

Good morning

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Mostly cloudy and breezy with a slight chance of rain. Highs 40 to 45 degrees. Lows 35 to 32 degrees.
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Ron Jelaco points out some highlights of the plans to redevelop Old Town in Twin Falls during Wednesday night's presentation.

Some laugh, some like vision of town

By Mick Normington
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Residents were asked to imagine the Rock Creek Canyon as a first-class park and downtown as a place where more people live and work.

More than 100 residents packed into the Obenchain Insurance Community Room Wednesday to hear the Old Town Redevelopment Plan. Specifics in the preliminary plan include turning the four-story silo at Sixth Avenue South and Shoshone Street into a theater. And across the street would be the future site of a new City Hall.

The audience laughed. But by the end of the almost three-hour presentation of the plan, dozens of residents got up to congratulate the planners and offer their opinions.

Planners Tom Hudson and Ron Jelaco showed slides, charts and sketches of what their preliminary plans to help the future of downtown by concentrating redevelopment along Rock Creek Canyon.

"What if we change the perception of Rock Creek Canyon?" Jelaco asked. "We're the first culture here that can see this place as a benefit. Rock Creek Canyon is at the heart of these plans. It's an spectacular luxury any city would love to have."

Still, some people in the audience chuckled when the men talked about the potential changes in and around the canyon. Renovated buildings on the north side of the canyon around the Old Towne Bridge would be used for businesses and apartments.

And a walking bridge over the canyon would lead to "New Village," a small residential area on the east side of South Park that would be the home of new apartments, stores, single-family homes and a retirement center.

These preliminary plans also list changes in city codes that need to be made to encourage development and what companies and government agencies would be needed to participate in the redevelopment.

More chances to see plan today

The Old Town Redevelopment Plans will be on display and discussed with the public at two places today.

- The Depot Grill at Shoshone Street and Sixth Avenue West from 2 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
- The Turf Club at 734 Falls Ave. from 5:30 p.m. on.

"This is a big project, it's going to take many years," said Lee Nilis, a Pocatello planner who is helping Hudson and Jelaco. "To reimagine your community you have to get out of your cars."

Nilis said cleaning up the two-mile stretch of Rock Creek Canyon involved in the redevelopment plan into a beautiful park could take 20 or 30 years. But he said similar projects around rivers have shown results in Boise, Idaho Falls, Colorado Springs, Colo., and other cities.

While the city would have to take the lead at cleaning up the canyon around the Old Towne Bridge, civic groups and volunteers would be needed to clean up the rest of the canyon, probably acre by acre.

"I don't necessarily feel it's bad," said David McCollum who heard the plans. "It's a shame to see this town become a strip mall. But it would take more community character than we've ever demonstrated as a community. And it would take the kind of leadership from the City Council we've never seen."

McCollum had some reservations about turning commercial land he owns near the canyon into park land, but still likes what he heard.

"I like the idea of convincing people Twin Falls that high-density housing is bad and we don't have to take up all the good agriculture land for housing developments."

Desire to see Wood punished drove Missouri victim

The Associated Press

POCATELLO — A Missouri teen-ager who was raped, shot and left for dead by confessed killer James Edward Wood told a judge on Wednesday that her desire to see Wood punished drove her after the attack. "I didn't care if I died. I just wanted him caught," Jamie Masengill, 19, testified during Wood's sentencing hearing for last summer's abduction and murder of 11-year-old Jeralee Underwood of Pocatello. Masengill sobbed during most of her 45-minute on-the-stand before 6th District Judge Lynn Winnill, who must decide whether to sentence Wood to life in prison or death for Jeralee's slaying.

Winnill said he would impose the sentence Jan. 13. "I think he should get what he's done to everybody else," a 15-year-old girl raped by Wood said during a news conference after the hearing ended.

Bannock County Prosecutor Mark Heideman urged Winnill to order the death penalty for Wood, a career criminal whom he called "a black-hearted monster who murdered a child and mutilated her body."

But Public Defender Monte Whittier asked for a life prison term without parole. Whittier said the system had failed Wood because he never received the psychological help he needed.

Wood, 45, told the judge he had found

religion since his July arrest and expressed remorse for his crimes.

"What happened to Jeralee broke my heart," Wood said. "I was blind but I see the truth now. People deserve to know the truth, and I've given my life to Jesus."

Masengill, who survived but continues to receive therapy and has publicly discussed her ordeal, discounted Wood's conversion after the hearing.

"He's just trying to cover up," she said. "He has hurt so many people."

Wood confessed to kidnapping Jeralee on June 29 while she collected on her newspaper route. He told authorities he shot her twice in the head the next day after driving around southeastern Idaho. Seven days lat-

er, Wood said, he returned to the scene and sexually violated and dismembered Jeralee's body along the Snake River in Idaho Falls. He was arrested the same day.

Wood also has confessed to a series of crimes before and after his arrival in Pocatello in late October 1992, including the rape and shooting of Masengill in Bridgerton, Mo., as he traveled from Louisiana to Idaho.

In all, Wood has admitted to 10 rapes, 10 robberies, four attempted homicides and one other murder since confessing to Jeralee's slaying.

Masengill detailed on Wednesday how Wood abducted her from "outside" a service

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Clinton stands behind Elders

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Clinton declared he was "foursquare" behind Joyceelyn Elders despite their disagreement over legalizing drugs.

The surgeon general said Wednesday she had "no second thoughts" about her controversial remarks.

Elders appeared to have weathered the storm over her suggestion that legalizing drugs would make America's streets safer.

Coming in the midst of a White House crime-fighting offensive, Elders' comments clearly took administration officials aback and they rushed to disavow them.

But Clinton, who grew accustomed to the blunt-spoken doctor's penchant for controversy back in Little Rock, Ark., made clear that she is still in good standing as surgeon general.

"When you have someone who is outspoken and energetic like she is, there are going to be times when she'll be outspoken and energetic in a way that I don't necessarily agree with," Clinton said.

"But I certainly stand behind her foursquare as surgeon general. I think she's done a good job and she's beginning to really focus the country on a lot of these health problems," he said. "I have thought about it a lot," said Clinton, whose half-brother, Roger, has battled a drug problem. "I think the cost of legalizing drugs would far outweigh the benefits."

Gun bought legally in California

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — The man charged in a commuter-train bloodbath bought the Ruger 9mm semiautomatic pistol himself from a California sporting goods store this spring after the state apparently approved the purchase.

"It went right to the shooter's hands," said John O'Brien, a spokesman for the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.

Nothing indicated Wednesday that Colin Ferguson, 35, violated any laws when he bought the gun near Long Beach, Calif., where he had stayed at a 10-room motel for three weeks. He complied with a 15-day waiting period.

But officials in New York, where he has lived for at least a year, say Ferguson was not licensed to carry a weapon, as this state requires. He also may have illegally transported the gun across state lines.

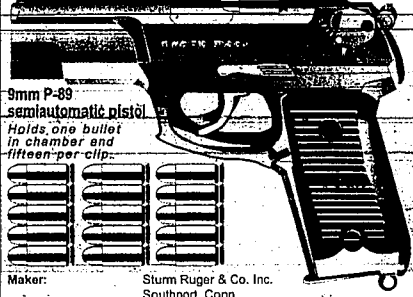
Although Tuesday's shooting spree undoubtedly will heighten the nation's debate over gun control, both New York and California already had stricter laws on their books than the Brady Bill that Congress passed last month.

The gun Ferguson allegedly used was a Ruger model P89, which holds 15 rounds in the magazine and one in the chamber. In recent years, 9mm guns have become the weapon-of-choice for drug gangs and other criminals. They're also becoming increas-

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The commuter gun

Weapon recovered by police from Colin Ferguson after his alleged shooting spree on the Long Island Railroad.



9mm P-89 semiautomatic pistol
Holds one bullet in chamber and fifteen per clip.
Maker: Sturm Ruger & Co. Inc., Southport, Conn.
Type: Automatic pistol (recoil operated)
Chambering: 9mm Parabellum
Length overall: 7.88 in. / 200mm
Weight: 32 oz. / 905 gm
Barrel: 5.50 in. / 141mm, rifled
Magazine: fifteen-round detachable box

Weapon's history

April 23, 1993: Ferguson goes to the Turner's store in Signal Hill, near Long Beach, Calif., fills out a state form with proof of California residency and places a \$25 percent deposit, or \$82, on the \$299.99 handgun. He also pays a \$17.88 fee, including tax, for the state gun application.

May 9: Ferguson returns to the store and fills out a form required by the Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, pays the balance due in cash and is given the gun.



Dec. 7: Ferguson allegedly uses the gun to shoot up a Long Island Railroad commuter train during evening rush hour just outside of New York City.

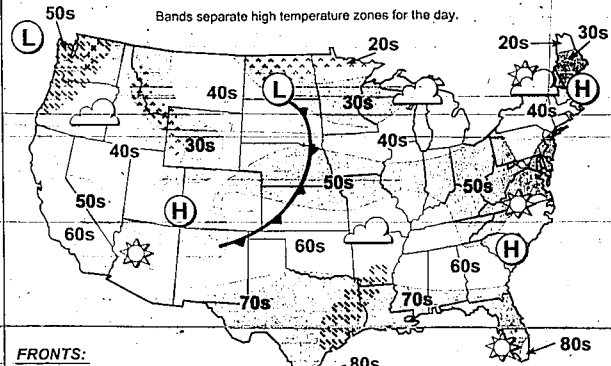
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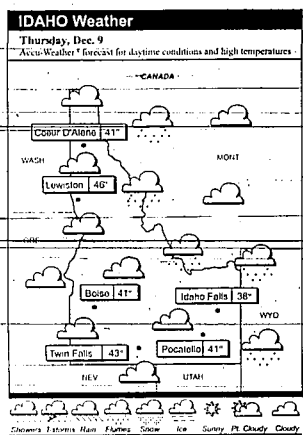


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Boston	43	36.01	...
Chicago	41	29	...
Dallas	64	45	...
Denver	64	26	...
Des Moines	53	19	...
Detroit	62
Honolulu	84
Houston	70	60.01	...
Indianapolis	42	30	...
Kansas City	56	26	...
Las Vegas	62	34	...
Los Angeles	70	50	...
Miami	63	39	...
Miami Beach	61	64	...
Minneapolis	33	21	...
New Orleans	67	49	...
New York	51	43	...
Oklahoma City	56	31	...
Omaha	61	31	...
Phoenix	66	49	...
Pittsburgh	45	28	...
Portland, Me.	43	32	...
Portland, Ore.	52	41.71	...
Reno	59	44	...
St. Louis	53	32	...
Salt Lake City	57	30	...
San Francisco	60	56	...
Seattle	52	41.35	...
Spokane	40	33.31	...
Washington	51	35	...

Forecasts

Twin Falls, Burley, Rupert, Jerome and Gooding: Mostly cloudy and breezy today with a slight chance of rain. Highs in the lower to mid-40s. Tonight partly cloudy. Lows in the mid-20s to lower 30s. Friday mostly cloudy. Highs 45 to 50.

Camas Prairie and Wood River Valley: Mostly cloudy with a chance of snow today. Highs 35 to 40. Thursday night partly cloudy. Lows 20 to 25. Friday mostly cloudy. Highs in the upper 30s to lower 40s.

Extended forecast: Southern Idaho - Saturday rain likely. Lows 35 to 40 west, 25 to 35 east. Highs 45 to 55. Sunday mostly cloudy with a slight chance of rain. Lows in the 30s west 20s east. Highs in the 40s. Monday partly cloudy. A slight chance of rain late. Lows in the upper 20s to upper 30s. Highs in the 40s.

Northern Utah and Nevada:

Utah - Chance of rain or snow showers this morning then partial clearing. Cooler with highs in the mid-40s. Tonight variable clouds. Lows 25-30. Early partly cloudy and mild. Breezy south winds in the afternoon. Highs mid-40s to lower 50s.

Weather summary

Idaho skies were mostly cloudy Wednesday afternoon with brisk south or westerly winds blowing across the valleys of the south and central sections, the National Weather Service says.

Heavy snow warnings were in effect for the mountains of northern and central Idaho Wednesday night and early today. The warning included the mountains in Camas, Blaine and Custer counties.

Despite the snow over the central mountains temperatures were comparatively balmy for this time of year due to the southerly winds. At mid-afternoon the range was from 52 degrees at Twin Falls in the Magic Valley to 30 at Spencer along the Montana border in the eastern part of the state.

Moisture reports from rain or snow included Mullan, 39 in. Coeur d'Alene 38, Moscow 37, Rexburg, 07. Chalin and Grangeville, 01.

The highest temperature in the state Wednesday was 59 degrees at Boise. Elk City, Taylor ranch and Soda Springs reported the lowest at 11.

Elsewhere in the nation Wednesday, the highest temperature was 83 at McAllen, Alice and Brownsville, Texas. Hibbing, Minn., reported the lowest at 2 below zero.

Visible planets

Morning: Jupiter, Mercury
Evening: Saturn

Wind, rain, snow batter Oregon, California regions

The Associated Press

Portions of the West received strong wind, rain and snow on Wednesday. Skies were mostly sunny east of the Rockies.

Clouds and precipitation spread east from coastal sections of Washington, Oregon and Northern California.

Wind gusts from 63 mph to 90 mph were reported in Stead, Nev., near Tillamook, Ore., and at Brookings, Ore., the National Weather Service said.

Center Lake Natl. Park in Oregon received 27 inches of snow on Tuesday. Wednesday, while 18 inches of new snow fell at Diamond Lake, Ore.

Since early Monday, more than 20 inches of rain fell near Honeydew, Calif., north of San Francisco. During the six hours ending at 11 a.m. MST, 1.69 inches of rain fell in Crescent City, Calif.

The Texas Gulf Coast received showers and parts of New England had snow flurries.

Temperatures during the day ranged from the high 20s across the upper Mississippi Valley to the low 80s in southern Texas. Temperatures were in the 20s and 30s across the Rockies, the central Plains, the middle Mississippi and Ohio valleys, the Great Lakes region, the mid-Atlantic states and New England.

Lows in the 40s and 50s were prevalent along the Pacific Coast, the western Gulf Coast and central Florida. Temperatures were mild across the southern sections of Texas and Florida, with lows in the 60s and 70s.

The morning low in the Lower 48 states was 2 degrees below zero at Hibbing, Minn.

Briefly

Clinton signs free trade legislation

WASHINGTON — President Clinton signed legislation Wednesday creating the world's largest free-trade zone and used the ceremony to prod other nations to "seize the moment and close the deal" on liberalized global trading rules.

With considerable fanfare and eight pens, Clinton signed the North American Free Trade Agreement, which links the United States, Canada and Mexico into a single market.

The trade agreement already has been ratified by Canada and Mexico.

It takes effect Jan. 1 and over the next 15 years eliminates tariffs and other trade barriers. It creates the world's largest and richest trading bloc, covering 360 million people and stretching from the tropics to the Arctic.

Shoshone sisters will share award

STOCKHOLM, Sweden — Two sisters from the Western Shoshone tribe in Nevada who have fought the U.S. government for two decades over grazing rights will share the 1993 Right Livelihood Award.

The award, called the alternative Nobel Prize, will be presented Thursday in Parliament. Mary and Carrie Dann will share the \$200,000 prize with three other women, from India, Israel and Zimbabwe.

The prize is distributed each year to people or groups doing work on a local level to solve environmental or social justice problems.

The Danns, who own a ranch in Crescent Valley, Nev., have been in a long-running dispute with the U.S. government over land they maintain belongs to the Shoshone Indians.

Compiled from wire reports

Wood

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Station, took her to a remote area, raped her and shot her in the head with the same .22-caliber handgun he used to kill Jeralee.

"I can tell you what he had on. I can tell you what he smelled like. I can tell you anything about the gentleman that day. And when I say gentleman, I don't mean nice," she said.

The Pocatello teen-ager raped by Wood on Nov. 28, 1992, testified earlier Wednesday that she feared for her life after being abducted.

Investigators said the girl's life was saved when Wood's gun misfired as he held it to her head. Wood told police he saw it as a sign she should die.

"Half the time he acted friendly," the teen said. "The rest of the time it was like he wanted to kill me."

Dr. Charles Garrison, the Pocatello pathologist who performed the

autopsy, testified on Wednesday that he had to identify Jeralee from dental X-rays and photographs.

Rex Browning, a cousin of Jeralee's mother, Joyce Underwood, said after listening to grisly details of the crime that Wood deserved to be executed.

"He needs to give his blood for the blood he spilled," Browning said.

Besides Jeralee's slaying, Wood has pleaded guilty to raping a 14-year-old Pocatello girl 21 days earlier and a 15-year-old girl on Nov. 28, 1992.

On Wednesday, the older victim testified that she and her 2-year-old sister were abducted by Wood at a point while they waited for other family members in their car outside a Pocatello pizza parlor.

The girl said she told Wood repeatedly to "take the car and leave us," but he took both girls and later raped the teen-ager. Wood tried to shoot her afterward, but dropped off both girls after the gun misfired.

Seven months later, Wood was having dinner at the home of Liz Smith and her daughter and son-in-law, Tammy and Martin Retzlaff, when Jeralee arrived at the house to collect for a newspaper subscription.

Mrs. Retzlaff testified that Wood excused himself soon after Jeralee left, saying he was going to a store to buy some beer. He never returned.

Wood arrived in Pocatello in late October 1992. He has confessed to committing a string of crimes on the way from Shreveport, La.

Wood spent four years in the 1960s at the state Youth Services Center in St. Anthony after being raised by an aunt and uncle in Idaho Falls. He later served about eight years in Louisiana prisons on aggravated battery and rape convictions.

Idaho road report

BOISE (AP) — The Idaho Department of Transportation reported wet highways throughout most of the state Wednesday, with ice and snow at higher elevations.

Road conditions:

- U.S. 95 — Riggin's-Whitebird Hill, west of Whitebird Hill, wet; Grangeville-Moscow, wet, raining; Weiser-New Meadows, wet, snow floor, rain, snowing; Marsing-Oregon line, dry.
- Interstate 84 — Oregon line-Utah line, dry.
- Id. 55 — Horseshoe Bend-Donnelly, snow floor, rain, snowing; Donnelly-New Meadows, wet, snow floor, rain, snowing.
- Idaho 21 — Boise-Idaho City, wet, raining; Idaho City-Lowman, icy spots, broken snow floor; Lowman-Banner Summit, wet, snow floor, rain, snowing.
- U.S. 20 — Mountain Home-Fairfield, wet; Fairfield-Carey, icy spots, broken snow floor; Idaho Falls-Montana line, wet, icy spots, snow floor.
- U.S. 26 — Idaho Falls-Wyoming line, broken snow floor, snow floor; Blackfoot-Arco, icy spots.
- U.S. 93 — Nevada line-Twin Falls, dry; Twin Falls-Carey, dry, wet; Carey-Arco, wet; Arco-Salmon, wet, icy spots, broken snow floor; Lost Trail Pass, wet, icy spots, broken snow floor, snow floor.
- Idaho 75 — Shoshone-Ketchum, icy spots; Galena-Summit, snow floor, snowing.
- Interstate 86 — Dry.
- Interstate 5 — Utah line-Pocatello, dry; Malad Pass, dry; Pocatello-Idaho Falls, dry; Idaho Falls-Dubois, wet, icy spots, broken snow floor, snowing; Montida Pass, wet, icy spots, broken snow floor, snowing.

Gun

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ingly popular as police standard issue.

Here is a history of Ferguson's gun, serial number 30538274, as put together Wednesday from interviews with federal and local law enforcement officials, the gun's manufacturer, and the wholesaler and retailer who sold it:

Early April 1993: The gun is manufactured at the Sturm Ruger and Co. Inc. plant in Prescott, Ariz.

April 5: Ruger sells the gun to Western Hoegge Co., a sporting goods distributor in Southern California.

April 13: Western Hoegge sells the gun to Turner's Outdoorman, a 12-store sporting goods chain based in Chino, Calif.

April 22: Ferguson checks into the Royal Motel in Long Beach for three weeks.

April 23: Ferguson goes to the Turner's store in Signal Hill, near Long Beach. The store has the P89 on sale for \$299.99. Tax brings the price to \$324.74.

Ferguson fills out a state form and produces proof of California residency — a state driver's license that lists his address as 3716 Long Beach Blvd., Apt. 1, Long Beach. That address is a room at the Royal Motel.

