

## Good morning

**Today's forecast:**  
Mostly cloudy with light south winds.  
Highs in the middle 50s. Lows near 35.  
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## Magic Valley

**School districts plan merger**  
Both the Bliss and Hagerman school districts need a new school, so they're trying to merge so they can afford one.  
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## Sheriff pleads innocent

Jerome County Sheriff George Silver III has pleaded innocent to a misdemeanor charge.  
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## Zoning suits

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## Toughest since last week

College of Southern Idaho takes a half-game Scenic West Conference lead on a two-game tour in Utah this weekend, needing both to keep its hopes to become tournament host alive.  
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## It's the big race

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Behind the great horned owl's facade of wisdom is a swift, silent killing machine.  
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Saying it acted to head off inflation, the Federal Reserve increases key interest rates but the boost is expected to become a drag on housing and auto sales.  
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## Murders increasing

For the youngest and the oldest Americans, the risk of being a murder victim is increasing, a private analysis shows.  
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## Unwilling evacuees

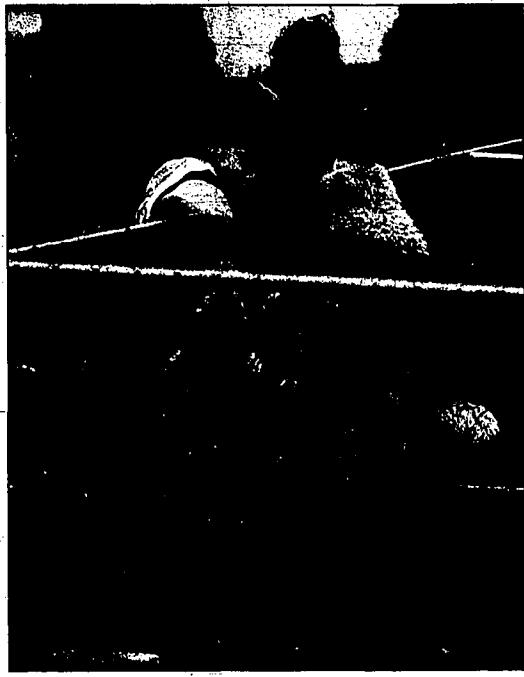
Surging rivers keep sandbag brigades battling as nearly 250,000 Dutch become refugees from widespread flooding.  
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## Fun for all



Playful puppies are hard to avoid, especially for 5-year-old Valentine and his 6-year-old sister Vanessa Ramirez, who like to reach over the fence and play with their neighbors' dogs. The brother and sister are the children of Vincent and Romana Ramirez of Burley.

## Streamline labs, panel says

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Budget pressures and the end of the Cold War justify a scaling back of the government's prestigious research laboratories, a special commission said Wednesday, calling the labs inefficient and mismanaged.

But the 23-member panel did not recommend closing any of the research facilities where, for nearly half a century, Cold War scientists produced the most sophisticated and destructive nuclear weapons on earth.

Energy Secretary Hazel O'Leary, while embracing most of the report, ruled out "a drastic restructuring" of the laboratory system. She said over the next year the research laboratories would be streamlined and reorganized.

"I read the report as saying they're too fat and too heavy and too costly," O'Leary told reporters as she made the commission's findings public.

But she said there will be no proposal to close the Idaho National Engineering Laboratory or any of the other research labs in the budget President Clinton will present to Congress next week.

"There's no fire sale at these labs," she declared.

The commission, headed by Robert Galvin,

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former chairman of Motorola Corp., said the laboratories have been plagued by inefficiency, duplication and micromanagement from Washington.

The commission suggested the Clinton administration might be moving too quickly and too broadly in trying to expand laboratory-industry partnerships.

While not recommending any labs be closed, the commission suggested some nuclear weapons research at the Livermore National Laboratory in California be shifted to the Los Alamos weapons lab in New Mexico. Livermore should focus on nuclear nonproliferation issues, it recommended.

Among the recommendations:

- Adopt new businesslike practices and move toward becoming "independently operated not-for-profit organizations" with less control from the government bureaucracies.

- Should consider their primary mission maintaining "a safe, secure and reliable nuclear stockpile" — a role made more critical because the United States no longer plans to conduct nuclear bomb tests.

## City may need \$19 million to add schools

By Karen Tolkinen  
Times-News writer



TWIN FALLS — If Mifron Technology Inc. settles a 3,500-worker plant in the Magic Valley, Twin Falls might have to build \$19 million worth of new public schools within four years.

Twin Falls School District Superintendent Terrell Donicht said that would require a bond-issue vote in 1997, because it takes two years to build a school.

Under the most extreme population-growth forecast in a recent Mifron-impact study, a new high school and junior high would be needed in the city by 1999.

That's if the company builds its \$1.3 billion computer-chip factory at the Hansen Bridge site and if the city meets maximum growth expectations.

At either of Mifron's preferred Magic Valley sites, Twin Falls city and school district would not be able to collect property taxes on the factory because both sites are outside their taxing authority.

A long-term plan drawn up by the city last year before Mifron announced plans to open a new plant projected the need for a new high school and junior high at 2010.

Under the impact statement's maximum-growth prediction, the schools would need to accommodate 2,700 more students. By 2002, \$29.4 million would be needed for an elemen-

tary school and the junior and senior highs.

If Mifron builds at Crossroads Ranch, the report predicts 2,100 additional students in Twin Falls schools and a new high school in 2009, just one year earlier than planned. A junior-high would be built on schedule, in 2010.

Officials predict that workers at the Crossroads Ranch site would tend to live in Jerome, relieving the stress on Twin Falls. Workers at Hansen Bridge would tend to settle in Twin Falls.

If the dispute over bringing Mifron to the Valley settles by then, passing the bond is likely because the community has generally supported new schools, Donicht said.

"If people hold grudges about the battle that's being waged right now, then the chances won't be good," he added.

As superintendent of schools in Challis, he helped project similar growth figures for a new mine that doubled the population there in three years.

"The projections were never accurate, because the mine never went into full production," he said. "It seems folks are stewed up before they should be."

## New AIDS treatment encouraging, studies say

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Four new studies suggest a novel combination of AIDS drugs knocks back the virus and boosts levels of critical white blood cells for up to a year.

Experts called the results encouraging but said they are uncertain yet whether the hopeful signs mean people with AIDS will actually live longer.

The studies — two conducted in Europe and two in the United States — all tested a combination of AZT, a widely used AIDS drug, and the experimental 3TC.

This strategy is yet to be compared widely against other combinations of drugs, and many questions remain, including its long-term safety and just when in the course of the disease it should be given.

3TC, also known as lamivudine,

is produced by Glaxo Holdings Inc. While the medicine has not yet been approved by the Food and Drug Administration for routine use, the company has provided it to about 10,000 AIDS patients around the world.

The latest research was presented Wednesday at an AIDS conference sponsored by the American Society for Microbiology.

AIDS kills largely by attacking CD4 cells, a variety of critical white cells that help the body fight infections. The latest studies showed that the two drugs together appeared to significantly raise CD4 levels while suppressing — but not eliminating — the virus.

Dr. Christine Katlama of Pitie-Salpetriere Hospital in Paris, one of the researchers, said the combination of 3TC and AZT would now be her first choice for treating patients with relatively advanced disease.

## Lawmakers would regulate student, teacher clothing

By Frank E. Lockwood  
Times-News writer

BOISE — Two Magic Valley legislators introduced school dress-code legislation Tuesday.

Junior high school teacher Sen. Denton Darrington, R-Deer, proposed student dress-code laws. And state Sen. Joyce McRoberts, R-Twin Falls, asked fellow lawmakers to consider teacher dress-code laws.

Both bills were approved for further debate by the Senate Education Committee, but they're certain to stir up controversy.

Supporters say they want to empower local school districts to pass dress codes. They see a correlation between dress and discipline. But opponents say school districts can create dress codes without legislative backing. They say the proposals are unnecessary.

Darrington, and McRoberts  
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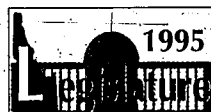
BOISE — Saying it may be time to secede from the United States — or fight for Idaho's sovereignty — the Idaho House of Representatives Wednesday refused to adopt a management plan for wolves recently released in the state by the federal government.

"Maybe it's time to secede from the union because we can't afford the federal government any more," said House Majority Leader Bruce Newcomb, R-Burley.

The House's wolf management plan, which contained provisions already repeatedly rejected by the federal government, may be Idaho's final word on wolf management.

State lawmakers debated for more than an hour before defeating the measure. Of the Magic Valley's 10 representatives only two — Rep. Steve Antone, R-Burley, and Rep. Doug Jones, R-Filer — supported the plan.

The vote — and the states' sov-



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origamy rhetoric — makes it all the more likely that Nez Perce tribal officials, not state employees, will monitor wolf reintroduction programs.

Afterwards, lawmakers said the debate had less to do with wolves than with Washington, D.C. "It was not an environmental issue — it was a States Rights issue," state Rep. Maynard Miller, R-Moscow, said.

While polls show Idahoans divided on the issue, legislators have been nearly unanimous in denouncing wolf reintroduction. Tuesday was no different.

State Rep. JoAnn Wood, R-Rigby, compared living next to wolves with living next to child molesters. And Rep. Bill Sali, R-Meridian, likened wolf opponents to the colonists who led the Boston Tea Party.

Sali insisted Idahoans must rise up



Rancher Gene Hussey shows the carcasses of the wolf and calf he found dead on his ranch south of Salmon Sunday morning.



# Fastest growing group of murder victims: Preschoolers, minority women

WASHINGTON (AP) — Preschoolers and older minority women are at increasing risk of being killed in an America where murder rates hover near record levels, according to a new private analysis.

Minority teen-agers and young men have the nation's highest homicide rate, according to a new analysis released Wednesday by the independent Population Reference Bureau.

The study, "Homicide in the United States: Who's At Risk," combined a half-century of data collected by the National Center for Health Statistics and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Among the findings were that murder rates were up significantly for elderly minority women and preschoolers.

## House OKs bill banning unfunded mandates

WASHINGTON (AP) — House Republicans took a big step forward on their "Contract With America" agenda Wednesday, pushing through a bill restricting the federal government's ability to impose unfunded mandates on the states.

Negotiations to settle minor differences between the House and Senate versions of the measure and final votes in both chambers were the lone remaining obstacles to getting the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act to President Clinton's desk.

The bill, which would require that Congress pay for many programs it imposes on states and local governments, was approved 360-74 after eight days of often contentious debate on the House floor. There was applause on the floor when the vote was announced.

All 230 Republicans in the House voted for the bill, along with 130 Democrats. Voting against it were 73 Democrats and the chamber's sole independent, Rep. Bernard Sanders of Vermont.

Rep. William Clinger, R-Pa., the manager of the bill, said it would begin historic changes in the way the federal government does business. "This bill will restore state and local governments to their true places as partners in our federal system."

While supporters of unfunded mandates were hailing its passage, backers of the balanced-budget amendment to the Constitution were arguing for that measure during a third day of debate on the Senate floor.

At the same time, a Senate Judiciary subcommittee became the first panel to approve a proposed Constitutional amendment to impose term limits on members of Congress.

On a party-line vote of 5-3, the GOP-controlled panel approved a measure to bar senators from serving more than two full terms, and House members from serving more than six.

Clinton has indicated his support for the mandates bill.

## U.S. calls China, Russia on abuses

WASHINGTON (AP) — Russia and China, powerful nations with complex roles in U.S. foreign policy, were accused by the State Department on Wednesday of persistent human rights abuses.

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In the 17th annual human rights report to Congress, the State Department named a number of bright spots, especially the restoration of democracy in Haiti and continued improvements in once-repressive South Korea. The former Soviet republic of Moldova "became a democracy overnight," enthused a U.S. official who helped prepare the report.

the question of whether we need to be more protective of children," said Carol J. DeVita of PRB.

Some of the increase may be a result of more child abuse cases being reported, she said. "Now when a child dies it's more likely to be investigated as an abuse death."

But the figures do show a trend, De Vita concedes. For minority children age 4 and under the 1990 murder rates were 8.9 homicides per 100,000 for boys and 8.6 for girls. Both have been climbing steadily since 1950 when they were 2.4 for both sexes.

For white youngsters the rates climbed from 1.0 to 2.7 for boys and from 1.2 to 2.1 for girls. The report also found that "older non-white women, particularly those ages 75 and older ... have become much more vul-

nerable to the risk of being killed."

For these women, the 1990 murder rate of 11.7 per 100,000 was sharply higher than that of a decade earlier when it was 6.7.

De Vita said the increasing independence of older people may be a factor, placing them more at risk, especially when they live by themselves in neighborhoods that have seen an increase in crime.

Overall, De Vita said the study found that America is maintaining a "subculture of violence."

There is a perception that there has been a sharp increase in crime in recent years, yet the current murder rate of 10.0 per 100,000 people is not so different from the 9.8 recorded in 1993, the first year for which reliable statistics are available, she said.

In between there was a period of lower homicide rates, held down by World War II and the boom-of the 1950s, with murders increasing again in the early 1960s.

The 1950s were an unusual time, she said, suggesting that the period's economic growth and the setting back to home life after the war held down homicides.

The highest homicide rate was in 1980, when there were 10.7 homicides per 100,000.

Now, murder among teen-agers is at record levels, De Vita said. The growth in drugs and drug sales are a major reason, she speculated.

Meanwhile, the Justice Department released a new study that shows children who grow up in violent families are twice as likely to commit violent acts during adolescence than children who grow up in families without a history of violence.

The study showed that 38 percent of adoles-

cents from non-violent families reported involvement in violent delinquent acts, while 78 percent of adolescents exposed to family violence reported involvement in violent delinquent acts.

The Population Reference Bureau report found that while minorities have a much higher murder rate than whites, the gap has been narrowing in recent years.

For men the murder rate for whites was 4.0 in 1969-71 compared to 7.6 for non-whites. By 1989-91 the rates were 8.8 for whites and 53.7 for minorities. For white women, the rate in 1969-71 was 2.2 compared with 14.5 for non-whites. By 1989-91, the rates were 2.8 and 11.3.

The study also found that while people in their 20s still have the highest murder rates, in the last five years the peak has shifted from the late 20s to the early 20s.

# Gingrich traveled to teach at taxpayers' expense

WASHINGTON (AP) — Newt Gingrich didn't receive a dime to teach a history course at a Georgia college in 1993, but government records show taxpayers picked up most of the tab to fly him there.

The records, compiled by the office of the House clerk, show Gingrich used 10 of his 29 taxpayer-paid trips in 1993 to travel to or from Atlanta on the 10 weekends he taught his course at Kennesaw State College.

The trips occurred on consecutive weeks, the only period during the year that he traveled home so regularly.

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House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., gestures during his news conference Wednesday. Government records show Gingrich flew to Georgia to teach in 1993 at taxpayer expense.

round-trip flights between Washington and Atlanta. He also claimed six one-way flights, either to Atlanta before the class or to Washington after the class.

The flights cost \$2,845, according to the House records. The bill for Gingrich's government-related travel for all of 1993, the last year for which complete records are available, was \$8,435.

Taxpayers did not pay for three other one-way trips. Gingrich's financial disclosure statement for 1993 shows that one trip to Atlanta before a class and two trips that ended in Washington after classes were paid by congressional candidates who invited him to campaign for them.

Lipsett said Gingrich keeps a busy schedule each time he flies to Atlanta to teach.

"He gets in on Friday evening, teaches the class on Saturday morning, does a town hall meeting on Saturday afternoon," the spokesman said. Often, he added,

there is a dinner or speech Saturday night, and sometimes an event on Sunday.

"All this while teaching a course he wasn't paid anything for," Lipsett said.

Gingrich originally was offered \$5,000 to teach the course, but he agreed to teach for free since elected officials are prohibited from being paid by state colleges and universities in Georgia. He now teaches the course at a private college, and it is distributed nationally on cable television.

Questions about the course are the focus of a complaint against Gingrich before the House ethics committee.

The Associated Press reported this week that Gingrich's offer of the course by Kennesaw State was declined by the congressman because of the firm's private consulting firm set up a meeting to seek contracts from a government agency. The firm did not win any contracts.

# Vietnam opens U.S. liaison office in D.C.

WASHINGTON (AP) — With little fanfare, Vietnam opened its liaison office here Wednesday, a significant step toward normalizing relations two decades after the United States abandoned efforts to defeat the communist government.

The United States opened its liaison office in Hanoi Friday.

"Our mission here is to continue work on improving relations," said Le Van Bang, Vietnam's former ambassador to the United Nations who moved here from New York to become chief of liaison.

Until now, he said, the contacts between the two governments were through the U.N. mission in New York. "Now we have the chance here to talk directly to the State Department. It is better to be here."

The office, on the fifth floor of a building less than a mile from the State Department, will be used only until renovations are completed on the Embassy Row mansion used by the former South Vietnamese government. That country ceased to exist in 1975 when Vietnam was reunified under Hanoi's control.

The opening of the seven-person office coincides with the issuance of the State Department's annual report of human rights around the world.

Vietnam's "government was responsible for continued human rights violations in 1994," that report said. "Vietnamese citizens do not have the right to change their government or to assemble, associate or speak freely ... Vietnam does not yet enjoy the rule of law."

The report said the government continued to arrest and imprison people arbitrarily, that warrants apparently were not necessary and that there were secret trials and sentencing.

"The government continued to operate a nationwide system of surveillance and control through household registration and party-appointed bloc leaders who informants to keep track of individual activities," the report said. "The constitution provides for freedom of speech and press, but in practice the government severely limits such freedoms."



Li Van Bang, chief of Vietnam's liaison office, poses in the lobby of the new office in Washington Wednesday.

The agreement for an exchange of liaison offices was signed Friday night in Hanoi. The U.S. headquarters is a new nine-story office building in Hanoi; the large building was needed to handle Defense Department delegations in the continuing search for about 2,200 Americans still listed as missing since the war.

James Hall, an Army captain in Vietnam during the war heads the U.S. delegation in Hanoi. To date, 61 sets of remains have been turned over to U.S. authorities, 40 of them through joint efforts with the Vietnamese.

Bang, who has worked in his country's foreign ministry since 1972, previously had been posted in London as deputy chief of the embassy and came to New York as ambassador to the United Nations in 1993.

# Scientists develop AIDS virus they can kill

WASHINGTON (AP) — Scientists searching for a safe AIDS vaccine said Tuesday they have created one with a built-in time bomb — a gene that will cleanse it from the body on cue.

Researchers believe the most effective AIDS vaccine is likely to be a live virus, which will prime the body to mount a spirited reaction to HIV. Many, though, worry about giving healthy people even a weakened form of the AIDS virus, since it might cause cancer, immune suppression or even AIDS.

So now a team from the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases has come up with a novel strategy: a live but weakened AIDS virus that can be killed off once it does its job.

A team headed by Dr. Kuan-Teh Jeang created a form of the AIDS virus that carries an extra gene taken from the herpes virus. Because of this gene, cells that become infected with the virus can be selectively destroyed with ganciclovir, a widely available herpes medicine.

"We attempted to improve the safety of an HIV vaccine using a suicide gene," said Dr. Stephen M. Smith, who presented the results at an AIDS meeting sponsored by the American Society for Microbiology.

Smith said the approach looks promising in the test tube. But much more testing, including extensive use in monkeys, will be necessary before it can be tried on people. He said human studies are at least three years away.

"It's a terrifically imaginative approach and one we need to follow closely," commented Dr. William Paul, director of the U.S. Office of AIDS Research.

While other experts at the conference found the idea intriguing, some were skeptical.

Dr. Ronald Desrosiers of the New England Regional Primate Center is one of the country's leading advocates of a live AIDS vaccine. He is developing versions that will produce a chronic infection, but not sickness, because one or more of their genes have been crippled.

Desrosiers said he doubts the suicide gene will work. HIV is likely to mutate quickly inside the body and lose the extra gene, thereby making it unkillable, he contends.

# First lady warns GOP on health

WASHINGTON (AP) — With Republicans talking about overhauling government health-care programs, Hillary Rodham Clinton warned Wednesday against any cuts that would hurt women's health gains when the "taxes start to fall on the budget block."

Mrs. Clinton, who has been stressing women's health and preventive care programs in recent weeks, urged advocates to "pay close attention to the decisions that are going to be made" by Congress in coming months.

At a conference on women's health, she acknowledged that the government should look carefully at programs such as Medicare and Medicaid "to make sure that they are effective ... and that the kinds of services that are being delivered will work."

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# VA develops medical care hotline for veterans of Persian Gulf war

WASHINGTON (AP) — Persian Gulf War veterans seeking information on medical care and benefits are being encouraged to call a new toll-free "help line," the Veterans Affairs Department said Wednesday.

The line is part of an outreach program to assist Gulf veterans, particularly those who are suffering from undiagnosed illnesses, the so-called Persian Gulf Syndrome, arising from service in the 1991 war.

The phone service is headquartered at a new Persian Gulf Information Center at the St. Louis VA regional

office, and will be staffed with Persian Gulf War benefit specialists from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. CST, on weekdays. Recorded messages providing information will be available at all other times.

The line, 1-800-PGV-VETS (1-800-749-8387), goes into service Wednesday. The VA said it is also providing information on benefits, medical care and research on an electronic bulletin board system: VA-ONLINE can be accessed by people with a computer and a communications package through 1-800-USI-VETS (1-800-671-8387).

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# Dream testimony could be double-edged sword

LOS ANGELES (AP) — If you dream about killing your wife, does it mean you're going to do it?

The prosecution in the O.J. Simpson trial would like jurors to think so. In the latest twist in the sensational case, a friend of Simpson's testified Wednesday that Simpson remarked he had had dreams about killing his ex-wife.

The defense denied the conversation took place.

Prosecutors told the judge testimony about the dreams would provide "powerful evidence" of a "fatal obsession."

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Not so, according to some experts, who say such evidence is shaky legally and scientifically and may be powerful grounds for appeal if Simpson is convicted.

"If we got charged with everything we dreamed about, we'd be in jail most of our lives," said psychologist Rosalind Cartwright.

Even if Simpson did have such dreams, they mean only "that he still had a lot of anger and frustration, and this was one way of safely displacing it," said Cartwright, director of the sleep disorders service at Rush-Presbyterian-St. Luke's Medical Center in Chicago.

Dreams let people "image things that we would never do in waking," she said. "We imagine something in this profoundly relaxed state and thereby blow it off. So you can't use that as evidence."

"The prosecution is trying to create the image of a killing machine," said Columbia University law school professor George Fletcher.

"In fact, all of this evidence is ambiguous—it could be interpreted different ways."

The defense and its scientific experts are likely to attack the significance of the dreams.

"This could be a double-edged sword for the prosecution," said Laurie Levenson, a Loyola Law School professor in Los Angeles. "The prosecution wants to use it to



Former Los Angeles police officer Ron Shipp, left, looks over documents presented to him by defense attorney Carl Douglas during the double-murder trial of O.J. Simpson Wednesday.

## Quotes from the session

The Associated Press

Quotations from the O.J. Simpson trial Wednesday:

"He kind of jokingly said, 'To be honest, Shipp,' that's what he called me, Shipp. 'I've had some dreams of killing her.'"

Witness Ronald Shipp.

"I'm doing this for my conscience and my peace of mind. I will not have the blood of Nicole on Ron Shipp. I can sleep at night, unlike a lot of others."

Shipp, when asked if he was making up his story for publicity. "I didn't want to go down as the person who nailed O.J." — Shipp, on why he didn't tell authorities earlier, about the

show Simpson's state of mind. But the defense will say the prosecution is really reaching if they have to use dreams.

Besides the jury's reaction, there

are procedural questions.

"People write murder mysteries every day. Our courts don't hold that against them," said Los Angeles defense lawyer Marcia Morrissey.

"I still love the guy, but I don't know, I mean, this is a weird situation I'm sitting here in." — Shipp, when asked if he was still friends with Simpson.

"They got into an argument. He said they had been kind of intimate and that in the middle of that they started arguing... They were making love and Nicole wanted to stop for whatever reason and they started to argue... At the time, he told me she was the aggressor and came after him, and he was acting in self-defense."

Shipp, describing what Simpson told him about the Jan. 1, 1989, fight that sent Ms. Simpson to the hospital and Simpson to court.

"I had evidence introduced at trial that every night in the Chicago area, perhaps 50,000 have dreams about violence and violent conduct" and some of those dreams probably closely matched actual events, Decker said.

"In the Woody Allen custody case, were his movies admissible to prove his state of mind? Absolutely not."

At worst, an appeals court could find that Superior Court Judge Lance Ito goofed when he admitted the testimony, experts said. Such a finding could lead to a reversal on appeal — and a possible new trial — if Simpson is convicted.

"It seems to me a very controversial ruling by the judge and I would even say unwise," said Robert Pugsley, a law professor at Southwestern University in Los Angeles.

"I think it's safe to say that we don't usually try people based on dreams," but the judge's ruling is probably not grounds for a reversal, Levenson said.

Columbia University's Fletcher said there's no chance of a reversal based on the ruling.

"I've talked to a number of appellate court judges in California about this," Fletcher said. "Unless it bears substantially on the jury's decision to convict, it's irrelevant."

