

Good morning

Today's forecast:

Cloudy with a chance of rain and snow. Shifting winds 15 to 25 mph. Highs in the 40s. Lows near 30.

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Magic Valley

Firefighters use simulator

Locals had a safe opportunity to experience fire conditions Wednesday in a special trailer set up at the Twin Falls Fire Department.

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Shelley boosters raise cash

With just a couple of manageable hurdles yet to overcome, promoters of a homeless shelter are nearing their goal.

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Mini-Cassia

Zone changes approved

Minidoka School District residents approved changes in School Board zone boundaries in a tight voter turnout Tuesday.

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Class A-I race begins

Burley is back in Idaho's Class A-I basketball circles but the strength of Region III all appears within the Pocatello city limits.

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Salary cap delayed

Baseball owners agree to delay implementation of their salary cap proposal until mid-December.

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Outdoors

Running on empty

Just because you go elk hunting doesn't mean you'll have elk to eat. Outdoor Editor William Brock takes a philosophical look at getting skunked.

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Dog tired

Spend a day down at the duck pond with local columnist Bill Studebaker and his friend, Field, as they try to outwit a canny canine.

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Jury of their peers

Innovative ideas — such as a proposed "youth court" — are needed to tackle juvenile crime, today's editorial says.

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Charges going up

Medicare recipients will pay an additional \$2.7 billion in charges next year.

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PERHAPS I SHOULD ADD A NEW PEN TO MY CHRISTMAS LIST.



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Senate votes today on trade treaty

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The Senate Wednesday opened two days of intense but low-key debate on a new World Trade Organization agreement as the Clinton administration stepped up efforts to win over wavering senators and expressed increasing confidence that the pact will be approved in a final congressional vote tonight.

Booyed by a 288-to-140 bipartisan victory in the House Tuesday, the administration predicted the Senate will scale a normally difficult 60-vote procedural hurdle to approve the accord, although officials stopped short of claiming that the votes were already firmly in hand.

At the White House, where President Clinton was lobbying the Senate by telephone, presidential spokesman Dee Dee Myers said, "We do expect by the time the vote is cast tomorrow we will have the votes."

Textile industry considers GATT a mixed bag

The Associated Press

SPARTANBURG, S.C. — Larry Tarleton sold his sewing factory this week rather than face the foreign competition that GATT is expected to bring.

Adobe Apparel Inc. made T-shirts, sweatshirts and dresses for companies like Russell Corp., maker of the Russell Athletic brand.

Tarleton said he was lucky to have

found a buyer for his Greenwood company in an industry he called "a dying breed."

"I have spent the last five years trying to build a company, and in my opinion, the government has destroyed the sewing machine industry by approving two things: NAFTA and GATT," he said Wednesday.

He was referring to the global Gen-

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U.S. Trade Representative Mickey Kantor predicted Italy that the American participation in the expanded General Agree-

ment on Tariffs and Trade will be approved in London, where he was concluding a brief European trip, incoming Senate

Winners — A6

majority leader Robert J. Dole, R-Kan., said, "I feel confident we have the votes."

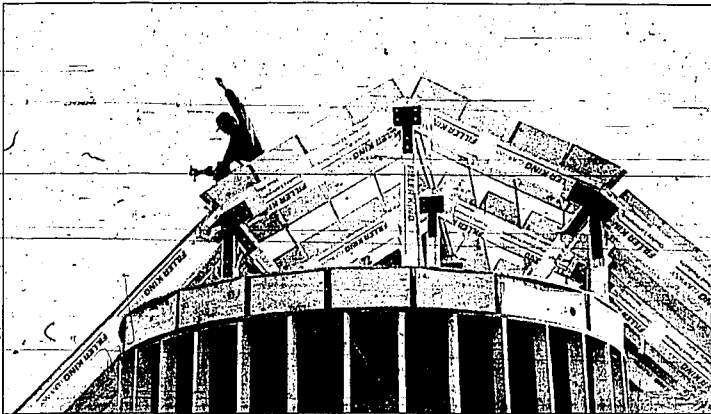
Dole's announcement of support for the agreement last week "has been a turning point for its prospects in the Senate, and Thursday night's vote is a critical test for Clinton's wounded presidency and for Dole's leadership of Republicans as they prepare to take over both houses of Congress next year."

The Senate debate took shape along lines laid out earlier by the House, with proponents arguing that the new GATT would create jobs, boost U.S. opening more foreign markets to American products and with opponents contending it would drive jobs abroad and tilt trading rules against the United States.

And, as happened in the House, the pact

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Closing in



BUDDY CHARLES MANNING/The Times-News

Sam Miller, a worker for Hart Lyday Construction in Buhl, prepares to lay panels to enclose the roof of the Tasters Specialty Food Store that is under construction at Addison Avenue and Eastland Drive. The store will sell candy, meats, gourmet foods, flowers, baked goods and wine. It is scheduled for completion at the end of January. A silo will be attached to the side of the store with a crane today.

Pension protection law under fire

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — A federal law designed to protect workers' pensions is blocking state efforts to improve health care coverage, witnesses testified before a House hearing Wednesday.

The 20-year-old Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA) impedes state efforts to "develop innovative reform plans and ... protect millions of consumers," said Rep. Ron Wyden, D-Ore.

Mary Kuhl of Kansas City, Mo., said her husband "died in my arms in the front yard" of a serious heart condition after encountering problems with getting a self-insured firm to agree in advance to pay for treatment. Courts said state consumer protection laws did not apply "because of a law called ERISA."

Another witness, Anatole Richman of Vienna, Va., lost his health insurance when his self-insured firm entered

bankruptcy proceedings just when he faced "horrendous" medical bills for his wife's cancer, leaving him \$250,000 in debt.

The battle over ERISA looms as one of the biggest health care issues in Congress next year. The National Governors Association, which calls the law a "roadblock to reform," has made changes a major legislative priority to free the hands of governors and legislators.

But the Chamber of Commerce and other business groups said repealing or substantially altering the law would allow the states to set up a jodgepodge of conflicting rules.

The business groups fear that states would yield to some physician groups' entreaties and curb managed care plans, force a multistate employer to have a different health plan in each state and rob employers of the ability to tailor their health benefits to their own needs.

The language of ERISA focuses almost entirely on setting up federal rules for employee pension plans. But one brief section prohibits states in many situations from passing laws "that relate to employee benefit plans including health plans," said Patricia A. Butler, a health policy consultant.

The precise range of what it forbids and what it allows states to do on health benefits is still unclear and is being interpreted by the courts, which sometimes contradict each other, Butler and others said.

But based on court decisions so far, she said, ERISA bars the states from requiring any employer to offer or pay for health benefits or insurance to employees.

It prohibits statewide overall limits on private and public spending for health benefit plans, she said, and bars states from taxing certain kinds of health plans.

Slayer's dad says lawyer hurt family

Complaint cites actions during sentencing hearing

By Frank B. Lockwood Times-News writer

GOODING — The father of a convicted murderer is pleading not guilty to poor parenting charges, and he is accusing his son's defense attorney of lying during sentencing hearings in October.

Robert Terry "T.J." Johnson Jr., and his cousin Thomas Peterson pleaded guilty to the Sept. 1993 slaying of Connie Allen and Rick Mangum of Gooding County. Both men were sentenced to life in prison by 5th District Judge J. William Hurt.

Robert Johnson Sr. has filed a complaint with the Idaho State Bar Association, accusing his son's attorney of "knowingly presenting a falsehood" during sentencing.

In letters to the state bar and Hart, the older Johnson says that attorney Keith Roark acted unethically, said, because the family "by lying about Robert Johnson Jr.'s upbringing."

At sentencing, Roark tried to portray his client as the third victim, the product of a miserable childhood. He criticized the Johnson family for not attending the hearing and said, "If Robert (T.J.) Johnson had a family like Connie Allen or Ricky Mangum, he would not be here."

Robert Johnson Sr. said he also blasted Roark for blaming the family, and called the younger Johnson a "compulsive liar."

Norma Flores portrayed her brother as a good and generous father. "Bob loves his son and has always shown it," she said. "Robert Johnson Jr. is a good, clean, and had three good meals on the table daily. He was given anything he wanted within reason."

Flores said she never witnessed any abuse, neglect, or drug use in her tight-knit family. "Mr. Roark knew the truth and should have let Robert be responsible for his own actions," she wrote.

Robert Johnson Sr. said he cooperated

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Letter writers due for another licking

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The cost of mailing a letter is going up after the holidays — from 29 cents to 32.

The Independent Postal Rate Commission approved the Postal Service request for the January increase on Wednesday.

But the commission turned thumbs down on a plan to raise nearly all postage rates by the same percentage. Instead, setting larger increases for mailing printed matter, advertising and parcels and holding down the increase for heavier first-class items.

The package is expected to bring the Postal Service \$4.7 billion in added income in 1995, said Rate Commission Chairman Edward J. Gleiman. The post office lost \$1.3 billion in the just-completed fiscal year and \$1.7 billion the year before.

"The Postal Service clearly es-

Some new postal rates

The Associated Press

Typical increases under a plan approved by the Postal Rate Commission:

• Birthday card (first class, one ounce): 32 cents, up from 29 cents.

• Heavy letter (first class, two ounces): 35 cents, up from 32 cents; (32 cents for the first ounce, 23 cents for second ounce; up from 29 cents and 23 cents.)

• Commercial bank statement (first class, three

ounces): 78 cents, up from 75 cents.

• Post card: 20 cents, up from 19 cents.

• Business documents (one pound, priority): \$3, up from \$2.90.

• Express Mail (eight ounces): \$10.75, up from \$9.95.

• Weekly news magazine (six ounces): 18.01 cents, up from 15.83 cents.

• Newspaper mailed in-ounce: 7.57 cents; up from 7.48 cents.

Postal Service's request and the agency needs additional income.

Art Sackler of the Mailer's Council, a coalition of large mailing organizations, characterized the decision as "neither great nor terrible."

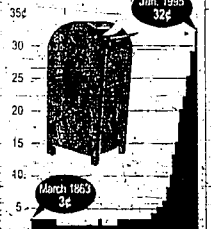
But Jonah Gintz, president of the Direct Marketing Association, said higher rates for advertising mail will require businesses to look to other ways of delivering their message, causing a drop in mail volume and hurting the Postal Service.

The commission held the increase to 8.9 percent for a first-class stamp by setting a 20-cent post card rate instead of the 21-cent proposed and sticking with the current 23-cent price for each extra ounce of a first-class item.

To make up the difference, the commission proposed increases of 14 percent for second-class items such as magazines and newspapers, and third-class advertising mail.

Stamp increase

The price of a first-class stamp will increase from 29 cents to 32 in January. With the increase, the typical household will spend an extra 60 to 75 cents per month. The cost of mailing a letter.



Medicare recipients will pay \$2.7 billion more for services in 1995

WASHINGTON (AP) — The nation's 36 million Medicare beneficiaries will pay \$2.7 billion in higher premiums, deductibles and copayments in 1995, including \$716 for the first day they spend in the hospital.

The government revealed the new deductibles and copayments on Wednesday. The \$5.5-a-month increase in Medicare Part B premiums for physicians' bills and other out-of-hospital expenses, was already known; that 2.2-percent boost was set by law.

Those premiums will climb to \$46.10 a

month on Jan. 1. The elderly and disabled generally have a flat amount deducted directly from their Social Security checks.

The Medicare hospital deductible will climb to \$716 from \$696 on New Year's Day. It is a one-time charge. Medicare pays all other approved charges for the first 60 days in the hospital.

Those hospitalized longer than that in 1995 will have to pay coinsurance of \$179 a day for days 61-90. That is a \$5 increase.

And for those who use up some of their 60 lifetime reserve hospital days, the coinsurance will be \$358 per day, a \$10

increase. The reserve days are a bank of time that can be drawn on if a Medicare recipient must stay in the hospital longer than 90 days in a year.

Medicare also covers the full cost of the first 20 days in skilled nursing facilities for those recuperating from a serious illness. Beyond that, the coinsurance for days 21-100 will be \$89.50 a day, up from \$87.

Many Medicare beneficiaries buy extra private health insurance called Medigap coverage to cushion them from these out-of-pocket expenses.

Actuaries for the Health Care Financing

Administration, which will publish the new charges on Thursday's Federal Register, said \$2.7 billion people are expected to pay the \$716 hospital deductible in 1995. It applies only once, no matter how many times someone is hospitalized.

In addition, beneficiaries will pay for 3.6 million days of coinsurance at \$179 per day for hospital stays lasting more than 60 days, and they will use 1.6 million of their lifetime reserve days.

They will also pay coinsurance on 18.6 million extended-care days.

All told, the higher deductibles and pre-

miums will cost the elderly and disabled \$5.50 million plus \$2.12 billion for the higher monthly premiums.

But the elderly and disabled also are getting a 2.8-percent increase in their January Social Security checks. That will mean an extra \$12.4 million for the elderly and disabled, offsetting the increase in Medicare costs.

Medicare, financed by a 1.45 percent payroll tax on workers and employers, remains an insurance bargain for its beneficiaries.

Gephardt to lead House Dems again

WASHINGTON (AP) — Cast into the minority for the first time in 30 years, House Democrats re-elected Rep. Richard Gephardt as their leader on Wednesday, brushing aside conservative pressure for a post-election shake-up.

Gephardt, 53, easily turned back a challenge from Rep. Charlie Rose of North Carolina, 150-58, to keep the post he held since 1989.

Rep. David Bonior of Michigan, seeking a new term for the second-ranking leadership job of whip, was challenged by Texas conservative, Charlie Stenholm.

While the elections fixed the party's leadership for the next two years, they could also accelerate the defection of one or more conservatives to the Republican Party.

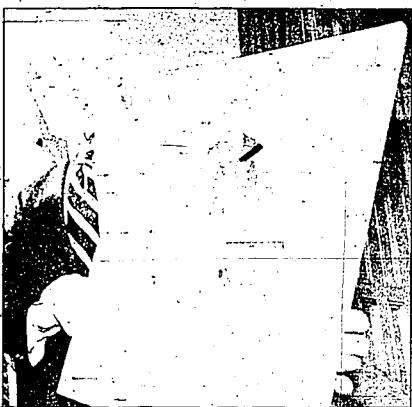
"Conservatives are carefully monitoring where we go," said Rep. W.J. Tauzin of Louisiana, who met recently with Rep. Newt Gingrich, who is in line to become speaker in the Republican-controlled House next year.

Gephardt, who convened a series of private political discussions at a downtown hotel after the Democratic Election Day debacle, is expected to announce changes in leadership organization designed to give conservative members more voice.

In a painful twist, the Missouri Democrat was forced to leave Bethesda Naval Hospital, where he had been admitted overnight for gall bladder pain, to attend the caucus.

His office said he would return almost immediately and undergo surgery later in the day.

Gephardt has been second-in-command in the Democratic caucus since 1989, and with the defeat of Speaker Thomas Foley this fall, became the party's senior House leader returned to office by the voters. But it is a radically different political environment from the one that existed before the elections, and for the first time since



Outgoing House Speaker Tom Foley holds a farewell card signed by members of the press corps during his last formal news conference Tuesday.

the Eisenhower era, Democrats will be in the minority.

A veteran of nine terms, Gephardt has traditionally enjoyed support in all wings of the caucus, and many lawmakers embraced his losing effort for the 1992 Democratic presidential nomination.

Despite being an opponent of the North American Free Trade Agreement, he has been a loyal supporter of much of President Clinton's legislative program. And he spent months last year in an ultimately unsuccessful attempt to enact the White House's plan for universal health care. Many Democrats blame Clinton for the magnitude of the

party's election setback, however, and lawmakers are looking for a congressional strategy that is more independent of the White House.

In an open race for the post of caucus leader, Rep. Alf Fazio of California defeated Rep. Kweisi Mfume, outgoing chairman of the black caucus. Fazio chaired the party's campaign organization in the back caucus.

Though Democrats hope to regain the majority in the 1996 elections, Tauzin and a handful of other conservatives have been the center of speculation for weeks about party switches.

Several other conservatives have said in recent days they have no plans

to make a move to the GOP, but they also said they wanted to see the outcome of the organizational caucus.

Rep. Ralph Hall of Texas ruled out making a move. "I have no thoughts of switching," he said.

House Democrats met at Sen. Christopher Dodd worked to erase Sen. Tom Daschle's evident victory for the post of party leader in the Senate.

Sens. J. Bennett Johnston of Louisiana and Sam Nunn of Georgia, believed to be the only uncommitted Democrats, met together with each of the candidates.

Daschle has claimed a majority, and released the names of his supporters. But with a secret ballot set for Friday, Dodd and allies have been aggressively encouraging defection.

One target of these efforts, Sen. Carol Moseley-Braun of Illinois, said though an aide she continues to support Daschle.

In an unusual development, 11 losing Democratic Senate candidates from this fall's campaign signed a letter to all 47 Democrats praising Daschle's efforts on their behalf. "We write simply to tell you that Tom Daschle was our unofficial leader, that he crisscrossed the country and the fund-raising circuit on our behalf, that he was effective as any person could be during this very cold fall for our party, and that we deeply appreciated his help," said the letter, written on the campaign letterhead of Bob Carr, a veteran House member, lost the Senate race from Michigan.

Continental flies 1st plane with wind shear instruments

WASHINGTON (AP) — Continental Airlines Flight 1637 from Washington to London made history Wednesday as the first commercial transport with instruments to warn the pilot of potentially fatal wind shear.

By the end of next year, every airliner will be required to have similar equipment.

"This is a significant step forward in aircraft safety," said Chuck Miller, president of AlliedSignal, which makes electronic systems for aircraft. The system has been three years in development.

Flight 1637 had little use for its new weather instrument on the maiden flight. When the Boeing 737 left Washington National Airport, the sky was blue, the sun brilliant. It was partly cloudy in Cleveland for landing.

But if there had been the kind of turbulence containing microbursts, the pilot would have had up to 90 seconds to react. The plane, of course, would have been in trouble. A microburst is a brief, powerful gust of air, usually moving straight down. To be certified by the FAA, a minimum of 10 seconds notice must be provided to enable corrective actions.

Wind shear is a sharp difference in the speed of an movement from one spot to another nearby. It becomes a hazard to aircraft, primarily on takeoff or landing. Several airlines have been blamed on wind shear since it was identified in 1972.

"We are giving our pilots a lot better tool to operate with," said Eric Abbott, vice president of Continental.

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Study: Doctors' mammogram skills differ

BOSTON (AP) — Doctors' ability to read mammograms for breast cancer varies dramatically, and some may miss a disturbingly high number of tumors, a study found.

The research suggests that despite all the high-tech diagnostic tools in doctors' hands, using them accurately can be as much an art as it is a science.

Mammograms are one of the country's most common screening tests, recommended annually for all women over 50 to spot cancer

before it spreads. The quality of the X-ray machines and film has improved over the past decade, but doctors still must examine the images for signs of cancer.

The latest study, conducted at Yale Medical School, asked 10 community radiologists to look at 150 mammograms, describe what they saw and give their recommendations. All of the doctors came to the same conclusion in just 10 cases.

When radiologists suspected cancer, they suggest that patients receive

immediate follow-up, typically a biopsy, an ultrasound scan or more mammograms.

The study found surprising differences in the doctors' ability to see worrisome signs. Overall, they urged further tests to get a definite answer in 87 percent of the women who actually had cancer.

Two of the doctors recommended additional tests in all but 4 percent of the women who had breast cancer. Three others missed 19 percent or more.

If so, the finding could open the door to a better understanding of how people control their weight, which in turn may lead to new treatments for obesity, he said.

Scientists find gene for obesity in mice

NEW YORK (AP) — After a 40-year search, scientists have found a gene for obesity in mice and a likely counterpart in humans, a discovery that could someday help people control their weight.

It is the first gene ever isolated that clearly participates in the normal process of regulating weight, scientists said.

In its normal form, the mouse

gene appears to tell fat cells tell the brain how obese the animal is, so that the mouse will adjust its feeding and activity to keep its weight steady.

But that system goes awry when the gene is flawed. Mice lacking a normal version of the gene get so fat they weigh three times more than their siblings, said researcher Dr. Jeffrey Friedman.

He and colleagues also found a human gene that strongly resembles the mouse obesity gene, and it may play a similar role in people, Friedman said.

If so, the finding could open the door to a better understanding of how people control their weight, which in turn may lead to new treatments for obesity, he said.

CBS wins sweeps

NEW YORK (AP) — CBS claimed its second consecutive victory Wednesday in the November ratings sweep, and moved to within one-tenth of a ratings point of front-running ABC for the television season to date.

"We delivered the No. 1 lead-in to late news among all networks," said David Poltrack, CBS' senior audience researcher. CBS won the prime time, late night and daytime periods.

Based on projected results of the Nov. 3-30 sweeps, CBS claimed a 7.1 rating and a 21 percent audience share, an 8-percent advantage over ABC, which had a 12.1 rating, 19 share. NBC averaged an 11.6 rating, 19 share.

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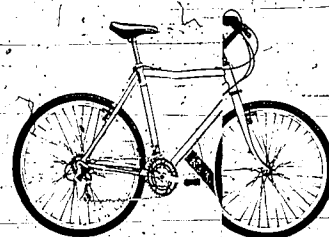
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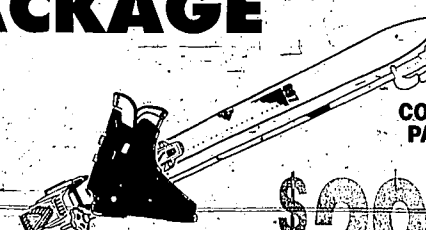
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Nation

Let's go GATT shopping: Goods from abroad cheaper all around

WASHINGTON (AP) — Forget the grand words about how GATT would set loose a "powerful wind of economic freedom."

Imagine instead that it could usher in the golden age of American-prune juice.

Beneath the glowing principles of GATT is a mountain of minutia, a collection of exotic and ordinary things that trading nations say should become cheaper for nearly everyone.

Consider: Beer drinkers abroad should be able to load up on bud without losing their shirts. And after all these years, American wine lovers should finally be within reach of the average European shopper.

There's something in the deal for Americans, too. They should get a bit of a break on imported garlic, tulip bulbs, refrigerators, bamboo luggage and rug fat.

There are good times ahead for bicyclists needing inner tubes. And U.S. duties on bulldozers, bayonets, buttons and bras will come down, some a little, some a lot.

Legislation implementing the expanded General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade passed Tuesday in the House. The bill will be voted on Thursday in the Senate.

If it is approved, overall duties would drop by about one-third in the United States and the other 123 countries that are signed on. Some cuts start Jan. 1; others are staged over 10 years.

They're all spelled out in tariff schedules stacked at the U.S. Trade Representative's Office — the ultimate catalog of what the world makes and buys.

U.S. supporters talk of the opportunities it will bring to American exporters, especially farmers who will be able to sell more to Japan and Europe and high-tech companies poised for gains in long-protected markets.

Beyond that, Japanese duties will

House passes GATT

The House passed the GATT accord Tuesday. The first step in the ratification of the trade pact.

The vote ✓
288 for, 146 against

What's next
The accord moves to the Senate vote Wednesday or Thursday. The vote is expected to be much closer. If it passes, President Clinton will sign it.

