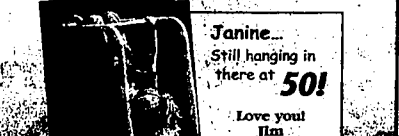
Officers at the West Jordan Police Department, in a suburb of Salt Lake City, were visibly upset, many crying unconsolably.

The last West Jordan officer killed in the line of duty was Thomas M. Rees in 1986.

"This is really hard," Cox said before Wood's death was announced. "We work side-by-side, trust each other with our lives."

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Guillermo R. Paredes, 18, P.O. Box 1533, Hallett; invalid driver's license, pleaded guilty, \$68.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs. 30 days in jail, 18 days suspended. 4-month probation, time credited; District Judge Brenton B. Carlson.
Joe J. ... 352 Highway 66, Declo; one count failure to appear for misdemeanor, one count misdemeanor driving under the influence, pleaded guilty, \$63.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs.

Driving under the influence sentences
Waylon G. Hibbs, 32, 780 W. 100 S.; Paul; one count carrying a concealed weapon under the influence, dismissed; one count open container violation, pleaded guilty, one count misdemeanor driving under the influence, pleaded guilty; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Felony sentences
Jeremy Ray Lyons, 22, 615 Sherron Court; Barrett; one count misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia with intent to sell, dismissed; one count felony possession of a controlled substance, pleaded guilty, \$88.50 court costs, 30 months' indeterminate penitentiary time, time credited. District Judge Monte H. Carlson.

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Lisa J. Evening, 19, RR 3 Box 234, Blackfoot; one count driver's license, \$93.50 fine, \$38.50 court costs.

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Group reaches out to families of autistic children

By Heather Abel
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — When Peg McKain's son was diagnosed with autism eight years ago, she was desperate for information about the disorder. She read medical articles and attended regional conferences to educate herself.

"No one here was able to," says McKain of Twin Falls. "I was overwhelmed at the time."

About a year ago, McKain and two other women, Heidi Stoddard and Ann Rowe, started the Magic Valley Autism Support Group.

"It's a very prevalent disorder," McKain says. "I'm just grateful that we can help support people in the community because there wasn't that support for me."

McKain says there were three reasons for starting the local support group. First, to educate; second, to support each other; and third, to become a group that can lobby for itself, and where people can give each other feedback and information.

"Early intervention is so important," McKain says. "Every child with autism is so different." "I think the most important thing (about the support group) is so you don't feel so alone," says Stoddard, the parent of a 6-year-old child with autism. Receiving input from other mothers of autistic children also is beneficial.

"I think it's really met a need in our area," Rowe said.

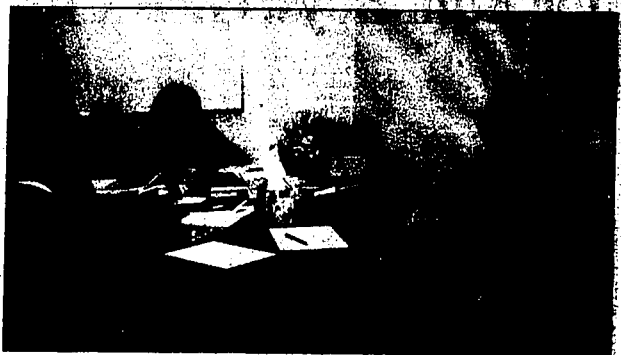
It was imperative that this area has a support group since autism is such a difficult disorder for

families to deal with, she adds. McKain says there are many misconceptions about the disorder. People sometimes think the child is a bad parent or that it's a behavior problem. People also think that autism is curable.

"It is a lifelong developmental disability," McKain says.

McKain often gets phone calls from families who are dealing with the early diagnosis of autism since she has been down that road, and has learned much about the disorder.

"I try to steer them in the direction of being an advocate for their child," McKain says. "With the right intervention, you can help them deal with it. We need to help them have the best possible life they can."



Magic Valley Autism Support Group member Peg McKain, center, participates in a discussion. The group provides support and education to families of children with autism.

About the Magic Valley Autism Support Group

The group meets at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of every month at the Advocacy and Learning Office at 212 Deora St. in Twin Falls.

For more information, call Heidi

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Source: Idaho Parents Unlimited Inc.

STORK REPORT

Cassia Regional Medical Center

Erick R. Ruiz, son of Nora R. and Jesse B. Ruiz of Burley, was born Wednesday, Nov. 6, 2002.

Allema Mary Castro, daughter of Maritza and Benjamin Castro Jr. of Burley, was born Thursday, Nov. 7, 2002.

Jaqueline Macias, daughter of Lorena and Juan C. Macias of Burley, as born Thursday, Nov. 7, 2002.

Kevin Joel Avitia Sotelo, son of Nery and Silveria Avitia of Burley, was born Friday, Nov. 8, 2002.

Kathryn Denise Howard, daughter of Cheryl Ann and D. Kurt Howard of Burley, was born Saturday, Nov. 9, 2002.

Trevor George McLaws, son of Dana Rodgers and George McLaws of Burley, was born Saturday, Nov. 9, 2002.

Wyatt Adarin Lee, son of Dacia Ann and Gerald Wade Lee of Burley, was born Monday, Nov. 11, 2002.

Alaysia Isabel Salinas, daughter of Monica Salinas and Jeremiah Navgar of Burley, was born Tuesday, Nov. 12, 2002.

Aunika Marie Corr, daughter of Jessica Jimenez and Charles Corr of Burley, as born Wednesday, Nov. 13, 2002.

Kyle Gary Harper, son of Tayna and Darin Harper of Malta, was born Wednesday, Nov. 13, 2002.

St. Luke's Wood River Medical Center

Axel Barrett Diehl, son of Jennifer and Brent Diehl of Halley, was born Monday, Nov. 4, 2002.

Isabelle Marie Paucar, daughter of Trisha and Ronald Paucar of Halley, was born Monday, Nov. 4, 2002.

Jesús Sandoval, son of Enriqueta Salamanca and Gerardo Sandoval of Halley, was born Tuesday, Nov. 5, 2002.

Dominic Rafael Romero, son of Ursula and Rafael Romero of Halley, was born Tuesday, Nov. 5, 2002.

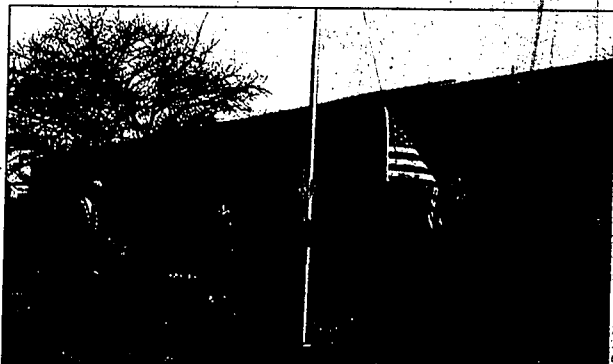
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Ethan Krumme Marx, son of Amy and Joe Marx of Ketchum, was born Friday, Nov. 8, 2002.

Jennifer Orihuela, daughter of Mireya Vilcapoma and Rene Orihuela of Ketchum, was born Tuesday, Nov. 12, 2002.

HONORING VETERANS



Members of the Burley Elks Club present a Veterans Day flag ceremony for residents of the Burley Care Center. They also donated a new flag to the center to replace its tattered one. The program included the meaning and symbolism of the flag, a tribute to veterans and the United States and a pledge: "So long as there are veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them."