The case law is sketchy.

In August 1993, a Texas appeals court upheld Carroll Scott's conviction for attempted murder and burglary, ruling in part that the judge properly allowed testimony about Scott's dreams of killing his ex-wife.

Perhaps the most famous "dream evidence" trial involves Steven Linscott, a born-again Christian who told police he dreamed about someone committing a murder the same night in 1980 that Karen Ann Phillips, 24, was raped, strangled and bludgeoned in Chicago.

Some details of the dream were similar to the killing, but some major points weren't. Police still thought the "dream" was a veiled confession.

Convicted and sentenced to 40 years, Linscott served 3½ years before an appeals court overturned his conviction in 1985. After more years of appeals, DNA evidence raised enough doubts that the prosecution dropped the case in 1992.

Tom Decker, Linscott's attorney, said he would have challenged the dream evidence had there been a new trial.

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## Wednesday's highlights

The Associated Press

Developments Wednesday in the O.J. Simpson case:

**SIMPSON DREAMS:** Retired police officer Ronald Shipp testified that his friend of 26 years, O.J. Simpson, joked after the death of his ex-wife: "I've had some dreams of killing her."

**DREAM READING:** Columbia University law professor George Fletcher, who is not part of the case, said dreams are open to interpretation. "The prosecution is trying to create the image of a killing machine," he said. "In fact, all of this evidence is ambiguous — it could be interpreted different ways."

**LEO IDENTIFIED:** Shipp admitted he was the mysterious "Leo" in the opening pages of "Raging Heart," a book by Sheila Weller that includes details of Simpson's troubled marriage and his alleged comments to Shipp about dreams.

**WHY NOW?** Shipp admitted he didn't go to authorities with his information. Asked by the

defense if he was coming forward now for the publicity, Shipp replied: "I'm doing this for my conscience and my peace of mind. I will not have the blood of Nicole on Ron Shipp."

**DRINKING... PROBLEM:** Shipp was asked if he had a drinking problem. "In the past I have," he answered.

**CHANDLER FUNERAL:** The judge recessed court hours early so several members of Simpson's defense team could attend the funeral of Bob Chandler, Simpson's friend and former football teammate died of lung cancer last Friday. Attorney and friend Robert Karashian said of Chandler: "Obviously, he would have been here if he could. O.J.'s very upset about this. He took it very hard."

**HIGHEST RATING:** "The O.J. Simpson Story" gave Fox Broadcasting Co. its highest-rated Tuesday ever. But the TV movie still finished third for its time period behind ABC and NBC comedies.

**WHAT'S NEXT:** Shipp's testimony resumes today.

## Comedies beat O.J. movie

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The O.J. Simpson Story" gave Fox Broadcasting Co. its highest-rated Tuesday ever but couldn't beat the sitcom competition, including ABC's "Home Improvement."

The TV movie, which got lousy reviews, got an 11.2 rating and 17 share, Fox said Wednesday. The network finished third for the time period behind ABC and NBC. Both networks aired comedies, "Home Improvement" and "Frasier."

A single rating point equals 954,000 households, or 1 percent of the

nation's 95.4 million TV homes as estimated by Nielsen Media Research. The share is the percentage of in-use sets tuned to a specific program.

"The O.J. Simpson Story" traced the relationship of Simpson and his ex-wife Nicole Brown Simpson and included brief scenes of domestic violence.

It did not take a position on Simpson's guilt or innocence in the murders of Ms. Simpson and her friend Ronald Goldman, but portrayed the former football great as a violence-prone philanderer.

## TV coverage of today's proceedings

The Associated Press

Network plans for TV coverage of the O.J. Simpson trial today. (Court proceedings begin at 10 a.m. MST.)

Cable's Court TV is offering gavel-to-gavel coverage. CNN and E! Entertainment Television offer extensive, live coverage. ABC, CBS and NBC will follow

their regular daytime schedules, issuing updates as events warrant. CBS airs "O.J. Minutes" at 11 a.m., noon, 1, and 3 p.m. MST; NBC's two-minute segments air before the top of the hour.

Fox Broadcasting Co. airs a continuous feed from the courtroom's pool cameras for its stations to use at their discretion.

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# Mescaleros reject waste storage proposal

MESCALERO, N.M. (AP) — Mescalero Apache tribal members voted down a proposal to store high-level nuclear waste on their south-central New Mexico reservation, killing a project pushed by tribal leaders as an economic development boost.

Tribal members voted 490-362 against a referendum that would have let the tribe and a group of 33 out-of-state utilities create a facility to store several thousand tons of spent nuclear reactor fuel rods for up to 40 years.

"The Tribal Council accepts the will of the people and will continue to pursue other economic development opportunities which will provide jobs for our people," Mescalero President Wendell Chino said in a written statement today.

Project supporters said they were

stunned by the outcome.

"It was a real shock," said Silas Cochise, the tribe's manager for the project. "I think the tribe will never get an opportunity such as this again."

Tribal leaders had estimated the project would bring in \$2.6 billion in direct and indirect benefits to the tribe over its 40-year life and produce a total of \$2.3 billion in revenue.

Cochise said he was particularly disappointed because the project would have provided security for several generations.

He attributed the loss primarily to fear of possible contamination by the fuel rods and to ignorance about the project.

"They were thinking 'reactor,' while we were talking 'spent fuel storage,'" Cochise said.

Northern States Power Co. of Minneapolis, one of the chief utilities negotiating with the tribe, had no immediate comment Wednesday morning. Mescaleros went to the polls Tuesday, but results weren't available until Wednesday because voting was by paper ballots that had to be hand-counted.

Ballots were cast by 889 of the approximately 1,200 registered voters, a record turnout for any Mescalero election. Tribal officials said 37 ballots were voided because of problems with them.

The vote was verified by a tribal election board, and the count was observed by independent observers from four other Apache tribes.

Tribal leaders had reached a non-binding agreement with utilities in

December, and a yes vote on the referendum would have let the tribe enter into a binding contract to begin the application process for a federal license for the facility.

Utilities have been storing spent fuel rods from their nuclear reactors in temporary holding pools across the country, and are running out of room. The Mescalero project, expected to begin operating as early as 2002, would have held at least 20,000 metric tons of nuclear waste.

Tribal leaders had pushed the project as a way to get jobs and to generate money for a reservation school system, housing and diversification of tribal business holdings. The tribe had estimated the project would employ 150 people and create an additional 300 spinoff jobs.

# Study links vitamins, amino acid with clogging

BOSTON (AP) — High blood levels of one particular amino acid — possibly as a result of vitamin-poor diets — appear to increase the risk of clogged arteries, a study finds.

The evidence, while still preliminary, suggests that the amino acid may join cholesterol as an underlying cause of heart disease and strokes. Researchers found that elderly people with high levels of homocysteine in their bloodstreams were more likely to have narrowed arteries in their necks.

Homocysteine is one of more than 200 different amino acids the

body uses to construct proteins and carry out chemical processes in cells.

As with cholesterol, genes play a role in elevated levels of homocysteine. But in this case, too, diet appeared to contribute. The body uses folate and vitamins B<sub>6</sub> and B-12 to get rid of homocysteine, converting it to another amino acid called methionine.

Researchers looked at 1,041 men and women ages 67 to 96 and found that those with the highest levels of homocysteine were twice as likely to have clogged arteries as were those with the lowest levels.

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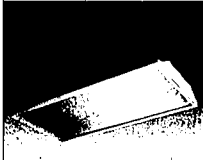
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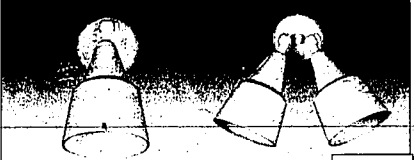
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## Editorial

### Micron would help valley pay for needed services

A leader of the group opposing a potential microchip plant in the Magic Valley asked precisely the right question this week.

"There's a tremendous cost for what we're talking about here," Dan Brizez said. "The bottom line will be: We've got to find another way to fund our schools - and where is that money going to come from?"

It's an excellent question, to which there is an answer:

From taxes. Preferably, taxes paid by people with good jobs.

Consultants who recently studied the potential impact of a Micron Technology Inc. plant made some sobering observations. Among their conclusions was that the Magic Valley's growth will require significant spending on schools, roads and other public services, whether Micron comes or not.

For example, the consultants forecast that Twin Falls will need a new high school and junior high by the year 2010, with or without Micron.

Micron's 3,500 jobs, with an accompanying acceleration of population growth, would bring that need considerably closer. But the need will come regardless.

So how do we pay for the new schools that inevitably must be built? In Idaho, local property taxes absorb most of the burden. And here's the key point to consider: That burden will fall more heavily on the community if it can recruit good-paying, stable, benefit-bearing jobs.

Magic Valley folk seem to understand the value of such jobs. A random poll of valley residents last week showed roughly two-thirds in favor of Micron locating here. A related poll focusing on Twin Falls residents brought similar results. So did a survey of Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce members.

Perhaps most tellingly, when high school seniors were queried valley-wide, nearly half of those answering said they were interested in working at Micron after graduating.

Who could blame them? A high school graduate can start at Micron for \$7.35 an hour, with excellent benefits. Further education - either on the job or on the side - can position that graduate to advance in the company.

Last year in Idaho, the average annual pay of full-time workers in electronics manufacturing was more than \$39,000. How many Magic Valley kids can foresee that kind of future for themselves without Micron?

A discussion of Micron in the past few days - such as Monday's Twin Falls City Council hearing - has focused largely on whether the city should encourage Micron to settle here. But the key decision is Micron's, not the city's.

If Micron decides the Magic Valley is the best of the 13 locations it is considering, it should come regardless of the city's official position. Remember, neither potential site in this valley - one near Hansen, one in Jerome County - is in the city's jurisdiction.

In our view, leaders in Twin Falls (and other valley towns) should adopt a strategy of recruiting and welcoming Micron and then working with it to smooth the community impact that will follow. That's true for either site, because either site would spread the benefits and challenges of growth throughout the valley.

Keep in mind, a Magic Valley Micron plant is still only a possibility - perhaps even a long-shot. But it's a possibility worth hoping for. In a valley already destined to face the costs of growth, Micron is one potential newcomer that would more than pull its weight.

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## Letters

### Welcome to life under the GOP

I suppose when it comes to politics, one should be so accustomed to outrage as to be inured against new violations of public trust. It is probably too much to look for consistency or rationality among politicians who swear their undying fidelity to the will of the voter while running only to argue the terms of the commitment once elected.

Perhaps, though now I doubt my own sincerity, I simply expected too much from the would-be saviors of the Republican right - so quick to condemn abuses on the campaign trail, so quick to commit some of their own once in power. But whether the transformation of the candidates from amnesia or old-fashioned hypocrisy, the change is so sudden, so blatant and so galling as to almost defy comprehension - unless that is precisely what has come to expect.

Is it a question of negligible short-term memory or merely negligible character? Too little forthright or (so much arrogance to care?) Is the thrill of victory just too intoxicating to remember the sober reality of those who elevated them to the position, or is it a result of too little oxygen at such high altitude?

Less than a month into our "enlightened new leadership," the so-called conservatives can't help showing their true colors. Newt gets his hand slapped for reaching too deeply (or too quickly) into Rupert Murdoch's cookie jar (or pants pocket or special interest slush fund) with the proposed "advance" of \$4 million which quickly shrunk to a humble buck.

Gov. Batt's only too happy to store nuclear waste about Idaho's aquifer, it's patriotic, and besides, it's only short term. Then after such a handy decision, he has the temerity to figure he's due for a raise, perhaps as an example of conserving more of Idaho's resources. Of course, there's always room to share in conservatism - witness the many interested parties who stand to gain from a Fish and Game Commission that is more responsive to exploitation than the interests of hunters, fishers or the Fish and Game itself.

And then, we've the privilege of being outfoxed by Anne who's bearish on funds for the education of our youth but has learned to be bullish on renovations for herself.

Put them all in a pot, put a lid on it and call the kettle black. Then let them stew in their own juices. There's always a new election. SCOTT W. HYDER Jerome

### Joe Skaug runs intelligent show

I read with great interest Frank Lockwood's article recently, "Talk Radio ... and kept looking for some mention of the Joe Skaug Show in KART 1400 AM.

Zip, nothing. Joe is not a right-wing neo-Nazi. He does not make up the news; he has news makers on his show. His show has had everybody from "Wild" Bill Chisholm to the Jerome city administrator. Topics range from Micron, dairies, the College of Southern Idaho, the U.S. government's attack on religion to Rhino bullets (the last two during the same show).

You never know where the show will go. It is entertaining, informative and a breath of fresh air. Unlike other "Wild" radio show hosts, Joe is educated, well informed and has seen a little of the outside world. He does not suffer from "Magic Valley myopia."

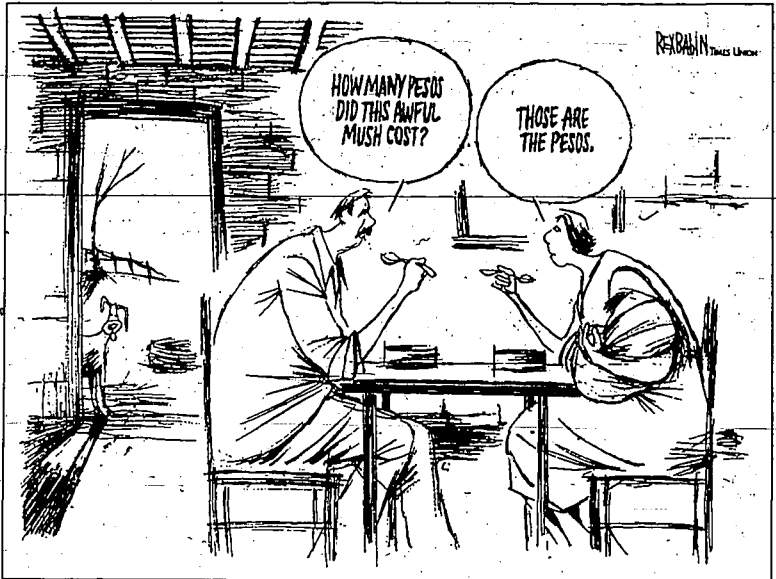
Tune in sometime - Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 to 10 a.m. DAVE BAILEY II Buhl

### Beware of double taxation

We are coming to the time of year when most taxpayers are getting ready to make their last payment for 1994. I can't help but reflect on how the state of Idaho has violated the constitutional rights written by our early founders - the specific one of no double taxation.

Even the federal government gives us credit for our state taxes we pay, but the state completely ignores the federal taxes we pay and puts its tax on our income. Employees have the federal tax deducted from their gross wages to make sure they are paid, so they never see this money, and then this federal tax money they have never seen or actually received is taxed again by the state of Idaho.

I don't know how other people feel, but a tax on a tax is double taxation in my book. I've had legislators tell me if it wasn't done this way, the rates would have to go up. All I can say if this is true, then so be it. Let's not deceive ourselves by claiming our rate is what it appears; remember, we also have a 5 percent sales tax. Considering everything, I would guess Idaho State tax rates are near the high for state taxes. DAVID B. BARRY Twin Falls



## Gingrich holds key to presidential bids

Even if he doesn't run himself - a tantalizing possibility - Newt Gingrich has become the 900-pound gorilla of the Republicans' 1996 White House jangle.

With Iowa caucuses a year away and only political junkies focused on 1996, Gingrich's make-or-break heft is already visible.

Any Republican hopeful not singing from the same hymn book as Newt's conservative chorus will find himself singing a lonely solo. Jack Kemp, who pulled out of the '96 scrimmage, may be the first presidential wannabe who falls victim to Newt's revolution.

Kemp's withdrawal is testament to the blinding speed with which Gingrich has transformed Republicans. For years, Kemp - the talkative ex-Buffalo Bills quarterback - was titled Ronald Reagan's conservative heir. A poll at their 1992 Houston convention overwhelmingly anointed Kemp the next Republican candidate.

But "Son of Ronnie" has been sacked by the Newt juggernaut.

A skeptic about the "Contract With America" and advocate of racial compassion, Kemp's been shoved into the shadows by the Gingrich revolt. While dithering for months about running in '96, clearly he'd lost heart.

Sure, Kemp blamed money as the No. 1 reason for surrendering his dream. He didn't want to spend the next year dialing for Dollars.

Political pros say a candidate has to raise \$20 million - \$50,000 a day, seven days a week - as the 1996 entrance fee. Kemp, sued by paying off a \$2 million debt from his last presidential trial, hated the tin-cup pleading.

"Fund-raising takes pure muscle and grit and tenacity," Kemp lamented. "I'd rather talk about the peso and flat tax."

But Kemp saw himself using a Gingrich's right-wing thinking two weeks ago when he asked Republican leaders for ad-



Sandy Grady

vice on '96. He got apathy and questions, not roaring encouragement.

"If you run," Gingrich reportedly told Kemp, "you'll have to retoul your message."

The signal was clear: Kemp would have to ditch some of his quirky obsessions and get aboard the Gingrich fast freight.

Even though Kemp insists he generally agrees with Newt's whirlwind, he rebels against some Gingrich gospel. He's against the balanced-budget amendment, against term limits, for supply-side tax cuts. He irked Republicans by speaking against California's Proposition 13 that would ban benefit to illegal aliens.

Any Republican who dares alienate California and Gingrich is dead in the '96 starting blocks.

And Kemp sounds lonely in the Republican rightward rush when he harps on economic justice for the poor, blacks and Hispanics.

"Our agenda won't be complete," Kemp said, "until minorities feel at home in the Republican Party."

Kemp's outsider stance showed when he was the only '96 presidential hopeful not appearing at a Christian Right convention. He told an interviewer he was worried about the Republican stampede on abortion, crime and race. "We're in danger of becoming the party of little government and big prisons."

Sen. Trent Lott, R-Miss., confidant of Gingrich and Kemp, said on CNN that Kemp "didn't need to run, didn't want to run ... many of his ideas were already in the 'Contract With America.'"

In truth, Jack Kemp, 59, who had been running for president the last decade, sud-

denly seemed yesterday's faded star made obsolete by Gingrich's noisy enthusiasm. Being "Reagan's heir" was outmoded-1980s stuff to Newt's 21st-century Third Wavers.

With Kemp doomed to think-tank obscurity, you can scratch one more Republican who lacks the fire to endure drafty motels, icy primaries, death-defying small planes and money begging.

Gone are William Bennett and Dick Cheney, the latter admitting, "I wasn't willing to pay the price." Ex-Secretary of State James Baker may next wave a white flag.

Naturally, the rest of the field claims to benefit from Kemp's knockout. That includes the top four: Sen. Bob Dole, R-Kan.; Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas; ex-veep Dan Quayle ("scanned, rested and ready"); and ex-Tennessee Gov. Lamar Alexander. In a second tier, albeit with warning views, are Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., and TV gabber Pat Buchanan.

I'd say Gram, running so hard from the right he's giving Dole heartburn, picks up most Kemp supporters. Alexander ("a conservative with compassion") will now provide the party's maverick voice.

The key riddle is whether Gingrich himself will make a late 1996 leap, an eruption akin to a rhinoceros plowing into a small pool.

Sure, most Republicans scoff. But so swift has been Gingrich's national dominance, he may be tempted to run - if the "Contract" rolls roughshod through Congress, if Newt's popularity rises, and if Bill Clinton sinks into Bushlike vulnerability.

Either way, Gingrich is conductor on the 1996 train. If Newt doesn't punch your ticket, you don't ride.

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## Letters

### Micron will stink up the place

As a native Idahoan, one who was raised in the Magic Valley, I have always found the area beautiful.

The panoramic view, sunsets that take your breath away, touched my heart for as long as I can remember. Though I worked out of the area and the state for 25 years, it was always my hope to return to raise my family.

From this perspective and from an educated viewpoint, I believe we are looking at the wrong criteria in deciding if we want Micron to build.

In my mind, Micron needs to pass a few previously established criteria:

- (1) Will it be able to pour nuclear cancer-causing agents into the ground water?
- (2) Does it emit a waste product seasonal-

ly that makes our small buds want to scream in agony?

(3) Will it send enough urine and feces into the ground surrounding its plant to further pollute our resources of water, and will the odor penetrate our sense of smell enough to make us hold our breath until we can drive by?

(4) Will it spray pesticides and herbicides into our beautiful, one-time clean air to help further the cause of cancer?

(5) Will it produce another odor (similar to molasses) that will trigger the gag reflex enough to make us throw up?

Schools will take care of themselves. Housing and growth can be handled over a period of time with cooperative efforts. But if Micron cannot contribute in the above-mentioned five areas, then it will never fit into our beautiful Smell Valley, oops, I mean

our beautiful Magic Valley community. ANN L. MCCLAUGHLIN Twin Falls

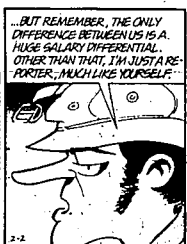
### Grieving for loss of grandson

It has been two years and nine months since my grandson was murdered! Yes, I said murdered! There are at least two and maybe three people in this valley that were there on April 26, 1992, on Highway 26 when Jay (Scooter) Barnutt was put in the middle of the highway.

Did you have to kill him because he wouldn't give up and say uncle? Was he wanting help and you enjoyed listening to him? Either way, when you shut your eyes at night, do you still have nightmares? I hope so! My family does. RUTH E. DEPEW Shoshone

## Doonesbury

BY GARRY TRUDEAU



# 'Defenders' of Social Security, Medicare put programs at risk

There is no greater enemy of correct and difficult action than a clear understanding that the act can be postponed. And what is true for the normal population is 10 times so for political representatives. Our today horizons are much nearer than our rhetoric suggests. When the campaign consultant gives us the news about public opinion regarding popular — and misunderstood — programs, our glowing phrases turn bitter in our mouths.

But when it comes to fiscal matters, the United States must plan for the future rather than procrastinate. Unfortunately, the tendency to do the latter is evident in the politicians and interest groups tripping over each other in a scramble to "defend" Social Security and Medicare from reforms. In so doing, they leave both programs defenseless against the gravest threat they have faced since their inception: Demographic shifts that are propelling two of the most successful achievements in American history toward bankruptcy.

Without reforms that many "defenders" of Social Security and Medicare oppose, the Medicare hospital insurance trust fund will go bankrupt by 2001. In 2013, we will be forced to begin dipping into the surplus in the Social Security trust fund to cover benefit payments, an event to be followed by the insolvency of the entire fund by 2029, when

by Sen. Bob Kerry



workers in their late twenties and early thirties today retire. These trends are caused by an aging of the population under which more Americans retire while leaving fewer workers behind to pay the taxes that fund retirement benefits.

severely constrained: choices will be severely constrained: continue to fund retirement benefits at current levels by radically raising taxes on the working population, or slash benefits dramatically. These trends are detailed in the final report of the commission on entitlement reform I chaired with Jack Danforth, which will be delivered to the president and congressional leadership today.

So when interest groups like the American Association of Retired Persons and the National Council of Senior Citizens call for a "defense" of Social Security and Medicare — as both did while criticizing an entitlement reform proposal former Senator Danforth and I offered recently — my question is: defense against what?

Defending Social Security and Medicare against reform is like denying a sick patient against treatment, those who call for a delay in reforms behave like a doctor who has diagnosed the early signs of a serious ailment but chooses to postpone treatment until the patient's life is imminently threatened.

Speaker Gingrich, for example, confesses the need to reform Social Security but insists that the current

generation of politicians lacks the "moral authority" to do the job. Some call this an accurate reading of the political landscape. I call it a familiar excuse offered by many so-called leaders in our history. The leaders we celebrate are those who built their own moral authority.

But it would appear that even as the alleged revolution in politics rages around us, politicians retain the right to cause problems, then pledge a shortage of "moral authority" as an excuse for not solving them. I can't help wondering whether, if my children are presented with an economy bobbed by a gargantuan budget their parents could have fixed, they will define "moral authority" differently than Newt Gingrich.

Rather than rhetoric from either side, we need an honest national conversation about how best to plan for a future in which our population will be fundamentally different from what it was when Social Security and Medicare were designed.

Social Security was designed as a system in which each generation of workers would pay a dedicated payroll tax to fund retirement benefits of the generation before it. In return, workers expected the next generation to pay taxes to support their retirement. Medicare has a similar design, but a large chunk of the benefits is financed out of general funds, not a dedicated tax.

The system works well, provided

each generation of workers has enough children to grow up and pay taxes to support its retirement. Mine didn't. Today there are nearly five workers paying taxes to support benefits for each retiree; when my generation retires, there will be fewer than three — living longer than was expected when the system was designed, and therefore collecting more lifetime benefits.

Unless we enact reforms to correct that imbalance before it arrives, reality dictates that something will have to give. Either that one retiree will receive dramatically lower benefits or those three workers will be forced to cope with dramatically higher taxes.

Without reforms, the aging population will catapult spending on retirement benefits skyward so fast that by 2013 the time that today's children enter the work force, or try to — every dollar the federal government collects in taxes will go directly to spending on entitlements and interest on the national debt, leaving literally nothing for defense, education or any other function of government. By then, the federal budget will equal nearly 40 percent of our economy, despite the fact that discretionary spending will shrink then. Now the budget equals less than a quarter of the economy.