What the accord means

- Tariffs on food, electronics, cars and clothing will be cut by about 38 percent worldwide.
- Beer, toys and paper products will ultimately become duty-free.
- GATT rules will apply to agriculture, copyrights and patents.
- A World Trade Organization will be created to oversee trade disputes.

U.S. duties are already low by world standards so benefits to American consumers are expected to be modest. Still, officials suggest even little price cuts could save families a few hundred dollars a year.

So let's go GATT shopping. Imagine a small stacked with items described in the 1,281 pages of the U.S. tariff schedule (17 pages on chocolate alone).

In the grocery store, imported steak is 10 percent cheaper. Frozen cuts of foreign chicken are down 4.4 cents a kilogram. Cinnamon and molasses are down almost imperceptibly. Imported toilet paper is 3.5 percent cheaper.

Now the toy store. Stuffed dolls, electric trains, robots, monsters, tea sets, crossword puzzle books and kites — all now subject to a 6.8 percent duty — are duty free in the GATT mall, most of them immediately.

In the clothing store, shoppers must pick carefully to reap the benefits of GATT.

The 18.8 percent duty on women's cotton suits is dropping by half over 10 years; but the 12.2 percent duty on cotton dresses is going down less than a percentage point.

Duties are being halved on men's wool suits. And if the suit is a synthetic-wool blend, the entire duty — 77.2 cents a kilogram plus 30 percent of the suit's value — will be eliminated.

Several bargains await the shopper at the sporting goods store. The 20 percent duty on hockey gloves is going, as is the 15 percent duty on inner tubes. Imported silk track suits are dropping as much as 33 percent.

At the variety store, duty-free window air conditioners, refrigerators, sewing machines, telephone answering machines, bentwood furniture, instant-print cameras, candles and incandescent light bulbs will be on display.

Social Security may ease filing methods for disabled people

WASHINGTON (AP) — Ill and injured Americans would be allowed to file requests for federal disability benefits electronically under a plan being considered by the Social Security Administration. Eventually, workers could use the system to claim retirement benefits.

According to the proposal, applicants would not be allowed to file for benefits directly from their personal computers. Instead, they would have to go through third parties, such as attorneys, social service agencies, hospitals, and legal aid offices. The agency would still take claims at its local offices and third-party assistance would not be required.

Social Security, however, will not make a decision whether to test the electronic filing system until 1995. Agency computer experts must first build a system that protects the confidential records of more than 200 million Americans at its Baltimore headquarters.

Social Security operates the largest civilian, centralized data center in the federal government. Inside the heavily guarded building are the earnings histories of 135 million workers and the payment records of another 46 million retired and disabled people.

A privacy expert and union official who represents agency employees worry that the proposal poses a significant security risk.

Evan Hendricks, editor and publisher of the Privacy

Times, a Washington newsletter devoted to privacy law, said that until he sees the details of the agency proposal, he is concerned that Social Security's computers could be compromised.

"Given what's going on, computers are being breached all over the place," he said, "I have a pretty creative and there's a market for that information."

Social Security spokesman Phil Gambino, however, said the agency "will do nothing that would compromise the security of the computer system or any of the confidential information that we maintain on individuals. That is our No. 1 priority."

Gambino said the agency's proposal would limit computer access to third parties and that they would never get access to the basic system and all of their personal information it holds.

Currently, all claims for disability benefits are filed by paper. Agency employees then type the information into the computer system.

Gambino said the electronic system is supposed to speed up the agency's process for reviewing and deciding claims for disability benefits, and also eventually be expanded to cover retiring workers.

The agency will continue to take claims by phone in its 1,300 field offices. It expects to receive 3 million applications for disability benefits this year and another 1 million people have claims pending for

Clinton accuser sues Penthouse over pictures

Newsday

NEW YORK — She's sued the president and claims to be familiar with his privates.

Now, Paula Jones is suing an ex-boyfriend and Penthouse magazine for \$30 million for publishing pictures of her that she says were supposed to remain private.

Jones' attorney filed the civil suit Tuesday in U.S. District Court.

Southern District in Manhattan, claiming that pictures slated to appear in January's Penthouse showing a scantily clad and sometimes completely unclothed Jones are hitting the printing presses without her permission.

Late Tuesday a federal judge issued a temporary restraining order barring publication of the photos even though advance copies are already in the mail. The magazine is scheduled to hit the stands Dec. 6.

The suit seeks \$15 million in punitive damages and \$15 million in compensatory damages. The magazine's publisher, Jeffrey Epstein, and Mike Turner, Jones' ex-boyfriend, are also named.

Federal Judge Peter K. Issure ordered the magazine to stop promoting and publishing the photos. He scheduled a hearing for Jan. 11.

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"The banking system is under attack by organized crime," warned Bruce Brett, chairman of the American Bankers Association's check fraud task force.

Brett told reporters Wednesday the number of bogus checks jumped to 1.3 million in 1993, from 536,000 two years earlier when counterfeiting cost banks \$247 million.

But Brett said the ABA figures understate the problem because they do not include losses by other financial institutions such as credit unions

and savings and loan associations. And, he added, the \$815 million in losses in 1993 probably would be doubled if failed attempts to pass fraudulent checks had been successful.

Ronald Dick, chief of the FBI's Financial Institution Fraud Unit, concurred, saying the "serious and growing problem" of check fraud has become the "crime of the '90s."

Sixty percent of the 8,000 complaints received by the FBI from financial institutions in September and October involved bogus checks, he told the news conference.

Brett said the proliferation of desktop publishing has made computer equipment and software used in check forgery more affordable. In

addition, he said laser products are widely available for duplicating and printing.

"Anybody can become a professional counterfeiter for less than \$3,000," he contended.

The ABA survey of 309 representative banks found financial institutions in the Northeast and West among the hardest hit, although most participants experienced losses. It also found a much higher proportion of fraud losses among mid-size and large banks than smaller community banks.

The ABA said individuals and corporations wrote 61.1 billion checks in 1993, an average of 244 checks for every man, woman and child in America.

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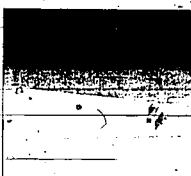

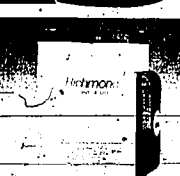
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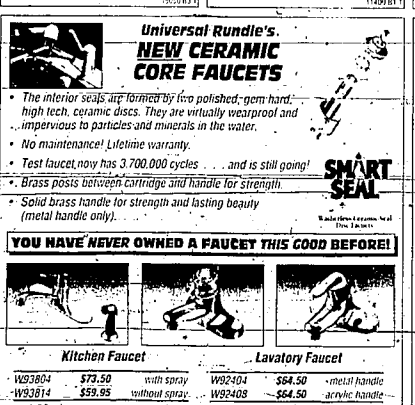

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Opinion

Editorial

A youth court for young offenders? It could help

Goodspeed to the local folk who are setting up a "youth court" for the Magic Valley. Innovative ideas such as this one will be a key factor in combating juvenile crime.

The idea already a success in other areas, works this way:

A juvenile charged with a minor infraction is given a choice. He can take his chances with the regular court system, or he can admit his guilt and submit to a punishment handed down by a panel of his peers.

The panelists are high school and junior high students, and they employ their youthful inventiveness to custom fit the punishment to the crime. Caught smoking illegally? Serve time working in a corner ward.

The concept sounds appealing for several reasons.

First, by targeting minor offenses, the youth court might have an impact on misbehaving youngsters before they move up to serious crime. Law-enforcement officials say it's crucial to head off a young offender early — preferably on the first offense. If you wait until he does something big, it's too late.

Second, teen jurors might get the attention of young offenders in a

way a conventional court could not. Youngsters are closely attuned to opinions of their peers.

Third, the youth court might save money. Although everyone agrees that kids who commit serious crimes should be seriously punished, society can't afford to lock up every minor offender. Alternative punishments designed by a youth court could save taxpayers a lot of room and board.

Finally, the young jurors could benefit from the experience as much as the young defendants. It would be an excellent lesson in civics, sociology and responsibility. Serving on a youth court will help prepare youngsters to take their places as adult participants in civic life.

Will a youth court eliminate juvenile crime? Of course not. People who work in the field know that no single solution can stand alone.

Reducing juvenile crime depends on parents, teachers, social workers, police, judges and the community at large. It depends on insightful prevention as well as stern punishment.

As much as anything, it depends on creative, innovative alternatives. The youth court sounds like a good one.

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Letters

Politicians lose sight of real life

I wrote a letter in November that concerned the legal drawing down of our resources and whom we should find responsible. Others, many others, deserve at least honorable mention for their completely asinine policy and decisions, i.e., going by the book, impracticably.

How about the Boston Tea Party? And the citizens of the Old West storming the sheriff's jail and removing the governor's brother-in-law and hanging him because he was a horse thief? All knew that if the marshal transported him to the capital, he would be plea-bargained to probation. Some old timers tarred and feathered an undesirable, bureaucratic peer and placed him on the next stagecoach west, and they used the posse Comitatus as a deterrent to crime — all acts of desperation, to be sure, but effective. Those were, most certainly, the good old days.

Will Rogers said, "All I know is what I read in the papers, and I don't read the funnies but politics keep me laughing all the time." Will would have had a belly laugh over our new juvenile detention facility. About four years of bungling eventually provided the facility, which was overlooked before the blueprints were drawn. And one may say, at the "opening ceremony," an official with the city wagged his finger at the assembled dignitaries and stated that they would be unable to open until a shrub be planted. A repetition of the foregoing will, in all probability, humbly accompany the eventual completion of the \$59.1 million. Of course, some may say it already has.

There's the one who determined the Bentley Labor Camp unit for human habitation and threatened to close it down. What could have possibly been his alternative? Could he have actually found justification in the laborers' being living in automobiles or camped out in the saguamoh more inmates?

The old adage, "Don't judge another until

you have walked in their shoes," is certainly applicable to the policy prescribed by most of our lawyer-background politicians. They know so little of the basics involved in fundamental professionalism, that which you and I do for a living, be associated with agriculture, construction, transportation, etc., that they give little authority, their expertise in all matters soon becomes obvious.

HAL O'DONNELL
Kimberly

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Believe in performance reviews because what gets measured gets done. For elected officials, the ultimate performance review is by the voters on Election Day. I'm glad I passed that performance test and you gave me and my staff four more years to continue developing a small but smart government for you.

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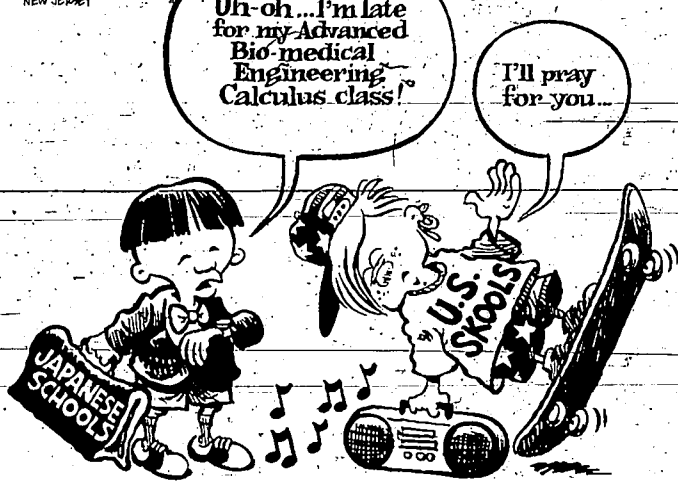
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NEW JERSEY



New York police put squeeze on subway crime

NEW YORK — Seven million souls live here, doing New York things — littering, jumping over subway turnstiles, saying how boring it must be to live in New Jersey, and being rude to one another.

But until recently approximately 75 New Yorkers were making the city even more neurotic than it normally is. They were the "squeegee men."

Given the media attention to them, and the anxiety caused by them, people were astonished to learn that there were not 7,500 of them. Their story says a lot about urban living, and policing, and how little things mean a lot.

Squeegee men hung around a few congested intersections and bridge and tunnel toll plazas, "offering" to wash windshields for a fee. They relied on intimations of vandalism to vehicles whose drivers did not accept their offers. Most squeegee men were neither homeless nor poor; most had arrest records.

Now they have mostly gone into another line of work, because the police decided that they contributed to the city's demoralizing atmosphere of incipient disorder.

Police routed the squeegee men on the grounds that they were obstructing traffic. Didn't any civil liberties lawyers have a complaint? No, says Police Commissioner William Bratton, people "are tired of 'anything goes'."

The mayor, Rudy Giuliani, is a former prosecutor. Bratton is a kaffed spirit. This place is still a far cry from Singapore in its commitment to order, but neither is it, as it until recently was, a combination of Dodge City and Calcutta.

Just a few years ago, intellectuals, who are more plentiful here than in healthy (and who rarely ride subways), were praising its folk art



George F. Will

the graffiti that gang members and other pre-intellectual New Yorkers were spraying on subway cars. Most subway riders considered it vandalism producing an atmosphere of menace. Today, says Bratton, the city's 6,000 subway cars are virtually free of graffiti. Some intellectuals probably see this as a sign of the suffocation of the masses' creativity. The masses find it reassuring.

Like a corporate CEO with his eye on the bottom line, Bratton knows his numbers, such as: 307. On a recent day that was how many fewer New Yorkers had been homicide victims this year compared with the same date last year. This is the biggest numerical one-year drop in the city's history. It is a somewhat alarming triumph, given what it says about the level from which the decline began. (There were 1,946 homicides in 1993.) There is similar mixed comfort to be taken from the fact that there have been 820 fewer shootings and 11,000 fewer robberies so far this year.

The decline is partly the result of preventive policing, particularly in pursuit of gangs. But the city should brace itself for a demographic bump in the road to bliss: In 1997-98 there will be a bulge in the size of the unruly 14-19 age group.

However, Bratton is inoculated by experience against the despair that afflicts people bailing oceans with thimbles. As head of the transit police from 1987 to 1990, he oversaw substantial success

policing the city's subway system.

The system never was, he insists, as dangerous as its reputation suggested. Only about 20 homicides occurred in the subways each year, a reassuring number here, which tells a lot about the city. Bratton rightly emphasizes that the system handles 3.5 million riders a day and they are protected by 4,000 transit cops, who respond to about 45 crimes a day.

Forty-five, that is, not counting the 80,000 fare-evaders who jump turnstiles daily. Until recently, the 80,000 were not defined as a police problem. Hence there was a problem of police morale — too many cops concerned with a few crimes, while untrained jumpers produced a climate of chaos.

Bratton knew (he couldn't be a cop at every turnstile, but there could be "sweep teams" swooping down on fare-evaders. And guess what was swept up: One in seven was the subject of an arrest warrant. One in 20 was carrying an illegal weapon.

Subway crime is a "crime of opportunity," and suddenly, because the police were more active, there were fewer opportunities. Subway crime declined for 38 consecutive months, 48 percent overall.

Until recently Bryant Park behind the Public Library in midtown was a drug market, as were some public places around Wall Street. Until recently it took 27 hours to process the paperwork — 12 forms — for an arrest. With computers it takes less than four hours, so more police are out policing, and more New Yorkers can safely go around having the way they usually do, which is not a crime, quite.

George F. Will is a Washington Post columnist.

Letters

People must speak up for change

Everywhere you go, you hear people complaining, but they never let the public know what they are for and what they are against in all parts of our government. I feel we, the people, need to speak up; things are getting way out of hand in all parts of government.

Take a good look at the way new laws, etc., are explained to us. There's so much confusion that they don't want us to understand.

Take, for instance, the gay law that just about made it. We need to pass a law that states nothing shall ever be put up to vote unless it is written so that every person who votes can understand plainly what it is about. The gay law was written so that no one wants it, is this fair to us?

Welfare is a big cost to us, but let's not cut short the people who need it in our United States. Look up the word subsidy and see what it stands for. To me, subsidies are the very biggest welfare checks our country puts out. Move the subsidy money over to help the people in need, and there would be plenty to take care of

all welfare programs. Subsidies are only helping the wealthy.

Why do we keep sending money overseas to other countries to help them kill each other? People over there throughout history have fought each other; doesn't look like they want it to change.

All the money in the world cannot change these people. Only they can change; we cannot change anything. Put our people to work with this money. Many here in our country can use the help.

And this free-trade agreement — who benefits? We, the people of our country, lose jobs while the companies we subsidize move to cheap labor in other countries. Is this fair to us? And then I suppose the products are shipped back to us as being made in the United States.

Why do we have to keep people in our government offices if they are caught doing us wrong? And I don't see why we should keep paying them wages until they are convicted of a crime.

Take a good look at North, and yet he was allowed to run for office. What is wrong with our systems? We need

change, and a great change; to get back where government was meant to be — by the people, for the people.

HENRY GLADEAU
Twin Falls

Letter falls short on Craig office

Mr. Earl D. Olson has not been honest in his description of Sen. Craig's office located in Twin Falls. In the last year that I have had occasion to visit this location to obtain help in dealing with the federal government, I can assure you that there never has been a "War on the West" poster or a poster declaring that the National Rifle Association wants you.

The staff personnel are both eager and courteous to listen to concerns of Idahoans and work very hard to help solve the problems that every ordinary citizen has with big government.

Even if your views are different from those of the staff, you still can register them, and they do get to the senator. However, sometimes in life you must understand that if your views are different from the majority, you lose — and won't get what you want.

LYN LANGFORD
Twin Falls

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BY GARRY TRUDEAU

Opinion

Clinton can find worst enemy in his own mirror

John Chancellor

If Bill Clinton has a list of people who are dangerous to his political health, the name at the top should be his own.

The problem with Clinton's presidency is that he is a terrible chief executive. This has been a surprise to some of us who covered his race for the White House. When he was running in 1992, I thought he was the best campaigner I had seen since John F. Kennedy in 1960. On the stump, he was crisp, articulate and concentrated, a candidate who stuck to his message. He was the skilled manager of a sophisticated staff.

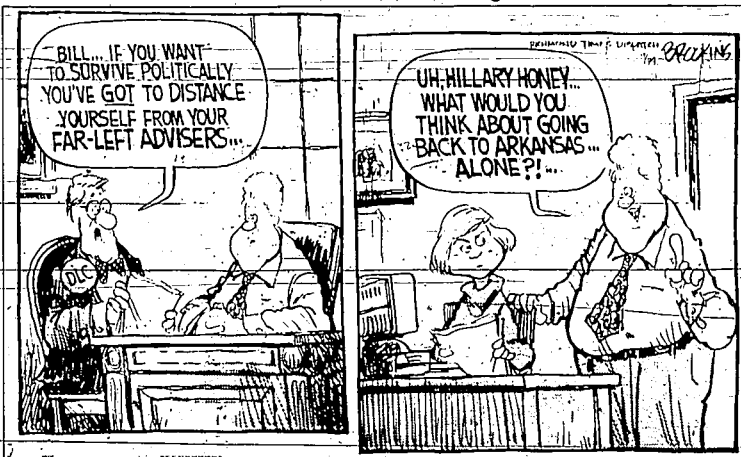
But in the Oval Office, he has allowed his talent to be hidden by inconsistency, indecision and lack of concentration. There are two Bill Clintons: the skilled communicator who stays focused and the insecure politician who tries to straddle the fence.

The president of the American Political Science Association, Charles O. Jones, said in September that Clinton "has yet to form his presidency." One reason is that his image as president is blurred.

This lack of clarity extends to his philosophy: Is he a moderate or a liberal Democrat? He campaigned with moderate promises of smaller government and welfare reform.

But once elected, he brought forth a liberal agenda that included gays in the military and big-government schemes for health care reform. The public has seen him advance and then retreat on issues from Haiti to homosexual rights.

Vaccination has become part of his style. After the Democratic debate in November, Clinton seemed to embrace a Republican proposal for a constitutional amendment on school prayer. That was



on a Tuesday. On Thursday, White House officials said that was not the president's position.

Clinton's management style would earn him a failing grade at a Russian business school. Historian Arthur M. Schlesinger Jr. describes the Clinton administration as "government by bull session."

Elizabeth Drew, in "On the Edge," an examination of the administration, quotes a frustrated official's description of a Clinton White House meeting on health-care policy: "There were fifty-some people in the room, a very high proportion of them being the kindergarten age. All of them were for the larger (health-care) package. There were

cheers and groans and hissing. When you have that many people in the room, senior people aren't going to conduct a real debate in front of the junior people.

Clinton's personal problems have made headlines, from the abandonment of Jan Guinier as the top civil-rights official to the bizarre departure of Adm. Lobby-Ray

Iman, chosen as defense secretary. The headlines don't tell the full story. Many staffing mistakes have involved people closest to the president. In 22 months, Clinton has had two chiefs of staff, four deputy chiefs of staff, two White House counsel, two assistants for congressional liaison and two communications directors. His press secretary is to leave at the end of the year.

To be fair, these are not easy times to be president. Voters pay little attention to the strength of the economy. Clinton's accomplishments on free trade and deficit reduction are ignored by a grudgingly electorate. Because of Republican victories, the second half of Clinton's term will be even more difficult.

His unsteady performance has gotten him in deep trouble, but success is not impossible. Clinton is a classic compromiser. He is the "comeback kid" who won his party's presidential nomination and the election despite accusations that he had been unfaithful to his wife and disloyal to his country.

Yet to prevail in 1996, Bill Clinton will have to find a way to change his presidential style. He will have to fight the Republicans on one side and the own shortcomings on the other. That's a big job. Self-renewal is difficult if you're your own worst enemy.

John Chancellor was a correspondent, anchor and commentator for NBC News until his retirement in 1993. He wrote this commentary for Newsday.

High-tech economy leaves workers in low-tech reality

Anthony Carnevale

The election of a Republican Congress, committed to vote on a capital-gains-tax cut in early 1995, is likely to renew the long-running controversy over whether so-called supply-side or trickle-down economic policies actually benefit the majority of the American people.

Who is right in this debate? The "pessimists" who argue that the Reagan era's tax cuts and deficit spending worsened America's future? Or the "optimists," who say tax cuts for the economically productive infuse the American economy with dynamism that makes it the envy of the world?

Many Americans remember the pre-supply-side administration of President Jimmy Carter as a time of slow growth and malaise, and the trickle-down era of President Ronald Reagan as a time of buoyant prosperity. But many other Americans who grew up with expectations of a middle-class life found the '80s to be a disillusioning time in which job insecurity grew and wages fell.

The record shows that overall, job creation and economic growth were, in fact, virtually identical in the '70s and '80s. So the issue isn't growth, the issue is, Who got the money, and which approach is more likely to benefit the most Americans in the long run?

Into this debate now come some interesting new findings in a series of studies for the National Commission for Employment Policy, conducted by chief economist Stephen Rose.

Rose tracked the earnings and employment experiences of a group of parents and young adults over a 22-year period. The 5,000 families tracked included men and women who were aged 22 to 46 in 1967 through 1979 (when they were 34 to 58). He used the same age progression for the 1980s starting in 1977 and ending in 1989. The conclusions are bitter-sweet:

• Although the American economy still provided upward mobility for most, it does so for a declining majority of Americans. In the 1970s, 79 percent of those studied were income gainers compared to only 67 percent in the 1980s.