READING ADVENTURES

Former Twin Falls resident Kathryn Brown, center, visited Murtaugh Elementary School, and held the story of "Tough Boots," a book she illustrated for Cynthia Rylant. Brown, who now lives in Massachusetts, was visiting family when she and her "crew of pirates" brought to life the story of a pirate who loses his pet parrot. Students participated in the retelling of the story, while Brown and her "pirates" had a great time with the children.



Photo courtesy of DEB CUTLER

Right, second-graders at Popplewell Elementary School in Buhl align the Pledge of Allegiance at a Veterans Day assembly. The 30 students were each presented a flag by the Veterans of Foreign Wars



Below, members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars organization present the flags for a Veterans Day assembly at Popplewell Elementary School.

MARY LOU POTTS/The Times-News

Area residents are inducted to new Idaho 4-H Hall of Fame

BOISE — Several Magic Valley residents were among the inductees to the Idaho 4-H Hall of Fame.

The Hall of Fame was inaugurated on Nov. 9-10 with the induction of 100 individuals and couples who made significant contributions to the youth development program operated by the University of Idaho.

The Hall of Fame ceremony coincided with the national 4-H centennial celebration and the annual meeting of the Idaho 4-H Volunteer Leaders' Forum at Boise's DoubleTree Inn.

Those honored were chosen by county 4-H programs, State Leaders' Association, Idaho Association of Extension 4-H Agents, Idaho 4-H Endowment Board and the UI State 4-H

Office.

By county, 4-H Hall of Fame inductees include:

Blaine
Thelma Cameron of Bellevue

Camas
John Varin and Sue Robbins, both of Fairfield

Cassin
Mary Hondo (deceased) of Burley, Trish Hurst of Burley, Celia Marchant of Oakley and Farnum Warr of Murtaugh

Elmore
Herbert Edwards of Mountain Home and Alice Trail of King Hill

Gooding
Kay Lynn Cheney of Gooding, Patty Hooper of Bliss and Ken and Mary Lou Ruby of Wendell

Jerome
Lola Fitzpatrick of Eden

Lincoln
Ivan Hopkins and Judy Rienstra, both of Shoshone

Twin Falls
Mary Davidson of Buhl and Marlene Malody of Murtaugh

U.S. Sen. Larry Craig was among the inductees for his years as a 4-H member in Midvale and his support for the program since. Idaho First Lady Patricia Kempthorne was honored for her efforts to promote 4-H and recruit volunteer leaders.

The late Ezra Taft Benson, who served as leader of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and President Dwight Eisenhower's Agriculture secretary, also was inducted. He served as a University of Idaho Extension agent at Preston early in his career.

TWIN FALLS AREA COMMUNITY

THINGS TO DO

Things to do section listing various community events, meetings, and classes such as 'To hold a fishing license', 'Magic Valley 5th Club', and 'Buckle Up!'.



Participants at Camp Rainbow Gold, a camp north of Ketchum for children diagnosed with cancer. The camp received a 100 percent from the American Camping Association accreditation team.

Camp receives perfect score

KETCHUM - Camp Rainbow Gold, a week-long camp for children with cancer, received a perfect score from the American Camping Association (ACA) after an accreditation inspection.

About Camp Rainbow Gold and cancer

- One out of every 330 Americans develop cancer during childhood or adolescence.
Cancer has become the most curable chronic disease of childhood.
Childhood cancer is second only to breast cancer in saving 'person-years' of life.

- Sixty volunteers, who range in age from 17 to 65, included Magic Valley residents, donated a week of their summer.
Campers participate in arts and crafts, horseback riding, mountain biking, wildlife viewing, fishing, swimming, archery, hiking, canoeing, fishing, costume parties and campfires.

The visitors observed camp activities, scrutinized the policy manual written by the manager and director describing camp procedures, inspected the host site at Cathedral Pines north of Ketchum for safety compliance, and interviewed staff members who described their extensive training.

Buckle reported. Parents remark that their children return home with renewed confidence and hope in color, with their dis-ease, and that it positively affects every aspect of the children's lives.

reported. Camp Rainbow Gold also was visited by the national director of the American Cancer Society Camp Center of Excellence program.

ENJOYING FALL



Roy Gardner, left, a first-grader, and Isalah Sonner, a second-grader, were among the students from Clover Trinity Lutheran School who visited a pumpkin patch on a field trip. All the students picked out a pumpkin, courtesy of Diane and Leonard Crislow.

SERVICE NEWS

Caught graduates from basic USAF training. Aik Force Airman Brent M. Mengel has graduated from basic combat military training at Fort Sill, Lawton, Okla.
Davis receives Army Commendation Medal. Army Spec. Dusty Davis has been decorated with the Army Commendation Medal.

M. V. Duplicate Bridge lists winners

TWIN FALLS - The Magic Valley Duplicate Bridge Club announced its weekly winners: Nov. 7: first, Riley Burron and Peggy Hackley; second, Betty Sabo and Dorothy Young; third, Matt and Doll Smith.

Hale with Marilyn Boss and Vi Croshaw. Nov. 12: first, Carmen Kevan and Norma Prestidge; second, Joye Astorquia and Betty Frantz; third, Dottie Miller and Mary Lee Pfeffer; fourth, Marilyn Cregan and Sidonia DiCostanzo.

third, Renee Bulcher and Polly Mulliner (fifth overall). Winners for east-west were first, Harold Bulcher and Wilma Driscoll (first overall); second, Lonnie Burns and Jessie Lingnau (third overall); and third, Peggy Hackley and Evelyn Meyer.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Veterans can order missing medals Saturday. TWIN FALLS - Military veterans will be able to order missing military medals, certificates, personnel and medical records from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at the Disabled American Veterans Hall, 69 Shoup Ave. in Twin Falls.
Wood River Bridge announces weekly winners. HAYLEY - The recent Wood River Bridge winners were announced.

Arts Council offers Mystery Bag Dinner Theatre. BATH - The Bath Arts Council will hold a Mystery Bag Dinner Theatre, Monday and Saturday at the Eighth Street Center, 200 N. Eighth Ave. in Bath.
Magic Valley Singles holds Thanksgiving feast dance. THEROME - The Magic Valley Singles Square Dance Club will hold a Thanksgiving feast dance at 7 p.m. today at the Methodist

Church, 211 S. Buchanan in Jerome. Dancers should bring a potluck dish. For more information, call Vera at 734-4647 or Tom at 324-6440.
AARP hears from American Red Cross at meeting. TWIN FALLS - The American Association of Retired Persons Chapter 432 of the Magic Valley will meet at 2 p.m. Wednesday in the annex building of the Office on Aging at the College of Southern Idaho, 1198 Washington St. N. in Twin Falls.

announced the following events: A pancake breakfast is served from 8-11 a.m. the first Saturday of each month. Lunch is served from 12:12-3:30 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. For more information, call the center at 734-5084.
St. Luke's offers free talk on stress management. KETCHUM - St. Luke's Center for Community Health will offer a brown bag talk on "Stress Management in Every Moment" from 12:15-1:15 p.m. Thursday in the Baldy conference room. Megan Gierhart will guide participants in recognizing stress triggers, and teach stress management techniques. The presentation is free, and participants are encouraged to bring a sack lunch. For more information, call 727-8733.
People for Pets holds mobile pet adoption. TWIN FALLS - The People for Pets of Magic Valley Humane Society will hold a mobile adoption from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday at D & B Supply in Twin Falls. For more information, call Bev Ward at 733-8637.

Meet Derek. He's Wednesday's Child. Tomorrow in Community.

COMPUTERS AND TECHNOLOGY

PCs get cheaper for the holidays

The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — They're still not free, but they're getting closer.