The trend of entitlement spending, in short, is mathematically unsustainable. But in Washington, the only

force more compelling than mathematics is politics. As a result, the peculiar process of Beltway problem-solving casts reforms intended to preserve Social Security and Medicare over the long haul as assaults against which the programs must be defended.

The bottom line is that regardless of what Mr. Gingrich, the interest groups or I say, Social Security and Medicare are "on the table" — either on our today, or our children's tomorrow. Today the treatment is relatively easy; tomorrow may require major surgery. My definition of "defending" Social Security and Medicare — and defending the rights of our children to a secure economy — is fixing them now.

Social Security and Medicare have done a tremendous amount of good. They enjoy broad and deep support from the American people. To suggest they are at risk is to support the ridiculous. However, demographics cannot be denied. The numbers do not lie. If we obey our political consultants and delay action, the choices may force future action that makes these two stalwarts unacceptably expensive burdens.

Bob Kerry, a Democratic senator from Nebraska, was co-chairman of the Bipartisan Commission on Entitlement and Tax Reform. He wrote this commentary for the Washington Post.

## Letters

### Fox administration worries retired teacher

Should we recall Ms. Fox or just sit back and let her continue to make decisions that could result in complete disaster for our public schools of Idaho.

Ms. Fox, after firing capable people who were doing an excellent job, could be in real trouble allocating and distributing monies to the districts.

Marian Hlyen, a financial expert, had gained the confidence of the state department, legislators and educators throughout the state.

How can Ms. Fox tell everyone she insists on saving the taxpayers money when she increases her own budget 36 percent, pays \$6,370 a year to lease a car and \$8,000 for cherrywood furniture. Tax savings? Sounds like luxury to me.

I taught for 35 years, and since my retirement have been substituting in the Kimberly and Twin Falls districts. I am qualified to say that our teachers are doing a great job. No one is better at skills being taught but students are given opportunities in all subject areas to explore, create and learn the needed skills to compete in an ever-changing world.

How can consideration be given to returning \$800,000 allotted to Idaho for enhancing education? The school districts desperately need this money. Why should these funds be given to another state? Why should Idaho's students be cheated of these designated funds?

Let us register our concerns now. Contact your legislators to preserve

and advance the quality of education we have in Idaho.  
JEAN EMERSON  
Twin Falls

### Will Republicans really vote themselves out?

To Rep. Mike Crapo: The explosion of Newton Gingrich into the major Washington scene certainly provides a daily interest in what's next.

I am confused, however, about the tax status of his GOPAC organization. It is my understanding that it has been treated by the Internal Revenue Service as a nonprofit organization not subject to income tax. Are contributors allowed a deduction for their contributions to this charitable organization? What is the relationship, if any, to Mr. Gingrich's college course and Rhinehart College? Does the new law requiring legislators and peasants to be treated equally apply to Speaker Gingrich?

One of the next steps on your committee, Crapo, is term limits. Will those term limits apply to the Republican office holders such as 92-year-old Sen. Strom Thurmond who has been in office since 1954 or Sens. Jesse Helms, Bob Packwood, etc.?

There are going to be some very real problems, it seems to me, with passing Mr. Gingrich's media consultant-prepared political contract when it hits reality and must be applied to Republicans as well as Democrats.  
LOYD J. WALKER  
Twin Falls

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We look forward to hearing from you!

## Irrational rantings hurt cause of PBS

Debate about government-subsidized culture becomes more savvy as those who are subsidized garrison their rhetoric with language that is surprisingly harsh, considering that they are so very high-minded.



For example, the head of Maryland Public Broadcasting describes as "vultures" some people with whom he disagrees.

The people who Raymond Ho calls "vultures" — critics of the endangered species of public television — are people who believe in the commercial value of much of the programming about which public television boasts. Ho is angry that several media companies have expressed an interest in making profits by privatizing public broadcasting.

Rep. Eliot Engel, D-N.Y., also is indignant about the media companies which would "like nothing more than getting a piece of the action and making a bundle on it." Engel's argument is at least sane: Taxpayers must continue to subsidize public broadcasting lest its commercial viability result in unsubsidized success.

Public television is currently generating huge profits, but not for the public. Licensed merchandise related to programs such as "Barney & Friends" and "Sesame Street" and "Shining Time Station" produces hundreds of millions of dollars for the private companies that produce the programs.

When sleep, nature's sweet restorer, summons David MacNeil, Will, age 2, at the age of a day enlivens by Barney videos, he climbs into his Barney pajamas, brushes with his Big Bird toothbrush and heads for a crib congested with Barney and Sesame Street stuffed animals.

There are millions of young consumers like David. The Corporation for Public Broadcasting, its mind wonderfully concentrated by the recent elections, suddenly says it is going to write sensible contracts, enlarging its share of licensing profits. One



reason for the careless contracts is that public broadcasting people are too sensitive, too focused on life's higher things, to concern themselves with humdrum business reasoning.

Cultural cost calculations can be complicated, as Bonnie Ward Simon, administrator of the Washington Chamber Symphony, recently showed when talking about the relationship of her organization to the National Endowment for the Arts: "It probably costs us as much in administrative time to fill out all the paperwork for this grant as we actually get. What it does say to certain foundations is, 'This is the impingement.' ... It's like the Good Housekeeping stamp of approval."

Speaking of subsidizing rivals, consider radio. Leonard Garment, President Nixon's White House counsel and an advocate of federal funding of culture, says the public

radio station in Dunsmore, W.Va., exemplifies why public broadcasting is necessary. That station "offers local programming that no commercial station would consider: lost dog ads, funeral announcements, school closings, junior high sports broadcasts."

But Greenville Emmet, who operates little stations in Leesburg, Va., and Lexington Park, Md., says the kind of programming Government mentions what makes small town stations like his commercially successful:

"I tried to move — not remove — the ordinary notices on one of our stations several years ago and was met with a flood of protests from listeners who relied on them to hear about their friends and neighbors. We have sponsors for those announcements, for lost pet reports, for our community event calendars, for our farm reports, stock market reports, girls' sports, etc. That kind of programming, plus local news, health reports, school board and local government meetings, is our bread and butter."

Extraneous rhetoric in defense of federal culture subsidies expresses indignation arising from an entitlement mentality on the part

of the subsidized. The peculiar hyperbole of the proffessante is especially striking. Perhaps in academia, where the liberal consensus is being challenged, argument is a lost art and hysteria substitutes for analysis.

For example, Professor Theodore Rabb, a Princeton historian, says that ending government involvement in funding for the humanities would "destroy institutions that have become vital to the health of American thought."

Rabb does not specify — how could he? — which institutions are both vital to the health of American thought and utterly dependent on a federal agency that did not exist 30 years ago.

And many such institutions actually exist, why is their form of welfare dependency an argument for the system that made their survival, unlike that of most cultural institutions, so precarious?

Clearly, the caliber of arguments on behalf of federal culture spending does demonstrate that there is room for improvement in the health of American thought.

George F. Will writes for the Washington Post.

# Smithsonian makes correct decision in altering Enola Gay exhibit

Fifty years after the end of World War II, the Enola Gay has dropped another bomb.

This one fell on the political correctness movement which sought to rewrite history and portray the decision by President Truman to unleash the atomic bomb on Japan as unnecessary overkill.

The Smithsonian Institution, guardian of the nation's history, drastically scaled down an interventionist exhibit about the atomic bombing of Japan after a barrage of charges from the American Legion and other veterans groups that the exhibit depicted Japan as a victim and the United States as guilty of an evil act.

Smithsonian Secretary I. Michael Heyman said, "I have concluded that we made a basic error in attempting to couple a historical treatment of the use of atomic weapons with the 50th anniversary commemoration of the end of the war."



Some modern historians are uncomfortable with those who once recognized that evil exists and must be defeated, not accommodated, and with great leaders who do what is right without consulting opinion polls or gurus to help them get in touch with their feelings.

David McCullough's magnificent biography of President Truman offers the kind of authenticity that should have been part of the Smithsonian exhibition. Truman had an advisory committee wrestled with the moral question and decided to use the bomb to save lives. As strange as that may sound now with hindsight, it was the right decision then — and it remains defensible 50 years later.

As McCullough notes, Japan had vowed to fight to the end. Conventional bombs and incendiary devices dropped on Tokyo March 9-10, 1945 (when more than 100,000 people died), did not bring surrender. On May 14, 500 B-29s hit Nagoya, Japan's third largest city, causing devastation similar to the recent earthquake in Kobe.

Japan's resolve did not waver. Secretary of War Henry Stimson, who had the final responsibility for recommending to Truman whether to drop the bomb, wrote: "I felt that to extract a genuine surrender from the Emperor and his military advisers, there must be administered a tremendous shock which could carry convincing proof of our power to destroy the Empire. Such an effective shock would save many times the number of lives, both American and Japanese, that it would cost."

McCullough writes, "The possibility of dropping the atomic bomb on some target other than a city; as a harmless technical

demonstration for the Japanese, had been considered by the committee and by the scientific panel, and it had been rejected."

Japanese soldiers knew no fear. Truman had seen what they did on Okinawa.

They fought from caves and pillboxes with fanatic ferocity, even after 10 days of heavy air and sea bombardment.

More than 12,000 Americans were killed and 36,000 wounded on Okinawa, and Japanese losses were 110,000 killed. Civilian deaths ran to 150,000, one-third of the population.

Gen. George C. Marshall would later explain: "The Japanese had demonstrated in each case they would not surrender, and they fought to the death ... It was to be expected that resistance in Japan, with their home ties, could be even more severe. We had 100,000 people killed in Tokyo in one night of bombs, and it had seemingly no effect whatsoever. It destroyed the Japanese cities, yes, but their morale was

affected, so far as we could tell, not at all. So it seemed fully necessary, if we could, to shock them by our action ... We had to end the war—we had to save American lives."

That's why the atomic bomb was dropped. For those who didn't (or wouldn't) pay the price of war, for those who don't know the meaning of courage and sacrifice — for such people to deny the real history, motivations and experience of those who fought the good fight is a smear on every man and woman who gave so much that we might enjoy peace and freedom in our time.

It was right and good that the politically correct view of the end of World War II was abandoned.

It was illegitimately conceived. Next time, perhaps the Smithsonian ought to consult historians who tell the truth.

Cal Thomas writes for the Los Angeles Times.

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# Report: Military questions strategy

WASHINGTON (AP)—Military commanders believe the administration has overestimated the nation's ability to fight two nearly simultaneous regional wars, a key element of the administration's military strategy, according to a congressional report released Tuesday.

The report, "Bottom-Up Review," says that the Pentagon's assumptions about equipment and response capabilities that commanders in the field are questioning, said the report by the General Accounting Office, Congress' investigative arm.

At issue is the 1993 "Bottom-Up Review" which has formed the basis for the administration's long-term defense planning and budgeting. Then-Defense Secretary Les Aspin headed the review. His successor, William Perry, played a key role in his report.

## B-1 bomber earns wings

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Air Force declared its long-troubled B-1 bomber fleet fit Tuesday after a six-month test required by Congress determined it meets reliability standards set for other bombers.

In the test, involving 24 B-1 Lancers of the 28th Bomb Wing at Ellsworth Air Force Base, S.D., the planes scored a "mission capable rate" of 84 percent, meaning that at any given time 84 percent of the fleet was ready to fly, Gen. John Michael Loh, commander of Air Combat Command, said.

Some of DoD's assumptions are questionable," the GAO concluded. "War-fighting command officials believe that DoD's concept for responding to two nearly simultaneous conflicts... may not be the best approach." The estimate of these commanders about how quickly they might respond to a second war threat and what equipment they might need "differ significantly from DoD's estimates."

The Bottom-Up Review envisions a military grade enough and agile enough to fight two major regional wars nearly simultaneously, in Korea and the Persian Gulf, for example. The idea is that potential adversaries should be discouraged from believing they could launch a war with impunity if the United States was already fighting elsewhere.

The report indicates that military commanders are questioning whether existing airlift and sealift assets would suffice to move forces to two battlefronts and whether unique military assets—such as special operations forces or Stealth bombers—could be quickly shifted from one conflict to the other.

A Pentagon spokesman did not immediately return a call seeking comment, but the GAO included a Defense Department rebuttal in its report.

"DoD views with concern the negative tenor of the GAO report, which implies the main conclusions of the Bottom-Up Review were based on incomplete, and therefore,

flawed, analysis," wrote Edward L. Warner III, the assistant secretary of defense for strategy and requirements.

Warner said Pentagon officials always assumed that more detailed military studies would be needed to "continually refine and update these assessments." He added that the GAO "fails to distinguish between broad conceptual force planning and detailed operational planning."

Among key findings of the GAO report:

- The Pentagon review assumes that military airlift and sealift assets will be improved. But the prospects for upgrading the fleet of military cargo planes remain uncertain because of developmental problems with the C-17.
- Plans to deploy Army National Guard combat brigades to a regional war fail to consider the difficulty those units are having meeting their peacetime requirements.

The strategy assumes that forces involved in peacekeeping operations would be immediately reassigned to one of the major regional conflicts. But some Army support forces and specialized Air Force combat aircraft might encounter difficulty in quickly shifting from peacekeeping missions to the battlefield.

Cancellation of the Tri-Service Standoff Atlas Missile and the Navy's F-14 improvement program raises questions about whether the armaments assumed in the Bottom-Up Review will be available.

# Poland's fate sealed at Yalta Conference

Knight-Ridder News Service

Three days after he had taken the oath of office for the fourth time, President Franklin Roosevelt set sail for Malta.

From this island, whose British Garrison had set a standard for heroism in the early days of the war, Roosevelt and British Prime Minister Winston Churchill flew to Yalta in the Crimea for a summit meeting with Soviet leader Josef Stalin. The Yalta Conference would run from February 4-11, 1945. The agenda was nothing less than the political division of the world after the war.

It had been clear for some time that Nazi Germany was beaten. Stalin had already started directing military operations in accord with a postwar vision of Soviet control over Eastern Europe. In late 1944, Stalin gave a higher priority to seizing Budapest and Vienna than to driving into Germany. One result had been the fierce campaign around Budapest that had lasted from October 1944 to January 1945.

Bulgaria and Romania had been overrun by the Red Army. But in August, the Red Army had halted its drive on Warsaw, waiting long enough for the Germans to crush an uprising by the anti-communist Polish underground, thus removing a rival to the communist faction the Soviets had established in Lublin.

Yet, while Soviet plans followed the age-old pattern of imperialism, U.S. thinking was focused on a new kind of world order.

In his inaugural address, Roosevelt had declared, "We have learned to be citizens of the world, members of the human community. We have learned the simple truth... the only way to have a friend is to be a friend." At Yalta, Roosevelt would try to win Stalin's friendship by accepting most of Stalin's proposals.

"On Poland, Stalin wanted to keep most of the territory gained in 1939 during his alliance with Adolf Hitler. The war in Europe had ended with Germany's invasion of Poland, whose independence had been guaranteed by England and France.



be that at its end, Poland was still not free. Poland merely traded one totalitarian master hostile to the West for another.

As compensation for losing land in the east to the USSR, Poland would be given territory taken from Germany—including a large part of Prussia and 12 million German citizens.

"I prefer the war should continue a little longer... to give Poland compensation in the West," declared Stalin.

This shocked Americans, whose prime concern was to end the war as soon as possible. Stalin also wanted part of Prussia, the Königsberg area, to be annexed to the USSR.

Poland was to also have a government friendly to Moscow. Stalin rejected the idea of a coalition government with the Polish government-in-exile headquartered in London. Roosevelt and Churchill pressed for a "provisional government that would contain all 'democratic and anti-fascist' parties and free elections."

Stalin agreed to early elections, but refused the demand for international supervision. An election held under the guns of the Red Army would be a mockery of the democratic process. But the U.S. accepted the supervision requirement because, in the words of Secretary of State Edward Stettinius, "the President was anxious to reach agreement and that to expedite matters he was willing to make this concession."

Roosevelt also sent Stalin a letter during the conference pleading that the "United States will never lend its support in any way to any provisional government in Poland which would be inimical to our interests... This is the fate of Poland was sealed.

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# Owners abandon salary cap

WASHINGTON (AP) — Facing growing political pressure to end the baseball strike, owners made a major shift Wednesday when they abandoned their salary cap proposal for a luxury tax.

The new offer, made as talks resumed after a 40-day break, moved the owners off their central demand to reduce player salaries to 50 percent of revenue.

While the owners had offered two luxury tax plans in November and December, those plans would have worked as caps since both contained escalators that would have raised the rates without limit until the players' share of revenue declined from 58 percent to 50 percent.

Union officials said the size of the luxury tax in Wednesday's offer was unacceptable, but the structure could lead to an agreement if owners are willing to substantially reduce the tax rates.

"By removing the cost-certainty requirement, we have removed the chief objection expressed by players," said Boston Red Sox chief executive officer John Harrington, the owners' lead negotiator. "Our proposal tracks much of the framework first offered by the union."

President Clinton, who has set a Monday-deadline for progress, continued to pour on pressure, calling the renewed bargaining a "last proposal."

Union head Donald Fehr was muted publicly in his response to the proposal, saying his side needed to analyze it overnight. Two union officials, speaking on the condition they not be identified, said the plan was unacceptable.

"It looks similar to the proposal given earlier," free agent outfielder Brett Butler said.

Away from the bargaining table, players mounted a public relations offensive, filling a hotel "war" room with fax machines and phones to get their point of view out. Players also held a party for all Senators and Congressmen at — appropriately enough — Union Station, the redeveloped train depot near Capitol Hill.

About two dozen players spent the

## Congress, Clinton told to 'butt out' of strike

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congress and President Clinton should "butt out" of the major league baseball strike and stop talking of ending the sport's exemption from antitrust laws, Sen. Slade Gorton said Wednesday.

"I feel very, very firmly this is a matter that needs to be settled between the owners and the players and that Congress and the national administration should butt out," he said.

The Republican from Washington state said discussions in Congress of repealing the antitrust exemption as a way to force an end to the strike actually could end up prolonging the labor dispute.

"One of the difficulties in reaching a settlement is the players' union thinks it can get the Congress to bail it out," he said. "My own opinion is if the president and Congress were to make an explicit statement, 'Settle your

own problems,' it would be over in two weeks."

"If they all knew at the end of negotiating no one would bail them out, they would settle it. The best thing Congress could do is make it clear we wash our hands of it and we are not going to do anything."

The exemption allows baseball to block teams from moving, such as when the Seattle Mariners were asked to leave Seattle two years ago.

"Any small market team, like Seattle or Pittsburgh or Cincinnati, is greatly benefited by the antitrust exemption and it would be a disaster to Seattle baseball if it were to be weakened," he said.

Gorton said he also is concerned about the impact on major league affiliations with minor league teams because the parent teams subsidize the farm teams, paying for player salaries and travel.

day lobbying for a repeal of the owners' antitrust exemption. The union and its consultants bought at least 600 baseballs for players to sign at the party.

The owners' plan proposes a two-tiered tax: 75 percent on the amount of payrolls between \$35 million and \$42 million and 100 percent on the amount over \$42 million.

The Detroit Tigers, under the owners' method of calculation, had the top 1994 payroll at \$56,780,020. This plan, if fully implemented in 1994, would have cost them an additional tax of more than \$20 million.

In the union's last plan, offered Dec. 22, players proposed a tax of 10 percent on payrolls that exceeded 130 percent of the average (\$40.5 million) and a 25 percent tax on the amount above 160 percent of the average (\$49.8 million). Under that plan, only three teams would have reached the 130 percent level, raising a total of just \$586,000 in tax. No team would have reached the highest level.

Several management officials, speaking on the condition they not be identified, said the numbers in the union's latest offer were less important than the framework. Even if the union counters with extremely low numbers, it could lead to negotiations that would end the sport's eighth work stoppage since 1972.

"There was a recognition by both sides that there was significant pressure being applied," Fehr said after six hours of meetings. "If we do not resolve it, we could expect more."

Talks resumed just six days before the deadline Clinton set last week.

# Shell silent on Raiders owner's announcement

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Art Shell was in his office Wednesday, not taking phone calls.

A team spokesman wasn't commenting. A team executive offered a vague statement that did not exactly carry the weight of a vote of confidence.

On Tuesday night, KNBC-TV reported that Los Angeles Raiders owner Art Davis told Shell he will no longer be the team's coach.

Mark Arteaga, Shell's administrative assistant, said Wednesday that Shell was unavailable for comment.

"At this point, I have no new information relative to the head coaching situation with the Raider organization," executive assistant Al LaCasale said from the team's headquarters in nearby El Segundo.

"To my knowledge, no news conference has been scheduled in this regard."

The Daily News of Los Angeles reported Monday that assistant coach Mike White was expected to replace Shell as coach.

Both the Los Angeles Times and KNBC reported Tuesday that Shell was in line to succeed White, but both said Davis agonized over the decision, and KNBC said it was possible Davis could still change his mind.

The Associated Press learned that the Los Angeles Times head coach in the NFL — the other is Minnesota's Dennis Green — arrived at his office early Wednesday and stayed most of the morning.

Shell, who has been with the Raiders as a player and coach for 27 years, has reportedly been offered an unspecified front-office position.

Other sources have said Shell preferred to continue as a coach rather than work in administration, and would leave the organization in search of another coaching job if he isn't retained as the Raiders head coach.

After advancing to the second round of the playoffs following the 1993 season, the Raiders were consensus preseason picks to represent the AFC in this year's Super Bowl.



Art Shell Unsure about coaching job

But they were plagued by inconsistency and controversy all season.

A 19-9 loss to Kansas City at the Los Angeles Coliseum in their final game dropped the Raiders to 9-7 and out of the playoffs.

Shell, 48, played for the Raiders as an offensive tackle from 1968-82, and was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 1989. He became an assistant coach with the Raiders in 1983 and succeeded Mike Shanahan as the team's head coach following the fourth game of the 1989 season.

Shanahan had succeeded Tom Flores as head coach before the 1988 season.

The Raiders have qualified for the playoffs in three of Shell's five full years as head coach. His overall record, including playoff games, is 56-41.

White, 58, is a former head coach of California and Illinois who was originally hired by the Raiders as an assistant in 1990 to work with ex-Raider quarterback Jay Schroeder.

He was later reassigned to coach the offensive line, a function he held during the 1994 season.

Shanahan, the architect of a San Francisco offense that carried the 49ers to their record fifth Super Bowl championship on Sunday, was named head coach of the Denver Broncos on Tuesday.

## Once the big game now lacks excitement

The Associated Press

A week ago it was shaping up as the Big Sky Conference game of the year. Now it looks like a battle of two teams just trying to get well.

But after a 22-point loss at Montana following an 18-point loss at Montana State, the Idaho State coach Herb Williams said was "the poorest performance we've had in five years," the Bengals should be well enough and wide awake by the time Boise State visits Saturday night.

"Probably the worst thing that can happen is to be wounded a bear. When a bear is wounded he becomes angry, hostile and violent," Williams said. "The bear is wounded."

The contest between Idaho State (13-4 overall, 4-2 Big Sky) and Boise State (14-4, 4-2) to break out of a three-way tie with Weber State for the Big Sky lead highlights this week's conference schedule.

Other games include Montana State (14-4, 2-3) at Eastern Washington (3-13, 0-5) and Montana (12-6, 3-2) at Idaho (8-9, 2-3) on Friday and Montana at Eastern Washington, Montana State at Idaho and Weber State (11-7, 4-2) at Northern Arizona (6-11, 3-3) on Saturday.

While Idaho State was recovering from last week's humiliating road losses after six victories in a row, injury-plagued Boise State was splitting its Montana road games and looking ragged against 1-18 Cal Poly-San Luis Obispo.

Still, coach Bobby Dye and his players seemed more upset with the size and lack of enthusiasm than the crowd of 4,907 at Tuesday's game, then with the quality of their play in an eight-point victory against a weak opponent.

"This is a team with definite concerns right now," Dye said. "They feel like what they have accomplished without so many very guys... seems to have gone unnoticed."

Seven-foot senior center John Coker is out with a foot injury for two to three weeks, and

guards Damon Archibald and Bernard Walker are still working their way back into shape after returning from knee injuries.

But while Dye asked for "some serious lovin' from our fans" and Archibald said he was ticked off by a crowd he considered "lame" at Tuesday's game, Williams held his own team responsible for last week's sieve-like defensive performance that gave up 88 points in each game.

As the Bengals shoot for their second Big Sky regular-season title this year, Williams might have been a blessing, he said.

"I think every so often we have to get hit by a two-by-four to bring us back to earth," Williams said after Friday's 88-70 loss at Montana State.

"Tonight we got hit by a four-by-eight."

Elsewhere, Montana guard Jeremy Lake has a chance to become the Big Sky's most prolific 3-point field goal shooter ever. He made five of six 3-pointers against Idaho State, giving him 165-for-his career — just three behind former Idaho star Orlando Lightfoot.

Lake, a senior, has made 50 this year alone while shooting better than 48 percent from long distance.

Meanwhile, Northern Arizona tries to regain its success at home.