Ferguson places a 25 percent de-

Correction

A headline in Wednesday's paper incorrectly identified the defendant in an age-discrimination suit. Robert Corbell II, executive director of Buy Idaho, is suing his former employer Associated General Contractors of America Idaho Branch.

The Times-News regrets the error.

Idaho lottery

BOISE (AP) — Winning numbers drawn Wednesday in the Powerball game are 18-26-32-34-43; Powerball 10 (teighen, twenties-six, thirty-two, thirty-four, forty-three, Powerball ten).

Estimated jackpot: \$38 million.

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Nation

'Real life' rumbles in on 5:33 train

NEW YORK (AP) — It already was dark when the 5:33 to Hicksville-crossed the city line, the final milestone in the daily flight from New York's cars.

The passengers in the third car shouldn't have relaxed; the train's arrival in suburbia simply meant the killing could begin.

As the Long Island Rail Road train rumbled through Nassau County, Carl Petersen, a banker, was in a window seat up front, doing paperwork. Gene Mason, an insurance underwriter, and Kevin Blum, a bond trader, were near the doors, waiting for the Merillon Avenue stop.

Then Colin Ferguson, an unemployed Jamaican immigrant, stood up.

Police say Ferguson boarded the train at Jamaica station in Queens, carrying a 9mm Ruger semiautomatic pistol and a bag of ammunition. In his pockets were four pages of scrawlings that suggested an obsession with race and an irrational anger at people he had never met.

According to police, he boarded the train to kill. But the slaughter could not occur in the city; Ferguson, according to his notes, had too much respect for black Mayor David Dinkins.

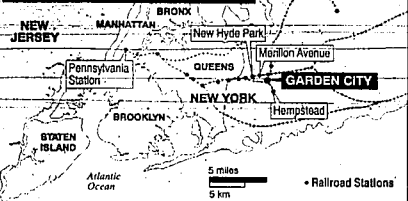
So he did not explode when the conductor asked him for a few bucks for the difference between his off-peak ticket and the rush hour fare.

But as the 5:33 left New Hyde Park station Tuesday, the gunman rose from his seat on the right of the aisle in the back of the car. Without saying a word, he began shooting passengers sitting to his left.

In front, Mason heard pops.

Commuter train shooting

Gunman opens fire on rush-hour commuters as an outbound Long Island Railroad train from Manhattan pulls into Merillon Avenue station.



AP/Brian Stipp, Rosa Toro

Firecrackers, thought Blum. To Petersen, the sounds behind him sounded like claps.

He looked back and beheld the surreal. An ordinary-looking black man, medium height and build, was shooting passengers — in the neck, the throat, the arms — as calmly as a conductor taking tickets.

"He would turn one way and shoot, then turn the other and shoot, and I thought to myself, 'This can't be happening.'"

But — as one passenger yelled — "This is real life, everybody!"

Mason and Petersen and everyone else dove to the floor. Petersen began counting the shots, was it an automatic or a revolver? After 15 or 16 shots, there was a pause.

"Just when he thought — hoped — it was over, the shooting resumed."

Robert Giugliano, a 38-year-old mechanic, jumped over a seat and tried to run, but was hit in the chest.

Dennis McCarthy was shot to death, and his 26-year-old son, Kevin, in the next seat, was seriously wounded.

Lisa Combatti, seven months pregnant, was shot in the buttocks.

Petersen looked at the passengers next to him. "A lady one person away from me was shot in the shoulder, bleeding. Two other people nearby on the floor were aghast. I knew they were dying. Another man was shot, and didn't even know it."

The shots sparked a stampede. A wave of passengers flowed through the 12-car train in each direction, crushing anyone in the way.

Sprawled on the floor, clutching his briefcase to his chest, Petersen wondered what to do when the gunman came to his row.

"I decided I would rush him," he recalled. "It had nothing to do with being heroic. I was not just going to lay there and let him shoot me in the head."

When the shooting ended, four people were dead, 19 wounded by gunshots and two others hurt in the crush.

A 17th person died Wednesday, and one of the wounded was being kept alive on a life support system.

Assistant District Attorney Barry Grennan said it appeared Ferguson began preparing for the crime more than 15 days ago.

Ferguson purchased the \$324.74 handgun in California after complying with a 15-day waiting period, said spokesman John O'Brien of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.

Race-obsessed loner blamed for tragedy

MINEOLA, N.Y. (AP) — The gunman who turned a commuter rail car into a terror train brimmed with racial hatred and targeted the suburbs because he didn't want to embrace New York's black mayor, authorities said Wednesday.

All those shot were white or Asian — two of the groups disparaged in four pages of rambling handwritten notes taken from the gunman after Tuesday's killings aboard the 5:33 p.m. Long Island Rail Road train out of Penn Station.

Colin Ferguson, a 35-year-old natu-

ralized citizen from Jamaica, was held without bail Wednesday after his arraignment on four counts of murder and a weapons-possession count.

The notes listed the "reasons for this shooting): Adolph University racism, EEOC racism, Workmen's Compensation Board. Racism of Gov. Cuomo's staff ... Additional reasons for this Caucasian racism and Uncle Tom Negroes." He also cited "Chinese racism."

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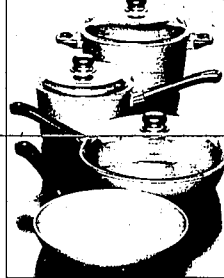
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Vitamin fight escalates into a 'do-or-die' issue

WASHINGTON (AP) — A SWAT team bursts into Mel Gibson's mansion, finds the bathrobe actor taking his vitamins and drags him away in handcuffs as he protests. "It's only Vitamin C. You know, like in oranges."

This is just a new TV commercial, a scenario the government says will never happen. But it symbolizes the battle over regulating dietary supplements, which has escalated to the point where frightened Americans are begging Congress to intervene.

"This controversy is really amazing, on both sides," said Dr. Marion Nestle, a nutrition expert at New York University. "It's not a major public health problem... But it's grown into a do-or-die issue."

The Food and Drug Administration insists that it will not touch anybody's vitamins. But under orders from Congress, it is about to force dietary supplements to live up to stricter safety standards.

Currently, the FDA seizes supplements that make dangerously false drug claims or that kill, like the L-tryptophan that claimed 38 lives in 1989.

On Dec. 15, the FDA will issue regulations that are expected to require companies to show "significant scientific agreement" for any health claim their products make — the same standard applied to foods.

The regulations will govern thousands of herbs, amino acids and other

compounds — from shark cartilage to cow glands — that go on store shelves with little scientific scrutiny.

Hundreds of supplements that claim to prevent cancer or alleviate AIDS, cure baldness or prevent jet lag may have to change their labels, the FDA says. The new rules would take effect in June.

Supplement-makers say the regulations are too strict and they are organizing a campaign to convince Congress to deregulate the \$4 billion industry. Leaflets and TV commercials warn an estimated 76 million supplement-takers that the FDA secretly wants to pull all kinds of remedies off the shelf.

"There is an international conspiracy by the drug industry to eliminate preventive therapy, and the drug industry is a very good friend of the FDA," said Gerald Kessler of the National Health Alliance, a lobbying group.

"Nothing's going to be taken off the market. That is a lie," said the FDA's Mich Zeller. "But it's a very effective lobbying tool."

Members of Congress have received thousands of letters and next year they will debate dietary supplement legislation.

Bills introduced by Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, and Rep. Bill Richardson, D-N.M., would allow health claims with "reasonable scientific agreement." The supplement industry also wants another agency — not the FDA — to evaluate the claims.

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Cerebral palsy more likely to strike twins

WASHINGTON (AP) — Twin births are almost 12 times more likely than single births to produce a child with cerebral palsy, a serious brain disorder diagnosed in about 5,000 children each year, a new study finds.

An examination of health records for 155,000 children in four counties in northern California showed that cerebral palsy occurred 12 times per 1,000 twin pregnancies and only about 1.1 per 1,000 single pregnancies, the journal Pediatrics reports on Thursday.

Among children whose twin died before birth, the risk of cerebral palsy was 108 times greater than among children from single pregnancies, the study said.

Dr. Karin Nelson, a neurologist at the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke, and a co-author of the study, said that the increased risk of cerebral palsy, or CP, among twins is important to society because multiple births are becoming more and more common.

"In the decade of the 1980s, twin births rose to 2-to-3 percent of births," she said. Thus, based on the study, the increase in multiple births means there will be a higher rate of children with CP.

The disorder causes a loss of motor muscle control. It can lead to a shaking of limbs, a loss of balance, an inability to walk, seizures and a delay in growth and development. CP also is linked to learning disabilities and, in some cases, to mental retardation.

Nelson said the children in the study all suffered from moderate to severe CP and "all of them will require some help, and most will need very substantial help throughout their lives."

"There is a huge care burden that the family and society often have to end up sharing," said Nelson.

The cause of CP is not known, but it is more common among children who had a low birth weight and twins often are born at less than 5.5 pounds.

But even twins of normal weight, the study said, had a risk of CP that was more than three times greater than single-birth babies of normal weight.

No probe planned in fatal dynamite blast

CORNING, Mo. (AP) — Three workers killed by a dynamite blast were using the explosive illegally for fishing, not construction, but authorities won't pursue criminal charges. Two other men were injured.

The men worked for a construction company hired to repair flood damage at the levee outside Corning in northwest Missouri.

But they planned to use the dynamite to get fish out of a deep hole in a sandbar where they have become trapped, Holt County Sheriff Bernie Delaney said Tuesday.

Using dynamite without a permit is illegal, but because the person who had the explosive was killed in the accident Monday evening, the case won't be pursued, the sheriff said.

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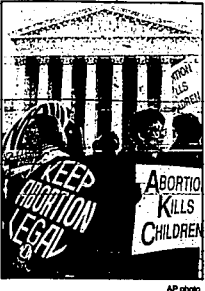
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Abortion advocate Elizabeth McGee, left, and anti-abortion advocate Inge Coulter demonstrate Wednesday outside the Supreme Court.

PBS urges kids to move beyond tube

WASHINGTON (AP) — A long-time leader in children's programming, the Public Broadcasting Service introduced a new lineup Wednesday it says is designed in part to wean kids from TV addiction.

Called *The Ready to Learn Service*, it will offer nine hours of daily children's shows that are meant to get children and their parents involved in activities beyond the tube.

It's the "next generation" in children's TV, said Robert Ottenhoff, executive vice president and chief operating officer of PBS. "It will be a service, not just a channel."

The goal is to prepare preschool children for kindergarten through shows that not only teach language fundamentals, but also skills such as negotiation, experimentation and finishing tasks that are necessary in school.

PBS will send out support materi-

als that will help adults use the TV as a learning tool: "to get them reading, singing, turning the television off and spending time with the children," Ottenhoff said at a news conference.

PBS has been working on the concept for a year and a half and gathered suggestions from teachers and day care providers, officials said.

The programs are expected to be particularly useful in day care situations.

Court hears suit to curb violence

WASHINGTON (AP) — Abortion-rights advocates told the Supreme Court Wednesday some abortion foes have joined in a "nationwide campaign of terror" and, like Mafia mobsters, are violating a federal racketeering law.

But anti-abortion activists told the court that subjecting them to the racketeering law would harm their right to political protest.

The National Organization for Women and the Clinton administration said lower courts wrongly threw out a NOW lawsuit that had invoked the disputed law against Operation Rescue, the Pro-Life Action League and other abortion foes.

The anti-abortion groups urged the justices to let the lawsuit die. A decision is expected by July.

Some protesters have used "forcible, violent conduct... any means necessary, including terrorism," Fay Clayton, a lawyer for NOW, told the court. She said such people call peaceful abortion protesters "wimps," and are more interested in "mob violence" than protest.

But Robert Blakey, the Notre Dame University law professor representing the groups NOW sued, likened anti-abortion protesters who block abortion-clinic access to civil rights and labor leaders who led boycotts.

Blakey said Congress never intended to stifle political dissent when it passed the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organization Act, or-RICO, in 1970 to attack organized crime.

Today, the law is used in lawsuits involving just about any business dispute. And the Supreme Court, in a series of prior rulings, consistently has refused to narrow how the broadly worded law is applied.

But Blakey argued that even the law's name reflects "the notion of commercial gain" — showing that Congress wasn't interested in punishing politically or ideologically inspired acts.

"The concept of illicit gain pervades this statute" and anti-abortion groups have no economic motives, Blakey said.

That point is central to the legal case. Lower courts dismissed NOW's lawsuit after ruling that a RICO lawsuit cannot succeed unless the defendant had some economic motive.

Justice Department lawyer Miguel Estrada said requiring an economic motive for RICO enforcement threatens to "really cripple" government efforts to get at terrorists and their ringleaders.

Only Justice Antonin Scalia voiced any sympathy for Blakey's view of the law during the 60-minute argument session.

Noting that the law is aimed at any "enterprise" involved in a pattern of racketeering activity, Scalia said it is possible "enterprise means the same thing as business enterprise."

But Clayton argued, "Congress knew how to put a limitation in RICO when it wanted to. Congress did not write the statute that way."

Senator re-indicted on ethics charges

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison was re-indicted Wednesday on ethics charges stemming from her 2½-year tenure as state treasurer, a prosecutor said.

Mrs. Hutchison, a 50-year-old Republican, was previously indicted in September on four felony counts and one misdemeanor charge.

She was accused of using Treasury employees to perform personal and political chores on state time and of attempting to cover up the activity by destroying computer archive tapes containing the employees' work files.

On Oct. 26, those charges were dropped after Mrs. Hutchison's lawyers discovered that a grand juror on the previous panel had a pending theft charge, making him ineligible to serve.

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Opinion

Editorial

Beware of monster school budget boost

Look out, Idaho taxpayers. The education establishment's run at your wallet is gathering momentum.

The "Education Coalition," representing most of the players in the public school system, is asking the Legislature to boost school funding by 18 percent.

Eighteen percent. They want a \$98.5 million increase in basic spending. That's almost \$400 a year from every man, woman and child in Idaho - on top of what we're spending now. Wow.

The coalition includes the Idaho Education Association (the state's biggest teachers union); the Idaho PTA; the state Education Department; and the associations of school administrators and school board members.

The State Board of Education endorsed their proposal in October - further evidence of how out of touch officialdom is with ordinary citizens.

A little history: During the 1993 session, the Legislature wrangled over this year's appropriation and finally settled on \$525 million basic appropriation. That represented a \$28 million bump - about 5.6 percent more than last year.

That was a healthy amount. But it was barely half of what the education establishment asked for - and barely a quarter of what it wants next year.

The education folk apparently think they have a real chance of selling this behemoth to the Legislature. And with the school districts' "thoroughness" lawsuit pointing a gun at the Legislature's head, maybe they can.

But that doesn't mean they should. When teachers union officials explained the proposal to us this week,

we detected some serious flaws in their reasoning.

First, they figure Idaho's healthy economy will boost state revenue substantially next year, without a need to raise taxes. The increase would more, than cover that 18 percent increase.

But that conclusion assumes government automatically should spend every dollar that falls into its hands. Wrong. Cutting taxes is also an option.

That conclusion also assumes the state can count on Idaho's economy to remain bullish. Also wrong.

What happens if we increase our public school budget by \$100 million a year, only to have the economy go sour in a couple of years? Tax collections will fall, forcing either painful program cuts or painful tax increases.

Second, the union says Idaho schools traditionally have received about half the state's budget. That share has shrunk in recent years, and the union wants to restore the old share.

Again, faulty thinking. Some other areas of state government - especially welfare and prisons - have grown dramatically in the past few years. Naturally, education's percentage of the total budget is shrinking.

But percentages don't matter. Spending more in one area of the state budget doesn't automatically justify spending more in another area.

When state lawmakers gather in Boise next month, they should continue their habit of keeping school budgets in line with what the Idaho economy can really afford. They should plan for the long term as well as the short, and they mustn't be blackmailed into an imprudent spending binge.



Letters

Parents researched model

Our superintendent of schools, Terrell Donich, blames the religious right for the opposition to the Outcomes Driven Developmental Model?

The Christian community (who the media seems to fear) wouldn't even be aware of the history of ODDM had it not been for the diligent and thorough research of a small group of very bright, concerned Twin Falls parents. Their objective was to find answers to questions Donich refused to answer.

Education 2000 is the umbrella plan. After that, it has many names: ODDM, Outcome Based Education, Quality Schools, etc. I'd call it Elementary Introduction to Political Correctness.

Our school board seems to regard every family dysfunctional, willing to blindly turn children over to the system for rearing. To add insult to injury, it expects us to pick up the bill without question.

I am grateful to those parents who cared enough to spend their own time and money to do the study necessary to expose our glib school board who has bought into a Trojan horse with our tax dollars.

DONNA SCOTT
Twin Falls

Teacher subjected to turmoi

Our family has been honored by having Mel Raybom teach two members of our family in the sixth grade. My children, one girl and one boy, found Mel to be a very caring and loving educator concerned with his students both in and out of the classroom. We have three more children to go through the sixth grade and can only hope that Mel will still be in the classroom to teach them.

Almost six weeks have passed since allegations were raised against Mel, and yet not a single charge has been forthcoming against him. We find it very unacceptable that Mel has been required to be out of the classroom all this time.

The nagging question that is on our minds is what could be possibly be taking our prosecuting attorney so long in doing his job.

It is truly unfortunate that this very dedicated teacher, his family and his friends have been subjected to this mountain of turmoil, and our family wishes that the Jerome prosecuting attorney would get on with his job and get this honorable educator back into the place where he belongs - in the classroom.

ANDI AND LEON MADSEN
Jerome

Seniors are not freeloaders

Thank you, Al Ucci, for finally standing up in public as you did Wednesday morning on KBBK and dispelling the vicious statements that have been leveled against you and our senior center by Otha McGill and his buddies. They were so unfair and unjustified. The way I read their letters, they want everyone to think our center is "freeloading."

We know how necessary the electric price rise was. We're not blind or deaf. We all appreciate everything the county commissioners and City Council have given us in the past. If the people who have criticized us were coming to the center, they would see how hard we have all worked to keep this center going. We are not "freeloaders" or children who have had our candy taken away from us as was indicated in one letter.

If they could see how many hours Mr. Ucci spends every day helping everyone - the hours he spends in the kitchen after the cooks have gone home preparing the meat for future meals; how he buys and does his own cutting and trimming of the meat to save as much money as possible (all this on his own time without pay); how many hours he spends each day checking up on the people who are ill; how many miles he travels transporting people to hospitals, doctors, etc., with his own car - all on his own time.

Do these people who criticize us do this? No! Our RSVP and craft people contributed \$8,260 this year to keep our center finances in the black - something that hadn't happened prior to Mr. Ucci becoming our site manager. This money is used for building repairs and maintenance, operating expenses and wages, plus helping subsidize the Meals on Wheels for the home-bound people who can't pay for needed meals. A portion goes into the building fund for the anticipated expansion.

We now have a happy, friendly home away from home - with good company, good meals and a friendly thoughtful host - Al Ucci. Please, all of you seniors stand behind us and don't let a couple of disgruntled members keep you from coming and enjoying our hospitality. Stop listening to their gossip and come see for yourselves what we have and enjoy it with us. We couldn't have done this in our center without the wonderful help and guidance of Al Ucci and the dedicated board.

RUTH E. JOHNSON
Rupert

CSI follows state bid laws

I would like to respond to two recent letters concerning purchases made by the College of Southern Idaho. The first letter from Jerry Naylor indicates that the college purchased two pianos from Boise. What actually happened was Keith Jorgensen's Music terminated their Kawai dealership and Dunkley's Music of Boise picked up their inventory. Having limited space available, Dunkley's generously offered to let the college use three pianos at no cost.

We have a memorandum of agreement with Dunkley's concerning these pianos and have not paid anything for them.

The second issue involves the loaning of a Roland Digital piano to the college for four months back in 1990. Neither the administration nor the faculty at CSI initiated this request. As far as we can tell from our research, the request was initiated and granted to an individual working with the Magic Valley Symphony. It was our understanding that this person taught music through Keith Jorgensen's Music. As far as we know, the piano was used only for the Magic Valley Symphony of 1990.

Erford Whaley's letter questioned if some improprieties were involved in the purchasing practices of the college. The college spends about \$24 million per year. To the best of my knowledge, these dollars have been spent in accordance with established payroll and purchasing procedures and good business practices.