• Access to education and technology separated the winners from the losers. In fact, the earnings advantages derived from increased education doubled over the 22 years.

• Men, who seem to be the poorest part of the current electorate, apparently have some reason to be proud. Twenty-four percent of men were "losers" in the 1970s compared to 36 percent in the 1980s.

• While the declining fortunes of white males appear to be figured in the 1994 electoral revolution, it is actually black males who have lost the most ground. In the 1970s nearly three-quarters of black men were able to maintain a full-time job year after year. In the 1980s, only half of black men in the 1980s were able to maintain full-time, year-round employment.

• While women were consistent winners in earnings, they paid for their success by working harder. In the 1980s, women earned 55 percent more in real terms than their counterparts in the

1970s in every age, income and education category, and their average wage rates in the 1980s were 9 percent higher than in the 1970s, than in the 1970s an average of 1,240 hours per year in the 1980s as compared to 870 hours per year in the 1970s.

• Young men found it difficult to gain purchase on the lower rungs of the career ladder. Of those between 22 and 26, only 9 percent suffered from declining earnings in the 1970s, while 26 percent were losers in the 1980s. The number of young women living in the same age category declined from 40 percent to 30 percent in the two decades because they worked harder.

• In short, the benefits of national economic policies between 1979 and 1990 trickled down to far fewer people than the previous economic policies did.

These findings reveal a central riddle of the new American economy: a source of economic opportunity — i.e., flexible work patterns — is also a source of economic risk — i.e., worker layoffs. The dilemma is maintaining the strengths inherent in our flexible labor markets without creating an economy that fails to provide job security. Flexibility cannot simply become a fancy term for "fired," or for a job without benefits or for a widening divergence between the "haves" and the "have nots."

If we truly want American workers to be flexible, we must provide them with a tool kit that increases opportunity rather than economic failure in a turbulent labor market, including portable health care and pensions, education and training, counseling and job search assistance, accurate labor-market information, family support and an atmosphere in which capital and labor can be partners.

In general, we need more adaptive labor-market policies. Adaptive policies, which help workers adjust to change, can both enhance flexibility and improve earnings and employment security. Passive labor market policies, which protect jobs that are no longer competitive or encourage unemployment over reemployment, will reduce overall performance.

Continuing to pursue the economic policies of the 1980s would seem to ensure continued turbulence in American labor markets. It would engender anger from those with good educations and work experience who play by the rules but feel cheated by an economic system that seems unpredictable and unfair. And, of course, those who are completely excluded, the poor, will fall further and further behind.

Carnevale is chairman of the National Commission for Employment Policy, which advises the president and Congress on employment issues. He wrote this commentary for The Washington Post.

First step in fighting federal debt is to take the fizz out of COLAs

Hastings Keith

Many in the two major political parties are talking out of both sides of their mouths about the role entitlement spending plays in the severity of the debt and deficit. A litmus test is needed to see who truly cares about ensuring the future fiscal health — and stability — of our nation.

The reform of federal pension-cost-sharing adjustments should provide that litmus test. A COLA is an annual automatic raise in benefit that reflects increases in the consumer price index.

How can anyone — Democrat or Republican — claim to be fiscally responsible and yet use tax dollars and borrowing to give cost-of-living adjustments which, for many, provide for the cost of living?

The National Committee on Public Employee Pension Systems believes that COLAs, at best, should only be granted on that amount — and no more — of federal pension income that goes to pay for food, clothing and reasonable shelter.

Calculated in this fashion, COLAs would only support real increases in the cost of living.

I know whereof I speak: I am receiving four federal pensions (congressional/Civil Service, military reservist, Civil Service survivors and Social Security). I am entitled to these work-related pensions. I made contributions toward all but my military pension.

But I should not get four cost-of-living adjustments. No one, including myself, ever paid in one cent or worked one extra day to "earn" a COLA.

On Jan. 1, the nation's 42 million Social Security recipients will receive a 2.8 percent COLA. As a 30-plus-year private-sector worker — one who always paid the maximum Social Security tax — the Social Security COLA entitlement will provide me \$33 a month. For the average retired worker, the Social Security COLA will provide \$18 a month.

But three months later, on April 1, 1995, in addition to my Social Security COLA, I will get a 2.8 percent COLA on each of my three other federal pensions. I will be getting 14.6 times more in COLAs than the average retired worker under Social Security.

The grand total of my monthly COLAs will be \$263 — and not because of any real increase in my cost of living, but because each of my four pensions is "entitled" to a full COLA. A double-dipping in four COLAs has already allowed me to collect more than \$650,000 in COLAs. Without

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But only when the public puts enough heat on politicians about the severity of the debt and deficit will COLA and entitlement reform be possible.

Former Rep. Hastings Keith, R-Mass., is co-chairman of the National Committee on Public Employee Pension Systems. He wrote this commentary for the Los Angeles Times.

The COLA cap proposed by the National Committee on Public Employee Pension Systems would largely remedy this situation. It would give full COLAs on the combined federal pension income (including Civil Service, military pensions and Social Security) that is equivalent to the maximum yearly Social Security benefit. In 1994, at age 65, this amount was \$13,764 per year (\$2,064 for a qualified couple).

The cap would save the nation more than \$400 billion during the lives of the federal systems' present participants. It could, in the long run, cut the cost of the nation's federal pension systems in

half. I know whereof I speak: I am receiving four federal pensions. I am entitled to these work-related pensions. I made contributions toward all but my military pension. But I should not get four cost-of-living adjustments. No one, including myself, ever paid in one cent or worked one extra day to "earn" a COLA.

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NBA extends Raptors, Grizzlies fee payment

NEW YORK — The Toronto Raptors and Vancouver Grizzlies have a three-month extension on the scheduled Dec. 1 installment of their expansion fees because the NBA has yet to reach a new collective bargaining agreement.

The expansion agreement says that on the Dec. 1 date, if there is no collective bargaining agreement, the payment can be waived, league spokesman Jan Hubbard confirmed Wednesday.

The two clubs were to have made a 40 percent payment on their \$125 million fees, or about \$50 million each.

The payment now is due 30 days after a new agreement is signed, or March 1, whichever comes first.

Ole Miss challenges NCAA penalties as overly extreme

OXFORD, Miss. — Mississippi, reeling under stiff NCAA penalties that could affect its football program for years, is challenging the sanctions as overly extreme, especially a reduction in scholarships over the next two years from 25 to 13.

"We will use every available means to challenge what we view as excessive penalties placed on Ole Miss," chancellor Gerald Turner said in announcing an appeal Wednesday.

The NCAA on Nov. 17 placed Ole Miss on four years' probation, barring it from postseason bowl games in 1995 and 1996 and from being on television next season.

The school is protesting the reduction in scholarships and allowed expenses for campus visits by prospective players.

German track, field group suspends runner for drugs

LEVERKUSEN, Germany — The German track-and-field federation on Wednesday suspended long distance runner Martin Bramer for using the performance-enhancing hormone testosterone.

The federation said that Bramer admitted he had been given testosterone by his doctor because his normal hormone level had been depleted by illness.

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Baseball owners drop cap threat Downs tops all-Big Sky defensive

The Associated Press

LEESBURG, Va. — Baseball owners, under pressure from mediator W.J. Urey, agreed Wednesday not to impose their salary cap next week, and the sides recessed bargaining until Dec. 9.

Owners, who had scheduled a major league meeting for Monday to impose the cap, postponed their session until Dec. 15 or Dec. 16, management negotiator John Harrington said.

"I've asked the owners to withdraw their threat of implementation and they've agreed to do that," Urey said.

Clubs want to eliminate salary arbitration and are intent on imposing a new economic system before more players enter the process. Clubs had to decide by Dec. 7 whether to offer arbitration to 82 of their former players who became free agents, but the sides agreed to

postpone the deadline to Dec. 17. The deadline for players to accept or reject the offers was pushed back from Dec. 19 to Dec. 23.

With the postponement, bargaining will resume in nine days at Rye Brook, N.Y. The union's executive board, which meets in Atlanta next Monday-Wednesday, will attempt to formulate a counterproposal to the luxury-tax plan owners offered Nov. 17.

"It's our intent," union head Donald Fehr said, "to take everything we've learned to produce one, to provide if not a settlement, a framework to get us there."

If there isn't an agreement by the time owners meet in mid-December, they almost certainly will impose the cap. If the strike continues into the spring, Harrington says replacement players will be used.

Wednesday's events allow additional time for a negotiated settlement, which still appears unlikely.

"I've said often that the place to solve this is not in the courts or in Washington. It's at the bargaining table," union commissioner Rod Selig said by telephone from his Milwaukee office. "If this contributes to the process, we have to be hopeful. Only time will tell."

Management's proposal calls for tax rates that exceed 90 percent and would cause \$5 million-a-year players to cost teams as much as \$10 million per season, including the tax. The union's last plan, offered on Sept. 8, calls for a 1.6 percent revenue tax and a 1.6 payroll tax that would be applied to the large-market clubs.

Owners want a system that will inhibit salary escalation and the union opposes that. The sides spent Wednesday discussing ways to bridge the gap in the two methods.

Urey called it a "very trying and difficult meeting." Players said if owners imposed a cap three times.

Please see BASEBALL/B2

Downs tops all-Big Sky defensive

The Associated Press

BOISE — Montana linebacker Dan Downs heads a senior-dominated all-conference defensive football team announced by the Big Sky Conference.

Downs, an inside linebacker for the Grizzlies, 10-2 heading into Saturday's Division I-AA playoff game against McNeese State, is one of nine seniors named to the all-conference defensive squad announced Wednesday. He's the 27th player named all-conference three times.

Northern Arizona and Weber State had three selections each and Boise State, Idaho, and Montana had two players named first team. Eastern Washington had one player selected.

Idaho defensive end Ryan Phillips and Boise State cornerback Rashid Gayle were the only unanimous selections. Eastern Washington's Craig Steinmetz was named all-conference for the second straight year.

The defensive all-conference squad also included Joe O'Brien of Boise State and Obie Spanie of Weber State; outside linebackers Jeff Bergman of Northern Arizona and Rob Hitchcock of Weber State; inside linebacker Duke Garrett of Idaho; defensive backs Derrick Beatty of Weber State, Rayna Stewart of Northern Arizona and Keith Burke of Montana; and punter Kevin O'Leary of Northern Arizona.

Downs, a senior from Helena, Mont., was credited with 53 tackles in nine games including four quarterback sacks, three tackles for losses, one pass deflection and a pass interception.

Phillips, a sophomore from Auburn, Wash., helped the Vandals to a 9-3 overall record and a berth in the I-AA playoffs. He had 82 tackles, 13½ quarterback sacks, 15 tackles for losses, two pass deflections and one fumble recovery for a touchdown.

Gayle, a junior from Roseville, Calif., led the Big Sky with seven interceptions and had 58 total tackles, one tackle for loss, and 11 pass deflections. Steinmetz, a senior from Maple Valley, Wash., had 46 total tackles, 3½ quarterback sacks and seven tackles for losses.

On the defensive front O'Brien, a 6-2, 258-pound senior from Pittsburg, Calif., was credited with 64 total tackles, 10½ quarterback sacks, seven tackles for losses and recovered two fumbles. Spanie, a 6-4, 265-pound senior from Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, had 70 total tackles, 10½ quarterback sacks, 19 tackles for losses, two forced fumbles and one fumble recovery for the Wildcats.

At outside linebacker Bergman, a 6-0, 205-pound senior from Bakersfield, Calif., led the Northern Arizona defense with 89 total tackles, three quarterback sacks, 13 tackles for losses, 12 pass deflections, two fumble recoveries, one blocked punt and three pass interceptions.

He was joined by Hitchcock, a 6-2, 200-pound senior from Bismarck, Ontario, Canada, who led the Weber State with 116 total tackles, one quarterback sack, 23 tackles for losses, one blocked kick, four pass deflections and three interceptions.

Garrett, a 6-2, 232-pound senior from Tacoma, Wash., was named all-conference.

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A-1 teams face climb

By Brad Bowlin
Times-News sports editor

If experience is the key to a winning basketball team, Minico will have the edge over Twin Falls and Burley, back in Class A-1, probably to stay now, in the Region III A-1 race this season.

But even the Spartans face an uphill battle against the other two members of the playoff pool — Pocatello and Highland.

Pocatello and Highland are loaded this year," Minico coach Gordon Kerbs said.

The Indian posts go 6-foot-11 and 6-foot-6, and Pocatello fields a trio of talented guards, Kerbs said.

Highland's Rams will pose a different challenge with a strong run-and-gun offense capable of putting up 25 three-point shots per game.

Kerbs has the luxury of returning 6-foot-8 senior Andy Bingham, along with several players who saw a lot of playing time last year.

Twin Falls and Burley both come in without a returning starter.

Twin Falls Bruins

First-year coach Dan Vogt inherits a brief winning tradition, but not much else.

The Bruins made the state tournament the last two years and came within a missed free throw of taking the 1993-94 state championship from Borah.

But all of the top six or seven players from last season's 18-8 team are gone, leaving Twin Falls with many question marks.

"We have a lot of challenges," Vogt said. "We'll have to be a hard-working team."

Junior post Kylan Peterson is the tallest Bruin at 6-foot-5, with the other post emerging in the form of 6-2 senior Shawn Steele.

The lack of size down low means the Bruins must find a perimeter game, which Vogt says has shown signs of life in practice.

Senior Craig Swenson looks to fill Brady Tenkle's shoes from outside the three-point arc, while Tyler Miller and Scott Seaton also can shoot the jumper.

Todd Leon, a 6-2 senior, may become the Bruins' playmaker with strong moves to the basket.

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Bruins' post Kylan Peterson works on defense during practice this week in Twin Falls. The junior is the tallest Bruin measuring in at 6 foot, 5 inches.

Junior hopes Bobcats perform 'Nicley'

By Brad Bowlin
Times-News sports editor

BURLEY — High school sports fans will see a familiar face leading the Bobcat basketball team this year.

After knocking in the winning run for the state basketball championship last spring and quarterbacking the Bobcats into the A-1 Division II football title game last month, Dr. Nicley will once again lead the offense when Burley opens the basketball season Friday in Buhl.

"Dr. Nicley's outside shot has improved, and he's one of our better ball handlers," coach Bill Cowell said.

Nicley will spend time at the post

and as point guard for an inexperienced Burley squad that moves up to Class A-1 this year.

"We're going to see some bigger guys," Nicley said.

"I'm a little worried right now about how we'll do."

But that was the expectation at the beginning of the football season, too. After a rocky start, the Bobcats finished strong and came within a touchdown of winning the state trophy.

With two of his football teammates on the basketball team, Nicley said the three of them can pull the team together through tough times.

"There are some guys on this team that know how to win," he said.

Nicley scored five points a game off the bench last season, but was used mostly for rebounding help.

This year, Cowell said the 6-foot 3-inch junior will be responsible for leading the offense through the early part of the season while the rest of the front court gains experience.

For his part, the soft-spoken Nicley prefers to talk about the team rather than himself.

"I think we'll have a lot of quickness and speed, and we're not afraid to put up the outside shot," Nicley said.

Off the court, Nicley posts a 3.5 grade point average and said he hopes to land a football scholarship after high school.

Donald ducks pre-fight news conference

The Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Larry Donald figured Riddick Bowe had already landed his best shot. He wasn't about to give him another chance.

Donald skipped the final pre-fight news conference Wednesday, two days after being hit twice by Bowe at a similar gathering in Los Angeles.

"It's very hard to be in the room with a former world heavyweight champion when he pulls his stunt out," Donald said.

Donald instead held his own news conference next door to the main event, where his manager, Steve Nelson, tried to get Bowe to apologize for Monday's incident in Los Angeles.

"The lack of class demonstrated by Riddick Bowe does not allow Larry to lower himself by appearing with him," Nelson said. "Riddick Bowe violated all rules of proper conduct as a boxer and a member of the human race."

Bowe, who will fight for only the second time since losing his heavyweight title last November to Evander Holyfield, wasn't in an apologizing mood.

"I'm getting tired of hearing Mr. Nice Guy," Bowe said. "People mistake my kindness for weakness. I told him not to say anything to me. He just kept running his lips."

Although Bowe's left-right combination at the Forum in Inglewood, Calif., didn't land fully on Donald, it did cut the 1992 Olympian on the inside of his mouth.

It also left the mild-mannered fighter puzzled about his first foray into big-time boxing.

"I'm upset," Donald said. "Every time I turn around and I see the tape of it, it makes me upset."

Donald, underfunded in 14 professional fights, said he and his handlers decided at the last minute to skip the news conference as a protest of Bowe's actions.

Bowe, who was warned the two were talking about the fight.

"I was shocked," said Donald, who did not fight back. "I always think before I react. I can't remember the last time I lost my temper."

Marc Ratner, executive director of the Nevada State Athletic Commission, said no action would be taken by the commission since the incident occurred in California.

"Basically, the guy got a free shot," Ratner said.

Bowen's last, a favorite to beat Donald, in the scheduled 12-round fight Saturday at Caesars Palace. The fight will be televised by HBO.

Bowe, 34-1, has fought only once since losing to Holyfield, getting a no decision after hitting Buster Mathis Jr. while he was down in the 11th round of the Barcelona Olympics. He is 16-0 with 12 knockouts and is ranked No. 5 by the WBC.

Pro players make a lot, lose a lot

The Sporting News

About half the athletes who made a \$500,000 salary during the 1980s have been eliminated by tax-reform laws. The decade left many players finding out years later that they owed money.

In the '80s, he says, "the phenomenon has been more of not analyzing investments."

The biggest problem, Shapiro says, is that athletes spend as much as they make. Unlike other professions, athletes can't maintain that level. Their income falls abruptly, but not their expenses.

"Very few listen," Shapiro says. "You can tell that by looking at the houses they live in and the cars they drive."

The same competitive drive that makes a ballplayer succeed on the field works against him off it. "Players want to keep up with the guy at the next locker," Shapiro says.

He cites Eddie Murray, Mike Bodicker, Cal Ripken Jr. and Kirby Puckett as players who have spent wildly and will have a cushion when they can no longer play.

Colorado settles for Notre Dame game

BOULDER, Colo. (AP) — After passing up a chance to play in the Sugar Bowl, Colorado coach Bill McCartney can only sugarcoat the Buffaloes' Fiesta Bowl matchup with unranked Notre Dame.

McCartney said athletic director Bill Marolt called Sugar Bowl officials Saturday to inquire about a possible bid and was told that Colorado would be invited to New Orleans if it could get out of its Fiesta Bowl agreement.

McCartney said the Buffaloes could have "bent our muscles" and asked Fiesta Bowl officials to release them from their bowl-coalition obligation. That would have enabled No. 5 Colorado (10-1) to play the winner of the Southeastern Conference championship between No. 3 Alabama and No. 2 Florida.

"In order for us to get what we wanted, we would have had to violate the agreement," McCartney said. "It became a question of principle. We

decided to do the principle thing and stick with the Fiesta Bowl."

"The Fiesta officials said what you're asking us to do is inappropriate. We thought about it, and it was inappropriate."

But then the Fiesta Bowl, which had pledged to match Colorado against the highest-ranked opponent, passed on No. 15 Arizona, No. 18 North Carolina and No. 21 Southern Cal in favor of Notre Dame.

Fiesta selection committee chairman Don Meyers called the Colorado-Arizona and Colorado-Southern Cal matchups "too regional" and admitted the committee expected to hear criticism for choosing the Fighting Irish (6-4-1).

But McCartney, who will step down after the Jan. 2 game in Tampa, Ariz., is making the best of a bad situation.

"I feel good about what we did and I'm fully satisfied with Notre Dame as an opponent," he said.

Track, field will try to sustain time in sun

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Fast times aren't enough anymore in the struggling sport of track and field.

The U.S. Olympic men's and women's coaches are looking forward to a brief moment in the sun for their sport in the 1996 Atlanta Olympics, followed by the reality of Olympic-fighting for a small place in the sports menu.

"We have to figure out how to make it last," men's coach Erv Hunt said Wednesday at the USA Track & Field convention. "I'm not sure about that myself."

Women's coach Deanne Vochatz said a recent report says that track is the No. 2 participation sport in high schools.

"I see this as a tremendous opportunity," Vochatz said. "If we've got this great participation base, that means there's a probable fan base and young ladies are going to keep coming up through the ranks."

The problem, again, is sustaining interest.

"Times have changed," Vochatz said. "It's not competition for the passion alone now, it's livelihood. We need to market it and provide opportunities in different ways."

It hasn't helped that the country's track leadership has been feuding. On Tuesday, longtime executive director Olin Cassell survived a

coup attempt when the board of directors voted 44-24 to approve a three-year contract extension.

That's not exactly a glowing endorsement for the only leader USATF has ever had in its 15-year existence, but he said it'll have to do.

"I've been through a couple of days that were very trying," Cassell said in his annual state of the sport address before about 1,000 delegates. "If there is anyone here who has a concern with me, let's sit down and see if we can settle our concerns without going to the press and passing letters around."

"Let's go forward with a healing process. Let's settle our problems together from the inside out."

Cassell has been criticized from within and from outside sources on several matters in recent months. He still faces a challenge later in the week for his position as a delegate to the International Amateur Athletic Federation, and the coming about his reign hasn't stopped either.

Idaho QB Brennan pleads innocent to drunk driving

MOSCOW (AP) — Brian Brennan, the freshman who became Idaho's starting quarterback midway in the football season, was arrested on a charge of drunken driving and faces a pre-trial conference Dec. 6.

Idaho's season ended at 9-3 Saturday night when the Vandals lost a 38-21 decision to McNeese State in the Division I-A playoffs. At 12:44 a.m. Monday,

Moscow officers cited Brennan for driving under the influence. He pleaded innocent when arraigned Monday before Magistrate Bill Hamlett.

Idaho head football coach John L. Smith was on his way to recruiting trip and could not be reached for comment.

Offensive coordinator Art Valero was unaware of the incident until Wednesday but said disciplinary action could take place.

"This is the first I heard of it," Valero said. "Something will happen. The team rules are we don't

Three-time Olympic distance runner Craig Virgin is making his first national convention in four years and he said nothing has changed.

"I took a four-year timeout and they're still talking about much the same problems — promotion, image and marketing," Virgin said. "It's obvious that while some improvements are being made, if this was a pure business venture there probably would have been more of a shakeup by now."

Virgin said Cassell survived a similar coup attempt a few years ago.

"He seems to have as much if not more Teflon than Ronnie Reagan," Virgin said. "I wish he'd work as hard on his actual job as he does trying to keep it."

He seems to know exactly what it takes to survive a vote.

Jerry Kokesh, a convention delegate from St. Louis, said track was "just hanging on." He said the new TV deal, with five indoor meets to be televised by NBC on Saturday afternoons starting in February, was a good start.

The question is whether they can build on that success, Kokesh said. "The sport has got a ways to go."

Vochatz said second-guessing of Cassell and of track in general is healthy, to appoint.

"Unless you open up and take shots at each other — privately — you're not going to find a good mechanism," Vochatz said.

We're going through this pain right now, finding the best mechanism. Meanwhile, Chapel Hill, N.C., was picked to be the training site for the Atlanta Games. Other finalists were Orlando, Fla.; Raleigh, N.C.; and Knoxville, Tenn. The training camp at the University of North Carolina will be available to athletes before and during the competition.

