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Good morning

Today's forecast:

Cloudy with a chance of snow and light winds. Highs in the low 30s; Lows 15 to 25 degrees.

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Judge's decision panned

A pair of legal experts told a legislative committee that a district judge was wrong to throw out several new water laws.

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Police chief says goodbye

Police and Fire Chief Paul Du Fresno cleaned out his desk and said goodbye Wednesday as he heads for Bremerton, Wash.

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Guilty - not

A Rupert man accused of pointing a gun at police, has changed his plea to guilty - but without admitting any guilt.

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The College of Southern Idaho men's basketball team expects a stiff test against North Idaho on the road today.

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The Minico boys' basketball team hit the hardwood Wednesday at Burley in a 1 action.

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Drawdown delights fish friends

The Times-News
and The Associated Press

PORTLAND, Ore. - Advocates for Idaho's nearly extinct salmon were delighted with Thursday's vote by a four-state power council to begin a "drawdown" program at dams on the lower Snake and Columbia rivers - but U.S. Sen. Larry Craig and incoming Idaho Gov.-elect Phil Batt weren't.

The plan, approved on a 6-2 vote by the Northwest Power Planning Council, would eliminate the use of barges to transport juvenile fish past slackwater reservoirs, instead it would draw down - or reduce - the size of reservoirs behind hydroelectric dams in Washington and Oregon.

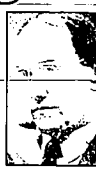
The upshot would be increased water velocity, thus speeding juvenile salmon on their journey to the sea. The downside, critics charge, would be higher electricity rates and less water for irrigated agriculture.

"The costs are substantial. No one should kid themselves," said council Chairman Angus Duncan. "Recovery isn't a free ride."

The council estimates that average residential customers of a utility that buys



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most of its power from the Bonneville Power Administration would see a \$2 increase in their monthly power bills over the next three years - and a dollar more within 20 years.

Idaho Gov. Cecil Andrus praised the council for its decision.

"We believe in positive and constructive action to bring about the downstream survival of the juvenile salmon," Andrus said in a prepared statement. Hydroelectric dams on the lower Snake and Columbia

rivers pulverize many migrating smolts en route to the Pacific Ocean.

The number of returning adults has also been declining in recent years.

Between 1990 and 1993, only 13 sockeye salmon returned to Redfish Lake, one of the principal headwaters of the Salmon River. In 1956, the figure was more than 4,000.

Thursday's vote came three months after a federal judge found the council's earlier plans were weighted against salmon in favor of power generation and other water users. Council delegates from Idaho, Washington and Oregon voted in favor of the new plan - but the two Montana dele-

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California jet hits dwellings

The Associated Press

FRESNO, Calif. - A Learjet taking part in a National Guard war game crashed in flames and plowed into an apartment house Wednesday, killing both crewmen and injuring at least 15 people on the ground.

The jet went down in the street shortly before noon local time as it was trying to land at Fresno Air Terminal, touching off fires and explosions and setting off a scramble by tenants to get out of the building.

"They were throwing their babies out the windows - TVs, all their valuables," said Kim Brown, who works nearby.

Witnesses described a large hole in the 18-unit apartment house and what appeared to be a wall-peeled back. Burned cars littered the street.

A witness, David Flores, said he saw a man in a blue uniform flying through the air. Flores said he and

a friend crawled through the rubble to help, only to find the man had been decapitated.

The plane's two crewmen, both of them civilians, were killed, said Air Force Maj. Tom Schultz, a Pentagon spokesman.

Schultz reported 20 people were injured, while Laura Flemming, an ambulance service spokeswoman, said 15 people were taken to the hospital. One person was in critical condition and four others were seriously hurt, she said.

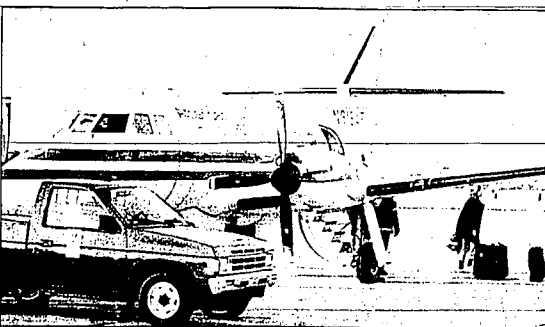
The Lear 35 jet was owned by Phoenix Air, based in Georgia, and was operated by the California Air National Guard under contract, the Pentagon said.

It was taking part in what Schultz called an electronic countermeasures targeting mission. It was carrying electronic equipment so that the plane could be the "target" in a war game exercise, the spokesman said.

It was not carrying bombs or missiles, Schultz said.



AP photo



Wreckage from a small jet being used by the California Air National Guard lies in a Fresno street, above, after it hit a utility pole and flipped into an apartment house while attempting an emergency landing in a street. At left, the American Eagle plane which crashed Tuesday evening near the Raleigh-Durham airport is seen unloading passengers at Greenville, N.C., Monday.

Commuter line safety rules to be tightened

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - A day after the second commuter airline crash this fall, Transportation Secretary Federico Pena set a 100-day deadline to bring safety regulations for smaller commuter planes up to the same standards as larger air carriers.

"We are very troubled by the number of accidents we've had this year," Pena said Wednesday.

Fifteen people died Tuesday evening

when an American Eagle Jetstream crashed near Raleigh-Durham, N.C.

"Sustained public confidence depends on our making continuous gains in safety," Pena told New York's Wings Club, a group of aviation industry executives, following his visit to the scene of the crash.

Pena said the Federal Aviation Administration will launch "the most comprehensive review ever" of airline safety.

In addition, he said he will call airline chief executives and safety officers, pi-

lots and airplane manufacturers to a meeting as soon as possible.

Crash investigators said the Jetstream 3200 suffered an engine flameout and the pilots talked of aborting their landing approach moments before the crash.

A warning system then went off and no more discussion was heard on the voice recorder recovered from the plane.

Federal officials at the scene said investigators had not ruled out any factors including weather as possible causes for the crash.

Felon collects his pension from prison

By Meredith Cohn
States-News-Service

WASHINGTON - Serving in Congress has its rewards, even for the former Idaho lawmaker now serving time behind bars.

Former Republican Rep. George Hansen, now in prison, collected \$39,559 from his pension in 1994, according to the National Taxpayers Union.

In a televised speech tonight, President Clinton may propose cuts in pensions for federal government's two pension plans, according to Ed Flynn, the Office of Personnel Management's associate director for retirement and insurance.

Idaho's former lawmakers are collecting or will collect millions of dollars in gov-



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ernment-retirement money, according to public and private records.

The federal Privacy Act prevents the exact dollar amount from being released for individuals, but former members and a nonprofit group estimate Idaho lawmakers could each collect more than \$1 million in

their lifetimes.

The Taxpayers Union estimated Hansen's monthly payment from actuarial tables and federal records.

Hansen is serving his second prison term, that does not affect his pension, according to the Office of Personnel Management. Only convictions for treason

or threatening national security can take away a lawmaker's pension.

Hansen was convicted in 1981 for filing false personal financial disclosure forms. He is now serving four years in a federal prison in Petersburg, Va., on separate conviction for bank fraud.

Hansen, who served 13 years in Congress, was succeeded by Democratic Rep. Richard Stallings in 1984.

Stallings, 54, who held the seat for eight years, said he is not collecting a pension, and he's not sure how much he'll get when it starts to kick in. Stallings works for the Nuclear Regulatory Commission as a nuclear waste negotiator, and he can start receiving congressional pension payments when he is 62.

Republican Rep. Mike Crapo now serves the 2nd District of Idaho.

Another Idaho legislator, former Republican Sen. Steven Symms, is also collect-

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Judge bars most bans in Prop 187

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES - The vote-approved measure to deny almost all California state services to illegal aliens was blocked Wednesday by a judge who said it appears to conflict with the federal government's authority.

U.S. District Judge Mariana Pfaelzer granted a preliminary injunction blocking almost all of Proposition 187's bans against allowing illegal aliens to use public schools, public health services and public social services.

Pfaelzer let stand two of the proposition's more minor provisions: one prohibiting illegal immigrants from attending state colleges and another banning the sale and use of false immigration documents.

The judge said the measure, approved by 59 percent of California voters on Nov. 8, denies health and social services to some immigrants who may be entitled to receive them under federal law. It could also pressure some immigrants into leaving the country when they have the right to remain, Pfaelzer said.

The judge said only the federal government has the authority to determine who can enter and remain in the United States.

The health care provision, in particular, has serious implications, Pfaelzer said, because it could put the public health at risk.

"The loss of medical services for illegal aliens could result in greater health risks for the general population," she said.

The ruling "restores decency and common sense to the state of California," said Mark Rosenbaum, legal director for the American Civil Liberties Union of Southern California, which is representing opponents of the measure.

Assistant Attorney General Charlton Holland said he was disappointed in the ruling, but declined further comment.

Pfaelzer issued her ruling following a 2½-hour hearing.

Infant's head injury leads to dad's arrest

By Liz Wright
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - A 21-year-old man was arrested Wednesday after police said he butted his infant son's head and fractured the 6-week-old's skull.

The baby was in fair condition at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Wednesday evening, a hospital official said.

The baby's father, a former Kimberly resident, was scheduled to be arraigned today on a felony charge of injury to a child, said Detective Chuck Dudley of the Twin Falls Police Department. The man was being held at the Twin Falls County Jail Wednesday night.

Hospital officials alerted police at about 7 a.m. after the child's mother brought her baby to the emergency room with forehead bruises and a fractured skull, Dudley said.

During interviews with police, the father admitted to knocking his baby's head with his own head, Dudley said. The man said he was just playing with his son that way, Dudley said.

"He butts his son's head to play with him," he said.

The man and his wife, the baby's mother, were staying at a motel in Twin Falls when police arrested him at 10:45 a.m., Dudley said.

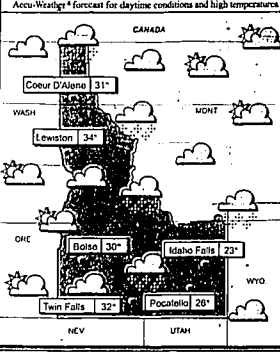
The man told police he had told his wife to go to sleep. He later woke her up, saying that he had "bumped heads" and that his son was hurt, Dudley said.

Records show that the man's wife previously had filed a restraining order on him, which was served Nov. 20, Dudley said.

Weather

IDAHO Weather

Thursday, Dec. 15
Accu-Weather® forecast for daytime conditions and high temperatures



Accu-Weather® forecast for nighttime conditions and low temperatures
Snow, Rain, Ice, Fog, Clouds, Sun, Partly Cloudy, Clear

Almanac

Idaho	Max/Min/Pcp	Twin Falls	Max/Min/Pcp
Boise	32 18 0	Yesterday	30 22 0
Burley	34 16 0	Last year	26 18 0
Fairfield	10 -3 0	Normal	41 22 0.4
Gardnerville	28 14 0		
Hagerman	44 15 0	Month to date:	1.57
Joromo	25 18 0	Normal mo. to date:	.60
Lewiston	36 27 0	Water year to date:	5.12
Malad	32 15 0	Normal year to date:	2.55
Malta	38 20 0		
McCall	26 10 0	Humidity at noon:	77 pct
Pocatello	34 13 0	Barometer at noon:	30.13 F
Salmon	25 -6 .03		
Stanley	9 -16 0		
Sun Valley	17 -6 0		

Skywatch

Sunset today 5:06 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow 8:02 a.m.
First quarter Dec. 9; full Dec. 17; last quarter Dec. 25; new Jan. 2.
Visible planets:
Morning: Mars, Venus, Jupiter.
Evening: Saturn.

Idaho Forecasts

Magic Valley

Cloudy with a chance of snow today. Highs in the lower 30s. Light winds. Tonight partly cloudy. Lows 15 to 25. Friday cloudy. Highs 30 to 35. The ultraviolet index forecast for today is 1, a minimal exposure level.

Extended regional forecast

Saturday partly cloudy with areas of fog. Lows in the 20s. Highs in the 30s.
Sunday mostly cloudy. Lows in the lower 20s to the lower 30s. Highs in the 30s.
Monday a chance of snow. Lows in the mid-20s to the lower 30s. Highs in the 30s.

Wood River Valley

Cloudy with a chance of snow today. Highs in the mid-20s. Tonight partly cloudy. Lows 5 to 10. Friday partly cloudy. A slight chance of snow. Highs in the mid-20s.

Treasure Valley

Cloudy with a chance of snow this morning. Highs in the middle 30s. Southwest winds 5 to 10 mph. Tonight partly cloudy with patchy fog. Lows in the lower 20s. Friday cloudy. A slight chance of snow. Highs in the mid-30s.

Northern Nevada

Mostly cloudy east today with a chance of snow, mainly in the morning. Highs upper 20s to lower 40s. Tonight partly cloudy with patchy fog. Lows near zero to upper teens. Friday variable cloudiness. Highs 30s to mid-40s.

Northern Utah

Cloudy with a chance of snow this morning. Decreasing clouds in the afternoon. Highs lower 30s. Tonight fair. Lows in the teens. Friday fair with increasing haze. Highs lower to mid-30s. The ultraviolet index forecast for today is 1, a minimal exposure level.

Idaho weather summary

High pressure over the Great Basin resulted in fewer clouds across Idaho Wednesday. There also was less snow.

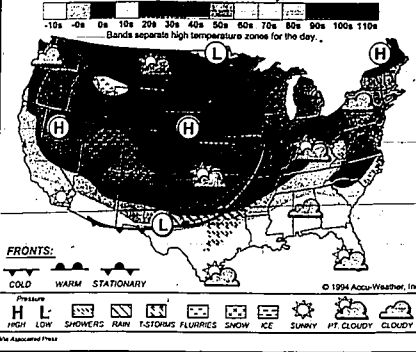
The only snowfall reported during the day was at Malad in the southeast corner of the state. However, a Pacific cold front moving across Idaho was expected to create more clouds overnight, leading to slight chances of snow today.

At mid-afternoon, skies were mostly sunny or sunny across Idaho with temperatures ranging from the middle 20s to low 30s.

Winds were generally light across the state as well. A few light precipitation reports were received from around the state, mostly in the central and northern sections. Challis, Lowell and Reznick all reported receiving .01 inch, with a few other points reporting only traces or a few hundredths of an inch.

NATIONAL Weather

The Accu-Weather® forecast for noon, Thursday, Dec. 15.



Temperature extremes

Idaho: High, 44 degrees at Hagerman. Low, 16 degrees below zero at Stanley.
Nation: High, 83 degrees at Laredo, Texas. Low, 18 below zero at Houston, Maine.

For up-to-the-minute weather information

Tune to the National Weather Service radio band at VHF-FM 162.4 or 162.55 MHz or call 423-4423.

-Snow sweeps across Plains; more moisture hits Northwest

The Associated Press
Snow and ice plastered parts of the Plains states on Wednesday, making travel hazardous while rain spread across parts of the South and a new wave of precipitation also moved into the Northwest.

Light to moderate snow fell across the north-central Plains as part of the same storm that had dropped more than a foot of snow in the Utah mountains on Tuesday.

Generally, 1 to 5 inches of snow was reported across south-central South Dakota and sections of Nebraska. North Dakota also got snow during the afternoon with 2 inches at Bismarck.

Slippery pavement snarled the afternoon rush hour in Omaha, Neb.

The storm hit western Nebraska during the morning, covering highways with snow and ice, the state patrol said. Valentine received 2 inches of snow in two hours.

The storm's passage through the Rockies during the night

left heavy snow in the Colorado mountains, including 13 inches near Crested Butte and 10.5 at Beaver Creek. Wind gusts to 47 mph at Rollinsville, Colo.

Rain spread across Texas and the lower Mississippi Valley. Rainfall was generally light but heavier precipitation was possible during the night. El Dorado, Ark., had measured .65 inch of rain by mid-afternoon.

In the East, areas of freezing rain moved through the central Appalachians during the afternoon, glazing highways in parts of West Virginia, Maryland and northern Virginia.

That rain was expected to spread to the middle Atlantic Coast states.

In the Northwest, a new round of light rain and fog advanced into northern California and the western valley of Washington and Oregon. Light rain was reported as far south as Stockton, Calif., east of the San Francisco Bay area.

Snow was expected to spread through higher elevations of the region by Thursday, with up to a foot possible in the Oregon Cascades and the mountains of northern California.

National temperatures

	Max	Min	Pcp
Albuquerque	47	29	
Atlanta	58	43	
Boston	31	28	.04
Chicago	31	21	
Dallas	50	44	.13
Denver	45	19	
Des Moines	26	20	
Detroit	30	25	
Honolulu	84	72	.09
Houston	66	57	
Indianapolis	41	25	
Kansas City	37	26	
Las Vegas	54	47	
Los Angeles	64	47	
Louisville	51	36	
Miami Beach	74	64	.06
Minneapolis	21	11	
New Orleans	64	40	
New York	40	38	
Oklahoma City	47	38	
Omaha	31	18	.05
Phoenix	61	43	
Pittsburgh	42	21	
Portland, Ore.	28	17	
Reno	34	20	.05
St. Louis	41	25	
Salt Lake City	30	19	.10
San Francisco	53	47	.37
Seattle	42	29	.11
Spokane	33	24	
Washington	46	37	.03

For road conditions

For current road conditions, call these numbers: Twin Falls, 736-3070; Boise, 334-3731; Pocatello, 233-6724; Rigby, 743-7278; Utah 801-964-6000; the Elko, Nev., area, 702-738-8888.

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ing retirement money from the feds. Symms, 56, who served 20 years in Congress and three years in the U.S. Marines, received \$55,641 in 1993, according to the National Taxpayers Union.

Symms said that yearly figure is "probably not too far off. It sounds right." Symms is now in business in Washington and Idaho, and the pension goes to his former wife. He was succeeded in 1992 by Republican Sen. Dirk Kempthorne.

The U.S. Office of Personnel Management also confirmed that former Republican Sen. James McClure is collecting a pension, but would not reveal the amount. The National Taxpayers Union has not computed an estimate for McClure, and he was not available for comment.

McClure served six years in the House and 18 years in the Senate before becoming a lobbyist. He was succeeded by Republican Sen. Larry Craig in 1990.

Lawmakers qualify for a pension after five years in office, and their monthly payments are computed from the number of years they served and the average salary they received in the past three years.

According to the Office of Personnel Management, the voluntary pension plans are funded by employee contributions, matching government contributions and interest.

With the exception of Stallings, who began his service in 1984 when a new pension program began, the lawmakers likely paid 8 percent of their salary into their plan, and the federal government matched the contribution. They did not pay Social Security during their service and do not collect it for those years, according to OPM records.

Of the three Idaho lawmakers returning next year, Kempthorne and Crapo, serving their first terms, do

not qualify for pensions yet. Craig, who spent 10 years in the House, is eligible for the program.

Democratic Rep. Larry LaRocco, who served two 2-year terms before being defeated this year, does not qualify for a pension.

According to the National Taxpayers Union, the dollars funneled to former members of the Idaho delegation for their public service are average for lawmakers.

However, officials there said the pension plans provided a higher monthly payment than most in the private sector.

"Many members of Congress could make more in retirement than a typical wage earner could earn in a lifetime," said David Keating, president of the National Taxpayers Union Foundation.

Keating said the 45 lawmakers who depart Congress after more than 20 years of service should collect more than \$81 million.

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of Reclamation on a willing buyer, willing seller basis. The bureau needs to buy 1 million acre-feet in the upper Snake River basin, with half coming before the year 1996, and the remainder by 1988.

An additional 137,000 acre-feet would be purchased from the Idaho Power Co.'s Brownlee Reservoir.

"The ability to gain that volume of water on a willing-buyer, willing-seller basis is nearly impossible," said Craig, adding that Uncle Sam will probably end up taking it instead.

Carter scores again

WASHINGTON (AP) — Wading into another foreign policy crisis with White House approval, former President Jimmy Carter secured concessions Wednesday from the leader of the Bosnian Serbs and said he may travel to the war-torn region to seek peace.

Carter, after meeting with Serb representatives at his Georgia home, said he would go to Bosnia and work toward a peace accord if the Serbs kept their promises.

The White House welcomed the development, but remained cautious.

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Nation

Freight train rear-ends coal carrier

SAN BERNARDINO, Calif. (AP) — A runaway freight train barreling down a steep mountain pass slammed into the rear of a stopped coal train Wednesday, heaving 10 locomotives and cars into a fiery heap, authorities said.

Crews of both trains jumped before impact—Four persons were hurt.

The Santa Fe freight train's brakes apparently began to fail after the 54-car train began its south-bound descent through the Cajon Pass on a 20-mile run that drops from 4,200 feet at the summit to 1,000 feet in San Bernardino.

"That's a real hill in there," said Dave Watson of the National Transportation Safety Board. "Those trains descend down a grade 3 percent to 2.2 percent. It's one of the steepest grades in the United States."

The four-man crew of the 82-car Union Pacific coal train was waiting for an Amtrak train to pass at 5:23 a.m. PDT when they were warned about the Santa Fe train headed their way, said Union Pacific spokesman Mark Davis.

"They were having a problem coming down the hill. Thankfully, they notified our crew," said Davis.