A holiday price war among personal computer makers has pushed prices down by hundreds of dollars on machines robust enough to handle the latest PC games, video and software.

EMachines is promoting a system with a 1.7 gigahertz Intel Celeron processor and a 40 gigabyte hard drive for \$399, no monitor or CD-burner included.

Other low-priced models are available from Dell Computer, Gateway and Hewlett-Packard — none of which can risk staying on the sidelines.

Analysts say the price-dashing is happening because PC sellers projected sales numbers earlier in the year that have yet to come through, so they need to ratchet up sales before year's end.

"Certainly, in recent weeks we're seeing very highly competitive pricing in the market as vendors gear up for the important fourth quarter," said Charles Salders, an analyst with Gartner Dataquest.

Starting in fourth quarter of 2000, PC prices began a steady decline, coinciding with the dot-com downturn and price cuts by



Computer store customer Joseph McCutchen looks at specifications on a computer box in Santa Clara, Calif., Nov. 11. There's a vigorous price war going on for powerful entry-level PCs as the battle for consumer dollars continues.

Intel for its Pentium and Celeron processors, Smulders said.

But those price cuts have failed to buoy the sector. PC shipments fell by 4 percent last year from 2000, and shipments were down again 0.4 percent for the first six months of 2002, according to Gartner.

Now, companies hope the latest round of price chopping will

coax-open even the tightest wallets.

"I think it gives people the opportunity to buy a computer who didn't have the resources before," said Kimberly Shaw, 25, a grants administrator from Greenbelt, Md.

After eyeing piecemeal upgrades like CD burners and replacement hard drives on a recent trip to Best Buy, Shaw is

now looking to replace her sluggish home computer altogether.

Her current Pentium III-powered PC can't keep up with many of her computing chores, Shaw said.

"It was like an average computer two years ago but now I think it's kind of archaic," Shaw said.

Dell is offering its Dimension 2300 computer system with a 30 gigabyte hard drive, a CD-burner and 1.8 gigahertz Intel Celeron processor for \$399, after a couple of rebates. A monitor can be added for less than \$200.

"Part of our goal is to stay in price position with the competition," said Dwayne Cox, a Dell spokesman.

As people continue to turn their PCs into multimedia entertainment stations for viewing video footage and listening to music, large hard drives are a key feature. Each gigabyte of hard drive space is enough to store about 30-40 albums of music in the popular MP3 format.

The 1.7 gigahertz Intel processors included in many of the sub-\$500 models provide plenty of computing power for video viewing and editing, game playing, multitasking between applications and plain old Web surfing.

Gates shows off gadgets at Comdex

Los Angeles Times

Microsoft Corp. Chairman Bill Gates kicked off the annual Comdex computer show Sunday in Las Vegas with a prediction that the same high-volume, low-cost economics that put a PC in most U.S. homes will soon give con-

sumers new varieties of inexpensive and useful gadgets.

In a keynote speech devoted to debunking gloomy predictions for the beleaguered technology industry, Gates demonstrated a "tiny" category of Microsoft software for the so-called "multi-personal" technology of the future.

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Researchers try to create flexible video screen

By Martha McKay
The Record

Imagine a thin, flexible video screen that rolls up and slips into your pocket.

Turns out it's easier to imagine such a device than to make one.

But a lot of people are trying. On Tuesday, Lucent Technologies' Bell Labs announced it's joining forces with DuPont Co. and Sarnoff Corp. to invent a new type of flexible video display.

The trio will receive federal funds for three years from the National Institute of Standards and Technology's Advanced Technology Program. The NIST program awards grants to help speed up inventions that have potential widespread benefits, according to a press release.

The terms of the agreement were not disclosed. "This is a good collaboration; the three companies involved bring together a lot of skills necessary to develop this technology," said Kimberly Allen, director of technology and strategic research at Sarnoff/Stanford Resources, a market research firm.

The goal of the project is to figure out ways to make a thin color video screen out of bendable plastic that would be cheap and easy to manufacture. The screens would take the place of today's rigid flat panels, most of which use liquid crystal displays (LCD).

Each of the companies will tackle a portion of the research. Bell Labs will focus on developing ways to make flexible plastic electronic circuitry that will fit into a video display, as

opposed to traditional manufacturing that uses silicon.

The research and development arm of Lucent has been working to develop this kind of technology — technically known as organic thin film transistor technology — since the mid-1990s, according to Elsa Reichmanis, director of materials research.

DuPont will develop the part of the display that lights up. Made from devices called organic light-emitting diodes, or OLEDs, this part would also be thin and made out of flexible materials.

DuPont will also work to make the display panel itself out of flexible materials.

Device makes sense of mess

By Jim Coates
Chicago Tribune

Q. I am having trouble getting my new Macintosh G4 to understand a great number of files that I created over the years using my 14-year-old computer. In accumulating the information on the old machine, I had haphazardly used different applications like Microsoft Word and Works and mixed them up in the files. Is there any way of saving (opening) the data that I had collected over the years?

—David Wiseman,
Ottawa, Ontario

A. It's going to cost you almost a C-note, but the \$99.95 MacLink Plus software is exactly the debabelizer you need to make sense out of that Mac of that morass of accumulated files.

MacLink Plus, at

Computer Q&A

www.dataviz.com, is an operating system agnostic and will convert into readable form either Windows or Macintosh files if they were created in an application that the user does not own. As a longtime Mac user, as well as an ardent Windows geek, this writer simply could not have survived at work in a Microsoft-only department without this gem of a translator.

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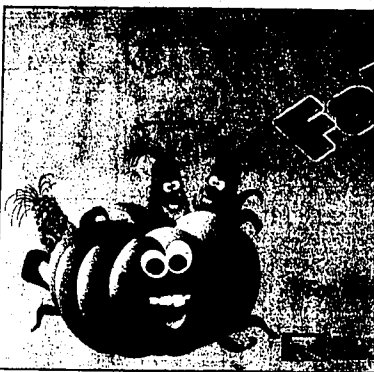
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MORNING LINE

SPORTSQUOTE

“
Yao Ming makes Shawn Bradley look like Bill Russell.
 ”
 —TNT commentator Charles Barkley

TRIVIA

QUESTION:
 Who was the quarterback of Penn State's national championship team in 1956?
answer below

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

- High school girls basketball
- Hansen JV at TPCA, 6 p.m.
- Raft River at Sho-Ban, 7:30 p.m.
- Rimrock at Glens Ferry, 7:30 p.m.
- Camas County at Hagerman, 7:30 p.m.
- Dierich at Oakley, 7:30 p.m.
- Carey at Wood River, 7:30 p.m.
- Wendell at Gooding, 7:30 p.m.
- Shoshone at Kimberly, 7:30 p.m.
- Burdley at Filer, 7:30 p.m.
- Buhl at Jerome, 7:30 p.m.
- Madison at Minico, 7:30 p.m.

IN BRIEF

Tri-Cities hoops registration begins

RUPERT — The Tri-Cities boys basketball registration is under way for all boys in the Mini-Cassia area from grades 1 through 6 and 8-12.
 Those registering on or before Dec. 13 will be charged \$15 for the season, which runs in January and February. Those registering later will be charged \$30.
 Call Ron Dietz at 434-2400 with any questions or stop by and register at City Hall in Rupert from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Idaho league holds flag football tournament

BOISE — The Idaho division of the American Flag & Touch Football League is holding its state championships Nov. 30 and Dec. 1 in Boise.
 Any adult teams, male, female or co-ed, are encouraged to enter by calling 1-800-371-8820.