USATF President Larry Ellis, running unopposed, won a second two-year term. Also running unopposed were secretary Bill

Roe and treasurer Steve Boykin. On Saturday, delegates will choose three vice presidents from among six candidates.

Trials for the 50K walk, at 31 miles the longest event in the Olympics, will be at La Grange, Ga.

want any of our kids involved in that type of thing. There's a rule that they can't go into bars during the season."

"Anytime this happens, we do our own investigation. If it didn't happen to the kid and he is correct in saying he is not guilty, we will visit with him. If he is guilty there will be some disciplinary action."

Idaho athletic director Pete Liske said it is up to the coaches in each sport to hand down disciplinary action.

Brennan, a 6-foot-5, 200-pound redshirt freshman from Lacey, Wash., took over after starting position five games into the season when junior Eric Hissaw went down with a knee injury. Brennan started six of Idaho's next seven games and had a 4-2 record as it started.

He threw for more than 1,800 yards this season. Brennan is expected to be in the lineup for the starting job during spring practice.

Penn St. coach wants to win by 1

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — Joe Paterno has a modest goal for Penn State in the Rose Bowl against Oregon, and he won't be overly concerned about who finishes No. 1 in the final poll.

The coach of the unbeaten and second-ranked Nittany Lions, asked about the possibilities for the national championship, said Wednesday that he was not going to get into that kind of discussion now.

"All of us have tough games left to play," Paterno said. "I think everybody should relax and enjoy it, enjoy the drama and excitement of the games."

"In our case, we're having a lot of fun. We have a chance to do something no Penn State team has done in more than 70 years. We want to enjoy it and try to beat Oregon by one point."

He did say that voters for the national championship should do so without bias, considering each team on its schedule and its merits.

Paterno and his old friend Rich Brooks, coach of the No. 12 Oregon Ducks, met in entirely new surroundings Wednesday — at the Tournament of Roses House for a Rose Bowl press conference.

Penn State has played in the Rose Bowl once, a 14-3 loss to Southern California in 1923. The Nittany Lions became eligible to play in the game again when they joined the Big Ten two years ago. Pac-10 champion Oregon, meanwhile, will be making its first Rose Bowl trip in 37 years.

Paterno noted that he and Brooks have spent time together with their families in Florida and Hawaii, saying that their friendship goes beyond being fellow coaches.

"I'd be dishonest if I said I wasn't pulling for Rich," Paterno said of the Pac-10 championship race. "I saw



Penn State coach Joe Paterno, left, and Oregon coach Rich Brooks pose Wednesday at the Tournament House in Pasadena, Calif. The two men will face each other Jan. 2 in the Rose Bowl Classic.

the last part of their game against Oregon State (when the Ducks clinched the Rose Bowl berth) and I was impressed with what Rich and his staff did to win that game."

Despite an 11-0 record, Penn State's chances for the No. 1 ranking may be hurt by the fact that the Nittany Lions are considered to have an easier foe (Oregon is 9-3) than top-ranked Nebraska, which plays No. 4 Miami in the Orange Bowl.

Brooks quipped: "I, too, would like to see Joe Paterno's offense go against Nebraska's defense... so I wouldn't have to do it."

That does not mean Brooks is dismissing the Ducks' chances for an upset in the Rose Bowl.

"If we didn't deserve to be here, we wouldn't be here," Brooks said. "We're not coming down here to be sacrificial lambs; we're coming down here to win a game."

Brooks and Paterno both said there was much excitement among fans back home over their respective team's appearing in the Rose Bowl.

Fans flood Tide with silent seal of approval

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. (AP) — They were treated with contempt earlier in the season. Every time Jay Barker was sacked or Sherman Williams was dropped behind the line, the boos rained in their ears.

The Achilles heel of Alabama, everyone thought. No way this team can contend for the national championship with such a mediocre group of blockers, everyone agreed.

"We heard a lot of criticism," offensive guard Kareem McNeal said. "Everybody knows the offensive linemen never get any glory. That's something we've got to deal with. When we screw up, everyone knows it. When we do well, people don't look at us."

Now, 11 games into the season — and 11 victories later — you don't hear people saying much about the offensive line. Never was the silent seal of approval more apparent than the Crimson Tide's 21-14 victory over Auburn, when the linemen cleared the way for 415 yards against a team that hadn't lost in two years.

"We're playing a lot better," McNeal said. "I think the difference is like night and day."

Two things have happened over the course of the season to transform the line to an asset heading into Saturday's Southeastern Conference championship between third-ranked Auburn and No. 6 Florida (9-1-1).

The first was expected, but hardly turning starter from 1993, it took time for the linemen to adjust to each other, to learn each other's moves. The



Alabama coach Gene Stallings cheers on his team during their 21-14 win over Auburn Saturday.

fans see the line of scrimmage as a bunch of big guys pushing each other around, but it's much more complicated than that.

"I wish it was that simple, but it's not," said Jim Fuller, the Tide's offensive line coach. "Sometimes, it may be that someone is two or three inches off in a block, or maybe he's working with a guy and expects him to be there and he's not. Those things take time and experience."

The other change was obvious.

Senior Jon Stevenson, that one starter from last year, had been shifted from guard to center before the season, but he never felt comfortable with the move.

So, after the fourth game of the season, Stevenson was moved back to guard and sophomore John Causey moved in at center.

"I've heard other coaches say, 'You can train a monkey to snap a football,'" Fuller said. "But if you put the ball in someone's hands,

and that tickets for the Jan. 2 game were in great demand."

Brooks said making it to the Rose Bowl was a longtime goal.

"When I became the head coach 18 years ago, I felt we could get there," he said. "But I never dreamed it would take 18 years to do it."

Paterno laughed and said, "When we got in the Big Ten, I was hoping we would go to the Rose Bowl soon. If it had taken 18 years, I'd be 84 years old. They would have to wheel me in."

whose not used to it, it can get awkward at times. Jon's arms are kind of short, and he had problems delivering the ball. He just wasn't comfortable with the position."

Before the move, Alabama had averaged 341 yards a game, a figure skewed by a season-high 476 yards against Division I-AA Tennessee-Chattanooga. Since then, the Tide has averaged 343 yards against much stiffer opposition, including Top 25 teams the past two games.

Barker, the Tide's senior quarterback, has been sacked 33 times — an alarmingly high number for one of the nation's top teams — but he's also thrown for a career-high 1,815 yards and 13 touchdowns. Williams, the senior tailback, is second in the SEC with 1,242 yards rushing.

Barker has noticed the change since Causey took over at center.

"In a sense, we've got two centers in there now," Barker said. "We have two braintrusts up front to kind of make the calls — two leaders-up there."

"That was probably the best move we've had all year."

Fuller sees improvement in the linemen, but said they have only reached a level that he expected in the second or third game of the season — not heading into game No. 12.

"The first five games, you almost couldn't tell an improvement was taking place," he said. "The guys are playing better now... but we've still got a ways to go."

Hoosiers sink to 1-3 in lowest start since '76

SOUTH BEND, Ind. (AP) — It's been 18 years since Indiana got off to this poor a start.

An 80-79 overtime loss Tuesday to Notre Dame dropped the Hoosiers to 1-3 as they head into Saturday's game against Evansville at the RCA Dome.

Already, it's the Hoosiers' worst start since the 1976-77 season, when they finished 16-11 the year after they won the national championship.

It should have been an easy game for Indiana, which had only lost to Notre Dame twice in the past 10 years. The last Irish victory came six years ago.

Notre Dame also was without last season's top scorer, the New York Knicks' Monty Williams, and its second-highest scorer, Ryan Hoover, has been having trouble hitting his trademark 3-pointer.

Indiana took an early lead as Notre Dame got into foul trouble and had

problems with its outside shooting. The Hoosiers got 15 points from Alan Henderson and 20 from Todd Lindeman, and ended the first half with a 45-34 lead.

But Notre Dame went out in a 13-5 run to open the second half and tie it at 50 with 15:34 to play. Indiana got into foul trouble, and lost Henderson with 3:46 left to play.

The team traded leads until Indiana freshman Michael Hermon sank a free

throw to tie it at 69 with 34 seconds to play, commit a missed shot and the ball went out of bounds as time ran out. The referees put 2.6 seconds on the clock, but Hoover missed a 3-point shot at the buzzer to send the game into overtime.

Knight said he had no one to blame but himself for the overtime game.

"That was my fault," he said. "I did a lousy job of setting up a shot at the

end of regulation. No one is to blame for that but me. I thought I saw something that would get us an easy bucket but it didn't."

Notre Dame sank five free throws to close out the overtime and give the Irish the victory.

"Notre Dame took a big game we had pretty much in control and turned it back into a basketball game," Knight said. "They just had more big plays than we did."

We have been trying to turn a corner for some time," Notre Dame coach John MacLeod said. "This was no fluke. We earned it. Indiana is a tremendous club."

Maybe not this year. Prospects for Indiana were bright at the beginning of the season, with the Hoosiers ranked No. 9 in the preseason poll.

The Hoosiers had a big hole to fill

with the loss of top scorer and team leader Damon Bailey, but they returned three starters: Henderson, Lindeman and Brian Evans. And their freshman class of 6-8 Andre Patterson, 6-7 Charlie Miller, 6-7 Rob Hodgson, 6-3 Neil Reed and the 6-3 Hermon, was regarded as one of the best in the country.

The Hoosiers won their two exhibition games, but things began to slide when they traveled to Hawaii last week for the Maui Invitational. Indiana lost

77-72 to unranked Utah in the opening round, despite getting 17 points from Henderson in the second half.

The Hoosiers pulled things together in the second round as they beat Cincinnati, the only non-Division I school in the tournament, 92-79. Evans had a career-high 37 points, including a school-record eight 3-pointers, and Henderson had 28 points and 10 rebounds.

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Cold weather delays opening of new landfill

TWIN FALLS — The county's new garbage landfill will not be able to open by Monday because last week's cold weather held up construction at the Hub Butte site, county commissioners announced.

Commissioners said they now expect to be able to accept trash at the new dump by Monday, Dec. 19.

They are urging county residents to continue taking their trash to the dump west of Buhl until the new landfill opens.

Kimberly businessman faces drug charges, goes on trial

KIMBERLY — A Kimberly businessman and four other people went on trial in U.S. District Court Monday and face charges in connection with a \$100,000 drug bust in May.

Edward Thompson, 57, was owner of Persons IGA Foodliner in Kimberly when police arrested him — and 16 other people — on drug charges. Night Manager Lorraine Morales, reached Wednesday, said she's uncertain if Thompson remains owner of the grocery.

Also on trial: Jose Huerta and his wife, Jacqueline Huerta of Kimberly; Maria Lopez of Hansen; and Don Killinger, hometown unknown.

Police seized 18 pounds of marijuana and 26 ounces of cocaine — plus \$60,000 in cash during the six-hour sweep. More than 100 officials participated in the bust — and authorities claimed that the sweep wrecked a major Mexico-based drug network.

The trial in Boise is expected to last through next week, according to District Court officials.

Police still looking for suspect in convenience store robbery

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Police Department is still looking for the man who robbed a local convenience store at gunpoint Tuesday evening.

A gunman, his face shielded by a ski mask, reportedly robbed the Super Quik store on Washington Street North shortly before 8 p.m., then fled on foot.

Conversations on a police scanner indicate that the thief forced a store worker to open the till, then the thief scooped up the cash register's contents before fleeing.

Police searched in vain for the dark-clad suspect, looking for prints — or other evidence — in newly fallen snow.

State aims to start construction on Clear Lake grade soon

WENDELL — Construction on Clear Lake Grade should begin this month, with surveying expected as early as today, the Idaho Transportation Department announced.

The road cuts through the Snake River Canyon to connect traffic between Buhl and Wendell.

The new grade, built east of the existing road, will provide two traffic lanes, shoulders, a guardrail and a truck lane. New turn lanes also will be constructed at the grade's intersection with Bob Barton Road north of the canyon.

Castleford seeks public views on new zoning impact area

CASTLEFORD — The city of Castleford needs to establish an "area of impact" in the County that falls under city zoning laws.

Public comment will be taken at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 8, on a proposed impact zone, requested between the city and county. The public hearing will be at the county office building at 246 Third Ave. E., Twin Falls.

Written comments also will be accepted until 4 p.m. on the day of the hearing.

A copy of the map showing the proposed impact area is on file with the Castleford City Clerk at J&D Printing, 300 Main, Castleford, for viewing weekdays between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Tax assistance program starts search for new volunteers

TWIN FALLS — To help Magic Valley low-income and elderly taxpayers receive free tax-filing assistance, the Tax-Aide program is seeking volunteers.

Volunteers are trained during five days of classes in January, and they must pass an exam. They receive no pay but are reimbursed for out-of-pocket expenses.

Assistance to tax filers will be offered up to April 15 at sites such as senior centers. Volunteers will be given a few hours a week.

Last tax-filing season, about 1,500 taxpayers received assistance through the American Association of Retired Persons program. For more information about volunteering, contact Blaine Linford at 734-3809.

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Coalition has shelter opening in sight

By Julie M. McKinnon
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — With just a couple of manageable hurdles yet to overcome, homeless advocates may soon realize their goal — starting a shelter in Twin Falls for homeless families and eventually individuals.

Valley House Coalition Inc. is working on raising about \$9,000 by the middle of this month to start a shelter at the old Alpine Fels Motel, which shouldn't be too big a problem, said coalition Chairman Randy Hansen.

On Monday, the coalition released \$8,000 of escrow money to Alpine Fels owner Dallas Buhler, Hansen said. The coalition is purchasing a house and 11 cottages at the former motel's site for \$185,000, he said.

To get an occupancy permit from the city, the coalition is building an outside stairway leading to a door on the house's second floor, which the coalition had planned to do anyway, Hansen said.

"We've come to terms with the city with what they require," said Hansen, adding that the city also is requiring emergency lights, smoke detectors and other minor items for the shelter.

'We've come to terms with the city with what they require.'

— Randy Hansen,
Valley House
Coalition Inc. chairman
on opening its shelter
for homeless families

If all goes well, the house should be ready to shelter families early next year, Hansen said.

The five-bedroom house can help 12 to 14 people, he said, and volunteers from churches and other organizations will clean and paint it before it opens.

"We're out right now looking for a person who has the capabilities and the qualifications to be our manager," Hansen said. Part of the \$9,000 that

needs to be raised will be used for operating costs, he said.

The three-and-a-half-story cottages at the old Alpine Fels Motel are occupied now by renters, but as the cottages become vacant, the coalition plans to expand its shelter into them so more families and individuals can be sheltered, Hansen said.

Hansen said the entire property should be converted into a homeless shelter in a year, and 46 to 48 people could then be temporarily housed.

Everyone who seeks help from the shelter will be screened and, if accepted, will have to follow house rules.

Besides money, the coalition is accepting donations of bedding and furniture for the shelter. To make a donation, contact Hansen at 733-3033 or leave a message at 734-7736.

Training fans the simulated flames for firefighters

By Sean L. McCarthy
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — It's hard to imagine what it feels like to be a firefighter.

But local folk had their best and safest opportunity to experience simulated fire conditions Wednesday at the Twin Falls Fire Department. A trailer set up in the department's parking lot allowed two-person teams to scramble through a dark, hot and smoky obstacle course.

To add even more realism, a public address system piped in loud sounds of sirens and people crying out for help.

"It's like a real fire," said firefighter Sean Irwin. "You can't hear what everyone else is saying. It was tough."

Irwin was one of several firefighters and law-enforcement employees who tested their way through the maze Wednesday as a bonus course in fire training.

Equipped with breathing tanks, two-person teams clambered down into the trailer

to find themselves caught in a maze that appeared, in the pitch black, to have three levels of eaged passages. The teams were left to crawl and grope their way through the maze.

"Though they couldn't see or hear one another, each pair of volunteers was monitored from the trailer's control room by workers using infrared cameras."

The maze included four dead ends, several tubes that led up and down levels and a tight tunnel leading to the lone exit.

Most pairs completed the maze in about 15 minutes.

"It seemed longer than that when I almost got stuck in that tube," said Douglas Hughes, a state officer at the county jail.

The fire-training trailer was sponsored by Nor-Safe, makers of industrial safety products, and National Draeger Inc., which manufactures self-contained breathing units. The trailer rolled into town Wednesday from Boise and heads to Rigby today.



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Above, firefighter Sean Irwin gets pushed through a narrow tube while he finds his way through a dark maze in The Drager Respiratory Training Gallery. At right, an exhausted Mike Goudswaard takes a drink from his 3-year-old daughter Chloe's soft drink after completing the course. His wife Jennifer also came along to cheer him on.



Juvenile records will become public if accused convicted of serious crimes

The Associated Press

BOISE — Starting today, records of the conviction of a juvenile for a serious crime will be public documents in most cases.

That was what the last Idaho Legislature ordered, in a new law that went into effect July 1, but it has been blocked by a court rule.

On Wednesday, the Idaho Supreme Court issued an order amending its court rules, allowing the new law to go into effect. The change is effective Thursday.

Sen. Denton Darrington, R-Boise, chairman of a legislative subcommittee on the juvenile justice system, announced the change at a Statehouse meeting on Wednesday.

Darrington said he was considering

having a constitutional amendment prepared to make all court rules subject to approval by the Legislature, the same as state agency rules are subject to review. But Darrington said the court's action appears to make the constitutional change unnecessary.

House Bill 851 last session, which passed the House 66-4 and the Senate unanimously, declared that in juvenile criminal proceedings, if the defendant is age 14 or older, and the offense would be a felony if committed by an adult, the name, offense and disposition of the case will be a public record.

That conflicted with Idaho Court Administrative Rule 32, which declared that juvenile case records under Idaho's Youth Rehabilitation Act or Child Protective Act must remain sealed.

Supreme Court Justice Charles McDevitt said an accompanying court rule allows a judge to seal a record, if there is a ruling that the damage caused by disclosure would outweigh the public benefit of disclosure. That finding will be a matter of court record and could be appealed, he said.

The legislative committee put final touches Thursday on legislation for the next session creating a new state agency to deal with youthful criminal offenders. It will be called the Department of Juvenile Corrections, to replace the punishment aspect.

The committee also recommended changing the current state law allowing parents to be assessed up to \$2,500 for damage caused by their children, to a \$10,000 limit.

Ore truck accident brings up questions for environmentalists

The Associated Press
and The Times-News

CHALLIS — A massive, 84-ton ore truck en route to a mine busted loose from its transport trailer and tumbled down on a bank of the Salmon River Tuesday.

The accident occurred about 20 miles east of Stanley on State Highway 75.

No one was injured, but about five gallons of diesel fuel spilled from the truck — which came to rest upside down. Workers from the nearby Thompson Creek molybdenum mine prevented the fuel and other chemicals from reaching the river.

Even so, the accident sounded alarm bells in the environmental community.

"Empty monster dump trucks are one thing, but what if it had been a tanker full of diesel, or acid on route to the mine?" asked Lyette Stone, of the Boulder White Clouds Chapter.

"This is the Salmon River we're talking about, and there are juvenile salmon in there right now," Stone continued. "They're part of a crucial out-migration in 1995 and any toxic material going into the river could be disastrous."

"The few salmon that make it back deserve better than this," she said.

The most feared toxic material, she added, is cyanide — which is used to extract gold from heaps of ore. Mining companies use extreme caution when transporting cyanide, she said, "but it's one of the most toxic substances on the planet, and you have to be a little uncomfortable about it traveling down the highway."

State Highway 75 is a narrow, dangerous road — particularly when conditions are icy — and "there's no room for error," Stone said.

Idaho State Police Cpl. Dan Tiller said the

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Snowville raises funds to rebuild station accidentally burned down by volunteers

The Associated Press

SNOWVILLE, Utah — Residents and local companies have chipped in more than \$11,000 to rebuild the town's fire station that volunteer firefighters accidentally burned up.

The donations have allowed Mayor Carolyn Larkin to withdraw the town's application for emergency federal funds. The local money, insurance and the town's remaining fire budget should cover the new \$60,000 fire house, she said.

The town originally thought the new structure would cost about \$120,000, but for now it will get by on a pared-down version.

"We're going to build small, and make it to add on later," Larkin said.

Fire engulfed the building this summer while volunteers, including fire Chief Derek Olsen, were working on a fuel line.

All escaped with minor injuries, but the town's two fire trucks were destroyed along with firefighting equipment. Olsen is housing three donated

fire trucks at his house until the new station is built.

Larkin said most of the donations — \$7,200 — came from a Nov. 19 auction and dance at the Snowville School. Personal and other contributions totaled about \$4,000, she said.

Three of the biggest contributions were from Ocean Star International, Ames Construction and Thiolok Corp.

"Everybody's been very nice, very supportive," Larkin said. "It was quite pleasing."

Holiday fair starts season of giving for Glenns Ferry residents Saturday

By Kristi Madison
Times-News correspondent

GLENN'S FERRY — Residents can get an early taste of giving and receiving during the fifth annual Glenns Ferry Holiday Fair from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday at the Holiday Opera Theatre.

Candles, woodworking, needlepoint,

beauty products and local art are among the many items that will be available from the 13 vendors participating in the fair.

A Country Kitchen Corner, offering homemade treats, and a One Potato-Two Potato lunch bar, beginning at 11 a.m., have been added to make this year's event the best ever, said Lori Shrum, who is part of a four-member fair committee which

also includes Dorothy Nichols, Mary Printz and Patty McElfish.

In the spirit of the season, the Holiday Fair raises money for the Glenns Ferry disaster fund, by way of vendor fees and a 50-cent admission fee.

Admission includes a chance to win a painting donated by resident Pam Knox. The Fire Department will sponsor the

potato bar to raise money to buy jars of ketchup, a device used to rescue car accident victims.

"We're encouraging everyone to come out and eat," Shrum said. "You're not only donating, but you're getting something in return, which doesn't happen very often."

To entertain shoppers, Chagli Rose,

Kinder Baxter, Julie Pfeiffer and Michael Moore will perform musical numbers while Santa and Mrs. Claus visit with children.

The Chamber of Commerce will also provide a movie for children ages 5 to 12 at the Moose Lodge from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., to allow parents more time to enjoy the Holiday Fair.

Death notices

Robert Dobbs

FROM: Robert Dobbs, 91, of Jerome, died Tuesday, Nov. 29, 1994, at the Snake River Rehabilitation Center in Huhl.

No services are planned. Inurnment will take place at Mountain Memorial Park in Lohma, Idaho, Calif. Arrangements are under the direction of the Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

Nadine Hawker

NORLAND — Nadine Hawker, 63, of Norland, died Tuesday, Nov. 29, 1994, of cancer.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Rupert First Ward LDS Chapel, 806 S. 1st. Interment will be at the Hansen Cemetery in Oakley, Idaho. Family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday at the McCulloch-Hansen Mortuary in Burley.

Virginia Wood

NAMPA — Virginia Wood, 59, of Nampa, died Tuesday, Nov. 29, 1994, at her home.