The college enjoys tremendous support from the community and local businesses. We attempt to buy locally to the maximum extent possible. We are, however, governed by State bid laws for purchases estimated to exceed \$10,000. We publicly advertise these bids in the local newspapers and are required to take the low bid unless there is some compelling reason to reject the bid.

VIROGINIA ASH
Buhl

Buhl students need new school

What does it take to change the two-thirds majority rule and make it a simple majority? It seems to me when 55.5 percent of the voters in Buhl voted in favor of the school bond election that it would stand for something.

There was an article in *The Times-News* by

One bad apple ruins basket

The new Twin Falls County tax notice, referring to an advertisement in the Dec. 5 *Times-News*, stating that "personal checks will no longer be accepted. All taxes must be paid by cashiers check, money order or cash" will be an undue hardship on elderly people for many and varied reasons: homebound, ill, isolated homes in remote areas, unable to drive, sick spouse, no close relatives or friends, etc.

This is like making the whole class stay after school because one student misbehaved (bad check).

Perhaps some community suggestions could be made by the tax collector's office or county commissioners for those needing help to get to banks and post offices to meet this requirement.

VIRGINIA ASH
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Welfare as we know it

President Clinton is again talking about ending welfare "as we know it." That pledge, first made during his campaign, is one of the issues he used to forge an image for himself as a different kind of Democrat.

To end welfare as we know it, we must first understand welfare as we have known it.

President Lyndon Johnson's Administration took welfare and spun it out of control. Johnson's economic advisers warned in 1964 that if the federal government did not act, the poverty rate would jump to 13 percent by 1980. By 1980, after tens of billions of dollars had been spent to improve life for the poor, the poverty rate was 11 percent. Clearly, more welfare as we have known it is not the solution to poverty. Instead, it may have been a major cause.

Two Republican governors, John Engler of Michigan and Tommy Thompson of Wisconsin, have taken the initiative on welfare reform. President Clinton could do himself some good if he were to emulate them.

Gov. Engler announced the end of welfare as Michigan had known it in October, 1991, by abolishing general assistance for single, childless, able-bodied adults. There were hordes of protest from those with a vested interest in maintaining the status quo. But, by last April, more than one-third of all those cut off from public assistance had found jobs. Those with physical or mental handicaps were transferred off welfare into other government programs, such as disability payments, which they should have been receiving all along. Private organizations in Michigan quickly stepped in to help the neediest of those who were unable to find work.

Wisconsin Gov. Thompson has gone a step further. With the permission of the Clinton Administration, Thompson has imposed a two-year limit on welfare benefits for indigent families with children. Adults who receive welfare will be required to work for the money, which can include job training for those unable to find immediate employment.

Welfare as we have come to know it is one of the illegitimate children of the '60s mentality of government as our keeper, instead of the father as breadwinner, government has become the bread provider, eliminating the need of a man around the house. Federal subsidies removed incentives for people to get married should a single woman become pregnant.

As University of Texas professor Marvin Olasky has written in his book, "The Tragedy of American Compassion," marriage was the single most important anti-poverty program in existence prior to the 1960s. "So strong was support for marriage that - before the revolution of the 1960s - an unmarried woman



Cal Thomas

who became pregnant usually would get married; 85 percent of teenage mothers who did not want to be married had a second acceptable option: placing a child for adoption. Fewer than one of every ten pregnant women chose single parenthood, for they feared social ostracism and lacked institutional and financial support - one result of the marriage/adoption emphasis was that children had fathers living with them during their early years.

But as government's role in the lives of single mothers increased, marital obligations declined. With the advent of abortion and no-fault divorce, marriage and adoption came to be thought of by many as the least desirable of all options.

The welfare system, introduced in the '60s, limits social mobility. People feel less compelled to go where the jobs are because government checks show up automatically in their mailboxes, reducing ambition and risk-taking.

Ending government subsidies for anyone able to work will do at least two things. First, it will force people to find jobs, and that will benefit them and the taxpayers. Second, it will again increase private philanthropic support for the truly needy. When the slothful and lazy have been purged from the welfare rolls, the public will then see those in real need as deserving of assistance.

As Professor Olasky has written: "Individual giving as a proportion of personal income dropped 13 percent between 1960 and 1976. The proportion of philanthropic giving devoted to social welfare declined from 15 percent to 6 percent. By the mid-1970s, governments spent about ten times as much on social services as nonprofit agencies, and the nonprofit agencies themselves received half of their revenues from governments."

Changing welfare as we have known it will require a changed attitude about personal responsibility and accountability. President Clinton is uniquely positioned among modern Democrats to lead a revolution in welfare reform. He will be tempted to please-form-over substance. If he resists that temptation, his welfare reform could be a hallmark of his presidency and a benefit to the whole country.

Information is mighty Letters only when it's current

On July 30, 1992, the Commerce Department reported that the Gross Domestic Product had increased by 1.4 percent in the second quarter of the year—a sadly disappointing figure at a time when the country had already been waiting for some time for signs of a recovery from recession.

For President Bush, the news was politically ruinous. It arrived at pivotal moment of the presidential campaign. The Democrats had just wound up their highly successful convention, having persuasively portrayed themselves as "New Democrats," raring to go about restoring the prosperity of the "forgotten" middle class.

The independent Ross Perot had just retired from the race, citing the "revitalization" of the Democratic Party, Bush's victory in the Persian Gulf War, which the country had received with rapturous acclaim, was mysteriously forgotten, and an economic malaise was widely reported to be gripping the country.

Bush, people were saying, was preoccupied with foreign policy and "out of touch" with the problems of ordinary people at home.

Before the convention, Bush and Clinton had been roughly tied in the polls. By the end of July, Clinton led Bush in a New York Times/CBS poll by 55 to 31 percent.

The GDP figure drove the final nail into Bush's political coffin. It seemed to confirm all that Clinton had been saying. In early August, a Gallup poll placed Bush's approval rating at 29 percent.

What was equally important, the GDP figure prevented Bush from mounting a serious defense of his economic record. Once the dismal statistic was made known, any attempt to paint a rosier picture of the economy was bound to be taken as further evidence that he was out of touch with reality.

His response was twofold: First, he tried to renew his defense of his record in foreign policy; (He accused Clinton of having spoken about foreign policy for only "one minute — 141 words" at the Democratic convention.)

Second, he permitted the Republicans to declare a "natural war" (in the words of Patrick Buchanan) against feminists, gay people and others that gave the Republican convention its extreme tone. This offensive was abandoned when it met with public disapproval.

Clinton, meanwhile, was confirmed in his decision to focus on the economy almost to the exclusion of all else, including foreign policy.

In other words, a popularity contest pitting foreign affairs against domestic affairs—a contest that domestic affairs won hands down—took political shape and became entrenched in post-Cold War American life.

Recently, the Commerce Department released revised figures for the

Jonathan Schell



same period, and it turns out that actual growth during the second quarter of 1992 was 2.8 percent—precisely double the earlier estimate.

There was nothing scandalous in the disclosure. The Commerce Department always advises that its first reports are based on incomplete, early figures; and the "revised" figures often differ from these. If anything, the low initial figure demonstrates the independence of the department from any pressure from the White House, whose interest, of course, is in overestimating growth.

Now the record has been corrected (for the few newspaper readers who happened to notice this statistic in the back pages of their papers).

But what of history itself, including the Republicans' desperate resort to extremism at their convention, the election of Clinton and the fatal neglect of foreign policy that has proceeded from these political evasions?

None of that can or will be undone. It is probably impossible to undo even mentally all of the myriad conclusions we drew from the incorrect statistic—the picture of George Bush as out of touch with economic reality, and so forth.

Information, even when false, is mighty only when it's current. The truth that arrives late, like a style out of fashion, or a politician out of office, is neglected, invisible and powerless to undo the effects of the error—which, by that time, has become the inextinguishable stuff of history.

Jonathan Schell is a columnist for the New York newspaper Newsday.

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GEORGE F. WISK
Jerome

Editorial on funding school buildings misses mark
I was interested to read your editorial on Dec. 3 and to see that you feel that a two-thirds majority of patron approval is an appropriate way to fund school buildings. You also imply that when school districts do not receive a two-thirds majority in this process, it is because they have somehow failed to convince the people of the need for

the new building(s).
You seem to totally ignore the fact that this process often overrides the wishes of the majority of school patrons. You also seem to totally ignore the fact that people do not necessarily make the wisest decisions when their choices will affect their pocketbooks. And you seem to totally ignore the fact that cost projections for bringing school facilities up to standard in the state would suggest that the current system for funding school buildings has proven to be totally inadequate.

If these facts have not convinced you of the error of your reasoning, then I suggest that next time you consider raising the cost of your newspaper, you put the matter to a vote. You ought to be able to convince two-thirds of your subscribers that the increase is warranted.
BLAKE T. WALSH
Wendell

Letters

ISDB senior proud of school's mascot Redskins

I am writing in response to the letter board member Karl Shurtliff's statement about dropping the Idaho School for the Deaf and Blind's mascot, the "Redskins."

As a student at ISDB, I felt upset that someone who has never attended any of our games would want to change my power mascot. I have been attending this school for almost 13 years and have always had a strong desire to obtain Redskin leadership. I have already bought my senior ring. Letter man jacket and keys with the "Redskins" mascot on it. When I'm at college, I want like my classmates there to know that I had pride in my seniors and refused to let any outsiders change it. Also, in the future, I would like my own kids to have some Redskins pride inside them as well.

MICHAEL MILLER
Senior, ISDB
Gooding

Gun control issue distracts us from our real problems

Whether you are rejoicing over the passage of the Brady Bill or agree with most Idahoans that its passage is a step in the wrong direction, please read or re-read Phillip Jackson's scholarly article in the Dec. 5 Times-News, Page A-1.

We applaud The Times-News editorial staff for reprinting this excellent article from the Los Angeles Times.

We highlighted what we think should be the quote of the decade: "All of this activity on behalf of 'gun control' may make those who propose it feel good, but it is a dangerous distraction from our real problems" (emphasis — our).

JOHN AND LOUISE KOONTZ
Kimberly

Mortal Kombat is fun, cool and just a video game

There has recently been a controversy about Mortal Kombat for Super Nintendo. It's been on the news and in

the newspapers. Some people think that Mortal Kombat isn't a good game for kids to play. They don't like the idea of "people's heads getting ripped off, blood squirting from a person's body, etc." They think there's too much violence.

I don't agree. Not too long ago, I rented the game. I thought it was fun and cool. I mean, I've seen a lot worse, on movies, cartoons and TV shows.

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Support staff outnumber teachers, study finds

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States is second only to Canada in the money it spends on education, with the higher funding apparently going for support services rather than classroom teachers, an international study reported Wednesday.

The Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development found that American teachers are outnumbered by school support staff, such as guidance counselors, sports team coaches, bus drivers and administrators. It is a phenomenon unique to the United States, the report said.

"We're going to invest a lot of time in the coming year to try to understand this better," said Dr. Albert Tuijman, one of the authors of the report.

The OECD's second annual report on education looked at the way nations spend their education budgets and the academic achievement of students. Education Secretary Richard Riley said the study "illustrates the American habit of being comfortable with just being average comes up short in the new global economy." He summarized the findings this way:

"The United States does an aver-

U.S. 2nd on spending per student

Other findings in the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development study:

• The United States spends more money per student — 62 percent of per capita GDP — on higher education than any other country except Australia. But U.S. spending on preschool students — 14 percent of per capita GDP — is only slightly above average, the report said.

• Only Canada and Norway have a higher rate of university graduation than the United States. All three countries also have a higher percentage of women of graduation age receiving diplomas than men: in Japan, however, 33.5 percent of the men received diplomas, compared to only 13.7 percent of the women.

• The United States awards a smaller percentage of science, math and engineering degrees than its major competitors. In 1991, 15.3 percent of the university degrees awarded in the United States were in one of the sciences. In Germany, the percentage was 31.7 percent, in Japan and the United Kingdom, 25.7 percent each. The average for the OECD countries was 22.5 percent.

• In math and science, 13-year-olds in the United States scored significantly lower than students in most other countries.

• But in reading, teen-agers in the United States outperformed their peers in all countries except Finland, France, Sweden, New Zealand, Switzerland and Iceland.

age job when it comes to putting resources into the classroom at the K-12 level, does an above average job in teaching reading and lags behind when it comes to teaching math and science."

Putting in a plug for the Clinton administration's education reform package, called Goals 2000, he said, "This is why we are pushing so hard

for an across-the-board approach to achieving higher academic standards."

On the bright side, Riley pointed to statistics showing that the United States has a higher graduation rate from institutions of higher education than other countries and that there are more women among the graduates.

The report found that in 1991, the United States spent 7 percent of its gross domestic product on education, compared to 7.4 percent in Canada. The total includes private spending of 1.5 percent of GDP in the United States and 0.7 percent in Canada.

That same year, 2.6 percent of the U.S. work force were teachers and 2.9 percent were involved in non-teaching education jobs.

Looking at the numbers of students per teacher, the United States falls in the middle of the industrialized nations, with ratios of 15.2 and 15.5, respectively, in the primary and secondary levels.

Education Department officials said the statistics reflected the local control of education in the United States and special services offered by schools to students who need them.

Tuijman said that in Europe and other countries, services such as guidance counselors and cafeteria workers are paid from something other than the education budget.

Nabeel Alsalam, an official in the Education Department's National Center for Education Statistics, said schools in the United States are the "most natural way" to get services to children who need them.

U.S. troops fight hard for San Pietro

Knights-Ridder News Service

San Pietro was a small cluster of stone houses huddled on the south slope of Monte Sannicuro in Italy.

Its importance was that it gave the Germans observation of Highway 6, the most direct route to Cassino, a major objective on the way to Rome. The Germans held the village with a battalion of the 29th Panzergeriendivision supported by assault guns. More panzergeriendivisions held the crest of Mont Sannicuro and of Mont Lungo to the south of San Pietro.

The U.S. 36th "Texas" Infantry Division was ordered to take the village in December, 1943. The expectation of only light opposition proved unfounded. The fighting would last two weeks.

During the night of Dec. 7-8, the 1st Battalion, 143rd Infantry Regiment, and the 3rd Ranger Battalion moved into position to seize Monte Sannicuro at dawn. It was hoped that having lost this high ground, the Germans would abandon San Pietro. The 1st Battalion took the crest of the hill and held it against a counterattack. However, the Rangers did not advance as far as planned. The 143rd Infantry's two other battalions were also stopped as they tried to advance directly to San Pietro.

At the same time to the south, the 1st Italian Motorized Group, newly formed from anti-fascist recruits, tried to take Monte Lungo. This regiment-sized unit was high in morale but low in combat skills. Heavy German machine-gun and mortar fire first stalled, then routed, the Italians, who lost half their number to casualties, surrender or desertion.

The Americans called off this first attempt at the end of Dec. 8 and began to plan for a second, larger effort.

The 504th Parachute Regiment was brought up, along with a company of M4 Sherman tanks from the 753rd

Tank Battalion. These new units, along with the 141st and 143rd Infantry, would tackle

San Pietro on Dec. 15 while the 142nd Infantry would try to take Monte Lungo.

The ground proved unsuitable for tanks. The narrow dirt road to San Pietro crossed several bridges and culverts that the Germans could mine. However, the slopes along the roads were too steep and muddy for the tanks to use, so a thrust down the road was attempted.

Initial success led to disaster as several tanks hit mines at the last bridge before the village. Three tanks made it across the bridge but were knocked out by hidden German assault guns. Of the 16 Sherman tanks sent in, only four returned. The infantry sent with the tanks was stopped by heavy automatic-weapon fire.

The 141st managed to fight into the first houses of San Pietro in a night attack Dec. 15-16 but could not make progress or hold its position. The 143rd and the 504th also failed to expand the holdings on Monte Sannicuro.

However, during the night of Dec. 15, the 2nd Battalion, 142nd Infantry, and the 3rd Battalion, 143rd Infantry, managed to move across the southern base of Monte Lungo. The two battalions then climbed the western slope of the hill and took the defenders by surprise in a dawn attack. By mid-morning on Dec. 16, most of Monte Lungo was in U.S. hands.

The remnants of the 1st Italian Motorized Group then mopped up. With their rear threatened, the defenders of San Pietro pulled back in the afternoon, to dig in further up the road.

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Around the valley

County amends charges against former teacher

GOODING — A former Wendell teacher faces eight charges of statutory rape after the Gooding County prosecuting attorney amended a court complaint Wednesday.

Prosecuting Attorney Philip Brown said the complaint now includes charges of former teacher Dean Bowen having sexual intercourse with a second girl student.

The second girl, now 17, was 16 when Bowen had intercourse with her in the summer of 1992, Brown said.

Bowen was charged last week with sexual battery of a 17-year-old female student at Wendell High School. He was charged after the girl's father allegedly caught them in a hotel room on Thanksgiving weekend.

The girl, who has since turned 18, later alleged she and Bowen had an affair between Oct. 2 and Nov. 28, according to documents filed in 5th District Magistrate Court.

The sexual battery charge was amended to statutory rape and is included in the eight rape counts filed Wednesday, Brown said.

Bowen taught physics and chemistry at Wendell Junior-Senior High School. He resigned his position last week on the day that the sexual battery charge was filed.

Grant, Shaeffer win seats on Hillsdale Highway District

HAZELTON — An incumbent and a challenger won in Monday's election of the Hillsdale Highway District.

In Subdistrict 1, Dan Shaeffer beat incumbent Charles Kimball 342-134. In Subdistrict 2, incumbent Jim Grant beat Delbert Waters 368-118.

The winners will serve four-year terms.

Santa plans annual Filer visit for Saturday, Dec. 18

FILER — The Filer Chamber of Commerce, in association with the Filer Kiwanis Club and the Filer Fire Department, has announced the date for Santa's annual visit from the North Pole.

Chamber president Shirley Gailey said Santa Claus will visit Filer on Saturday Dec. 18 at 11 a.m. The visit will stop first at the post office to pick up the "Red-Eye Mail." From there, Santa will get a lift on the fire truck to the corner of Main St. and Yakima Ave.

Gailey said, "he will be giving out bags of treats for the kids." Volunteers will help Santa hand out treats to the local children.

Stunts from the Filer High School Music department will be on hand to perform some old Christmas favorites.

County P&Z to hear request for Buhl shop building today

TWIN FALLS — A request to construct a shop building near Buhl will come before the county planning and zoning commission tonight.

The 7:30 p.m. meeting at the County Office Building's meeting room at 246 Third Ave. E. is open to the public.

Joe Guzman wants to build a 40-by-100-foot shop building with guest quarters at 3915 N. 1500 E. in Buhl. Other requests to be considered include several requests to divide land for the construction of new homes in the county's agricultural zone.

GOP hopeful Winder releases names of valley coordinators

TWIN FALLS — Republican gubernatorial candidate Chuck Winder of Boise has announced his campaign coordinators for seven Magic Valley counties:

- Blaine: Kathy Peck of Carey.
- Cassia: Bud Bringer of Burley.
- Gooding: Lloyd Trimmer of Gooding.
- Jerome: Rex Rauhous of Jerome.
- Lincoln: Ron Braun of Shoshone.
- Minidoka: Jim and Lujana Winder of Rupert.
- Twin Falls: Ron and Carol Boyd, Carla Calhoun, and Karl Kleinkopf, all of Twin Falls; Shelby and Eve Williams of Buhl.

Winder, a Boise developer, faces former Lt. Gov. Phil Batt of Wilder and Boise businessmen Larry Eastland and Doug Dorn in the May 1994 GOP primary.

Compiled from staff reports

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Penny-paying hunter has history of violations

By Phil Sahn Times-News writer

JEROME — A Jerome doctor who tried to pay off a \$1,047 Fish and Game fine in pennies Tuesday has a history of illegal hunting in Twin Falls and Gooding counties.

In fact, Dr. David A. Arthurs' hunting license has been suspended so many times he apparently cannot hunt legally in Idaho until at least January 1998, according to court documents in Twin Falls and Jerome.

When Arthurs' hunting license was suspended in October 1992, for illegally hunting Canada geese in the Hagerman Quose Closure, the doctor said he was confused

about the closed area's boundaries.

Arthurs beseeched 5th District Magistrate Thomas R. Cushman for leniency, according to a transcript of his sentencing hearing 13 months ago.