The Lumberjacks won four in a row in Flagstaff before last week's 68-loss to Idaho.

But the Weber State team coming to town already has a Big Sky road victory over Boise State, and the Wildcats are coming off convincing home victories over Idaho and Eastern Washington.

Plenty of coaches would like to have Weber coach Ron Abegglen's problems.

"We played well most of the time last week, but we still tend to relax on defense when we get big leads," Abegglen said.

Kirk Smith (12 points per game on the season) and Jimmy DeCraffner (15.9 points per game) carried us in those two games."



Steve Young and Jerry Rice of the San Francisco 49ers parade with Mickey Mouse through Dlaneyland Tuesday after their Super Bowl triumph. Young and eight other 49ers were chosen to play in the Pro Bowl this Sunday.

## Young to perfect his tan before Pro Bowl

HONOLULU (AP) — Following a hectic week, a glorious victory and a jubilant celebration, Steve Young planned quite a different pace with a different goal this week — tanning on the beach and working on a tan.

Young is among nine San Francisco 49ers who were voted into Sunday's Pro Bowl, which matches the NFC and AFC stars at Aloha Stadium.

"I'm looking forward to the sunshine," Young said. "I've got some white skin to take care of."

"There's no better way to go than to spend time in Hawaii with your teammates. You also get to spend time with a lot of guys from around the league that you enjoy. The Pro Bowl is always a nice luxury at the end of the season. It's a great time."

Young, who threw for 325 yards and a Super Bowl record six touch-

downs to earn the MVP award in the 49ers' 49-26 romp over San Diego, said he was still enjoying the victory.

"I think the whole team is exultant right now," Young said. "When you win a Super Bowl, it's a special experience, especially when we played so well. And it was a great time to play so well."

While Young planned to concentrate on sunning after the daily NFL practices, some of his 49ers teammates at the Pro Bowl had different priorities.

"I've got to get some sleep," safety Tim McDonald, groomee-eyed, said before hitting the practice field Tuesday. "I haven't had any sleep since Saturday night."

McDonald said winning the Super Bowl was particularly special for

him, since he spent the first six years of his career with the Cardinals, first in St. Louis then in Phoenix, before San Francisco signed him in 1993.

"It's very fulfilling after spending all those years with an under-500 team. I finally got with a team that could win it all and now I've got a Super Bowl ring," McDonald said.

The said the excitement of the game hadn't worn off.

"That was really something. When we hit the program, you knew it was the big time. All the people out there, all the stuff going on, you knew it was something special. When I came on the field, I've never had chills like that."

Tight end Brent Jones, who five years ago was a member of the 49ers' last previous Super Bowl champion, said he felt relieved that

they had finally done it again.

"After you've been there, the toughest thing is wondering if you'll ever get back," said Jones, who had two receptions for 41 yards against the Chargers after snatching one pass, for a 75-yard touchdown, in the 49ers' 55-10 rout of Denver in the 1990 Super Bowl.

"We felt like we should have won in the playoffs for the past few years, but we kept running into roadblocks. That's why it really made this one so sweet."

Jones wants to savor this NFL championship for awhile before he starts worrying again about getting back to the Super Bowl.

"I'm going to try to enjoy this one right up until camp opens," he said. "That's something we haven't had the luxury of doing in five years."

## Runnin' Rebels play musical coaches

LAS VEGAS (AP) — The big question facing UNLV may not be how it can survive its latest road trip, but who the coach will be by the time the Runnin' Rebels return home.

Three different coaches — four if you count Rollic Massimino — have led UNLV at one time or another this season, and the situation remains unsettled in the midst of a season-long, five-game stretch of road games.

Assistant Ole Edwards became the latest interim coach Monday night, a debut spoiled when UNLV dropped a 74-73 overtime game to Long Beach State.

He replaced Howie Landis, who replaced Tim Grunich, who replaced Massimino. Who will be

the coach Thursday night against UC-Irvine is anyone's guess.

"We've been through a lot at UNLV over the years," said David Rice, the restricted earnings coach who helped Edwards run the team against Long Beach State. "But this has all been very difficult."

Grunich, who has been unable to coach since leaving the team Jan. 6 with symptoms related to exhaustion, began running practices again last week and accompanied the team to Southern California for the Long Beach State game.

Grunich practiced with the team and attended the pregame shootaround, but was back in his hotel by tipoff time. Doctors originally told him to

take six weeks off, and Grunich said he is unsure when he will return to game coaching.

"My doctor said I shouldn't even be doing this," Grunich said prior to the Long Beach game. "But I feel like it's my fault that this has happened."

Grunich, a longtime assistant to Jerry Turkington who spent three years as a highly regarded assistant with the Seattle SuperSonics before agreeing to return to UNLV as coach, is clearly less comfortable in the very public role of head coach.

When he does return, Grunich said he isn't sure how many of his other coaches he will assume. He said media demands have taken away from working with UNLV players.

# your Sports

## CSI boxing smoker draws fighters from all over

TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho boxing smoker Jan. 21 featured members of the CSI rodeo team and boxers from all over the west.

CSI won seven of the 18 bouts. The only ladies' bout of the evening was a split decision in favor of the Misty "Rolling" Stone of the CSI Pool Room over the CSI Rodeo Team's Tindra "Low Blow" Roe. Roe won a match at the Cow Palace in San Francisco in December, but couldn't overcome Stone.

The quickest KO of the evening came when Wade "The Bomber" Brown of the University of Utah Rodeo team won a technical knockout of Utah Valley's Mike "Let 'er Buck" Buckley in 36 seconds.

Wade "The Stallion" Stanton of UNLV beat CSI's Jerry "The Red Rooster" Angel in the best fight of the night.

The annual smoker raises money for the CSI rodeo team.

Complete results are as follows:  
1. Zack "The Abbot" Sheehyberger (CSI Rodeo) over Nobro "Hole High Life" Newcomb, unanimous decision. 2. Jamon J.C. Carl (CSI Rodeo) over Travis "Bad Dog" Macklin. 3. Jarvis "John Rodeo" (CSI Rodeo) over Dory "Honey Boy" Wade "The Stallion" Stanton (UNLV) over Jerry "The Red Rooster" Angel, unanimous decision. 4. "Jumper" Jean MacCabe (CSI) over Timmy "Tasty Boy" Panta, split decision. 5. "Misty" Mike McCabe (CSI Rodeo) over "Toby" Bob Lambert, split decision. 6. "Sunny" Candy Hard (Vikings Western Sore) over Mike "Hottshot" Johnson, unanimous decision. 7. Carl Eric Combs (CSI Pool Room) over Bryan "Iron" F. May "Rolling" Stone (CSI Pool Room) over "Tindra" Low Blow "Roe", split decision. 8. Carl Eric Combs (CSI Pool Room) over Bryan "Iron" F. May "Rolling" Stone (CSI Pool Room) over "Tindra" Low Blow "Roe", split decision. 9. Carl Eric Combs (CSI Pool Room) over Bryan "Iron" F. May "Rolling" Stone (CSI Pool Room) over "Tindra" Low Blow "Roe", split decision. 10. "Zane" The "Bomber" Brown (UNLV) over "Shifting" Shawn Koak 13 "Toby" Carl "Smoo" (CSI Rodeo) over Carl "The Cutler" Wells, unanimous decision. 11. Todd "Chopper" Woodward (CSI Rodeo) over Newt "The Uncle" "Larsen" Davis, unanimous decision. 12. "KO" Joe (Carl Wells) over "The Bad" John Backhouse, unanimous decision. 13. Jason "Bad News" Brown (USU) over "Larsen" Davis, unanimous decision. 14. "KO" Joe (Carl Wells) over "The Bad" John Backhouse, unanimous decision. 15. "KO" Joe (Carl Wells) over "The Bad" John Backhouse, unanimous decision. 16. Jason "Bad News" Brown (USU) over "Larsen" Davis, unanimous decision. 17. "KO" Joe (Carl Wells) over "The Bad" John Backhouse, unanimous decision. 18. Wade "The Bomber" Brown (USU) over Mike "Let 'er Buck" Buckley.

### Tracking the locals

#### Nate Kelsey

Wendell

SPOKANE — Former Wendell Trojan basketball standout Nate Kelsey scored 17 points for Spokane Community College recently in a four-point loss to Big Bend Community College in Moses Lake, Wash.

Kelsey, a freshman, hit three three-point goals and was perfect in six free throw attempts.

#### Brady Trenkle

Twin Falls

SAN DIEGO — Former

Twin Falls Bruin Brady Trenkle followed his father, CSI coach Fred Trenkle, to San Diego State University last year.

Brady has struggled as a freshman for the Aztecs since his 17-point opening-game performance against Southern California College in November.

He twisted an ankle after scoring three points against UTEP in early January and missed a couple of games.

He pulled down two rebounds in the Aztecs' most recent game, at Hawaii Jan. 28.

#### Emile Laray Shepherd

CSI

SEATTLE — Former Golden Eagle Emile Shepherd was named PacWest player of the week for his 26-point onslaught against Western New Mexico.

Shepherd, a junior guard originally from Tigard, Ore., hit all four of his three-point attempts, pounded four dunks and pulled down 11 rebounds to help the Falcons (12-5) to a share of the PacWest lead.

## Scores and stats

### Basketball

#### Girls' city league

TWIN FALLS — Final standings for Twin Falls girls' city league are as follows:

Top four teams make playoffs

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2. Sunnyside 9 1

3. T. Tigers 8 2

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7. Peninsula 4 6

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### Send us your sports

Do you know of a local sporting event that ought to be in the paper? Tell us about it!

Copy may be dropped off at the Times-News office (1323 3rd St. W.), mailed (P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, 83303-0548) or FAXed (734-5538).

Items should include first and last names and hometowns for all people mentioned, the date and place of the event and whatever scores or places won for the participants. Please include a name and number where editors can get more information if needed.

Photographs are encouraged.

### leagues standings are as follows:

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### Run/Walk results

BURLEY — Results of the Helen Jensen Memorial Walk/Run in Burley, proceeds go toward equipment and materials for the library.

5-mile run

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# Magic Valley

## Around the valley

### Twin Falls council to mull over Micron

**TWIN FALLS** - The City Council will meet behind closed doors Friday morning to discuss its stance in a regional proposal to recruit the expansion project proposed by Micron Technology Inc.

Two sites near the city are on the Boise company's short-list for a \$1.3 billion computer-chip factory that would employ 3,500.

The council's executive session begins at 8 a.m. Friday at City Hall.

### Man in critical, but stable condition following explosion

**TWIN FALLS** - A Twin Falls man was in critical but stable condition Wednesday after his house exploded Tuesday.

Police said they suspect that a gas leak caused the explosion of the home rented by David Wilson, a former firefighter.

"We just want to make sure that it was an accident, and that's the way it looks right now," said Detective Sgt. Gary Rinehart of the Twin Falls Police Department.

Tuesday, Wilson was taken to the University of Utah Burn Center after police and neighbors found him lying outside of the rubble that had been his home at 232 Ash St.

The explosion shattered several neighbors' windows and threw bits of the walls, roof and tufts of charred insulation into the trees and nearby streets. One witness said flames shot about 170 feet into the air and the explosion could be heard from several miles away.

### Fairgrounds managers expect completion of expansion deal

**FILER** - A deal to expand the county fairgrounds should be completed today, the fair's manager says.

Cindy Demoney said Wednesday that the Twin Falls County Fair Board has been negotiating with the Filer School District for almost one year to buy 30.27 acres just east of the existing fairgrounds.

"This deal has kind of taken on a life of its own," Demoney said.

County commissioners ratified the purchase Monday at \$98,260. Demoney said the price includes surveying and other miscellaneous expenses for the land acquisition. She said the cost per acre runs about \$3,200.

The fair board does not have a specific plan for the new property but might use it, at least temporarily for expanding parking and recreational vehicle facilities, she said.

### Transportation department to close Jerome I-84 rest area

**JEROME** - The Idaho Transportation Department says it will close the Jerome rest area on westbound Interstate 84 this summer because it's not needed anymore.

The rest stop, located about three miles east of the Twin Falls exit on the westbound side of I-84, will be closed for good this summer when construction starts on eight miles of the interstate between U.S. 93 and Idaho 50.

The transportation department says commercial truck stops in the area, including the Petro 2 and Oasis Truck Stops, eliminate the need for the rest area.

Demolition of the facility is expected to cost \$106,000, but the department believes it will save \$140,000 by not having to connect the rest area to the rebuilt interstate and save another \$38,000 annually in maintenance costs.

### University English professor to speak at 2nd symposium

**TWIN FALLS** - University of Idaho English professor Mary Clearman Blew will be the featured speaker tonight at the second Snake River Symposium lecture on novelist Vardis Fisher.

Blew will read from her own works and discuss writing in the West. She'll speak at 7 p.m. in Rooms 117-118 of the Shields Building on the campus of the College of Southern Idaho.

Tickets are \$3, or \$15 for the series, which concludes with a lecture by novelist Gino Sky on Feb. 9 and a performance by singer-storyteller Rosalie Sorrels on Feb. 16.

The symposium, sponsored by the CSI Honors Program, is commemorating the centennial of Fisher's birth and his contribution to western literature.

For further information, call 733-9554, Ext. 2131.

Compiled from staff reports

## Bliss and Hagerman ready to become 1 school district

By Terrell Williams  
Times-News correspondent

**BLISS** - To try to meet the needs of both Bliss and Hagerman school districts are going ahead with plans to consolidate.

Both districts need a new school, but neither can afford one on their own, superintendents say. But together, Bliss and Hagerman could build one school to meet the growing needs of both cities.

School board members of the two districts and more than a dozen citizens, met in Bliss Tuesday to put plans for consolidation in motion.

The first step, Hagerman superintendent Ron Worrell said, is for a consolidation plan to be written. This plan, he said, will combine the five zones of each district into a total of five or seven new zones in one new district. When the new zoning plan has been approved by the county commissioners and by the state board of education, there - possibly in May - voters of both districts will decide on consolidation.

If approved, the new Bliss-Hagerman district will plan a new school building. Frank Erwin of Hagerman said seven sites for the new campus are being considered, but none has been chosen yet.

When plans are complete and costs are estimated, voters will be asked to pass a bond issue to pay for the new building.

One dilemma the districts face is that consolidation needs only a 50-percent approval vote to pass, but a bond issue needs a two-thirds majority vote. So there is a possibility that the districts will consolidate for the purpose of having one new school, but then not be able to build that school.

"It's tricky," Worrell said. "You need more votes to pass the bond than to consolidate." The districts need to find out in advance what the people want, he said. If the bond issue is going to be defeated, then consolidation should be put off.

Hagerman school board chairman Pat Russell said that a poll taken by the Hagerman PTA showed that some people are in favor of passing a bond and about an

equal number of people are against it. The undecided vote, he said, is great enough to sway the vote either way.

Bliss trustee chairwoman Diane Butler said there are mixed feelings about consolidating the districts, but the need for a new facility is serious and something needs to be done soon for the good of the students.

"We have some (saying) yes and some no," she said. "We feel we owe it to the people in favor to go ahead until the vote is put to them."

Hagerman Principal Wayne Iltis said there is a mild rivalry between Bliss and Hagerman, "but it does not exist like it did 20 years ago," he said. "I think there's a real willingness to cooperate. I really do."

Bliss Superintendent Mike Stefanie said that the more information voters have, the more likely the bond issue will be successful. He predicted that committees of volunteers will be set up soon to gather information about the new school and then spread the word.

"People need information to make intelligent choices," Stefanie said.

## Sheriff pleads innocent

By Liz Wright  
Times-News writer

**JEROME** - Sheriff George Silver III has pleaded innocent to a misdemeanor charge that he had a county jail inmate fix cars and do electrical work for him.

"We view it as little more than political mudslinging," said Silver's attorney, Keith Roark. He said Silver never intended to commit a crime, and the misdemeanor charge stems from political rivalries within the Jerome County Sheriff's Department.

Silver was scheduled to appear in court Wednesday morning. Late last week, however, Roark filed a court document on behalf of Silver saying he is innocent.

In an interview with *The Times-News* Wednesday, Roark said a disgruntled department employee is blamed for a state investigation into Silver. He declined to say who the employee is.

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Investigators work at the scene of a two-vehicle accident in Hollister that resulted in the death of a Nevada woman Wednesday.

## Crash kills woman; children survive

By Liz Wright  
Times-News writer

**HOLLISTER** - A Nevada woman died Wednesday when the car she was riding in smashed into another car at the intersection of Main Street and U.S. Highway 93.

Spohn, 53, of Jackpot - who wasn't wearing a seat belt - was apparently flung through the windshield, and landed near a fence at a house by the intersection, said Cpl. Jerry Kurz of the Idaho State Police.

The 27-year-old driver, Glenda L. Robledo, was in critical condition Wednesday at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, he said. Robledo's children, Patricia, 1, and Ryan, 2, were in child protective seats and were unharmed, Kurz said. All three are from Jackpot.

The driver of the other car, Thomas C. Stacey, 42, of Las Vegas, Nev., told police he was driving south into Hollister; Robledo, who was driving toward him in the opposite lane, made a left turn and he

crashed into her, Kurz said. Stacey braked and tried to move to the right, but Robledo's car "cut a pretty sharp corner, they had been in a hurry to get through the intersection," Kurz said.

Suacey and his 16-year-old son, David, were only slightly hurt and wore seat belts, he said. They were driving a red 1975 Cadillac Seville, he said.

Stacey was "extremely shook up, I tried to explain the circumstances that he did all he could," Kurz said.

Robledo was pinned inside her car and had to be removed by cutting the door and frame of the vehicle, Kurz said.

"I really honestly believe that had they had their seat belts on, their injuries wouldn't have been as serious," Kurz said. "Thank goodness they had the sense to put the kids in child restraints."

Spohn's body was found 43 feet from where the cars had hit each other, he said. The Cadillac recoiled 24 feet upon impact, while Robledo's small car spun out and went back 37 feet, he said.

## Funding formula may leave out Blaine County schools

By Frank E. Lockwood  
Times-News writer

**BOISE** - An education funding formula that takes from the rich and gives to the poor could mean big headaches for the Blaine County School District.

Blaine County, with more than \$2 billion in assessed property, is one of Idaho's richest counties. But, barring legislative action, the day may come when Blaine County receives little - if any - school funding from the state.

Philip Homer, Blaine County School District superintendent, asked the Senate Education Committee to adopt a funding floor so that his schools aren't totally ignored by state lawmakers.

Blaine County gets 9 percent of its funding from Boise, down from the 20 percent it got in previous years. By comparison, Homer said Jerome County gets 80 percent of its funding from the state. Without a floor, Homer said Blaine's slice of state funds will get ever smaller.

"We'd rather not be a private school in the state of Idaho if we can get away with it. We'd like some state support," Homer told lawmakers.

Blaine State Schools Superintendent Anne C. Fox's budget, more than \$4 million is set aside to cover wealthy districts - or district with higher tax rates. But it's far from certain that \$4 million will survive the budgeting process.

House Education Committee Chairman Ron Black, R-Twin Falls, said lawmakers miscalculated the 1994-1995 school budget.

Salary costs are running \$10 million ahead of previous estimates.

That \$10 million shortfall means less state money for things like utilities and supplies. It also means there will be pressure from other school districts to up their share of the education fund. Black predicts the \$4 million funding floor won't make it to the governor's desk.

Blaine County officials say previous budgets included a floor to protect Blaine County. But the protection was removed on the last day of the Legislature in 1994. State Sen. Clint Stennett, D-Ketchum, said the omission appeared to be an oversight - but one with terrible implications for his constituents.

The county provides \$25 million in sales and income taxes to the state treasury, Stennett said, insisting that it's only fair for Blaine County Schools to get some of that money back.

Stennett said he hopes the funding floor will make it through the Statehouse.

"It shouldn't have any trouble, but you never know," he said.

State Rep. Wendy Jaquet, D-Ketchum, and state Rep. Tim Ridinger, R-Shoshone, are pushing the funding floor.

Jaquet said the current funding formula - if got changed - could one day force Blaine County to actually make out a check to subsidize school district in other counties.

She predicts the Legislature will remember Blaine County before it recesses.

"I think that this is a body made up of reasonable and fair people and I think they understand" the need for a floor, Jaquet said.

## State representative wants open door to home-schoolers

By Frank E. Lockwood  
Times-News writer

**BOISE** - If State Rep. Fred Tilman, R-Boise, has his way, the doors to public schools will soon be thrown open to all Idaho students - even those who attend private or home schools.

Under Tilman's plan, children who receive some or all of their education outside the public schools could participate in extra-curricular activities.

They also could study part of the day at home, while remaining in school for some classes. Tilman's "dual enrollment" plan appears to have support in the House Education Committee. Members Wednesday gave it early backing and approved the topic for further debate.

School districts now decide whether to allow participation by home schoolers. In 1993, the Filer School Board prevented a seventh grade home schooler, Gabi Gerrish, from trying out for the middle school basketball team, because he wasn't a full-time public school student.

Tilman said the logic behind his bill is simple.

"Those folks are taxpayers, paying for

a service, and they have the right to use the services. That's the bottom line," he said.

Under his proposal, the state would reimburse school districts for part-time students, Tilman added.

"Those folks are taxpayers, paying for a service, and they have the right to use the services."

State Rep. Fred Tilman, R-Boise

The dual enrollment bill comes days after the Idaho High School Activities Association proposed banning home schoolers from all extra-curricular activities, saying it was difficult to determine if non-public school students met participation requirements.

Already, key politicians are lining up behind the concept. State Schools Superintendent Anne C. Fox backs home schooler participation in extra-curricular activities. And her consultant, former Idaho Home Schoolers Association President Bob Forrey, is also a supporter.

The House Democratic leader, state Rep. Jim Stoicheff, D-Sardpoint, also has sponsored legislation that would stop the high school activities association from kicking out home schoolers.

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# Recycled highway? Pavers explain how

## Twin Falls business owners discuss their innovation before lawmakers in Boise

By Frank E. Lockwood  
Times-News writer

BOISE — It's one thing to recycle a copy of the daily newspaper or an aluminum can. But recycling a stretch of Interstate 84 is a far more ambitious project.

But a Twin Falls business, Gordon Paving Co. has done just that.

Since 1992, they've recycled 230 lane miles in Idaho, Oregon, Utah, and Nevada. This week, part-owners Craig and Kenneth Hansen introduced pavement recycling to state lawmakers in a joint hearing of House education and transportation committees.

Lawmakers peppered them with questions, anxious to find out how "hot-in-place recycling" can save Idaho money.

State Rep. Mark Stubbs, R-Twin Falls, spent part of Monday introducing the Hansens — and their business — to statehouse

movers and shakers. "This is cutting edge," Stubbs said, after the presentation. "We'll have to do this in the future."

Usually when roads begin to break down, asphalt is torn up and hauled off to landfills. Nearly 80 million tons of asphalt is dumped in landfills, by some estimates.

But the Hansens have a new approach. They heat the road surface with jumbo-sized heaters. When the asphalt reaches 260 degrees Fahrenheit, they mill it and blend in new aggregate and "rejuvenating oils."

The process removes excess moisture and eliminates potholes, cracks and ruts. Gordon Paving Company can recycle up to two miles of road

**'This is cutting edge. We'll have to do this in the future.'**

— State Rep. Mark Stubbs, R-Twin Falls

per day — at a cost that beats traditional methods. And it's less of a hassle for travelers. Gordon Paving can recycle a road without shutting it down entirely.

Gordon Paving can recycle the top 2 1/2 inches of asphalt, but they're looking for methods that will let them go deeper.

But some people are skeptical about the process. Highway projects that go awry cause headaches for transportation officials — even job loss. Ken Hansen said he understands their concerns.

"Would you risk your career and your reputation to try this?" he asked lawmakers. Besides, hot in-place asphalt recycling is a new industry — just nine years old.

"It's new and we're not 100 percent," Hansen conceded. But he said his company is building a solid track record and has numerous successful projects already completed.

Hansen said he hopes recycling will be used more frequently — not just for basket cases, emergency cases or worst case scenarios.

Legislative backing would give the industry a boost.

"We've got to have some direction from down here," Hansen told lawmakers. The current system and its regulations are tilted in favor of conventional asphalt methods, not recycling.

Hansen hopes that will change. And with Stubbs' help it might.

"I think it's extremely interesting," Stubbs said Monday, adding, "If we encourage everybody who builds roads to look at this — give them some encouragement, it might make a difference."

# Easter Idaho's top farmer wants to shift water

## Transfers total about 64 cubic feet per second of water, said Dick Larsen, a department spokesman. One cfs equals 646,000 gallons a day.

Larsen is taking land out of production because he lacks valid water rights on the Montview acreage. Water Resources Director Keith Higginson last year rejected most of Larsen's requests to transfer irrigation water from land irrigated under the federal Conservation Reserve Program.

Higginson concluded the transfers would injure existing water rights.

This year's transfers, however, are fairly routine when water is in short supply, Dick Larsen said.

Larsen also has proposed leaving 14 cfs of irrigation water in Beaver and Camas creeks to recharge the underground aquifer.