The funeral will be held at 11

a.m. Friday at the Jerome 4th Ward LDS Church. Arrangements are under the direction of the Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

Services

Edna Hildegard Jakway, of Twin Falls, 2 p.m. today; Wake Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Lola Bernice Sherrill, of Twin Falls and formerly of San Pedro, Calif., funeral, today, Burkhardt's Funeral Home, Sandwiche, Ill. An additional service will be held at 12:30 p.m. Saturday at McNerney's Mortuary, San Pedro.

Ellen Phillips, of Burley, 2 p.m. Friday, McCulloch-Hansen Mortuary in Burley.

in Burley. Viewing, one hour before the funeral on Friday at the funeral chapel.

Louise May Heighes, of Rupert, 2 p.m. Friday, Hansen Mortuary in Rupert. Viewing, 6 to 8 p.m. today and one hour before the funeral on Friday at the funeral chapel.

Elmer Eugene "Gene" Culley, of Tigard, Ore., memorial service, noon Saturday, McCulloch-Hansen Mortuary in Burley.

Hospitals

MAGIC VALLEY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

Some names are omitted at patients' request.

Admitted
Fred Albert Hills of Twin Falls.

Released
Valeri Jo Main of Twin Falls; Ralph Jason Hurd of Jerome; Joe C. Martinez of Huhl; and Stara B. Stroud of Wendell.

CASSIA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Admitted
Lucy Anderson, Willard Bond, Martha Luttimer, Glen Tiller, Hanny-Otto and Beverly Yoshida, all of Burley; Marvin Adams and Melissa Hale, both of Heyburn; and Richard Woodland of Declo.

Released
Beverly Yoshida of Burley; Reed Crystal of Heyburn;

and Myron Gossard of Rupert.

Births

A baby was born to Mr. and Mrs. Derrick Orton of Burley; and Mr. and Mrs. Gary Adams and Melissa Hale of Heyburn.

MINDOKA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Admitted
Terri Alcester and Thelma Wrigley, both of Burley; Patricia Palmer, Linda Wickel and Amanda Henschel, all of Rupert; and Lucy Greer of Paul.

Released
Allen Blinney of Rupert.

Births

A daughter was born to Patricia Palmer of Rupert and to Terri and Mike Alcester of Burley; and a son was born to Amanda and Don Henschel of Rupert.

Obituaries

A.W. 'Bill' Madland

TWIN FALLS — A.W. "Bill" Madland, 81, of Twin Falls, died Wednesday, Nov. 23, 1994, at the Twin Falls Care Center.

He was born Sept. 12, 1913, in Sentinel Butte, N.D., the son of Alfred O. and Mildred Kane Madland. He moved to Twin Falls as a child and attended St. Edward's Catholic School in Twin Falls. He graduated from Twin Falls High School and went to work in the Twin Falls area. He worked for a short time in the Twin Falls area and then went into business with his brother-in-law, "Emil" Johnson, at the "Jettison Monument Company and in 1953, he became the manager of the Twin Falls Cemetery. In 1957, he joined several men in the establishment of the Magic Bowl bowling alley.

Bill was a member of B.P.O.E. 1183 and had served as Exalted Ruler and was a past district deputy. Grand Exalted Ruler. Bill was also a member of the Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus 2nd and 4th Degrees and had served as Grand Knight of the 4th Degree. He was married to Helen E. Johnson on Sept. 20, 1936, in Twin Falls. Helen preceded him in death on April 28, 1989.

He is survived by his son, R.W. "Bill" Madland Jr., of Twin Falls; a daughter, Joanne Kirkpatrick of Pomeroy, Wash.; a brother, Jack Madland of Denver, Colo.; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

A vigil service with Rosary will be held at 7:30 p.m. today at Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls. A graveside funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday at the Twin Falls Cemetery. Friends may call today from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. at the funeral chapel.

Mabel A. Brown

POONIPONG — Mabel A. Brown, 90, of Poonipong, died Wednesday, Nov. 30, 1994, surrounded by her children.

She was born Dec. 5, 1910, in Apple Valley, Parma, Idaho, the daughter of Rev. Earl C. and Louise Brown. She was raised and educated in the Parma area and received her teacher's certificate from Northwest Nazarene College in Nampa. Mabel taught school in Nampa and was married to a man who was killed in World War II. She was a member of the Nazarene Church and the Poonipong Community Church.

She is survived by her son, Earl C. Brown, Jr., of Poonipong; her daughter, Louise Brown, of Poonipong; her son, Earl C. Brown, III, of Poonipong; her daughter, Louise Brown, of Poonipong; her son, Earl C. Brown, IV, of Poonipong; her daughter, Louise Brown, of Poonipong; her son, Earl C. Brown, V, of Poonipong; her daughter, Louise Brown, of Poonipong; her son, Earl C. Brown, VI, of Poonipong; her daughter, Louise Brown, of Poonipong; her son, Earl C. Brown, VII, of Poonipong; her daughter, Louise Brown, of Poonipong; her son, Earl C. Brown, VIII, of Poonipong; her daughter, Louise Brown, of Poonipong; her son, Earl C. Brown, IX, of Poonipong; her daughter, Louise Brown, of Poonipong; her son, Earl C. Brown, X, of Poonipong; her daughter, Louise Brown, of Poonipong; her son, Earl C. Brown, XI, of Poonipong; her daughter, Louise Brown, of Poonipong; her son, Earl C. Brown, XII, of Poonipong; her daughter, Louise Brown, of Poonipong; her son, Earl C. 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Valley life

Snappy retort to rude question keeps adoption a family matter

DEAR ABBY: I want to share a really neat retort to an out-of-line question I witnessed years ago.

My friend "Janet" and I married shipmates in the Navy. She and her hubby adopted two babies; then they had two of their own.

They were determined to keep the adoptions from their children to avoid sibling rivalry. The adoptions were entered into the husband's record, which is supposed to be kept confidential.

The Navy gave us a huge "welcome home" party, and we were seated with a large group when a woman came rushing to our table and blurted out:

"Say, Janet, I just heard that two of your kids are adopted! Which ones are they?" Janet looked her straight in the eye and calmly replied, "I haven't the faintest idea."

DEAR STILL-LAUGHING: What a sensitive, loving retort! This apparently occurred during World War II, when adopted children were seldom told that they were adopted.

Today, fortunately, most parents are more open, and very early on, they tell their adopted children that they were "chosen" by giving them the assurance that they are special.



Dear Abby
Abigail
VanBuren

DEAR ABBY: I wrote as soon as I read your column about what nurses should call elderly people in a nursing home. As a sign of respect, they are trained to call the men "Mister," and the women, "Miss" or "Mrs. So-and-So."

I am in training now to become a nursing assistant, and I was told to call the residents whatever they WANT to be called.

IN TRAINING IN MINNESOTA

DEAR IN TRAINING: I agree with your instructors. Recently I received a letter from a 94-year-old resident in a nursing home who resented being called "Mrs." She said, "I asked the staff to please call me 'Edna'; it makes me feel young again!"

DEAR ABBY: I just finished reading a letter signed "Careful in Georgia," regarding parents who put their children on leashes.

When I was 3 years old, we lived on a farm, and my father used to take me into town with him. While

he was visiting with his friends at the feed store, I wandered off and was missing for about an hour. I had talked to strangers and got into a car with a strange man.

Fortunately, he had heard that my parents were looking for me, so he took me home to my mother. (This was 35 years ago, before all the publicity about kidnapping was big news, but I get the chills now when I think of what could have happened to me.) After that, my parents put me on a leash when they took me to town with them.

Interestingly, I don't recall any bad feelings about wearing a leash. All I can remember was the mixture of anguish and joy on my mother's face when that man brought me home.

To those who leash their children: Don't worry about what strangers might think. Worry about what strangers might DO.

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Mother redefines parents' role at school

Knight-Ridder News Service

A Tallahassee, Fla., mother is redefining the concept of parental involvement in the schools.

Tari Van Winkle and her husband, Florida State physics professor David Van Winkle, have hired a surrogate volunteer for their son's second-grade classroom at Seale Elementary.

They hired stand-ins when Stirling was in kindergarten and first-grade, and when 4-year-old Taylor starts school they expect to hire a volunteer to improve the adult-child ratio in his class, too.

"That's the prime directive," says Tari Van Winkle, a no-nonsense personal-injury attorney who enjoys coming up with creative solutions to client problems. So when they discovered Stirling's kindergarten teacher was facing 29 children

alone, the Van Winkles sought a pragmatic, if unusual, solution.

"We feel it's no different than if I were to sign in every day. It's just utilizing different resources," she says. Her son doesn't know that his parents pay his teacher's aide, nor does he get exclusive attention.

"She's there to make sure that children who need some extra attention get it, and just by reducing the ratio, my son benefits," Van Winkle doesn't get involved in what the aide does, either, leaving that up to the teacher.

The Van Winkles pay their volunteer — the mother of a child in parochial school — \$4.35 an hour for three hours a day, five days a week, about \$2,200 last year. Van Winkle sees an untapped market of education majors and young mothers who would love the hours and extra income in return for supplying

what many working parents cannot time to help out in the classroom.

So while other working parents may pay for help with house or lawn care, the Van Winkles pay for help with their volunteering obligations — though Tari chaperones every class field trip.

This year another couple pays a share of the salary, but Van Winkle would like to see classroom aides, with more parents sharing the cost of aides — positions the school district provides, but unevenly and inconsistently.

Apart from the poor adult-child ratio, the Van Winkles are committed to public schools. They think that the best teachers are found there, and that higher test scores in private schools primarily reflect a richer economic pool that exposes students to more computers, travel and such.

Valley happenings

Jerome sports teams to hold chili feed

JEROME — A chili feed is planned for 5 to 8 p.m. Friday in the cafeteria at Jerome High School. The menu features chili, carrot sticks, cinnamon rolls, coffee and juice. Cost is \$3.50 per person or \$15 for a family of five. All proceeds will benefit the boys' baseball and girls' softball teams at Jerome High School.

Santa will have breakfast with children

TWIN FALLS — Children and other interested people have an opportunity to have "Breakfast with Santa" from 8 to 10 a.m. Saturday at Treasure Cove Golf & Games, 705 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.

Participants can have breakfast and a visit with Santa for \$2 or breakfast and a photograph taken with Santa for \$3. Proceeds will go to the event's sponsor, the Wishing Star Foundation, to help children with life-threatening diseases in the Magic Valley.

Senior center offers pancake breakfast

TWIN FALLS — A pancake breakfast is planned for 8 a.m. to noon Saturday at the Twin Falls Senior Center, 616 Eastland Drive.

Ham, pancakes, eggs, and biscuits and sausage gravy will be served. Suggested donation is \$2 per person. A bazaar featuring crafts, baked goods and homemade items will be open during the breakfast. For more information, call 734-5084.

Gooding seniors set monthly flea market

GOODING — Gooding senior citizens are sponsoring their monthly flea market from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday at the Gooding Senior Center, 308 Senior Ave.

Household items and soup, salad, homemade cinnamon rolls and beverages will be available for purchase. Individuals may rent table space.

Boy Scouts to sponsor turkey shoot

HOLLISTER — A Turkey Shoot sponsored by Boy Scout Troop 99 is planned for noon Saturday behind the Hollister LDS Church, 14 miles south of the 93/30 junction on Highway 93.

Free hot chocolate and chili will be served. Prizes include turkeys and hams. All proceeds will go to the Riley Todd Parrott Memorial Fund. For more information, call Donna Rae Henstock at 653-4317.

The Times-News welcomes news of community events. Send material to The Times-News Valley Happenings, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303-0548. Please submit news at least a week in advance and include a phone number where you can be reached.

Get the full load on lamb shanks

A portion of the recipe for Braised Lamb Shanks with Black Beans that ran Wednesday was mistakenly cut off. Here is the complete recipe.

BRAISED LAMB SHANKS WITH BLACK BEANS

Serves 6
2 tablespoons olive oil
6 small lamb shanks, salted across the bone (If your butcher has not already done so, make sure to remove and discard any fat from shanks.)
2 tablespoons unsalted butter
2 cups coarsely chopped onions
1 cup coarsely chopped carrots
1 cup coarsely chopped celery
3 garlic cloves, minced
1 large sprig parsley
1½ cups dry red wine
1½ cups beef stock or canned low-sodium beef broth
2 tablespoons tomato paste
1½ teaspoons salt
1½ teaspoons freshly-ground pepper
2 teaspoons fresh thyme or 1 teaspoon dried
1 large imported bay leaf
1 tablespoon coarsely-grated lemon zest

2 (15-ounce) cans black beans, rinsed and drained well

In a deep, heavy nonreactive (not metal) casserole, heat the oil over moderate heat until very hot. Add the lamb shanks and brown on all sides, about 3 minutes. Transfer to a large plate and set aside. Discard the oil. Add the butter to the casserole and melt over moderately high heat. Add the onions, carrots and celery.

Cook, stirring until the vegetables start to brown, 3-5 minutes. Add the garlic and parsley. Cook 1 minute.

Add the wine and beef stock. Stir in the tomato paste, salt, pepper, thyme, bay leaf and lemon zest. Reduce heat to moderately low and bring to a simmer, about 15 minutes. Return the lamb with its juices to the casserole. Reduce the heat to low. Cover and simmer for 1 hour. Remove the lid and simmer until the liquid is thick enough to coat the back of a spoon, about 30 minutes.

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Briefly

Fab Four album draws large lines

LONDON — Beatlemania returned to Britain as hundreds of people lined up Wednesday to be among the first to buy the Fab Four's new album.

The album "Live at the BBC" consists of tracks recorded in Liverpool and Hamburg, Germany, in the days before the Beatles delighted legions and bewildered parents.

"There were people from all over the world, of all different ages. It's an interesting album but you would have to be a real Beatles nut to really get into it," said Mark Macpherson, assistant manager of Tower Records in central London.

"We probably sold around 250 copies," during the 12-hour launch that began at midnight, he said.

AIDS summit focuses on poor countries

PARIS — Delegates from 42 nations, gathering for the first political summit on AIDS, hope to correct an imbalance that channels more than 90 percent of AIDS funding to wealthy nations that have only a fraction of the victims.

The one-day international summit, on Thursday, hosted by France and the World Health Organization, seeks to improve cooperation in fighting the disease and reduce discrimination against its victims.

Twelve prime ministers and 17 health ministers, including U.S. Health Secretary Donna E. Shalala, will convene at U.N. Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization headquarters for the summit, a focal point of World AIDS Day.

The day will be marked around the world by symposiums, fund-raising events and efforts to increase awareness of the disease.

Arab's attack raises fears in Israel

JERUSALEM — An Arab man with an ax killed a 19-year-old female Israeli soldier in Afula Wednesday, raising fears of reprisals in the northern city where a suicide bomber killed eight Israelis in April.

Israel sent 150 soldiers to reinforce police who escorted Arabs to their homes outside Afula as angry Jewish residents gathered in knots on the streets. Police also went to factories and advised Arab laborers to go home.

The area around Afula, 60 miles north of Jerusalem, has a large population of Arabs with Israeli citizenship. Its factories also bring in Palestinian workers from the occupied territories.

The soldier, Liat Gabai, was waiting at the city's bus station when the attacker hit her in the head with the ax several times before he was chased down by passers-by.

Bolshoi performers threaten strike

MOSCOW — Bolshoi Theater dancers, singers and musicians threatened Wednesday to stage their first strike to block major artistic and business changes ordered by President Boris Yeltsin.

About 500 members of the Bolshoi's company attended a meeting to protest the reforms, which would introduce a contract system for hiring artists and set up a 15-member board to run Russia's premier theater.

The pride of czars and Soviet rulers, the 218-year-old theater has been in turmoil in recent years, plagued by lack of money, the loss of many stars, and internal bickering.

Shiite Muslim leader dies in Iran

NICOSIA, Cyprus — Iran and Shiite Muslims around the world mourned the death of their spiritual leader, while many worried Wednesday that Tehran's efforts to impose a successor would split the Islamic minority sect.

Thousands of black flags draped Tehran and Koranic chants echoed from loudspeakers in every mosque after word spread of Grand Ayatollah Ali Akbar's death late Tuesday.

Iranian officials and the state-run media launched a campaign to name Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, the country's spiritual leader, as Akbar's successor.

Aristide vows to reform military

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — President Jean-Bertrand Aristide declared Wednesday that Haiti's army is "a cancer," but said he plans to reform not abolish, the military.

Aristide spoke to the cheers of labor unionists, many of them persecuted after army leaders overthrew Aristide in 1991. The military coup leader fled into exile before Aristide's U.S. military-backed return on Oct. 8. "Of course, I don't agree with the army. The army is a cancer," Aristide said from the National Palace.

Compiled from wire reports

Cruise ship blaze kills at least 2 people

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP) — Two people were reported dead and one was missing Wednesday after flames roared through the Achille Lauro cruise ship off Somalia.

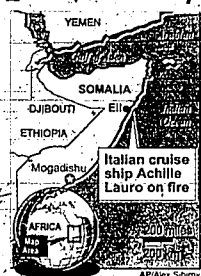
Nearly 1,000 people aboard escaped in lifeboats as the listing ship burned.

The Achille Lauro, which gained notoriety in 1985 when Palestinian terrorists hijacked it and killed a wheelchair-bound American passenger, was in danger of sinking about 15 miles off shore in the Indian Ocean.

After fighting the blaze, the last 60 crew members abandoned the vessel and boarded merchant ships helping in the rescue.

"I just passed the Achille Lauro overhead and she is fully engulfed, almost now, in flames. Flames have progressed far forward in the ship," said U.S. Navy pilot Lt. Paul Frost, who flew over the site in the afternoon.

George Bennett, spokesman for



the U.N. operation in Somalia, said the Achille Lauro's position was close to the small Somali fishing village of Eyl, about 15 miles off the coast.

Two U.S. warships — the guided missile cruiser USS Gettysburg and

the missile frigate Halyburton — were headed for the Achille Lauro, said a spokesman for U.S. Naval Forces Central Command in the Persian Gulf.

But they were 350 miles away and wouldn't reach the scene for 10 hours.

Eight people were injured in the fire. The ship's owner, Genoa-based Starlauro, said the blaze apparently broke out in the passenger area, but the cause was unknown. The 23,478-ton ship was still burning and listing badly 130 miles south of the Horn of Africa when the last crewmembers left.

Capt. Ferdinando Lolli, a port official in Rome, said the ship was carrying 581 passengers and 404 crew. Most of the crew was Italian, and the passengers mainly South African, German, Dutch and British. Ten Americans were on board — eight crew and a couple that boarded in Genoa. All were reported safe.

Late Wednesday evening, Italian Coast Guard officials reported that one person from the Achille Lauro was still unaccounted for. The two reported dead were identified by Italian news agencies as a Briton and a German.

The Panamanian oil ship Hawaiian King was one of the first ships to arrive at the scene and took on about 800 people, said a coast guard official in Rome, Adm. Eugenio Sicaresza. The Liberian-registered Bar Du, and a Greek ship, the Treasure Island, also were picking up passengers.

The ships that rescued people from the Achille Lauro were reported to be heading either for Mombasa, Kenya, or for the Seychelles. Both are about 1,200 miles away.

The Achille Lauro left Genoa on Nov. 19, stopped in Israel, and its next port of call was to be Durban, South Africa, on Friday, said Carla Gotta, a spokeswoman for the cruise ship's owner.

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11:30 • Filer Concert Choir	8:00 • Love Notes
12:00 • Filer Madrigals	Saturday • December 3rd
12:30 • Julie's JazzWorks	10:00 • Pam Williamson's Ballroom Dance
1:00 • BJ and Friends (1 hour)	10:30 • Muzak
2:00 • Jerome High School Chorals	11:00 • Pam Williamson's Ballroom Dance
2:30 • Clover Lutheran School	11:30 • Mauldin's Dance Academy
Chime & Voice Choir	12:00 • Merle Stoddard's Tappers
3:00 • Sherry Patterson	12:30 • Muzak
3:30 • Muzak (1 hour)	1:00 • He-Tep-Ta Belly Dancers
4:30 • Petersen Family (1 hour)	1:30 • International Sanzyuru
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6:30 • One Accord	3:30 • Derald Glenn Family
7:00 • Twin Falls High School	4:00 • Immanuel Lutheran Church
Chamber Singers	4:30 • Jaime Thietten, Miss Magic Valley
7:30 • St. Edwards Catholic Church	5:00 • First Assembly of God
Choir	Singing Christmas Tree
8:00 • Stacey and Amy Wilkinson	5:30 • The Melodians
Friday • December 2nd	6:00 • The Standards
11:00 • Castleford 6th Grade Band	6:30 • Children's Dance Theater
11:30 • Twin Falls Christian Academy	6:45 • Julie's JazzWorks
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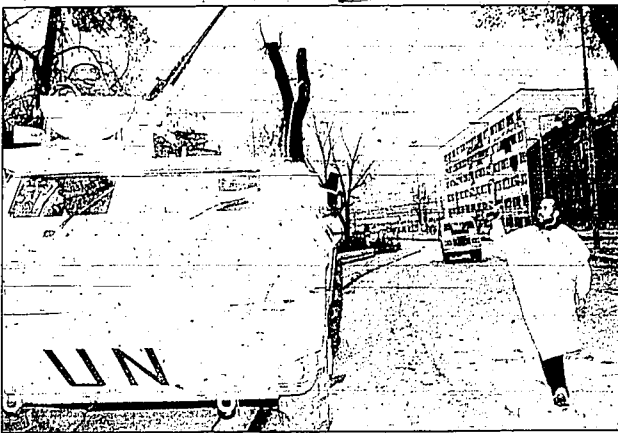
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A Sarajevo man waves a stick in disgust and frustration at a U.N. armored personnel carrier Wednesday. Many Sarajevoans despise the U.N. for refusing to use force to stop the Bosnian Serb attack on a city northwest of Sarajevo, Bihać.

U.N. suggests pullout after trip to Sarajevo ends in frustration

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — Smothered by Serbs and unable to arrange a cease-fire, U.N. Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali said Wednesday it may be time to send peacekeepers home.

Unless the Bosnian Serbs and Muslim-led government agree to talk peace and cooperate with the United Nations, "it will become impossible" to persuade the Security Council to keep peacekeepers in Bosnia, he said after a six-hour visit to Sarajevo.

But he said he will not recommend a pullout "for the time being."

Boutros-Ghali's remarks were the first time he has threatened a withdrawal. They reflect a growing frustration as the Serbs continue their assault on Bihać, the Muslim-led government refuses new concessions, U.N. peacekeepers are being held hostage and the Western alliance is divided about how to respond.

A decision to withdraw the

24,000 peacekeepers would come from the Security Council, where there is "absolutely no evidence" of support for a withdrawal, said Colin Keating, New Zealand's U.N. ambassador.

French Ambassador Jean-Bernard Merimee said "there is no question" of a withdrawal, "but if the situation continues to deteriorate, it will be more difficult to keep the troops there."

More than 200,000 are dead or missing in the 31-month conflict, launched by Serbs who rebelled against a Muslim-Croat vote to declare independence from Serb-led Yugoslavia.

Serbs have rejected a peace plan that would reduce their holdings in Bosnia to 49 percent from about 70 percent.

Bosnian President Alija Izetbegovic told Boutros-Ghali that Bosnia would negotiate only if Serbs accept the plan. He said the government has proposed a three-

month cease-fire, but the Serbs want something more permanent.

Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic refused even to meet Boutros-Ghali. The U.N. chief said Karadzic "has done his people a great disservice."

The Bosnian Serbs wouldn't mind seeing the United Nations leave, Bosnia, believing it would allow them to force the government to settle on Serb terms.

Boutros-Ghali's visit followed admissions from top U.S. and NATO officials that they can't force a solution to the conflict without a huge ground force no one is willing to provide.

The impact of air strikes is questionable. Three NATO air strikes last week on the Udina airfield and Serb positions near the Bihać safe haven zone prompted the Serbs to take more than 400 U.N. soldiers hostage as insurance against more bombing. NATO members provide two-thirds of the peacekeepers.

U.S. military would play major role in rescuing peacekeepers

WASHINGTON (AP) — Pentagon officials say tens of thousands of U.S. troops would be needed to rescue peacekeepers from Bosnia under hostile conditions, but incoming Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole said Wednesday the U.N. forces probably should leave because they can't even protect themselves.

Any rescue operation would be mounted under NATO auspices, but U.S. forces would be expected to play a major role. Planning officers for the Joint Chiefs of Staff are studying exactly what the U.S. contribution could be, according to senior officers, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Meanwhile, in Sarajevo Wednesday U.N. Secretary-General Boutros-Ghali said his failure to win the backing of Bosnia's warring factions for a cease-fire may spell an end to the U.N. peacekeeping mission.

He told reporters that unless both sides show a willingness to negotiate and work with U.N. peacekeepers and aid workers, "it will become impossible for me to persuade the Security Council" to keep the peacekeepers there.

Dole, in Brussels-Belgium, after meetings with NATO officials, renewed his attack on NATO and the United Nations and the European policy on Bosnia. "This is going to be a very sad chapter in the history of the Western world," Dole said on ABC's "Good Morning America."



Dole

option is to pull out."

Dole said the peacekeepers "are in harm's way. They're doing their best but... they can't protect the safe havens and they're having trouble protecting themselves."

"NATO has been helpless, hopeless, maybe irrelevant in this whole process. They've missed opportunities for air strikes. They blame the United Nations, the United Nations effectively blames NATO and nothing is happening," Dole said.

Sen. Richard Lugar, R-Ind., a senior member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said on the Fox Morning News that "if Senator Dole's idea was to be adopted, the British and French peacekeepers would have to get out of harm's way and that transition... getting them out without being taken hostage... would be a very difficult operation."

Some 2,000 U.S. Marines are, aboard ship off the coast of the former Yugoslavia, but their mission is to rescue downed NATO pilots, not

to mount a large-scale evacuation. Defense Secretary William Perry and other officials said Tuesday: "Those are there for contingency purposes as a rescue team... if we had to go in to rescue downed arms of NATO airmen, they would be available to do that," Perry said on CNN.

"We have no plans to put in a military force that can fight its way in," he added.

Strained relations between the United States and its NATO partners and the continued harassment of the 24,000 U.N. peacekeepers in Bosnia

400 of which are detained by Serbs as insurance against NATO air strikes... have led to calls for a withdrawal of the peacekeeping force.

British, French, Canadian and Bangladeshi troops make up much of the force.

Senior military officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, pointed out that U.S. officials have looked at a rescue mission, and that tens of thousands of troops would be needed to fight their way in and out. But the administration has shown little enthusiasm for such a move.

Conducting a withdrawal of forces in Bosnia's mountainous territory in winter would be best be conducted under peaceful conditions, the officials said, noting that the Serbs are well-armed with weapons such as shoulder-fired and other surface-to-air missiles that could target helicopters.

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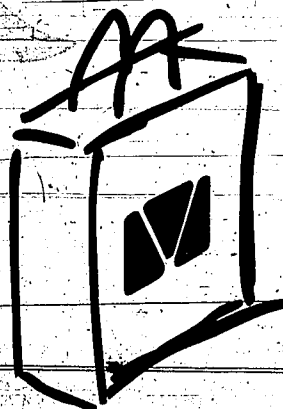
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Wood's attorney says client received inadequate defense in trial

BOISE (AP) — A former law partner friendly with the victim's family testified Wednesday that he opposed the Bannock County public defender's office representing James Edward Wood in the murder of a Pocatello newspaper carrier.

"I strongly expressed the view that the firm should have nothing to do with representing Mr. Wood," Wood's attorney said at a hearing on Wood's bid to overturn his guilty plea and death sentence for the 1993 abduction, murder and mutilation of 11-year-old Jeralee Underwood.

"I was very close to the Underwood family," Murray said.

But Murray said his partner at the time, Monte Whittier, decided to take the case. Wood's appellate lawyers contend connections between members of Whittier's firm

and Jeralee's parents, and the conflict between Whittier's duty to the Mormon Church and to Wood, resulted in Wood being without effective legal counsel.

Murray previously was the leader of a Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints congregation that included the Underwood family, and another member of Whittier's law firm also held a leadership position in the same ward.

Rolf Kehne, one of Wood's new lawyers, said at the hearing opened Tuesday that Whittier did essentially nothing to protect Wood's constitutional rights while he pleaded guilty and was sentenced to death. In fact, Kehne said, Whittier "thought he was doing Mr. Wood a favor by getting him the death penalty" so he could make spiritual restitution for Jeralee's murder.

But Bannock County Prosecutor Mark

Hiedemann has argued that Wood, 46, had found God himself and reached his own decision to waive a preliminary hearing and plead guilty to avoid a trial. Hiedemann said Wood initiated any discussion of religion with Whittier.

Murray testified Wednesday before 6th District Judge Lynn Winnill — himself a Mormon — that he had regular contact with the Underwoods after Jeralee's June 29, 1993, abduction. The girl's remains were found in the Snake River in Idaho Falls a week later after Wood was arrested and confessed.

After Wood's arrest, Murray said, "I backed off as much as I could" from the Underwood family. "But my wife continued," he said, occasionally bringing them meals and attending funeral services for Jeralee.

Kerr Howard, a Pocatello podiatrist and president of the group of Mormon congregations that included the Underwoods, said he, Whittier, and Thomas Clark, another of Whittier's law partners, met with Wood at the Bannock County Jail about a week before Wood was sentenced last January.

Howard said Whittier asked him to visit the jail so he could take a message from Wood to the Underwoods, but that he also wanted to talk to Wood about issues that could help him counsel young men in the church.

During the meeting, Howard said he told Wood about a speech Winnill gave to a youth group about a year before on the connection between sex crimes, pornography and masturbation.

"I wanted to establish a pattern if I could, of what he did that got him in this

situation," Howard said.

He insisted a discussion about whether God could forgive someone for murder resulted from Wood "continually reading and quoting scriptures to us."

Howard acknowledged he and Clark talked to Wood about whether a person must give up their own life to make restitution for taking another's, and said he believed Wood had to be executed to be spiritually forgiven for Jeralee's murder.

"Without that he has little chance because that's the punishment for taking a person's life," Howard said.

Earlier Wednesday, the Mormon bishop for the area of Pocatello, including the Bannock County Jail, testified he visited Wood at the jail on Nov. 6, 1993, to inform him a disciplinary council would consider revoking his church membership.

Andrus rips Clinton for tuning out

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Outgoing Idaho Gov. Cecil Andrus blames the Clinton Administration for a Republican tidal wave that put many Democratic leaders out of business.

"There is example after example in which the administration wouldn't listen to experienced voices or mismanaged a problem, and it turned people off," Andrus said in remarks prepared for the Scott M. Matheson Leadership Forum.

The four-term Democratic governor delivered the address at the University of Utah before returning to Idaho from a Western Governors' Association meeting in St. George. The conference, which focused on states' rights and addressed a national shift toward Republican leadership, concluded Tuesday.

Andrus said voters expressed their dissatisfaction with Clinton by refusing to support Democrats at the polls.

The result was "a Republican tidal wave that started at the Atlantic Ocean and headed west. It created just east of San Francisco," said Andrus, who did not seek re-election.

Democratic candidate Larry Echols lost Nov. 8 by 35,000 votes to Republican Phil Batt in the campaign to succeed Andrus. State Auditor D. Williams was the only Democrat elected to a state office in Idaho.

"None of the Democratic candidates fore-election in this part of the world did very well," Andrus said. "A matter of fact, very few did, very well anywhere in America."

He said the Democrats, while holding the White House and congressional majorities, had blown chances for reform and their voters' sincerely wanted change. Andrus acknowledged even he could have done more, and jokingly described his career as "muddle."

"Andrus for character, I guess I am misunderstood; they offered me a part 'Will Rogers' Follies when the show came through Boise last month he said," Andrus added, success won't come any easier for Republicans.

"I do guarantee you one thing," he said, "Republicans are going to find out it's a lot more difficult to hold shield than it is to cast a spear."

For both Democrats and Republicans to be successful, he said they must work together toward common goals, stay in touch with constituents and pay attention to the stability of the nation's economy.

"I submit to you that there has never been a more important moment for the voice of the West to be heard," Andrus said. "We must be heard and we must be clear."

Acused killer beat victim last year

BOISE (AP) — A man charged with killing his companion to death on Thanksgiving pleaded guilty to a domestic battery charge last year in Boise.

Kenneth Sutherland, 37, is charged with second-degree murder in the death of Karen Conger, 40, at a Boise motel. Police arrested Sutherland on Friday, and he was arraigned Monday.

According to a Garden City police report, Sutherland battered Conger on a night of July 31 by pushing her, using her to fall and put an ironing board on her forehead.



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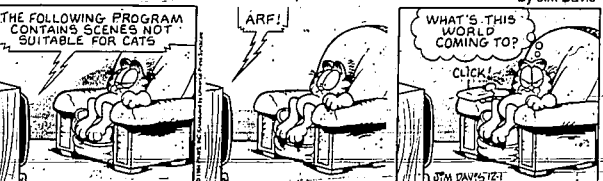
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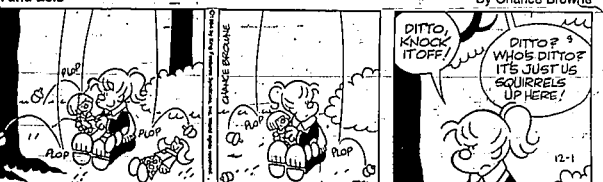
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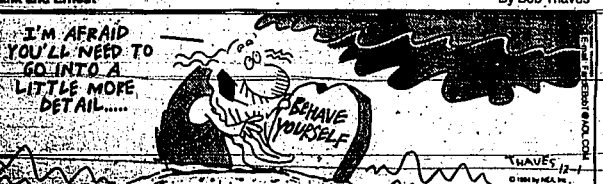
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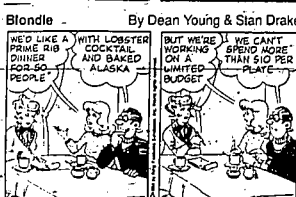
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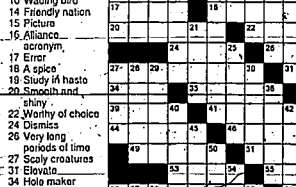
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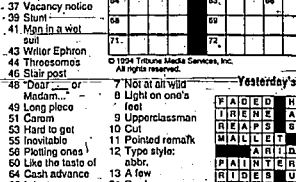
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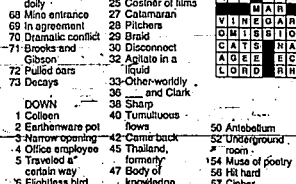
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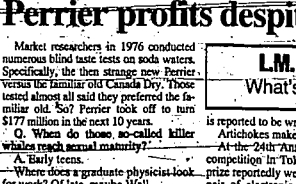
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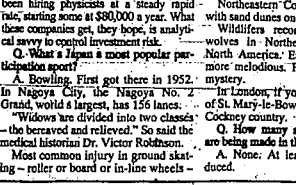
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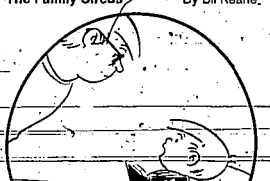
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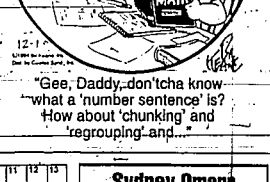
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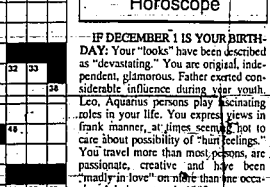
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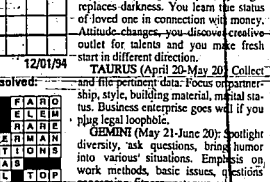
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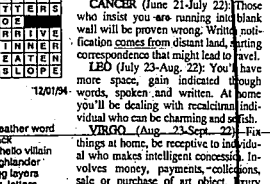
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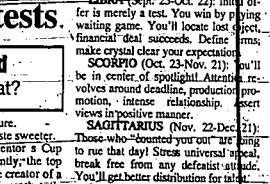
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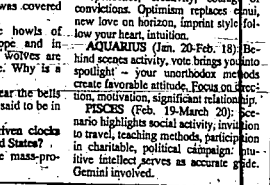
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Sydney Omar Horoscope

IF DECEMBER 1 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Your "looks" have been described as "devisating." You are original, independent, glamorous. Father exerted considerable influence during your youth. Leo, Aquarius persons play fascinating roles in your life. You express views in frank manner, at times seeming not to care about possibility of "thin feelings." You traveled more than 100,000 miles, are passionate, creative and have been "madly in love" on more than one occasion. July important in 1995.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Light replaces darkness. You learn status of loved one in connection with money. Attitude changes, you discover creative outlet for talents and you meet fresh start in different direction.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Collect and file pertinent data. Focus on partnership, style, building material, mental status. Business enterprise goes well if you play legal loophole. Gemini (May 21-June 20): Spotlight diversity, ask questions, bring humor into various situations. Emphasis on work methods, basic issues, questions concerning finances, career, employment. Sagittarius involved.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Those who insist you are running into blank wall will be proven wrong. White notices concerning finances, production, correspondence that might lead to avert.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You have more space, gain indicated through words, spoken and written. At home you'll be dealing with real estate individual who can be charming and wish.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Fix things at home, be receptive to individual who makes intelligent concession. Involves money, payments, collections, sale or purchase of art object, furry item. Sound of music is featured.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Initial offer is merely a test. You win by playing waiting game. You'll locate lost, old, financial deal succeeds. Define terms, make crystal clear your expectations. **SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** You'll be center of spotlight. Attention revolves around deadline, production, promotion, intense relationship, assert views in positive manner.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Those who doubt your strength, bring to rest that day! Stress universal, break free from any defeatist attitude. You'll get better response for talent.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 1): Stress independence, creativity, courage of conviction. Optimism replaces pessimism, new love on horizon, imprint style follow your heart, intuition. **AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Be independent, creativity, courage of conviction. Optimism replaces pessimism, new love on horizon, imprint style follow your heart, intuition. **PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Scenario highlights social activity, invitation to travel, teaching methods, participation in charitable, political campaign. Intuitive intellect serves as accurate guide. Gemini involved.

Perrier profits despite tests.

Market researchers in 1976 conducted numerous blind taste tests on soda waters. Specifically, the then strange new Perrier, versus the familiar old Canada Dry. Those tested almost all said they preferred the familiar old. So Perrier took off to turn \$177 million in the next 10 years.

Q. When do those so-called killer whales reach sexual maturity?

A. Early teens.

Q. Where does a graduate physics student go to work? Of late, maybe Wall Street.

A. Sure. Financial firms reportedly have been hiring physicists at a steady rapid rate, starting some at \$80,000 a year. What does companies get, they hope is analytical savvy to control investment risk.

Q. What is Japan's most popular participation sport?

A. Bowling. First got there in 1952.

Q. In Nagoya City, the Nagoya Zoo, Grand, world's largest, has 356 lanes. "Wildows are divided into two classes: the barrowed and relieved." So said the medical historian Dr. Victor Robotham.

A. Most common injury in ground skating—roller or board or in-line wheels—

L.M. Boyd
What's what?

is reported to be wrist fracture.

Archie's make milk taste sweeter.

At the 24th Annual Inventor's Cup competition in Tokyo recently, the top prize reportedly went to the creator of a pair of electronic shoeshoes that "lie themselves."

Northeastern Colorado was covered with sand dunes once.

Vulffidre recorded the howls of wolves in Northern Europe and in North America; European Wolves are more melodious. Far more. Why is a mystery.

In London, if you can hear the bells of St. Mary-le-Bow, you're said to be in Cockney country.

Q. How many spring-driven clocks are being made in the United States?

A. None. At least, none mass-produced.

Woman finds pilot — at Hanoi Hilton

SEATTLE (AP) — When Deborah Knight began wearing a POW bracelet in the late 1960s, she was 12 years old.

The man whose name was engraved on the metal wrist band — Cole Black — was a downed Navy pilot held as a prisoner of war in the "Hanoi Hilton," a Vietnamese prison.

For years, Knight said Tuesday, all she knew about him was what was on the bracelet — his name, his rank of commander and the date when he was captured, June 21, 1966.

She eventually put the bracelet away, but she kept a lookout for Black's name — even checking the Vietnam War Memorial in Washington, D.C.

"I didn't see his name at The Wall, so I knew he was still alive," she said.

Monday morning, as she got her daughter up for work at 4:30 a.m. at their home 30 miles north in Marysville, Deborah Knight finally found Cole Black.

He was back at the Hanoi Hilton, this time as a tourist. "I was reading the paper, and there his name was," said Knight, now 38. "I've been searching for him forever so I can return this bracelet to him."

What she read was an Associated Press account of how Black, now a retired Navy captain, showed up at the old prison in downtown Hanoi as it was being torn down to make way for a luxury hotel. The report was carried The Herald newspaper of Everett.

Black, 62, of Escondido, Calif., carried off a few bricks from the site, saying he would break them into pieces and share them with friends who were imprisoned at the old facility built by the French 100 years ago.

He was held at the prison for most of seven years after being shot down 70 miles north of Hanoi. "They liked to put people in irons,"



Deborah Knight of Marysville, Wash., received her two POW bracelets in the late 1960s, when she was 12 years old. This week she found out about one of them.

— medieval-type punishment," Black, who was released in 1973, Black recalled in the report from the Vietnam War Memorial in Washington, D.C. "The treatment was very bad."

Though he was unimpressed about his visit, the old Hoa Lo prison is a place of pilgrimage for American war veterans who return to Vietnam.

been blindfolded."

Efforts to reach Black by telephone late Monday and Tuesday were unsuccessful. He was on a cruise ship in the South China Sea and could not be reached for comment on Knight's quest.

Knight, a writer who has written a book of poetry, said she was given two POW bracelets by her father more than 25 years ago — one bearing Black's name and the other that of Maj. Donald Odell, captured Oct. 12, 1967. He also is not among those listed on "The Wall."

Knight, who grew up in a military household, said she wants to return both bracelets.

"It shows that after all these years, we still care," she said.

Knight said she wore both her bracelets through her teenage years, despite occasional criticism. "As kids we had to put up with people saying our father was a baby killer. Civilians were nasty sometimes," she said.

Knight's father, retired Air Force Lt. Col. Dean Knight, died a year ago. He was a B-52 bomber pilot assigned to fly missions over Vietnam out of Guam, and spent a year on duty in Vietnam.

While happy to let the bracelets go, Knight said they were instrumental in guiding her thinking.

"It woke me up to the war and the POWs," she said. "The bracelets were like a beacon keeping me aware of what was happening."

She often writes of prisoners of war and the Vietnam War, Knight said.

An estimated 5 million bracelets for prisoners of war and those missing in action in Vietnam were distributed by various organizations, but Knight said her two were among the first made.

She was living on Guam with her family between 1966 and 1968 when her father brought them home.

Billionaire visits Idaho hometown

BLACKFOOT (AP) — After a 56-year absence, billionaire native son Jim Huntsman returned to Blackfoot with fond memories and a gift.

"Blackfoot, Idaho, people are honest and understand the work ethic," Huntsman said. "They're not afraid to roll up their sleeves. I'm proud to have been born in Blackfoot, Idaho."

Before presenting a \$10,000 check to local Chamber of Commerce President Neil Anderson Tuesday, the Salt Lake City businessman and philanthropist said three keys to success are kindness, love and humor.

Huntsman was born two months prematurely in a basement house. A 70-year-old midwife worked hours to stimulate his circulation after the doctor said it was doubtful he would survive.

Huntsman's father, a music teacher, taught first at Blackfoot High School, then at Thomas before moving to Pocatello. Huntsman said his family didn't have much money and he welcomed the opportunity to pick potatoes in Tyehe for \$3 a day.

"What he was 12, the family moved to Palo Alto, Calif., so his father could pursue a doctorate in education at Stanford."

Today, with 7,000 employees in 16 countries, Huntsman said he travels "all over the world because I want to thank as many of these people as I can."

After graduating with an MBA from Wharton School of Business, which he attended on a scholarship, he served a two-year hitch in the U.S. Navy before going to work for his wife's uncle's egg distribution business.

GOP Commerce official will stay on in Batt cabinet

BOISE (AP) — State Commerce Director Jim Hawkins, the lone Republican in the cabinet of retiring Democratic Gov. Cecil Andrus, and one of just two cabinet members to last through the last eight years, will retain his job in the new administration of GOP Gov.-elect Phil Batt.

The governor-elect, Phil Batt, has offered the position of director of the Department of Commerce to Jim Hawkins, and I am accepting it today," Hawkins said on Wednesday in an address to the Associated Taxpayers of Idaho.

Water Resources Director Keith Higginson, the other direct Andrus cabinet appointee who has completed the full two terms, is retiring once Batt selects his successor.

The announcement by Hawkins, confirmed by Batt, Chief of Staff Jeff Malmen, came less than 24 hours after Batt told reporters that too many other people had been speaking for him and from now on only he would talk about developments in his evolving administration.

Hawkins, who led the department from the beginning of Idaho's economic resurgence in 1987, said Batt offered him the job on Monday, removing the cloud that had hung over Hawkins' status since the two first met less than a week after the Nov. 8 election.

Although Hawkins has declined to discuss that meeting, Batt reportedly lashed out at him, severely criticizing his motives for pushing Idaho's economic expansion. Hawkins also refused to discuss any details of Monday's conversation or the seeming turn-

around in Batt's attitude after a week's vacation in Arizona.

He said he laid out the department's economic development strategy for Batt focusing on expansion of existing businesses and won the governor-elect's commitment to continue in that direction. "He said, 'We need to continue this, and I want you to lead those efforts,'" Hawkins said.

During his address to the organization's 48th annual conference, Hawkins underscored the success of the statewide campaign for economic growth. Since 1987, Idaho ranks second in the nation in the increase in nonfarm employment and third nationally in the increase of manufacturing jobs and per capita income. From 1987 through 1992, manufacturing employment rose 35.5 percent, the value of manufactured goods shipped was up over 50 percent and the investment in new manufacturing capacity jumped 137 percent.

The growth in nonfarm exports leads the nation, and the state is being recognized for that success with the U.S. Commerce Department's export award.

But he said the state's potential has yet to be met, especially in rural areas, and he warned lawmakers in the crowd against seriously disrupting what he believes is an extremely well-balanced tax structure.