"I certainly don't intend to intentionally go out and violate any laws, especially fish and game laws in the future," Arthurs said. Arthurs said he moved from Pennsylvania to Idaho in 1986 because of Idaho's excellent hunting and fishing. Losing his hunting license would be a tough blow, he said.

"A major factor was to come out for the good hunting and fishing ... so this is really a hardship

to me," Arthurs told Cushman.

Cushman suspended Arthurs' hunting license for 13 months and placed him on probation.

Two months later, in December 1992, Arthurs was cited for possessing seven ducks in Twin Falls County and for hunting while his license was suspended, according to his court file in Twin Falls.

In July 1993, he was fined \$75 and his hunting license was suspended for a year for unlawful possession of the ducks. He was fined \$100, and his license suspended for another 13 months for hunting while his license was suspended, his court file states.

The suspensions were to run after his original license suspension

ended, according to the court file. He also was placed on probation for 12 months.

On Jan. 4, 1993, less than a month after he was caught with the ducks and hunting while his license was suspended, Arthurs bought another hunting license in Jerome County, according to documents in a court file there.

He was due to be arraigned in August on a charge of buying the license while his hunting privilege was revoked. But, according to the court file, Arthurs skipped the arraignment.

He was summoned to another court appearance and on Sept. 9 pleaded guilty to buying the license while his privilege was re-

voked, according to the court file.

Arthurs' hunting privileges were suspended for an additional 37 months because of this violation.

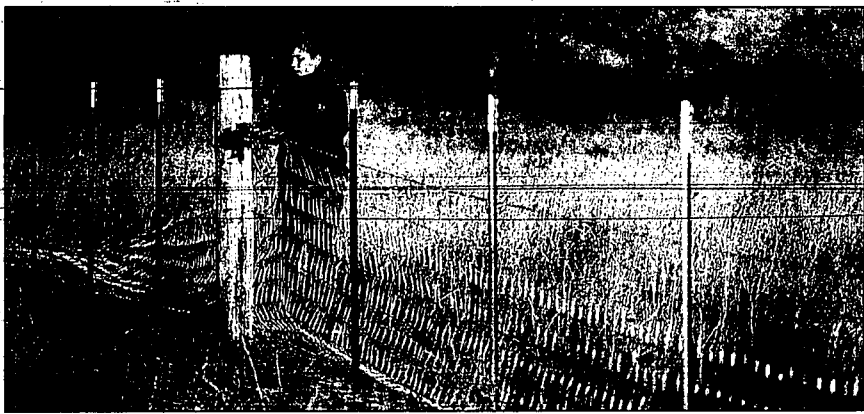
The violation also led to the \$1,000 fine, plus court costs, that Arthurs tried to pay in pennies.

But the Jerome County clerk and treasurer were not amused. The pennies were taken back to the bank and exchanged for a cashier's check.

Arthurs' wife said afterward that the pennies were his way of a humorous protest.

Arthurs did not return a phone call from *The Times-News* on Wednesday.

Mending fences



Setting the boundaries on a horse pasture south of Hagerman, Barbie Lloyd stretches a wire fence into place. Lloyd, along with her sister Becky and father, Harold, took advantage of Wednesday's mild weather to work on the quarter-mile section of fence.

ANDY ARNOLD/The Times-News

DOE estimate Developer pushes pricey subdivision along canyon rim above Dierkes Lake

By Mysel Mathews Goodman Times-News correspondent

KIMBERLY — About 120 acres of rangeland overlooking Dierkes Lake Park north of town could be developed into a pricey subdivision if a local landowner has his way.

Tuesday night, landowner Ken Stutzman presented his preliminary plan for Hidden Lakes Estates to the Kimberly City Planning and Zoning Committee.

If permitted, Stutzman would subdivide the acreage into 72 lots — ranging in size from one acre to 17.5 acres — complete with lined ponds, pedestrian paths, green belt, and homeowner association dues.

Stutzman said he had not yet placed a market value on the homes that he and Ketchum developer Richard Emik plan to build on the property, but he compared the homes to those in the Willows Subdivision northeast of Twin Falls, where prices run between \$200,000 and \$300,000.

The property, he said, is one of the few locations in the area where a subdivision could be developed without "eating up farmland."

But the Kimberly zoning committee and

the Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Commission have reservations about such a proposal, officials told Stutzman that night.

The parks commission is worried about the proposed subdivision's visual effect on the canyon rim, according to Tom Trout, vice chairman of the citizens' advisory group.

The city of Twin Falls owns 230 acres below the rim, including Shoshone Falls and Dierkes Lake Parks, Trout said. The parks department's master plan includes a trail system that would allow public access to the area, while still maintaining natural character of the rim, he said.

"People like (the Dierkes Lake Park) because it is isolated. Homes built along the rim would change that atmosphere," he said.

Kimberly's canyon rim setback ordinance would keep buildings from within 100 feet of the rim, for aesthetic as well as safety reasons, Trout said.

Although Kimberly zoning would permit houses to be built within 35 feet of the rim, according to the zoning committee.

The park and Stutzman's property lie within the city of Kimberly's "area of impact," according to Paul Baeh, zoning com-

mittee chairman.

The committee is looking at Stutzman's proposal — as well as several other subdivision proposals — with "extreme caution," Baeh said.

Kimberly has experienced severe growth pains recently, he said. "We are being hit from all sides."

The biggest concern of the zoning committee is that "future growth doesn't have a negative impact on the community," he said. "Growth is okay, but unchecked growth can put us so far behind we'll never catch up."

The development could push the currently stressed Kimberly School District beyond its enrollment capabilities, he said.

Other impacts of the subdivision on the community must be considered, Baeh added, including increased traffic on Falls Avenue, and the effects of 72 individual, wells and septic systems on the area.

The zoning committee is currently reviewing its subdivision policies, Baeh said, adding that Kimberly's zoning requirements have remained unchanged since 1979.

Stutzman plans to meet with the zoning committee again in January.

Habitat diagnoses slow start — it's the flu

Group hopes to finish house project next week

By Mick Normington Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Flu has stricken volunteers, slowing their progress on Habitat for Humanity's Christmas season house-building project.

The illness and short funds may prevent the house from being completed by Sunday as Habitat had hoped.

"We're thankful for those who have come out, but it just takes sheer numbers of people to get this done," said Brit Groom, president of Habitat's Magic Valley chapter.

Habitat took a chance and began construction last week at Fourth Avenue West and Blake Street despite needing volunteers, money and building supplies, said Groom, who is also a Twin Falls attorney.

Now Groom said his group hopes to finish the home and turn it over to the

Shane and Jody Cluff family during the middle of next week.

Habitat for Humanity is a nonprofit, volunteer group that builds homes for low-income families. The families buy the homes from Habitat.

The "blitz build" of the house attracted 60 volunteers last weekend who helped enclose the first floor. Volunteers are working today on the upstairs floor.

Groom said he hopes work can begin Saturday on the inside of the first floor and on the roof.

Groom said he's pleased that the 1,150-square-foot house likely will be built for \$23.50 a square foot, a very low cost. But he said Habitat needs a little more money to complete the house.

The group may try to raise money by "selling" the house by the square foot to donors.

TF County fair earnings jump by \$229,600

By Sean L. McCarthy Times-News writer

FILER — A financial audit of the Twin Falls County Fair Board shows an net increase of \$229,600 in the board's coffers.

The fair board's fund balance — its combined earnings from 1993 and previous years — increased to just under \$1.2 million, according to the audit.

By comparison, the fair board earned only \$61,695 in fiscal year 1992.

But the fair board is not exactly rolling in dough, said Paul Nielson, a certified public accountant with auditors McMullen, McPhee & Co.

The increased revenues came primarily from a county tax that raised money for building improvements, Nielson said.

"The money never did not go into expenses, but into capital projects," he said. "As of Sept. 30, the board had net earnings of \$229,600; of that, \$142,867 went into capital outlays."

Those capital outlays are dedicated expenses, Fair Manager Cindy Demoney said. "A third of every dollar goes to capital improvements," she said.

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Mini-Cassia electrical co-op could cut cost to residents, Rupert Council hears

By Liz Wright
Times-News writer

RUPERT — Local electric companies could save residents some money on their ever-increasing electric rates by combining services, City Councilman Dwinelle Alfred said Tuesday.

But convincing the companies may be a tough task, he said.

Rupert City Council members recently approved a 15.5 percent rate increase for residents — 13.5 percent total for all electric users.

Alfred said such an increase, passed on from the Bonneville

Power Administration, affects low-income senior citizens and could halt the competitive edge that cities have in supplying power with power.

At Tuesday's meeting, the council gave Alfred the authority to arrange a meeting with more than a dozen small companies in Minidoka and Cassia counties.

Alfred said companies could cut costs by reducing the number of employees through attrition, sharing trucks and forming a Mini-Cassia electrical cooperative.

"In my mind, we need to cut back on those expenses," Alfred said.

"There's a lot of ways we could do this if people are visionary enough."

BPA may benefit by dealing with one utility because it would have fewer substations to deliver power to, he said.

But Dulcy Mahar, BPA public relations officer, in Portland, said local cost-cutting measures would have little effect on the rate increases in electricity.

Electric rate increases are a result of the recent drought, endangered species mitigation and plunging prices worldwide of aluminum — the agency's largest client for power, Mahar said.

But cities may be able to reduce their own charges by cutting overhead costs, she said.

"If the local utilities can do something to make themselves more efficient they can lower their rates," Mahar said.

But that may be tougher than it sounds.

Alfred said merging services is an uphill battle both in legal and political wrangling.

"Everybody has their own little fiefdom they want to protect," Alfred said. "I feel that we owe it to people at least to try something."

Minidoka mulls tax district for dog pound

By Liz Wright
Times-News writer

RUPERT — Property owners pay taxes to fight fires, build cemeteries, even kill mosquitoes. Now they may face a special tax district for stray dogs.

That's the solution Rupert City Council members are seeking to pay for building and running a county-wide dog shelter.

Council members Tuesday voted to have city attorney Rick Bollat find out if taxes could be raised on all property owners in the county instead of taxes through each individual city and county.

Bollat said a special district for animal control may require some lobbying at the state legislature to change the state law.

A joint city-county panel scrapped the original site in Rupert after neighbors argued that a dog shelter would bring noise, smell and traffic. The new site is in Paul.

Depending on whether people want an adoption center or just a holding tank, a shelter would cost up to \$80,000 to build, said Don Dustin, public works director for the city of Rupert.

Dustin said the costs of staffing an animal shelter are unclear. A full adoption center would probably employ two full-time and one part-time employees. License and impounding fees would help pay some of the costs, he said.

Stray animals are now taken to the city of Burley Animal Shelter, which charges for \$5 each animal.

Gas plant explosion injures 9

ROCK SPRINGS, Wyo. (AP) — Nine people were injured Wednesday when storage tanks filled with gasoline, butane and natural gas exploded at a gas plant west of Rock Springs.

Fires caused by the explosion were still burning several hours later, and officials had moved away from the blaze to let it burn itself out.

"It's too dangerous to do anything," said Dennis Washam, Sweetwater County fire warden.

He didn't know how long the fire would take to burn itself out.

The explosion at the Mountain Gas Resources plant, formerly owned by

the Presidio Oil Co., forced the evacuation of all of the workers at the plant about six miles west of Little America.

Washam said the initial fire started at about 12:30 p.m., apparently when a truck taking on gasoline from a tank caught on fire. The flames spread within a few minutes to two butane and three gasoline tanks, he said.

Witnesses said the resulting fireball could be seen 25 miles away from the plant.

Washam said the fire eventually spread to two natural gas tanks, which exploded at about 3 p.m.

Adding on



Marvin Cannell lays bricks on an addition to the Idaho Mill and Industrial Supply in Burley.

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New reports document lake pollution

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — A U.S. Geological Survey report released Wednesday says heavy metal pollutants exceed in sediment at the bottom of Lake Coeur d'Alene are in danger of being released into the lake's waters.

The report said fine-grained metals that have washed into the lake are vulnerable to being released from the bottom during periods of high flows in the Coeur d'Alene and St. Joe rivers and from wind-driven waves and currents.

The report said the source for most of the heavy metals such as lead, cadmium, arsenic and mercury has been mining operations dating to the 1880s in the Silver Valley upstream from the lake.

The four-year study was written by the USGS scientists Arthur J. Horowitz and Kent A. Elrick and Robert B. Cook, an Auburn University geologist. The report was presented to the Coeur d'Alene Basin Interagency Group, an organization of technical experts that is studying the basin and how to clean up the pollution.

The study supports preliminary findings on lake pollution released in April 1992.

That study found that continued increases in nutrients levels in the lake from fertilizers and runoff and decreases in oxygen could cause toxic metals to be released into the water column, threatening fish and other aquatic life.

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Valley life

Valley happenings

Filer High School sets Christmas concert

FILER — The Filer High School Christmas concert is planned for 7:30 p.m. Friday in the auditorium at the high school. Those attending are encouraged to arrive early to bid for the goodies at the Christmas Silent Auction. Proceeds will go to support the Filer music program.

Desert Sun Dancers sponsor dance

SHOSHONE — The Desert Sun Dancers are sponsoring a square and round dance at 7:30 p.m. Friday at the Masonic Hall. For more information, call Carolyn Bradley at 886-2808.

Haffner's plans Card Swap Night Friday

TWIN FALLS — Haffner's Cards & Comics is sponsoring a Card Swap Night beginning at 7 p.m. Friday at the store, 336 Fourth Ave. W.

People are invited to bring all their extra cards and lists to trade with other collectors so everyone can finish their card sets. Tables and chairs will be provided.

For more information, call 733-0016 or stop by the store.

Homemakers club reschedules supper

HOLLISTER — The Salmon Tract Homemakers Club has changed the date of its Christmas potluck supper.

The supper originally planned for Friday, will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the Community Presbyterian Church. A canned or non-perishable food collection will be held in connection with the supper.

For more information, call Donna at 733-9970 or June at 655-4270.

Delta Kappa Gamma teachers to meet

TWIN FALLS — The Delta Kappa Gamma International Teachers Society will meet at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Canyon Springs Inn.

Elementary school Counselor Steve Wills will present a program on "Fetal Alcohol Syndrome." Musical entertainment will be provided by the Bel Canto Choir from Robert Stuart Junior High School under the direction of Karen Goodrich. Various members will provide needlework displays for the Treasures and Talents part of the program.

The Times-News welcomes news of community events. Send materials to The Times-News Valley Happenings, P.O. Box 546, Twin Falls 83303-0548. Please submit news at least a week in advance and include a phone number where you can be reached.

Husband leads wife on in 46 years of marriage

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have been married for 46 years. We are both in good health, and we do a lot of different things together, including going to church, concerts, ball games and traveling.



Dear Abby
Abigail VanBuren

My husband has a very disturbing fault. No matter where we are, he will walk off and leave me. He cannot walk beside me; he always has to be ahead of me.

Recently, we were at a baseball game, and when the game was over, he got up, walked down the steps and out of the stands without even looking back through the crowd to check on me. He was nearly to the parking lot when I finally managed to catch up with him.

I've talked to other women about this, and many of them have the same problem. What can we do?

I WALK ALONE
DEAR WALK ALONE: It won't be easy to break a spouse of a 46-year-old habit, but you can try. When you're together, remind him — using a pleasant tone, "Dear, would you please take my arm or let me take yours?" And keep reminding him.

Not only is it a matter of courtesy, it's a matter of your safety. Men, too, have been known to trip or stumble, and their companions have saved them from a nasty fall.

DEAR ABBY: I am involved in a situation and am curious as to what the proper etiquette is. I was in a bridal party, and three weeks prior to the wedding, the bride decided not to go through with it. This was after the bridesmaids' gowns and matching shoes had been purchased and two showers given. One of the showers was paid for by the bridesmaids, plus the shower gifts.

The bride claims she is going to keep the shower gifts because they are not "wedding gifts" and it would be too expensive to return all of them. She also claims that technically, all the bridesmaids' gowns should be paid in full by us since they were ours (some of us just put the deposit down). I feel that she is completely wrong and that it is her responsibility

to return all the shower gifts, as there is no wedding; she should also reimburse us for any expenses incurred.

There are no extenuating circumstances here — just a classic case of "cold feet." What is the correct thing to do? I think the ex-bride has, gall plus!

— STUCK IN NEW JERSEY
DEAR STUCK: According to "The Amy Vanderbilt Complete Book of Etiquette, A Guide to Contemporary Living" (1978): "If the wedding is called off, the bride should return each gift received at the shower or showers unless it was a very trivial item." And from "The New Emily Post's Etiquette" (1975): "Insofar as possible, bridal shower presents should be returned if the marriage is called off. Monogrammed articles, or anything that has been used, cannot be given back, but every effort should be made to return the gifts that are unused."

Chicago attorney David Schaffer told me that the bridesmaids' dresses are not legally considered "gifts" (like shower and wedding gifts), because the bridesmaids may keep their dresses. Therefore, the bride is not obligated to pay for them. However, the bride should return all engagement, shower and wedding gifts.

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Game plan for sports widows straightforward

Orlando Sentinel

It's Saturday, and Florida State will soon battle Notre Dame on television in the biggest college football game this year. Your man plods down in front of the set with a tray of munchies. The yard looks like a jungle, and you want to catch "The Firm."

Yet, scream or plead, you can't seem to budge him off that couch. Worse yet, you couldn't care less about that game.

And it's not just the "big" games. He watches them all. Final score: Sports 1, your relationship 0.

If that scenario sounds familiar, you're not alone. Welcome to the sports widows club — those women whose husbands or beaux spend hours watching everything

from Miguel Múñez-wrestling to the NBA. Although many men watch sports for the thrill of the game, experts say there are others who use sports as a shield.

"It's a wonderful way to escape all the stresses and strains, not only of your relationship, but from work and other things," said Gai Berlage, a sociology professor at Iona College in New York who specializes in sports sociology.

"You're totally into the game and not thinking about those things," she said.

Prick Lenny Smith's finger and he would likely bleed New York

Giants' blue.

Wearing a baseball cap and surrounded by the spirited crowd at the Sports Dimension in east Orlando, Fla., on a recent Sunday, Smith knocked back a few Cokes and cheered his boys in blue.

Earlier that day Smith, baseball-card dealer, had wrapped up a trading show; he then scanned the Yellow Pages for a nearby sports bar where he could catch the game.

"Life has its priorities," quipped Smith, 45. "I fit my schedule around the games. My wife understands for about three months during the year — football season — she's a widow and the grass doesn't get cut."

By game's end, his cheers had turned to groans. It was a bad day: The cross-town Jets stole one from the Giants.

"I'm a lifelong sports fan," he says. "Baseball. Football. Basketball. If we go to an amusement park, I'd end up watching the games on television. She thinks 'I'm an addict.'"

'Life has its priorities. I fit my schedule around the games. My wife understands for about three months during the year — football season — she's a widow and the grass doesn't get cut.'

— Lenny Smith, baseball card dealer

Perhaps she has a point.

"I knew going into this, Alison Smith said of how much sports means to Lenny."

He told me the order of things when we were dating — God, baseball, the Red Sox and then me. I figured I could change

learned to put things into perspective.

"I just think it's in his blood," she said, chuckling. "That's who he is. And when he's watching the games, he's here. I feel blessed. I talk to women with a lot bigger problems than this."

Things aren't always so smooth for other couples, however. Experts say it's important to identify red flags, because failing to recognize when a problem is brewing can lead to feelings of withdrawal and abandonment — and divorce.

It generally develops slowly. Moonlit walks, which were part and parcel during courtship, tend to diminish. Sports take hold. Soon she may question his priorities: her or Andre Agassi's forehead smash?

"If there just isn't much going on between the couple and she is not happy, that guy is running a great risk," Miller said. "She figures what's in it for her?"

Experts say this pursue/withdraw scenario can often be traced to that age-old male bugaboo — intimacy.

"Women pursue. Generally they want to talk more. What they want to do is connect with their partner. Many men are afraid that if they talk at all, she'll go on forever," Miller said. "Men can be very passive," which can annoy many women, he said.

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Court upholds cap on workers' comp lawyer fees

BOISE (AP) — The Idaho Supreme Court has upheld the cap state arbitrators want on attorney fees in contested workers' compensation cases in what supporters claim will funnel more cash to injured employees and their families.

But attorneys contesting the cap warned again on Wednesday that it will leave workers with small or complex claims taking extensive amounts of time without lawyers willing to represent them.