T.F. Rec sign-ups start for boys basketball

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Recreation Department is holding registration for boys basketball leagues for grades 4-7. The fee is \$12 for residents within the city limits and \$15 for those outside, but still within Twin Falls School District boundaries.
 Register by Dec. 2 to avoid a \$10 late fee. Mail or drop off a check or money order payable to City of Twin Falls at Twin Falls Parks & Recreation, P.O. Box 1907, Twin Falls, ID 83303-1907.
 Call 736-2265 to register by phone with a credit card or for more information.

Hansen basketball team holds fund-raising dinner

HANSEN — The Hansen High School girls basketball team will hold a fund-raiser dinner on Saturday, Nov. 23 from 5:30 p.m. at the high school cafeteria.
 Hamburgers, hot dogs, potato bars, chili and beverage will be on the menu.

Toyz for Kids VB touney needs teams

KIMBERLY — Teams are needed for the annual Toyz for Kids Volleyball Tournament, which will be held on Saturday, Dec. 7 at Kimberly High School.
 Registration is \$75 per team and a new toy from each team member. Proceeds benefit needy children in the Magic Valley.
 There will be four divisions and T-shirts for all champions. To register call Pam Ferrara at 735-4124 or 734-0354.
 Compiled from staff and wire reports
NOVIA ANSWER:
 Sam Shaffer.

CSI draws seasoned first-round opponent

By Joe Palley
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — A week of preparation began Monday afternoon when the College of Southern Idaho volleyball team learned of its first-round opponent at the 2002 National Junior College Athletic Association volleyball tournament.
 The No. 5 seed Eagles will begin their attempt for an eighth national title in 10 years against No. 12 seed Northeastern Junior College of Sterling, Colo. at 3

2002 NJCAA National Volleyball Championship Tournament	
Monday, Nov. 25	11 a.m., No. 2 Leo (Texas) College vs. No. 15 Pasco-Hernandez CC (Fla.)
First round	1 p.m., No. 1 Miami-Dade CC vs. No. 16 Pitt CC (N.C.)
All Times MST	1 p.m., No. 8 Arizona Western vs. No. 9 Lake Land College (Ill.)
9 a.m., No. 3 Western Nebraska vs. No. 24 Frank Phillips (Texas) College	9 a.m., No. 5 Southern Idaho vs. No. 12 Northeastern College (Calif.)
9 a.m., No. 6 Southwest Missouri St.-WP vs. No. 11 Tyler (Texas) College	3 p.m., No. 4 Barton County CC (Kansas) vs. No. 10 Arkansas-Fort Smith
11 a.m., No. 7 Seward County (Kansas) vs. No. 10 Arkansas-Fort Smith	

p.m. MST in the West Plains Civic Center in West Plains, Mo. next Monday.
 The news prompted a quick

check of the team's website and a couple calls to coaches who are familiar with the Plainswomen program.

"I think we got a pretty good draw," said head coach Ben Stroud.

Northeastern is continuing its best season ever with a 44-13 mark including defeating Casper College (Wyo.) twice to garner the Region IX title.

Northeastern isn't a Cinderella that is just happy to be there. The team competes often in the national tournament.

"They are not the most athletic team but (the coaches) do a nice job," Stroud said. "They'll play good volleyball."

The roster shows a team with a 5-4 setter, Scooter Yearous, and good height in 6-2 sophomore middle hitter Tara Thompson. The taller hitters are 6-1 freshman Michelle Franzen and 6-foot freshman Sara Glidden. All but two players are from Colorado.
 Stroud was hopeful the team could crack the top four, maybe as high as the third seed, considering a good win at third-ranked Utah Valley State College last month.
 "Once we beat UVSC and Please see CSI, Page D2

7-foot-6 Yao Ming plays breakout game for Rockets

By John Nadel
Associated Press writer

LOS ANGELES — Yao Ming was nothing more than a bit player in his first seven NBA games.

That soon changed in No. 8. The 7-foot-6 rookie shot 9-for-9 and doubled his career high with 20 points Sunday night. Yao played his first starring role for the Houston Rockets, helping them beat the three-time defending NBA champion Los Angeles Lakers 93-89.

"He understands basketball stuff very well," Rockets coach Rudy Tomjanovich said. "We knew that once he got comfortable, the games were going to get better, and the minutes that he will get are going to get better."

Of course, Shaquille O'Neal wasn't around to jam up the middle, and Yao took full advantage, getting 8 points on dunks.

"He definitely had an impact on this game. But it's not going to be that way when Shaq gets back," Lakers' general Brian Shaw said, referring to O'Neal.

Yao, the first overall pick in last summer's NBA draft, had a previous single-game high of 10 points. That's what he scored Friday on 5-for-6 shooting in 14 minutes at Phoenix.

The 22-year-old Yao played 23 minutes against the Lakers — one under his career high.

"You saw the finished product today," Tomjanovich said. "He played a great game, and the reason why we won was because of the buckets that he had down the stretch, getting to the line."

One play in particular stood out against the Lakers.

With a minute left, Yao took a pass from Juanquin Hawkins and dunked while being fouled. The subsequent free throw completed a three-point play that gave the Rockets a 90-86 lead, putting them on course for their first win over the Lakers in eight games.

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Houston's Yao Ming shoots over Los Angeles' Samaki Walker during the second half Sunday in Los Angeles. Yao shot 9-for-9 in scoring a career-high 20 points in 23 minutes, and also had six rebounds Sunday night to help the Rockets beat the Lakers 93-89.

Rams hold off Bears to win fifth straight

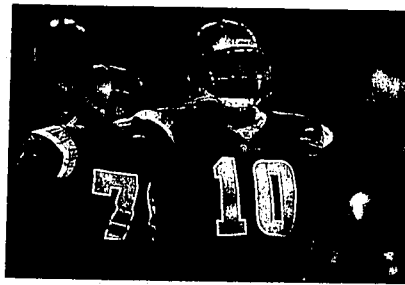
The Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Marc Bulger carried the St. Louis Rams closer to their improbable run toward the playoffs although Kurt Warner made a cameo appearance a week earlier than scheduled.

Bulger threw for 347 yards and two touchdowns Monday night as the Rams beat the Chicago Bears 24-16 to win their fifth straight after opening the season with five losses. That pulls them to within two games of San Francisco in the NFC West.

It wasn't easy, even against the battered Bears (2-8), who trailed by a point into the fourth quarter and cut it to 21-16 on Paul Edinger's 50-yard field goal with 3:42 left. But Bulger completed a clutch 10-yard pass on third-and-9 to Torry Holt with 2:30 remaining that forced the Bears to use their last timeouts.

Isaac Bruce had six receptions for 141 yards and Adam Archuleta led a Rams defense that sacked Chris Chandler seven times.
 Warner made his first appear-



St. Louis Rams Marc Bulger sets to pass in the second quarter against the Chicago Bears Monday at the Edward Jones Dome in St. Louis.
 starter, returned after X-rays were negative.
 With Marshall Faulk out with ankle and foot injuries, the Rams managed only 62 yards rushing.
 The Rams scored on the first and last drives of the first half to take a 14-6 halftime lead.

Maddox's injury seems all too familiar to assistant coach

The Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — When Tim Lewis saw quarterback Tommy Maddox crumpled on the field, not moving a muscle as worried-teammates clasped hands and prayed, he wasn't seriously injured, it was 1986 again for the Steelers defensive coordinator.

Maddox, injured Sunday in Pittsburgh's 31-23 loss in Tennessee, was up and walking again before being released Monday from a Nashville hospital. He has concussions to the brain and spinal cord, but no structural damage.