Witness Fred Dressler ran to help a conductor. "He said that they were sitting there waiting because an Amtrak had just passed them. Then he heard on the radio where this other train was coming down. It had no brakes,"



A Santa Fe freight train passes the burning wreckage of several cars of a Union Pacific coal train in the Cajon Pass near San Bernardino, Calif., Wednesday.

Game makers drag feet on ratings

WASHINGTON (AP) — Computer and video game makers pledged to have thousands of titles labeled for sex and violent content by the holiday shipping season.

But some aren't delivering, two lawmakers complained Wednesday.

After coming under attack by the public and members of Congress, the computer games and video games industries in August each developed ratings systems that companies use voluntarily.

Sens. Joseph Lieberman, D-Conn., and Herb Kohl, D-Wis., who have championed the idea of ratings, largely praised the video games industry's progress. But they criticized the efforts of the computer games.

Developed by the Software Publishers Association, the leading trade group of the personal computer

software industry, the computer games ratings system "is virtually invisible in the marketplace," Lieberman said at a news conference.

These games are on floppy disks or CD-ROMs — compact discs that look like music CDs — that are inserted into computers.

The association's president, Ken Wachs, acknowledged that "only a couple" of rated games are on retailers' shelves, well short of the company's pledge.

"The lead time for companies to get rated, incorporate the ratings in packaging and get the product on the shelves has been longer than anticipated," Wachs said in a telephone interview.

Under the computer games ratings system, the degree of language, sexual or violent content is rated on a scale of 1 through 4, with 1 being

the most benign.

Age categories in the video games system are: early childhood, 3 and up; kids to adults, 6 and up; teen, 13 and up; mature, 17 and up; and adults only, 18 and older.

Content descriptions fall into four areas: violence, sex, language and "other," which could, for example, say whether the game depicted gambling.

The two rated titles in stores are: *Freight Fighter*, created by Lucas Arts, and *Realms of Arcania*, by Sirtech Software.

The *Freight Fighter* received a 1 for violence, meaning there is little violence. It received no rating for language, nudity or sex, said computer games ratings chief Stephen Balkam. *Realms of Arcania* got a 2 for violence. It received a 1 rating in the categories of nudity, sex and language, Balkam said.

Blackout affects 2 million

The Times-News and The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO A mystery glitch on the West Coast's main electric transmission line plunged parts of eight states into darkness Wednesday, shutting down a nuclear power plant and forcing doctors to stitch by flashlight.

Up to 2 million customers from Arizona to Washington went without power for periods ranging from a few seconds to several hours when a stretch of the giant 500,000 volt Pacific Intertie went dead at 1:26 a.m. Mountain Standard Time, or just after midnight on the West Coast.

"It's the backbone of our delivery system for the West Coast," said Pacific Gas & Electric Co. spokesman Bill Sessa.

The blackout darkened the homes of a million California customers, and shut off power to patches of Arizona, Nevada, Utah, Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana.

In the Magic Valley, 5,625 Idaho Power Company customers were without electricity for about 36 minutes, starting around 1:30 a.m. Wednesday, according to an Idaho Power spokesman. Most of the outages were north of Rupert, and a number of others were in Ketchikan, he said.

"We were off the air for about 20 minutes," said KTFI-AM manager Terry Veis. "We were fine once we got the power back."

An initial inspection showed no breaks in the section where the trouble began, a 60-mile line between Tracy and Fresno in California's Central Valley. That has engineers puzzled, said PG&E official Cory Warren.

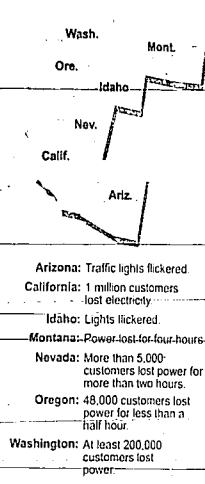
"Our experts are at the computer rethinking this," he said.

Utility spokesman Jeff Lewis said under some circumstances bird droppings can short out the lines, and crews will take a second look.

The intertie connects British Columbia, Washington, Oregon and California, Sessa said. When the section shut down, the power imbalance

In the dark

More than 1.2 million customers lost electricity Wednesday due to a disruption in a shared system. States affected:



Washington, where 340,000 people lost power, including 100,000 in Seattle.

Swedish Medical Center in Seattle went dark, and an emergency room backup system failed, said hospital spokesman Hal Boyle.

One patient with lacerations had to be seen by flashlight, he said.

"Patient safety was never an issue, it just spooked everybody a little bit," Boyle said.

In Oregon, the biggest problem was darkened street lights—but the early morning hour minimized traffic problems, said Grants Pass patrolman Mike Snedley.

"There has been no hubbub, major traffic tie-ups or accidents," he said.

Most of Montana's major cities were affected, and while some had their power back in about an hour, electrical customers in parts of southwestern Montana were out for about four hours, said Grant Freeman, a Montana Power Co. spokesman.

"We had to bring electrical service back in bits and pieces, to make sure that we kept all our generating sources going," Freeman said.

Utah Power & Light said the problem caused some fluctuations, resulting in some lights dimming and brightening, but there were no known outages in the state.

Arizona Public Service Co., which provides power to most of the state, had no reports of outages but had "things like traffic lights going on and off for no reason," said Lynne Adams, a utility spokeswoman.

In Nevada, the outage lasted about two hours and affected about 5,000 residents in northwest Reno, as well as parts of Sparks, Elko and Carson City.

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'Phonics' maker settles charges of misleading ads

WASHINGTON (AP) — You may have heard or seen the commercials with people saying the "Hooked on Phonics" learning program "worked for me."

But the advertisements didn't work for the government.

As a result, the Federal Trade Commission announced Wednesday that Gateway Educational Products of Orange, Calif., the maker of the \$230 kit, has agreed to stop making unsubstantiated claims about its product.

"While phonics instruction can be useful, you can't claim that a \$230 program is the quick and easy, one-size-fits-all solution to reading problems unless you have good, solid evidence to back up the claims," Christian White, acting director of the FTC's consumer protection bureau, said at a news conference. "And... Gateway did not have that evidence."

The company admitted no wrongdoing under the proposed settlement, which becomes final after a 60-day period for public comment. Gateway cooperated in the investigation, which centered on the program's advertising.

Gateway said in a statement that it was "strongly committed" to the advertising ground rules worked out with the FTC.

Advertisements for "Hooked on Phonics" have been broadcast nationally on radio and television, and have appeared in print materials.

The commercials the FTC challenged began airing in 1991 and ran through the early part of the year, White said.

"We know from the thousands of letters we get that (the program) works," said Thelma Reese, an education consultant and director of Gateway's advisory board.

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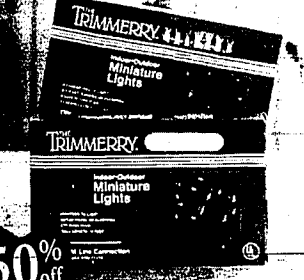
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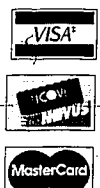
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Opinion

Editorial

Real tragedy of Elders was wasted opportunity

Message to President Clinton: Please bring back C. Everett Koop.

The president is in the market for new surgeon general, after he sacked Joycelyn Elders last week. Elders, a leading target of conservative contempt, strayed once too often into sexual free thinking and ran afoul of a president who is skittering rightward.

So let's have Koop back, or someone like him.

In his tenure under President Reagan, Koop was America's wise uncle. He campaigned to curb our vices, especially smoking. Even now, as head of a private foundation, he is launching an attack on obesity.

Koop says obesity has increased from 24 percent to 34 percent of America's adults — contributing \$100 million to our annual medical bills.

His campaign's title, "Shape Up America," is an apt shorthand for a surgeon general's mission. The job is a bully pulpit for improving citizens' lives — and, incidentally, for inspiring good will toward the administration he serves.

But if Koop was our wise uncle, Elders was the eccentric sister-in-law who brought nudes to Thanksgiving dinner. She squandered her opportunity to uplift us, frittering her energies on remarks about legalizing drugs and promoting safe sex.

Certainly, these ideas are legitimate topics for public-health discussion. But Elders' style was more incendiary

than productive. She alienated constituencies that could have been allies in promoting healthier lifestyles.

Ironically, the remark that finally precipitated her firing was neither original nor radical. Asked whether she should school children should be taught about masturbation, she waffled. The subject, she said, "is something that, ah, is a part of human sexuality, and it is a part of something that, ah, perhaps should be taught."

If these words had come from anyone with a lesser record of controversy, and if they had not come when the president was desperately trying to repaint himself as a centrist, they barely would have been noticed. But "ifs" do not count in politics any more than they do anywhere else.

Clinton's task now is to hire a replacement who will help move his administration into the cultural mainstream. Someone like Koop.

Indeed, it surely was no accident that Hillary Rodham Clinton helped Koop kick off "Shape Up America" last week. The first lady is a big factor in the administration's liberal image, and putting her on stage alongside Koop looked like a hopeful attempt to defrost her public persona.

Also for the president, not even an endorsement from Marcus Welby could salvage the first lady's credibility on health issues. And, unlike Elders, she can't be fired.

A discriminating eye

It's the time of year when newspapers pass out awards, and outgoing Congressman Larry LaRocco has made it easy.

LaRocco gets our Sourest Grapes by a Public Servant Award for what he told The Associated Press, reprinted in last week's edition of Newsweek.

"Newt wins all the marbles, then he puts the pillow over my head when I'm on life support. And he does it with a lie."

LaRocco was peeved because incoming House Speaker Newt Gingrich accused him of sexually harassing a co-worker at the investment firm of Piper Jaffray.

In fact, LaRocco, who had an affair with the woman and then recommended that she be fired, was accused of sexual discrimination, not harassment.

Turns out it was the voters who were discriminating. They fired LaRocco last month.

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Elders should feel fortunate

Dr. Joycelyn Elders, the soon-to-be former Surgeon General, should consider herself fortunate. In some countries in times past, when a queen fell out of favor with the people, she was beheaded. But here the self-anointed "condom queen" only lost her job.

For two years President Clinton stuck with his most outrageous and controversial appointment, often defending her wacky and sometimes bigoted views and indicating many were his as well.

This says far more about the president's cal views than the post-election reality check that led him to dismiss her. He does, as the new head of the Democratic Leadership Council, Rep. Dave McCurdy, says, think she is a moderate, but governs as a liberal.

Dr. Elders' Dec. 8 appointment at a World AIDS Day forum at the United Nations that brought her a good idea to teach schoolchildren about masturbation is another symptom of what has been wrong with government and its culture — for the past three decades. In fourth grade, my class began learning fractions and how to find the lowest common denominator. Now, according to the Surgeon General, modern fourth-graders need to find the lowest common denominator.

The reason for the failure of so much public policy in recent years and the perilous situation about government is that politicians have decided to ignore the common denominator, talking people to create a false image and achieve their goals.

There is a dinosaur who was born in the wrong time. His philosophy was born and died. He was many in this Administration. He have already been road-killed. He will be road-killed.

He will get no boost in the next election. His problem was hiring the wrong people.

— Los Angeles Times

Cal Thomas

chase of condoms. "Oh no," she was told. "Anyone can buy condoms."

Government has decided that young people can and must be dissuaded from purchasing tobacco products. Even though some kids under 18 will smoke or dip snuff anyway, a standard has been set. It is hoped that a standard will conform at least some people to it for their own and society's benefit.

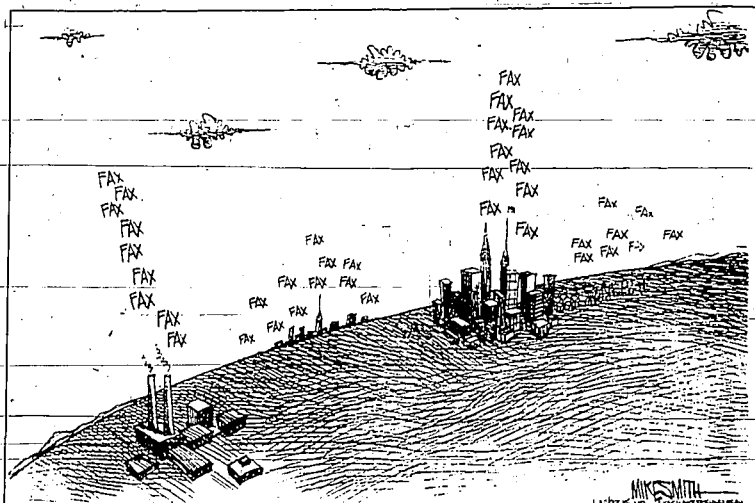
But with condoms, as Dr. Elders frequently preached, kids can't and shouldn't be expected to control their sexual urges. The failure of government to set limits in this area is, in part, responsible for the epidemic of teen-age pregnancies, growing numbers of young unwed mothers and rampant venereal disease.

A primary task of government, as former Justice Department official Dan Bryant has written, is "temporal justice, limiting the effects of wickedness." But if government no longer recognizes anything or anybody as wicked (and, in fact, has abandoned a standard for goodness in favor of a moral pluralism that leads to anarchy), then it cannot impose restrictions or make rules. Anything goes, and those who would set limits are denounced while the wicked sometimes achieve sainthood, at least among the culture.

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Elders a victim of political correction

The latest victim of political correctness is Dr. Joycelyn Elders, and don't you doubt it for a minute. The very people who made "PC" an issue were the ones screaming for her professional scalp — and they got it.

Elders' great offenses against the political correctness of the right wing consisted of making two sensible suggestions and a factual observation. Her comments were then twisted, distorted and used to drive her from office, just as the perfectly sensible actions of former Surgeon General C. Everett Koop in relation to the AIDS epidemic were used to demonize him. This is a free-speech issue, and all defenders of the First Amendment should be concerned.

Elders first jured the sensibilities of the right by saying that it might be a good idea to study the effects of decriminalizing drugs. This was immediately twisted into (in the words of the news release put out by the Christian Coalition after Elders was asked to resign) "She endorsed the legalization of drugs."

No, she did not. She suggested that it might be a good idea to study the effects of decriminalizing drugs. Various degrees of decriminalization have taken place in other countries. In England, heroin addicts get prescriptions from doctors; in Holland, addicts don't use dirty needles because drugs have been decriminalized. Well, is it working or not working? Do these countries have fewer health problems as a result? Are their criminal justice systems less burdened? What is the downside? Are more or fewer kids becoming addicted to hard drugs? Are there reasons why the experiments in those countries might have different results here? What are they?

It's silly to say that we should learn nothing from countries that are using a different approach to drugs. God knows, our approach certainly isn't working. I thought Elders made a sensible suggestion at the time, and I still think so. What is wrong with studying the effects of decriminalizing drugs? If you're trying to make effective public policy, the one thing you can never have enough of is accurate information.

The proximate cause of Elders' firing was her answer to a question asked at an AIDS symposium of health-care professionals. A psychologist asked if she thought masturbation should be more widely discussed. Elders replied that masturbation is "part of human sexuality," so perhaps it should be included in sex education curricula.

This hardly seems to require calling out the fire department, but you can imagine what the right wing did with that. She wants to teach masturbation to children? You know, it's one thing to get fired for something you've said; it's another to get fired for something you didn't say. Granted, those holding public positions are wise not to be "controversial," but what does that mean? That you can't make a sensible suggestion? That it's your fault if you say something that can be twisted by right-wing propagandists?

The reason for this silly incident cannot be President Clinton to ask Elders to resign because she had supposedly been "warned" — she was on probation, as it were — about



Molly Ivins

saying controversial things. But there are any number of topics, many of them burning issues in public health, about which it is impossible to say anything without being controversial. You're bound to upset somebody.

For example, one of Elders' earlier "controversial" statements was on the Roman Catholic Church and abortion. She said, "Look who's fighting the pro-choice movement — a celibate male-dominated church." Well? It is, isn't it? But this suddenly becomes, in the words of George Will, among others, "rank anti-Catholic bigotry."

Why is that bigotry? The Catholic Church is a celibate male-dominated church fighting the pro-choice movement.

The Christian Coalition news release called on President Clinton to appoint someone acceptable to the "mainstream" who "accepts religious values." Justice Robert Jackson, in the famous 1943 case supporting the rights of the children of Jehovah's Witnesses not to salute the flag in public schools, wrote, "If there is any fixed star in our constitutional constellation, it is that no official, high or petty, can prescribe what shall be orthodox in politics, nationalism, religion, or other matters of opinion, or force citizens to confess by word or act their faith therein."

I realize full well that Elders' dismissal was a political matter: Clinton's in deep doo-doo, and she was making life harder for him by stirring up the religious right. But I believe that allowing public officials to become hostage to the hysterical sensibilities of those who claim to represent Christians is itself a terrible blow to the First Amendment.

Molly Ivins is a columnist for the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

Letters

Get involved stopping DUIs

On Dec. 3, I became involved in an incident that I feel needs to be brought to the attention of your readers.

While on my way to Twin Falls with my wife and daughter for what I thought would be a quiet evening of watching a movie, I observed a driver that I believed to be driving under the influence of alcohol. Without getting into too much detail (this case has gone to court yet), the driver's behavior was extreme and was observed by many other drivers.

The driver was subsequently arrested and charged for driving under the influence of intoxicating beverages. The thing that worries me, and I feel is borne out by the fact that most of the other drivers that observed this did not report it, was a statement that was made to me by a female relative of the man that was arrested, and I quote:

"What the \$%& business is it of yours? I hate people like you! Why can't you mind your own business?"

My response to this is simple: It is my business, as I and my family were on the road with this driver. It was also the business of all the drivers that saw what this driver was doing and chose not to get involved. My question to you is also simple: What would have happened if nobody stopped to call?

As a father, husband, grandfather and law enforcement officer, I have but only one request (and also my Christmas wish): Please get involved!

Pick up the phone and call. Don't let this Christmas be someone else's last Christmas. It could be you!

DANIEL V. KENNEDY
Hansen

Gingrich puts on a sideshow

Newt, Newt, Newt — Wow! What a sideshow the new Republican boss is putting on. Mr. Gingrich is going to recreate the United States in his own image. If you don't believe that, just listen to him for a few minutes. Newt's ego is never trapped in his motor mouth.

Family values — a Republican contract must. Newt Gingrich is going to establish a new family morality with Newt as the role model. The Vietnam War was on and Newt was of draft age so he married a school teacher seven years his senior, fathered two children, succeeded in staying out of the Army and then dumped his wife while she was in the midst of hospital cancer treatment. Then he had to be forced to pay child support. Some role model for the male parent and flag-waving patriot!

Then the other family value role model is

Newt's mouthpiece — Rush Limbaugh. Mr. Limbaugh recently married in ecstasy his third wife. A year ago, the rotund Mr. Limbaugh bragged constantly on his radio show about his great sexual power with the ladies who just couldn't refuse this self-proclaimed gift to the girls.

And Newton is a genius historian. Just listen again for a minute or two. One can tell he is a genius because he teaches a class on recreating world civilization — wow again. But this scholar must have a \$2 million to \$3 million tax exempt personal fund for his great educational endeavor. There is very little connection between a tax exempt slush fund and teaching a class in college.

Then there are term limits mandated and demanded by the people. There will be term limits but not for Newt. Strom Thurmond (a 50-year veteran), Bob Packwood, Jessie Helms, Bob Dole who has been muffled and shoved aside and the many others who are at least 30-year Senate veterans. Remember, the contract requires that all laws passed apply equally to the peasant and the master. Newt's term limits apply only to peasants.

The next year promises us all the greatest political sideshow on earth. Ringmaster Gingrich demands to be the white circus — what fun — but will the United States survive?

LLOYD J. WALKER
Twin Falls

BY GARRY TRUDEAU

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Letters

Stolen Santa windsock held years of tradition

On Dec. 8 during the night, my jolly Santa windsock was stolen from the front of my condominium on Meadows Drive.

To me, my children and grandchildren, he represented many, many years of Christmas traditions. I'm a 67-year-old grandma celebrating my last Christmas before cancer takes my body. The disease has taught me many wonderful, spiritual lessons and secrets called miracles.

I don't think whoever took the Santa windsock will read this letter, but I somehow wanted them to know they took the Santa as cancer takes my body, but I give as a gift to them joy, peace, love and all that Christmas symbolizes.

A God who so loved his earthly children to give us his son that we might enjoy pure bliss in the eternities—a gift that cannot be taken from us.

DORIS JONES
Twin Falls

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OLIVE CUNNINGHAM
Twin Falls

Holiday season riddled with crime, no Santa

Dear Virginia:
Every year, you receive letters in answer to your question, is there really a Santa Claus? I have yet to read a letter giving you a truthful answer, but instead, you are given what sounds like political BS and ends with the outright lie that yes, there is a Santa Claus.

So where can you go for the truth? Well, I suggest that you read a book that says, "Thy word is truth." It also says, "Let God be true, yet every man a liar," and if you do this, you will know there is no Santa Claus and, moreover, that God despises this entire Christmas celebration. To give this pagan festival credence, a few scriptures are quoted

about the birth of the Son of God and then echoed in pagan holidays and traditions that the creator, God, has always hated.

For instance, there has been much debate over the years as to where the Christmas tree first came from. Jeremiah 10 tells it plain, and I quote just some of it: "Learn not the way of the heathen for the customs of the people are vain"—in other words, worthless. "For one cuts a tree out of the forest; they deck it with silver and gold."

He goes on to tie this practice into the worship of false gods and in Verse 8 again calls it foolish and foolish and vain. This is the origin of the Christmas tree and the yule log, the mistletoe, the holly wreath—all are an equal abomination to the living God.