While he denied he was taking any stand on possible tax structure revisions, his comments were an obvious reference to Batt's commitment to a state-financed property tax reduction of at least \$40 million.

Oil leak may impair hotel renovation

SPOKANE (AP) — Renovation of a landmark downtown hotel with the impossible unless underground oil that leaked from a delinquent owner's plant is cleaned up, the hotel owner says.

Ronald Wai Choi Ng, owner of the Daymont Hotel, said uncertainties created by the spill have prevented bankers from granting the \$20 million loan he needs to finish renovation.

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Miracle on 34th (PG) 7:30-9:40
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4. Walt Disney Classic
The Lion King (G) 7:00-9:15
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5. What's Worth Fighting For?
The War (13) Thurs 8:45-9:40

6. Macaulay Culkin
Home Alone (G) 7:00-9:15
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7. The Rocking Chair
Swan Princess (G) 7:15
Sat/Sun 1:15-3:15 5:15-7:15

8. Walt Disney Classic
The Lion King (G) 7:00-9:15
Sat/Sun 1:00-3:00 5:00-7:00-9:15

Boise schools link decision to Miron

BOISE (AP) — The Boise School District has postponed its plans for a bond election indefinitely because of Miron Technology's potential expansion that could attract 3,500 new employees.

District leaders said if the Boise electronics company's decides to build its \$1.3 billion plant in the area, it could add 2,500 or more students to the local schools.

The uncertainty persuaded the district's Facilities Committee that it would be premature to set a bond amount and an election date before a site selection for Miron is clear.

The district had been eyeing an election in February or March, but that now appears unlikely.

"We know we're going to have to build a bond, but we don't know how many elementary schools and how many secondary schools we will need," Deputy Superintendent Ed Davis said Tuesday.

Miron officials have not set a deadline for picking an expansion site, but expect to have a list of finalists by Dec. 23 and a list of finalists by late January.

School officials estimate the expansion would bring 3,500 new households.

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Corps of Engineers halts planning for drawdown test at reservoir

WALLA WALLA, Wash. (AP) — A proposed test drawdown of the reservoir behind Lower Granite Dam would reveal little about improving salmon survival rates and likely won't be pursued, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers says.

The National Marine Fisheries Service isn't scheduled to release a formal plan for saving threatened Columbia and Snake river salmon until January.

But recent studies indicate that lowering the Lower Granite reservoir would shed little light on whether drawdowns at other dams would help more young salmon reach the

ocean, corps spokesman Orel Dugger said.

The decision to halt planning for the test at the southeastern Washington dam does not mean the corps and the fisheries service are ruling out drawdowns as a means to improve salmon survival, Dugger said.

The Corps' announcement came five weeks before Idaho Gov. Cecil Andrus leaves office, retiring at the end of his fourth term. Andrus has been the primary advocate of drawing down the eastern Washington reservoirs to speed the water flow and the migration of salmon to the ocean. And the state's legal challenge to

long-used alternatives like barging or trucking salmon around the dams prompted a federal court to order a new determination of the impact on the fish of making no significant change in Columbia River Basin operations.

Scientists still could determine a downstream reservoir might have a juvenile salmon survival rate low enough to justify a test, or several reservoirs might be tested in a drawdown scenario, Dugger said.

"If we do go with a drawdown (as a long-term solution), we've got to test the concept," he said.

In addition, the Northwest Power Planning Council could also recommend drawdowns in its scheduled December vote to revise its salmon recovery strategy.

The corps and fisheries service jointly planned the four-year drawdown test, which was tentatively scheduled to begin in 1996. The \$113 million plan would have involved dropping the Lower Granite reservoir 45 feet for two months each spring.

The test would affect the section of the Snake River between the dam and Lewiston, Idaho.

Scientists who have studied juvenile salmon for two years found that more than 90 percent survive their trip through the reservoir.

If so many fish already are surviving, a drawdown would not be a meaningful way to measure how to improve survival rates in the Columbia and Snake rivers, Dugger said.

The decision to discontinue planning for the test won praise from electric utilities, barge operators, irrigators and others who oppose drawdowns as a means to restore declining salmon populations.

Candidates dispute way to break tie

RANDOLPH, Utah (AP) — Rich County election officials would like the 299-299 tie vote for county attorney settled by a coin toss.

But the contending lawyers are still arguing — surprise — legal points.

The race is between two-term incumbent George "Jud" Preston, 62, and challenger George "Buzz" Burbridge, 27. Preston and Burbridge may be the only lawyers living in the county — if they're actually living in the county.

Preston said there are too many legal questions to answer before a coin toss.

"They may have it without me," he said. "I won't participate."

Preston was unopposed until Burbridge filed as a write-in candidate a week before the Nov. 8 election.

By that time, Preston's name already had been printed on the retention-election side of the ballot.

"It was a mess," said County Clerk Pam Shaul.

Some residents voted to retain Preston — but also wrote in Burbridge's name. Others referred to Burbridge by the wrong first name or simply penned in "Buzz."

Because there was no space for write-ins on that portion of the ballot, others jotted Burbridge's name on the line below, in the county auditor's race.

Burbridge says he should get credit for the first-name uses and for the misplaced write-ins. He also would like the 88 votes cast against retaining Preston counted in his favor.

Preston claims that allowing a write-in candidate in a retention election makes no legal sense. He said the situation deprived him of support from Rich County residents who cast ballots along straight GOP lines.

Both candidates claim the other does not meet residency requirements.

Burbridge said he maintains a family home in Rich County's Bear Lake area, but clerks say his utility bill lists a Bountiful address in Davis County.

Preston maintains a home and office in Logan in Cache County, but insists he spends most of his time at a Bear Lake-area home.

The Utah attorney general's staff is reviewing the case.

Kellean Leishman, state elections director, said the law is muddled on handling write-ins in retention elections. She said Lt. Gov. Olene Walker will ask the Legislature to fix it.

Bird watchers spot rare gull at Oregon dam

UMATILLA, Ore. (AP) — Bird watchers are flocking to McNary Dam-hoping for a glimpse of a rare bird called a Ross's gull.

The gray gull with a pink belly, and a white-wedge tail is one of the world's smallest.

Phillip Bartley, a Richland, Wash., bird enthusiast, spotted the bird at the dam on Sunday and put the word out on the Internet computer network. Other Pacific Northwest birders were able to see the gull Monday and Tuesday.

The Columbia River Basin is unfamiliar territory for the Ross's gull, said Bartley, who expects as many as 300 people to visit McNary Dam this week to see the bird.

"If they don't see it now, they probably never will. That's how rare it is," Bartley said.

Birders hoping to spot the Ross's gull should go to the viewing platform at the dam's main ladder. The bird will probably be flying around and its wedge-shaped tail is distinctive, Bartley said.

The gull is more at home in Siberia and northern Canada, but across the Alaskan coast to Alaska.

The gull first was seen in the McNary Dam area 20 years ago.

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Outdoors

Fun times surface down at duck pond

Field's backside stuck above the water like an over-inflated Mae West. It bobbed for a second or two in the middle of the pond, then his legs rose slightly out of the water as he pulled himself downward. He was under water 15 or 20 seconds before he came up and flung a couple of shotgun shells to shore. They lit right at my feet. I gathered them up and set them on the tailgate.

"Come on in," said Field.
"Nope," I said.
I was plenty busy trying to tend the Chesapeake who had prompted this "dip" into the training pond.
Before Field dove into the pond, he tethered Babe to the rear bumper of the truck-with-baiting-twine. She whined, tossed and barked. Every once in a while, she gave a tug on the twine, but it held.



Bill Studebaker
Dog-eared tales

It held all right - until she turned around backward and pulled her Conway collar off. Before I could get a hold of her, she entered the water with a perfect leap.

Field was out in the pond treading water. I hollered, but he didn't hear me. His ears must have been full of water. Babe swam straight for him. His bottom curve bobbed briefly as he dove after another handful of shells. Field went under just before she reached him. She swam in a circle, barked and looked desperately about. I hollered at her and blew my whistle, but she didn't pay any attention. She raised her head as if she were taking a deep breath and dove.

The absurdity of it all caught me off guard, and I started laughing. Field had thrown those shells into the pond because he was too lazy to look for a few corks. And he had thrown them to attract Babe to a dummy he let drift out beyond what he called her "security zone." When she wouldn't go get it, he decided to go himself. "While I'm at it," he said, "I might as well get the shells." He stripped, swam to where the dummy had stalled and started diving for shells.

It all seemed quite hilarious to me until I heard Field scream. It was no ordinary scream. It was a scream filled with pain and frustration. Babe had found him all right, and they had both surfaced. Field was trying to get away from her. He waved an arm at her and yelled, "No! No! No!" Then he took off swimming toward shore. As soon as Field stretched out and started swimming, Babe swam to him. Her front legs stroked up his back. He screamed, turned toward her, waved his arm and yelled, "No! No! No!"

This happened four or five times before Field was close enough to shore to stand.

When he stood, the water hit him mid-thigh. He spun around and said, "Get Babe. Get! I saw a maze of red wells on his back and shoulders where Babe had clawed him."

"When he stood, I saw another maze of wells on his belly and on the fronts of his legs. I was about to speak when I heard:

"What's he doing, Mamma?"
"He's teaching a doggy to swim, honey."

I turned toward the voices. A car with a woman and three little kids inside had stopped in the middle of the road. I hadn't seen them drive up, and I had no idea how long they had been there.

Field heard them and quickly moved to the opposite side of the truck and asked me for his clothes. I handed them to him.

The woman and kids stayed in the car, but a girl 6 or 7 years old leaned out the rear door window, folded her arms and watched.

"What do they want?" said Field.
"I shrugged my shoulders, put the collar back on Babe and adjusted the back a notch tighter on the twine."
"Maybe they want to see which one of you is going to retrieve the dummy," I said, as I pointed to it, still floating near the middle of the pond.
"Hey, Mister!" shouted the girl.
"Are you quite'n'already?"

Bill Studebaker has been running around with hunting dogs and their owners, for most of his life. He is an assistant professor of English at the College of Southern Idaho.
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Elusive elk

Hunting party finds kinship, nature's beauty, no trophies

By William Brock
Times-News writer

GREAT FALLS, Mont. - At times, elk hunting can be like reading last week's newspaper.
The news is there, but it's too old to be useful. Tracks, droppings, and shredded trees all testify that elk have been present, but, as fishermen like to say, "You should've been here yesterday."

Some hunters I know, along with a senior nephew, recently spent several days on the trail of elk that were long gone. It was a deflating routine that went something like this:

• Rise before 4 a.m., shovel-java-and-grub down the hatch, then jump in the truck.

• Drive nearly two hours on lonely roads, fording icy creeks, opening and closing ranch gates, plowing through snowdrifts where no one has gone before - wondering all the while, "Will we be able to get out of here?"

• Park in the dark, load rifles, and begin slogging uphill in knee-deep snow. Continue slogging until well past noon, or until thoroughly discouraged - whichever comes first.

Of course, there was plenty of "sign" to interpret. There were tracks to scrutinize, and droppings to squeeze. There were hours of slogging around with guns at the ready, glassing distant hillsides, plotting strategy. Rendezvous were made and rendezvous were missed.

But there were no elk.

The weather simply wasn't nasty enough to keep 'em down low, browsing for grass where the snow was thin. Like office workers who visit different restaurants for lunch, wily wapiti dine where they please.

This was an especially difficult concept for these hunters to grasp. After all, they'd noticed elk tags in the same general area for two years running.

The third time was not the charm.
If returning with game is the sole criterion,

then the hunt was a failure. Fortunately, returning empty-handed doesn't mean the time spent was wasted.

For one thing, there was plenty of exercise. For miles on end, the men carried rucksacks laden with food, extra clothes and ammo. Their muscles were toned and challenged; they slept well at night.

There was a heightened appreciation of Nature's beauty. Each day, dawn found the trio trekking up forested hillsides as golden tongues of light stole through the trees, looking out at vast landscapes stretched away to the horizon.

There were stories written in the snow, and there was time to unravel them. Thin-guid snowshoe hare tracks were intersected by coyote tracks - and the hare prints suddenly became deeper, farther apart, more urgent.

Elsewhere, a lone set of elk prints led to a large pile of intestines. Leading away from the intestines was a pair of human footprints and a shallow, blood-flecked trough through the snow. Somebody else had gotten their elk.

There was excitement, particularly when driving through deep drifts of virgin snow. At times, it was impossible to tell where the road lay - and the big four-wheel-drive truck bogged down. There was shoveling and tile chains, and pushing, and cursing, and despair, and ultimately, triumph - over the snow, at least.

Finally, there was a glimpse of human connection.

Three men, all with the same last name, worked together to bring meat back to their families. They failed, but they did their best in a wild place with relatively modest tools.

They also found time to laugh, share family stories, and come to know one another better. Their elk tags went unnotched, but their quest for kinship was a genuine success.



Mike Salisbury/Photo Illustration
If elk are too elusive, there are always easier targets for hunters to set their sights on. Here, an easy-to-prepare packaged meal sits itself on a rock near Twin Falls.

Fish, wildlife unveils plan at Four Corners

The Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE — U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service officials Wednesday outlined a proposal that would designate about 4.8 million acres in the Four Corners states as critical habitat for the endangered Mexican spotted owl.

The public will have 60 days to comment on the proposal - created in conjunction with the U.S. Forest Service - after which it may be revised.

John Rogers, Southwest Regional Director of Fish and Wildlife, said he wouldn't guess on how close the proposal would come to the final plan.

"I don't think it would be responsible to reply to that now," he said at a news conference where the proposal was unveiled.

"If the final result came out anything close to what I would suggest today, it could leave us open to criticism if not legal action," he said.

Over the past 18 months, environmental groups have filed several lawsuits against Fish and Wildlife and the Forest Service in an attempt to compel the agencies to confront the spotted owl issue.

In October, U.S. District Judge Carl Muecke set today as a deadline for Fish and Wildlife to designate critical habitat for the owls, which were classified as an endangered species in March 1993. Muecke ordered officials to finalize the critical habitat by next May.

And while a biologist from one of the environmental groups said Wednesday's proposal looked like a good start, he has doubts it will ever be implemented.

The proposed critical habitat area includes 2.5 million acres in New Mexico, 2 million acres in Arizona, 100,000 acres in Colorado and 190,000 acres in Utah. About 3.6 million acres are managed by the Forest Service, while most of the rest lies in Indian reservations.

Some Fish and Wildlife biologists had recommended some 7.9 million acres in the four states be listed as critical habitat.

Steve Spangle, the regional listing coordinator for Fish and Wildlife, defended the listing of 4.8 million acres.

"The areas that were not included in critical habitat are not unimportant to spotted owls," he said. "Nobody has ever decided to write off any portion of the area. We just looked at where the real threats were and where the real benefit of critical habitat would be best."

Transportation Department to ensure safety of bull trout near road projects

The Associated Press

BOISE — The Idaho Transportation Department will work with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to ensure that any road project will not pose a danger to imperiled bull trout populations.

The two agencies have signed an agreement to provide fish passage and protect water quality.

The bull trout is a candidate for listing under the Endangered Species Act. They survive only in pristine waters. The only place they can be caught legally is in the Lake Pend Oreille basin.

Fish and Wildlife is conducting a pre-listing recovery program to bring the speckled trout's numbers back. The agreement gives Transportation assurance its actions are recognized as protecting the species.

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Fish and Wildlife

Flexibility of the Endangered Species Act," said Charles Lobdell, Fish and Wildlife's Idaho supervisor.

"We would like to enter into more of these kinds of agreements with local, state and federal agencies, and for other species,

It protects the resource, and it provides some certainty to those who need to plan development and don't want to be surprised at the last minute."

Fish and Wildlife recently determined a federal listing was warranted, but precluded by other actions with higher priorities. That means it must revisit the bull trout situation once a year until the species is listed or the threats are gone.

The Transportation Department will provide for fish passage, such as designing culverts so they can swim under roads.

"It will take care when building roads and dealing with riparian habitat, as well as cooperate with the Idaho Department of Fish and Game."

Many of the streams in Idaho that still harbor bull trout are at least partially in wilderness or other unroaded areas. Sediment in the creeks can harm the fish and their habitat.

Nature lovers: Let wildlife be wild

JEROME — Winter is the time of year when most people put wildlife to the test. It's during this season of white that the ability of any piece of land to support animals is weighed and measured. Biologically, this is referred to as the "carrying capacity" of the habitat. Naturally, winter is a season of short supply, added stress and, often times, increased mortality.

Species such as migratory birds simply head south to avoid the rigors of a southern Idaho winter. Amphibians burrow into the mud of lakes and ponds to wait out the cold; reptiles seek out secure underground sanctuaries with relatively constant temperatures. Some mammals go into true hibernation or simply a state of decreased activity, but many others are active all year long and must face the adversities that are inherent in these animals.

Considering that these animals have enough to contend with already, it's important for us to realize the potential of human impacts and not intentionally or accidentally make matters worse for them.

The biggest and most chronic problem is with big game animals, especially elk, deer and antelope. As we know all too well, these animals are liable to show up anywhere during the winter - along the interstate, at a haystack, in your front yard and on the railroad tracks. What can be done to minimize human-wildlife conflicts at times like this? Well, tolerance and acceptance help a lot.

The basic rule is this: "Let wildlife be wild." Many well-meaning people think they can help by feeding the animals. That is about the worst thing to do, especially for big game. If you think the animals stay put (in your yard) and the next thing you know, they've invited their friends and neighbors to dine at your place, too.

The Department of Fish and Game does



Mike Todd
Idaho Department of Fish and Game

have several approved feed sites for elk, along the South Fork of the Snake and north of Ketchum on Warm Springs Creek. These are the only authorized permanent feed sites in the state.

There are only a few feed sites during emergency situations. During several winters over the past drought decade, they have

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not been fed at all, but the animals still show up.

Under severe conditions such as the winters of 1985-86 and 1992-93, the department does set up temporary feeding sites for big game, but usually only to keep it off of a highway or out of haystacks, cities and towns. And if conditions get too severe, there are other plans to provide supplemental feed if it is deemed necessary.

The important thing to remember is that animals will only make it through the winter if they were in good condition going into the winter. Big game animals are able to endure some pretty nasty weather if they have put on enough fat reserves during the summer and fall. Then they simply "hunker" down and put up with the nastiness by staying in active most of the day and night.

Through this period, they lose weight, and get by on a basic maintenance program.

Staying as inactive as possible minimizes energy expenditures; many animals spend bedded down or curled up in the snow exposing as little of their body as possible. Not a real exciting way to spend the winter by our standards, but it works for big game.

This past fall, most big game animals that came through Fish and Game check stations were in better physical condition than we had anticipated, considering range conditions of the previous spring and summer. Fat reserves were nothing like those we had seen in the fall of 1993, but the animals appeared to be in satisfactory condition.

So what can you do to help deer, elk and antelope make it through the winter? Don't offer them a handout - it only turns them into welfare cases and can create more problems than it solves. Don't get near the animals, whether in a vehicle, on foot, snowshoes or skis. Your presence is a threat to them; if they run away, they're using up energy they can't afford to be having. Enjoy them from a distance with binoculars or a telephoto lens.

Keep your dogs penned up or chained whenever big game is in the vicinity. Dogs chasing these animals really stresses them, and you could also lose your dog. Conservation officers will try to contact pet owners and notify them of such a problem, but the law states that dogs may be shot by Fish and Game personnel if seen chasing or harassing big game.

This winter, give wildlife a little extra consideration. Enjoy the great outdoors and the wonderful resources that Idaho has to offer, and give big game plenty of breathing space.

Fly-fishing finds home on campus

WALLA WALLEA, Wash. (AP) — Line slithers smoothly from the fly rod and sinks 50 feet into the water before settling onto the grass at Whitman College's Ankeny Field.

Brandon Truhler retrieves the line a strip at a time with his left hand. He pauses, and casts again. This time line covers more grass. It's a practice cast, of course, and Truhler doesn't really need it.

The Yakima native has been fly-fishing for six years. He knows casting. He knows fly-fishing.

And he's willing to share what he knows, which accounts for his presence on Whitman's activity field with Jamie Parks. Parks has joined the Whitman Fly-Fishing Club that Truhler is developing for the college's students and staff.

"Jamie is teaching me bowfishing, and I'm teaching him fly-fishing," Truhler said.

Truhler expects to be teaching other beginners soon. When he recently tested the waters for people interested in a fly-fishing club, 38 signed up.

"About a third of those are women," Truhler said. "And about a half have never picked up a fly-rod. We're excited that the college has a club and provides an opportunity for them to try the sport."

Truhler said his reasons for organizing the club aren't very complicated. "I'm just a guy who likes to fly-fish. And every time I went out, I came back and heard from people who wanted to try it," he said. "I saw an interest in learning about the sport among Whitman students."

"It seemed logical that fly-fishing club would fill that niche."

When the tall, broad-shouldered psychology major and biology minor talks about the club, his pale-blue eyes seem to focus on the future.

"I'm a junior," he said, "and if we can get this going and keep it active, hopefully, others will keep it going, and it will be here for a long time."

Truhler's first goal is to acquire equipment for club members. That, however, hasn't been as smooth as casting a line across Ankeny's grassy field.

"We do have a program through the

school that allows us to petition for funds for this kind of thing," Truhler said.

But his first requests met some skepticism about the level of interest in a fishing club on the Whitman campus, he said. But, Truhler said, with the 58 people who signed up, it's already one of the largest clubs on campus and should eventually receive funding.

In the meantime, however, Truhler has purchased some gear for the club with his own money.

When the club receives Whitman's financial support, Truhler plans to buy more rod-and-reel outfits so that people can practice and then go fishing.

"It really makes me happy to see so many people interested in this," he said. "As soon as we get established, I'm going to see if I can get some funds and bring 'A River Runs Through It' here for the club."

The movie, produced by Robert Redford and based on Norman Maclean's book, has been widely regarded as the catalyst for a recent nationwide burgeoning of interest in fly-fishing.

While the club may organize and sponsor some fishing trips, that won't be its main purpose, Brandon said.

"If we have the equipment, people can check it out and just go out and do it on their own," he said.

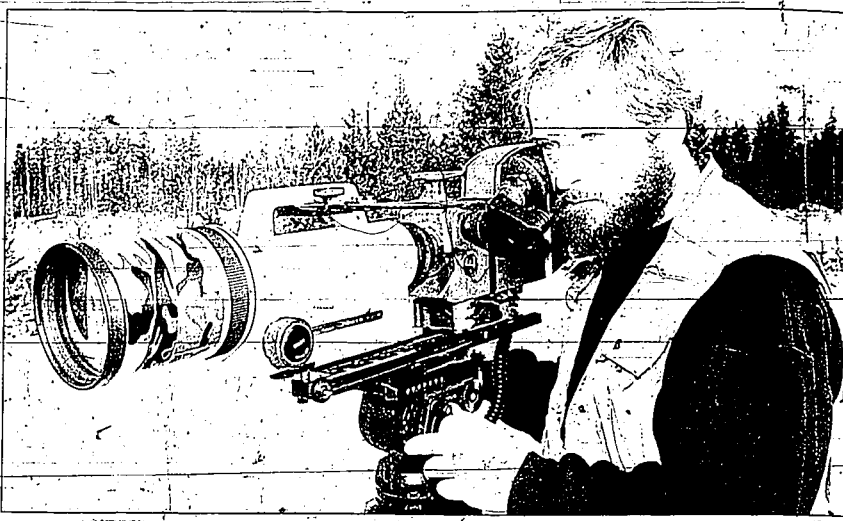
The club, however, will hold practice sessions on Ankeny and other informative meetings, Truhler said.