# Electrical problem caused fire in Tremonton, Utah

TREMONTON, Utah (AP) — The state fire marshal has determined a blaze that destroyed or severely damaged at least five businesses in downtown Tremonton was caused by an electrical problem in the 81-year-old Midland Hotel.

Firefighters had thought they put out the blaze caused by an electrical wire shorting out in the basement of the historic hotel early Tuesday. But old, dry wood floor joists remained hot enough to reignite, two hours later, Tremonton Fire Chief Nick Estep said.

"There was no way we could have detected it; there was no smoke or nothing. The state fire marshal said he would have done the same thing," Estep said.

The fire, which blackened nearly a half block of downtown Tremonton, also destroyed Feldman's variety store and the former Western Trails cafe. No injuries were reported.

Gary Feldman watched from across the street Tuesday as his family business was reduced to ash and rubble.

"We'll just have to figure out a way to get back into business," he said. "We've had the community encourage us. I guess it's all we can do."

Two other businesses, Hepp's Shoe & Sport Store and The Hair Line salon, were threatened by fire and sustained heavy smoke and water damage. Two tenants of the hotel made it out safely before the fire took hold.

The old hotel's thick brick walls probably saved the state liquor store, said the outlet's owner and manager Robert McLachlan said.

He considers the lack of damage to the liquor store remarkable considering the heat the blaze generated.

"We were standing across the street and you could feel the heat," McLachlan said. "The flames were going 50 to 60 feet in the air."

The state will inspect the store and determine when McLachlan could open again.

"We were lucky," said Don Christensen, owner of Hepp's, 41 W. Main St. "Someone was watching over us."

But for Feldman it was another in a string of tragedies. His brother was slain during a robbery attempt in California last month. His livelihood now destroyed by fire. And Tuesday afternoon, friends said he had gone to the hospital to care for an ailing relative.

# Nebraska Legislature seeks to snag Micron

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Lawmakers Wednesday received their first detailed explanations of three bills that supporters say are needed to attract a \$1.3 billion computer chip manufacturing plant.

The Legislature's Revenue Committee heard four hours of testimony on two of the bills named as part of the package to lure the Micron Technology Inc. plant to the Omaha area. The third bill was presented to the Natural Resources Committee.

The Boise-based company has said it will pick a location for its new plant from 13 finalists in nine states. Among them is Butte, Mont. The site should be selected by the end of this month.

## MICRON

That, says Speaker of the Legislature Ron Withem of Omaha, is a deadline that probably can be met if lawmakers take quick action on the bills. Withem, of Papillion, is the chief sponsor of the three bills.

The bill (LB828) presented to the Natural Resources Committee would allow the state's public power districts to provide rate breaks to companies that would use large amounts of electricity.

The two bills presented to the Revenue Committee were:

- The Quality Jobs program,

which is aimed at attracting projects that would add at least 500 new jobs and \$50 million of new investment. It provides a wage benefit credit equal to the new employee's actual state income tax withholding, up to a total of 5 percent of wages for ten years.

The credit is paid to the employer for use toward company training programs, employee benefit programs, educational institutional training or company workplace safety programs.

The Nebraska Redevelopment Act, which provides tax increment financing for the same types of projects if they are located in blighted areas.

Tax increment financing allows

the company to keep the difference between the taxes assessed on the unimproved property and the improved property. That money is invested in paying off the improvements.

Withem said the economic incentives would not only apply to the Micron bid but to all projects that would meet the jobs and investment criteria.

Lawmakers were told Micron's plans include \$1.3 billion in expenditures to build an 800,000-square-foot factory in five buildings on a 200-acre campus. The company would offer 3,500 jobs with an annual payroll of \$254 million. There would be an estimated 6,500 spinoff jobs created by the factory.

# New, tougher juvenile agency moves closer

BOISE (AP) — In voting 69-0 for a new state agency to handle young lawbreakers, the Idaho House left no doubt how its members feel about rising juvenile crime.

The get-tough name of the new agency says it all: The Department of Juvenile Corrections.

In a cost-conscious legislative session, there was hardly a complaint Wednesday that the bill, if it passes the Senate and is signed into law, will create a system costing at least \$2 million more than the current one.

The pressure for change intensified a year ago when a 14-year-old Boise youth murdered a police officer at New Plymouth.

Florida sponsors said hearings across the state produced much testimony that the current system isn't working because juvenile offenders had little fear of punishment.

"The current system is not meeting the needs," said Rep. June Judd, D-St. Maries.

Although the number of serious crimes committed by juveniles is up sharply, she said it isn't a system out of control. "Why should Idaho sit idly by and not react to the problem," she said.

Rep. Mike Johnson, R-Rexburg, said the current system, largely under the control of the Department of Health and Welfare, is fragmented with much confusion about authority.

"We wanted it to reflect consequences to youth who offend," he said.

Sponsors said about \$15.5 million now in the Health and Welfare budget will be shifted to the new department. It also will take about \$2 million for the transition and there has been talk of spending \$9 million for new juvenile detention, evaluation and rehabilitation facilities.

Rep. Cecil Wood, R-Buhl, said decisions won't be made on facilities until a director is hired and prepares a plan.

Counties would be responsible for much of the supervision and probation activities of youthful offenders.

# Services

Harry James O'Connor, of Jerome, funeral Mass. 11 a.m. today, St. Jerome's Catholic Church, (Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome).

James "Elmo" Lee, of Twin Falls, 4 p.m. Friday, LDS 1st Ward Chapel on Elizabeth Boulevard, Viewing, 4 to 8 p.m. today, White Mortuary, Twin Falls and 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. on Friday at the church.

Gladys B. Ellis, of Hazelton, 2 p.m. Friday, Hazelton LDS Church, Viewing, one hour before the funeral at the church, (Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls).

Paul Peter Wika, of Twin Falls, memorial service, 10 a.m. Saturday, Valley Vista Village, 653 Rose St., Twin Falls, (White Mortuary in Twin Falls).

Rhoda Olson Lee, of Kent, Wash., and formerly of Twin Falls, 11 a.m. Saturday, White Mortuary, Twin Falls, Viewing, 4 to 8 p.m. today and Friday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, Twin Falls and one hour before the funeral on Saturday at the church.

Falls, Viewing, 4 to 8 p.m. Friday at White Mortuary.

B. Wayne McCandless, of Filer, 2 p.m. Saturday, First Baptist Church, Filer, Viewing, 3 to 8 p.m. today and Friday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, Twin Falls and one hour before the funeral on Saturday at the church.

# Death notice

MARGARET WOLVERTON  
MURTAUGH — Margaret Wolverton, 78 of Murtaugh, died Tuesday, Jan. 31, 1995, at the Cassia Memorial Hospital in

Burley of a brief illness. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

# Hospitals

MAGIC VALLEY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

Some names are omitted at patients' request.

Admitted  
Tamara Griffith of Filer; and Judith Lauricira of Richfield.

Released  
Doris Reinke of Twin Falls; and Edna O'Rourke and Ferrell Bell, both of Jerome.

CASSIA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Admitted  
Augustin Esquibel, Patricia Merrell, Mattie Miller and Margaret Olson, all of Burley; J.V. Chabum of Albion; Silvia Maldonado of Hansen; Darrell Staker of Rupert; Esther Stroud of Heyburn; and Paul Woodhouse of Oakley.

Released  
Ed Burgess, Howard Chugg, Chad Clarke, Antonio Duenas, Raocla King and Mattie Miller, all of Burley; Juanes Bevard of Paul; Tammy Clark of Rupert; and Rebecca Smith of Declo.

Birth  
A baby was born to Mr. and Mrs. Scott Smith of Declo.

MINIDOKA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Admitted  
Sara Breeding and Cindy Shockey, both of Rupert; Linda Nava of Burley; and Skyler Page of Heyburn.

Birth  
A daughter was born to Sam and Raymond Breeding of Rupert.

# Obituaries

Samuel C. Bales

WENDELL — Samuel Clarkson Bales, 81, of Wendell, died Tuesday, Jan. 31, 1995, at his residence.

Sam was born June 13, 1914, in Oklahoma, the son of Walter and Myrtle Bales. He married Juanita Betty Harty on Feb. 26, 1933, and two children were born to their union, Myrtle and Wayne. She pre-

ceded him in death.

Sam served his country during World War II with the U.S. Army. He worked as a general contractor for many years, building and remodeling homes in California. He moved to the Wendell area in 1977, where he retired.

Sam is survived by two children, Myrtle Marie of San Jose, Calif., and Wayne Lafferty of Wendell, nine grandchildren, and 16 great-grand-

children. He was preceded in death by his parents and four sisters.

A memorial service will be held at 3:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 3, 1995, at Damaray's Wendell Chapel, Military honors will be given by the Wendell American Legion Post No. 41.

The family would like to thank Virginia Bushforn for her love and dedication in caring for Sam.

# Batt says tables will turn on power council's plan

BOISE (AP) — Republican Gov. Phil Batt believes the balance on the Northwest Power Planning Council is shifting to the point where he may eventually have the votes needed to overturn the council's salmon survival plan.

The council approved a plan in late December that called for drawdowns of eastern Washington reservoir to speed river flows and young salmon migrating to the ocean each spring.

Retired Democratic Gov. Cecil Andrus strongly advocated the plan, claiming the dams were the real cause for the demise of the salmon

and dropping the water below minimum operating levels was the only way to offset their impact. Andrus maintained it would take less Idaho water than the unsuccessful fish-lift program that claimed 2.7 million acre-feet of water last year.

But Batt has strongly objected to the plan, claiming it will require more Idaho water than the Andrus administration suggested. And he immediately replaced the Andrus appointees on the council with his own who oppose the drawdown plan.

The two Montana delegates to the council have held that position all along, and now Batt says

Democratic Gov. John Kitzhaber of Oregon agrees, saying there is no longer a consensus behind the Power Council approach and that a new strategy needs to be devised.

With Batt's appointment of delegates opposed, it took the delegates from Washington, Oregon and Idaho to approve the drawdown plan under the council procedures that allow a united delegation and just one other member to veto a proposal.

The same kind of majority is needed to reverse a decision, and Batt believes that "now there might be enough people on the council to support my position."

# Tax panel rejects proposals, introduces 3rd

BOISE (AP) — Freshman Rep. Milt Erhart has learned that the Idaho Legislature doesn't look kindly at state laws applying only to limited segments of the economy.

The House Revenue and Taxation Committee on Wednesday rejected two proposals from Erhart, R-Boise, to change tax law. But he did win approval for introduction of a third tax measure which would impose a tax on new construction to pay for schools.

One Erhart proposal would have cut

the state sales tax from 5 percent to 2 1/2 percent in Payette and Washington counties. Since the western Idaho counties and the Oregon border, the cities of Payette and Weiser are at a disadvantage because residents can cross the border to Oregon and buy with no sales tax in Ontario, he said.

"Down town Payette and Weiser look like ghost towns," he said.

Erhart said the state would lose \$2.1 million in annual sales tax revenue but would get it back through renewed

business activity.

Rep. Bill Taylor, R-Nampa, said the bill shouldn't be limited to the two counties. He said the Canyon County communities of Homedale and Parma have the same problems.

Erhart also ran into opposition when committee members discovered the bill would have imposed sales tax on farm implements. Rep. Jim Christiansen, D-Alberden, an implement dealer, informed Erhart that such sales are exempt from sales tax.

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Chairman Ron Black, R-Twin Falls, calls Timlan's dual enrollment plan "excellent," saying it gives greater options to Idaho parents.

But some legislators have doubts. State Rep. Jim Kempton, R-Albion, said he has reservations about the plan.

"I tend to side with athletic directors who are concerned about being able to manage competitive sports activities in the high schools," Kempton said.

State Sen. Clint Stennett, D-Ketchum, is also leaning against the legislation.

"I made a decision on that a long time ago that either you're in (public) school or you aren't. They'd have to make a pretty persuasive case," he said.

But home schoolers, in town for 1995 Home School Legislative day, gave dual enrollment positive reviews.

"They shouldn't be discriminated against just because of the building

they attend school in," said Bonnie Meyer of Wendell.

Bob Forrey agrees. Some public school advocates criticize home schoolers — saying they lack social interaction. Then they seek to bar them from extra-curricular activities that foster better social skills, Forrey said.

"What's the purpose of high school athletics? Exercise, participation, sportsmanship, and good clean fun. I'd hate to deny any child that," Forrey added.

# Sheriff

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Roark called the misdemeanor charge a last-ditch effort by investigators to pin a crime on Silver because their investigation into allegations of bribery was unsuccessful.

Last week, Deputy Attorney General J. Scott James filed a misdemeanor charge of "accepting a gift while a public servant by person subject to his jurisdiction."

Later last year, Silver told The Times-News that inmate James Caswell went to the sheriff's home to make repairs on a car owned by the sheriff's son, did some electrical work on a building owned by a friend of the sheriff, and occasionally washed cars belonging to other county employees.

Silver contacted The Times-News, saying he knew he was

under investigation and wanted to head off exaggerated rumors.

Caswell, a state prison inmate who was being housed in the Jerome County Jail, was the type of man who "literally begs to be kept active in 'M' times" by volunteering to work on projects for the sheriff, Roark said.

A pre-trial conference is planned for Feb. 23.

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# Mini-Cassia

## School district begins bond issue campaign

The Times-News

**BURLEY** — The Cassia County School District has prepared a campaign schedule for its \$21.9 million bond issue that will be decided by voters on March 14.

At least 30 meetings have been planned to inform people about the proposal, which calls for a new high school in Burley and one in Declo, a regional technical center and improvements to Oakley and Raft River high schools.

For more information on meeting times, or to request a meeting date, call the district's Central

Office at 678-6600.

The following are a list of scheduled meeting times:

**Today:** 7 p.m. at Burley Junior High School, 700 West 16th St.

**Friday:** noon at Oakley Senior Center, and Burley Lions at Woody's Cafe in Burley.

**Monday:** 7 p.m. at Oakley's high school library; 8:45 at the Elks lodge, at 1340 Oakley Ave. in Burley.

**Feb. 7:** 7 p.m. at Albion City Council in Albion.

**Feb. 8:** 7 p.m. at Mountain View Elementary School, 333 West 27th St. in Burley; 7:30 p.m. at Declo City Council at the

Declo city office.

**Feb. 9:** 7 p.m. Burley Junior High School, 700 West 16th St.; 7 p.m. at Oakley City Council at the Oakley city office.

**Feb. 13:** 5 p.m. at Raft River Electric; 7 p.m. at Declo's school gymnasium.

**Feb. 15:** noon at Price's Cafe; noon at Cavazos Mexican Food; 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the school district's Central Office, 237 East 19th St.

**Feb. 16:** 7 p.m. at Cassia County School Board meeting at the Central Office.

**Feb. 21:** noon at Best Western Burley Inn; 7 p.m. at Burley's

public library, 1300 Miller Ave.

**Feb. 23:** 7 p.m. at Albion Elementary School.

**Feb. 28:** 7:30 p.m. at Mini-Cassia Development Commission, location to be announced; 7 p.m. at Raft River High School auditorium; 7 p.m. at Dworshak Elementary School at 19th Street and Overland Avenue in Burley.

**March 3:** 8 p.m. at Burley City Council chambers.

**March 9:** noon at the Burley Senior Center on Overland Avenue; at 7 p.m. at Almo Elementary School.

**March 13:** 9 a.m. KBAR radio forum.

## New livestock rules result in confusion

By Jennifer Busch  
Times-News writer

**RUPERT** — Two lawsuits filed against Minidoka County within the past four months show that new rules for raising livestock on county land need to be better understood.

Rules about where livestock can be raised were added to the county's zoning laws in 1992. The two appeals were filed in District Court when the county denied permits for feedlots.

because the law requires 500 feet of space between a feedlot and a residence, according to the petition. A neighboring property owner has a permit to build a mobile home that would be within 500 feet of the lot, the petition said.

But the county has not followed its own rules, Tingey said, because the law defines a residence as place where someone has been living for at least three years.

"In our opinion, it's fairly clear that someone needed to be residing there," Tingey said.

Basically, the court will need to decide the definition of a residence, he said.

The other petition, filed in October, claims that the county's law conflicts with the Idaho's, because it prohibits the land owner from developing property for agricultural production.

The county limited Dayton and Sheryl Stollford's feedlot to 550 head of large cattle, the petition said, and the Stollford's had wanted 2,000 head of cattle at 50 East and 275 North.

As is typical with new ordinances, the livestock containment ordinance needs time to be worked out, attorney Brent C. Tingey said. He represents George H. Johnson, who was denied in August a permit by the planning and zoning commission to open a feedlot at 225 West and Johnson's court petition.

The county said Johnson would need to have consent from the neighboring land owner, before he could establish a feedlot there. County commissioners upheld the decision in December,

## Seeking shelter



Cattle and horses take shelter from the rain in a grove of trees near Eden Wednesday.

BUDDY CHARLES MANGINE/The Times-News

## Wolf-bounty bill dies in Wyoming House

**CHEYENNE, Wyo. (AP)** — A wolf-bounty bill was killed in the House Wednesday, falling prey to opponents who called it clearly illegal.

The bill would have placed a \$500 state bounty on wolves killed outside Yellowstone National Park.

Wolves were returned to Yellowstone last month.

One-third of the House members are ranchers or farmers, who fear the federal plan could harm their industry if wolves stray from the park and kill livestock.

After spirited debate in its first two readings, the wolf-bounty bill died quietly on a 28-32 vote on final reading.

Some of the supporters called it a symbolic victory anyway, allowing them to vent frustrations against federal interference.

"I do think that the message we sent is strong. I just hope the people back East heard it," said Rep. Roger Huckfeldt, R-Torrington, prime sponsor of HB214. "Our biggest thing we tried to get done was get the media attention and we got the media attention... Our attempt was

not to open up a free-for-all on the hunting of wolves."

A resolution was advanced to the Senate that asks Congress to allow hunting in Wyoming outside Yellowstone.

Rep. Sylvia Gams, R-Cowley, said Congress pays little attention to resolutions. The rancher, who headed the House Agriculture Committee that passed out the measure for floor debate, said it would have passed "if we had legislators with the courage to take a stand" against the federal government.

Rep. Patti MacMillan, R-Laramie, said she shared the frustrations of the agriculture industry, but could not let the state sanctify somebody violating the federal Endangered Species Act.

"We're a nation of laws and as a legislative body, it's not our job to encourage the breaking of laws," she said. "They did amend it into something that from a legislative standpoint was more ethical. But I would guess... the case for the bill was too overstated and by the time we got to third reading it just died of its own weight."

## Accident report mixup delays emergency help

**OGDEN, Utah (AP)** — A mixup caused by use of a cellular phone to report a weekend traffic accident caused a 45-minute delay in getting help to an injured woman. Such cases, authorities said, are rare.

When Larry Sexton's neighbor was involved in an accident Sunday at 400 North and Interstate 15 in Slaterville in western Weber County, he used a cellular phone to contact what he thought was the local police dispatch office.

But Slaterville's call was picked up by a dispatcher that routed his call to DeWalt County. Dispatchers then sent emergency help to 400 North and I-15 in Bountiful.

Such mixups happen rarely

because street addresses in one county seldom match those in another so closely.

Karen Wright, a Davis County sheriff's dispatch supervisor, said she thinks Sexton was far enough west to trigger the Davis dispatch center. Sexton said mobile phone company officials explained that whatever repeater you happen to be closest to bounces the call to local 911 dispatchers.

Wright said dispatchers are supposed to ask the caller for the city along with the street address, but that seemed unnecessary in this case, because 400 North and I-15 in Bountiful is an overpass area that is the site of frequent accidents.

## INEL oversight program boss plans cuts

**POCATELLO (AP)** — The new administrator of the state's Idaho National Engineering Laboratory oversight program says he wants to save taxpayers money while still protecting public health and safety.

Robert Ferguson, recently appointed by Republican Gov. Phil Batt to run the office charged with ensuring the INEL complies with state and federal environmental laws, said he will trim

the program's budget and eliminate some jobs.

How deeply he will cut will be determined after a careful analysis of the books, Ferguson said.

"We're going to try to give the citizens of Idaho their money's worth," he said. "We're still going to look at water and air. There is no question about it. They've done some excellent work. We're not going to throw the baby out with the bath water."

## Mayor defends event sponsored by anti-gay group

**MOSCOW (AP)** — Mayor Paul Agidius defended his attendance at the first Moscow Mayor's Community Prayer Breakfast, even though it was sponsored in part by a group that backed last year's failed anti-gay initiative.

Agidius, was among about 160 government, education, business and civic leaders at Wednesday's event, which the mayor said was a way to encourage unity.

"This is not official city business," he said. "It is non-denominational and it is crossing lines and getting people together. It is not the only way but I think it is a very effective way."

Among the breakfast's sponsors was Redhawk Crossing, part of Community Christian Ministries. The non-profit, non-denominational Christian group supported the Idaho Citizens Alliance's anti-gay initiative.

The ballot measure failed by 3,073 votes.

About a dozen members of the gay rights group Lesbian Avengers handed out fliers before Wednesday's breakfast and peacefully demonstrated afterward.

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## Station sues ex-anchor

**IDAHO FALLS (AP)** — An Idaho Falls television station is suing a former anchorman alleging that her leaving the station in early January to take another job amounted to a "breach of contract."

Brenda Baumgartner, who now works as the director of Community Relations at Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center, is named as a defendant in a suit filed Jan. 19 on behalf of Idaho's 8 KIFI TV. She worked as a reporter and news anchor on some evening news broadcasts.

Baumgartner began working for the station on March 19, 1994 and was bound to work until the same day in March 1996, according to a copy of the contract.

When she left KIFI to take the hospital job, it caused the station "significant damage in amount in excess of the jurisdictional minimum of this court," the suit states. KIFI is also suing for legal expenses.

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## Authorities rule on Rigby deaths

RIGBY (AP) — About one month after four deaths at a Rigby home, Jefferson County authorities say test results show the mother killed her two sons and a teen-aged girl, then shot herself.

"We're going to rule it as a triple homicide, suicide," Sheriff Blair Olsen said. Investigators waited for test results in the deaths of Mary Myers, 44; her sons, Anthony Rice, 20, and Keith Rice, 16; and Christine Danielson, 17, whom Keith Rice was dating. Their bodies were found in the basement of Myers' home on Dec. 30.

The results showed gunpowder residue on Myers' left hand, which was holding a .22-caliber pistol when her body was found, Olsen said. She died of a single shot to the left temple.

At her feet was a short suicide note, which Olsen said was in her handwriting. "There's nothing in the note that explains why she did all of this," the sheriff said.

Authorities suspected suicide from the beginning, but were unable to find a reason why Myers killed herself, Olsen said. She had not sought treatment for depression and her family knew of no history of psychiatric illness.

No signs of other murders raised suspicions in Rigby that someone else may have been involved, Olsen spelled out the most likely scenario.

**'We're going to rule it as a triple homicide, suicide.'**

— Jefferson County Sheriff Blair Olsen, on the finding that a Rigby mother killed her two children and a teen-aged girl before shooting herself.

The Rice brothers and Danielson were downstairs watching videos before Keith Rice and his girlfriend left to go outside. Mary Myers may have thought Keith Rice was going to take Danielson home.

Anthony Rice was the first person killed, with a single shot to the brain.

"He was shot before he could react," Olsen said. "There was no sign of a struggle, no sign of defending himself."

After the first shot, Mary Myers returned upstairs and authorities think she may have written the suicide note. Meanwhile, Keith Rice and Danielson were in

the garage. He gave her a Christmas present.

The couple returned inside the house and went downstairs. They were in a hallway when Myers apparently approached them from the rear.

Keith Rice was shot in the cheek and the bullet deflected into his neck. The wound would not have been fatal. He fell to the floor and was shot a second time in the forehead.

Danielson tried to run into the family room but a bullet grazed above her left eye and knocked her unconscious. She also could have survived, but Myers shot her again. She was found still clutching her gift and her unopened Christmas card.

A stray shot was fired. Myers then used the last bullet on herself.

They were not discovered until the next morning by Danielson's father, who crawled through a basement window, Olsen said.

Olsen said authorities could only speculate at the reasons for the killings.

Possible factors included Mary Myers' filing for divorce from Tom Myers on Dec. 28.

She had also filed a restraining order against her husband on Dec. 27 that ejected him from the home. Authorities had responded to two domestic disturbance calls at the house the week before the killings, Olsen said.

## Persistent protester



Benjamin White, Pacific director of Friends of Animals, unfolds banners protesting the capture of sea lions Wednesday at Shilshole Bay Marina in Seattle. White was cut free, but not arrested, earlier in morning after he chained himself to one of the floating cages off the marina used for holding the sea lions. State and federal wildlife agencies want to capture sea lions to prevent them from wiping out a run of steelhead that gather at the Ballard

## State wants claims dismissed

BOISE (AP) — Attorneys for condemned murderers Gerald Ross Pizzuto Jr. and Mark Henry Lankford contend their clients and as many as five other Death Row inmates should be allowed to return to state court to argue they received ineffective legal help with their trials and initial appeals.

The Idaho Supreme Court, with 2nd District Judge Ida Leggett sitting in as a pro tem justice, heard arguments Wednesday on the state's motion to dismiss attempts by Pizzuto and Lankford to raise a new issue on appeal.