You have been told many times, Virginia, that Christmas is all about love, happiness, the joy of giving, the birth of the Messiah. Wrong, all wrong. Crime goes up this time of year. The 25th day of December is a chosen son worshiper's day, and if you want to prove a point, just don't give anyone a present this year and see how many presents you get next year. Christmas is not about giving but about getting.

Revelation 18 tells how all nations are drunk with the wine of fornication of the false church and how the merchants of the earth waxed rich by the power of her deception.

Any time you insert pagan worship with the worship of the creator God, it is spiritual fornication and he hates it. So you see, Virginia, all

nations are deceived into a counterfeit religion. You ate not alone. But I wanted you to know, really, there is no Santa Claus.

By the way, where are all the tree huggers during this mass destruction of young trees every year? Could they be hiding in the same place they were during last summer's forest fires?

HENRY ASCHENBRENNER
Rupert

A call to Washington is cheap, gets point across

Want to express an opinion, a concern? Call Washington, D.C. No, it doesn't cost a lot. Could you believe 50 cents or less? It's interesting. The number is (202) 456-1111.

Are you anxious about the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade? Are you anxious to hear more about Whitewater? Do it, or sit back and complain. It doesn't do any good. They care all crooks and liars. Boy, I love my country. I care about health care and welfare reform, and I

want them to know I care.
BETTY GALVIN
Wendell

Salmon Falls situation angers area resident

All of Magic Valley knew a month to six weeks before the disaster happened that the Salmon Falls Dam was being pushed to the limit. Who was behind this act? It was never disclosed.

Now we find the very people responsible are being bailed out at the fair amount of close to a million dollars. Who set this unheard amount? A federal judge who knew also that the property was a natural drainage.

What is interesting is the fact that a valley west of Parris, Calif., is being changed over for a giant lake with Idaho water. It has already started with all the farms bought out and the people gone.

In a past history of dry years, guess who might be first in line for water—the salmon, of course.

BRUCE HALL
Twin Falls

Ask Crapo to ban burial of radioactive particles

It seems like a simple enough mission, I figured getting our politicians to stop the burial and reburial of deadly, radioactive plutonium particles over our water supply—the aquifer—would be easy. They all say they will fight the federal government to save Idaho's water, and they all say they are against Idaho being a nuclear waste dump. So what's the problem?

At the Republican victory party, Rep. Mike Crapo had a right to be elected. He said he felt "the people supported his positions." While I agree with most of his positions, Mike does encourage nuclear experiments and encourages the burial of plutonium particles in Idaho. His opponent, Penny Fletcher, had no position on plutonium but felt the big issue was how much Mike spent on his house and how many federal projects she could get from Bill Clinton!

In 1988, scientific phone surveys showed the Magic Valley 76 percent

in favor of "clean up first" at the Idaho National Engineering Laboratory. In 1991, an Idaho Falls poll showed 60 percent of its citizens in favor of "an end to nuclear experiments."

Our federal politicians say they voted against the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade because of 700 phone calls against it. But the INEL is different: the nuclear businesses give thousands and thousands of dollars to our politicians.

In this Christmas season, many people are busy shopping for deals, just like me. But many of you also understand this season is more of a celebration of spirit.

Many of you work year round in many ways, giving a yearlong gift to the creator.

Are there not more than 700 of you who could add this small gift to your list by calling Mike Crapo at 734-7219 and asking two minutes to ask him to ban the burial of cancer-causing plutonium over our water.

DR. PETER RICKARDS
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Tighter regulation of au pairs sought

WASHINGTON (AP) — Au pairs, foreign students who help out in American families, would have to be paid at least the minimum wage and work no more than 45 hours a week under regulations proposed Wednesday by the U.S. Information Agency.

Moreover, no au pair would be allowed to care alone for infants and could not be placed in a family with children under age 2 unless she was at least 21 and had documented child-care experience — conditions that the head of one au pair agency said would probably force her out of business.

"Even though it's well meaning, it's trying to make a professional child care program out of something that was essentially an exchange program," said Bill Gustafson, who runs outPair for the non-profit American Scandinavian Student Exchange in Laguna Beach, Calif.

Under the proposed regulations, families also would have to contribute up to \$500 to be used by the au pair for college or other post-high school study, said USA Director Joseph Duffley, whose agency issues au pair visas.

"This is a program that makes it possible... for young women who might not otherwise have the chance to study or visit another country," Duffley said.

Major urban programs may go to states

WASHINGTON (AP) — Housing Secretary Henry Cisneros is proposing drastic cuts or elimination of several urban programs in an effort to save his agency as President Clinton looks for ways to pay for his promised middle-class tax cut.

In an interview, Cisneros said changes include handing over money to cities and states for much of what the Department of Housing and Urban Development does, such as maintain housing projects or provide rent supplements to poor families.

"We have denied the people running the programs the flexibility they need to make them work," Cisneros said. "After trying for a year and a half to do it by waivers and adjustments and minor regulatory changes, I think we now recognize that we must make more profound changes and actually block up more of our programs."

Former Arkansas Gov. Orval Faubus dies

CONWAY, Ark. (AP) — Former Gov. Orval E. Faubus, whose defiance of an order to desegregate Little Rock's Central High School forced President Eisenhower to dispatch federal troops, died Wednesday. He was 84.

Faubus died shortly after 9 a.m. at his home. A cause of death was not known, but Faubus had suffered from spinal cancer.

A one-time hero, Faubus rose from the backwoods poverty of an Ozark Mountain hamlet named Greasy Creek to the state's highest office.

On Sept. 2, 1957, he ordered the National Guard to prevent black students from entering Central High



Faubus

despite a federal court order. Nine blacks were turned away the next day.

To the last, Faubus insisted he acted only to avoid the violence. He was sure would come with desegregation.

"I didn't know whether it would make me a hero or a goat," he recalled. Faubus' interference at Central High forced the nation's first use of federal troops for school desegregation and demonstrated the degree of federal resolve behind the U.S. Supreme Court's 1954 school desegregation decision.

On Sept. 20, a federal judge ordered him to stop interfering. Three days later, the nine blacks entered Central High through a side door, breaking the color line while police struggled with rioters at barricades holding back 1,000 whites. The black pupils were removed from school for their safety.

President Eisenhower, who had federalized the guard to dissolve Faubus' control over it, then sent 1,200 paratroopers to protect the Little Rock Nine in their re-entry to the school.

The students entered Central High the next day through the front door while an Army helicopter hovered overhead and rioting whites were subdued by bayonets and blows from rifle butts by the 350 soldiers of the 101st Airborne Division who ringed the school. The soldiers stayed through the school year.

Little Rock voters in a special election closed the schools for the 1958-59 school year, but opened them again the following year.

Faubus, a conservative Democrat, won six consecutive terms for a record 12 straight years as governor, one month longer than Bill Clinton.

Parents won't face prosecution

PITTSBURGH (AP) — A couple charged with leaving their four children home alone for two weeks will not be prosecuted.

Charges of child endangerment were dropped Wednesday against James Fignar and Bonnie Raiting. "I hope you are able to get your lives back together," Chief Pittsburgh Magistrate Donald Machen told the pair.

They had been accused of leaving their children, ages 2 through 10, under the care of a 14-year-old baby sitter for 16 days while they went to New Jersey.

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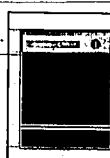
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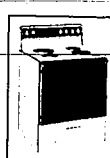
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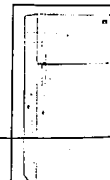
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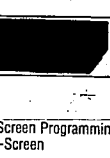
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Briefly

Malta boys, girls play Sho-Bans at new times

MALTA — The times for girls' and boys' basketball game against Sho-Ban Friday have been changed.

The girls' will begin at 3 p.m. and the boys' has been moved to approximately 4:30 p.m. or after the girls' game.

Pocatello board: 9th-graders can't play with 10th-graders

POCATELLO — The Pocatello School Board has voted not to allow ninth-grade basketball players to compete on 10th-grade teams.

The decision comes as the school district prepares to defend itself in a lawsuit over its refusal to let a ninth-grade Hawthorne Junior High School student play on a 10th-grade team at Highland High School.

The district is under a temporary injunction which allows student Joe Green to play until a court hearing next week.

Previously, ninth-graders were allowed to play on 10th-grade basketball teams following the end of the ninth-grade season, giving players two or three weeks to play and practice at the higher level.

Strawberry says he's innocent of federal tax evasion charges

WHITE PLAINS, N.Y. — Darryl Strawberry pleaded innocent and was released on his own recognizance Wednesday at his arraignment on federal tax evasion charges.

In a 20-minute hearing before U.S. magistrate Mark Fox, Strawberry said, “Yes,” twice, when asked if he understood the charges against him and the conditions of his release.

After being ordered to stay in the continental United States, the San Francisco Giants right fielder was fingerprinted and processed by U.S. marshals.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

Sportslate

Today

College men's basketball

CSI at North Idaho College, 7:30 p.m.

College women's basketball

CSI at North Idaho College, 5:30 p.m.

Prop boys' basketball

Decal at Gooding, 4:30 p.m.

Hagerman at Jerome JV, 6 p.m.

Twin Falls JV at Hansen, 7:30 p.m.

Bliss at ISDB, 6 p.m.

Shoshone at Carey, 4:30 p.m.

Prep girls' basketball

Burley at Pocatello, 8 p.m.

Wood River at Carnas County, 6 p.m.

Decal at Glens Ferry, 6 p.m.

Shoshone at Filer, 6 p.m.

Valley at Wendell, 6 p.m.

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Bobcats edge by Minico

By Chelsey Erbaugh
Times-News writer

BURLEY — Burley's real battle was against nerves Wednesday night. After finding themselves down 23-9 at the end of the first quarter, the Bobcats staged a comeback to down Minico 77-63 in Class A-1 boys' varsity basketball.

Rattling off nine unanswered points to begin the second quarter, the Bobcats closed the gap to 33-35 at the half.

"In the first quarter, everyone was afraid then a light came on," said Burley coach Bill Cowell.

The light was the Burley full court pressure.

"We didn't attack their press," said Minico coach Gordon Kerbs.

However, Burley senior guard Eric Allen took advantage of the press with two quick steals sandwiched around a three-pointer.

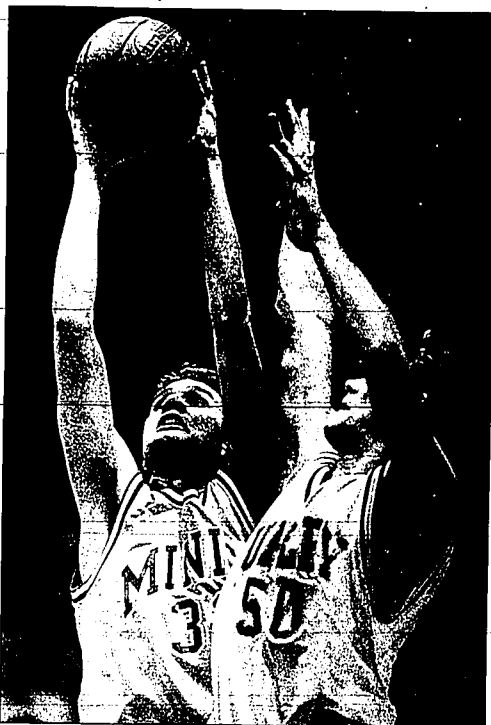
A Minico offensive charge and another Burley three set the Bobcats off.

With 6:44 left in the game, Burley's Ryan Holmes hit a driving shot to give the Bobcats their biggest lead of the game at 66-41.

The win takes Burley to 4-1, and drops Minico to 2-2.

Burley beat Minico 63-47 in the junior varsity game.

Minico 33-43 1st
Burley 22-58 2nd
Minico 40-43 3rd
Burley 55-43 4th
Totals 77-63
Burley: Holmes 17, Allen 13, Nichols 15, Newman 4, Boddy 3, Bow cut 11, Noley 9, Kerbs 9, Tota 28, 14-32 22 77
Three-pointers: Nichols 3, Bow cut 2, Ramon 2, Nichols 2, Allen 2
Rebounds: 3, Boddy 1, Noley 1, Foushee 1, Kerbs 1, Fredrickson 1
Assists: 3, Boddy 1, Noley 1, Foushee 1, Kerbs 1, Fredrickson 1



Duane Fredrickson, left, of Minico battles inside against Burley defender Dru Nicley Wednesday night.

U of I faculty say they like Big Sky

The Associated Press

MOSCOW — University of Idaho faculty members confronted administrators with their suspicions about the wisdom of abandoning the Big Sky Conference.

President Elisabeth Zinser is expected to decide before Christmas whether the school will stay in the Big Sky, which competes in NCAA Division I-AA in football, or join the I-AA Big West Conference.

Zinser has called a final meeting to discuss the future of intercollegiate conference affiliation at 2:30 p.m. Monday, in the Administration Building Auditorium.

The NCAA has rejected Idaho's attempts to secure a waiver of its I-AA attendance requirements, but the school is considering options such as expansion of the Kibbie Dome.

Faculty Council members said Tuesday they are not convinced changing conferences is a good idea. Administrators, teachers, students, Vandal Boosters and community leaders will discuss the issue at a Monday forum.

History professor William Swagerty said faculty members suspect a conference shift will drain dollars from academics into athletics.

Physicist professor Philip Deutchman said teachers are worried a switch to the Big West could be a "financial albatross." Idaho already has faculty morale problems, he said.

Jerry Wallace, financial vice president, said the school is working with the Moscow business community to promote athletic and cultural events to a region with a population of 750,000 people within a 100-mile radius.

Idaho athletics are crucial to hotels and restaurants in the Moscow area, he said.

Jazz edge T'wolves for 5th straight road win

The Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Road wins used to be tough to come by for the Utah Jazz. Not lately.

Karl Malone scored 31 points Wednesday night, and the Jazz held Minnesota without a basket over an 8:02 span in the third and fourth quarters for a 103-95 victory. Utah's fifth straight away from the Delta Center.

A win at Washington today would match the team's longest road winning streak, set in 1983-84. Utah, which started a six-game road trip Wednesday, never has finished a season with a winning road record.

"Poor is the right word when referring to our road record," Malone said. "We started off 0-4 this season, and now I think the guys are starting to execute better. We're taking the road games very seriously."

Minnesota won at Utah on Dec. 1, one of only three wins this season. The Wolves led most of the first half Wednesday and were ahead 63-59 when Chris Smith made a 17-foot jumper with 4:46 left in the third quarter.

But David Benoit scored 7 points during an 11-0 run, and the Wolves went cold.

Doug West's basket with 1:26 left in the third cut Utah's lead to 70-65, but it was Minnesota's only basket until Isaiah Rider hit a 3-pointer with 5:24 remaining.

The Wolves, who had just eight baskets over the final 16:46, are winless in 10 games at the Target Center this season. They have lost 14 in a row at home since beating the Los Angeles Clippers on April 6.

The record for consecutive home losses is 19, by Dallas last season. "We've just got to get a win at home, just to see what it feels like," said Rider, who led the Wolves with 24 points.

"Maybe it'll be contagious."

The Jazz, who have won 50 or more games five of the last six years, had the best road record in team history last season, 20-21.

May's 161 career touchdowns are the most in I-AA history. He led the Big Sky Conference in rushing for the third straight year with 1,370 yards, and didn't lose a fumble in 231 carries.

The second-team selections were led by Montana quarterback Dave Dickenson.

Joining Dickenson were offensive linemen Harold Faxon of Eastern Washington and Jim Mills of Idaho, running back K. C. Adams of Boise State at all-purpose runner, defensive lineman Ryan Phillips of Idaho and defensive back Rashid Gayle of Boise State.

Other notable All-Americans outside of the Big Sky Conference were Alcorn State quarterback Steve McNair, who broke records for total offense in a game, season and career, and record-setting runner Arnold Mickens of Butler.

McNair, who finished third in the Heisman Trophy balloting, passed and ran for 5,799 yards and 53 touchdowns this season and finished his career with 15,887 combined yards.

Both yardage figures are NCAA records for any division. McNair also holds the I-AA mark for total offense in a game, 649 yards against Southern on Oct. 22.

Mickens, a transfer from Indiana, broke the I-AA rushing mark with 2,355 yards and was the division's second-leading scorer with 18 touchdowns.

He gained over 200 yards in eight consecutive games, including a school-record 295 against Valparaiso.

Eagles face key road trip

By Larry Hovey
Times-News writer

It's the longest, most enervating road trip of the year but it also can be by far the most rewarding.

College of Southern Idaho takes off on the four-day safari that takes the basketball teams to North Idaho tonight and Rexburg and Ricks College Saturday.

They are two of the four most important road games the Eagles face. A sweep would give them a big leg up on hosting the region 18 finals in March. Any win on the road is important.

The Golden Eagle men, raising to fifth in this week's national junior college poll, won their first two home games against Eastern Utah and Colorado Northwestern last weekend. North Idaho bowed to both Dixie and Snow while Ricks lost at Dixie but won at Snow.

Coach Steve Irons maintains that the winning formula is the same as ever: win everything at home and as much as you can on the road.

Women's Coach Joel Bates remains perhaps the men's biggest fan — because he and his Eagles, too, get the home court advantage if the men win the rights to host.

Ricks worries that it loses some of its homecourt advantage due to the student body gone for the holidays. "It will be a half-full gymnasium, we're afraid," said Athletic Director Glenn Dalling.

Irons said both teams fit the mold of previous years. North Idaho is tall, bulky and deep inside with three good perimeter players while Ricks has excellent perimeter players/shooters and Please see CS1/B2

Ex-Vandal stays south with Brazil

The Associated Press

Orlando Lightfoot is turning into a globetrotter.

The former University of Idaho basketball player, the Big Sky Conference's career scoring leader with 2,102 points in three seasons, appears bound for Brazil next month.

"It's for sure, I just haven't signed the contract," Lightfoot said from his family's home in Chattanooga, Tenn. "Something better might come up."

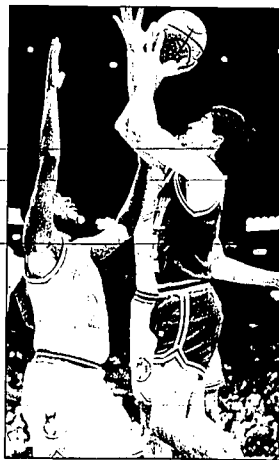
Lightfoot, a 6-7 forward, played in Rosario, Argentina, for the Olympia team but it was a tenuous situation and he left after a contract dispute. Lightfoot said he averaged 21 points a game and seven rebounds.

He was one of two U.S. players on the team, although he said the team went through several Americans during the two months he was there.

He said he agreed to play for a month, with the promise of a long-term contract after that if things worked out. But at the end of a month, he was asked to play another month. After the second month, he decided to leave when he couldn't get a firm contract.

He said Lightfoot has six players off Argentina's national team and was expected to dominate. The team is 21-7 or 22-7.

Please see CS1/B2



Utah guard John Stockton puts up a shot over Minnesota's Winston Garland, left, and Christian Laettner.



Alcorn State's record-setting quarterback Steve McNair was named the top I-AA quarterback.



May

The Associated Press

The Big Sky Conference placed three players on this year's Division I-AA All-American football team and six on the second team.

Idaho record-setting running back Sheridon May was selected for the first team along with Montana offensive lineman Scott Gragg and Boise State defensive lineman Joe O'Brien.

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McNair, who finished third in the Heisman Trophy balloting, passed and ran for 5,799 yards and 53 touchdowns this season and finished his career with 15,887 combined yards.

Both yardage figures are NCAA records for any division. McNair also holds the I-AA mark for total offense in a game, 649 yards against Southern on Oct. 22.

Mickens, a transfer from Indiana, broke the I-AA rushing mark with 2,355 yards and was the division's second-leading scorer with 18 touchdowns.

He gained over 200 yards in eight consecutive games, including a school-record 295 against Valparaiso.

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Harriers compete at Olympics

RENÓ, Nev. — Nineteen Magic Valley youth runners competed Saturday in the USA Track and Field Junior Olympics.

The boys and girls covered the cross-country course at Walnut Creek Golf Course. Jerome's Marjorie Bringham finished 39th in the 10-and-under division with her team taking the national championship.

Other results are:
 Girls 11-12: Maria Benito Gooding, 14th; Sade Cherry, Gooding 15th and Kristin Doole, Twin Falls 34th.
 Girls 13-14: Jenn Neeson, Gooding 45th; Kim Seifert, Gooding 12th; Anna Walcott, Twin Falls 21st; and Debbie Jensen, Twin Falls 21st.
 Boys 11-12: Scott Brown, Twin Falls 53rd; Matt Anderson, Twin Falls 102nd; Travis Greene, Twin Falls 110th; Aaron Thompson, Twin Falls 120th; Jess Aragon, Twin Falls 121st; and Ben Lyda, Twin Falls 128th.

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MEN'S SERIES Ron Dawson 733, Loren Larson 717, Lynn Baird 707, Bill Palmer 693, Bob Leazer 688, Mike Owens 644, Rod Sorenson 643, Con Joster 643, Steve Sherman 640, Eileen Spigall 643.

WOMEN'S SERIES Con Joster 277, Gary Sexton 276, Loren Larson 268, Ron Dawson 259, Rod Sorenson 247, Wayne Parsons 247, Steve Sherman 247, Bob Leazer 245, Tim Cordova 244, Lynn Baird 243.