"It's a sad day for Idaho's injured workers," said Lynn Luker, one of the dozens of lawyers who challenged the cap.

But in the 4-1 decision, only Justice Linda Compton Trout agreed.

The majority opinion, written by Chief Justice Charles McDevitt, found that the Industrial Commission had authority to cap attorney fees under the workers' compensation law and that authority did not violate provisions of either the federal or state constitutions.

"There is a rational relationship between the legitimate legislative purpose to foster sure and certain relief for injured workers and the attorney fee regulation," McDevitt wrote. "The limit

imposed by the regulation furthers the purpose by making the cost of attorneys paid from new money less burdensome."

Luker said a decision has not been made about asking the state court to reconsider the decision or taking the dispute to the U.S. Supreme Court on grounds that the cap denies injured workers access to effective legal representation in violation of the constitutional guarantee to due process.

After its informal attempt to cap attorney fees was rebuffed, the commission last year followed the formal procedure to impose a limit of 25 percent of any new money secured for a workers' compensation claimant with the possibility that the commission could increase that to 30 percent if the claim goes through a full hearing. The cap was held up pending the outcome of the appeal.

The commission, concerned that fees being charged in Idaho were unduly high, imposed the cap after surveying other state workers' compensation agencies on their fee schedules.

In upholding the action, the high court majority said speculation by lawyers that the cap

would cause attorneys to leave the workers' compensation field or limit the quality of attorneys available to claimants "is blatantly insufficient" to prove that the cap should be voided.

But Luker said that during the month between the commission's adoption of the cap and when the court blocked it there were several injured workers seeking representation who could not obtain any. In other states where attorneys have abandoned the field.

He maintained the artificial cap failed to take into consideration the specific circumstances of each case, and Trout agreed.

"A predetermined recovery, established without regard for the nature of the case or the anticipated time required to resolve the case, will work a great injustice upon Idaho workers entitled to qualified representation in their compensation claims," Trout wrote in her dissent.

Attorneys will be reluctant to accept small or complicated cases, she said, and "these consequences will undermine, not foster, the legislative policy of providing sure and certain relief to injured workers."

Sheriffs vote to charge inmates for medical care

BOISE (AP) — To reduce the amount counties pay for medical care, the Idaho Sheriff's Association has voted to charge jail inmates for doctors' exams and prescription drugs.

Such a policy, they argue, would discourage inmates from requesting "visits to the doctor and would restrict access to drugs."

But Idaho Legal Aid contends the proposal violates state law by denying inmates access to care.

"There's quite a bit of abuse of the system," said Ada County Sheriff Vaughn Killen, who chairs the legislative committee for the Sheriff's Association. "Our main point is to discourage frivolous complaints."

Ada County footed a \$250,000 bill last year for inmates' care, Killen said.

The policy, passed in October by the sheriffs, requires inmates to pay a \$1 fee for a routine doctor's visit.

Sheriffs amended the policy on Tuesday to include the provision on prescription drugs. They plan to submit the entire resolution to the Legislature this winter.

It excites indigent prisoners from paying. Inmates who have money must use all they have to pay for prescriptions; the county will

pay the remainder of the cost. Killen said inmates are considered indigent if they have no money in their commissary fund, the inmate's own money that is used to pay for items like candy, stamps or other goods not provided by the jail.

Sheriffs say the policy will save counties money and time. State law requires that inmates pay for inmates' medical care costs. The state pays for state prison inmates.

The Canyon County Sheriff's Department tried the policy for one month this summer.

About 25 prisoners paid the fee. The drug bill on inmates dropped nearly \$7,000 that month, Sheriff George Nourse said.

But Howard Belodoff, associate director of Idaho Legal Aid, said the resolution restricts access to care and discriminates against those who cannot afford to pay.

"They might as well add that they have to pay for their pants, too," Belodoff said. "The policy doesn't say they're just going to collect money from people with frivolous complaints. And do you really think that somebody is going to be deterred by a dollar from making a frivolous complaint? They're just taking a few dollars off these people."

UI faculty gives equal footing to teaching excellence, research

MOSCOW (AP) — University of Idaho faculty members have taken a whack at smashing the mold which requires professors to conduct research.

The full UI Faculty Tuesday narrowly endorsed a proposal from mathematics professor Bill Voxman that could give the departments flexibility to deploy teachers in their areas of interest and strength.

Earlier this fall, the UI Faculty Council approved policy changes that would put classroom excellence on an equal footing with research when teachers

come up for tenure or promotion.

Voxman amended that policy to allow teachers to demonstrate scholarship in the classroom and laboratory or through publication of books and articles in academic journals, the key word being "or."

The policy goes to Idaho President Elisabeth Zinser for her signature, then to the State Board of Education.

Zinser said later she would not exercise her veto power, but the closeness of the vote indicates the need for continued discussion on the issue. Idaho is the

premier research school for the state.

The issue sparked intense debate Tuesday.

Voxman said much of the research being done on university campuses has little to do with advancing knowledge, but to "get tenure, promotion or other rewards." He hopes to give university departments the option of using their employees to best advantage.

Some might relieve their best teachers of most or all research responsibilities; research specialists might be required to do little or no teaching.



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Christian decor in dorms concerns campus officials

LEWISTON (AP) — Some Lewis-Clark State College students refuse to remove religious Christmas decorations from dorm doors and hallways after school officials asked they remain free of such symbols.

Students were told last week to take down a nativity scene in the hallway of Clark Hall, a men's dorm. A manger scene on a door at Talkington Hall has been changed to Santa Claus.

In response to the policy, several students put up crosses and scriptures on their dorm doors.

Residence hall coordinator Brad Shaid "talked to me about taking down my cross and said it was infringing on other people's rights," said sophomore Michelle Manuelian in Talkington. "I said it is my right to put whatever I want on my door. It is my own interpretation of Christmas."

Manuelian said she had asked her roommate, who is from Japan, if she minded, and her roommate said it was fine.

Director of student life William Baehman said legal precedents are being set nationwide restricting religious scenes from public areas.

"We are trying to educate rather than trying to create any hostility," Baehman said.

What is positive for one person might not be for another," he said.

Lindr Pall, an attorney and a leader of the Moscow-Pullman Jewish community, said separation of church and state comes into play when the state promotes religion, but not when individuals express their beliefs.

Pall said a nativity scene is not unconstitutional if there are other, non-Christian Christmas symbols as well.

"I think we all should be able to do what the students are doing, expressing ourselves individually but not personally without the push or the pull of the state."

Slipping soil grounds for center relocation

MARSING (AP) — The U.S. Department of Labor has decided to move Idaho's only Job Corps center because slipping soil has resulted in severe structural damage to buildings at the Marsing site.

"They have been maintained, but we're to the point now where it's just not cost effective," Mack Ferrick, director of the Marsing Job Corps center, said Wednesday.

Ferrick said Labor Department officials in Washington, D.C., would decide where to build a new \$12 million to \$16 million facility, but preference would be given to sites within 50 miles of Boise.

The Job Corps has been in Marsing since 1965, and Ferrick said the community "has been a tremendous supporter of the program."

The government will soon begin advertising for a new site, and Ferrick said it would be about two years before the move is complete.

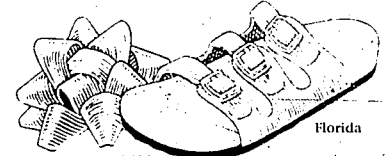
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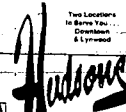
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Utility wants changes in purchase requirements

BOISE (AP) — A federal law requires utilities such as Idaho Power Co. to purchase electricity produced by cogenerators and small power producers.

Since the law passed in 1978, it's helped Idaho Power and other utilities avoid the need to build costly new generating plants.

But Idaho Power contends that the prices it must pay for that electricity are so far above market prices that it's encouraging the proliferation of uneeded projects.

Since the federal law requires utilities to buy the power, Idaho Power says it's winding up with more than it needs — with the result it could have to dump the excess on the market at bargain-basement prices. The utility said if it has to buy uneeded electricity at above-market rates, that means higher bills to customers.

The utility has asked the Idaho Public Utilities Commission to change the way the prices are set to more closely reflect market prices.

"Acquiring resources prior to need increases costs and imposes unnecessary risks on customers," said Jan Packwood, vice president of power supply. "The advent of increasing competition in the electric utility industry has the potential to heighten these risks to both the company and its customers."

Idaho Power estimates it will need no additional generating plants to meet customer for at least 10 years.

It has to pay "avoided cost" rates to the small power producers, or the amount the commission figures the utility saves by not having to build new plants. The company wants the rates set closer to what it can buy electricity on the open market.

Company spokesman Jeff Beaman said Idaho Power can buy electricity for 2.8 to 3.6 cents per kilowatt-hour. It has to pay between 5.4 and 5.9 cents per kilowatt-hour for electricity from small producers.

The company is paying \$32 million now, but that cost will rise to \$84 million by the end of 1996.

Independent power producers also are proposing that Idaho Power buy an additional 160 megawatts. That would raise related costs another \$38 million to \$56 million.

Idaho Power proposes that rates for any project one megawatt or larger be negotiated. All contract negotiations would include consideration of the timing of the need, costs of available alternatives and the project's compatibility with company operations.

Developers challenge forest service decision

BOISE (AP) — Developers of the \$100-million-dollar project, Valhalla Limited Partnership was racing against a deadline to get its appeal in the mail to the Forest Service decision withdrawing a regional Forest Service office in Ogden, the planning permit for the multimillion-

St. Luke's won't sign Blue Shield contract

BOISE (AP) — A fourth Idaho hospital has refused to sign a service contract with Blue Shield of Idaho.

St. Luke's Regional Medical Center in Boise said it was unable to reach agreement with the major health care insurer on alternatives to its proposed fixed rates for hospital services announced last August.

In a statement, St. Luke's described the Blue Shield proposal as a demand for discounted rates that it said adversely affect other hospital users by shifting costs to them.

Failure to sign a contract by Tuesday's deadline means Blue Shield policyholders will be sent insurance payments directly and it will be up to them to write bills with the hospital. Under normal circumstances, Blue Shield would deal directly with the hospital.

St. Luke's said it was still talking with Blue Shield about a contract.

"We have differences, but the door is open," President Edward Dahlberg said.

Blue Shield President Rich Nelson said about half of the remaining 39 hospitals have signed the contracts.

St. Alphonsus severed talks with Blue Shield earlier this fall, saying the deal it was proposing would cost the hospital more than \$1 million in lost revenue. The Andrus administration, which has launched a crusade to force health care providers to rein in skyrocketing costs, estimates that St. Alphonsus had net income of nearly \$12 million in the past year despite its nonprofit status. The administration said St. Luke's net income was nearly \$13.6 million in 1992.

The other hospitals refusing to accept the Blue Shield contract are St. Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise, St. Joseph Regional Medical Center in Lewiston and Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center in Idaho Falls.

Blue Shield has been competing for hospital contracts against Blue Cross, which has a clause in its contracts requiring that it receive the same rate given another insurer if that rate is lower than the one it originally agreed to.

Utah man dies after bank heist

POCATELLO (AP) — A South Ogden, Utah, man killed himself after robbing Key Bank of Idaho's downtown Pocatello branch, police said.

Thomas E. Naron, 50, reportedly entered the bank's rear door shortly before 2 p.m. Tuesday. He brandished a .22-caliber magnum pistol and demanded cash. Pocatello Police Detective Capt. Dick Nelson said Wednesday.

Naron placed an undisclosed amount of money in a bag and left

the bank. A bank courier who saw the man leaving wrote down his license plate number and the description of a brown Buick station wagon.

Bannock County sheriff's deputies spotted the man described by the courier a few minutes later driving south on Interstate 15. The deputies pulled him over south of McCammon, but Naron reportedly put the gun in his mouth and pulled the trigger as officers approached.

LaRocco vows to push for river protection

The Associated Press.

Congressman Larry LaRocco, D-Idaho, said he expects a February hearing on his bill to bar development along a 25-mile stretch of the North Fork of the Payette River.

In a letter to LaRocco, House Natural Resources Subcommittee Chairman Bruce Vento, D-Minn., said he would schedule a hearing on the legislation as early next

year as possible.

The measure prohibits hydropower development on the North Fork between Carbaton and Banks. The Gem Irrigation District wants to divert water from the river for power generation and is pursuing a federal license.

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Aid efforts torn between Somalia, other areas of the world

MOGADISHU, Somalia (AP) — The agency that warned the world about Somalia, only to be ignored for months while thousands died, believes there are eight other African nations that demand the same attention but aren't getting it.

Somalia's disproportionate share of the global aid effort has forced nations and private groups into an impossible dilemma: Whether to cut back here and risk a return to starvation in order to help the next Somalia.

"Somalia was the priority, is a priority, but there are now many priorities on this continent," said Jean-Daniel Tauxe, head of the

International Committee of the Red Cross in sub-Saharan Africa. "It is impossible to cope with all these situations at the same time."

Somalia, the focus of the world's humanitarian efforts for the past year, must slide down the priority list on a continent bristling with factional violence, political chaos and an influx of weapons from abroad, he said.

Tauxe said Rwanda, Burundi, Zaire, South Africa, Liberia, Sierra Leone, Sudan and Angola now equal or exceed Somalia in terms of need, with another 10 African nations involved in armed civil conflicts slightly less debilitating.

The United States led a multinational force to Somalia one year ago Thursday to protect food distribution to a nation laid waste by famine, clan warfare and looting.

The relief operation was considered a success, but repeated clashes with militias loyal to clan leader Mohamed Farrah Aidid have left hundreds of U.N. peacekeepers and Somalis dead, including 32 Americans.

The United States plans to withdraw its roughly 20,000 troops out by May, while the United Nations will reassess its 30,000-member, 30-nation force on Feb. 1.

This Horn of Africa nation sank into chaos

following the January 1991 rebellion against dictator Mohammed Siad Barre. An estimated 350,000 died from warfare and famine, though Tauxe said the figure was probably closer to 500,000.

The ICRC issued the first warning about growing famine in the country in December 1991, but the relief effort did not begin in earnest for months. Widespread looting of food wasn't controlled until the U.S.-led force arrived on Dec. 9, 1992.

Today, hundreds of millions of dollars later, nations and relief organizations are going through what aid officials call "donor

fatigue," a political malady that has caused several agencies and nations to rethink their mission. "Donor fatigue is clearly a problem," Max Hladom, head of the ICRC's operation in Somalia, said. "People have pulled out, cut back."

"Famine is over, but the situation is still extremely fragile," he said.

Some relief officials point out that delegations from the European Community, the United States and Japan arrived in the country to decide how to distribute another \$200 million in humanitarian efforts to finance nutrition programs, well drilling, agriculture programs and other efforts.

Successor to throne criticized

LONDON (AP) — A government minister came to the defense of his friend Prince Charles Wednesday, putting down criticism of the royal family as "extremely dangerous."

Nicholas Soames, a grandson of Sir Winston Churchill, spoke up after a Church of England priest suggested that Charles may not be suitable as king.



The drip, drip, drip effect of those who seek, for sport or gain, to hack away at the roots of our national institutions is extremely dangerous," Soames, food minister in the Department of Agriculture, told GMTV television. Charles was best man at Soames' first wedding in 1981.

The Daily Telegraph quoted Soames as saying: "He will inherit the throne and that is the end of the matter."

Soames' comments spawned big headlines in the tabloids today, including the Daily Mail's screamer: "CHARLES: I WILL BE KING."

With Queen Elizabeth II apparently in robust good health, it could be 20 years or more before the issue arises.

The succession has been a prominent subplot in Charles' fractured marriage. Some have questioned whether a divorced man could be supreme governor of the Church of England. There has been speculation Charles will give up the throne in favor of his son, Prince William.

The current rash of royal stories started with Princess Diana's announcement Friday that she was reducing her public role because she was fed up with media intrusions into her private life.

On Tuesday, George Austin, the Archdeacon of York, said that if the 45-year-old prince had a long-running extramarital affair, as has been alleged, he may be unsuitable to rule.

"He has broken the trust on one thing, and broken vows to God on one thing, how can he then go into church, into Westminster Abbey, and take the coronation vows?" Austin said in a BBC radio interview.

But others suggested that even if the prince has had an affair, that's no bar to succeeding such notable rakes as Henry VIII, Charles II and Edward VII.

Recent opinion polls indicate the British public takes a tolerant view of Charles' alleged behavior and a majority sees no reason why he could not be king.

Neo-Nazis guilty of 3 murders

BONN, Germany (AP) — A neo-Nazi got life in prison Wednesday and his sidekick 10 years for a 1992 firebombing that killed three Turks.

The ruling was hailed as proof that Germany is serious about locking up violent admirers of Adolf Hitler.

The term handed down to Michael Peters was the first life sentence for a neo-Nazi assailant since a wave of right-wing attacks began in 1990. Germany has no death penalty.

Peters, 26, and Lars Christiansen, 20, were convicted by a state supreme court in Schleswig for the Nov. 23, 1992, firebombing of a Turkish apartment house in Moelln, a town near Hamburg.

Christiansen's 10-year sentence is the maximum penalty for someone 21 years old or younger.

Justice authorities have been accused of being too lenient with young right-wing extremists or handling investigations so badly that acquittals were inevitable.

In his verdict, Judge Hermann Ehrlich said the two may have felt emboldened by anti-foreigner sentiment in German society.

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AP photo
An Israeli soldier takes up position during clashes Wednesday in the West Bank.

Building Israeli-Palestinian peace resembles war

JERUSALEM (AP) — Promising to "fight terror with all our strength," Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin detailed an important troop buildup in the occupied territories Wednesday despite next week's deadline for starting withdrawal.

A Jewish settler was shot in Bethlehem and several demonstrations in Jerusalem turned violent amid increasing signs Israel may postpone the troop withdrawal scheduled to begin Monday under the Israel-PLO peace accord.

U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher, acknowledging that the startup deadline is in jeopardy, said in Cairo that

Washington would not object to a short delay. And even though PLO chairman Yasser Arafat insisted the Dec. 13 start for the Israeli pullout is a "holy date" for Palestinians, his negotiators conceded a little extra time might be necessary.

Palestinians had asked the U.S. to pressure Israel on implementation, but Christopher's statement effectively backed the Israelis' go-slow approach.

"I prefer a good agreement which can survive without any future problems and is reached two weeks later, rather than an agreement which may not survive and which will

create misunderstandings," said Ziyad Abu Ziyad, a Palestinian negotiator.

Officials signaled it may take another summit between Rabin and Arafat next week to smooth the way for activating the peace agreement.

Under the accord, Israel is to start withdrawing its forces Monday from the Gaza Strip and Jericho on the West Bank; with full autonomy due by April. Arafat, visiting Germany, said Israel must adhere to the Monday startup if radical Palestinians are to be persuaded to lay down their arms.

Rabin sent special envoy Jacques Neriah to

Tunis to arrange for a summit with Arafat, according to an official who demanded anonymity.

The official said it was likely they would meet Monday in Cairo, where PLO and Israeli negotiators continued negotiating over treaty implementation.

Officials in Tunis had no immediate comment.

"We understand the importance of this timetable, of not prolonging this process too much," said Yossi Bellin, Israel's deputy foreign minister. "But if it takes another week I don't think it is the end of the world."

China jet hijacked to Taiwan

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP) — A Chinese businessman with a surgeon's knife hijacked a China Northern Airlines passenger plane to Taiwan Wednesday.

It was the eighth hijacking from China to Taiwan since April.

Beijing scrambled four fighter jets in an unsuccessful bid to stop the plane from flying to Taiwan, Defense Minister Sun Chen said. It was the first time China was reported to have taken such action, and could reflect the Beijing government's frustration at the rash of hijackings.

The plane seized Wednesday had been hijacked to Taiwan less than a month ago.

The MD-82 with 129 passengers and eight crew was hijacked en route from Qingdao in northeast China to Fuzhou in the southeast, police said.

Gao Jun, 25, from Shandong province, threatened a crew member with a knife, police said. He was accompanied by a woman, but police said she was not arrested because she was unaware of the hijack plot.

"I do not regret doing this. I do not want to go back. I did this because Taiwan is better than the mainland, and hijacking is the best way to get to Taiwan," Gao said in brief remarks to reporters after his arrest.

Two Taiwan Air force jets escorted the plane to a safe landing at Taipei International Airport at 2:40 p.m., Sun, the defense minister, told the legislature.