"If people can get the basics of casting, of the roll cast and so on," he said. "We'll show them how to tie the knots and talk about the kinds of flies to use."

Mainly, however, Truhler would enjoy seeing newcomers to fly-fishing take advantage of the opportunities in the Northwest. Fly-fishing, he said, offers students an opportunity to break campus routine and reduce pressure by going fishing and by brushing with nature.

And with the winter steelhead season looming on the Walla Walla and the Tucannon rivers, Truhler's looking forward to getting out himself.

As he zipped another practice cast onto the grass at Ankeny Field, he clearly focused on the future.



Wildlife cinematographer Ron Shade demonstrates the use of his movie camera in the back yard of his home near Coram, Mont. As a cameraman and producer for National Geographic Explorer, Shade has reached a pinnacle in the wildlife documentary business.

Wildlife photographer's job doesn't always live up to romantic illusions

KALISPELL, AP — The job description has a certain appeal: backpacking, camping, filming wild animals at their best in some of the most beautiful settings in the world.

But it's hardly a complete description, according to Ron Shade, a cameraman and sometime co-producer of the television program National Geographic Explorer.

"People have a romantic view of this," Shade said. "But that's all it is, a romantic view."

Bearded and stocky, Shade seems to fit the image of a wildlife photographer. He lives a low-key life in a handmade home on the outskirts of Coram with Amy, his wife and assistant.

When the Shades are not filming on location in Banff, Alberta, or some other bastion of North American wildlife, they are at home, planning the next project and putting the final touches on the last one.

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Shade's camera work is prominently featured in "Urban Elk," a recent documentary on elk-human conflicts in Banff. He was a cameraman and co-producer of a documentary called "Bear Attacks" that will premier on National Geographic Explorer next March.

The Shades are now working on a film about the relationship between humans and mountain lions.

Working under contract, even for National Geographic, is stop-and-go, and the field work can be arduous.

Backpacking may be fun, but Shade often must carry a 95-pound load, including a 16mm motion picture camera.

The buck can't see me; it wants to continue in hot pursuit of the doe, this being mating season, but its nose says no. The deer pances and snorts, stamps the ground trying to shake me out, advances, retreats, its soft snuffle blurry in the half light and confusion of trees and brush.

At one point it draws so near — 40 yards — that I begin to raise the gun, but the chance is quickly gone. A snort, the buck is off-white tail and he's off through the woods.

Four hours later I tell the tale over lunch, savoring the details. Bob was close enough to hear the buck snort. He shrugs, having seen it all a hundred times, a hundred different ways. That's deer hunting, he says. Sometimes they march right up, usually they don't. If it wasn't difficult and unpredictable, it wouldn't be much fun.

Bob cuts up in the bed of his truck with his camouflage sweatshirt rolled up for a pillow. I take a bunk nearby in the shade and we perform the same chore.

It's raining hard as we see four deer, including a doe, under the sky's blue blanket from behind taking him by surprise.

The beauty of muzzleloaders is that even if you don't get a shot, you get to shoot. It's the only way to unload the thing. So as dusk embraces night, I pick out a good stump, draw down, cock the hammer and let 'er B.O.C.K.

Bob comes by a few minutes later, picking his way by flashlight, hoping to find me tracking a deer. No such luck. We stroll back to the shack to get a drink, reliving events of an uneventful day, pondering tomorrow's strategy.

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era, a large tripod and other camera gear.

Patience is a prerequisite in making wildlife documentaries.

Shade and another photographer once waited in a blind for a perfect shot of wolves in the wilds of British Columbia. After most of the day had passed, they found a wolf tracks behind their blind.

"We could see where a wolf had come in behind us and lay down and watched us for a while and then snuck off. We didn't even know he was there."

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He recalls a spring in Yellowstone when he and a friend saw a bear chasing ducks and geese in a stream 300 yards away, well out of camera range. Then the bear started chasing a coyote.

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Opposites don't always detract in hunting partner

By Angus Phillips
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Hunting makes strange bedfellows.

At 5:45 a.m. on a cool October day, opening morning of Maryland's first, unregulated season for deer, Woods frame the gravel lane to the little field patch we'll hunt. Waiting by the gate, right on schedule, is Bob Simmons.

We've not hunted together but I know him about Bob — for example, that a bumper sticker on his pickup says: "Guns and the like are the cause of garbage."

Bob wears his hair slicked to a ponytail and favors camouflage clothes. He works for the county maintenance department and displays his choice for governor on a bumper sticker. One year he took an 11-point buck on the morning of his office Christmas party.

Bob drove back to work with the deer in his van, later giving a woman colleague a ride to the party with the buck slung back. She was quite surprised.

I'd have found an excuse not to do that. That's because I'm an urbanite without bumper stickers, just my U.S. Sailing membership and the kids' school emblem discreetly tucked away on the wagon.

We're an odd couple, for sure. But throw us together in the deer woods and we manage to spend a long and thoroughly happy day, counting on one another not to do anything stupid up in the tree stands, wishing for mutual success, sharing lunch in the shack, snoring together through the mid-day break and having about as good a time as two middle-aged men can have without actually accomplishing anything.

Quite a few deer wander by, but neither of us makes a shot. We're hunting a mule deer from the Eastern Shore, from which Bob has taken some big bucks over the years.

It's a matter of opportunity as the deer resumes on an exercise in hubris at the prime place — a field corner where shoots of fresh wheat pop up among the dark fields. I wander back there in the dark before dawn, the full moon hidden behind clouds. The first shot is a fumble when I aim to climb, but I'm off the ground and I'm in, dimly, but I'm in.

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Cornell lab seeks volunteers for watch

ATLANTA (AP) — Where are the birds going this year?

That's what the Cornell University ornithology laboratory is hoping to find out with this year's FeederWatch.

The lab is looking for volunteers to put out bird feeders from November through March, then both identify and count the birds that use the feeders twice a week.

Sometimes called kitchen window scientists because many of them conduct their birdwatching without ever leaving their houses, 3,700 volunteers throughout the United States and Canada took part in Project FeederWatch.

The program, now 8 years old, is a joint project of the Cornell Lab and Canada's Long Point Bird Observatory.

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Sawtooth offers backcountry clinic

STANLEY — Anyone who wants to sharpen up their telemark sking technique might want to attend a Dec. 10-12 backcountry clinic offered by Sawtooth Mountain Guides.

Cost of the clinic is \$200, but participants who rent one of the company's backcountry skis after the clinic is over will be charged only \$100, said Kirk Bachman, director of Sawtooth Mountain Guides.

Several backcountry avalanche clinics have also been set, Bachman said. Clinics will be offered Dec. 16-18, Jan. 6-8, and Mar. 10-12. The latter two sessions will be sanctioned by the American Avalanche Institute.

A leadership clinic for backcountry skiers who want to improve their sking skills has been set for Jan. 9-11, Bachman said. For more information, call 774-3324.

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Fisherman defends bobber that works

By Bill Sunderland
Knight-Ridder News Service

LEWISTON, Calif. — Some fly-fishing addicts sneer at using an indicator when nymphing — you might as well use a bobber, they say.

Whatever it takes to catch fish, is my reply. Besides, there are too many purist snobs in the world already preaching about do's and don't's and right and wrong.

Indicators come in a variety of forms for fly-line anglers. They can be miniature styrofoam balls that slide on the line, sticky press-on styrofoam, or even a bit of yarn tied into the line.

About the only thing they have in common is that they tend to be fluorescent so they're easy to see. Nymphs are a style of fly that are fished underwater. Trout tend to take them very softly and quickly spit them out when they decide the taste of fur and feathers isn't for them. An angler can have half a dozen bites and not even know there's a trout for miles around unless there's something. Show that underwater action is going on.

Hence the floating indicator, which reacts to the slightest pressure and with the smallest of twitches on the top of the water shows, "Set the hook!"

A perfect example was a week ago on Lewiston Lake in Northern California's Trinity County. I was fishing for the afternoon with Don Johnson, who gave up life in the Bay

Area-to-become-a-fly-fishing guide on Lewiston Lake and the Trinity River. The seven-mile long lake that acts as holding water for the huge Trinity Lake was dead calm. Here and there we could see fish rising to take mayflies.

Johnson tied on a small (size 18) Pheasant Tail Nymph with a piece of yarn as an indicator about 18 inches up the line.

"If you see a fish rise, put it nearby. Otherwise, just toss it out and let it sit," he said. "There are fish all over here."

Indeed there were. As we had slowly cruised in his 12-foot Whaler to the area he wanted to fish I'd see dozens of trout in the clear water.

Within minutes, Johnson hooked, landed and released a fat, 14-inch rainbow. He had two more before I got my first one. Even when the bright yarn completely disappeared under the water it took me forever to set the hook.

That's the way it went — Johnson caught two or three fish to each one I hooked. The only saving grace was that I caught the largest one, a rainbow well over four pounds.

It was an example of what an indicator can do for you — I would have been hard-pressed to see line movement without that colorful bit of yarn.

It also was an example of what Lewiston Lake can be like for anglers — great, year-around fishing area. It long has had a good reputation with fly fishers, but it's time for those using bait or lures.

Ski jump



Rick Pignone, mountain manager at Hoodoo ski area near Sisters, Ore., jumps for joy because early snowfall allowed ski areas their earliest opening in a decade. Most resorts usually open Thanksgiving weekend, but this year some have been open since Nov. 5.

AP photo

Pheasant hunting in South Dakota takes on own style

By Chris Niskanen
Knight-Ridder News Service

BRUCE, S.D. — It was a bleary-eyed Saturday morning at Sue and Keith Hesby's house.

Crumpled bodies of pheasant hunters were strewn about on living room couches; a few were cooked out in spare bedrooms upstairs. Wrapped in a sleeping bag like an egg roll, one hunter dozed on the front porch.

Pheasants can't be hunted until noon in South Dakota, but that wasn't the only reason a few snored were still coming from Hesby's front porch at 9 a.m.

Blame it on a raucous Friday night our group of hunters spent in Bruce, population 250, along with a good dose of hospitality, South Dakota style.

There were nine in your group during a recent trip to Bruce, a pretty prairie town located about 20 miles from the Minnesota border. Most of us hail from the Twin Cities or Milwaukee. We were guests of the Hesbys through our longtime friendship with Tim and Kate Fetterly of Minneapolis.

Avid pheasant hunters, Tim and Kate are husband and wife. Kate is Keith Hesby's second cousin.

That alone may seem like a thin thread on which to invite nine people — some of them total strangers — to stay at your house for a weekend of pheasant hunting and hobnobbing.

But folks in South Dakota are like that. Family get-togethers in South Dakota are always a good reason to go pheasant hunting.

And in this case, the Hesby family get-together included not only friends of the Hesbys, but

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families of the friends.

In addition to the Fetterlys, shackled up at the Hesby home was myself, Tom Basting of Milwaukee and Brad Hendrickson of St. Paul, also from Minneapolis was Skip Fay and his wife, Mary, son, Taylor, and Tom Buie.

South Dakota hospitality, it seems, is as big as the prairie itself.

Three of us pulled into the Hesby driveway that Friday. Keith met us with a large, open hand. After introductions and loading the eggs, we were rumbling down a back road north of Brookings, heading for a chunk of standing corn owned by Keith's father.

Keith is a hulking man, with hands that can swing a double-barreled shotgun from hip to shoulder in a split second. It was soon evident that he was the best shot in our group, and walking, next to him meant you had to be ready to shoot fast.

But after a half-dozen passes through the first few cornfields, we came up empty-handed. Nary a rooster in a split second.

Keith pushed back his cap and scratched his head.

"This field hasn't been hunted this year," he mused. "There's no reason why there aren't any birds here. Let's try another chunk of CRP that I have permission to hunt."

The next field turned out to be an enormous plot of rough grassland split nearly in half by a shallow creek. Tim Fetterly's Gordon setter dog prowled in front of our

phalanx of hunters, which stretched across the chunk of grass in a wave of black orange.

But only hens were flushed.

When the landowner stopped to check our progress, he was amazed that we hadn't seen birds. Waving his hand in the direction of another 80 or more acres on the other side of the creek, he said, "Go ahead and hunt the rest. Hopefully you'll do better here."

But as the sun began set on the prairie, and a stiff wind carried the flocky of Canada geese south, we were still without a rooster. Roaring back into town, we stopped at the Lone Star Saloon to wet our thirsts and get a report on the hunting.

The Lone Star was a decrepit building, seemingly held together by only its new aluminum siding. Inside, there were all the accoutrements of a good small-town tavern: a pool table, dart board, foosball table and a dusty, card-board cutout of Elvis.

Lined up along the mirror behind the bar were jars of pickled eggs, sausages and turkey gizzards.

It wasn't long before the Lone Star was filled with the local crowd. And indeed, the reports

substantiated our luck: hunting had been pretty lousy most of the season, the locals said.

Too much standing corn. Too many places for the roosters to hide.

At one corner of the tavern, the pool table hummed with activity. Soon I found myself getting whipped in eight ball by a precocious 12-year-old named Dallas, who sipped

The roosters hunkered down, running almost flat on the ground, their tails sticking straight back. The fields were so lousy with roosters that many would double back and shoot between your legs without flushing. More than once I nearly tripped over a running pheasant.

Cokes while his mother chatted with friends at the bar.

When a chocolate Labrador — sun owner — stalked into the corn to get his ears scratched, the patrons at the bar obliged. After making his rounds, the Labrador was collected by his owner, who decided having a beer wouldn't be such a bad idea after all.

When the Lone Star finally came over — as one can rarely remember — that the town, at least, seemed ended up in the Hesby house (the only one in town with a deluxe model hot tub) with swimming trunks in hand.

By 2 a.m., tired hunters began

slumping over their chairs and collapsing on couches, but the rest of the party roared on.

Keith, it was reported, was still giving tours of his upstairs remodeling job at 3 a.m.

By 6, the last pink-skinned reveler crawled out of the hot tub and headed for home.

The next day's hunt produced

only one rooster pheasant. Keith was beginning to get frustrated.

After dinner, he began calling farmers he knows who lived farther west, near the town of Mitchell.

"It's another two or three-hour drive," he said.

But this farmer just north of Mitchell has 8,000 acres of land.

He says they shot more than 50 pheasants the other day.

That clinched it. The next day, our caravan of hunters and kids

was heading west. With much of South Dakota's corn crop still unpicked, the best pheasant hunting was found walking

the seemingly endless rows of corn. At Jim May's farm, near the town of Dickinson, we were in an annual predicament: too few

hunters to cover the vast track of unpicked corn.

So May joined our group with

another party of hunters. Soon we

were lined up along the corn rows like the front line of Civil War brigade ready to take a hill.

A handful of blockers — hunters who post the ends of the corn rows to intercept — were stationed at the end of quarter-mile fields.

Marching forward, we were deluged by pheasants.

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The fields were so lousy with roosters that many would double back and shoot between your legs without flushing. More than once I nearly tripped over a running pheasant.

Sometimes pheasants would erupt four and five at a time, while an occasional covey of Hungarian partridge would rocket between flurries of roosters.

In two hours, our combined party of 15 hunters took roughly 35 roosters. Because the other group would be staying longer, none of us collected our limits of three a piece. We were done for the day.

It was Sunday afternoon. We cleaned the birds at the edge of the field and gathered up our gear for the long ride back to Minnesota.

Handshakes and hugs were exchanged. Invitations were extended for next season.

The Hesbys piled into their van and headed home, where the hot tub awaited them in their small but very lively town.

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Baffin Bay: Kayakers paddle Arctic rivers, see places no one has

Knight-Ridder News Service

OHIO, Pa. — John Weld is running rapids in his kayak, not an unusual feat, except that he is heading upstream. He flows into the white-water of the Youghiogheny River like a salmon heading to its spawning grounds, paddling furiously for a few seconds before darting into an eddy to rest.

Across the river, Weld's advanced student, Bill Band, waits and watches. Weld gives the signal, and Band tries to follow his teacher's route across and up the rapids—Band tries once, but is swept downstream. He tries a second time, only to have the boiling water turn his boat sideways and flip him, head underwater. He rights himself, and paddles to shore.

"John made it look easy, but you can see what happened to me," said Band, a veteran kayaker. "I like paddling with John. I know he'll push me. I like getting a little scared."

So does John Weld, 26-year-old who spends much of the year working as a kayaking instructor on the Youghiogheny River in the Appalachian Mountains of southwestern Pennsylvania. This summer, Weld had plenty of thrills: He and three other men did something no one had ever done before, crossing the forbidding and beautiful waters of Baffin Island, in the Canadian Arctic, in kayaks.

The trip began with a little plane crash and nearly ended for Weld when he almost slid into an 80-foot crevasse

in the Barnes Ice Cap. "That was hairy," he said. "It would have been a very cold hell."

In between, the men paddled through ice floes, ran "zesty" rapids, carried 90 pounds of gear and kayaks on their backs across steep scree slopes, saw Arctic wolves, ate shrimp from the stomachs of Arctic char and generally marvelled that they were the first people ever to boat down rivers so remote that they had no names.

In short, it was Weld's kind of place. "This is a young man who has set his sights on doing expeditionary kayaking, meaning he plans to go to places like Baffin Island, where no one has kayaked before. Sumatra is his next target."

"White-water kayaking is in its fetal stages," said Weld, a lean, muscular man with brown hair that falls to his collar. "If you want to become a legend in this sport, then just jump in. You can get rapids named after you. We're in the stage of kayaking where mountain climbing was 50 years ago. ... There are classic, untouched rivers all over the world. You just drool thinking about it."

Weld grew up in the Maryland suburbs, kayaking from an early age, and graduated from the University of Maryland in 1990 with a degree in English. For the past few years, he has been working as a kayaking instructor at Riversport School of Paddling in nearby Confluence, building kayaks

with a friend, Andy Bridge, and taking white-water kayaking trips to Newfoundland and Mexico.

Eighteen months ago, Weld and Bridge hatched a plan to kayak on Baffin Island, a barren expanse of tundra and permafrost the size of California, Oregon and Washington.

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combined. They would kayak across the island on rivers that flowed out of the Barnes Ice Cap. The Barnes Ice Cap is not a glacier, which is a slow-moving river of ice, but rather a 90-mile by 60-mile mountain of ice that is a remnant of the Ice Age.

Their plan was to fly 250 miles above the Arctic Circle to the ice cap, kayak the McDonald River 80 miles westward to the sea, paddle along the coastline for 40 miles, return upstream to the ice cap on an unnamed river, then paddle sixty miles eastward through mountain gorges and fierce white-water to the Clyde Inlet.

No one had ever been on these waters. The only people to have

explored this territory were native Inuit, who had crossed the trackless tundra on their snowmobiles in the winter.

Weld and Bridge invited two other experienced white-water kayakers—photographer Phil Degheimer and kayaking instructor Hayden Glatie

to join the expedition. The four received an \$8,900 grant from W.L. Gore Associates; a \$5,000 grant from Malden Mills, the makers of Polartec fabric; 300 Power Bars and a bunch of free gear. In July, they flew to Ontario, and then on to the southern Baffin outpost of Igloolik. From there, on July 17, they took a twin-engine Otter several hours north to the Barnes Ice Cap.

"Flying in, we had no information on whether the rivers we had planned to travel on were frozen," Weld said. "We had a year-and-a-half and \$20,000 on the line. Then we saw a great frozen lake beneath us, and we got a sick feeling in our stomachs. It was a very punitive moment."

And then, they landed. Crash landed might be a better description. Coming in for a touch-down on the sand near the ice cap, the Twin Otter's front landing gear was torn off and the nose was buried in a few feet of sand.

The pilot hatched a ride out on a helicopter from a nearby diamond mine and told Weld and Co. that someone would come later to repair the aircraft. They were 2,000 miles from the nearest road. They were in the midst of a cold, windswept moonscape.

"Then the helicopter disappeared and all we could hear was silence," said Weld. "It was a very surreal scene."

The four young men set off down the McDonald River, running some of the rapids, but walking around others, that they might have risked had they been nearer civilization. All knew that a bad injury could mean death, given the reality that help — they had no emergency beacon — was days away. At every big rapid, the four men got out of their boats and stood, alone, to contemplate the risks. No one ever pressured anyone else to run a rapid.

"People don't go on a lot of these trips unless they're pretty nice guys," said Weld. "You have to be pretty even-tempered. Every day brought new potential conflicts. So we took our time making major decisions about which rapids to run or what route to take. You never butt in during a discussion. You had to hear everyone out. On these kinds of trips, bad personalities do not get asked back."

The expedition lasted 19 days — paddling upstream in biting winds, sometimes making only six miles a day — and was a swirl of exhaustion and exhilaration. They gazed upon an endless expanse of ice floes on the Foxe Basin and portaged from rivers to lakes with caribou on their shores. They camped in the evening — the sun never set — along boulder-strewn shorelines with the serene Arctic landscape stretching for miles in every direction.

"I can't tell you how neat it is to be in a place no one has ever been before," said Weld. "We had the opportunity to see fantastic waterfalls and water formations never before seen by anybody. That was a pretty nice feeling."

They arrived, exhausted, on the shores of the Clyde Inlet, and stayed there three days in a hunter's cabin before an Inuit fisherman met them at prearranged time and ferried them to the settlement of Clyde. From there, they flew home.

The adventure only stoked Weld's desire to do more gonzo kayaking.

"It was great, but honestly, I'm the kind of person that it just wasn't enough," said Weld, whose hands remained numb from the cold and wind for weeks after his return. "It took good for a couple of days, but after I got home and went to Denny's and had my Grand Slam breakfast, I began thinking about another trip. I don't know. There's that thirst. It's kind of insatiable."

Briefly

Group offers avalanche seminar

TWIN FALLS — As mountain snowpacks increase, so does the danger of avalanches and an avalanche awareness seminar will be offered this weekend by the High Desert Nordic Association.

The seminar will consist of a two-hour class session Friday evening, followed by a field course Saturday near Galena Summit. The Friday evening class will begin at 7 p.m. at Sodbuster Restaurant, 598 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.

The seminar will focus on how snow and weather conditions combine to produce avalanche hazards. The cost is \$40 for both sessions, or \$20 for a single session.

For more information, call Rod Burks at 733-5543, or 734-2571.

San Diego first to hatch harpy eagle

SAN DIEGO — The San Diego Zoo has become the first in the country to hatch a harpy eagle, an endangered bird of prey from the rain forests of South and Central America.

The eagle's sibling was eaten by one of the parents recently as it emerged from its shell. The surviving chick, thought to be female, was taken from the nest when the second egg was hatched.

The eagle is being raised by zoo keepers, who hide behind a screen and use a puppet resembling an eagle when they feed the bird three times a day. They hope to prevent the bird from having identity problems.

The eagle, the first ever to be artificially incubated, will be kept at the zoo for six months and may eventually be reintroduced into the wild.

The two adult birds have on several occasions attempted to hatch an eagle but failed.

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