MEN'S SERIES Bava Raynolds 626, Con Joster 622, Shirley Sheets 608, Cathy McGowan 608, Rita Gage 591, Mary Leazer 587, Mary Cooke 571, Vicki Kiebig 571, Marie Stanley 566, Con Joster 566.

WOMEN'S SERIES Con Joster 258, Tracey Hoffman 258, Shirley Leazer 238, Mary Cooke 235, Shirley Sheets 234, Mary Cooke 232, Cheryl Benner 228, Barb Reynolds 228, Rita Gage 224, Sharon Harmon 222, Pat Benku 222.

SENIOR'S SERIES Tom Glass 597, Ken Courtney 587, Virgil Conn 560, Ira Pitts 527, Wayne Bates 522, Russ Gage 522, Helen Reid 510.

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HIGH SCHOOL'S SERIES Mario Marcantonio 528, Scott Michael 519, Jeremy Kiebig 472, Dille Laughlin 469, Shannon Laughlin 469, Shannon Laughlin 469, Shannon Laughlin 469, Shannon Laughlin 469.

JUNIORS SERIES Robert Parsons 462, Jeremy Suda 438, Mike Fessenden 438, Tonya Whitman 380, Mary Walker 347.

SENIOR'S SERIES Robert Parsons 202, Jake Fessenden 179, Brett Moore 178, Mary Walker 143, Tonya Whitman 142.

GIANTS SERIES Mandy Burney 452, Stefan Engle 452, Ron McClannan 406, Lisa Burney 325.

GIANTS SERIES Mandy Burney 151, Ron McClannan 154, Stefan Engle 153, Lisa Burney 141.

LIL GIANTS SERIES Jon Bowyer 208, Alex Bowyer 195, Kevin Laimier 123, Holly Brookhiser 106.

LIL GIANTS SERIES Jon Bowyer 108, Alex Bowyer 106, Holly Laimier 77, Kevin Laimier 73, Andrew Carter 60.

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MEN'S SERIES Derrick Brinkman 702, Mike Burbank 659, Dean Dorfand 646, Gary Benedictus 656, Roger Evans 655, Jim Blumber 654, Jim Davies 632, John Hays 605, Curt Quarles 598, Tim Robbins 592.

MEN'S SERIES Derrick Brinkman 276, Roger Evans 259, Mike Burbank 257, Jim Blumber 257, Jim Davies 244, Gary Benedictus 240, Dean Dorfand 235, Tim Robbins 233, Tom Wags 227, Mike Engle 224, Chad Wingston 224.

WOMEN'S SERIES Karen Savel 610, Jackie Hicke 591, Dana Griffin 567, Claudine Sirekian 564, Dorothy Moon 540, Jessie Jensen 534, Kayleen Benedictus 526, Verna Kodosh 526, Verna Kodosh 526, Verna Kodosh 526.

WOMEN'S SERIES Dana O'Connell 233, Karen Savel 222, Dana Hicke 215, Claudine Sirekian 210, Pat Evans 200, Kayleen Benedictus 200, Erica Rottman 224, Sharon Harmon 222, Pat Benku 222.

SENIOR'S SERIES Tom Glass 597, Ken Courtney 587, Virgil Conn 560, Ira Pitts 527, Wayne Bates 522, Russ Gage 522, Helen Reid 510.

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 Mary Ann Siegel 210, Hazel Cohen 203, Phyllis Fie 198, Virginia Williams 192, Mary Larkin 183, Virginia Mulkey 181.

JUNIOR BOWLERS SERIES
 Nathan Lewis 414, Melody Goodson 403, Melody Harnac 397, Michael Goodson 390, Drew Michener 365, Jeff Rancher 337, Michael Goodson 324, Lacy Miller 273.

JUNIOR BOWLERS GAMES
 Nathan Lewis 161, Melody Harnac 151, Kate Goodson 144, Jeff Rancher 136, Drew Michener 127, Michael Goodson 135, Matt Arrington 127, Lacy Miller 117.

Richard Feldman, M2, 29.09.
 David Lloyd, M1, 29.47;
 Robin Loy, M1, 29.58; John Wotts, M4, 30.08; Carl Prager, M3, 30.52; Chris Lehman, M3, 31.54; David Olm, M4, 32.01; David Pakenon, M3, 32.06; James Cleveland, M3, 32.09; Jim McCleary, M4, 32.14; Niala Skinner, W2, 32.31 (first woman); Michelle Chupurdia, W2, 32.46; Nello Davidson, M5, 32.56; Jim Bradford, M4, 34.05; Ron Dillon, M4, 34.14; Steve Keane, M4, 34.25; Gabrielle Anderson, W4, 34.53; Leslie Woods, W4, 35.03; Lance Crawford, M4, 35.51; Hans Mullerger, M5, 36.00; Don Nurge, M3, 36.17; Andy Andrews, M5, 36.54; W2, 36.54; Nello Davidson, M5, 32.56; Jim Bradford, M4, 34.05; Ron Dillon, M4, 34.14; Steve Keane, M4, 34.25; Gabrielle Anderson, W4, 34.53; Leslie Woods, W4, 35.03; Lance Crawford, M4, 35.51; Hans Mullerger, M5, 36.00; Don Nurge, M3, 36.17; Andy Andrews, M5, 36.54; W2, 36.54; Nello Davidson, M5, 32.56; Jim Bradford, M4, 34.05; Ron Dillon, M4, 34.14; Steve Keane, M4, 34.25; Gabrielle Anderson, W4, 34.53; Leslie Woods, W4, 35.03; Lance Crawford, M4, 35.51; Hans Mullerger, M5, 36.00; 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Blackfoot bowler wins tournament.

Scott Dederscheck from Blackfoot is the N.A.B.I. Year End Tournament Champion.

He rolled a 1,284 six game handicap series. Second place was Bruce Slaughter of Twin Falls, 1,245; third, Ed Simler (Twin Falls) - 1,245; fourth, Kandie (Blackfoot) 1,202 and fifth was LaVere Bennett (Kimberly) - 1,178.

Match Play went to LaVere Bennett and Robie Robinson with Teresa Culber winning the Turkey Shoot.

Dave Brown won the Super 10 roll-off of the non-cashers for \$50.

Handicap sidpots were won by Scott Dederscheck 233 & 234, Kandie Dederscheck 242 & 216, Dave Brown 203 and Bruce Slaughter 276.

The Bowldrome will host next month's N.A.B.I. tournament on Saturday, Jan. 14 at 7 p.m.

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During the week-long event there will be numerous other tournaments such as the Brunswick Pro-Shoot Out where the top eight qualifiers will be teamed up with a professional bowler for the finals. Other events include the All-State Challenge, The Classic, Ladies Championship, Daily Doubles, Senior Championship, Kick-off Singles, Top Gun Eliminator and of course, the Tournament of Champions.

Any bowler who wins a local N.A.B.I. Tournament receives a pre-paid entry into the National Tournament of Champions.

Cory Lucero and Al Chapman are still holding onto the lead at 939 in the Best Ball Holiday Tournament. Glenn



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and Bruce Slaughter have taken over second place with 919.

Tiffany Kiesig and Eddie Chappell are leading with a 1,231 in the prep division of the Linda Klimes Memorial Adult/Junior Tournament. Steven Tucker and Grandma Thelma still hold the lead at 1,218 with Jeremy Kiesig and Mom Vicki in second at 1,204 in the Major Division.

Both these tournaments are at the Bowldrome and can be bowled anytime lanes are available and run through Jan. 1.

There will be an Adult/Junior Tournament Dec. 31 from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. at the Magic Bowl. For additional information call 733-2566.

Kayleen Benedictus, bowling league at Sunset Bowl in Buhl, bowled her first over 600 series with a 230, 210 and 197 for a 637. Congrats, Kayleen!

Pins over average on a series: Al Heib 158, Tim Cordova 150, Tom Glass 138, Bob Bopp 136, Doug Wiggins 114, Shelly Leazer 110, LaDawn Farnsworth 108, Dave Folks 107, Larry Blackwood 82, Bob Leazer 79, Cindy Wren 75, and Karla Alaniz 60.

Pins over average on a game: Tim Cordova 99, Cora Lee Detweiler 78, Wendy Irvin 74, Tom Glass 71, Bob Bopp 70, Becky Cordova 68, LaDawn Farnsworth 74.

ODDS & ENDS: Julia Samples picked the 4-7-10, Angie Zigich the 5-7-10 and Kathy Roper the 6-7-10. Naneley Barclay rolled a 145 triplicate score.

Thelma Tucker writes a weekly bowling column. She can be reached at 733-4357.

Owners' salary cap seems certain

RYE BROOK, N.Y. (AP) — Baseball talks broke off Wednesday, and owners appeared set on imposing a salary cap when they meet Thursday in Chicago.

Union head Donald Fehr said the players made numerous attempts to find a way to bridge the differences in the 4-month-old dispute but owners found them unworkable.

"We remain deadlocked at this time over the central issue of a cost control," said John Harrington, the chief negotiator for the owners. "The union has refused to make any proposal on the critical issue of linking player costs to growth revenue."

Asked if the owners' negotiating committee would advise owners to implement the salary cap, Harrington replied only: "We will be making a recommendation along that line."

Harrington has said that unless an agreement was reached by Thursday, owners would impose a salary cap. The move would be challenged before the National Labor Relations Board, union lawyer Doyle Pryor said today.

Players went on strike Aug. 12 to try to force an agreement and prevent an imposed cap. On Sept. 15, the owners then canceled the rest of the season and the World Series.

Despite lengthy bargaining sessions over the past five days — including two that went past midnight — the sides were unable to find a solution that gave owners the cost certainty they wanted and players the open-market they vowed to preserve. "It becomes apparent that at least for now, there is no agreement to be found," Fehr said.

The breakdown in negotiations came a little more than two months before the start of spring training.

The union is expected to challenge an imposed salary cap before the NLRB, leading to months of litigation and the possibility that teams would open the 1995 season with replacement players.

"Players will go back on the field when a proper collective bargaining agreement is reached. There's no doubt about that," Fehr said. "There's no doubt that before then, they won't be."

Tom Glavine of the Atlanta Braves added: "Sure there's disappointment, but I don't think any of us are surprised by where we're at."

Earlier Wednesday, the NLRB announced it would file two unfair labor practice complaints against owners over their failure to make a \$7.8 million player benefit contribu-

tion on Aug. 1.

Pryor called the NLRB decision "very significant."

"If we end up having to file another charge that they haven't bargained in good faith, we'll be filing before an agency that's determined they haven't bargained in good faith at least in one instance," he said.

Fred Feinstein, the NLRB's general counsel in Washington, said owners would be charged with failure to

bargain in good faith and discrimination against union members for their failure to make the benefit payment.

"The complaint deals only with the failure to make the pension payment," Feinstein said in a statement.

"I recognize that the parties are engaged in negotiations in an effort to conclude a new collective bargaining agreement and bring an end to the strike. Their contractual dispute will not be settled by the

National Labor Relations Board, but must be settled by the parties themselves. I encourage them to use every effort to do so."

Owners failed to make the benefit plan payment, saying that they didn't have to because the old agreement expired last Dec. 31. Union officials said players were owed money because the payment date traditionally had been tied to the All-Star game.



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Around the valley

School bus accident leaves 3 children hurt

JEROME — Three Jerome schoolchildren were hurt Wednesday when a driver rear-ended the school bus they were riding. Brandon Vandermeiden, 10, Cash Irish, 10, and Jacob Henry, 15, were treated for injuries and released from St. Benedict's Family Medical Center, according to a dispatcher for the Idaho State Police.

Brian Nickens, 35, of Jerome, was cited for following too closely, the dispatcher said. Nickens was driving behind the bus one-quarter mile east of town at about 3:30 p.m. when the bus stopped to unload children, the dispatcher said.

Nickens braked and his car slid on the ice, Silver said. The bus was carrying 23 students, but no one else was hurt, including Nickens.

U.S. Postal Service will offer transition stamps for rate hike

TWIN FALLS — The U.S. Postal Service is offering a series of stamps to help people adjust to the three-cent hike in stamp prices that takes effect Jan. 1.

Non-denominated "C-series" stamps are available at the Twin Falls post office at 253 Second Ave. W. The post office also will offer a make-up stamp to cover the three-cent difference.

But the stamps won't be needed until Jan. 1.

That means sending a Christmas card this year still will cost 29 cents.

Other price increases that take effect Jan. 1:

- Postcards will cost 20 cents, a one-penny hike.
- Priority mail will cost 10 cents extra at \$3.
- Express mail will rise from \$9.95 to \$10.75.

For information, contact the post office at 733-4580.

E911 board will decide on financing proposals tonight

JEROME — A special meeting will be held tonight to decide how to finance the four-county "enhanced" 911 system.

The E911 board, made up of officials from Groedding, Jerome, Lincoln and Twin Falls counties, will consider a proposal by Key Bank to lend \$3.6 million for equipment and other expenses for the emergency dispatching system.

Board members also heard proposals from WestOne Bank and BankOne last week. But members said those proposals would require a bond issue; Key Bank's offer is for a straight loan.

The meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. at the Jerome County Courthouse.

Fragments of doll collection found on U.S. Highway 30

BUHL — Tiny porcelain legs, fingers, heads and other body parts were found in the middle of U.S. Highway 30 Tuesday night — the remnants of a doll collection that police would like to return to its owner.

"There's quite a bit of money tied up into these dolls," said Cpl. Karen Trent of the Buhl Police Department. "If anyone can identify them, we'd be happy to give them back."

The seven dolls were clothed in ornate dresses and probably fell from someone's truck while they were moving, Trent said. A woman driving by noticed them scattered in the middle of the highway and turned them over to police, she said.

Most of the dolls are broken, but one is intact, Trent said.

The dolls were found on Highway 30 between Buhl and Filer, she said. For more information, call the Buhl Police Department at 543-4200.

Final Christmas in the Park features song, dance Sunday

TWIN FALLS — The final Christmas in the Park will begin at 5 p.m. Sunday.

The First United Methodist Church choir, under the direction of Clarence Douthett, will sing. The Wassail Belles — Carol Lynn Horn and Paul Dodd — will also perform. Lori Head and Pat Robinson will do an interpretive dance.

The Rev. Jim Frisbie, senior pastor of the Methodist Church, will light the advent candle. Midge Albrecht of the Soroptimists will be mistress of ceremonies.

Hot chocolate and other refreshments will be available.

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Hurlbutt's decision draws fire from legal scholar

The Times-News and The Associated Press

BOISE — The judge in Idaho's Snake River water court was accused Wednesday of failing to fully analyze the state constitution when he rejected several new laws aimed at streamlining the legal inventory of water rights.

"The opinion strikes me as one that is long on conviction and passion, but short on constitutional analysis," University of Idaho constitutional law expert Dennis Colson told a joint committee of the Idaho Legislature.

Earlier this year, the Idaho Department of



Hurlbutt.

Water Resources paid Colson to write a legal brief in support of the 1994 Legislature's new water laws. But Judge Daniel Hurlbutt refused to accept it.

Hurlbutt, who did not attend the Wednesday meeting, declined to respond to Colson's remarks.

Steve Sanders, an assistant attorney general from Oregon, agreed with Colson. If it continues to stand, Hurlbutt's decision could derail the adjudication of federal water rights in a state court, Sanders told the committee.

Some 150,000 water claims are pending before Hurlbutt's court and Uncle Sam is a central figure in roughly one-third of them. So far, the federal government has agreed to settle its Idaho water rights in a state court. But it could pull out of the process if terms of its agreement are altered.

In Boise Wednesday, a special legislative committee on the Snake River Basin Adjudication, co-chaired by state Sen. Laird Noh, R-Kimberly, asked Colson and Sanders to give their assessment of Hurlbutt's decision.

"Everyone is still in the process of letting

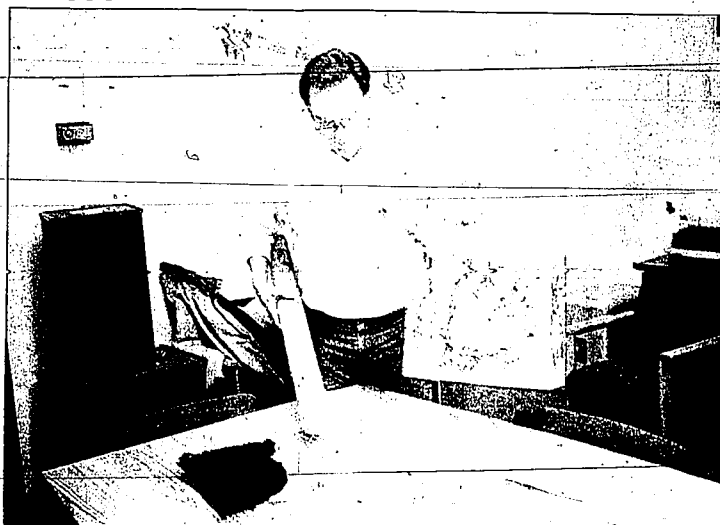
the dust settle," said Noh, who also heads the Senate Resources and Environment Committee.

In a related development, attorneys for the Twin Falls Canal Co., the North Side Canal Co., and other irrigation districts announced Wednesday that their clients feel Hurlbutt's decision was valid.

"...the 1994 legislative attempts to modify (Hurlbutt's court) were beyond the scope of the legislative powers," the Twin Falls law firm of Rosholt, Robertson & Tucker said in a prepared statement. But the firm, along with many other prominent Idaho water attorneys, worked with legislators to

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Happy trails



Former Chief of Police and Fire Department Paul Du Fresno gathers up bags and boxes as he cleans out his office and contemplates his memories of Twin Falls.

Police, fire boss leaves for new job

By Liz Wright
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Paul Du Fresno said his last goodbyes Wednesday to the police and fire departments he managed for more than five years.

"I've just been cleaning out the computer files and saying some goodbyes. It's been kind of an easy day," Du Fresno said. "I'm going to miss all of the people I've had a chance to work with here."

This morning, Du Fresno, the departing director of public safety, catches a plane

for Bremerton, Wash., where he will begin work at his new job immediately.

"I'll get right to work this week," he said. "The good news is that things are stable enough in the city right now that I can leave" without any problems, he said.

Du Fresno resigned Dec. 1 to accept the Bremerton position, which will pay him more money and allow him to focus solely on police work in a city with a population of 38,541.

Meanwhile, city officials have begun to ponder replacing him. First, the City Council must decide whether it wants to

hire another director like Du Fresno to manage both departments, or split the duties and hire two people, City Manager Tom Courtney said.

Finding one person who is qualified to oversee both police and fire services is difficult, but hiring two people to replace Du Fresno means paying two salaries, he said.

The City Council may start discussing the issue as early as Monday, Courtney said.

Salaries and candidates will be discussed later, Courtney said.

Crowded Jerome County Jail requires reservations to serve time

By Anna Pierson
Times-News correspondent

JEROME — Some convicted offenders in Jerome County have to make reservations to serve their jail time.

The crowding at the jail has prompted officials to look at the possibility of building a new one. The county is keeping only those criminals who commit the most serious offenses.

"This is probably the only incarceration facility around that requires that people convicted of lesser offenses make reservations to schedule their jail sentences," Jerome County Sheriff George Silver said.

Dave Bennett, criminal justice consultant for the county, agreed that the crowding is a problem.

"When there are no available beds in a facility, the justice system loses its integrity. Arresting officers cannot detain people, judges must seek alternative punishments, and the sheriff is

forced to make release decisions that may not be in the best interest of the justice system," he said.

The Jerome County Criminal Justice Council met Tuesday to hear Bennett present preliminary data on the current facility that is intended to aid in planning a new one.

Bennett's data was compiled from reports of prisoners incarcerated at a given time during four consecutive weeks from mid-November through mid-December.

The preliminary data will be combined with arrest and judicial records to create a more complete picture of current criminal justice policy.

The preliminary statistics show that reducing the length of time that inmates awaiting trial are held may be a way to alleviate overcrowding problems.

The data also showed Jerome County's prison population to be significantly younger than the national average.

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Lawyer labels potato packing sticker rules improper

The Associated Press

BOISE — The Idaho Potato Commission is making a "power grab" by extending its rules and regulations far beyond the point authorized by the Legislature, a Twin Falls lawyer has told the Idaho Supreme Court.

"It is a power grab by the Idaho Potato Commission through rules and regulations to legislate what it wants to regulate," argued Twin Falls attorney G. Kent Taylor.

He represented Russet Valley Produce Inc., a Kimberly packing operation battling the Idaho Potato Commission over what the commission claims is a violation of the famed "Idaho Potato" trademark.

Both sides appealed from a District Court ruling. After an hour of oral arguments Wednesday, the Supreme Court took the case under advisement. It will issue a decision later.

The Potato Commission took action against Russet Valley Produce, claiming that the company put spuds other than russet Burbanks into boxes labeled "Idaho Potato."

Robert Bakes, former chief justice of the Supreme Court, represented the commission. He said a contract signed by Russet

Valley Produce clearly states that spuds shipped under the "Idaho Potato" trademark must be russet Burbanks, or the variety must be marked on the container.

Bakes said tests confirmed that the spuds involved were russet Frontiers. He said the trademark is important.

"Those are the marks that have protected the integrity and the market value of the Idaho potato," he said. "The Idaho potato is synonymous with the russet Burbank. The public needs to know when they buy Idaho potatoes."