The convictions and death sentences for both men already have been upheld by the state Supreme Court, and both have launched federal appeals.

But both also have returned to 2nd District Judge George Reinhardt III with arguments that they were denied effective assistance of counsel through the first round of state appeals because their trial attorneys were still representing them.

Reinhardt rejected those claims since they were not raised during the original 42-day period after sentencing when state law requires submission of all issues on appeal that are known or should be known.

No state Solicitor General Lynn Thomas argued Wednesday that Reinhardt was correct.

## Batt admits he should have taken shipment fight to court

BOISE (AP) — While maintaining he did what he still thinks was right, Republican Gov. Phil Batt admitted Wednesday that he probably should have fought the Navy in court rather than acquiesce to its additional eight shipments of highly radioactive waste to Idaho.

"If I had to do it again, I probably would not have accepted the shipments," Batt told reporters less than 24 hours after ending discussions with federal officials in Washington on waste storage at the Idaho National Engineering Laboratory.

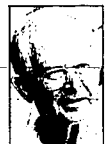
"Politically, it would have been much smarter to resist and say, 'Take me to court,'" the new governor said, "and that's what I'll do now on."

Criticism has intensified since his decision, intensified by the Jan. 24 disclosure that the Energy Department had tentatively decided to consolidate all government waste at the INEL, the Savannah River Site in South Carolina and the Hanford Nuclear Reservation in eastern Washington.

A final decision on making that scheme the government's preferred alternative among several options will not be made until spring, by a department spokesman said Energy Secretary Hazel O'Leary was all but certain to adopt it.

The governor said he made it clear to federal officials that "we have a growing crisis, in fact an intolerable situation in Idaho where we will not idly sit by and let a lot of this nuclear waste come in without protest."

Public response to his initial decision has been overwhelmingly opposed to any new waste ship-



**'If I had to do it again, I probably would not have accepted the shipments ... seeing the political capital that I've spent.'**

— Gov. Phil Batt

ments, but while Batt has reportedly said he will vigorously resist more shipments, the issue has dominated his first month in office.

"It's engulfing everything else I'm doing in my office," Batt told a White House conference on natural resources earlier in the day. "I have to have some resolution somewhere."

The eight shipments Batt agreed to accept three weeks ago were included in a court-approved agreement retired Democratic Gov. Cecil Andrus worked out with federal officials in 1993 when he blocked all other shipment to INEL until a comprehensive environmental assessment showed they could occur safely.

The Navy needed only to show the shipments were in the interest of national security to make them, and Batt said he believed they could have made that case in court so he traded accepting them for another round of promises aimed at expediting the opening of a permanent dump outside Idaho.

Although he returned from the nation's capital without any signed agreements, Batt said he secured Energy Department backing of a plan to begin storing waste at the Yucca Mountain site in Nevada within a few years —

including for the first time military waste.

The Nevada dump, originally designed to handle only commercial nuclear waste, is not scheduled to open officially until 2010.

And Batt again pledged to use whatever resources he can muster, including what he said were a variety of legal actions, to block any additional shipments the government attempts to make without first providing an ironclad timetable for opening a permanent dump that includes financial penalties paid to the state if the timetable is not met.

"We are not going to stop the production of nuclear waste," Batt said. "It continues apace. While we can resist this material, and in some instances be successful, until we get those repositories open we will not be rid of this problem."

Batt also sought reassurance from Assistant Energy Secretary Thomas Grumbley that the government would not attempt to move any of the commercial waste from a Colorado nuclear plant that was successfully blocked by Andrus. While not getting the assurance, Batt said Grumbley admitted the state had "a powerful argument not to accept that material."

## Bank employee helps police nab escapes in Washington

PULLMAN, Wash. (AP) — An alert bank employee is credited with helping police Wednesday capture two inmates who walked away from an Idaho prison.

The employee heard broadcast descriptions of the two North Idaho Correctional Institution escapes and called police when he saw two men standing on a downtown Pullman sidewalk about 8:45 a.m., Pullman Police Sgt. Chris Tennant said.

Officers contacted the two men and determined they were Henry G. Andrus Jr., 22, and James H. Moore, 20. They were arrested without incident, Tennant said.

of the Cottonwood prison's dormitory, where the men were last seen Tuesday evening. It was not immediately known how they made their way to Pullman. The two were considered minimum security risks, Warden Jim Rehder said. Both were enrolled in school and were scheduled to go before a review board in parole hearings within a month.

Neither had ever been a discipline problem, Rehder said. Andrus was serving a two-to-seven-year sentence for a burglary conviction in Kootenai County. Moore had been sentenced to one to five years for intimidating a witness in Canyon County.

## Forest Service to recover burned trees from Payette

McCALL (AP) — The U.S. Forest Service has announced plans to recover timber from the monumental fires which burned the Payette National Forest last summer.

"We now have proposals for people to review and give their thoughts," Payette Forest Supervisor Dave Alexander said. The Corral, Blackwell and Chicken fires burned tens of thousands of acres of dry timber. The

Forest Service has created four post-fire groups.

The Main Salmon River project involves the salvage harvest of fire-killed and imminently dead trees on about 8,800 acres in the Elkhorn, French, Fall and Carey Creek drainages. About 3.5 miles of new logging roads are called for and 45 miles would be improved.

The Lower South Fork Salmon River project involves 4,850 acres in the Smith, Pony and Elk Creek

drainages. The timber would be removed by helicopter.

The Fall Creek project would salvage trees on 1,000 acres. All three projects would require environmental impact statements and amendments to the forest management plan.

The Forest Service expects draft statements in May and a final decision in August.

In addition, the North Fork Payette River project covers 5,700

acres in Bruhh, Pearl, Outlet, Twenty-nine, Hendries, Clootchman, Cougar, Wilson and Fisher creeks. A few miles of road would be reconstructed.

That project would be included in an environmental assessment. A copy of the assessment will be available in April, with a June decision.

The Forest Service also proposes tree planting and building nesting boxes for owls and goshawks.

## Residents seek to recall sheriff

MOSCOW (AP) — Latah County Sheriff Joseph Overstreet has officially become the target of a recall effort by citizens.

The citizens, calling themselves SORÉ (Sheriff Overstreet Recall Effort), listed their accusations in a qualifying petition filed Tuesday at the Latah County Courthouse. They claim, among other things, that he is "unprofessional" and "has disregard for the county."

Overstreet denies all the allegations. If the petition is accepted by County Clerk Susan Peterson, a new recall election, members of SORÉ will have 60 days to collect 4,504 signatures needed for an election. More than 8,000 people would have to vote in favor of the recall to oust Overstreet.

"We believe he is unprofessional in his position and lacks the qualities needed to be an effective sheriff," the petition reads. It also alleges that Overstreet is responsible for "a large turnover in personnel and low morale," as well as thousands of dollars in attorney fees and court settlements connected to personnel cases.

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DEAR ABBY: Before the holidays, you published a letter from "Heartbroken in Utah," who wrote that had suffocated her 7-month-old son, Adam.

Another mother of a small child wrote to say that her child - still in his crib - had pulled the cotton stuffing out of a small hole in his mattress and stuffed it into his mouth.

DEAR ABBY: We, too, suffered greatly when a nice attended my daughter's baby shower, bringing with her an album filled with pictures of her two-month trip to Central America.

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Soap fans bubble with anger at Simpson trial

The Washington Post Pam Arnold doesn't care if O.J. Simpson is innocent or guilty, but she does care if Erica finds out who stole the missing leopard and if Louie Grady uncovers the truth about HIV when he raped her last summer.

"I'm hating life," said Arnold, pondering the prospect of facing much of the winter without daily doses of "All My Children" and "General Hospital."

Like a lot of soapaholics, Arnold, 31, was in a lather. First there was a week of rumors that "The Young and the Restless," "Days of Our Lives" and the others might be preempted for up to six months.

They got but admitted that the fans made themselves heard. "We had a very understandable reaction," said Ray Faiola, director of audience services for CBS.

Then a compromise of sorts was announced. Representatives of NBC, CBS and ABC said they plan to preempt regular daytime schedules only for the opening and closing arguments and for particularly newsworthy events in the trial.

So the good news is there will be soap. The bad news is there will be unpredictable interruptions.

Terri Melville, 31, a Stafford, Va. housewife who babysits for her own brood of four and some of her neighbors' children, said it's still not enough.

"If they're trying to soothe the fans, it's not working," Melville said. "We want to watch the soaps, and we know these guys are just putting these things on to make us happy. It's not working."

Like other fans, Robert is happy with the networks' plan to scale back day-long coverage in favor of updates.

For Arnold, a wife, mother and secretary for the Department of the Navy, the soaps are a much-needed escape from a hectic routine.

Jerome honor roll

The Times-News JEROME - The first semester honor roll at the Jerome Middle School has been announced. The following students have achieved high grades.

EIGHTH GRADE High Honors: Jacki Bynum, Francesca Cantone, Chuck Dalton, Ellen Driessel, Sherri Ford, Kara Holyoak, Elizabeth Jackson, Amber Olsen, Megan Otto, Matt Prescott and Brooke Thompson.

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Burley honor roll

The Times-News BURLEY - Burley High School has released its first semester honor roll. Listed below are students who have achieved high grades.

SENIORS Corey Atkins, Summer Beck, Casey Leon Crowley, Joseph Geigle, Lane Gibbons, Gabriel Granata, Adam Hansen, Cori Anna Harris, Ryan Holmes, Peggy Hurst, Melinda Manning, Wesley Millard, Marcel Petersen, Krista Ann Randall, Candace Ricks, Brenda Rogers, Andrea Smith, Esela Tellez, Jud Robert Vorwaller and Cammie Wilcox.

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3.5-4.0: Amy Albertson, Sarah Dawn Johnson, Megan Petersen, Wendy Ramsey, Justin Ross, Kevin Toner, Sterling Allen, Janelle Blair, Rebecca Blauer, Hillary Bray, Mundee Brookshire, Chelsea Clayton, Heidi Holbrook, Becky James, Hillary Knowles, Krestia Larsen, Amanda Meredith, Tony Newt, Jason Nelson, Ben Adams, Ashley Albertson, April Nina, Kathryn Oviatt, Chris Wiberg, Maren Ashlman, Jennifer Bauer, Thomas Bowen, Amber Couch, Dianna Dayley, David Dille, Tyson Downs, Melissa Handy, Samantha Howard, Isaac Lee, Gray Hill, Yvelaine Shaw, Joshua Terry, Tiffany Tolman, David Tuft, Candi Albert, Oscar Bardales, Meghan Levi, Sylvia Martinez, Corey Rasmussen, Curtis Spevak, Kristen Young, Sarah Aldrich, Heather Boyer, Rebecca Harper, Sarah Harris, Sommers Hunt, Nicholas Johnson, Guinevere Meline, Hazel Patterson, Greg Roth, Nichole Turner, Roxa Van Tessel, Kassie Eames, Timothy Lynch and Thad Nelson.

Bliss honor roll

The Times-News BLISS - The first semester honor roll from Bliss Junior/Senior High School has been announced. Students achieving high grades are listed below.

Honors: Kristin Bennett, Teri Case and Darin S. Jensen.

Honors: Holly Beard, Samuel Bishop, Jorge Campos, Lori Theberge and Jennifer Wagstaff.

High Honors: David Bishop, Amy Moreland, Danielle L. Thompson and David C. Wilkins.

Honors: Dave Brizendine, Jared Cline, Brian D. Oney and Tyler Victor.

Honors: Carrie Lawson.

FRESHMEN High Honors: Jeremy Couch, Mandy Faulkner, Chris Huffman, Heather

Huffman, Tracy J. Oney and Ryan J. Wood.

Honors: Nicholi Bennett and Kimberly B. Hammond.

EIGHTH GRADE High Honors: Mark Bennett, Havilah K. Bishop, Tara Brizendine, Jennifer J. Gims, Amy Gough and Vanessa Jans.

Honors: Micky Beard, Martha Diaz and Jenny Sawyer.

SEVENTH GRADE Honors: Leif P. Bowler and Dana M. LaCroix.

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# Comics

**Peanuts** By Charles M. Schulz

DON'T MELT MY SNOWMAN!  
DON'T! DON'T! PLEASE, DON'T!  
STOP! PLEASE, STOP!! STOP!!  
RATS! YOU CAN TALK TO THE MOON, BUT THE SUN WON'T LISTEN.

**Calvin and Hobbes** By Bill Watterson

IF A GROUNDHOG SEES HIS SHADOW TODAY, WE'LL HAVE SIX MORE WEEKS OF WINTER.  
SO YELL IF YOU SEE ONE.

**B.C.** By Johnny Hart

HOW COME YOU GOT A FORKED TONGUE?  
SO I CAN GUP UP TWICE AS MANY ANTS AS YOU DO.  
EVERYBODY WANTS TA GET INTO THE ACT.

**Garfield** By Jim Davis

I'M IMPROVING MY MIND.  
YOU SHOULD TRY IT SOMETIME.  
OKAY?  
NOW WHAT CAN I DO TO IMPROVE JON'S MIND?

**Hi and Lois** By Chance Brown

I ASKED YOU TO BRING ME SOME MILK.  
I'M NOT CUT OUT TO BE YOUR WAITER.  
PASS THE BUTTER.  
I'M NOT CUT OUT TO BE YOUR SLAVE.  
YOU MAKE ME SICK!  
I'M NOT CUT OUT TO BE YOUR DOCTOR.  
CUT IT OUT!!!

**The Wizard of Id** By Brant Parker & Johnny Hart

HOW LONG HAVE I BEEN IN HERE, TURKEY?  
TWENTY-ONE YEARS.  
HOW DO YOU KNOW THAT?  
I'VE HAD THE SEVEN-YEAR ITCH THREE TIMES.

**Hagar the Horrible** By Chris Browne

WE'RE GOING TO A PARTY AT THE ERIGSONS' TONIGHT AND SHE SAID WE SHOULD DRESS CASUALLY.  
OKAY, I'LL BE RIGHT OUT.  
LET'S GO.

**Beetle Bailey** By Mort Walker

WHAT KIND OF RATING DID YOU GET, BEETLE?  
PERFECT.  
BOARD REVIEW TODAY.  
THEY FOUND ME FRIENDLY, CREATIVE, INTELLIGENT, INDEPENDENT... AND A LOUSY SOLDIER.

**Frank and Ernest** By Bob Thaves

**LOANS**  
I'M NOT SURE EXACTLY HOW MUCH I'LL NEED, SO LET'S MAKE IT AN EVEN ZILLION!

**The Born Loser** By Art Sansom & Chip

CAR STUCK IN THE ICE AND SNOW, EH, STEVE?  
SECOND TIME THIS WEEK!  
YOU NEED TO GET ONE OF THOSE FOUR-WHEEL DRIVE VEHICLES!  
THIS IS A FOUR-WHEEL DRIVE!  
I'M GOING TO GET A ZAMBONI!

**For Better or For Worse** By Lynn Johnston

A COUPLE OF WEEKS AGO, I AGREED TO TRY A VEGETARIAN DIET. YOU KNOW, TO SEE IF WE FELT BETTER OR SOMETHING!  
IT WAS ELVIS' IDEA. I DID IT FOR HIM. AND I REALLY TRIED, BUT I WAS GAINING WEIGHT ISN'T IT?  
WHAT MADE YOU GET OFF THE WAGON?  
AND I LOST IT!

**Blonde** By Dean Young & Stan Drake

I'VE BEEN WORKING ON A BUDGET FOR OUR HOUSEHOLD BUDGET.  
I REALLY HAD TO CUT DOWN ON OUR EXPENSES.  
DID YOU MAKE ENDS MEET?  
NO, BUT THEY'RE CLOSE ENOUGH TO WAVE AT EACH OTHER.

**Pickles** By Brian Crane

HOW ARE YOU FEELING THESE DAYS, ORLY?  
OH, PRETTY GOOD.  
HOW ABOUT YOUR PARENTS? DID THEY ENJOY GOOD HEALTH?  
OH, YES. THEY LOVED IT!

**Dennis the Menace** By Hank Ketchum

WHEN YOU SMELL LIKE YOU'RE FULL OF BALONEY!

**The Family Circus** By Bill Keane

"I don't even wanna THINK about PJ getting into the Terrible Twos."

**Sydney Omarr Horoscope**

IF FEBRUARY 2 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You did right in being a relationship that was "going nowhere." You are family-oriented, emotional, romantic, psychic. You love good food, at times it is necessary to "baffle the scales." Capricorn, Cancer-born persons play important roles in your life. You are progressive, inventive, unorthodox. Current cycle coincides with fresh start, independence, a different, exciting kind of love. Travel in February, rebuilding bridges in March. July most memorable month of 1995.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19): Family member temporarily confined deserves visit. Accent good will, explain participation in exciting project. You'll get cooperation, possible funding as result.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20): You're invited to join social group - intellectual bent includes book reviews. Lunar position highlights fulfillment, speculation, added spice in your life.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20): Verify information and signatures. You'll be dealing with people who are knowledgeable, accustomed to giving orders. Promote humor, laugh at your own foibles.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22): Don't be swayed by old-fashioned arguments. Create your own tradition, rebel, make crystal-clear you know what you're talking about and will not budge from principles. Virgo involved.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): Someone cares! Gift received symbolizes love, could be valuable gem. Focus on domestic adjustment involving lifestyle, where you live, marital status.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): It's legal! Focus on rights, permissions, ability to see through sham. Individual with nefarious reputation attempts to intimidate. "What you do not feel legal!" It is legal - respond accordingly!

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Those who claimed you could not bring order out of chaos will be embarrassed, will offer apologies. Relationship, not without controversy, is again exciting.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Universal Product has universal appeal, deserves promotion in effort to attract wider audience, including overseas. Focuses moon relates to creativity, stimulation, style.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Freedom! You break free from prison of "preconceived notions. You gain greater freedom of thought, action. Wear bright colors, let people know, "I am the very best - take a good look!"

**CAPRICORN** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Familiar places and faces! In many ways, it is de ja vu. You'll enter political arena, debate on principles could lead to "interesting" relationships.

**ACQUIES** (Feb. 19-March 20): They will know you were here! You make an impact, you toss aside frivolous material, you'll end situation, relationship that draws from you, gives nothing in return.

**Yesterday's Puzzle solved:**

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**Does talent fare best alone?**

Can several talented people do more together than they can do alone? Toss that electrical query into the collective conversation, and see what comes up. Some experts insist true talent always works best alone. Among those who think otherwise are movie producers, symphony conductors, and football quarterbacks...

If it looks exactly like a miniature human hand print, it's either the footprint of a raccoon or the handprint of a miniature human.

How can superconductors carry electricity without resistance?

A. Electrons therein pair up, and synchronize their movement, thus to avoid bumping into each other. Like dancers. Some dancers, anyway.

Q. Has a silent film ever won the Best Picture Oscar?

A. Only one - "Wings" in 1927.

Will love make it right? The actress Betty Davis in 1962 wrote: "Love is not enough. It must be the foundation, the cornerstone - but not the complete structure. It is much too pliable, too yielding." She died in 1989. Report is half the \$1 billion spent on

**L.M. Boyd**  
What's what?

Q. Why did the rich scientist James Smithson of England endow a strictly American venture, the Smithsonian Institution, instead of some worthy British enterprise in his field?

A. He didn't say. Scholars think it was because security-seeking clergymen with inappropriate credentials had taken over the science trusts at Oxford and Cambridge. Serious students fled. British science waned.

Takes about a week for a newborn lion cub's eyes to open.

Though an orangutan lives almost entirely in trees, it does not vine-swing. Tarzan-style, but moves from "tree to tree most deliberately, selecting appropriate limbs with certain care. Even so, it can cross the arboreal crown faster than a man can run the path.



# Cuban refugees reluctantly return to U.S. base on their island nation

PANAMA CITY, Panama (AP) — A dejected group of Cuban refugees returned Wednesday to the American naval base at Guantanamo Bay, reluctant prisoners of a foreign power on the same island they risked their lives to flee.

"It makes no sense," one said. With salsa music playing and a sign wishing them luck in Spanish, the first 100 Cubans from refugee camps along the Panama Canal boarded a Boeing 727 charter under heavy U.S. military guard Wednesday morning. Ahead was the two-hour flight to Guantanamo Bay on Cuba's eastern end.

Many waved at reporters before the American Trans Air plane took off at 7:30 a.m. Salsa music vibrated from speakers set up by soldiers.

"Adios, Panama!" one Cuban man yelled before boarding the plane.

Five hundred refugees were to be transferred to Guantanamo by the end of Wednesday and each following day until all are moved — 7,500 total.

By the time the first group departed, soldiers in camouflage fatigues were preparing a C-141 military plane for the second flight and moving the good luck sign to the other end of the tarmac. The second flight took off about 90 minutes later.

About 240 Cubans identified as troublemakers from December riots are to be returned in shackles but were not on the early flights Wednesday.

"Everything is going pretty smoothly," said U.S. Army Col. David Holland, a military spokesman. "We haven't had any resistance today from the Cubans."

Many say conditions are poor at Guantanamo, which is American soil and held 20,402 Cubans as of Tuesday.

Others believe, as Jorge Sanchez Guerrero does, that the worst part is being caught between politicians and politicians — President Clinton and their nation's leader, Fidel Castro.

"It makes no sense to send us back to Cuba, even if it is to an American military base. It is a step backward," the 26-year-old engineer said Tuesday, standing outside the large green tent that has been his home for five months.

"It is like we are a ball that Clinton and Fidel are playing with," he said. Beginning in September, nearly 8,500 Cubans who fled their country on rickety rafts and inner tubes have slept on military cots in camps surrounded by chain-link fences topped with razor wire. They were brought from Guantanamo Bay because of overcrowding.

Panama agreed to allow the Cubans



A Cuban refugee makes his way past U.S. military security personnel and toward an airplane that will take him and several others to the U.S. Naval base in Guantanamo.

to stay until March 6.

At Guantanamo, where the first refugees' plane arrived about 10 a.m., Marine Gen. Raymond Ayres said facilities have improved substantially since they were shipped out in September.

He said 522 "hardback" tents with wooden floors have been built, each with space for 16 to 23 people. Another 1,400 tents will go up by April, he said.

"My planning is that we will do this indefinitely," Ayres said.

President Clinton last year departed sharply from the longstanding U.S. policy of accepting almost all Cuban refugees. He declared illegal Cuban immigrants no longer welcome.

Only 1,171 of the Cuban refugees interned in Panama have obtained U.S. visas — either because they were sponsored by American relatives or were minors, orphans or chronically ill.

## Peres says Israel won't sign no-nukes pledge

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israel, which refuses to say whether it has nuclear weapons, won't sign the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, Foreign Minister Shimon Peres said Wednesday.

The treaty, signed by more than 160 countries, is up for renewal in April. Egypt has threatened to block U.S. efforts to extend the treaty unless Israel joins it as well.

At a news conference in Cairo today, Egyptian Foreign Minister Amr Moussa repeated Egypt's refusal to re-sign the treaty unless Israel does.

If Israel signed the treaty, it would have to end its policy of nuclear ambiguity which has served as an effective deterrent against hostile nations such as Iraq and Iran, Peres said.



Flood waters from the River Maas cover a camping site near the town of Roermond, close to the German border in Southeast Holland Wednesday. An estimated 250,000 people have left their homes in Holland, as the country suffers its worst floods in over 40 years.

# Soldiers sling sandbags to fight flood; 250,000 flee to high ground

TIEL, Netherlands (AP) — Soldiers sling sandbags and tried to battle Mother Nature as flooded rivers made water refugees Wednesday of almost 250,000 people, the biggest exodus in Dutch history.

Despite the efforts, one dike was breached and water poured into the town of Ochten.

Soldiers were pressed into duty Wednesday to reinforce dikes weakened by the rampaging Maas and Waal rivers, which have been bearing the brunt of Western Europe's recent flooding and snow melt-off.

Although water levels in this low-lying province were dropping by nightfall, the rising river waters, spread northward, forcing Kampen, a town of 40,000, to build a second emergency dike. Kampen lies along the IJssel River, just south of the vast inland lake known as the IJsselmeer.

Evacuees clogged highways with traffic jams several miles long in their rush to high ground with only what they could carry in their cars and trucks. Livestock shared space with washing machines, as residents of Gelderland and Limburg provinces packed up their lives.

evacuation orders, which if violated include fines and jail.

Riot police were sent into the eastern section of the Waal city of Gorinchem to forcibly evacuate the remaining 4,000 residents.

"I'm absolutely not going to leave," said Paul Gremmen, who owns a furniture factory in the Waal town of Wamel. "If the water breaks through, I have to save the expensive computer-controlled machinery."

Queen Beatrix, 57, splashed through puddles in her green rubber boots to chat with evacuees and comfort those about to leave their homes. The flood waters that continued to decline in the rest of northwestern Europe regained their fury as they poured into the southeastern Dutch lowlands guarded by 300 miles of dikes.

The Finance Ministry put the price tag for a "worst-case scenario" of dikes bursting it up to \$46 billion.