He said the Chinese fighters did not enter Taiwanese airspace, turning back after coming near the midpoint of the 110-mile-wide Taiwan Straits.

Skier convicted in skier's death

ALBERTVILLE, France (AP) — A French skier who struck and killed a British skier in the Alps has been convicted of involuntary manslaughter and fined \$500.

Serge Riazanoff, 33, was also given a three-month suspended sentence by the court Monday for causing the death of Nicola-Teresa Jones, 18, in Tignes, a court spokesman said.

Prosecutors said Riazanoff, who was skiing down an intermediate slope Jan. 15, failed to give priority to Miss Jones and struck her from behind, killing her instantly.

He was given a suspended sentence because he lacked a criminal record, said the court spokesman.

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Hagar the Horrible By Chris Browne

MY HAMLET IS SHARP AS A TACK.

NO KIDDING!

DOESN'T IT HURT WHEN YOU HUG HIM?

Beetle Bailey By Mort Walker

I HATE BEING THE YOUNGEST OFFICER IN CAMP.

NO ONE TAKES ME SERIOUSLY.

IT'S NOT FAIR.

Frank and Ernest By Bob Thaves

CRYOGENICS LAB

FREEZE CHAMBER

SO FAR, THE ONLY PERSON WE'VE HAD TO TURN DOWN WAS TINA TURNER... WE FIGURED WE COULDN'T EVEN GET HER COOLED DOWN. LET ALONE FROZEN!

The Born Loser By Art Sansom & Chip

I HAVE AN IDEA TO SIMPLIFY ALL OUR HOURLY-GIFT-BUYING THIS YEAR...

NO RUNNING FROM STORE TO STORE. WE'LL JUST GO TO THE BOOKSTORE AND GET EVERY ONE A GOOD BOOK! DON'T YOU THINK IT'S A GOOD IDEA?

LET'S JUST SAY I THINK IT'S A NOVEL IDEA.

For Better or For Worse By Lynn Johnston

HI, ELIZABETH!

DRAWN HAS NUMBER NOTICED THAT ANTHONY IS ALWAYS AROUND? I'VE GOT TO GO TO THE GYM, THERE'S ANTHONY!

EVERY TIME I TURN AROUND, THERE'S ANTHONY!

DON'T LOOK NOW, LIZ...

THERE'S ANTHONY!

Blondie By Dean Young & Stan Drake

THAT'S MY COUSIN, BUTCH. MUST BE THE BOYER.

DID YOU EVER SEE HIM FIGHT, DAD?

OH YEAH, MANY TIMES.

The Far Side By Gary Larson

AND BOY, WAS HE EVER A REAL GROWN PLEASER!

NO, THEY BELIEVED WATCHING HIM GET BEATEN UP.

Iggy knew he was extremely lucky to get a room with a view.

Dennis the Menace By Hank Ketchum

I'D LIKE TO BE A GOOD BOY, BUT A MAN'S GOT TO DO WHAT A MAN'S GOT TO DO.

The Family Circus By Bil Keane

"Mommy gets money from three places: the bank, the teller machine at the mall and from Daddy."

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- Structure
- Used the pool
- Course file
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- Small music groups
- Cleveland's lake
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- Air
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Sydney Omarr Horoscope

IF DECEMBER 9 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Before December is finished, you'll be engaged in new project or new love. In 1994, spotlight on commercial enterprise, added responsibility, marital status, possible addition to family. During January, burden is lifted, you'll receive invitation to travel, possibly overseas. In February, you make fresh start in new direction, gain added independence of thought, action.

ARIES (March 21-April 1): What had been merely subject of conversation will be nailed down as part of legal commitment. Focus on organization, partnership, cooperative efforts, marriage.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Review details, study fine print, become aware of latest source material. Distance, language barriers "evaporate." Accent universal appeal, realize for you there exists "soul mate."

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You'll be told, "You can talk your way into and out of anything!" Regard this as compliment - evidence of thought-forward; you'll also be told, "You're easy-on-the-eye!"

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Attention revolves around durable goods, quality products, household items, completion of long-standing negotiations. Adhere to unorthodox procedures - utilize elements of timing and surprise.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Keep options open - relative or close neighbor lets proverbial cat out of bag. Accent versatility, open lines of communication, prepare for possible journey.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Conundrum solved, you unite Gordian knot. Money that had been withheld will be released - scenario features finance, romance. You'll be dealing with passionate, dedicated people who become allies.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Secret will be revealed - to your advantage. Virgo figures prominently, will have these letters, initials in name: E, N, W. Cycle high, lake initiative, imprint style.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You'll hear music tonight! Family discussion disjunct - financial problems, however, you'll be told, "Life without you would be no life at all!"

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Those who said you could not win will be embarrassed, some will plead, "Please take us back!" You'll win friends, influence people; you'll have luck in matters of speculation, love.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): This is your kind of day - you'll utilize lessons learned as result of recent experiences. Personal relationships intense, decision time practically "forced upon you."

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Reach beyond previous expectations - old rules, regulations no longer apply. Focus on possible journey, publishing, ability to get message across. Added recognition results in applause, cash.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Darker areas of your life receive benefit of greater light - start something, take initiative, let go of status quo. Attention revolves around investments, possible inheritance. Leo involved.

Yesterday's Puzzle Solved

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Wife's book made Custer hero

What really promoted George Armstrong Custer into an historic hero was a schoolbook. His wife Elizabeth Bacon Custer wrote it. Her friend Mary Burt edited it. They called it "The Boy General." And schools used it as a grammar text.

Client asks, Who lived longer - Marie Antoinette or Marilyn Monroe? Credit Marie by one year. She was beheaded at age 37.

An old Russian proverb goes: "Under great oaks, only mushrooms grow."

Cliff-dwelling Indians in Southern Arizona cut designs in sea shells with acid from cactus juice - about 500 years before the Renaissance. Italians were "predilected with the question of etching..."

Actually, opals are a sort of wet sand, that's all.

Remarkable how the biologists list life forms. They claim that in their cautious categorization a sea urchin is less like a fish than it is a gorilla like art owl.

Odd thing about buttons is they were invented a dozen or so centuries before button holes.

Surveytakers turned up this fairly common denominator among people over age 100: They've tended lifelong to go to bed earlier and get up much earlier than average.

Report it there are 75,000 dams in the United States, give a dam or two.

Bathub water at the Equator drains near their clockwise or counter-clockwise but straight down.

Can you name any sport, besides tennis, that has more officials than players? Neither can I.

"Calm self-confidence is as far from conceit as the desire to earn a decent living is remote from greed." So said the wise Channing Pollock.

"Cavlar" comes from an Italian word. The Russian word for it is "Ira."

There has been some reference to the olive in every step of recorded history. A martini drinker told me that.

LM. Boyd
What's what?

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MAGISTRATE DIVISION Case No. CV93-3364 ALIAS SUMMONS HELEN C. BUEHLER aka H.C. BUEHLER Plaintiff

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WEST EAST NORTH SOUTH WEST EAST NORTH SOUTH

ANSWER: Pass. With a poor hand and two-card support of partner's trumps, South has nothing to gain and much to lose by bidding again.

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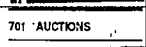
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Sports

Spartans edge Bruins

Twin Falls, Minico squads struggle offensively in 37-36 non-conference win

By Larry Hovey
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — One couldn't question the effort Twin Falls and Minico expended in their non-conference battle Wednesday night.

Minico weathered two shots by the Bruins in the final four seconds to post a 37-36 win. Both teams flew at each other defensively and both cracked the boards hard. But neither shot well and in those instances, the reticence in putting up shots resulted in turnovers.

And there were a lot of turnovers. Ironically, the game didn't start that way. Twin Falls took a while to get its first points but then popped into an 8-6 lead. It started wearing down at the six-minute mark and the middle quarters were marked by poor shooting.

But it's hard to blame it all on shooting because both teams were working on defense.

"Give Twin credit. They forced us into a lot of things we did not want to do," said Spartan Coach Gordon Kerbs. "But give our players some credit, too, because we played good defense against them."

The effort pleased Twin Falls Coach Ben Allen who worried about this team's intensity.

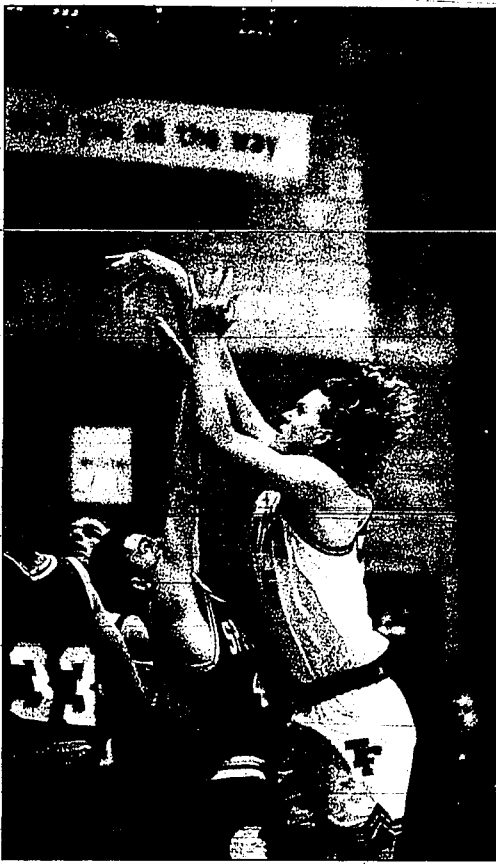
"I felt all along that if we played hard we had a chance. I was happy with our players tonight. We haven't been seeing that kind of effort in practice," Allen said.

The surprises of the night for Twin Falls were two: first, senior guard Brady Trenkle, one of Twin Falls' leading scorers from last year, couldn't get a field goal to drop. Second, senior center John Krahn had 16 points but was 2-10 from the foul line.

The Spartans made it tough on themselves by missing two free throws with 16 seconds left, getting the rebound and then missing the shot that would have sealed the victory.

The game had a very see-saw pace in that after Krahn had hit three straight Bruin field goals in the opening minutes to tie it at 6, neither side had consecutive field goals.

Please see MINICO/D2



Twin Falls center John Krahn shoots over the defense of Minico's Kody Ketterling Wednesday night.

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CSI begins chase for regionals

By Larry Hovey
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Basketball becomes a serious matter in the Scenic West Athletic Conference this weekend, and College of Southern Idaho opens its championship defense at Eastern Utah and Colorado Northwest Friday and Saturday.

Both the men and women will begin the chase for a spot in the regional finals — to be played in the southern division this year.

The women open against a tall Eastern Utah bunch at 5 p.m. Friday with the men's game starting about 7:30 p.m. After spending the night in Price, the Eagles motor to Rangely Saturday — and then the long overnight back home.

There aren't any easy trips in the Scenic West but this is a good opener for both new CSI coaches.

The men have had the advantage of seeing Eastern play twice — in the Arctic Circle Classic last week. Colorado was 1-9 going into last weekend.

Eastern's fortunes have tumbled from last year when an all-sophomore group — most of them in Division I from New Mexico to Montana State — was the only team capable of beating the Eagles.

With all that shouting and rebounding graduated, Coach Ron Stubbs didn't need to have two of his starters ejected for off-court disciplinary problems.

"Eastern obviously is not as talented as last year but they remind me of us," said Coach Steve Irons. "They're young and that means up and down. Last week they struggled on Friday and looked much better Saturday."

"I know they are going to be up for us. If I was a betting man, I'd bet we'll be seeing the best Eastern Utah team maybe of the year Friday night," he added.

Eastern has a couple of hurt ones in 6-10 sophomore Leon Carter and 6-8 freshman Cory Jones, who made the all-tourney team here last weekend. Jones can score from anywhere, evidenced last Saturday night when he had six 3-point goals.

Eastern is marshalled by freshman guard Malik Salim. The wings, 6-5 Russell Ellis and 6-4 Toby Bush, are very athletic.

Colorado Northwestern is also a young team, listing only three sophomores in its 15-man roster.

Freshmen carry the brunt of the rebounding with 6-8 Steve McCandless and 6-10 John Coors.

"When you hear a team is 1-9 you have a tendency to relax a little, especially if you're not used to being on the road," Irons said. "The two critical things for us against Colorado

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Courier named to Davis Cup team; others absent

WHITE PLAINS, N.Y. — Jim Courier was selected Wednesday to a U.S. Davis Cup team most notable for the absence of such stars as Pete Sampras, Michael Chang and Andre Agassi.

Courier, No. 2 in the ATP rankings and a Wimbledon finalist, was the only top U.S. player named to the team.

The other singles player on the squad announced by captain Tom Gullickson was Davis Cup newcomer Todd Martin, a Wimbledon quarterfinalist, ranked 13th in the world this year.

Playing doubles will be Patrick McEnroe and Richey Reneberg.

The team will play India in New Delhi March 25-27 in a first-round match.

NHL sues for right to sell jerseys with players' names

NEW YORK — The NHL filed suit against the NHL Players' Association on Wednesday, claiming its clubs have the right to sell team jerseys that carry the players' names.

Also named as plaintiffs in the suit in federal court were the Buffalo Sabres and NHL Enterprises, Inc. The NHL said its suit comes in response to recent threats by the NHLPA to sue a number of the league's teams and independent retailers unless they agreed to pay a fee for the use of players' names on jerseys.

LSU football players face dormitory theft charges

BATON ROUGE, La. — Two LSU football players, including top running back Jay Johnson, were arrested Wednesday and accused of stealing items worth more than \$5,000 from dormitory rooms.

Johnson and cornerback Robert Hawkins were booked on five counts of simple burglary and 38 counts of unauthorized use of an access card, campus police said.

Compiled from staff reports

Sportsquote

“The only time Jimmy didn't run up the score was 27 years ago, when he took the SAT.”

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— Sportscaster Jim Nantz on Dallas Cowboy Coach Jimmy Johnson

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Plotts stifles center in Bobcat win

By Brad Breland
Times-News writer

BURLEY — If Marsh Valley had the tallest player, Burley had the best player Wednesday.

Actually it was Bob Plotts who made the difference as Burley sent Marsh Valley to its first boys' basketball loss of the season 62-57 in a non-conference contest Saturday.

Plotts scored 15 points Wednesday and held Marsh Valley 6-foot, 6-inch center Kyle Jamieson scoreless for three quarters-plus in

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the victory.

The Bobcat pressure defense gave the Eagles fits early in the game as Burley bolted to a 16-5 lead. Two steals on inbound passes led to four points and with three from Plotts and a 3-pointer by Ben Woodhouse, Burley was cruising.

But Marsh Valley, living by the 3-pointer tied the game in the first. The Eagles made seven shots in the first quarter, four coming

from long range.

Burley made the first six points of the second quarter, boosting its lead to 10 points. The Bobcat defense held Marsh Valley without a field goal for five minutes.

Darren Howe, taking up the scoring slack left vacant by Jamieson, scored eight points in the second and tied the game at 45 with 1:33 left in the half.

A 3-pointer by Scott Sager broke the tie and gave the Bobcats the lead for good.

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AP All-America team

DEFENSE		OFFENSE	
Back Antonio Langham, Alabama, Sr.	Linebacker Trev Alberts, Notre Dame, Sr.	Wide receiver J.J. Stokes, UCLA, Jr.	
Back Aaron Glenn, Texas A&M, Sr.	Linebacker Derrick Brooks, Florida State, Sr.	Tackle Aaron Taylor, Notre Dame, Sr.	Guard Mark Dixon, Virginia, Sr.
Back Jeff Burris, Notre Dame, Sr.	Linebacker Dana Howard, Illinois, Jr.	Quarterback Charlie Ward, Florida State, Sr.	Running back LeShon Johnson, Northern Illinois, Sr.
Punter Terry Daniel, Auburn, Jr.	Linebacker Kevin Patrick, Miami, Sr.	Center Jim Pynch, Virginia Tech, Sr.	Running back Marshall Faulk, San Diego State, Jr.
	Back Jaime Mendez, Kansas State, Sr.	Guard Stacy Seegers, Clemson, Sr.	All-purpose David Palmer, Alabama, Jr.
		Tackle Wayne Gandy, Auburn, Sr.	Placekicker Bjorn Marten, UCLA, Fr.
		Wide receiver Johnnie Morton, Southern Cal., Sr.	
		Wide receiver Ryan Yarbrough, Wyoming, Sr.	

No surprise: Ward leads All-Americans

Seminole quarterback joins repeats Faulk, Taylor as top players in college football

The Associated Press



Ward Faulk

NEW YORK — Heisman Trophy favorite Charlie Ward, Lombardi Award winner Aaron Taylor and three-time selection Marshall Faulk were named to The Associated Press All-America college football team on Wednesday.

Faulk made the team for the third straight year, the first player to do that since Georgia's Herschel Walker from 1980-82. The San Diego State running back, who will skip his senior season to enter the NFL draft, led the nation with 24 touchdowns, was third in all-purpose yards and No. 5 in rushing.

Ward directed top-ranked Florida State's "fast-break" offense which led the NCAA in scoring with a 43.2-point average. The elusive quarterback was the nation's fourth-leading passer, completing 69 percent for 3,032 yards, 27 touchdowns and only four interceptions.

Taylor, the Lombardi winner as the nation's top lineman, and Rob Waldrop made the team for the second consecutive year.

Taylor, an offensive tackle from Notre Dame, anchored a line that opened holes for the country's sixth-best rushing attack. Waldrop, a nose guard for Arizona, spear-

headed a defense that gave up an NCAA-low 30.1 yards per game on the ground.

Joining Ward and Faulk in the backfield is Northern Illinois' LeShon Johnson, the nation's leading rusher with a 179.6-yard average. Johnson twice gained over 300 yards in a game and finished with the fourth highest rushing total (1,976 yards) in NCAA history.

Another record-setter, Wyoming's Ryan Yarbrough, leads a trio of wide receivers on the AP staff. The other pass catchers are J.J. Stokes of UCLA and Johnnie Morton of Southern Cal.

Yarbrough caught 67 passes for 1,512 yards to become the NCAA's all-time leader in receiving yardage leader with 4,357. He finished second in career touchdowns with 42.

Stokes tied a UCLA mark with

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Collette aids Minico win over Idaho Falls

The Times-News

RUPERT — Led by its sophomore starters, Minico downed Idaho Falls 54-42 in girls' basketball Tuesday to raise its record to 5-2 overall, 4-2 in Gem State Conference play.

Kaly Gillette paced the Spartans with 16 points and eight rebounds, Jackie Rasnick added 13 points and four steals.

Minico also got 11 points and six steals from junior Terry Davis and 10 points from senior Donna Henscheid.

Prep basketball

Jerome Juniors 68, Dietrich 68

DIETRICH — Chris Hall's single free throw with six seconds left gave the Jerome juniors a four-point lead, which iced a 68-66 win over Dietrich Tuesday night.

The Blue Devils, 0-3, trailed by 11 starting the fourth quarter but made a comeback led by Frank

Power and Chester Southwick, whose putbacks led to nine of his 16 points on the game in the final period.

"Frank was all over the floor, knocking the ball loose. That's what was helping us get back into the game," said Dietrich Coach Randy McCowan.

4 games tip off weekend prep action

The Times-News

Twin Falls plays host to Jerome, the Canyon Conference race gets started and two invitational basketball tournaments will highlight this weekend's prep basketball schedule.

"Action gets underway with four games tonight, Wood River traveling to Jerome for a South Central Idaho league game. Eiler invading Gooding in the Canyon Conference liftoff, Wendell entertaining Shoshone and Castelford taking the short hop to Buhl to play the Indian Jayvees.

Scores and stats

Basketball

NBA standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlanta	10	25
Charlotte	11	23
Boston	11	23
Phoenix	11	23
Philadelphia	11	23
New York	11	23
Washington	11	23
Indiana	11	23
Orlando	11	23
Chicago	11	23
Memphis	11	23
San Antonio	11	23
Dallas	11	23

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Portland	11	23
Utah	11	23
Los Angeles	11	23
Golden State	11	23
Seattle	11	23
Phoenix	11	23
San Diego	11	23
Los Angeles	11	23
L.A. Clippers	11	23
Sacramento	11	23

NBA leaders

NEW YORK (AP) — NBA individual scoring, rebounding and assists leaders through Dec. 7.