Maddox hasn't been cleared to play — he was admitted to a Pittsburgh hospital Monday night for more precautionary tests — but the Steelers are relieved and optimistic he might return later this season.

Lewis never got that chance.
 Lewis, a former defensive back and the Packers' first-round draft pick in 1983, retired two days after being hurt during a 1986 Monday night game against

STEVE WILSTEIN

This was his "once-in-a-lifetime" team, but the way Slaughter saw it, the way any coach should, is that he had no choice except to suspend the players, one of them his own son.
 "It boils down to accountability," Slaughter says. "It doesn't matter if they drank half a beer or a six-pack, they still broke the rules. I always told my boys that you get in trouble with alcohol, tobacco, drugs, I will suspend you from the team."

The lesson hit home for the players when they stood on the sideline the weekend before last, watching their teammates take a 63-0 pounding that ended their season.

"The players know they threw away a prime opportunity," Slaughter says. "They will be bothered by this for the rest of their lives. I feel sad for my son because I know that he will, 10, 20 years from now, he will always remember that he and his teammates ended the season under this cloud."

"For me, this was very sad. It tore me up. I'll always feel a sense of hurt and betrayal."

There have been other coaches, other communities that have attached more importance to
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Chicago. Doctors determined a neurological condition in his spinal cord left him vulnerable to paralysis—or worse—if he kept playing.
 "I remember it like it was yesterday," Lewis said Monday. "I said to Tommy Flynn, my teammate at Pitt and with the Packers, to put my legs and arms down and he said, 'They are down.' I said, 'Where are they?' I thought they were floating in the air. I put my hand in front of my face and I thought, 'Oh my God' and it hit me."

Maddox, hurt while being hit in the back by Titans linebacker Keith Bulluck, was out less than five minutes but didn't regain feeling in his arms and legs for nearly 45 minutes. Lewis never blacked out, which made the entire experience surreal to him.

"It was a 'Why me?' disbelief," Lewis said. "I remember wondering if I would ever move back home, if my mother would have to
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SPORTS

Miami squeaks past Ohio State for top spot in standings

The Associated Press

Miami finally moved atop the Bowl Championship Series standings — by the slimmest of margins — in the latest standings released Monday. They edged the Buckeyes by 0.01 points, and the top two BCS teams have never been closer.

Miami, No. 1 in the AP media and coaches' polls, has 3.69 points to top the standings for the first time this season, while Ohio State has 3.70 points. Washington State is third with 3.11 points.

The tight margin will be meaningless if Ohio State (12-0) and Miami (9-0) — the only unbeaten teams remaining — win the rest of their games. The top two teams will play in the final BCS standings released Dec. 8 will play in the national title game at the Fiesta Bowl in Tempe, Ariz., on Jan. 3.

The BCS really hasn't entered my mind," Miami coach Larry Coker said. "I don't think it's entered the minds of our players much. It's one of those things that's totally out of our control."

The Buckeyes' close win over Illinois was partly to blame for their drop. Ohio State lost the No. 1 spot in The New York Times computer poll to Miami this week, increasing its computer average to 1.50 while the Hurricanes' was lowered to 1.33. That ranking is an average of seven different computer polls.

Miami, which did not play Sunday, also picked up points when its strength of schedule went from 1.60 to 1.36 this week. Ohio State, which has a composite total of 4.50, is so close to Miami because of a 0.8-point drop in win deduction for a victory over BCS No. 3 Washington State earlier this season.

Ohio State plays its regular-season finale against No. 12 Michigan (9-2) at home Saturday.

Miami, which has won 51 straight games, hosts No. 17 Pittsburgh (8-2) on Thursday, then plays at Syracuse (4-7) and hosts against No. 13 Virginia Tech (8-2) on Dec. 7 to close out the season.

The BCS formula uses the AP media and coaches' polls, com-

Who's going to the Fiesta?

The Bowl Championship Series standings

Weekly standings which will determine the teams that will play in the BCS National Championship Game at the Fiesta Bowl.

(Games through Nov. 16)

Rank	Team	Poll avg.	Comp. avg.	Schedule rank	Losses	Quality win	Total
1	Miami (Fla.)	1.00	1.33	1.36	0	0.0	3.69
2	Ohio State	2.00	1.50	1.00	0	-0.8	3.70
3	Washington St.	3.00	4.33	1.08	1	-0.3	9.11
4	Oklahoma	4.00	5.00	0.28	1	-0.3	10.25
5	Georgia	5.00	5.00	0.28	1	-0.2	12.13
6	Notre Dame	6.00	4.17	1.18	1	-0.2	13.18
7	Iowa	4.50	6.92	1.44	1	-0.2	13.68
8	Southern Cal.	7.00	6.50	0.04	2	0.0	15.54
9	Michigan	10.50	9.82	0.40	2	0.0	22.82
10	Texas	11.00	11.50	0.96	2	0.0	25.46
11	Kansas St.	10.00	15.17	2.20	2	-0.3	20.07
12	Columbia St.	14.00	12.17	0.08	3	0.0	29.25
13	Colorado	14.50	12.63	0.32	3	0.0	32.85
14	Florida	16.00	14.40	0.20	3	-0.8	33.27
15	Penn St.	18.50	17.50	0.48	3	0.0	36.48

Poll average

Average of The Associated Press media poll and USA Today/ESPN coaches poll.

Computer average

The computer component will be determined by averaging six of the seven rankings. The lowest (worst) computer ranking will be disregarded.

Schedule rank

Rank of schedule strength compared to other Division I-A teams played during '02. This component is calculated by determining the cumulative win/loss records of the team's opponent (65.5 percent) and the cumulative win/loss records of the team's opponents (53.3 percent).

Quality win component

The quality win component will reward to varying degrees teams that defeat opponents ranked among the top 10 in the weekly standings. The bonus point scale will range from a high of 1.0 points for a win over the top ranked team to a low of 0.1 for a victory over the 10th-ranked BCS team. The final BCS Standings will determine final quality win points. If a team registers a victory over a team more than once during the regular season, quality points will be awarded just once. Quality win points are based on the standings.

Losses

One point for each loss during the season.

Note: Teams on NCAA probation (i.e. not eligible for postseason competition) are not listed in the BCS Standings. Teams with victories over teams on probation will receive appropriate quality win points.

SOURCE: The National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame Inc.

polls, strength of schedule, win-loss record and a bonus-point system.

Miami has 3.69 points, a 1.33 for poll average, 1.36 for strength of schedule, zero for losses and no bonus-point deduction.

Ohio State has 3.70 points — 2.00 for poll average, 1.50 for computer-rank average, 1.00 for

strength of schedule and a 0.8 bonus-point deduction.

Washington State would be the biggest beneficiary if Ohio State or Miami slips up. Also hoping for help are No. 4 Oklahoma (10.75) and No. 5 Georgia (12.16). Notre Dame (9.1) moved up one spot to No. 6, putting it in position to make a BCS bowl game.

Slaughter says, "It gave these kids a chance to start making amends and start facing up to what happened and go out like men."

At the end, the players took off their helmets and held them to the sky as they had in victory, then went charging up the stairs to the locker room while the crowd of 4,300 gave them a standing ovation.

"The applause, the remarks from people, it was overwhelming," Slaughter says. "These kids had tears in their eyes, partly because of what had gone on but also because of the positive attitude that we got from the Marquette community."

"This could have been any high school in America. Drinking is a problem in a lot of schools. These were good kids. They made a mistake. They know that. They just have to be taught a lesson in responsibility."