A second Dutch fatality was reported Wednesday, a 62-year-old woman who fell into the Waal a day earlier with her sister while walking their dog along a dike in Wijnssen. Her 52-year-old sister died Tuesday. That brought the official death toll

from the European floods to 29, including 16 in France, four in Germany, five in Belgium, one in Luxembourg and one in Austria.

Barge traffic along the Waal, which connects the world's largest port of Rotterdam with Germany via the Rhine, has been shut down to prevent damage to the dikes.

Flood waters throughout Germany were on the decline, with the exception of the Kleve district, which is on alert should a dike break across the Dutch border.

In Cologne, the most heavily flooded of German cities, the water level receded to 23 feet, 3 inches from the record 34 feet, 7 and one-third inches Monday.

Although flood waters were receding in France, the far-north Ardennes area remained badly flooded.

The flooding was the worst natural disaster to hit the Dutch since 1953 when a North Sea storm surge washed away 1,800 people in the southwestern province of Zeeland.

But in terms of refugees, the current crisis surpasses even the World War II battle of Arnhem in 1944, which forced 180,000 people from their homes.

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Officials expect battles over the airport and sea port when the last peacekeepers leave the country in several weeks. Rival clans jockeying for position ahead of the pullout have been fighting for two months, killing at least 200 people.

# Warlord's militia occupies, loots former U.S. embassy

MOGADISHU, Somalia (AP) — Somali militiamen swarmed into U.N. headquarters Wednesday moments after the last peacekeepers pulled out and began picking the 80-acre compound clean.

Looters carted away wood, chairs, sewage pumps, wiring, light fixtures and other salvageable items in cars, trucks and wheelbarrows. Some looters complained that more valuable items had been removed.

It was the second time in four years that the former U.S. Embassy has been looted. It was stripped in January 1991 after American diplo-

mats abandoned it during fighting that toppled former dictator Mohammed Siad Barre.

Washington later transferred the compound to the United Nations, which is giving it back to the United States as its mission in Somalia ends.

The compound contains five major permanent buildings and several lesser ones. The United Nations put up hundreds of prefabricated structures, but most were dismantled and removed before the compound was abandoned.

Hundreds of armed men loyal to

warlord Mohamed Farah Aidi took over the compound, located in the southern half of Mogadishu controlled by Aidi. Rival warlord Ali Mahdi Mohamed controls the northern part of the capital.

U.N. peacekeepers, scheduled to withdraw from the country by April, stopped using the buildings in mid-January and moved to more secure airport property. They continued guarding the compound while they removed most valuable items.

They finished Tuesday night and withdrew from the compound Wednesday morning, said George

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## Artistic director named at La Scala Opera

MILAN, Italy (AP) — A Romanian-born composer and music scholar was named Wednesday as the artistic director of the renowned La Scala opera house.

Roman Vlad worked at La Scala as a consultant following the resignation of the previous artistic director, Alberto Zedda.

Vlad, 76, moved to Italy in 1938 and lives in Rome.

He has served as superintendent of the Rome Opera and director of the Rome Philharmonic Academy.

His is the author of several books and articles, including a monograph on Russian composer Igor Stravinsky.

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Street Fighter (13) 7:00-9:00  
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StarGate (13) 7:10-9:20  
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Legends of Fall (R) 6:45-9:30  
Sat-Sun 1:15-4:00-6:45-9:30

Higher Learning (R) 7:15-9:40  
Ends Tonight

Dumb/Dumber (13) 7:30-9:40  
New Showtimes Tomorrow

Nell (13) 7:00-9:15  
Sat 12:15-2:30-4:45-7:00-9:15

Highlander 3 (13) 7:00-9:00  
Sat-Sun 1:00-3:00-5:00-7:00-9:00

Jungle Book (G) 7:00  
Ends Tonight

Fat From Home (PG) 7:00  
Sat-Sun 1:00-3:00-5:00-7:00

Little Women (13) 7:00-9:15  
Ends Tonight

Houseguest (PG) 7:30-9:40  
Sat-Sun 12:45-3:00-5:15-7:30-9:40

Demon Knight (R) 9:15  
Ends Tonight

Michael Douglas - Demi Moore

Disclosure (R) 9:00

Swan Princess (G) \$1.50  
Sat-Sun 12:30-2:15

**World**

**Briefly**

**Injured Marine still in intensive care**

LANDSTUHL, Germany — A U.S. Marine wounded in a shooting in Albania last week remains in serious but stable condition while a second has returned to duty, the military said Wednesday.

Lance Cpl. Anthony Miller, 19, of Monteville, Alabama, remained in intensive care, said Marie Shaw, spokeswoman for the U.S. Army's Landstuhl Hospital in southern Germany. She refused to provide other details.

Lance Cpl. Bobby E. Martin, 19, a resident of Fayetteville, North Carolina, was released from the hospital Sunday, Shaw said. Both men are from the 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit, based at Camp Lejeune, N.C. They were wounded Friday in a shooting at a bar in Durres, Albania, where the U.S. Navy ship USS Ponce docked for the first joint exercise involving NATO and Albanian forces.

**Merrill's Marauders complete tour**

RANGOON, Burma — Twenty-five veterans of World War II's famed "Merrill's Marauders" completed a 10-day visit to their old combat zone Wednesday.

The veterans, U.S. Army volunteers who took their nickname from their commander, Gen. Frank Merrill, served in Burma's jungles as the only unit of regular American soldiers to fight on the Asian mainland during the war.

Returning veterans, led by retired Brig. Gen. L. Robert Caster, 84, visited old battlegrounds including Myitkyina, which they once wrested from Japanese control. "We expected to find Myitkyina as we left it — flat — but we find it to be a prosperous and huge city," retired Brig. David Quid said at a news conference before the group departed. "We are very happy with the wonderful hospitality of the local people."

**Finnish official resigns following stroke**

HELSINKI, Finland — Foreign Minister Heikki Haavisto, who negotiated Finland's entry into the European Union, announced his resignation Wednesday, 10 days after undergoing surgery for a brain hemorrhage.

He will step down when Prime Minister Esko Aho's ruling Center Party decides on a successor. Haavisto told Aho he was resigning for health reasons.

**Explosion kills 1 on Burundi bus**

NAIROBI, Kenya — A grenade exploded on a crowded bus in the Burundi capital of Bujumbura Wednesday, killing one person and injuring four others.

It was not clear if the grenade was thrown into the bus or detonated by someone inside, said Lt. Col. Nicodemus Nduhirubusa, a military and security adviser to Prime Minister Anatole Kanyenkiko.

Authorities also do not know if the blast was linked to a general strike call that grew out of Burundi's chronic tensions between the Hutu and Tutsi ethnic groups.

The Tutsi-dominated opposition has demanded Kanyenkiko's resignation, claiming he supported Jean Minani, a former National Assembly speaker suspected of inciting Hutus to kill Tutsis in 1993. Minani, who denied the charges, resigned last month.

**Teen lovers die in suicide pact**

LISBON, Portugal — Frustrated by family opposition, two teen-age lovers committed suicide together by using what police believe was a lethal dose of pesticide.

The 15-year-old schoolgirl, Anabela Lopez, and her 17-year-old boyfriend, Francisco Renato Victoria, were found dead in each other's arms at sundown Tuesday, lying under a tree across the Tagus River from the capital city of Lisbon.

Nearby, police found a letter to the couple's families, Miss Lopez's schoolbooks and an empty flask of a powerful insecticide.

Scrawled on a page from a school notebook, the teen-agers blamed their families for a "lack of understanding."

**Marcos' son to run for Philippines seat**

MANILA, Philippines — Propelled by a sense of dynasty, the only son of the late dictator Ferdinand Marcos entered the Senate race Wednesday, leaving to the race his father took to a 21-year rule.

With an estimated bedrock of more than 2 million diehard Marcos supporters, Ferdinand "Bongbong" Marcos Jr. has a good chance.

About 1,000 supporters and star-struck government employees, most of them women, jammed the halls of the elections commission building when the 37-year-old Marcos arrived to formally declare his candidacy.

Compiled from wire reports

**Russians attack town packed with refugees**

SAMASHKY, Russia (AP) — Russian forces pummeled a Chechen town packed with refugees Wednesday, only hours after residents mournfully loaded corpses onto trucks from a fierce overnight assault.

Crowds of residents fleeing the attacks on Samashky described a hellish night in which Russian forces pounded the town from three sides with tanks and artillery, and helicopters strafed it for hours with machine-gun fire. Many homes were reported destroyed and several fires were visible from a Russian checkpoint two miles from the center of Samashky, a town largely untouched by the war until this week.

The Russian attacks appear to be the bloodiest yet in a week that has seen the war in Chechnya expand to more outlying areas of the separatist republic.

It came amid mounting international criticism, including a U.S. State Department report Wednesday that blasted Moscow for numerous human



A Russian Interior Ministry, right, official checks out two Chechen villagers leaving the besieged town of Samashky.

rights violations — including using excessive force — in Chechnya. The battle for Grozny also raged on unchecked. Russian doctors treating

Grozny and has served as a dividing line between Russians to the north and Chechens to the south.

Defense Ministry spokesman Col. Andrei Antonov told the ITAR-Tass news agency on Wednesday that Russian marines now controlled the bridges over the river.

Shaken refugees from Samashky, 20 miles west of Grozny, streamed into the neighboring Russian region of Ingushetia. Several women were in tears as they stood at a muddy crossroads. Men in brown fur hats wore hateful scowls, shook their fists and swore revenge.

"It was terrible," said Usman Borzgov, 60, standing beside a battered orange bus that brought several dozen residents to safety. "And now our fighters will round up more guys and attack the Russians back."

"The Russians are not interested in catching (Chechen President Dzhokhar) Dudayev," said 31-year-old Zia Avtorokhanov. "They're interested in killing Chechen people."

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# Outdoors

## The dog made him do it

At 10 o'clock, I walked into the magistrate courtroom, expecting a crowd to be seated in the gallery, a jury of 12 good men and women, lawyers, newspaper reporters and Field in the jaundiced limelight. But there were only six people in the room—the judge, the clerk, the prosecutor, Smitty (Field's attorney), a Fish and Game officer and Field.

I walked over to Field and said, "Hello."

Smitty didn't think I'd have to testify, but he wanted me to be there just in case. The court came to order and the judge cleared his throat.



**William Studobaker**  
Dog-eared tales

"The State of Idaho vs. Field Woodland," he intoned. "Mr. Woodland, I am going to handle this informally. You have been charged with spearing salmon, specifically one chinook female weighing 27 pounds 3 ounces. The report turned in by Officer Gary states that he saw you spear and retrieve this fish. Furthermore, Officer Gary has submitted five photographs of the incident. Do you understand the charge against you, Mr. Woodland?"

Smitty stood up and said, "Yes, your Honor, we do."

"How do you plead?"  
"We want the record to show that Field Woodland has considered pleading innocent on the grounds of temporary insanity. He believes there are extenuating circumstances which caused him to lose momentary control of his faculties," Smitty said. "But since this is his first offense, we have chosen to rely on the mercy of the court."

The prosecutor said it was a simple case of breaking the law. Mr. Woodland had been caught red-handed spearing a salmon with a pitchfork. The officer's report was complete, thorough and accurate. The pictures were conclusive. The judge pondered for a few minutes, then gave Field a \$300 fine and a five-day suspended jail sentence.

That was that.  
I followed the officer through the double doors and waited for Field by the drinking fountain. He walked up to me and said he had to go to the sheriff's office to pick up his fishing pole, pitchfork and Gyper.

"What was that temporary insanity stuff?" I asked. "What happened anyway?"

"You know old Gyper," he replied. "She won't break a point for God nor anybody."

"While I was fishing down by the bridge, she spotted this salmon lying behind a boulder about 15 feet out in the river. The light was just right, and that salmon was as clear as snow on a mountain top."

"Well, Gyper pointed. I did my damndest to get her to leave point, but it seemed the more I worked her, the stiffer she became. Finally, I just picked her up and packed her to the truck."

"I laid her down in the back of the truck, but she didn't move. She just lay there on her side, leg drawn up, eyes fixed straight ahead. She had gone into a catatonic point. I worked on her for 10 or 15 minutes, but she had entered another world."

"I was stymied."

"So I packed her back down to the river and stood her in the same spot. That old salmon was still there, just finning the water. I cast my line out and drug the bait right in front, but it just glided back and let it pass. I must've cast a dozen times, but that ol' salmon wasn't interested. It just slipped from one side to the other, never taking interest."

"The whole while, Gyper stood there as if she were frozen, her eyes bugging out of her head. I was just looking at her when I remembered I had a pitchfork in the truck. I trotted up and got it."

"I waded out toward the fish, half thinking it would swim off. But I got close enough to spear it, and before you could multiply Gyper's age times seven, I had it pinned to the bottom, scooting it along the rocks toward the shore. When it flipped off the fork and started flopping around, Gyper relaxed."

# The race is on

By William Brock  
Times-News writer

**KETCHUM** — Anyone with an urge to take part in a cross-country ski extravaganza of epic proportions should consider Saturday's **Boulder Mountain Tour**.

For some, the Boulder Mountain Tour is a race — and many of the West's best will be vying for \$1,100 in prizes. For many others, it's a day for fitness, friends, and fun.

Better hurry, because registration ends today. Call 1-800-634-3347 to make arrangements.

The 16-mile course meanders over flats and modest downhill from Galena Lodge to the Sawtooth National Recreation Area headquarters, north of Ketchum. The elevation loss is almost 1,000 feet, but there are a few uphill sections.

People who dislike stunning alpine scenery should avoid the tour. The view is dominated by the Boulder and Smoky mountains, which frame the route along the Big Wood River.

The Boulder Mountain Tour has evolved from humble beginnings in 1973 to become one of the largest cross-country ski races in the United States. Last year, the tour drew 742 entrants — ranging in age from 10 to 79.

This year, registration is running 20 percent heavier, organizers say. In addition to weekend warriors, the Boulder Mountain Tour is a magnet for top-class competitors.

Several U.S. Olympic Ski Team and National Team members will compete with 150 other elite racers. Many are locals, but some hail from as far away as Alaska and Minnesota.

The race kicks off at 10 a.m. with a wave start for the elite men, followed by a wave of elite women. The rabble will be released in three subsequent waves.

Everyone will be timed and race times will be posted publicly. However, finishers who reel in after 3 p.m. will be spared the indignity.

All entrants will receive a race bib, and other race mementos. To minimize traffic, bus transportation will be provided between the SNRA headquarters and Galena Lodge. Racers who can't reach the finish under their own steam will be carried away by "bail out" shuttle vehicles.

Beleaguered participants can revive themselves with hot drinks, water, fruit and cookies at three aid stations scattered along the course; ski wax and replacement poles will also be available. Bread and soup will be offered at the finish.

There will be an awards banquet at the Sun Valley Inn at 5:30 p.m. Saturday. Banquet cost is \$16 for adults, and \$13.50 for kids under 12. The race registration fee does not include admission to the banquet, and tickets must be purchased separately.

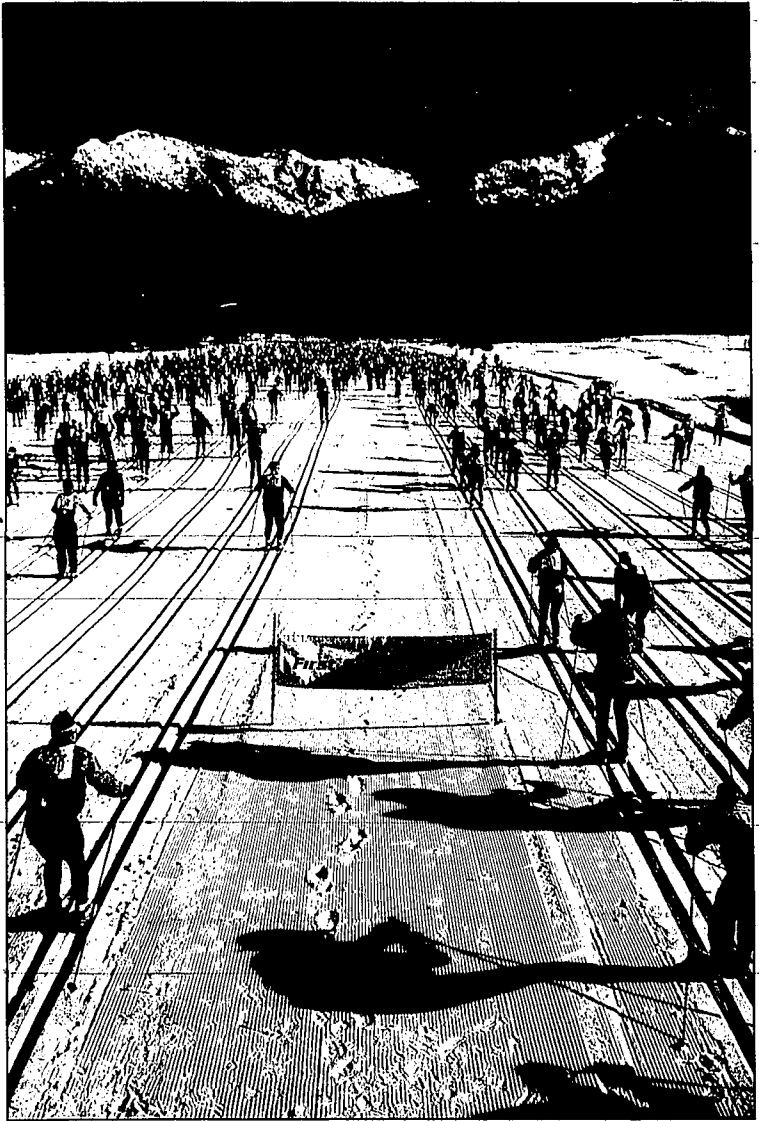
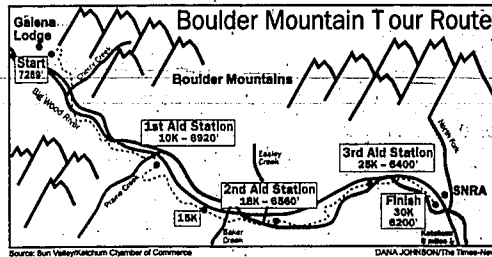


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## Behind the wise old owl hides a swift, silent killer

By Stu Murrell  
Times-News correspondent

**JEROME** — Throughout history, the owl has been associated with wisdom — but owls also are silent, swift, and deadly killers.

Nicknamed the "Tiger of the Woods" because of their fierce nature, horned owls have awed naturalists with their ability to survive on a surprising variety of prey. They are the most widely distributed owls in North America, found coast to coast from the tip of Alaska to Mexico.

Standing 20 inches high with a 55-inch wingspan, adults are easily recognized by their "horns" — actually feathers — rising above glowering yellow eyes. Their breasts can range from almost white to dark brown, and feathers extend down their legs.

Their calls are the deep-throated "hoot" of hoot-owl legend. Parents feed their young for a while after they leave the nest, and the rapid, high-pitched hoots of youngsters are easily discernible from the deep hoots of adults.

Horned owls begin nesting in February and have relatively long incubation periods. Two eggs are typical, but some lucky mothers have up

**They will kill and eat skunks, rabbits and small house cats; attacks on poodles have also been reported.**

to four or five young. In southern Idaho, horned owls like to nest atop old magpie nests; they're also big on nesting cavities in cliff faces.

Owls are killing machines with eyes that can see in the dimmest light. Their softly lined feathers are well suited for silent flight, while their powerful talons and hook-shaped beaks are perfect for ripping apart prey.

One ear is located slightly higher than the other, enabling them to triangulate the sound of scurrying mice. Their eyes are fixed in their sockets,

so horned owls must move their entire head to shift their gaze. They can swivel their heads 180 degrees to peer directly behind them.

Mice are the most common prey for horned owls, but they will kill and eat skunks, rabbits and small house cats; attacks on poodles have also been reported. Birds of all kinds fall to these voracious eaters, and flickers are among the Magic Valley's preferred species.

Crows and magpies sometimes get fed up with horned owls preying on their nests, and will gain revenge by mobbing roosting owls during daylight — when they are at a disadvantage.

In addition to normal excrement, owls regurgitate "pellets" of undigested bones, hair and feathers. The remains of up to seven mice have been found in a single pellet, as well as flicker feathers, yellow-headed black bird heads and bones of rabbits. Examining pellets is a great way to learn where animals fit in on the food chain. By the way, horned owls — along with the other raptors in Idaho — are protected by law.



Horned owls are one of Idaho's most commonly found raptors.

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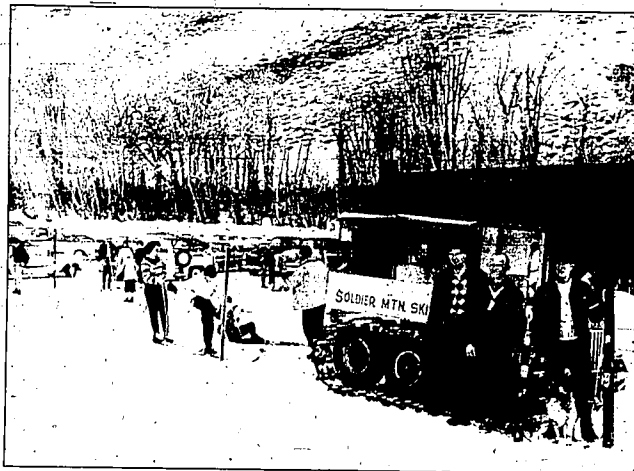


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In the right foreground, Lavard Hansen, Bob Frostenson and Sten Frostenson pose with a homemade Snow Cat at Soldier Mountain Ski Area in 1963.

## Ticket prices fall for Founder's Day

The Times-News

FAIRFIELD — On Friday, Feb. 10, lift tickets at Soldier Mountain Ski Area will cost only \$3.50 — exactly what they cost when Soldier Mountain built its first lift in 1970.

The discounted lift tickets honor the ski area's founders: Bob,

Gladys and Sten Frostenson, and Lavard and Teddie Hansen.

Skiers are urged to dress in 1970s ski regalia, and to bring their favorite old photos of Soldier Mountain. Prizes will be awarded for the oldest photo, clothes and equipment.

Founder's Day will also feature live music, birthday cake, appetiz-

ers and an appearance by Smokey the Bear. Famished revelers can fork over \$5 for an all-you-can-eat spaghetti feed.

Saturday will be a demo and race day for all ages. On Sunday, the ski area's snow cat will be dedicated and available for public viewing. For more information, call 764-2526.

## Politics shouldn't play in Lakes' future

By Eric Sharp  
Knight-Ridder News Service

DETROIT — For 30 years, the Great Lakes states and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service have talked about controlling sea lampreys. They've held conferences, conducted scientific research, printed papers and issued news releases.

But the lamprey problem is as bad as ever, or, some say, worse.

That's because the federal government, which is responsible for introducing these marine parasites, refuses to put up the money needed to solve the problem.

Sea lampreys are a biological dilemma, but funding for control projects comes from the State Department, of all places. It is not by chance that this agency is known as Fanny Bottom in Washington. No other division of government gives former precedence over substance than the State Department.

This is the agency that coined the term "authoritarian government" to justify support of regimes that would be described as brutal dictatorships had they been client states of the former Soviet Union.

This is the agency that spent months wrangling over the shape of the table at the peace talks while thousands died in Vietnam.

This is an agency that recommends billions of American dollars for countries whose poverty-stricken residents seem to see very little benefit from that aid.

I doubt if there is another federal department more addicted to power for power's sake or less attuned to the concerns of every-day Americans. But it is involved in the lamprey issue because the Great Lakes are international waters, and State deals with the Canadian Foreign Ministry.

Lamprey control will continue to be woefully underfunded as long as the State Department pays for it. The

### Commentary

survival of marine life and the concerns of sport anglers mean virtually nothing to a pack of arrogant bureaucrats who think the only stakes worth playing for are those with global repercussions.

Now comes a threat that makes the lamprey problem look mild — the Eurasian ruffe, a member of the perch family reached the lakes in the ballast tanks of ocean-going vessels 10 years ago, ships that involved the same federally funded, man-made waterways that gave access to the lamprey.

The ruffe threatens to take over much of the water inhabited by walleyes and yellow perch, and poses a serious threat to lake trout and whitefish populations because of its predation for fish eggs.

A couple of years ago, biologists were discussing the possibility that the ruffe would never move far from an infestation site in Lake Superior near Duluth. Today, they have reached the Ontonagon River in Michigan, 180 miles east of Duluth, and appear to be spreading at a rapid pace.

The feds' reaction to the problem has been an attempt to talk it to death. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service this month held discussions to begin planning ruffe control strategies. By the time those strategies are mapped out, chances are the problem will be beyond the methods they propose.

But that's only half the problem. Wisconsin has decided the ruffe has spread too far and refuses to take part in control programs. Wisconsin is making it a state's rights issue, and once again a problem that calls for a scientific solution is being submerged in a political fog.

A couple of years ago, Michigan Gov. John Engler named G. Tracy Mehan to head the state Office of the Great Lakes. Bright, environmentally concerned and judged enormously ca-

pable by people who should know, Mehan wants to make all of the biological threats to the lakes a major priority for the next few years.