Members of the court questioned the attorneys about whether it was a "continuing violation" when an improper variety was packed in boxes marked "Idaho Potato" or if it must be considered a single violation.

The Potato Commission charged the

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— Robert Bakes, representative for the Idaho Potato Commission

packing plant \$28,000 in penalties and costs for violations the board ruled started when the spuds were packed and continued.

Bakes noted that Russet Valley had been fined \$3,000 for a similar violation just six months earlier.

"It took the \$15,000 civil penalty to finally get their attention," he said.

Taylor said Russet Valley Produce no longer is in business because of this particular action.

He attacked the disciplinary proceeding on procedural grounds. "There has been a fundamental denial of due process of law," he said.

Taylor said the Potato Commission flagrantly disregarded a law on revocation of licenses, requiring that the person involved be sent written notice of the alleged violations. That must be done before any administrative action can take place, he said, and it was not done in this case.

Taylor noted that the Potato Commission got the last Legislature to pass a new law to strengthen its disciplinary powers. He said that shows that the commission did not have the authority before that.

He said the commission was using "compulsory logic" to extend its authority far beyond what was intended by the Legislature.

"If the Legislature wanted the commission to regulate packing plants, it would have said so," he argued.

Bakes said Ken Mulberry, co-owner of Russet Valley Produce, decided he did not agree with Potato Commission rules and wanted to fight them. "The statutory provisions are there. He doesn't like it, but they are there," Bakes said.

Jail

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Jerome, 44% of the inmates are 18 to 24 while only 33% fall into that category nationally.
"Many of our youth are never put through the system until they become adults. If we could reach them earlier maybe this problem would be lessened," Silver said.
Bennett's goal is to refine the system to make it as efficient as possible then make a proposal for

the new jail, he said.
Bennett suggested that the proposal will probably provide for a facility that will meet the community's needs for the next twenty years. He also explained that new facilities are more secure, more efficient in staff requirements and will be expandable.
The current facility is based on a linear design that requires guards to make rounds. This allows the pris-

oners significant unsupervised time between rounds. The new design will be based upon a centrally located guard who can constantly supervise inmates.
Talk of building the jail as a regional facility is on the table, but no definite plans have been made. The Council plans a town meeting on Jan. 23 where Bennett will present his findings and public comment will be welcome.

Amtrak cuts routes, fires 5,500

The Times-News and The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Amtrak, hemorrhaging red ink and faced with a possible cut in its federal subsidy, announced Wednesday it was cutting more than a fifth of its service and firing 5,500 workers.

Officials of the passenger railroad said they would begin reducing the frequency of some routes on Feb. 1 and start eliminating others two months later.

"The Pioneer" service, which stops in Shoshone three times a week, will not be affected by the cuts announced Wednesday. The Pioneer runs from Chicago to Denver to Portland and Seattle.

Amtrak, however, announced that further frequency reductions were being planned and will be announced next year.

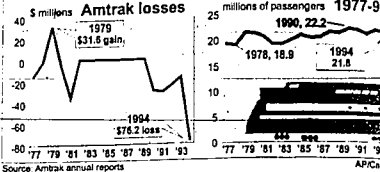
"In the past we have tried to do every place all the time," Amtrak President Thomas M. Downs said during a news conference to announce the cuts. But he said "rail passenger services can't afford that anymore ... in a rapidly changing transportation environment."

In recent years, cheaper airline tickets resulting from frequent fare wars have cut deeply into the passenger bases of both intercity trains and buses. Amtrak is still a serious competitor with airlines in its busy Northeast corridor, but limited service in other areas and the time it takes to travel long distances by rail have taken their toll.

"The railroads need to go where the customers want to go, and where they don't want to go service doesn't need to exist," Downs said. He said Amtrak could no longer afford to serve 530 stations.

Amtrak to eliminate jobs, reduce rail service

Faced with rising red ink and shrinking ticket sales, Amtrak announced Wednesday it will eliminate about 5,500 jobs and shut down 21 percent of its passenger train service nationwide.



Amtrak officials, faced with tens of millions of dollars in losses annually, have sought more money from Congress for capital investments. Amtrak has always depended heavily on federal subsidies — \$952 million this year — but has faced mounting pressure to reduce them.

Officials of the quasi-government agency feared that the new Congress, where members of both parties are proposing tax cuts, might not look favorably on continuing to spend taxpayer dollars on the service.

Downs said there are no guarantees that federal subsidies will continue. Amtrak officials said they were eliminating just three complete routes, but were closing down several segments of several other routes. Most of the savings will come from reducing the frequency of trains.

Amtrak routes scheduled for elimination on April 1 are the Hiawatha service between Chicago and Milwaukee, the Pere Marquette between Chicago and Grand Rapids, Mich., and the Capitols, which run from San Jose to Sacramento to Roseville, Calif.

The cuts are expected to save \$173 million in the current fiscal year and more than \$360 million in 1996 and annually thereafter.
Downs said the decisions on cuts were made "strictly on what made economic sense."
"We are convinced that this is the right place for Amtrak to be over the next decade," he said.
Where service is being eliminated, Downs said, local governments can pay the costs to retain all or part of that service.
Amtrak directors and managers met behind closed doors all day Tuesday, discussing how to handle a projected \$195 million deficit.
Amtrak lost \$76.2 million in fiscal 1994, its fifth straight year of loss in the red. Ridership fell about 300,000 from the year before.

Death notices

Timothy G. Adams
RUPERT — Timothy Greg Adams, 35, of Rupert, died Tuesday, Dec. 13, 1994, at his home.
Arrangements are pending and will be announced by the Hansen Mortuary in Rupert.

Celia R. Hawkins
JEROME — Celia R. Hawkins, 96, of Jerome, died Tuesday, Dec. 13, 1994, at the Twin Falls-Care Center.
Arrangements are pending and will be announced by the Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

Nanette Nauman
KIMBERLY — Nanette Nauman, 64, of Kimberly, died Tuesday, Dec. 13, 1994, at her home following a brief illness.
The funeral will be held at noon Saturday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls. Interment will follow at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls. Friends may call from 3 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral chapel. A complete obituary will appear at a later date.

Alpha Byrne Herman
JEROME — Alpha Byrne Herman, 95, of Jerome, died Tuesday, Dec. 13, 1994, at St. Benedict's Family Medical Center in Jerome.
Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

Leonard V. Mauss
TWIN FALLS — Leonard V. Mauss, 87, of Twin Falls, died Wednesday, Dec. 14, 1994, at his home.
Arrangements are pending and will be announced by White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Pearl L. Flowers
KETCHUM — Pearl L. Flowers, 91, of Ketchum, died Sunday, Dec. 11, 1994, at her home on an extended illness.
The funeral will be held at 1 p.m.

Friday at the Presbyterian Church of the Big Wood in Ketchum. Arrangements are under the direction of the Wood River Funeral Chapel in Idaho.

Don Wolverton
TWIN FALLS — Don Wolverton, 68, of Orofino and formerly of Twin Falls, died Sunday, Dec. 4, 1994, at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center in Lewiston.
Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

Services

Ruth E. Milligan, of Hagerman, 1 p.m. today, Demary's Gooding Chapel.

Burt (Slim) L. Hinz, of Heyburn, memorial service, 2 p.m. today, First Presbyterian Church, Burley.

Lloyd C. Kneisel, of Buhl, 2 p.m. today, Church of Christ, 829 Broadway Ave. N., Buhl, (White Mortuary in Twin Falls).

Charlene Dolores Roth Lickley, of Jerome, 2 p.m. today, Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel, Jerome.

Lucille Margaret Chatterton, of Twin Falls, 10:30 a.m. Friday, LDS

2nd Ward Chapel, 229 Park Ave., Twin Falls. Viewing, 4 to 8 p.m. today, White Mortuary, Twin Falls and from 9:15 to 10:10 a.m. on Friday at the church.

William "Willie" Quintana, of Jerome and American Falls, memorial service, 2 p.m. Friday, St. Jerome's Catholic Church.

Fred G. Klinka, of Twin Falls, 3 p.m. Friday, LDS 6th Ward Chapel, Twin Falls. Viewing, 4 to 8 p.m. today, White Mortuary, Twin Falls and from 1:45 to 2:45 p.m. on Friday at the church. The family will greet friends from 6 to 8 p.m. today at White Mortuary.

Birth
A son was born to Melissa Delgarza of Paul.

CASSIA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Admitted
Ethel Hodgson and Frances Rouse, both of Burley; Charles Brown of Oakley; Alice Cheney and Steve Johnson, both of Rupert; Don Cooper of Declo; Branton Moon of Heyburn; Stephanie Nelson of Paul; and Cory Vantassell of Hazelton.

Released
Betty Hult, Pablo Jimenez and Ralph West, all of Burley; Lucia Castro of Pampa; Warren Neibaur of Paul; and Tammie Walters of Rupert.

Birth
A baby was born to Mr. and Mrs. David Nelson of Paul.

Hospitals

MAGIC VALLEY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

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Admitted
Carla Marsch of Paul.

Released
Patricia Bernstraugh of Paul; Rex Gardner of Hazelton; and Otto Wagner of Buhl.

MINDOKA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Admitted
Melissa Delgarza, Pat Bernstraugh and Nadine Decker, all of Paul.

Released
Delphie Valdez, Harold McCarty, Roger Sperry and Dean-Haness, all of Rupert; Herman Koch of Heyburn; and Kenneth Grace of Paul.

Obituaries



Robert Van Engelen
TWIN FALLS — Robert Van Engelen, 68, of Twin Falls, died Tuesday, Dec. 13, 1994, at the University of Utah Medical Center in Salt Lake City, following a brief illness.

Bob was born Feb. 5, 1926, in Twin Falls to William A. and Margaret Roberts Van Engelen. He grew up and attended schools in Twin Falls, graduating from Twin Falls High School. He attended Idaho State University under the Naval V-12 program for the year and entered the Marine Corps where he served for three years.

Following his discharge, he completed his education at the University of Idaho. He married Charlotte Thompson on Dec. 29, 1946 in Twin Falls and went into the family business, Vana Department Store. Bob worked in the American Falls and Burley area and returned to Twin Falls to run the family business.

He was a member of the Twin Falls Elks Lodge and a member of the community service organization on the board of directors of the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce and the Twin Falls Public Library. He was a great sense of humor. He was a lady to the very end.

For obituary rate information, call 733-0931, extension 278

Le Clercq of Minneapolis, Minn., in February 1989.

Survivors include his wife, Marion of Twin Falls; four grandchildren, Bill (Diane) Van Engelen, Dave (Debbie) Van Engelen, Gary (Pam) Van Engelen and John (Doug) Follow, all of Twin Falls and John (Susan) Van Engelen of Spokane, Wash.; one stepdaughter, Deborah Le Clercq of Minneapolis, Minn.; 13 grandchildren; two sisters, Margaret Dicksen of Missouri and Dorothy Domschitz of Castleford; and one brother, Fred Van Engelen of Lewiston. Bob was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters, Vatura Gamble and Ruth Sheasley.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, Dec. 16, 1994, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls, with the Rev. Paul Reeves of the Twin Falls Presbyterian Church officiating.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Twin Falls Public Library Foundation. Contributions may be left with funeral chapel staff at the time of the service or staff at: Twin Falls Public Library, 434 Second St. E., Twin Falls ID 83401; or Reynolds Funeral Chapel, P.O. Box 1142, Twin Falls ID 83403.

Una E. Foulk

TWIN FALLS — Una Ellenore Foulk, 82, of Twin Falls, died Tuesday, Dec. 13, 1994, at the Twin Falls Care Center.

She was born Nov. 1, 1912, in Ashton, the daughter of O.C. and Bernice Stansell. On Nov. 21, 1938, she married James Foulk in Twin Falls.

She was a member of the Bethel Temple Church and wrote a personalized poem for every graduating senior of the church for many years. She loved gospel music, hand-dancing, the outdoors and camping. She had a great sense of humor. She was a lady to the very end.

Survivors include one daughter, Judy Schubert of Buhl; one son, Richard Foulk of Rupert; four grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; two brothers, Earl Stansell and Don Stansell, both of Twin Falls; and one sister, Lucille Hoskin of Twin Falls. She was preceded in death by her husband on January 21, 1988; her parents; two brothers; and one sister.

The funeral will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 17, 1994, at the Bethel Temple Church in Twin Falls, with the Rev. Allen Picklesimer officiating. Interment will follow at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls. Friends may call from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

The family suggests memorial contributions may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

Nettie L. Staab

FILER — Nettie Louise Staab, 65, of Filer, died Wednesday, Dec. 14, 1994, at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

She was born March 18, 1931, in Port Arthur, Texas, the daughter of F. and Dorothy Johnston Atkins. She grew up in the Bridge City/Orange area of Texas and married Merle Owen McElabean in 1949, in Orange, Texas. They were later divorced. In 1981, she married Vincent E. Staab in Madill, Okla. They moved to Filer in 1983.

Survivors include two sons, Cliff Johnson of Filer and Rocky McElabean of Amarillo, Texas; eight grandchildren; and one sister, Irene Wills of Evans, La. She was preceded in death by her husband on Sept. 21, 1990; one son, Donny McElabean; one sister; one brother; and her parents.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 17, 1994, at White Mortuary in Twin Falls, with the Rev. John Forester officiating. Cremation will take place at White Crematory in Twin Falls.

By Terrell Williams
Times-News correspondent

HAGERMAN — The Hagerman high school building is 70 years old; the foundations are crumbling and an estimated \$1 million for repairs is out of the question.

Everything from the electric to the plumbing to everything else is wearing out," Superintendent Ron Worrell said this week. "It doesn't make sense to put \$1 million into a 70-year-old building that is suspect at best."

To plan for a new school, three committees are being formed this month. The first will evaluate curriculum needs in the district. The second committee will work on a building design to meet the district's needs, and the third group will locate and evaluate possible building sites.

Worrell said the committees are

going to be large — about a dozen on each — so that more opinions can be considered before asking voters to fund a new building. And after the committees report to the district sometime in late January or February, the district will hold public hearings to let more citizens make suggestions.

"We're a small, conservative community," Worrell explained. "Because of that, we want as many people as possible to have their opinions heard. We want to do what the people in the community want, and we want to do what's best for these kids."

Worrell said consolidation with the Bliss School District has not been ruled out, but, for now, the committees will work on plans for a new building for Hagerman.

Worrell said the district also is working on plans to spend state

Decision

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produce the new laws.
The Idaho Attorney General's office assured legislators and supporters that the new laws were constitutional, the law firm said.

Hurlbut released a geysir of outrage last week when he declared several of the 1994 Legislature's new water laws to be unconstitutional. Hurlbut released a geysir of outrage last week when he declared several of the 1994 Legislature's new water laws to be unconstitutional.

Specifically, Hurlbut nixed a new law that sought to bar him from ordering the state to pay the bills for

people who sue Water Resources — and win.

Hurlbut also rejected a law that sought to alter the legal status of the director of Water Resources. When the case began, the director was a "party" to the suit, but the Legislature attempted to reclassify him as an "independent expert." Worrell said the Legislature violated the separation of powers doctrine.

He said the constitution authorizes the Legislature to change the method of district court proceedings

to reflect changing times. If the Idaho Supreme Court fails to agree with that interpretation, the Legislature will have to amend the constitution in order to have control over Hurlbut's court, Colson said.

The issue goes beyond the legal settlement of water rights, he said, adding that it would affect every voter's ability to have a say in government.

"The passions of the moment should not prevail when the constitution stands in the way," Colson said. "Otherwise the voter loses control of government if the constitution doesn't matter. The rules of the game are up for grabs."

Photos of bruised Nicole Simpson seized from safe-deposit box

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Prosecutors in the O.J. Simpson case drilled out the lock on Nicole Brown Simpson's safe-deposit box and seized photographs of her with a bruised forehead and injured left eye, defense sources said Wednesday.

In court, a jailhouse deputy testified that an emotional Simpson slammed down a phone, banged his fist on a counter and appeared to be crying during a November meeting with football-star-turned-minister Rosey Grier.

Deputy Jeff Stuart also said he overheard Simpson talking to Grier

but Stuart didn't say what was said. Simpson, seated next to attorney Robert Shapiro, appeared incredulous at points during the testimony, shaking his head and making comments to the lawyer.

The deputy did not disclose what was said. Later, prosecutors brought up declarations filed by three other deputies about another Simpson jailhouse statement on Nov. 29. Superior Court Judge Lance Ito ordered those statements shown to prosecution and defense lawyers. The defense declared them irrelevant.

"I think it's much ado about nothing," attorney Johnnie L. Cochran Jr. said about the second set of statements. The Simpson team appeared unconcerned about the Simpson-Grier incident and suggested Simpson's discussion with Grier was privileged communication with a clergyman.

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Valley life

Stepdad's actions following death of mom add to daughter's grief

DEAR ABBY: Regarding the letter from the widow who contemplated keeping one of his wife's rings to give to a "Miss Perfect" should he meet her: My parents were divorced when I was 2 years old. I was reared by my father and my aunt. Mother died of cancer at the age of 48. I had lunch with several of her friends before the funeral; and they told me that Mom wanted me to have her pearl earrings. The fact that she had thought of me was overwhelming in my time of grief. I spoke to my stepfather about the earrings and he said, "No one touches her jewelry! You can't have them!"



Dear Abby
Abigail
VanBuren

When my older brother sent some photographs of my stepfather and his new bride, I noticed she was wearing Mother's earrings. No one could have put a price on how much those earrings would have meant to me. I was...
DAUGHTER

DEAR DAUGHTER: My condolences to you on the loss of your beloved mother. Your stepfather's insensitivity was inexcusable. How sad that your mother did not make her wishes known in a will.

DEAR ABBY: Harold Z. of Chicago asked me to use animals and birds to describe the worst qualities in humans. Not true — we attribute as many positive qualities to birds and animals as we do negative.

For example:
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• Gentle as a lamb
• A rager beaver

• A memory like an elephant
• Wise as an owl
• Happy as a clam
• Fast like a bird
• Runs like a deer
• Quiet as a mouse
• Quick as a cat
• Cute as a bug's ear
• Strong as an ox
There are more, of course.

— WILLARD L.
SILVER SPRING, MD.

DEAR WILLARD: Don't forget:

• Graceful as a swan
• Fearless as a lion
• Loyal as a dog
• Proud as a peacock
If I've overlooked any, I'm sure my readers will write and let me know.

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— GEORGE
O. LUDCKE

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Valley happenings

Elliotts plan Christmas open house

BLISS The Elliotts have planned their annual Christmas open house for 6 to 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday. The public is invited to follow the lights and join the holiday festivities.

Open house planned for 80th birthday

HILL An open house is planned for Thelma Howard celebrate her 80th birthday to help for 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday at the United Methodist Church.

(Thelma Davis was born Dec. 17, 1914; in Fustus, Neb. She came to the Hill area in 1919 and married Leonard Howard on Nov. 10, 1933. The event is being hosted by her children, Bob Howard of Arco and Don Howard of Salem, Ore. She has four grandchildren. No girls please.

Gooding Legion plans Christmas dinner

GOODING Gooding American Legion Post 30 has

planned a Christmas dinner for Saturday at the Gooding War Memorial Hall.

Doors open at 6 p.m., and the potluck dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m. Participants are asked to bring a dish to share and table service! Anyone who would like to be encouraged to bring Christmas goodies. Those attending should bring a wrapped gift for someone of their same sex, with the cost kept under \$5. Group Christmas carol singing and games for door prizes are also on the agenda.

A pinocchio tournament will follow for those who wish to play.

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.

College center offers class for teen parents

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS The Center for New Directions at the College of Southern Idaho will present a session of "Transitions for Teen Parents" in January.

The one-credit class is offered two times per year. It is designed for people who are under 21 and are parents or expect to be parents soon. Assistance is available for tuition, child care and transportation.

For more information or to register, call 736-0070.

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Memo: Sniper may have shot woman to protect government helicopter

BOISE (AP) — A confidential government memo says an FBI sniper who killed Vicki Weaver in a northern Idaho standoff won't be prosecuted because it's reasonable to believe he shot her to protect a government helicopter.

A confidential Justice Department report obtained by the Spokane Spokesman-Review newspaper said sniper Lon Horuchi could be charged only if it could be shown that his fears for the safety of those in the helicopter were unreasonable and he went out of his way to use excessive force.

Whether Horuchi or other federal officers were to be charged in the death of Vicki Weaver has been a major point of contention in the case.

White separatist Randy Weaver and his family and friend Kevin Harris went through a 1992 shootout with armed federal marshals, leading to an 11-day standoff at the Weavers' mountaintop cabin near Naples in northern Idaho.

Decision puzzles slain woman's family

BOISE (AP) — News that the FBI sniper who shot and killed their daughter won't be prosecuted has left Vicki Weaver's parents bewildered.

"We just don't understand how anybody could do that, and then (say) it's all right. It's kind of scary," Weaver's father, David Jordison, said Tuesday in Fort Dodge, Iowa. "I always thought the FBI could do nothing wrong," he said.

Weaver's mother, Jeanne Jordison, said her daughter was murdered. "We just feel that somebody should be held responsible for what they do," she said.

The U.S. Justice Department reviewed the FBI's handling of the August 1992 confrontation, and Justice Department officials said last week that there will be no recommendation to prosecute the agents involved.