Some have suggested that the punishment, even the arrests at the house of a student whose parents were in Hawaii, were excessive, that the officers could have let them off with a reprimand.

"My attitude was no, they couldn't, and no, they shouldn't," Slaughter says. "If this party would have been allowed to continue or these kids would have been stumbling, fumbling, bumping drunk, there were 50 many that surely a lot of them would have been driving home."

Slaughter had gotten several phone calls over the years, telling him someone had gotten killed while driving drunk.

"To a parent, that's the biggest fear in our lives," he says. "I told my son that at least I wasn't coming down to a morgue to identify his body. It could have been worse."

Slaughter can't understand why anybody, knowing how serious teenage drinking can be, would suggest that he could have done anything less than suspend his players, no matter what the stakes were on the field.

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climbed slowly up the list. If CSI were to advance against Northeastern, it would face the winner of No. 4 seed Barton County Community College of Kansas and Wallace State of Alabama in the second round, likely No. 1 Miami-Dade CC in the semifinals. Times for those potential matches were unavailable Monday night.

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Magill) are two of the best setters in junior college in the country." CSI defeated No. 3 seed Western Nebraska handily during the regular season at the UVSC tournament. Stroud said seeding is determined by the final poll and where a team finishes in nationals the year before.

UVSC's loss at Arizona needed last weekend allowed CSI to move up a notch after finishing at No. 6 in the final poll. CSI started the season at No. 4 before falling to No. 17 midway through the season. Since, CSI

in the third game of the season. Maddox hadn't started a NFL game in 10 years but quickly became the comeback story of the season, leading the Steelers (5-4-1) to five wins in his first six games and breaking the club's passing record with 473 yards last week against Atlanta.

Richfield rallies past Castleford

CASTLEFORD — Richfield improved to 2-0 on the young season with a 47-29 road win over Castleford led by 13 points from Janet Ellis and 12 from Michelle Schmid.

"They just wore us down in the second half," said first-year head coach Roger Wells.

The Wolves (0-1) were paced by 13 points from Malorie Graybeal.

Girls basketball

2 Team records
17 Points per game (10th) Total Rebounds (10th) Total Assists (10th)
Columbus was bylined.

Dietrich jayvees 65, ISDB 15

GOODING — The Dietrich junior varsity cruised to a 65-15 win over the Idaho School for the Deaf and Blind varsity Monday night despite six points from Aubree Thompson and five from Jessica Fox. Rita Varela and

Cynthia Cruz added a basket apiece.

Junick Webber scored 19 points and Nikke Miller added 16 to lead the Blue Devils. Dietrich pulled away for a 25-4 lead after the first quarter and held ISDB scoreless in the second for a 35-4 halftime lead.

ISDB travels to Twin Falls Christian Academy on Thursday.

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Score by quarter: 15-0, 20-0, 10-0, 20-0. Dietrich: 10-10-10-10. ISDB: 3-1-1-1. Dietrich: 10-10-10-10. ISDB: 3-1-1-1. Dietrich: 10-10-10-10. ISDB: 3-1-1-1.

Sprewell leads Knicks past Pistons

NEW YORK (AP) — Latrell Sprewell returned to the starting lineup and scored 23 points, helping the New York Knicks defeat the Detroit Pistons 94-91 Monday night despite nearly blowing a 32-point lead.

Allan Houston also scored 23 for the Knicks, who won for the second time this season — but just barely. Detroit trailed by 22 when the fourth quarter began but pulled within one with 2.6 seconds left.

Sprewell hit a pair of free throws with 4.7 seconds to go.

and Ben Wallace threw away the ensuing inbounds pass to deprive Detroit of a chance to tie.

Nets 99, Nuggets 79
EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Jason Kidd hit five straight shots and scored 13 of his 24 points in the first quarter to lead New Jersey over weaker Denver.

Hawks 117, Raptors 92
ATLANTA — Shaferq Abdur-Rahim scored 27 points and Atlanta routed Toronto after building a 29-point lead at halftime.

Abdur-Rahim scored 15 points in the opening quarter. He has averaged 28 points over the past four games, the last three being Atlanta victories.

Spurs 104, Cavaliers 78

SAN ANTONIO — Tim Duncan scored 25 points to lead the San Antonio Spurs over Cleveland 104-78 Monday night, the Cavaliers' seventh straight loss.

San Antonio, which beat Cleveland for the second time in three days, had five players in double figures. Stephen Jackson added 18 points, while Steve Smith and Kevin Willis scored 12 apiece.

Cleveland was led by Zydrunas Ilgauskas, who scored 25 points. Ricky Davis added 19.

Canadiens down Penguins 5-4 in OT

MONTREAL (AP) — Donald Audette scored 1:12 into overtime for a win over the Montreal Canadiens, who got a career-best three goals from Saku Koivu in a 5-4 victory Monday night over the Pittsburgh Penguins.

Audette, who ended a 23-game goal-scoring drought in his previous game, beat Pittsburgh goalie

Johan Hedberg for the winner. None of the nine goals in the game came while the teams were skating 5-on-5.

Koivu scored twice on the power play and got the Canadiens' first short-handed goal of the season. All eight goals in regulation were scored on special teams.

Mario Lemieux had two assists and scored his 10th goal with 1:49 left in the third period for the Penguins' fourth power-play goal to tie it at 4-4.

Lemieux, who has 10 goals and 24 assists in 17 games, leads the NHL with 34 points.

Dick Tarnstrom, Alexsey Morozov and Jan Hrdina also scored with the man advantage for Pittsburgh, which lost its second in a row and remained winless in six (0-3-1-2).

Koivu, who also assisted on Patrice Brisbois' power-play goal, which put Montreal up 4-2 with 3:35 left in the second period, tied a career high with four points.

E. Illinois downs Boise State in NIT

BOISE — Senior guard Henry Demercant poured in 36 points to lead Eastern Illinois to a 73-59 win over Boise State Monday night in the first round of the Preserson NIT. Senior guard J.R. Reynolds added 18 points.

The Broncos (0-1) were paced by Junior guard Bryan Defares with 14 points while junior forward Aaron Haynes added 13 points. Sophomore forward Jason Ellis added 13 points and seven rebounds. Junior forward Kenny

Gainous added nine points off the bench.

Eastern Illinois (1-0) advances in the tournament to take on the winner of Tuesday's game between Louisiana Tech and Florida.

Yao

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"I loved him, man," Rockets guard Cuttino Mobley said. "I think I've been the hardest on him about dunking the ball."

"He dunked the ball and got that 'and one' that boosted us up and put them down."

Yao made six baskets in the second quarter and three baskets and a pair of free throws to complete three-point plays in the final period.

Lakers coach Phil Jackson changed his mind about Yao.

"Before the game, Jackson said, 'I feel sorry for the kid. I was hoping it wouldn't be Shaq's first

game back, actually. He would break him in two. It wouldn't be fair for the kid to go against Shaquille, such a dominant force, such a dynamic amount of energy."

After the game, he said: "The big kid was really good tonight. He was the difference in this game."

Still recovering from offseason surgery on his arthritic right big toe, O'Neal was complimentary when asked about Yao before the game.

"He has all the tools — shoot, dribble," O'Neal said. "He can play. He's no slouch."

Yao scored 30 points in 99 minutes in Houston's first seven games — averages of 4.3 points and 14.1 minutes.

It was a different story Sunday night.

"For me, it's definitely a breakthrough," he said through an interpreter. "I have realized that I have to take advantage of my opportunities and be more aggressive at the offensive end."

Yao played one minute in the first quarter, 10 in the second, and 12 in the fourth.