Player	Team	Points	Rebounds	Assists
Michael Jordan	Chicago	33	11	11
Scottie Pippen	Chicago	21	11	11
Patrick Ewing	New York	21	11	11
Charles Barkley	Philadelphia	21	11	11
Scottie Pippen	Chicago	21	11	11
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Wednesday night's opener against Minico when the Bruins got full, both 3-pointers in the final minutes.

The rest of Friday night falls in the non-conference realm. DeLo travels to Malta for its first intramural season with Ruff River. Gianni Squabbie will knock off Cassis Ferry entertains Kinnock in the closest-to-home game either side will have this year.

Shoshone will be in Hagerman while the Oakley Hornets will test the Minico Jayvees at Rupert.

The first round of the Snake River Holiday tournament is set for Kimberly with Murtagh playing Valley at 6:30 p.m. and Kimberly going against Malin at 8:15 p.m. in the consolation game.

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17 TD catches, including a school-record 95-yarder against Washington. Horton, Southern Cal's all-time leading receiver, tied a Pac-10 record with 78 catches this season and set a league mark with 1,373 receiving yards.

The all-purpose player is Alabama's David Palmer, who was used as a runner, receiver, quarterback, punt returner and kickoff returner. Palmer set school records with 61 receptions for touchdowns and gained more than 100 all-purpose yards in every game.

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Woodhouse chipped in 10 in the balanced scoring effort for the Bobcats, who take to the road Saturday to test the No. 1-ranked Sugar-Salem Diggers.

Minico Valley — Headed 3-0-2-2; Junction 2-0-2-2; Johnson 2-2-1-1; Frame 1-0-0-0; Brown 0-0-0-0; Brevard 0-0-0-0; Total 23-0-2-2.

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"I'm real pleased," said Burley Coach Bill Cowell. "Because Marsh Valley is such a good team. We worked so hard."

The lead was threatened again in the third quarter when Howpe made two baskets in a row cutting the lead to two points, but Burley battled back.

The last Freshman Day run came with a minute left when Burley held a four point advantage. Two Sager free throws and one by Woodhouse in the closing minutes gave the victory to Minico.

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At one point in the fourth quarter, Minico had one shot in eight possessions, even times turning it over and most of those on passes out of bounds.

"For a year and a half we've been telling them to back out and other things to break down that pressure," Kerbs concluded. "Until we do, we're going to have trouble with defensive feasts."

Minico finished 10-19-23-7. Total 10-19-23-7. Frame 1-0-0-0; Brown 0-0-0-0; Brevard 0-0-0-0; Total 23-0-2-2.

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will be to hit the floor ready to play and control the tempo. They undoubtedly will not let a slow pace to their credit nor will they dictate to the opponent.

Iron's said 6-8 redshirt freshman Rob Preston will be rejoining the team after missing last week-with a leg muscle pull. Sophomore transfer Marco Lovett will rest the stress fracture in his leg another week.

The addition of 6-4 Amber McEwen has made Coach Joel Bate's team a tall, one in opponent's eyes. But not as tall as Eastern Utah.

Carey places 8 players on honor squad

The Times-News

League champion and state 8-man runner up Carey field eight positions on the All-Sawtooth Conference football team.

Richfield, second in the league, and a playoff qualifier, took up another four of the 18 first-team spots and landed Dave Zamora as the Coach of the Year winner.

Carey senior Lyman Kirkland earned first-team honors at running back and defensive end. Panther junior Cameron Cook was first-team punter and line-backer along with second team quarterback.

Bob Anderson of Richfield made the first team as offensive end and linebacker.

Blaine's first-team line included in league play, had running back-linebacker Zach Shetter earn two-year first-team honors.

- All Sawtooth Conference football Offense:
- Fullback — Clayton Seaman, Jr., Clark County
 - Quarterback — Zach Shetter, Blaine
 - Running backs — Zach Shetter, Blaine; Lyman Kirkland, Carey
 - Wide receivers — Matt Harris, Richfield
 - Punter — Cameron Cook, Carey
- Second team:
- Ends — Caleb Hovena, Sr., Shoshone, Ed
 - Nearby, Jr., Camas County
 - Linebackers — Jason Ward, Sr., Richfield; Matt Harris, Richfield
 - Quarterback — Clayton Seaman, Jr., Clark County
 - Running backs — Zach Shetter, Blaine; Lyman Kirkland, Carey
 - Wide receivers — Matt Harris, Richfield
 - Punter — Cameron Cook, Carey
- Defense:
- Linebackers — Jason Ward, Sr., Richfield; Matt Harris, Richfield
 - Quarterback — Clayton Seaman, Jr., Clark County
 - Running backs — Zach Shetter, Blaine; Lyman Kirkland, Carey
 - Wide receivers — Matt Harris, Richfield
 - Punter — Cameron Cook, Carey

NCAA committee studies playoff system for football

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — White fans clamor for an NCAA football playoff, the idea puts reform-minded presidents in a devil of a dilemma.

"If we're going to sell our souls to Lucifer on this, let's make sure we get paid," Wake Forest president Thomas Hearn said.

A Division I-A playoff would generate millions of dollars, but it also could cause problems. That's why the NCAA has decided to appoint a committee to study the positives and negatives of a playoff.

"We need to make a decision, one way or the other," said Judith Albino of Colorado, incoming head of the Presidents Commission, which has been charged with the task of studying the issue.

"If the answer is no, then fine. If it's yes, then we go on with our lives but with a different approach."

Albino instructed UCLA chancellor Charles Young to form the study committee, which could result in a vote on the playoff issue at the 1995 NCAA convention. At the 1988 convention, Division I-A schools overwhelmingly rejected a proposal to even consider a playoff.

'We need to make a decision, one way or the other.'

— Judith Albino, Colorado president

A playoff could affect everything from conference realignment to gender equity, the movement to give women's sports equal funding with men's teams.

Most significantly, it would require a sharp about-face by the Presidents Commission, which has tried to reduce the influence of big money in college sports.

"If a vote were taken today, it would be overwhelmingly defeated by the Presidents Commission," said Hearn, a leader in the reform effort.

"It would not be close. But that's because nobody has conducted the study yet."

Last June, Nike made a playoff proposal to the Presidents Commission. Several other groups, including

the College Football Association, also have floated playoff plans.

"We keep letting everybody else talk about, companies like Nike, the press and everybody else," Albino said. "We're keeping the notion alive without ever coming to terms with it ourselves. I just think we need to come to terms with it."

Albino said she hopes the study will answer major questions about a playoff.

"My athletic director tells me football players miss less class and less time than athletes in other areas," she said. "If that's true, then perhaps there's a misperception about how serious an issue that is."

As for pressure on coaches and players to win, Albino said: "I don't know how it could be any worse. It's pretty bad as it is."

Hearn said he's not convinced a playoff would be a financial bonanza. "I happen to believe there is not tens and hundreds of millions of dollars in new money," he said. "But now at last we're going to find out."

Hazing story drives Utah boy from school

SMITHFIELD, Utah (AP) — Brian Seamons, who went public with his story of a humiliating and painful high school hazing incident, has left Sky View High School out of fear for his safety.

His father, Sherwin Seamons, said the 17-year-old high school junior moved in with relatives in Emery County and would attend Emery High School. The elder Seamons said Brian's decision to transfer came after a meeting with Sky View principal Myron Benson and Cache School Superintendent Larry Jensen. Both said Brian Seamons could be in jeopardy if he remained at school.

"We're not going to chance it," he said.

Brian Seamons spoke out after teammates on the Sky View football team taped him naked to a towel rack after practice Oct. 11. He was bound hand and foot, his genitals were strapped to the metal rack and then a girl had dated was led into the locker room.

He made enemies of many of his teammates — and their parents — when Cache School District officials canceled the team's remaining games. He told the story to a national audience Nov. 9 on "Donahue."

Since then, Jensen said there have been a number of confrontations between Brian and other students.

although no punches had been thrown. He and Benson visited the Seamons Saturday to discuss the incidents, but said they did not advise Brian to leave the school.

No disciplinary action has been taken against individual students either for the hazing or other confrontations. Asked if Brian Seamons was the aggressor, Jensen said, "I might be saying that."

Sherwin Seamons said his son told him he had been provoked by other students. "He's one against the whole senior football team," Sherwin said.

The family continues to receive telephone threats, he said.

White Brian's relationship with some students hasn't been smooth since the incident, Jensen said parents are also part of the problem.

A group of parents of other football players unsuccessfully tried to get a court injunction to stop the district from canceling the football season. Students held a protest rally and Brian missed four days of school to let the excitement abate.

Jensen, who was assigned by the district to monitor the situation, said the students have mostly calmed down. "My sense is that the kids are fine," he said. "We're still struggling with some adults. I'd say a handful of parents are still trying to process what happened."

Steeler says he can pass

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback Neil O'Donnell says his arm has not fully healed, but he can still throw deep.

O'Donnell, who has a bruised shoulder and recurring elbow tendinitis, has thrown for 200 yards only once in four weeks. His longest completion in Sunday's 17-14 victory over New England was for 17 yards, and the Steelers' net second-half passing was minus-5 yards.

O'Donnell often overlooked open

receivers downfield, leading to speculation his arm isn't strong enough to complete deep routes. He was pulled late in the Steelers' 23-3 loss at Houston on Nov. 28 with shoulder pain, and he sat out one day's practice last week.

"Some days my arm feels great, other days it's not that great," he said Wednesday. "But I'm fine and I'm capable of playing."

O'Donnell also said he is feeling the same fatigue many players feel in December, late into a long NFL season.

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Football powerhouses help West Virginia dispel 'hillbilly' image

CHARLESTON, W.Va. (AP) — The only thing West Virginia used to lead the nation in was unemployment and hillbilly jokes. But make no joke about it, this is now football country.

It would take some doing, but it's not inconceivable that West Virginia could win three national college football championships this season. West Virginia in Division I-A, Marshall in Division I-AA and Glenville State College in NAIA Division I all are possible champions.

"West Virginia is exceeding on all fronts because of its winning attitude," Gov. Gaston Caperton said.

West Virginia University is ranked third

'West Virginia is exceeding on all fronts because of its winning attitude.'

— Gov. Gaston Caperton

in the nation and is one of three remaining unbeaten teams in Division I-A. The Mountaineers (11-0) play No. 8 Florida (10-2) on New Year's Day in the Sugar Bowl with a possible co-national championship on the line.

Defending champion Marshall (10-3)

plays Troy State (12-0-1) in an NCAA I-AA semifinal on Saturday in Huntington, W.Va. Also Saturday, Glenville State (10-2) is at East Central, Okla., (9-3) in the NAIA Division I championship game.

"I think it's definitely unique that a state that's as sparsely populated as West Virginia has three teams this close to winning a national championship," Glenville State coach Rich Rodriguez said.

"The chances of it even happening in a big state with a large population and a lot of schools are slim," Rodriguez said.

With about 1.8 million people, West Virginia is smaller in population than Chicago and barely bigger than Houston.

The state has 11 football-playing universities and colleges. West Virginia is the only Division I-A team, while Marshall is the only Division I-AA team.

So, what's the secret?

"I think it speaks well of the fact that the high school football in the area is excellent," said ESPN analyst and former college football coach Lee Corso.

West Virginia and Glenville State are within driving distance of Pennsylvania, which has some of the best high school football players in the country. Marshall is close to Ohio and Kentucky, also recruiting hotbeds.

All three schools also have made suc-

cessful forays far beyond the state line. West Virginia spent \$20 million on 63,500-seat Mountaineer Field in 1980 and has steadily upgraded it. Marshall unveiled a new, \$30 million stadium in 1991.

Marshall's posh facilities have helped the Herd land five I-AA playoff games at home since 1991 and caused one opposing coach to term the playoffs "The Marshall Invitational." The stadium will be site of the I-AA championship game on Dec. 18, even if the Herd doesn't participate.

Glenville State, with much less money to spend, still has spruced up its field and added a modern weight room.



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Outdoors

Next big controversy: Predators

By now it should be plain that the next major collision between the Department of Fish and Game and its constituency is going center on predation.

The why is easily understood. In the past several years, about the only major increase in upland-type species seen in Magic Valley has been in avian and mammalian predators.



Larry Hovey
Outdoors

In a whirlwind match that deluged Magic Valley in five years, the fox population went from zero to perhaps the major factor in upland populations.

Where 10 years ago a crow was seldom seen in Twin Falls, thousands can be heard raucously returning from nearby agricultural areas to taller in-city trees for roosting.

In the late 1940s, magpies — 7 cents per head, 2 cents per egg — were rather rare sights hereabouts. The greatest scavenger of them all, sea gulls, are protected. Skunks have increased enormously.

The move to agricultural areas by families that can't even irrigate but let their dogs and cats run loose is another major liability.

And, don't let the Boise folks hear this, but returning "chicken hawks" to the exalted station of having their own national preserve has been the death-knell for hundreds of young pheasants and chukars.

Take it a step farther into big game. Now the hunter is being told that having 100 timber wolves in Idaho would be wonderful. They would figure very prominently into the equation of hunter harvest and winter loss.

It is at this point that the department is asking for hunter help in getting renewal of the upland game state stamp. It is designed to generate funding for on-ground improvements that answer the ills of habitats.

In the last five years, the stamp has funded 2,000 projects and 37,000 acres. Laudable, but hunters at Gooding last week weren't impressed. Urban sprawl probably caused the equal amount of loss.

So the battle line is easily drawn. The department says the fault lies in loss of habitat.

Anyone who has lived around here for the past 40-50 years can easily see the difference in the way it was and the way clean farming practices, fall plowing and spring burning has made it.

On the other side, hunters can state that \$1.5 million hasn't dented the matter of habitat loss and argue that results of \$1.5 million in predator control could be immediately seen.

The call for stamp support fell on rather dubious ears the other night.

One hunter probably voiced the thought of the remaining 35 when he said the stamp plan was doomed, "unless you address the predator problem. Hawks and fox take pheasants and chukars quicker than hunters."

Another said "you are asking us to support the stamp but you're telling us you're not going to change much" in the way the funds are directed.

The fox has become the most hated species in upland hunters' eyes.

And there is great doubt that the sudden emergence of fox as a major player in the predation game wasn't department-sponsored.

There are many who strongly aver that Idaho planted fox.

"I remember when I was just a little kid. My dad took me out north of Rupert and we watched them let fox go out of a truck," says Brad Neibaur. "I was little but I still remember the guys letting them go had badges."

"I very clearly remember one morning when I was about 10 listening to the radio that Stu Murrell (then regional conservation educator for the department's Jerome office) said some fox had been released," maintains Ralph Conant, Twin Falls.

The department is adamantly denying any such thing. This corner knows of two historic instances of fox releasing in Magic Valley. The first was many, many years ago when a fox rancher in Cassia County found prices too low to continue and simply turned his eating dependents loose.

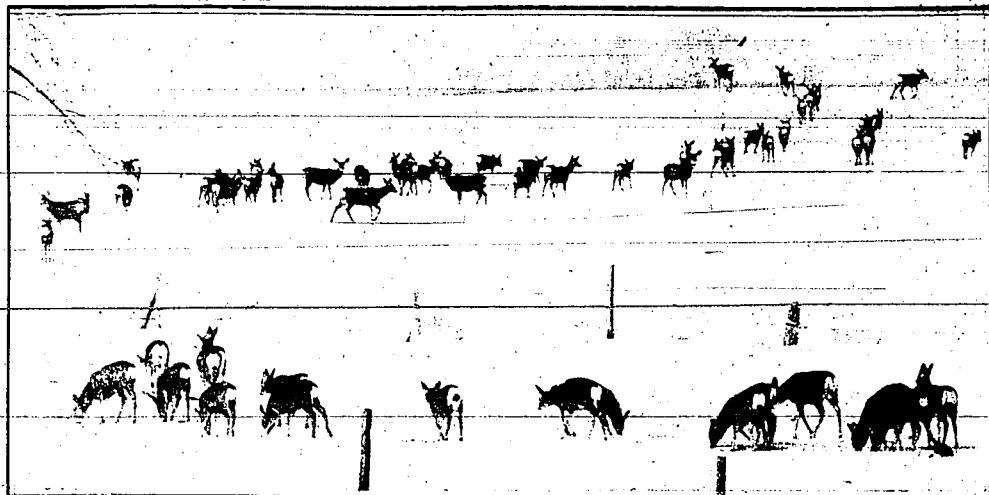
But that was so long ago — in the teens as this corner hears it — that it had no impact. Fox didn't become a Cassia County fixture, the old truth that game species can't revert to the wild successfully.

More recently, a fox rancher in the Carey area did away with his overhead by opening the doors.

But the truth, as can best be determined, is that suddenly things became "right" for an explosion of fox on the entire continent.

This corner has told you several times that in 1975, Pacific Furs in Jerome purchased six fox pelts from trappers and all

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Winter survival rates of deer have caused hunters to question Fish and Game's policies.

Fish and Game seeks comment

Agency decides to go to public before it devises preliminary management plans

By Larry Hovey
Times-News writer

GOODING — Magic Valley big game hunters will be invited to participate in game management while the paper is still blank starting this year.

Carl Nellis, Magic Valley region supervisor, addressing sportsmen at a Region IV Wildlife Council hearing last week, said the local office will reverse the first two steps of its regulation-fixing process.

A group of perhaps 35 hunters showed up for the meeting which largely was sighted-in on deer mortality in the desert from north Glens Ferry east to north of Gooding.

A large loss to winter last year followed by considerable antlerless hunting sparked the concern among hunters.

A major stickler from the hunter viewpoint was the 1,200 antlerless depredation hunt scheduled for the area this fall. It was closed by emergency edict of state Fish and Game Director Jerry Conley two days before its scheduled opening.

In response to "how can that happen" questions, Nellis said it was a matter of department review and concern from landowner complaints.

Nellis said the regional office had not



'When you (hunters) don't show up at these public hearings we hold every year, we assume that you are happy with the way things are going.'

— Fish and Game regional supervisor Carl Nellis, on the importance of public comment on management plans

recommended the number of permits issued for the area.

"Who made the final decision? This is something we need to know," said Dave Bruhn of Hagerman.

Nellis said the final decision simply climbs the chain of command from regional biologists through regional manager and supervisor, to state resource manager and up, finally, to enactment by the Fish and Game Commission.

Nellis pointed out that in three public hearings on big game regulations last year, very few people showed up and few spoke to the matter of permit allowances.

On the other end, landowners were talking to legislators and Boise headquarters

people about the damage being done. And state headquarters was aware of the depredation problems that had plagued the area in most winters since 1982.

For that reason, the higher figures were established.

"This time the people who wanted more harvest had almost all the input and their point was made. If hunters aren't going to participate, their views will not be considered."

"When you (hunters) don't show up at these public hearings we hold every year, we assume that you are happy with the way things are going," he pointed out.

The other problem, he said, was the inauguration of the two-year regulation.

"If it had started in 1991-1992, we

wouldn't be here tonight. But it started in 1992 and, except for emergency closure, we were tied into the 1993 regulations," Nellis said.

Later in the week, the Fish and Game Commission abolished the two-year option.

Nellis said he couldn't predict permit limits for next year but added "I would guess that the number of antlerless permits will be down across southern Idaho."

Hunter emphasized that mortality in King Hill canyon reached well beyond the estimates of the department.

"Is it true you hauled 1,000 dead deer out of King Hill canyon this spring," one hunter asked.

Nellis said the department hadn't.

The questioner then said word around Glens Ferry was that in excess of 1,000 carcasses littered the canyon floor this spring.

"That would be a conservative estimate," replied Nellis, who suggested something over 2,000 as the more probable number.

Nellis said department surveys indicated that 80 percent of the fawn crop died last winter. He said the number of adults does

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Hunters question use of upland game stamp

By Larry Hovey
Times-News writer

GOODING — Hunters aren't real sure they're getting a lot of bang out of their bucks and remain rather lukewarm to renewal of the Idaho upland game stamp until some benefit can be shown.

The state legislature approved sale of the stamp for a 5-year run and will be looking at renewing the legislation next year.

But Magic Valley's remnant pheasant population that has just barely been able to hang on since the killer winter of 1982-83, is showing little sign of rebounding. And until pheasant and chukar hunting improves, hunters will remain reluctant in supporting renewal.

"You are asking us to support the stamp

but you're telling us you're not going to change much," said one hunter at a public hearing in Gooding.

The hunters saw the situation much more black and white than the Idaho Department of Fish and Game.