Samuel Weaver, 14, was shot to death in the initial exchange along with William Degan, deputy U.S. marshal. Vicki Weaver, 42, was fatally wounded by a bullet fired by Horuchi during the standoff.

Randy Weaver and Harris were charged with murder and other crimes but a jury in Boise last year acquitted them of all the serious charges.

The memorandum also said there was not enough evidence to prove that Horuchi's superiors meant to break the law or violate the Constitution when they wrote the deadly force rules that permitted agents to shoot any armed adult male seen in Weaver's yard during the standoff.

On the second day of the standoff, Horuchi testified that he shot at armed adults in the yard after a man he

thought was Weaver raised a rifle at a helicopter carrying federal agents.

A federal agency who was in the helicopter testified it never flew over the cabin, and an assault charge based on the allegation was thrown out by the judge at Weaver's trial.

But even if he was mistaken about the threat to the helicopter, "there is no evidence to prove that Horuchi willfully used excessive force," said

Deval Patrick, Civil Rights Division chief, in the memo stating no charges would be filed.

The decision was made despite a 542-page report by two dozen Justice Department investigators who said the department should consider charging FBI agents with violating Vicki Weaver's civil rights.

The report found that agents used unconstitutional deadly force rules in trying to arrest Weaver, a fugitive including trial on gun charges.

The Justice Department staffer who leaked the document said prosecutors didn't believe they could make a case because Horuchi's fears were reasonable, if unfounded. "The question is what Horuchi believed," the official said. "He may

have been mistaken, but that doesn't get us where we've got to go."

Weaver defense attorney Chuck Peterson of Boise, who was helping Weaver sue the government over the death of his wife, scoffed at the conclusion.

"A jury has already concluded that it was not objectively reasonable when they acquitted Randy Weaver and Kevin Harris of any involvement in this case," he said. "Horuchi still could be prosecuted in state court if Boundary County Prosecutor Randy Day's investigation finds the FBI sniper broke Idaho laws."

Federal officials said their report won't be made public until Day tells them the report will not jeopardize his investigation.

Briefly

ACLU challenges land sale for cross

BOISE — The American Civil Liberties Union of Idaho is challenging the lighted cross on Table Rock overlooking Boise.

The ACLU charges the state improperly sold the land for the cross to the Junior Chamber of Commerce, or Jaycees, in 1972 for \$100.

The ACLU, acting on what it said was the "behalf of certain Boise citizens," wants the Idaho Department of Lands to revoke the title it granted to the Jaycees.

Christopher Schnoor, an ACLU paralegal, said the state Land Board illegally sold the land. He and ACLU attorney George Patterson declined to name the citizens who complained. They are raising the issue now, they said, because details of the sale have only recently come to light.

"We consider it a landmark," Mayor Brent Coles said. "History is one of the values of our community, and we consider this part of our history."

The ACLU's allegation was dismissed as "perverse and asinine" by Rev. Roy Piczulewski, who recently led a fund-raising drive to restore what the Jaycees call "Boise's brightest landmark."

CDC to study pertussis outbreak

COEUR D'ALENE — A distinct strain of whooping cough which emerged in northern Idaho will be studied by the national Centers for Disease Control.

"It's a little different bacteria than the typical pertussis outbreak," said Jeanne Bock, director of physical health for the Panhandle Health District.

Four new cases of pertussis were confirmed this week in Shoshone County, bringing the total to 117 cases in northern Idaho.

North Idaho man dies in truck crash

WALLACE — A northern Idaho man has died after his pickup went off an embankment into the North Fork of the Coeur d'Alene River, the Shoshone County Sheriff's Department reports.

Local resident Richard A. Whisner, 42, died Tuesday in a Spokane hospital. He reportedly drove off an embankment Monday afternoon. The truck landed on its side, partially submerged in the river about eight miles north of Kingston.

Several people witnessed the accident and rescued Whisner.

Police lieutenant will replace leaving chief

CALDWELL — Caldwell police Lt. Doug Law will replace outgoing Chief Bob Sobba, Mayor Dick Winder reports.

The Tuesday announcement came less than a week after Sobba was selected by Gov.-elect Phil Batt to head the Department of Law Enforcement.

Winder said he bypassed advertising the vacancy because he wanted to maintain high morale at the Caldwell Police Department and end speculation over the job. He also wanted to show other city employees that he is willing to promote within the ranks.

City allows adoption of ducks, geese

IDAHO FALLS — City officials started getting complaints when they told people they planned to get rid of ducks and geese congregated along the city's greenbelt, so the domestic fowl wouldn't pass disease along to migrating birds.

After a week and a half of angry phone calls and letters, the city will allow concerned citizens to adopt a goose or duck, as long as the birds are kept outside the Idaho Falls city limits.

"Since the announcement that the domestic ducks and geese will be removed from the (Snake River) greenbelt, we have had several inquiries about adopting these birds," said Parks and Recreation Director Dave Christiansen.

The deadline for adoption requests is next Tuesday. City officials said the bird roundup should take place prior to then.

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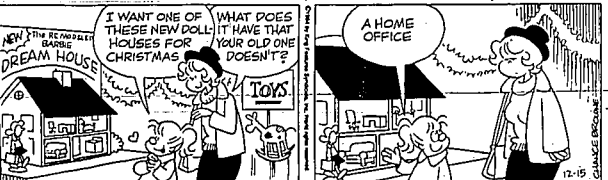
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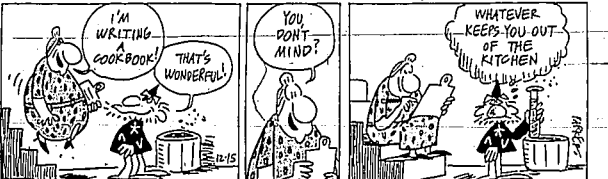
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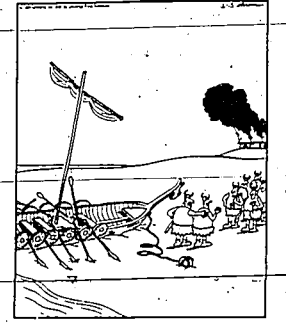
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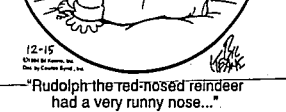
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Sydney Omarr Horoscope

IF DECEMBER 15 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You are drawn to music, drama, your voice is intriguing, compelling. You adore luxury, creature comforts, can be self-indulgent to point of having sweet tooth. You also are charming, sympathetic to underdog, affectionate, sensual. Taurus, Leo, Scorpio persons play important roles in your life. Next year, 1995, you are likely to change residence, marital status. February and November will be your most romantic, profitable months of the coming year.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Restrictions on budget, expense account will be lifted. You'll be "on the go" - includes short trips, special reports. Change of residence imminent. Libra involved.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Pace slows, giving you time to reflect, meditate. Cash flow resumes. Define terms, make crystal clear your expectations. In relationship, avoid being possessive.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): What you've been waiting for is here - the future is bright. Cycle moves up, get to heart of matters, circumstances swing in your favor. Older individual lends "helping hand."

CANCER (June 21-July 22): By tomorrow you'll have "secret of universal appeal." You will know for certain that you are loved. Major wish fulfilled in surprising manner.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You are close to hitting jackpot relating to fame and fortune. Be confident, direct, get to heart of matters. Take independent course, imprint style. Love relationship will "heat up."

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Family member who insists, "I want more of your time," should be asked to review the record. You'll have responsibility of providing spiritual and vocational guidance.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): In recent days you have been in spotlight, center of adventure, controversy. Exhibit ability to laugh and be serious almost at one and the same time.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): What appears to slip away will be "recaptured." Involves money, reputation, credibility - you'll be vindicated in dramatic fashion. Taurus and another Scorpio figure in dynamic scenario.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Question will be answered, concerning partnership, marriage. Focus on necessity for articulating feelings, for reading and writing, disseminating information.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You'll be saying, "I am pleased I decided to beautify my surroundings." Focus on design, color coordination, acquisition of art object, luxury item.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Feeling that you are "at a loss" is but temporary. Get house in order, define terms, be dispassionate, decision relating to sale or purchase of property, home. Be familiar with structure, architecture. Capricorn plays role.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Attention revolves around solid goods, household products, decision relating to sale or purchase of property, home. Be familiar with structure, architecture. Capricorn plays role.

Reflection is captive audience

"Do you ever talk to yourself in front of a mirror? Neither do I."

Except for select syllables after shaving cuts. Some psychologists claim mirror conversations are common. Others say no, most people who talk to themselves don't even know they're doing it until somebody walks in on them, and then they start to hum, or whistle, or mouth "single bells."

At least one historian says the men who dumped the tea overboard at the famous Boston Tea Party were "drunk editors," but this has not always made it into print, curiously.

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NATO may bolster U.N. force defense

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) — Hoping to avoid an evacuation, NATO defense ministers ordered their generals Wednesday to come up with plans for bolstering the defenses of U.N. peacekeepers in Bosnia.

"We are attempting once again to make UNPROFOR more effective, but at the same time we are in the preparatory phase for a pullout," said German Defense Minister Volker Rucht.

"UNPROFOR" refers to the U.N. Protection Force.

Senior U.S. officials said the top military commanders from the United States and nine other NATO nations involved in the peacekeeping mission would meet Monday in The Hague.

The decision to schedule the general meeting came even though NATO military planners have been rushing to complete plans to pull the peacekeepers out.

U.S. Gen. John Shalikashvili, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, will attend the talks in Holland as will the defense chiefs from Italy, Belgium, Norway, Denmark, Spain, France, Britain, Turkey and Canada. U.N. commanders in Bosnia and senior officers from non-NATO nations with troops on the ground were also expected to be invited.

"We want to avoid (a withdrawal) actually taking place," said British Defense Secretary Malcolm Rifkind. "It would be very damaging, indeed disastrous, for the people of Bosnia if UNPROFOR had to withdraw."

In announcing Monday's meeting, the U.S. officials said the generals will decide if additional "resources" would be sent to the U.N. forces. They would not specify if that meant more troops or weapons.

Others said, however, there was no discussion of sending more soldiers to the area unless it involved an evacuation.

Options for strengthening the peacekeepers include redeploying them to more secure positions; granting them increased authority to return fire if attacked; extending NATO air cover, and creating a fortified supply corridor from Sarajevo to coastal ports.

Such measures would also make it easier to pull the U.N.

troops out if necessary.

The peacekeepers, most of whom are lightly armed, also could be given more firepower. Officials noted forces from Denmark and other Nordic countries, backed by German-built Leopard tanks, have sometimes been more successful than others in deterring Serb attacks in northern Bosnia.

Rifkind, without giving details of options under discussion, said, "It's very important that they be (measured) against the test of military effectiveness."

But some of the ideas under consideration are more than a year old and had been discarded in the past as impossible to implement. Allied officials said they were also searching for any fresh ideas, given the possibility that a U.N. pullout could widen the war and inflict more suffering on civilians fed and defended by the U.N. humanitarian effort.

The move to give fresh support to the 24,000-member U.N. force also comes amid expressions of tension between the North-Atlantic-Treaty Organization and the world body over how to respond to increased harassment from Bosnian Serb forces.

On Tuesday, NATO Secretary General Willy Claes sharply criticized U.N. commanders for failing to call in NATO air strikes in retaliation for an attack on Monday that claimed the life of one Bangladeshi peacekeeper and wounded four others.

But any proposals to pull more teeth into the peacekeeping force will need approval from the United Nations, which has been reluctant to endorse more aggressive action.

Even as they called for renewed support for the peacekeepers, the ministers pressed ahead with military planning for a possible withdrawal of the U.N. Protection Force.

The blueprints call for up to 45,000 NATO troops, backed by tanks and warplanes, to protect the peacekeepers if they are forced to retreat under fire.

The defense ministers welcomed President Clinton's offer last week of as many as 25,000 soldiers to join a possible evacuation force. The United States has so far refused to send any ground troops to Bosnia, angering allied nations with thousands of troops there.

Jurassic pine tree found outside Sydney

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) — Scientists stumbled upon a real-life Jurassic Park where trees believed to have disappeared 150 million years ago tower 130 feet above man in a secluded rain forest.

"The discovery is the equivalent of finding a small dinosaur still alive on Earth," said Carrick Chambers, director of the Royal Botanic Gardens.

To botanists, discovery of the 39 prehistoric pines is "off the planet," he said Wednesday.

"This is probably one of the most significant botanical finds of this century. It's a very exciting find and it's a real living fossil," said botanist Ken Hill of the botanic gardens.

The trees were found in August in an almost inaccessible part of Wollemi National Park, about 125 miles west of Sydney in the Blue Mountains. They have been named the Wollemi Pines.

"In one way it will be our own Christmas tree. It's been discovered at Christmas, it's a conifer, it's going to be the Australian Christmas tree," said Chris Hatcher, the environment minister for New South Wales.

The biggest tree towers 130 feet with a 10-foot girth, indicating it's at least 150 years old. They are covered in dense, waxy foliage and have bubbly bark that makes them look like they are coated with bubbly brown chocolate.

"The fact that such a large plant can go undiscovered for so long is a clear indication that there is more work to be done before we can say we understand our environment," Hatcher said.

So far, only 23 adult trees and 16 juveniles have been found, making it one of the world's



AP photo

A prehistoric pine tree thought to be extinct was found in a secluded rain forest in the Wollemi National Park.

Its exact location is being kept secret to protect them while botanists take seed samples to propagate them.

Their home is a tiny 1.2-acre grove of rain forest in the 1.2 million-acre park, found by National Parks and Wildlife Service officer David Noble during a weekend hiking holiday.

Ironically, "Wollemi" is an Aboriginal word meaning "look around you," which is just how Noble found the prehistoric pines.

Barbara Briggs, the botanic gardens' scientific director, hailed the finding as one of Australia's most outstanding discoveries of the century, comparable to the living fossil finds of the dawn redwood tree in China in 1944, and the coelacanth fish off Madagascar in 1938.

Religious hit squads kill 5 in Pakistan

KARACHI, Pakistan (AP) — Religious hit squads shot and killed four Shiite Muslim activists and a Sunni cleric in the violent port city of Karachi, authorities said Wednesday.

In the last two weeks, 93 people have been shot and killed in Karachi, most of them in poorer

neighborhoods that have become battlefields for rival political and religious groups.

Much of the fighting has been between rival factions of the Mohajir Qaumi Movement, representing Indian Muslims who came to Pakistan after the subcontinent was partitioned in 1947.

Premier oversees dam groundbreaking

BEIJING (AP) — Construction of a dam that will wipe out a landscape celebrated for centuries in Chinese art got its official start Wednesday at a ceremony attended by Premier Li Peng.

The Three Gorges dam on the Yangtze River in Hubei province is the world's largest hydroelectric project. There have been several reports in recent months that construction had begun on the 610-foot-tall dam, but the ceremony Wednesday in Yichang, Hubei

province, appeared to mark the official start.

The beauty of the breathtaking cliffs at the Three Gorges has been extolled for hundreds of years in Chinese paintings and poetry, but the cliffs will disappear under reservoir waters when the dam is completed.

Critics say the dam will also harm the environment, jeopardize rare animal and plant life, and aggravate flooding. The dam, they contend, will be vulnerable to earthquakes.

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Diphtheria kills 15 in Georgia

TBILISI, Georgia (AP) — Diphtheria has killed 15 people the past two months and infected more than 100 others, spreading as the state-run health care system is in near-total collapse.

"We haven't vaccinated against diphtheria since the Soviet breakup, and that means increased epidemic," Vakhang Gochalashvili, Georgia's chief expert for infectious diseases, said Wednesday.

Since the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991, Georgia has been ravaged by ethnic strife and fallen into economic ruin.

Georgia relies on natural gas from Turkmenistan as its main source of energy. Last month, Turkmenistan cut all supplies over Georgia's \$500 million debt.

It finally resumed the deliveries last week, rescheduling Georgia's debt for two years, but electricity supplied to city hospitals remains unstable.

Greek workers strike

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — Public services, utility companies and state-run banks were shut down Wednesday by nationwide strikes protesting the Socialist government's 1995 austerity budget.

About 10,000 employees marched through central Athens to the Parliament building, where they submitted a petition demanding higher wages and a shorter work week.

The government presented its budget earlier this month. Parliament, dominated by Socialists, is expected to approve the budget after a debate ending Dec. 21.

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Americans mop up on Leyte after new landing

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The 7th Infantry Division, the strategic reserve of the U.S. Sixth Army, landed behind the main Japanese defenses on Leyte Dec. 7, 1944.

The Americans came ashore just four miles from Ormoc, the main enemy port and supply base on the island. The 7th Infantry Division, advancing from the landward side, soon linked up north of Ormoc to encircle and divide the remaining Japanese forces on the island.

By Dec. 27, Gen. Douglas MacArthur was claiming that the Leyte campaign was over except for mopping up operations. This statement was premature. Four days later, the enemy launched a massive counterattack. It was repulsed.



Such attacks were usually a Japanese diversion. The last gasp: a chance for suicidal glory in place of dishonorable surrender. Tokyo had lost 56,000 men defending Leyte compared to 9,000 Americans killed and over 3,000 wounded. However, there were still 27,000 Japanese troops on Leyte, deter-

mined to make the Americans come to them in the wild mountains and jungles of northern Leyte. The mopping up would take another four months of brutal combat and cost another thousand American lives. The task was turned over to the Eighth Army as the Sixth Army prepared for the next step up the Philippines.

The Sixth Army's target was Mindoro, important as a site for air bases to support the invasion of Luzon. The veteran 19th Infantry Regiment of the 24th Division and the independent 503rd Parachute Regiment were given this mission.

The landing took place on Dec. 15. Resistance by the 1,500 Japanese was light; the defenders headed into the hills as soon as the naval bombardment started. The American

troops only advanced inland about eight miles to capture the one existing airfield and to clear an area large enough for the construction of additional runways. Five days later, the first U.S. fighter squadron landed. However, "kamikaze" attacks hit the invasion convoy hard. Five Liberty ships, five LSTs and two destroyers were sunk. Losses to Japan's suicide air attacks in the month between Dec. 13 and Jan. 13 included another Liberty ship and LST sunk; with 4 battleships, 7 cruisers, 6 escort carriers, 15 destroyers, 6 liberty ships and 5 more LSTs damaged.

Half the ships hit suffered severe damage due to multiple hits. Yet the U.S. advance could not be stopped even by such fanatical tactics as these.

McDonald's opens in Mecca

MANAMA, Bahrain (AP) — The world's newest McDonald's is off-limits to most of the world, but it's not lacking potential customers. The fast-food chain opened an outlet on Wednesday in Mecca, Saudi Arabia, the holiest city of Islam. Only Muslims are allowed to enter Mecca. The construction of the McDonald's had been kept under wraps and was announced by the company's vice president for international operations, Roger H. Lexell, at a news conference in Bahrain. Mecca, being developed by the government into an ultramodern city, expects to draw hundreds of thousands of Muslims who make the pilgrimage to the Grand Mosque and Tis Kaaba shrine, toward which 1 billion Muslims around the world turn in prayer five times a day.

Families receive remains of 3 MIAs from Korean War

WASHINGTON (AP) — Nearly a year after their identities were tentatively established, the remains of three Air Force airmen whose B-29 bomber was shot down in the Korean War have been formally identified and turned over to relatives.

Funeral services for each are scheduled Friday, said Sandra Krueger, whose cousin, Master Sgt. Robert Wilson Jones, was among the three whose remains were repatriated with more than 100 others in late 1993 by the North Korean army.

This is only the second time since shortly after the war ended in July 1953 that the U.S. government has managed to identify returned remains positively. The first, announced last February, was Army Sgt. Frank M. Morales of Puerto Rico.

Ms. Krueger, of Dekalb, Texas, said in a telephone interview Wednesday that Jones would be buried in Dekalb, his hometown, on Friday beside the graves of his mother and father.

The two other members of the B-29 crew

whose remains have been identified are Lt. George Aaron of New York City, who was the pilot, and 2nd Lt. Elmer T. Bullock of Pennock, N.J., the plane's radar observer. Jones was the flight engineer.

Alan Aaron of New York, a nephew of George Aaron, said in an interview that he only learned of the formal identifications through Pat Danton, president of the Korean-Cold War Family Association of the Missing. Her father, Lt. James S. Wilson Jr. of Memphis, Tenn., was the navigator on the same B-29, which was shot down by a Soviet MiG fighter over the Yalu River on April 12, 1951.

Mrs. Danton said officials have told her forensic analysis indicates the remains associated with her father are, in fact, those of three different people and that they cannot be sorted out unless DNA analysis is used.

A fifth set of remains associated with the B-29 crew also requires DNA analysis, she said officials told her.

Senator calls for U.S. to cozy up to Vietnam

HANOI, Vietnam (AP) — The United States has to start responding to Vietnam's cooperation in settling MIA issues by improving diplomatic relations, a key Senate Republican says.

That step is especially important after Washington agreed to ties with North Korea, which has been doing cooperative.

Sen. Frank Murkowski, R-Alaska, said Tuesday.

Murkowski is expected to become the next chairman of the Senate's East Asia and Pacific Affairs Subcommittee. "We have certain commitments to Vietnam that can't simply be left in a kind of vacuum while we proceed with our commitments ... in North Korea," he told The Associated Press after a dinner hosted by Foreign Minister Nguyen Manh Can.