Houston forward Maurice Taylor added: "I don't think this is the best you're going to see. There's going to be a lot more."

Wilstein

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victory than following the rules. Offenses far worse than drinking a little beer have been swept aside, punishment postponed or ignored, in pursuit of championships. For Slaughter and the parents at Marquette, that wouldn't stand.

On the night of the party, Slaughter was called to the sheriff's office to pick up his son, a halfback celebrating his 18th birthday.

"He was very apologetic, very embarrassed," Slaughter says. "The biggest humiliation came in having to look his father, who is also his head football coach, in the eye. On the way home, I said to him, 'Son, all I can tell you is you messed up. I'll always love you, but you need to learn from this.'"

Slaughter told the suspended players that they didn't have to come to the next playoff game or suit up because he didn't want to hold them up to further humiliation. But they all came, dressed, and stood rooted for their struggling teammates.

"It began the healing process,"

CSI

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didn't move up I knew we were in trouble," he said. "Besides, we have to play everybody some time."

Sophomore Javyl Jackson, one of the players awaiting the news, knows how the team performs now is more important than what seed it received.

"Of the good teams, CSI has made the biggest improvements," Jackson said. "Especially with our setters, coming in never having played any position before. They (English Brodbeck and Minde

Maddox

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take care of me my entire life. I had a whole bunch of thoughts, and maybe a profanity-laced tirade, too."

With Maddox out for Sunday's game against Cincinnati and likely longer, Kordell Stewart regains the starting job he lost to Maddox

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T.F. Parks Dept. sponsors youth roller hockey.

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Department is offering a two-day roller hockey program from Dec. 2 to Dec. 18 at the Boys and Girls Club on Frontier Road.

Monday and Wednesday nights from 6:45-8 p.m. Children aged 7-13 are eligible with fees of \$15 (in-city) and \$18 (outside city limits).

Benefit rope-and-run will take place Nov. 24. TWIN FALLS - A rope and run event will be held to benefit longtime rodeo supporter, Barb Patterson, in her quest for early breast cancer.

USGA buys fabled Russian Tea Room restaurant. NEW YORK - The U.S. Golf Association bought the fabled Russian Tea Room, a Manhattan landmark soon to become a golf museum and history center.

Koenig gets fired as Wyoming football coach. LARAMIE, Wyo. - Wyoming football coach Vic Koenig was fired Monday, with his team struggling at 2-9 and one game left on the schedule.

Sell approves Braves' trade for Hampton. ATLANTA - Left-hander Mike Hampton's trade to the Atlanta Braves was approved Monday by commissioner Bud Selig.

Indiana players ask court to let them play. PITTSBURGH - Five Indiana University players suspended for a postgame fight at the New York arena Monday in time for the 2004 U.S. Open at Shinnecock Hills.

Braves called an afternoon news conference to discuss the deal, which casts doubt on whether the team will re-sign starters Tom Glavine and Greg Maddux, who are both free agents.

Hampton was shipped to Atlanta after a brawl on Monday with the Florida Marlins. They acquired the pitcher and outfielder Juan Pierre from the Colorado Rockies in exchange for pitcher Charles Johnson.

Hampton was a bust in Florida's thin air. After a 9-2 start in 2001, he went 12-26 with a 6.62 ERA for the Rockies. The 30-year-old left-hander was 7-15 this year with a 5.15 ERA, the highest in the major leagues among qualifying pitchers.

The Braves made an offer to Glavine, a two-time Cy Young winner who has spent his entire career in Atlanta. But the left-hander could get a more lucrative deal from the New York Mets, who proposed a three-year, \$31 million contract last week.

Maddux, a four-time Cy Young winner, has been with the Braves for 10 seasons but seems even less likely to return than Glavine. His agent, Scott Boras, is expected to begin serious talks with prospective teams until next month.

New York Times suggests Tiger Woods skip Augusta. NEW YORK - The New York Times suggested that Tiger Woods skip the Masters next year because of the 10th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks.

Augusta National declined comment. In an interview this month, Augusta National chairman Hootie Johnson was adamant that a woman would not be among the 300 members at Augusta by the start of the Masters in April.

CSB will broadcast the Masters in April. CBS Sports Vice President Leslie Anne Wade said, declining further comment.

USGA buys fabled Russian Tea Room restaurant. NEW YORK - The U.S. Golf Association bought the fabled Russian Tea Room, a Manhattan landmark soon to become a golf museum and history center.

The USGA bid \$16 million for the building, which is next door to Carnegie Hall, and signed documents Monday for the official transfer of property.

The USGA will keep its primary museum in Far Hills, N.J., where its headquarters have been since 1972. It wants to open the new museum in time for the 2004 U.S. Open at Shinnecock Hills.

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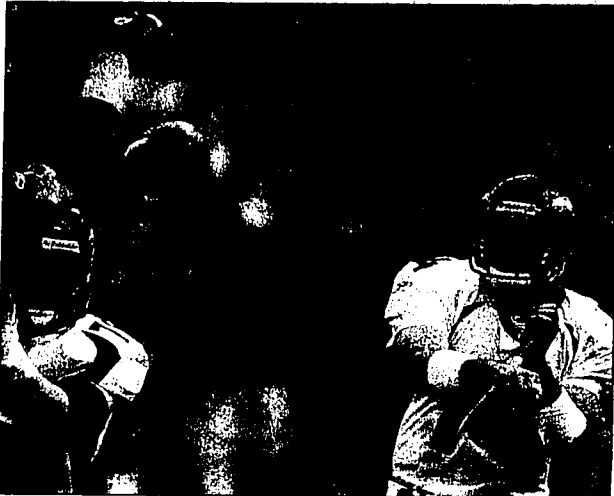
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Denver loses Griese to sprained knee

DENVER (AP) — Brian Griese's sprained left knee will keep him out of Denver's lineup against Indianapolis next weekend and could sideline him for three weeks.

Broncos coach Mike Shanahan said his quarterback will not practice this week after being injured in a 31-9 victory over Seattle on Sunday.

Griese was hurt late in the third quarter when defensive tackle Rocky Bernard rolled into his knee.



Denver quarterback Brian Griese has a pass blocked by Seahawk Chad Eaton during the second quarter in Seattle Sunday. Griese left the game with a knee injury in the third quarter.



The Broncos initially said Griese could be back up to a month, but lowered the estimate Monday after an MRI exam showed a second-degree sprain of the medial collateral ligament.

Shanahan said the good news was that Griese didn't have much swelling or a dramatic loss of motion that typically comes with such an injury. He said Griese's return will depend on how quickly the ligament stabilizes.

Steve Beuerlein, who threw two four-quarter touchdown passes in relief of Griese, will start against the Colts on Sunday night.

McNabb probably out for the rest of regular season

PHILADELPHIA — Donovan McNabb took the Philadelphia Eagles to first place in the NFC East. Koy Detmer will have to keep them there.

McNabb probably will miss the rest of the regular season and could be out for the playoffs because of his broken right ankle. Detmer, who hasn't started a game since 1999, takes over for the two-time Pro Bowl quarterback.

McNabb was injured on the third play of Sunday's game against Arizona, but he stayed in and threw a career-best four touchdown passes to lead the Eagles past the Cardinals 38-14.

The Eagles (7-3) have six games left and hold a one-game lead over the New York Giants in the division. McNabb could possibly return for the playoffs, but coach Andy Reid said it's too early to set a definite timetable.

Bucs' Barber has surgery on broken thumb

TAMPA, Fla. — Tampa Bay cornerback Ronde Barber had surgery Monday on his broken left thumb and is questionable for this week's game against the Green Bay Packers.