"Unless you address the predator problem, nothing is going to improve. Hawks and fox take pheasant faster than hunters," one nirod said.

Another noted "we need some birds planted. That's how they got started in this country. I've been out (hunting) six times this fall and haven't raised a gun. I can't see keeping the stamp if it isn't going to improve."

The group got a little more excited when told the department had spent \$1.5 millions

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Hunters wonder if low game populations have made the 5-year renewal of the 'First of State' Idaho Upland Game Stamp a moot issue.

Northside family honored for wildlife concern

By Larry Hovey
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — After an early life of hunting and farming, Bob Henry felt it was time to put something back.

As a result, Henry, his wife Colleen and sons, Bob Jr., and Jeff, doing business as the Valley View Ranch, have been honored as Magic Valley region's Wildlife Landowners of the year.

Richard and Carla Tew's of Shoshone, nominated by the Wood-River soil conservation district, were named runners-up at the Magic Valley Landowner appreciation banquet Monday night in Twin Falls.

The senior Henry said his decision to share the land with upland game started three years ago when the family moved from the Hunt to the Valley View Ranch in the Gap area of Jerome County.

"We could see the bird populations had been bad and weren't getting any better," said Henry, who was a crackerjack pheasant and goose hunter in past years.

His sons pitched into the idea whole-

'We could see the bird populations had been bad and weren't getting any better.'

— Bob Henry, Valley View Ranch

heartedly, feeding pheasants over the past three winters.

Henry then contacted the Idaho Department of Fish and Game regional office in Jerome and biologist Randy Smith and landowner-sportsman coordinator Mike McDonald had a lot of ideas.

First, the Henrys decided eight acres of land to the department.

"The department rented a carryall and Bob junior made an acre lake," Henry said. "The boys fenced in the eight acres with fencing purchased by the BLM to keep out the cattle. The BLM seeded grasses and started willows on the plot

and they expect to add shrubs and trees over the next two years."

Henry said the site, being the end of a drainage canal, was ideal. In addition, the Henrys don't fall plow, they leave nesting cover wherever possible and also leave some food plots.

Last year, about 160 head of deer and antelope wandered onto the property from the desert.

"The department offered to panel the haystacks to keep them away but I felt farming had been good to me and I owed something back. So we just left one stack for the deer and antelope to use for the winter," Henry said.

The Henrys have noticed a sharp improvement in pheasant populations since they started the projects.

"Last winter with that heavy snow cover, the pheasants would move into feed area below the house. Smith and McDonald stood on the rim several times and counted 160 to 200 birds there," Henry said.

"This year we still have a cornfield un-

harvested but I don't think we're seeing the number of birds. We still have some but I don't think it would reach 200."

Henry said the family always allows permission to hunt for those who stop by to ask "except that eight-acre patch. That's for the pheasants," he said with a smile.

Dr. Kent Marlor, Rexburg, Idaho Fish and Game advisory committee vice chairman, cited similar dedication by the Tew's on their property northeast of Shoshone.

"The Tew's run a hunting preserve on the property and are allowing it to revert to its natural state wherever feasible.

They allow no fall plowing or burning and are not using herbicides to reduce the tules and reeds growing on the ranch's waterway. They have constructed a pond for wetland denizens and the property is liberally sprinkled with food plots, intended to help upland game over the winter.

The Tew's also are instructors in the hunter education courses and are active members in Ducks Unlimited, Pheasants Forever and Nature Conservancy.

Briefly

Steelhead regs move to general booklet

BOISE — Steelhead anglers headed for the stream on Jan. 1 won't find the familiar yellow spring steelhead regulation brochures at Idaho Fish and Game offices and license vendors.

The rules are not part of the regular booklet of fishing seasons and regulations. They are on page 52.

Anglers are reminded they must have a 1994 fishing license and steelhead permit.

Tabloid contains Hunter's Rally form

BOISE — The next issue of Idaho Fish and Game News, the quarterly tabloid of the Idaho Department of Fish and Game, will have a clip and mail application form for Idaho Hunter's Rally to be held Jan. 22.

The News also will have other details of the rally.

The rally is planned to generate grassroots strategies to preserve Idaho's hunting heritage. It will originate at Boise State University and be transmitted by satellite to locations in Coeur d'Alene, Lewiston, Twin Falls, Pocatello and Idaho Falls.

Individuals may be at any of the locations where they will work to identify the most serious threats to hunting and develop strategies to negate them.

The News should be available in mid-December at department offices and license vendors statewide.

Bear violation bring ban for guide

POCATELLO — A Utah hunting guide who helped a client poach a Utah black bear has been barred from hunting, fishing, trapping or guiding in Idaho for five years.

Dennis Wilson of Parowan, Utah, pleaded guilty to helping a client pass off a black bear killed illegally in Utah as an Idaho bear last June.

"This is not the Lewis and Clark expedition. We live in a civilization," 6th District Judge William Woodland said as he sentenced Wilson on the felony and three misdemeanor charges on Monday.

Wilson and Wade Lemon, Holden, Utah, freed the bear in Iron County, Utah on June 10 — three days after Utah's bear hunting season closed.

Wilson then phoned a Nevada hunter who drove to the area and killed the freed bear. The method is called a will-call hunt and is illegal in Utah, even in season. Will-call hunts are legal in Idaho.

Wilson brought the bear to Pocatello, claiming it was legally killed near Challis, Idaho Game Conservation Office. Bill London became suspicious and an investigation in both states led to charges.

Woodland fined Wilson \$800, but suspended a one-year jail term. Wilson also was fined \$300 on misdemeanor charges and received a 60-day suspended jail term on each of three counts.

Officers said Wilson pleaded guilty in Utah to unlawful transportation of protected wildlife, was fined \$1,000 and his 1984 pickup truck was confiscated.

Poisoning rumors fly after hawk's death

PULLMAN, Wash. — Someone trying to get rid of pest birds apparently is killing other creatures as well, says a Washington State University veterinarian.

A Clatskanie man on Sunday brought a sick red-tailed hawk to the WSU veterinary clinic, where it died from apparent poisoning, Erik Stauber, birds of prey specialist, said Wednesday.

A post-mortem examination showed the hawk had eaten starlings, which are normally too agile for red-tails to catch. That may indicate someone had poisoned the starlings, Stauber said.

Whoever poisoned the starlings probably didn't realize their actions could cause the deaths of hawks and other animals, he said.

Compiled from wire reports

Blaine district will groom trails again

KETCHUM — Area Ranger Paul Ries has announced that a special use permit has been issued to Blaine County Recreation District for grooming the North Valley trail system within the Sawtooth National Recreation Area.

The permit includes authorization to groom cross country ski trails in the Galena Lodge and Prairie Creek areas, North Fork and the Boulder Mountain trail. The ski trail system was groomed by the district last winter.

Last winter more than 18,000 cross country skiers used the system.

The permit authorizes the district to collect a trail fee. Ries stressed that fees are only charged for skiing groomed trails.

"Folks not wanting to pay a fee or seeking a less-developed experience can still find plenty of spots to break their own trail into the woods," Ries said. "This permit is issued to provide the opportunity to ski on well-maintained trails with prepared tracks, skating lanes, signing and services."

The annual permit may again be analyzed and the permit modified at some future point if Galena Lodge sells.

"We don't want to close the door on the possibility of the lodge regaining the ability to groom ski trails but winter is upon us and there are no sales pending," Ries said.



The Wood River Valley is a popular haven for cross-country skiing. The system is easily accessed from numerous Ketchum. Question regarding the system should be directed to Blaine County Recreation District, 788-2117.

In order to provide the needs of skiers with dogs, the following dog trails will again be groomed:

- West of Highway 75 at Galena Lodge, the Billy's Bridge Trail at Prairie Creek (east side of Highway 75), the North Fork trail and Boulder Mountain trail between Easley Hot Springs and the Sawtooth NRA headquarters. All other sections of the trail system are closed to dogs.

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over 2,000 projects encompassing 37,000 acres.

Dale Thomas, Gooding, chairman of the Region IV Wildlife Council and a major participant in the county and state Pheasants-Forever movement, noted that the state will participate on a matching fund basis with county groups.

The state has granted more matching funds to Gooding than any county in the area — and it has the best hunting, too.

But Thomas noted "we had one plot that had zero birds in it and it's very hard to keep the landowner's interest in a situation like that."

The upland stamp program will be directed into "more intensive" studies areas, trying to match the requirements of the birds to managed plots.

Tom Mader's pheasant study in Gooding County, has shown nesting success was reasonable, something in the 30 percent range. If nesting success is less than 30 percent, a ground

nesting bird will not make it.

There was evidence that moving from nesting to rearing cover exposed chicks to predation.

Mader currently is putting the finishing touches on his report — which doubles for his masters thesis at University of Idaho — and it's final conclusions will be shared at a public meeting with Mader leading the discussion.

But the hunters returned to the matter of predation, largely on the huge influx of fox that occurred in this area from 1975 through 1980. The predator, invading from southeastern Idaho, engulfed all possible habitat in five or six years and became the major mammalian predator by 1985 as far north as Camas Prairie.

At the same time, increased protection and energy has been expended to rebuild DDT-shrivelled avian predators — hawks and eagles — and these have become major players in keeping chukar and pheasant numbers down.

With the fur market down, the harvest of foxes, skunks and other fur-bearing predators is virtually at a standstill.

Also complicating the picture is the huge increase of "country square" type houses in rural areas where city-

based workers follow up purchase of the home with at least one big dog and a cat and then let them run at will.

Feral cats have become major predators and uncontrolled dogs are particularly dangerous to birds and eggs in ground nests.

Magpies and raven/crows also came under blame.

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and bucks ranged in the "near normal" averages of 5 to 8 percent and yearling (year and a half) mortality was higher than usual.

Hunters said the department's estimate of adult mortality was too low.

On the matter of winter feeding, Nellis said the department spent \$875,000 last year and fed "only an estimated three to four percent of the big game in the state."

The big menace, he said, was "if we ever get brucellosis on a feeding ground, the state livestock industry will go wild. Idaho is considered a brucellosis-free state. But if the disease shows up on a feeding site, it is going to spread because direct con-

tact with aborted fetuses causes infection."

Asked if it was possible for the area to have a similar disaster this winter, Nellis said he doubted it.

He noted last year, winter and snow hit the area on Nov. 9 and lingered well into late February.

"The length of winter is as important as severity," he said. "Right now we are in good shape because the weather has been moderate and there's little snow cover."

"But the big thing is, the condition of the animals going into this winter is unusual," Nellis noted. The end of the six-year drought provided excellent forage across the region and all big game went into the winter with excellent fat supplies.

"At the end," Nellis said the region

would now seek public input first, and that into regional recommendations and send them to Boise for final enactment. In the past, the region has formulated its draft first, presented it to the public for comment and then re-drafted to include pertinent suggestions before delivery to Boise.

"Our fear in this would be hunter overreaction," said Nellis, wherein conservative harvest would be fostered and "we would have to go back to depredation hunts in another three years."

He agreed with the hunters that the non-hunting segment of the public has trouble understanding game management. "It is hard to explain how at times it is necessary to kill deer to save them," he said.

Hovey

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were from eastern Idaho. By 1980, the company was buying 50K and all were from Magic Valley.

Trouble was that while foxes were burgeoning, the "hate fur" philosophy was growing. The raw pelt price fell and so did trapping.

The general direction of this "fox wellings" was from Deelo to Fairfield — and no part was spared.

But it didn't end here. Right now Ducks Unlimited of Canada is laying a great portion of the great duck population depression of the past few years squarely on the increase of foxes. They weren't there, either, 20 years ago.

Now DU says predation is making it impossible for duck populations to grow. In its summer magazine, DU said it has become this much of a problem: If a female duck could replace herself in the course of her lifetime, duck populations would not be dwindling.

Of course, habitat is the problem there, too. A duck nesting in 10 feet of cover, around a farm pond is vulnerable to a greater degree of discovery by predators than one nesting in the middle of a 160-acre patch of shoulder-high grass.

But the key point is this: rebuilding habitat on public and public land is such an expensive and time consuming chore, it can not in and

of itself save upland populations at current funding levels. Remember, DU has spent in excess of \$657,000,000 on habitat enhancement since the mid-1930s and the continent has never had fewer ducks.

Predator control mightn't have any more impact, but it is a highly visible undertaking that would find great support among hunters.

DU unleashed what it called "intensive" predator control on one of

its projects and increased production by 81 percent. Those are the kinds of figures Idaho's beleaguered upland hunters are aching to hear.

There is no reason to suspect that the upland stamp won't be renewed by the legislature in the next month or two. But something good had better happen over the next five years.

Rebellion is building in the ranks.

(Larry Hovey is a sportswriter for the Times-News.)

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Catfishing by hand highly hazardous

The Washington Post

PELAHATCHIE, Miss. — Hand-grabbing for catfish is a very tricky, and sometimes very dangerous, sport.

The flathead catfish do not have sharp spines, but their blunted teeth work like the hooked half of Velcro, making an inserted hand difficult to remove. Craig Cotten, a medical technician, has hyperventilated while struggling with a fish. One of the Herrington boys used up a tank of air fighting a stubborn tabby.

When R.P. "Doc" Herrington pulls his poutson boat up to a submerged catfish house, Cotten, wearing gloves and a wetsuit tattered from previous battles, lowers himself into the water and searches, ever so delicately, for the hidden house. If he bumps into the house, the fish might flee, and so his movements are slow and careful, though all a spectator can see from the surface are bubbles.

"When you go down, it's as peaceful and quiet as can be," Cotten said. "You can't hear the boat, and it's completely dark, black, like the inside of a closet. You move by feel. Real quiet. Sometimes, you can hear him in there, making his clicking sounds." A warning. Back off.

Once he has found the house, Cotten quickly shows his legs into the opening, trapping the fish inside. He carries with him a 10-foot pole, tipped with barbed wire. Using the pole, he slowly probes the corners and back of the house, searching for the fish by feel.

"When that barbed wire hits him, he'll come alive," Cotten said. The fish usually makes a mad dash for the opening, now sealed with the grappler's body. He'll come right at you—bush you with his forehead—trying to get out. When he hits you, he hits you hard. He sorta turns on his



Among the techniques for nabbing a catfish by hand is holding it in its underwater 'house' and sticking your hand in its mouth so you can run a rope through its gills.

afterburners and wedges himself in there, using your arms or on your lap or between your legs.

It is then that the grappler must get his hand into the fish's mouth.

But how?

"By God, it ain't hard," Herrington said, laughing. "You put your hand in there. He'll find it. You don't have to wait too long before his mouth and your hand meet."

With his free hand, Herrington must then run a rope, called a stringer, through the catfish's gills and out its mouth. He must do this underwater, in the dark with a 30- or 40- or 50-pound fish twisting and turning to keep it from happening.

"You got to control the fish before you let him out of the house," Herrington said. "Or he'll roll and twist and take your arm off." Herrington says that letting a fish out of a house without a stringer on him is "the ultimate no-no."

"A man can't hold a 30-pound fish in his hand, underwater," Herrington said. "It just is not possible. He'll drag you all over the lake."

From the boat, all that a visitor can see are bubbles. Rob Herrington, Doc Herrington's 18-year-old grandson, watches carefully. Every once in a while, he'll say, "Breathe, Craig," because Cotten sometimes holds his breath, which can be fatal when

scuba diving.

Rob Herrington himself is famous as a grabber. Back at the Pelahatchie Bay Trading Post, which his family owns, is the front page of the National Enquirer, with a picture of a young Herrington and a huge fish, beneath the headline:

"MISSISSIPPI TEEN CATCHES 50-POUND CATFISH WITH HIS BARE HANDS."

He was 13. He too is now enthralled by the sport. "You make the whole world shake," and then there's this huge catfish in your lap," Cotten said. "From the first time, I had the lever. It's hard to describe, but you get hooked."

Letter to the editor

Petition response will show extent of hunters' concern

Although I have been tagged as the person leading the effort to displace Jerry Conley and Wesley Rose from the Department of Fish and Game, I can only take credit for being present when so many voiced their disapproval of the department's management, or lack thereof. The actual petition that is being circulated throughout the state was drawn up with the help of Earl Ester and was implemented after meeting the approval of many hunters who reviewed it.

The number of signatures that appear on this petition will be a true indicator of whether it is just a few disgruntled hunters who are looking for better management of our resources, or if it is a widespread consensus that Idaho's Fish and

Game Department is simply not doing its job.

We buy our licenses and tags each year with the hope of filling those tags but with the realization that it won't always happen because luck, as well as skill, is a part of any hunt.

But when a hunter can roam the mountains on horseback for 17 days, as did one hunter I know, and not see one bull elk, there is a problem; when I can hunt hard for eight days in Unit 45 (muzzle loader hunt) and see only one doe and her fawn and count more than 90 "winter-killed" deer—there is a problem; when I can camp in Shoshone Basin for 10 consecutive days, scouting the surrounding hills and canyons and only see five deer, then there is a problem.

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Carrying a carbine can be a risky business

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DETROIT — No one knows how many hunters will take to the woods with carbines this deer season, but it's a sure bet an inordinate number of those who shoot themselves will be carbina owners.

And experts say most such shootings could be prevented by some basic precautions, including a recognition that the short guns pose some unique risks along with their advantages.

Most lever-action carbines share a feature that makes them among the most dangerous guns to handle: an exposed hammer that can drop after being bumped or jarred.

The lever-action carbine hasn't changed much since its introduction in the late 19th century, largely because there has been little reason for it to change. Hunters like its fast handling and maneuverability in brushy terrain, as well as its Old West styling.

Lever-action carbines are available in a variety of calibers, from .17 to .444. They are among the few rifles available in pistol calibers such as .38 and .44 Magnum, allowing a hunter to carry a rifle and handgun that use the same ammunition.

They are the only rifles readily available in the popular 30-30 caliber, the cheapest big-game cartridge. A box of 30-06 cartridges, for example, averages \$13, compared to \$8 or less for 30-30 shells at every mom-and-pop store and gas station during deer season.

And carbines sell for \$250 at a time when medium-quality bolt-action rifles start at about \$400.

But the advantages cannot mask

the fact that they pose special hazards.

"An accident made a believer out of me," said Todd Vanderveen of Flushing, Mich.

Two years ago Vanderveen was walking back to the family camp north of Mesick after hunting without seeing a deer, "but I kept a round in the chamber and the hammer on half-cock in case I spotted one on the way. In those days, I honestly thought that a carbine on half-cock was as safe as a bolt-action with the safety on."

Vanderveen picked up some trash and when I tried to put it in the plastic garbage bag in camp, the rifle got in the way, so I propped my carbine up against a tree. Doing that with a loaded rifle was my first mistake."

The second was failing to notice a small log in the dead grass under the tree. When he lowered the rifle butt to the ground, the hammer hit the log.

"I don't think I've ever heard anything as loud as that 32 Winchester Special going off," Vanderveen said. "Three other guys were sitting around the camp, and I bet it was five seconds before any of us moved. I never imagined such a thing could happen."

"I scared me even more later, when I thought what could have happened if the barrel had been pointing at someone, or even something, that the bullet could have ricocheted off."

"In December, I had the carbine examined by a gunsmith. I wanted to make sure he fixed whatever made it go off like that, but it turned out there was nothing wrong with it. I just happened to hit the hammer with the right force and at the right angle to make it slip off half-cock."

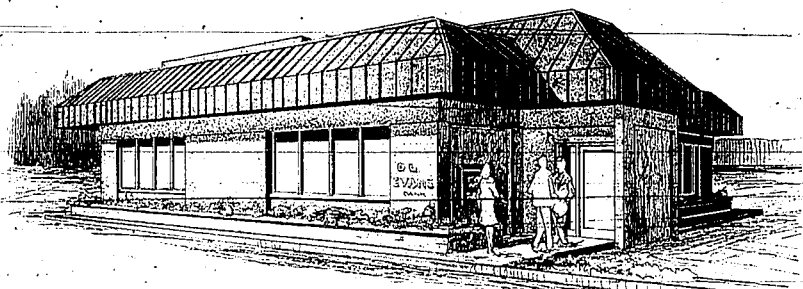
Another feature that makes carbines dangerous is the same one that

makes them popular for hunting in Michigan brush: They're short.

Most carbines are 36 to 38 inches

long, and some as short as 33. That's 4 to 8 inches shorter than the average bolt-action rifle.

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