Murkowski and Sen. Paul Simon, D-Ill., planned to spend three days in Vietnam after briefly visiting North Korea.

Murkowski is a leading critic of a U.S. agreement to give North Korea two modern nuclear reactors, oil supplies and diplomatic recognition in exchange for stopping work on its nuclear weapons program.

Happy Holidays

Rebels kill police chief, wound 3

GENERAL SANTOS, Philippines (AP) — Communist rebels killed a police chief and wounded two soldiers and a militiaman in separate incidents in the southern Philippines.

Senior Inspector Elinito Damole died in a clash Tuesday between a police patrol and an undetermined number of New People's Army guerrillas in Malandag, 700 miles southeast of Manila.

Two police officers and one militiaman also were wounded, said the police regional commander, Chief Superintendent Jovencio Sales.

Later Tuesday, Sales said, guerrillas ambushed an army jeep in Maasin, wounding two soldiers and one militiaman.

No rebel casualties were reported in either clash.



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Outdoors

Learn to be 'quiet' on skis

Recently, I had an opportunity to cover the Women's World Cup ski races in Vail, Colo.

I spent the first day moving up and down the course, watching the Downhill. Back in the press room, I noticed most of the other writers were dressed in street clothes and hanging out inside, or in the press corral at the bottom of the course.

The second day, during the Super G, I tried the standard form of covering the races.

The press corral was on the left side of the finish area. Sport USA covered the races live, and the feed was on a huge "silver" screen on the opposite side of the finish area.



Keith Liggett
Northwest
tracks

We could watch the race from top to bottom, and see the last few gates of the course.

I was struck by the complete absence of the sensation of speed in watching at the bottom. With both the coverage on TV and watching live — as they bore down straight at us — there was little to gauge their pace. At the bottom, the only sense of speed came when they made the couple of turns needed to stop in the finish area.

I moved back up onto the course. As the racers plussed by, skis scratching against the icy snow, gates cracking like shots, the speed was obvious. Standing only 15 or 20 feet from skiers moving at 60 miles per hour, or more, I could not fail to notice.

The other striking aspect wasn't readily apparent on the big screen, or on the monitors in the press room. Quite simply, it was the "quietness" of motion, and the smoothness of the faster skiers.

Less sound. Less motion. More drive. More speed.

All the skiers were fast, but a few were smoother. Those few were faster, and ended up on the podium collecting medals at day's end.

There's something to be learned from these races.

One of the most difficult aspects of skiing is learning smoothness and "quietness." With concentration of motion comes concentration of effort, and more precise control.

In the first days of learning to ski, students employ what instructors jokingly call "body English." The new skiers wave their arms, and swing their hips wildly in an attempt to turn their skis. The skis don't seem to notice, and travel where they're pointed.

Remember the nursery rhyme that runs something like, "The foot bone's connected to the ankle bone, the ankle bone's connected to the shin bone, the shin bone's connected to the hip bone" and so on. Now think how long it takes for a message from the hand to reach the foot.

It's long enough for a fast-moving skier to career out of control.

Like World Cup skiers, we mortals must learn to be "quiet" — to be effective on our skis. Next time you're on the mountain, watch the good skiers. Notice how economical they are with their upper body motions.

Now go forth and do likewise.

For starters, try a couple of different skiing techniques. Ski without your poles; leave 'em at the lift and take a couple of runs. Learn where your arms are positioned, and how they move when you turn.

The surprise will be how much excess motion comes from flailing arms. Keep 'em quiet and loosely held in front of you.

Ski with as little motion as possible. Be very still on your skis — not rigid, but still. After the stiffness becomes familiar, excess motion on steeper terrain will be obvious. Once identified, excess motion can be eliminated for more effective skiing.

Stillness in the upper body takes time and practice, but it pays off with better control and easier turning. World Cup racers are a striking example of how it works in an extreme situation.

Try the quiet way.

Keith Liggett is a life-long skier and part-time home builder. He lives in Portland, Ore.



Doug Rigby, of Challis, slices through a foot of powder snow near the 8,000-foot mark in the Sawtooth Mountains.

WILLIAM BROCK/The Times-News

Snowbound in Silence

Solitude, beauty await adventurers in the Sawtooth peaks

By William Brock
Times-News writer

STANLEY — There's something primal about abandoning a warm home to ski to a high mountain hut for a few days — especially when the thermometer is lurking at 18 degrees below zero.

For adventurers who eschew television, couch and kitchen, the rewards rank among life's most sublime pleasures.

Visitors can savor huge views of wild country, where jagged mountains poke holes in the sky. They work muscles that don't get much use at the office. They eat hearty, sleep well, and enjoy the company of friends in a new and challenging — setting.

Last weekend, seven adventurers and a pair of guides spent three days skiing and socializing in the Sawtooth Mountains. They assembled a couple of miles south of Stanley on a morning so cold that summer seemed a figment of the imagination.

But it isn't a debilitating cold. With no humidity in the air, the chill is easily defeated by long underwear, a parka and wind pants; all it takes to stay warm is a little physical exertion.

The parking area is awash with activity as cross-country skis are readied, boots are laced and rucksacks loaded. During the pre-departure flurry, Kirk Bachman, owner of Sawtooth Mountain Guides, does out esoteric — and essential — equipment such as ski skins and avalanche transceivers.

Skis are adhesive-backed strips of short synthetic "fur" that stick to the bottom of skis, enabling the wearer to slog up hillsides that would repel ordinary skis. Avalanche transceivers are small safety devices that send and emit electronic "beeps," enabling rescuers to find victims buried by avalanches.

Anything can happen in the mountains. Fortunately, there are people like Bachman and Ian Phalan, who works for Sawtooth Mountain Guides, to lead the way.

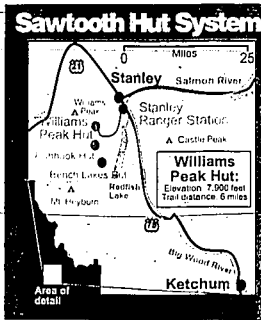
From the parking area, the trail climbs 1,500 feet in a little more than six miles to reach the Williams Peak Hut. Bachman built the hut 10 years ago and has refined it into a backcountry Hilton. His rates are pretty reasonable, at around \$200 for three days and two nights — including breakfasts, dinners and almost too much fun. Sun Valley Trekking, of Hailey, also has huts for rent in the Sawtooth National Recreation Area, and Galena Lodge has a couple of huts near the lodge.

By urban standards, Bachman's hut is pretty rough, by mountain standards, it is downright luxurious. However, guests must negotiate the trail from the parking area under their own power.

For rail-racers who spend too much time at the office, the Alpine Way Trail is rather arduous. Much of it winds through a shady forest, where trees and branches clutch at bulky rucksacks.

The rest of the trail runs along Fishhook Ridge, where the splendor-of-Idaho is year-round display.

To the south, Mount Helyburn dominates the landscape. To the southeast, stately Castle Peak also commands attention, at 11,815 feet, it is the tallest mountain in the Sawtooth National Recreation



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Lost in thought, Doug Rigby installs ski skins outside the two yurts. Above, Smiley Creek resident Ed Cannady, left, winds up a tall tale inside the Williams Peak Hut. Kirk Bachman, owner of Sawtooth Mountain Guides, listens in amazement.

Area. Between the two lies the Sawtooth Valley, remarkably flat when viewed from above.

The Salmon River, still in its infancy, crawls through the valley. Redfish Lake, glistening like a jewel, is also visible.

Though majestic, the scene is subdued in snow. Green trees and brown peaks are thickly shrouded in white. Exposed cliffs, bare their rocky fangs, while lesser crags are tucked away like rows of sharks' teeth.

The trail is laced with animal tracks, but there is no sign of human passage.

Bachman's guests move at their own pace, stopping to peel off sweaters, enjoy

a quick nibble, and feast on a view that simply won't quit. Moving skiers encounter others who have stopped for a moment, friends greet one another and strangers introduce themselves.

After about four hours, guests begin to trickle in to the Williams Peak Hut. Actually, the "hut" consists of a pair of yurts; a yurt is the Mongolian equivalent of a teepee.

The yurts have wooden floors and the entrance flaps give onto a small, common porch. Comprised of a wooden frame with a tough vinyl covering, the circular yurts rise 8 feet vertically before tapering to a

conical peak; the cup piece is a transparent cone that affords a view of the heavens.

One of the yurts holds a wood-burning stove, propane cooking grill, a rough-hewn table and equally rustic bunks for six; the other yurt is devoted entirely to a raised sleeping platform. All sleeping areas are outfitted with soft, thick pads.

The yurts are a cozy haven in wild country, but the outpost has other charms.

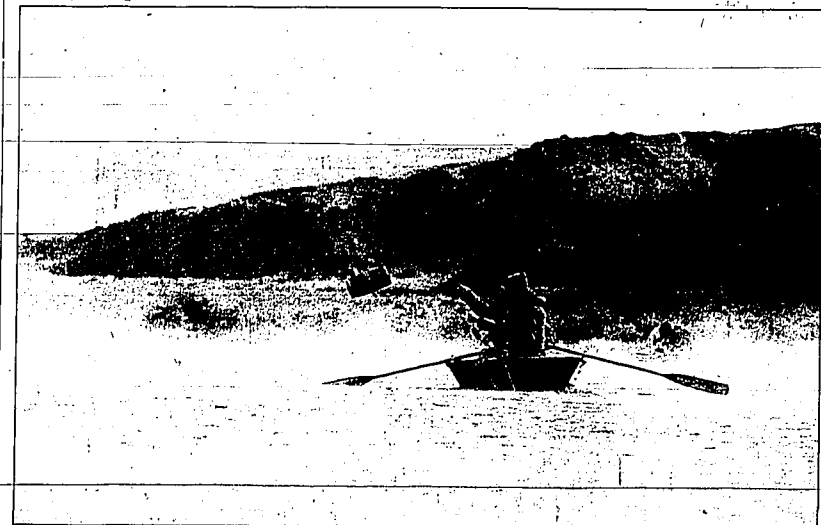
The outhouse, located a discrete distance away, affords a sweeping view of the White Cloud Mountains. The sauna

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Hot topic



Steam rises on a chilly morning from Borax Lake near Fields, Ore., as crews conduct a census of the rafe chub, which only lives in the warm waters of the state's largest thermal lake. Concern is rising over a proposal by the Houston-based Anakarak Petroleum Corp. to build a 22-megawatt geothermal energy plant a mile away on leased public ground.

The blast heard 'round world

River guide defends destruction of 'deadly' rapid on Arizona river

Los Angeles Times

PHOENIX — Taz Stoner fired the blast heard around the world of wilderness travel and white-water rafting.

He blew the lower lip off remote Quartzite Falls on the majestic Salt River, 100 miles northwest of Phoenix. It took Stoner, seven schemers and 145 pounds of explosives to reshape this rapid from an experts' deadly menace to a cascade for lesser river runners.

Stoner, a 34-year-old river guide, was tarred as the amoral commander of the Quartzite Eight, destroyers of a natural and signature resource. News stories described his wrecking crew as eco-terrorists, heretics and environmental nupts. A letter to Paddler magazine suggests Stoner's next river ride be face-down without a rubber boat.

In October, a federal grand jury indicted William Stoner — "Taz" since high school for approaching football, sky-diving, rodeo, life and food with the fierce appetite of a Tasmanian devil — on charges of conspiracy and destruction of federal property. Also charged were Richard Scott, Stephen Cortright, William Kelley, James Lewis, and brothers Christopher, Mark and Michael Mehl.

Then came two months of hot pretrial rumors. The most popular accusation of Stoner of blowing Quartzite Falls to reduce a rafting bottleneck and make his part-time job easier.

Last week, preparing to plead guilty, Stoner finally spoke out.

"I did it to save lives ... to make it safer for the public to pass through there," he said. He said he loved doing something for years. Then, last year, two Californians drowned at Quartzite.

"It made me want to take the killer out of it," the death trap — familiar to river runners and federal publications covering the Salt River Wilderness of Tonto National Forest — was created by a rose quartz ridge, 21 feet across, that partially barricaded the falls.

Off-season, at low water, with the river running at 400 cubic feet of water per second, the rock was visible and harmless. During spring runoff, when the snow-fed Salt River may thunder at 50,000 cfs, the ridge was submerged and built silent, invisible, hydraulic downfalls. One cfs equals 449 gallons per minute.

This underwater disturbance elevated Quartzite Falls to a Class 6 ride — somewhere between vicious and inescapable. The type of hazard river-runners call a "keeper," it sucked logs, cows, even 16-foot boats to the bottom, holding things

down for as long as it likes.

Only the stupid or exceptionally skilled raft Quartzite at full boil in a rubber boat. The majority carried their craft around the falls. Or "lined" them, tethering rafts to long ropes and leading them through the 100-foot long rapids like a hippo on a leash.

In May 1993 the two Californians, Richard Patrick, 44, of Manhattan Beach, and Jerry Buckhold, 43, of Chico, dared to run the falls. The keeper grabbed their boat. The veteran rafters drowned. "I read about the drownings and wasn't surprised," Stoner recalls. "Quartzite Falls is a

ridge now just only six feet across the river. Its fatal hydraulics are believed to be finished. But in the process, Stoner has violated a natural setting.

"I feel bad about that because I do have respect for rivers," he says. "A lot of people, including some friends of mine, are disgusted that we did it. And I'm ashamed to have hurt their feelings in that way."

"But I made something safer. Lives will be saved. That outweighs the destruction of a natural resource in my mind."

Spring was a poor, dry season on the Upper Salt. Only a scattering of boats ran the river. So the wounds of Quartzite Falls went undetected until March. That's when one rafter reported that the ride seemed different, not quite as intimidating. Then a length of flume was found alongside the sharp edges of freshly blown rocks.

Explosives records led federal agents to Scott. Interviews with Tonto Forest officials and river outfitters pointed to Stoner.

Stoner didn't research laws concerning conspiracies and explosives and destruction of federal property.

"I kinda knew we were doing something wrong," he admits. "But I had no idea it was a felony. I had no idea you could go to jail for it."

But that is indeed the letter of the law. Conspiracy has a maximum penalty of five years, and destruction of federal property could bring a 20-year sentence. Both felonies carry \$250,000 fines.

Beaten by the passionate backlash, broken by \$10,000 in legal fees, Stoner pleaded guilty last week in exchange for a sentence of up to 18 months in a federal facility. Scott has signed the same agreement.

The others have also plea-bargained. Depending on the extent of their participation, there will be short sentences, probation or community service. Sentencing will be in January.

Stoner is bitter. He thinks his crime has been overblown by environmental extremists. And that their movement has lost its human priorities.

"We removed a rock, we didn't obliterate a pretty, beautiful waterfall," he says. "Sure, this may have taken something away from a very few people who were qualified to run it in its previous condition."

"But we had a purpose that will benefit all people for years to come, and ultimately save lives. And if we're guilty of anything, we're probably guilty of weighing out human life as being worth more than that rock."

'I did it to save lives ... to make it safer for the public to pass through there.'

— Taz Stoner, on his decision to blow up a rock formation in the Salt River that created a particularly rough rapid

hazard, has been for a number of years. I knew of its dangers. Still, if I'd ever thought about (demolition) before, I wasn't serious. After the drownings, I was serious."

Stoner, a construction engineer on weekdays, a skier, diver, hiker, hunter and climber on weekends, says he faxed a copy of a news story about the drownings to a man he had taken down the river: Rich Scott, 39, an explosives and hazardous materials expert with a masters degree in engineering from Arizona State University.

Scott recruited a crew who also had run the river with Stoner. They are companions in campfire parties, hiking, fishing, families and picnics. They have small businesses and no criminal records. Most are married, some baby-sit each other's kids, almost all say they share Stoner's concern for public safety.

Last summer, Scott used an \$800 casher's check to buy commercial binary explosives — inert ammonium nitrate in four-pound pouches that comes alive when mixed with nitro methane. Exploded by detonator and primer cord, the mix is 30 percent more powerful than gelatin dynamite.

Between August and October of last year — sometimes as a group of five, sometimes just Scott and Stoner — the Quartzite Eight took four cruel hikes and one raft ride to the falls.

"The first two explosions ... 28 pounds the first time, 30 pounds the next ... there wasn't a whole lot of damage," Stoner says. "The third was 68 pounds, explosives the size of a beach ball."

That broke the back of the ridge. Final, smaller blasts performed surgery, trimming and cleaning.

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Stoner's haven of a view, but there are snow-covered clearing, but a well-earned for a steamy frolic.

There are also plenty of snow-covered meadows to kick.

Many visitors spend their time relaxing, removing ski skins, and some even go downhill, installing ski lifts, and building up again.

Stoner's banding and — under the snow — is a natural beauty. The yurt is filled with vintage, the assembled collection of wild

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North America, South America and Asia — and is as comfortable in a kayak as he is on a rock face, or a ski slope. Stoner is his home and adventure is his life.

At night, with a restorative beverage in hand, the gravel-voiced guide recounts epic tales from near and far. Many of his guests, too, have a story to share. The stories run long on local lore and legends, wild characters and even tales from Idaho's untamed frontier.

The yurt is filled with vintage, the assembled collection of wild

swirls, a string of running

jokes. Laughter fills the night.

"There've been a lot of good times up here over the years," Bachman muses during a lull in the conversation. "A lot of good people have passed through this hut."

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Briefly

Lemhi County to lead habitat project

SALMON — The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has authorized Lemhi County to take the lead in developing a conservation agreement to improve and maintain habitat in the Lemhi River drainage.

The Lemhi County Commission considers such a non-binding agreement its best hedge against federal restrictions if steelhead, bull trout and cutthroat trout could join sockeye and chinook salmon on the endangered species list.

If the plan is followed and agencies can show habitat improvement, the area covered in the agreement could be protected from the most restrictive regulations in the Endangered Species Act.

"The biggest fear we have is that somebody's going to come in and say, 'You're going to do this and if you don't, you're going to jail,'" Commission Chairman Denny Hawley said. "We want to be able to improve and maintain riparian habitat so that it won't impact listed species or potentially listed species."

ISU wildlife expert dies at age 84

POCATELLO — Edson Fichter, professor emeritus of zoology at Idaho State University and noted conservationist, died Tuesday of congestive heart failure. He was 84.

Fichter, who retired in 1975, taught at ISU for 26 years. In addition to his teaching duties, he was curator of mammalogy for the Idaho Museum of Natural History.

His lifelong interest in wildlife ecology led him to teach wildlife illustration and wildlife photography classes. He published poetry and wildlife drawings in a collection titled, "Pahsimeroi — Land Beyond Words."

He was known for his study of the pronghorn antelope and spent endless hours hunting his prey with a camera in the upper valley of the Pahsimeroi River. Fichter studied the reproductive success of pronghorns for the Idaho Fish and Game Department from 1956-1962 and continued studying the species through 1975.

He is survived by his wife, Ardith, and two daughters.

Big game hunting dates the same in '95

BOISE — The state Fish and Game Commission has retained the same opening big game hunting dates for 1995 as it used for the 1994 season.

The dates are subject to reconsideration once harvest data from this season and winter surveys are completed. But unless there are dramatic changes from reports already in, the commission said hunters can use this year's framework for planning their 1995 trips.

The commission also approved issuance of 14,700 nonresident deer tags and 12,815 nonresident elk tags for the 1995 season.

Of the deer tags, 2,000 are set aside for sale by outfitters. Another 800 are reserved for four southeastern Idaho units — 100 of them for sale by outfitters.

Of the elk tags, 11,000 are regular and mountain tags and 2,100 of them will be reserved for sale by outfitters. The other 1,815 are pan-handle tags, of which 250 are set aside for sale by outfitters.

The commission also set the general turkey hunt for April 29 through May 7 in Unit One and April 10 through May 7 in the rest of state. Controlled turkey hunts will open April 17th with applications accepted prior to Feb. 15.

Compiled from wire reports

Champion bass fisherman feared dead in jet crash

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) —

Imagine a 23-year-old quarterback, who's been playing football competitively only four years while working nights as a short-order cook, winning the Super Bowl.

In the world of fishing, that's essentially what Bryan Kerchal did when he turned in a stunning victory at the BASS Masters Classic in July.

"He was a reflection of what can happen with desire and enthusiasm," Rick Clunk, the only four-time winner of the angling's biggest event, said.

"That's the thing when you become an expert that you tend to lose. It's good when people like him come along and remind us of the desire we used to have when we started."

Tragically, just when his career seemed to be blossoming, Kerchal was an apparent victim of Tuesday's commuter plane crash in North Carolina. He was presumed dead after American Eagle Flight 3379 slammed into the ground near Raleigh-Durham International Airport, killing 15 of the 20 people aboard.

Kerchal, a native of Newtown, Conn., took time off from his job flipping hamburgers at the "Ground Round" fast-food restaurant to out-catch the best fishermen in the world at High Rock Lake, N.C., July 28-30.

By any measure, it was the biggest upset in the history of the 24-year-old event, which is sponsored by the Montgomery-based Bass Anglers Sportsman Society.

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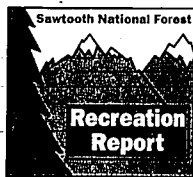
TWIN FALLS — The snowpack so far this year is substantial, and it's not even the first day of winter yet.

It promises to be an outstanding season for winter recreation. Grooming is taking place on all the districts making skiing and snowmobiling excellent everywhere. All district ski areas are reporting outstanding skiing.