Barber was injured during the third quarter of Sunday's 23-10 victory over the Carolina Panthers, but did not leave the game.

X-rays revealed a broke, and the Bucs (8-2) are hoping he can be fitted with some sort of protective cast or padding that will allow him to play against the Packers, who are tied with Tampa for the best record in the NFL.

The team said surgery was performed in Sarasota by Dr. Brian Schoofield and that Barber likely will be listed as questionable on Wednesday's injury report.

If Barber can't play, second-year pro Dwight Smith will take over his spot at right cornerback. Smith, primarily a nickel back, had an interception and forced a fumble in the win over the Panthers.

Ravens coach says playoffs are a 'long shot at best'

OWINGS MILLS, Md. — Because the Baltimore Ravens can't compete against the NFL's top teams, they probably won't get the chance to do so in the postseason, either.

Ravens coach Brian Billicek acknowledged Monday that Baltimore's shoddy performance against the Miami Dolphins on Sunday all but ruined the team's chances of making a third straight trip to the playoffs.

"At 4-6, we're a long shot at best," Billicek said, less than 24 hours after the Ravens produced only 157 yards of offense in a 26-7 defeat.

The Ravens, who stood atop in the AFC North on Oct. 6, are now in third place after dropping four of six.

Baltimore trails first-place Pittsburgh by only 1.5 games, but the Ravens hardly looked the part of a contender in falling to Miami.

Next on the schedule is the Tennessee Titans, who have won five straight.

Two injuries hurt Packers' running game

GREEN BAY, Wis. — The Green Bay Packers might be without two key players on offense when they play Tampa Bay in a showdown of the league's only 8-2 teams.

Right guard Marco Rivera and versatile rookie Najeh Davenport, who backs up tail-

back Ahman Green and fullback William Henderson, were injured in the opening minutes of the Packers' 31-21 loss at Minnesota on Sunday.

Davenport won't play against the Buccaneers and might even need season-ending surgery on his broken left eye socket, coach Mike Sherman said Monday.

Davenport was hurt when he hit Nick Davis on the opening kick-off return.

Rivera might be sidelined Sunday.

He sprained his right knee in the Packers' first offensive series at Minnesota.

Bill Ferrario replaced him, forcing Green Bay to abandon its bread-and-butter misdirection running game for a straight-ahead attack that netted Green just 71 yards on 18 carries.

Redskins' Spurrier changes quarterbacks again

ASHBURN, Va. — Steve Spurrier is changing starting quarterbacks for the fourth time this season, but he isn't saying who the new one will be.

The Washington Redskins coach said Monday that Danny Wuerffel or rookie Patrick Ramsey will start Sunday against the St. Louis Rams.

Spurrier is benching Shane Matthews for the second time this season.

Matthews started the first three games and the most recent three, including Sunday's 19-17 loss against the New York Giants.

Matthews was 15-for-35 for

113 yards with two touchdowns and one interception against the Giants.

The Redskins (4-6) had a season-low 166 total yards and were ranked 26th in total offense and passing offense through Sunday's games.

Wuerffel started against Tennessee in the fourth game of the season, but his throwing shoulder was sprained on the first series.

"Ramsey took over, led the Redskins to victory and started the following two games — both losses — before he was benched in favor of Matthews.

Woodson likely out because of an abdominal injury

IRVING, Texas — Dallas Cowboys safety Darren Woodson probably will miss more than this weekend's game against Jacksonville with an abdominal injury.

Woodson was hurt in the first half of Sunday's 20-3 loss after defending Indianapolis receiver Marvin Harrison on an incomplete pass.

"I would think so. It's a significant injury," Cowboys coach Dave Campo said Monday when asked if Woodson would miss a game or more.

Campo said the Cowboys haven't decided what they are going to do about offensive lineman Larry Allen, who missed his fourth straight game because of bone spurs in his left ankle.

Allen isn't expected to practice this week.

Injuries change playoff chances

The New York Giants started their game against Washington with just one healthy wide receiver and only an outside chance of challenging Philadelphia in the NFC East.

Four hours later, after beating the Redskins and hearing about Eagles quarterback Donovan McNabb's broken ankle, the Giants emerged as at least co-favorites to win the division.

"I'm looking at it like we won't have Donovan for the season and thus we move on," Eagles coach Andy Reid said Monday.

That's how one injury, especially to a quarterback, can change a season. Three QBs who play for contenders went down Sunday.

McNabb played nearly the entire 38-14 win over Arizona with a broken ankle that wasn't diagnosed until after the game. He was 20-of-25 for 257 yards and four TDs.

Denver's Brian Griese sprained his knee during a 31-9 victory over Seattle.

In the scariest case, Pittsburgh's Tommy Maddox was taken off the field by an ambulance in a 31-23 loss to Tennessee. He had a concussion and spine injury.

"We're quite happy with his progress," Steelers doctor Anthony Yates said Monday.

Pittsburgh also has Kordell Stewart, who was replaced by Maddox in the third game this season, and Charlie Batch, an experienced starter. Stewart is erratic but he was good enough last season to lead the Steelers to the AFC title game.

Pittsburgh (5-4-1) is half a game ahead of Cleveland in the AFC North. Denver (7-3) is tied for first in the AFC West with San Diego, a game ahead of Oakland.

Griese's replacement will be Steve Beuerlein, who has 97 starts in a 15-year career and almost replaced Griese when he was struggling in Denver's opening-day win over St. Louis. At 37, he remains a steady backup and threw two TD passes after replacing Griese in Seattle on Sunday.

The Eagles will have a harder time replacing McNabb. That job will go to Koy Detmer or, perhaps, untested A.J. Feeley.

Philadelphia (7-3) plays at San Francisco next Monday night; the Giants (6-4) face expansion Houston on the road Sunday. There's a good chance they will be tied at 7-4 after those games, and the division title could come down to the regular season's final week, when the teams meet in the Meadowlands.

The Giants have major injury problems at wide receiver and on the defensive line, plus a tendency to drop potential intercep-

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tions. Still, they are winning — 3-0 since head coach Jim Fassel took over the play-calling.

"We can be anything we want to be in this season," said wide receiver Amani Toomer, who had eight catches for 92 yards and a TD on Sunday. "We can do anything we want to do, and we have a great shot at winning the division."

REMEMBER THE TITANS

Tennessee, one of the preseason favorites in the AFC, was written off when it started 1-4. The Titans have won five straight.

Basically, the secondary has gotten better — it intercepted Maddox three times before he got hurt. Cornerback Samari Rolle, who played injured last year and the early part of this season, is back in form, and Lance Schulters, signed as a free agent from San Francisco, is starting to fit in.

The Titans are tied with Indianapolis for the lead in the AFC South at 6-4 and beat the Colts on the road two weeks ago. "I told our club five weeks ago, when we were 1-4, 'We're going to be 6-4 if we keep playing and believing in ourselves.' And here we are," Titans coach Jeff Fisher said.

The defense can only get better with the return of Jevon Kearse, who has been out since breaking a bone in his left foot in the opener.

He was supposed to be back Sunday, but Fisher held him out along with tight end Frank Wycheck, who is recovering from a concussion.

Kearse is almost sure to be back next Sunday in Baltimore.

The Titans' fate probably will be decided during a three-game stretch against contenders: at the Giants on Dec. 1, then home the next two weeks to the Colts and Super Bowl champion New England.

Even if they don't win the division, the Titans have a decent shot at the playoffs in the AFC, where 13 of the 16 teams are 500 or better.

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