Christmas trees: Permits to obtain Christmas trees are available at all Sawtooth Forest offices. Trees cost \$5 each for an 8-foot tree, with an additional 50-cent-per-foot charges for taller trees. All areas are covered with snow and access will be primarily by snowmobile, skis or snowshoes. It may be difficult to take young children in these conditions.

Snowmobiles: Trails in the Burley District have been groomed on the Albion Division, and with new snow, Sublett trails will be groomed. All trails in the Sawtooth Valley, Stanley Basin and over to Bear Valley have been groomed, as have Baker Creek Area trails.

In the Fairfield District, Wells Summit and Salt Creek trails are groomed weekly. Couch Summit to Featherhead closed Dec. 12 to all snowmobile traffic except for



landowners with permits because of the elk-feeding program being done by Fish and Game.

More than 100 miles of groomed trails are available in the Twin Falls District, with conditions rated as very good to excellent. Tubing is available at Diamondfield Jack and Lower Penstemon Parking areas. Winter guides for the district are available at the Twin Falls office.

Nordic skiing: Trails are being groomed in the Sawtooth National Recreation Area. A North Valley Trail Pass, purchased by the day or for the season, is required to ski a groomed trail. Skiers are reminded that it may take up to three days to groom a trail after new snowfall.

Trails have been groomed in the Twin Falls and Burley districts. Groomed areas in Twin Falls are the Kooc Creek Long and Short loops, Penstemon Long Loop and

Magic Nordic Loop — approximately eight miles of trail.

Ski areas: Pomerelle Ski Area in the Burley District is open, with skiing reported as excellent. The road to the area is icy, and travelers are encouraged to drive carefully and be prepared in case of an accident.

Soldier Mountain: In the Fairfield District opens today. For more information, call 764-2526.

Sun Valley Ski Area: In the Ketchum District reports about 77 inches of snow on top of Baldy, a composite of man-made and natural snow.

Magic Mountain: In the Twin Falls District has a 42-inch base with 48 inches on top. Rentals of both nordic and alpine skis and equipment is available. For more information, call the recording at 423-5221.

Avalanche forecast: A 5-minute recorded avalanche forecast is available at a new number, 788-1200, Ext. 8027. It is updated every 24 hours. Added snow increases the danger, and recreationists traveling in the backcountry should call ahead to avoid high-risk areas.

Highway travel: An updated reported on highway conditions is available by calling (208) 886-2266.

Christmas holiday: Forest offices will be closed Christmas Day and Dec. 26 for the holiday and will reopen Dec. 27.

Montana may sue over bison

HELENA, Mont. (AP) — Montana plans to sue the federal agencies it holds responsible for the problem of bison wandering into the state from Yellowstone National Park, Gov. Marc Racicot says.

The state faces the prospect of shooting hundreds of bison that cross the boundary and threaten to contaminate Montana livestock with calf-adoring brucellosis.

"We don't want to kill the nation's buffalo, but at the same time we cannot allow the livestock industry in Montana to be irreparably damaged," Racicot said.

The lawsuit will demand that the National Park Service begin managing the bison herd of more than 4,000 bison in Yellowstone, he said on Tuesday, and that the U.S. Department of Agriculture allow the state other options besides killing the migrating animals.

With tests indicating about half the park bison carry brucellosis, state officials have struggled to control bison that wander out of the park in search of forage.

From 1985 to 1991, the state allowed hunters to shoot the bison. More than 560 were killed in the winter of 1989-90, spawning national protests from animal-rights groups. The 1991 Legislature abolished the hunts, and the job of shooting the bison was given to state wardens and park service rangers.

Racicot's decision to go to court comes as several other states have expressed concern about Montana's handling of the infected bison this year.

Washington officials have demanded Montana cattle be tested for brucellosis before being shipped to that state, and officials warn that if that demand is made by other states the bill for stockmen could hit \$10 million.

The federal park service has refused to control the size of the herd while USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service has prohibited the state from shipping captured bison to other states as an alternative to shooting them and at the same time threatened to revoke Montana's brucellosis-free status if the bison continue to roam the state.

Utah poacher loses privileges to hunt, fish

The Times-News

AMERICAN FALLS — A Salt Lake City poacher has lost his hunting and fishing privileges in seven western states for nine years, the U.S. Department of Fish and Game announced Tuesday.

Robert Fogg, 42, of American Falls, was ordered to forfeit his hunting and fishing privileges for nine years for illegal poaching and illegal possession of hunting licenses in 1993.

The federal court's ruling and the state's decision to revoke his hunting and fishing privileges were announced by an official with the U.S. Department of Fish and Game. Fogg was also ordered to pay a \$10,000 fine for poaching and illegal possession of hunting licenses in 1993.

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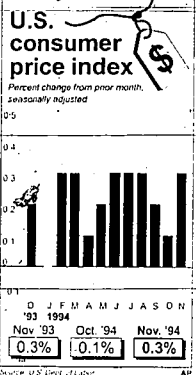
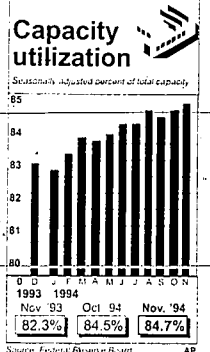
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Money/Markets

Stocks jump on news from factories, on inflation front



WASHINGTON The nation's factories are pushing closer to capacity though signs of inflation remain sparse.

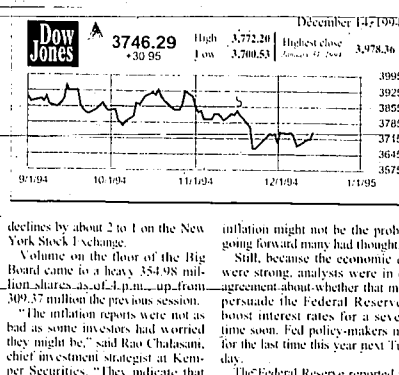
However, analysts say the Federal Reserve is bound to raise interest rates yet again to check economic growth.

A turnaround in food and energy costs sent consumer prices up 0.3 percent in November, the Labor Department said Wednesday. The gain was the largest since August, but analysts said there are no signs of an impending price spiral.

In fact, the nation is ending its third straight year of price increases under 3 percent—the first time that has happened in three decades.

Stocks rallied in heavy trading Wednesday as the economy emerged. The Dow Jones industrial average rose 30.95 to 3,746.29.

Advancing issues outnumbered



American factories operated in November at their highest level in 5 1/2 years as industrial production climbed 0.5 percent for the 17th advance in 18 months. Auto production increased nearly 3 percent.

Analysts predicted no change in the timetable for the next round of interest rate increases.

They said they expect the Fed to take no action when its policymakers meet Tuesday, waiting instead until Feb. 1 after the first such meeting in 1995.

The central bank has raised rates six times this year.

The Federal Reserve said the industrial operating rate rose in November to 84.5 percent of capacity, its highest level since April 1989. Traditionally, an 85 percent rate is seen as one likely to produce inflation-causing bottlenecks. A aim of 0.8 percent in factory output offset declining production at mines and utilities.

Markets

Dow-Jones

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NYSE	11,275.00	11,300.00	11,250.00	11,275.00	+25.00
AMEX	1,200.00	1,210.00	1,190.00	1,200.00	+10.00
NASDAQ	1,200.00	1,210.00	1,190.00	1,200.00	+10.00

Most actives

Stock	Open	High	Low	Close	Chg
AT&T	47.10	47.50	46.50	47.10	+0.10
IBM	100.00	101.00	99.00	100.00	+0.50
Microsoft	35.00	35.50	34.50	35.00	+0.20

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Grains

Commodity	Open	High	Low	Close	Chg
Wheat	1.20	1.21	1.19	1.20	+0.01
Corn	0.80	0.81	0.79	0.80	+0.01
Soybeans	1.50	1.51	1.49	1.50	+0.01

Beans

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Aluminum	1.20	1.21	1.19	1.20	+0.01
Copper	1.20	1.21	1.19	1.20	+0.01
Gold	1.20	1.21	1.19	1.20	+0.01

Closing futures

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Wheat	1.20	1.21	1.19	1.20	+0.01
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Money

Aerospace sales slump; upswing expected

WASHINGTON (AP) — The aerospace industry's slump showed no sign of slowing in 1994, but a leading spokesman sees a brighter tomorrow when airlines can afford to replenish their aging fleets.

"The industry will deliver only 306 jetliners in 1994, compared with an average over the previous five years of just under 500," Don Fuqua, president of the Aerospace Industries Association, told the group's year-end luncheon Wednesday.

He called his report "remarkably similar to last year's." The 1993 decline in sales, \$14 billion, was the largest single-year drop on record. Overall sales of \$112.8 billion this year, a decrease of \$11.5 billion, will be the second largest reduction.

Still, net earnings for the industry are up \$612 million from 1993, but Fuqua called it "a tarnished record" because it resulted from the effects of downsizing.

The AIA's membership includes the leading manufacturers in the aircraft, electronic and space industries.

Fuqua became the association's president in 1987 after serving 12 terms in Congress, eight as chairman of the House Science and Technology Committee.

Civil aircraft, particularly airline transports, led the decline. Sales to the Defense Department declined for the seventh straight year and were 40 percent below the peak level of 1987.

The news was particularly bad on the employment front, with a loss of 71,000 jobs. "AIA estimates year-end 1994 employment at 836,000," Fuqua said.

"That means we have lost 495,000 people, or 57 percent of the work force, since the peak year, 1989," he said.

As a result of the reductions, Fuqua said, industry companies are investing less in research and development, spending less for plants and equip-

ment, and some of the profits reflect sales of assets.

Sales will continue to decline next year, he said, but not quite as steeply. "We estimate total sales at \$109.4 billion ... we expect to lose another 34,000 employees," Fuqua said.

He predicted that the potential was bright for airline transports, which account for 90 percent of civil aircraft production sales.

"This area of the industry's business is temporarily depressed due to the lingering financial problems of many of the world's airlines," he said. "But the airlines' need for new aircraft has not changed; they must replace thousands of older, less efficient jetliners and, eventually add new capacity."

The worldwide market for aircraft is in the neighborhood of \$1 trillion in the next two decades, he said, and that could mean "annual sales levels more than double the average for the past 20 years."

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Money

Fund provides growth-stock gauge

NEW YORK (AP) — In the eternal search for the perfect buy-low-and-sell-high investment strategy, mutual funds that invest in small growth stocks offer an especially tempting proposition.

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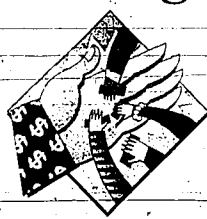
But it is also a strategy that requires a great deal of patience, and anybody who considers it foolproof is surely tempting the financial fates.

Call it the New Horizons Strategy, after the T. Rowe Price New Horizons Fund, one of the oldest and biggest among the many funds that invest in shares of "emerging growth" companies.

Students of the small-growth school of investing noticed long ago that emerging growth stocks were subject to cycles of popularity and disfavor.

At extremes of popularity, their price-earnings ratios — as embodied by the aggregate P-E of the stocks in the New Horizons portfolio — topped out at around twice the P-E of the market as a whole, represented by a broad index like Standard & Poor's 500-stock composite.

In the depths of disfavor, the New Horizons P-E fell to parity



OF MUTUAL INTEREST

with the P-E of the overall market. The conclusion was simple to draw: Buy emerging growth stocks when the relative P-E of New Horizons was around one, and sell when it reached or got close to two.

As an investment timing system, this approach has a big advantage over many others. Unlike some indicator based on, say, the final score of the Super Bowl or a squiggle on a chart that looks like the outline of a bear, it makes market sense.

When small growth companies trade at such low prices that their

superior earnings prospects can be bought at no premium to the market, it seems logical to consider that they may be cheap.

On the other hand, when they are so esteemed that they trade for double the going market rate, it's a good time to consider whether expectations haven't outrun reality.

If you project the New Horizons strategy back over the past 30-plus years, it produces wonderful results.

It puts you in the small-stock market for the 1960s boom; out of the market for the 1969-70 and 1973-74 bear markets; back in for the runup from 1975 through mid-1983, and then out again for the mid-to-late-1980s, when small growth stocks lagged badly.

It gets you back in for the 1991-93 rally in small-growth stocks. You would, in fact, still be in now, after a flat to slightly lower 1994 for big and small stocks alike.

Recently, New Horizons' P-E stood at around 1.3 times that of the S&P 500. That is "still quite reasonable," says John Laporte, the fund's president.

So, going by the book, you could buy small growth today and hold until the New Horizons relative P-

E reached two. At that point, you would sell and move into some other vehicle, perhaps a money market fund, until the relative P-E fell back to around one.

You wouldn't have to take action very often — just every six or seven years on average, if history is any guide. Of course, waiting for such long periods either in or out of the market can try the patience.

What could go wrong? Well, you could sell at a relative P-E of 1.3, only to find that enthusiasm for small growth stocks runs past all previous extremes, to 2.5 times or three or who knows how high.

You could buy at one and watch small-growth values continue to scrape along the bottom for many months or even years, while some other group such as international stocks enjoys the spotlight instead.

Beyond that, be mindful of the historical tendency of all investment formulas to undo themselves once they become generally recognized.

Even so, the New Horizons indicator can be useful to any fund investor, if only as a sort of checkmark in waters that are always a challenge to navigate.

Firm starts campaign to make gifts of shares

Knight-Ridder News Service

AKRON, Ohio — Your brother has a drawer full of socks and enough fondue pots to melt all the cheese in Ohio. What he really needs is a savings account. But the idea of wrapping up a couple of fifties and sticking them in his stocking seems, well, cold.

Alliance Capital Management has an alternative. Give your brother shares in a mutual fund.

In a new twist on gift-giving, Alliance has launched a national advertising campaign that urges Christmas shoppers to give their loved ones mutual-fund shares instead of cap-puccino machines.

Linda Finnerty, vice president of corporate communications for Alliance, said the company got the idea from its employees, who have given mutual fund shares as presents for years.

"Over time, it can grow and become a very valuable gift," Finnerty said. "And for younger people, it can teach them how to invest."

Givers can designate a specific Alliance fund or leave the choice to the recipient. Alliance has given all of its brokers and financial representatives instructions on setting up a gift account, Finnerty said.

The program, known as "Gift of Shares," isn't for everyone. The minimum investment in an Alliance fund is \$250, which makes a gift of mutual-fund shares a lot more expensive than soap on a rope.

And since mutual funds, like all investments, carry some measure of risk, your loved one's gift could drop in value if the market turns sour.

While Alliance is the first mutual fund to promote mutual-fund shares as stocking stuffers, financial planners say parents have given their children mutual-fund shares and other savings instruments for years.

Most big mutual-fund groups have programs that allow parents

and grandparents to set up accounts for their children and grandchildren under the Uniform Transfers to Minors Act, which permits parents to give up to \$20,000 to a child without paying federal gift taxes.

Customers of the Vanguard Group, a mutual-fund group based in Valley Forge, Pa., can open an account for their children for a mini-

mum investment of \$500. While the program is usually used to start a college savings account, "it's perfectly applicable to holidays and birthdays," said John Worth, a spokesman for the fund.

If Alliance isn't to over-estate, there's no reason you can't give shares in another fund to a child or relative, said Dennis Strasser, a financial planner for the Jentner Financial Group in Fairlawn, Ohio.

While many major fund groups require a minimum investment of \$2,500, some allow investors — or givers — to open an account for as little as \$100, he said.

One such fund family is the Franklin Templeton Group, which allows investors to open an account for \$100. Franklin Templeton will provide gift certificates for those who want to give shares in one of its funds to friends and relatives.

Dreyfus Corp., a big mutual-fund family based in New York, will waive its customary \$2,500 minimum investment for investors or givers who open an account in one of three funds, said Patricia Kozlowski, a spokeswoman for the fund. Investors or givers must agree to contribute at least \$100 to the fund through an automatic payroll or checking account-deduction.

The goal of the program is to "encourage people to save on a regular basis," Kozlowski said. "It's also a lovely gift idea."

Strasser said giving mutual-fund shares to children — or other errant relatives — is a good way to show them how an investment can grow over time.

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Merger costs push Novell earnings down

Dow Jones News Service

PROVO, Utah — Software maker Novell Inc. said Tuesday its fourth-quarter earnings fell 80 percent, mainly reflecting merger-related expenses.

For the quarter ended Oct. 29, the company reported net income of \$20.4 million, or 6 cents a share, down from \$102.8 million, or 28 cents a share, in the same period a year ago.

Sales for the quarter fell 5 percent to \$486 million from \$509 million. Novell merged last year with UNIX System Laboratories. This year it merged with WordPerfect Corp. and acquired the Quattro Pro spreadsheet business.

Excluding the costs of those mergers and other restructuring expenses, earnings for the fourth quarter would have declined 31 percent to \$61 million, or 17 cents a share, from \$88 million, or 24 cents a share, last year.

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Lost 7 month old Golden Retriever, male, near North Side Dairy, 400 S Jerome. Reward \$35-225.
Lost: Dalmatian w blue eyes, choke chain collar. Reward \$25-8332.
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To give away: Male Weimaraner, 3 1/2 yrs old. Special circumstances. Call 733-2319.

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HAPPY 18TH BIRTHDAY

HEIDI BRADY!
So, the day that you've been waiting for is finally here! We hope all the things you've dreamed of because we love you dear, you've been a very special daughter and a neat big sister too. We love you very much sweetheart just for being you!
Love, Dad, Mom, & Shawn

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206 MEDICAL/DENTAL

Experienced dental assistant, 2 days per week. Good working conditions & benefits. Call 536-5441

Full-Time RN needed for surgery. Contact Charlene Johnson. 733-2700, ext. 224, or send resume to Twin Falls Clinic & Hospital. 206 E. Main, Twin Falls, ID 83403. EOE

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207 OFFICE/CLERICAL

AMERICAN STAFFING INC.

Office workers for reception, word processing, bookkeeping, accounting, and administration are needed. Many of our clerical assignments are temp-to-hire. Call TODAY 734-6452 1-800-731-WORK EOE M/F/D/V

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Twin Falls, 733-7200

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208 PROFESSIONAL

Twin Falls County is accepting applications for four part time Juvenile Justice Centerers. Three positions will be on an as needed basis. The successful applicant will be at least 21 years of age, successfully completed a criminal background investigation, have a high school diploma or equivalent and be proficient in reading and writing. Interested persons may submit an application and resume to Twin Falls County Courthouse or mail to Twin Falls County, Human Resources, P.O. Box 126, Twin Falls, ID 83303. Twin Falls County is an equal opportunity employer.

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209 RESTAURANT/LOUNGE

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Woman At A Loss For Words After Quick Sale Of Typewriter



A Private Party Classified Ad
3 lines, 7 days - \$19.28

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So, if you'd like similar results, try a Private Party Classified ad: 3 big lines, 7 days, just \$19.28. And if your item hasn't sold, we'll run your ad for another 7 days - free!
So just call 733-0931 ext. 2.
And soon, you'll be speechless.

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Miscellaneous-Recreational

817-909

THE ACES ON BRIDGE

Bobby Wolff

"An idle reason lessens the weight of the good ones you gave before."

—Jonathan Swift

South went wrong in today's diamond suit and his slam went off. He explained that since he had no accurate way to count the opposing distribution, he played for a near-even distribution at the missing honor cards. The explanation was no better than his performance.

South took his heart ace, drew trumps and cashed the ace and king of clubs, discarding a heart. Success now rested with picking up the diamond queen. He led a diamond to dummy's ace and fanned on the way back, down one on a slam he should have made.

South's reasons for failure were flimsy. He claimed that since West was known to have the king and queen of hearts, East was the favorite to hold the queen of diamonds. "After all," he said, "only four face cards were missing and East was not likely to have a Yarborough."

South missed a much better play for the slam. After winning his heart ace, South should cash the ace and king of trumps and the king and ace of diamonds. If the queen drops, South draws the last trump and claims his 13 winners.

When the diamond queen fails to appear, South discards a diamond on a high club and ruffs a diamond to establish the suit. Finally, he leads a trump to dummy to discard his two heart losers and he chalks up an overtrick.

NORTH 12-15-A	
♠ J 7 5	♦ 3
♥ 5 4 3	♣ A J 10 8 5
♦ A K	
EAST	
♠ 4	♦ 9 7 8 2
♥ 6 2	♣ 10 8 7 6 5 3

SOUTH	
♠ A K Q 10 9	♦ A J 4
♥ A J 4	♣ K 9 7
♦ Q 3	

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: North

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1♦	Pass	2♠	Pass
1♥	Pass	5NT	Pass
5♦	Pass	6♠	All pass

Opening lead: Heart king

BID WITH THE ACES

South holds:

♠ 4 4 2	♦ K Q 10
♥ Q 4 3	♣ J 9 4 2

North South

1♦

ANSWER: No one-trump. With a balanced hand, choose a one-no-trump response. A club raise is dangerous because partner may have only three clubs.

Send bridge questions to The Aces, P.O. Box 1234, Del. Falls, TN 37223, with self-addressed, stamped envelope for reply.

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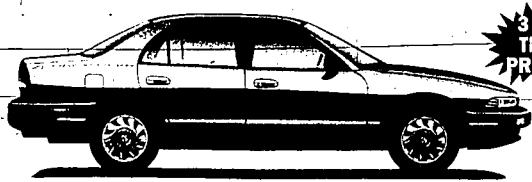
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