Mehan says the feds have finally agreed on a plan to target primary lamprey breeding areas on the St. Mary's River and spot-bomb them with a chemical that has worked in the past. But he admits this plan was adopted largely because it's cheap. And he says the results of the Nov. 8 election mean it's going to be harder than ever to squeeze money out of the State Department for future Great Lakes biological problems, because Congress is undoubtedly going to cut State's budget.

If he has Engler's backing, Mehan can get things done. The realpolitik of the situation — interest from a governor whose activities can affect a presidential election — will not be lost on State. With someone like Mehan drumming up support from the other Great Lakes states, it could be a chance to shake loose enough money to make a real difference.

Perhaps the best strategy would be for Mehan to forge a united front of Great Lakes interests that could lay before the rest of the nation an appeal even Fogey Bottom can understand.

The feds stood by while the Great Plains were turned into a dust bowl, our rivers were filled with toxic wastes, the western salmon were sent into oblivion by dams, and the Everglades were largely destroyed. Don't let them ignore the threat to the greatest freshwater resource in the world.

One thing you can do is make your thoughts known to Mehan and Engler. If enough tell them the threat to the Lakes should be a priority issue, it will become one.

Or perhaps you like seeing your tax dollars going to support Third World despots while your interests play second fiddle.

Eric Sharp is a sports columnist for the Detroit Free Press.

## State cites Fish, Game violators

The Times-News

JEROME — Conservation officers with the Idaho Department of Fish and Game issued a total of 66 citations and 60 written warnings in December for violations in the Magic Valley Region.

Following is a summary of recent court convictions and dispositions of Fish and Game cases:

- Hunting or possession of deer during closed season — Timothy W. Anderson of Black Pine, \$800 fine, \$800 civil penalty, four-year license revocation (four deer); Howard G.

- Jensen of Burley, \$800 fine, \$800 civil penalty, four-year license revocation (four deer); Robert McNeil of Boise, \$200 fine, \$200 civil penalty, one-year license revocation.
- Killed elk during closed season — Curtis A. Carter of Buhl, \$300 fine, \$500 civil penalty, 1 year license revocation.

- Hunting or possession of goose during closed season — Abduhakim Desouki of Jerome, \$141 fine, one-year license revocation.

- Hunting or possession of sage grouse during closed season — Ronald Showalter of Richfield, \$150

- fine, one-year license revocation, one-year plus six months probation.
- Hunting with artificial light and failure to properly validate and attach big game tag — Harold Whitmore of Jerome, \$150 fine, one-year license revocation, two years' probation.

- Failure to properly validate and attach big game tag — Art Campbell and Cecil Wood, both of Twin Falls, \$117 fine each.

- Shooting from a public road — John Robbins of Jerome, \$184 fine.
- Exceeding trout limit — Jose D. Gonzales of Bellevue, \$150 fine.

## Briefly

### Wildlife Council plans info meeting

GOODING — The Region IV Wildlife Council will host a public information meeting at 7 p.m. Feb. 10 at the Gooding City Hall, 308 Fifth Ave. W.

Idaho Wildlife Council President Don Clower of Boise will provide information about the Sportsmen's Heritage Bill, soon to be introduced in the Idaho Legislature.

The bill seeks an amendment to the Idaho Constitution that states: "The right to regulate access to or any use of wildlife or other natural resources on lands or upon or within waters owned by the state or federal government shall not be subject to control by ordinance or local measures."

The proposed amendment was written after a Moscow-based group filed a petition for a 1996 ballot initiative that would ban spring bear hunting and the use of hounds and baiting.

### Fly fishers honor dedicated volunteer

TWIN FALLS — Mike Wolverton has been honored by the Magic Valley Fly Fishers for his tireless work as a volunteer for the club and for promoting flyfishing in general.

Wolverton help found the club approximately 20 years ago and has served in many capacities, including numerous stints as president. He has also been elected to the Federation of Fly Fishers board of directors, has served as senior vice president, and is now senior advisor.

Wolverton also writes a column for "Flyfishing Magazine," is a contributing editor for "Fly Fishing Salt Water Magazine" and is co-editor of the book, "Flyfishing Always."

### Poker Run scheduled in February

TWIN FALLS — The Magic Valley Snowmobile Club has planned a Poker Run fund-raiser for Feb. 11 at Diamond Field Jack's parking area in the South Hills.

The public is invited.

Registration will be held in the morning, and a potluck dinner will begin at 5 p.m. at the bar/restaurant. For more information, call Dave Sommer at 734-2282.

### Lewiston man named commission head

BOISE — Keith Carlson of Lewiston was elected chairman of the Idaho Fish and Game Commission for 1995 at the commission's meeting on Jan. 20.

Carlson is a retired Marine Corps officer and employee of Lolo Sporting Goods in Lewiston. He replaces Richard Hansen of Bayview. His education

and experience includes a degree in business from Penn State University and 20 years with the Marines. He has served on the commission. Carlson serves as the commission representative to the Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies. He is active in the Lewis-Clark Wildlife Club, and the Idaho Wildlife Federation.

Dr. Richard Meiers of Boise was selected as vice chairman. He is a Boise dentist who has been active in Bucks Unlimited, Pheasants Forever, Idaho Bird Hunters, Idaho Wildlife Federation and Citizens Against Poaching.

### Permits available for spring hunting

BOISE — Hunters interested in spring turkey and black bear controlled-hunt drawings should apply now.

Hunters must submit applications by Feb. 15 to be eligible for the drawings. A non-refundable \$5 fee per person must be submitted with each application. One dollar of the fee may be donated to the Citizens Against Poaching program. Only one application for each species per person, or group will be accepted.

VISA, MasterCard, Discover and American Express cards may be used to make telephone applications. People using credit cards will be charged \$4 per person for processing the computerized application, in addition to the \$5 fee. To apply by credit card, call 1-800-TAG-DRAW Monday through Friday.

### Snowmobile club plans weekend event

PINE — The Idaho Snow Riders Snowmobile Club will hold its annual President's Day Weekend Feb. 17-19 at the Anderson Ranch Recreation Area.

The event will feature rides, meals, music and prizes. Registration begins with a no-host, get-acquainted party at 7 p.m. Feb. 17 at the Featherline Saloon.

A breakfast at the Pine Resort on Feb. 18 will be followed by a ride, and then lunch at the Trinity Warming Hut. That evening, a prime rib dinner will be served at the Deer Creek Lodge, and a dance will follow.

A brunch is planned for Feb. 19 at the Pine Resort, and the ride will begin at noon. A final dinner, with an auction and prizes, is set for that evening at the Fall Creek Resort. Prizes will be given away throughout the weekend.

Package price for the activities is \$49.95; lodging is not included, and space is limited so early registration is encouraged. For more information, call Rose Schoen at 653-2431 or Nesters at 653-2222.

Compiled from staff reports

## Burley man named Reservist of the Year

The Times-News

BURLEY — Rod Runyon of Burley has been named the 1994 Magic Valley Region Reservist of the Year by the Idaho Department of Fish and Game.

Runyon entered the reservist program in June 1992 to get involved in Fish and Game projects, and to improve resources that have meant much to him as a hunter, fisher and trapper.

He has put in more than 400 hours and has participated in numerous Fish and Game activities such as check-station work, fencing projects, fish census, beaver trapping, big game herd counts, sage grouse counts, hunter education and assistance with big game depredations.

Other Magic Valley reservists honored for continuing service to the Fish and Game Department were: Gene Wright of Burley, who received dual awards for 500 and

750 hours of service.

- Ludwig Landwehr of Twin Falls and Kim Christensen of Burley, who received 500-hour awards.
- Warren Wallace of Twin Falls and Rod Runyon were recognized for 300 hours of service.
- Michael Eveleth of Hansen, Rockie Egner of Filer, Wayne Pressnal of Glenns Ferry, Earl Johnson of Heyburn and Jim Stauber of Twin Falls were recognized for 100 hours of service.

## Moose, mountain-goat seasons OK'd

The Times-News

BOISE — The Idaho Fish and Game Commission approved 1995 seasons for moose, mountain goat and bighorn sheep at its January meeting. Permits are issued only to applicants who are successful in a computerized drawing held in early June.

The application deadline is April 30. During April, hopeful hunters can apply by calling 1-800-TAG-DRAW, or use application forms from Fish and Game offices and license vendors.

Moose permits will only be sold to Idaho residents. The commission approved the sale of 793 moose permits, up from 669 permits last year.

Commissioners also set the number of Rocky Mountain bighorn

sheep permits at 78, and 39 permits will be issued for California bighorns. The number of permits for both types of sheep are down from last year, and no permits for California bighorn ewes will be offered.

The number of mountain goat permits was fixed at 39, down from 78 last year. The reductions are due to a decline in animal populations.

## Craters of the Moon plans Winterfest

The Times-News

ARCO — If you enjoy orienteering, poker, and cross-country skiing, then the Craters of the Moon National Monument will be the place to be on Saturday, Feb. 11.

The good times will roll from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., according to a news release from the National Park Service.

"The Winterfest should be a fun outing for the whole family," said the monument's Acting Superintendent, Vicki Snitzler-Neeking.

There will be an orienteering contest to test map and compass skills in the morning. The afternoon will feature a "poker ski" — wherein card players will ski around the monument, picking up a playing card at five locations.

Prizes will be given for the top orienteering run, and for the best poker hand.

People who don't want to compete can simply ski around the monument's Loop Drive — which will be groomed for cross-country skiing, and closed to cars.

Kids can bring their sleds, whomp up snow sculptures, or venture inside to warm up with free cookies and hot chocolate. Kids with other things on their minds can build bird feeders in a special craft area.

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# Colorado Bighorns moved to Arizona's Blue River

CLIFTON, Ariz. (AP) — For Shaun Finch, seeing Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep running free in isolated canyons of the Blue River north of here was like seeing a time warp.

Finch was a witness through happenstance to Wednesday's release of 27 of the bighorns brought in from Colorado as part of the effort to re-establish the animals in territory they last roamed decades ago.

"Bighorns symbolize wilderness," said David Cagle, a big-game specialist for the Arizona Game and Fish Department.

"It's a symbol of Western America."

Arizona's bighorns died out early this century, the victims of illegal hunting and disease from domesticated sheep.

"They were probably wiped out because of man's ignorance in the past," said Sharen Adams, a habitat manager for the state agency, which handled the release.

"Anytime we can right a wrong, we want to do it."

Finch set his hunting bow aside in favor of a camera Wednesday. "It makes it seem like you've stepped back in time to see them running through here like they used to," said Finch, 34, a hunting guide in Engar.

Now, thanks to such relocation efforts over the past 20 years, the Rocky Mountain bighorns are increasing in numbers in Arizona. So are their smaller lowland cousins, the desert bighorn sheep.

Game and Fish has moved small herds of bighorns from wilderness areas in which they have thrived to areas identified as their historic range.

On Tuesday, 28 Rocky Mountain bighorns were captured with a giant net near Gunnison in southwestern Colorado and were trucked 500 miles to Arizona.

It was the last installment in a trade that five years ago sent dozens of desert bighorns from Arizona to lowland mountains near Colorado Springs, Colo.

During Tuesday's capture, a ewe was killed, trampled by the rest of the herd as the sheep struggled to get out of the net.

Another ewe was released temporarily Wednesday but was recaptured and taken to an animal hospital in Pinetop-Lakeside to treatment of a leg injury.

The rest of the Colorado sheep were freed for good, their hooves raising dust clouds as they scrambled along the rocks in the Blue River primitive area.

wildlife researchers are considering the reintroduction of the Mexican gray wolf, an endangered species that hasn't been seen in the Arizona wilderness for more than two decades.

Unlike that controversial proposal, the return of bighorns to Arizona has been met with overwhelming approval.

"Bighorn sheep hold a soft spot in people's hearts," Adams said. "They're warm. They're woolly."

Each year, a handful of bighorn-hunting licenses are doled out in auctions that have resulted in bids as high as \$300,000 and through lotteries that have raised as much as \$90,000.

That money pays for relocation efforts, including transporting the sheep and other methods to help them survive.

There now are as many as 450 Rocky Mountain bighorns here, and perhaps 10 times that number of desert bighorns in Arizona.

They appear to be thriving, except for the Rocky Mountain bighorns along eastern Arizona's San Francisco River.

"We still don't know why those sheep are declining," Cagle said. "It may be from mountain lions, the sheep's chief predator, or possibly some as yet unidentified disease."

## Sheep repopulation



Oregon Fish and Wildlife personnel help a California Bighorn sheep out of a truck about 100 miles southeast of Bend, Ore., last week. Sixteen of the Bighorn sheep were released to repopulate an area where they haven't been since the 1920s. The sheep were from the Owyhee River drainage in Malheur County.

## Special Olympics set for next week

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — The Special Olympics Winter Games will begin at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the Panzer Ski Area in the Burley Ranger District. For more information, call Terri Kincaid at 678-6606.

The Sawtooth National Recreation Area in the Ketchum District has several events planned.

Ladies Day begins at 1 p.m. today, while the SNRA's Ski With a Ranger program will be held every Wednesday. People can ski with a Ski Ranger at the Sun Valley Ski Area on Bald Mountain.

Ski areas: Pomerelle Ski Area is open with a 104-inch base and 116-inch top and skiing reported as excellent.

Soldier Mountain is open and scheduled Wednesday through Sunday. People can ski with a Ski Ranger at the Sun Valley Ski Area on Bald Mountain.

Magic Mountain reports excellent conditions on groomed runs. It is open Friday through Sunday and has 73 inches on top and a 62-inch base.



For current conditions, call 423-6221.

Nordic skiing: In the Twin Falls District, all designated trails are groomed, with the exception of Wahlstrom Hollow which is rated most difficult.

Many trails in the SNRA are groomed, with good to excellent conditions. Fees are charged to ski on these trails. Skiers are asked to pay their share as the money defrays the costs of trail grooming.

North Valley trails charge \$5 per day for adults, and \$1-per-day-for-children under 16. Passes are available at the visitor center. Trails in the Sawtooth Valley have boxes for donations at the trailheads.

Snowmobiling: Trails in the Twin Falls District are the best of this season, with approximately 100 miles of groomed trails, except for Winneup Creek and Bostetter.

In the Fairfield District, snowmobiling on the Salt Browns Road is not recommended, due to a large cornice that has formed from high winds and has broken off onto the road in several places.

Couch Summit to Featherville is closed to all snowmobile traffic except for landowners with permits because of an elk-feeding program being done by the state Fish and Game Department.

In the SNRA, Sawtooth Valley snowmobile trails are groomed weekly and after each storm.

In the Ketchum District, snowmobiles are not permitted in the Eagle Creek, Lake Creek, Trail Creek, Warm Springs, Porcupine or Fisher Creek Areas to protect deer and elk winter range.

Snow play: Tubing is available at the Diamondfield Jack and Lower Penstemon parking areas in the Twin Falls District.

Lake Creek Trail in the Ketchum District has groomed runs for diagonal and skate skiing.

## Fisheries scientists fined \$1,000

Knight-Ridder News Service

MIAMI — A senior National Marine Fisheries Service scientist in Miami has agreed to pay a \$1,000 civil fine to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration for a fisheries violation.

Dr. Eric Prince was cited by Florida Marine Patrol officers at Crandon Marina on May 19, 1994, for bringing a wreckfish into the United States without the required federal permit.

Prince said he wanted to use the large fish, which resembles a Warsaw grouper, for scientific study, but he didn't have permission of either the U.S. or Bahamian governments to take it, according to NOAA Deputy General Counsel Jay Johnson.

Prince also was cited for bringing 20 pounds of grouper and snapper filets into the United States. Federal law requires that grouper and snapper be kept whole when brought ashore. Prince received a ticket from U.S. Customs for failing to immedi-

ately report his arrival. Prince paid a \$200 fine to Customs. He received a written warning from NOAA for the filleted fish.

Johnson said payment of the fine closes the case. Prince will not lose his job.

"He settled the case by admitting he had taken the wreckfish in violation of Bahamian law," Johnson said. "I think he has learned his lesson and will make sure he has the necessary permits next time he goes to a foreign country."

## Cape Horn beckons sailor to disaster site

Knight-Ridder News Service

When he sails past Cape Horn at the up of South America a couple of weeks from now, Steve Pettengill will spend some time reminiscing with his old dog, Frodo, who for 15 years was his partner in adventures ranging from cross-country flying trips to building a business.

The last time the former Beiding, Mich., trucking company owner rounded the famed and feared Cape in 1990, he scattered Frodo's ashes on those same seas that once floated another young puppy: the good ship Reach that carried Charles Daynes around the world and gave rise to an idea that was to shake science and theology alike, the modern concept of evolution.

At 4 p.m. last Saturday — 8 a.m. Sunday in Australia — Pettengill and 13 other solo skippers set sail from Sydney Harbor on a 7,200-mile trip to Punta del Este, Uruguay, the third annual prize leg of the BOC Around-the-World single-handed yacht race.

"Frodo" was a good old boy," Pettengill said before boarding Hunter's Child, his 60-foot-sloop. "I found his dad wandering around alone out in the mountains in Arizona. After his dad died, I had Frodo with me for 15 1/2 years. He did lots of sailing on Lake Michigan."

As he sails east from Australia to round the Horn and begin the long run up the eastern coast of South America, Pettengill won't be able to avoid thinking about something else that happened the last time he tried to sail the other way around the Cape.

Then, in 1990, the 60-foot trimaran on which he was trying to break his year-old New York-San Francisco record was flipped by an enormous wave. Pettengill, 43, and another crewman spent a fear-filled day in the half-swamped hull before they were rescued by a cargo ship.

But he shrugs off such worries, preferring to concentrate on the things he needs to do to push Hunter's Child fast enough to overcome Frenchman Christophe Auguin's 38-hour lead.

In a last-nudge-of-sailing race, a 38-hour advantage can melt away like one of the icebergs Pettengill might encounter in the latitudes called the Furious Fifties to ride the easterly gales that sweep around the bottom of the world just off the shores of Antarctica.

He began the second leg from Cape Town, South Africa, a full five days behind fleet leader Isabelle Autissier, jumped to first when she was dismasted in a storm (and later had to abandon her shattered boat), fell back into fifth after his boat was damaged three times by enormous waves and then ground his way back to second in the last 400 miles of that 6,200-mile jaunt.

Pettengill says the Cape Town-Sydney trip was the most brutal, unpleasant voyage of the 200,000 miles he has logged under sail (nearly 50,000 solo).

The boat took so much damage in so many places that for a week he slept about an hour a day in 15-minute snatches as he made repairs during a 50-knot gale, "and I have to admit that there were times when I thought, 'Gee, I hope some of the others are having as much fun as I am.' But I just kept plugging away and hope that this leg it will be somebody else's turn to have problems."

The race between Pettengill and Auguin is also between different design concepts. Both boats are 60-footers, but the Frenchman's is beamier and heavier, able to carry more sail in high winds and when reaching with the wind from the side.

Hunter's Child is narrower and lighter, and has an edge downwind and in more moderate air. Pettengill said the crews will encounter enough of all weather conditions that the winner — assuming no mechanical disasters — will be the one who can keep his boat driving hard when exhaustion forces others to back off to a cruising mode.

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# Washington elk feeding a spectacle for viewing

By Ron Judd  
Seattle Times

NACHES, Wash. — Drive around Central Washington's Yakima County in the middle of winter too long, and you'll see things that really make you wonder.

For example: Say a bunch of elk are standing around making elk chat and doing what elk do, which is chew weeds and look at each other, and it starts to snow. Pretty soon, the flakes start to gather on their fur, and before you know it, every elk's back is pure white.

The thing is, an elk can't see his back very well, and with that thick hide, probably can't feel the snow at all. So each elk is probably looking at an elk buddy and thinking, "Look at that fool elk. He's got snow all over his back, and he doesn't even know it!"

And there it is: A firm link between elk and Congress.

And rest assured, this is only the tip of the elk iceberg. If you travel take you as far as the Oak Creek Wildlife Refuge on Highway 12, you'll be able to engage in as much elk sociology observation as you can stand. Because you'll be within spitting distance of one of the larger elk herds you'll ever see.

Earlier this week, more than 800 (give or take a few) ornery bulls who refused to line up and count off by twos) were queuing up at Oak Creek, waiting to partake in a ritual that has kept elk brethren returning to this site for decades: Free lunch.

Every winter day at 1:30 p.m., state Fish and Wildlife employees at Oak Creek swing open a gate on an 8-foot-high elk fence, drive through in a matted truck and scatter hay bales.

The resulting spectacle — as many as 1,000 eager elk following the truck and spreading out in a quarter-mile-long line to feed — is one of the Northwest's most amazing wildlife opportunities.

Elk stretch as far as the eye can see, and visitors watching the daily feedings can observe and photograph them at a distance of fewer than 20 yards. The always-popular elk feed draws plenty of onlookers — more than 500 cars in the gravel parking lot are not uncommon on sunny weekend days.

And why not? The Oak Creek viewing area is easily accessible in the heart of the state. It's a grand opportunity for wildlife exposure, especially for parents with children. And best of all, it's free.

Information about the elk and the feeding program is easy to come by — a small squadron of helpful volunteers — from the Senior Environmental Corps are on hand daily to answer questions, by the fence and inside a small visitor's center.

They explain to visitors that the feeding program isn't all for show: It serves a valuable, functional purpose, as well.

It allows a large elk herd to survive winters in the Yakima foothills without damaging valuable orchards and crops.

The crop-damage problem is rooted in the history of the herd, which isn't native to the region. The Rocky Mountain elk herd was transplanted from Yellowstone National Park in 1913. Forty-seven elk, bought from the federal government for \$5 a head, were released near Naches.

The herd multiplied quickly, at one point becoming the fastest-growing elk population in the nation. Complaints from local farmers exploded at the same rate.

The burgeoning elk herd, pushed into the Tieton, Wenas and Naches river valleys by winter snowfall, began feeding on crops and orchards. And farmers began feeding on them, killing large numbers of elk to save crops.

In the 1940s, the state responded by building 100 miles of 8-foot fence to keep elk in their place. The fence kept the farmers happy, but left the elk herd separated from its only winter food source. The

state now feeds the herd hay from December to April to keep it alive.

The total elk herd numbers more than 10,000, about 5,000 of which spend winters in the Oak Creek area, a 95,000-acre preserve sandwiched between the Tieton River and the Wenas Valley in the rocky Cascade foothills west of Yakima.

About 50 bighorn sheep also winter here. They're fed every morning at the Cleman Mountain feeding station near the Highway 12-Chinook Pass junction at Naches.

Generally, the best elk viewing comes just after a heavy snowfall, which drives elk and moose into the valley for free food. That usually occurs in January and February, and this year is no exception.

Standing at the fence and taking in the spectacle, you will notice that a large herd of elk is like a large herd of humans.

Rules of elk-feeding conduct are based on the same tenets as human groupthink:

• If you see a line, stand in it. About 45 minutes before feeding begins, the elk's internal clocks prompt them to wander right up against the gate, where the truck will appear. Of course, they will be forced to move when the gate opens. But this does little to discourage hungry queuing elk by rows.

• The grass is always greener. Even with many prime, dinner-size chunks of hay laying right at their hooves, elk continue to blindly follow the hay truck around the field, assuming that some better stuff is bound to come plopping down eventually. Drop any one of these elk in a Lexus, and it could be a rich, single, 35-year-old commitment-phobe from Madison Park.

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• And so on. You could search for more parallels on your own time and probably write a pop-psychology best seller, "The Elk Within Me."

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# Elk enthusiast finds heaven in Blue Mountains

PENLETON, Ore. (AP) — Mike Agidius found himself in elk heaven as he watched 13 bull elk, antlers blanketed in velvet, browse among the grass and moss of a sheltered canyon.

After all, this wasn't Yellowstone National Park, where the elk grow accustomed to the constant presence of humans. It was the remote corner of the Blue Mountains in northeast Oregon.

Agidius, the band director for Milton-Freewater schools, captured the sight on video, making it the closing scene of his documentary on Rocky Mountain elk in the Walls Walla hunt unit.

"I've become addicted to going up into these mountains ever since I moved here," he said. "It's the peace and quiet, compared to what I do every day."

Agidius moved to Milton-Freewater eight years ago and soon became entranced with the Blue Mountains and the elk that live there.

But it was only a year ago, when his first child was born, that he bought a \$8m hand-held camcorder. Soon after, he decided to produce a film highlighting the elk of the Walls Walla unit.

The unit in recent years has been managed under a spike-only hunting regulation, requiring that hunters pass up shots at mature bull elk.

It's a regulation fully endorsed by Agidius, who says it's led to a monumental rise in the number of impressive bulls. And it was the regulation, as much as anything else, that inspired his 30-minute documentary.



Mike Agidius of Milton-Freewater, Ore., holds a camouflaged saxophone that he uses to call elk. Agidius has produced a 30-minute documentary starring the elk of Oregon's Blue Mountains.

"Before they passed that regulation, the largest bull I saw up there was a four-point rag horn," Agidius said. "I got into filming them because I wanted to take advantage that there's more big branched-antlered bull elk now than before they were first hunted."

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife just this year allotted a handful of hunting tags for branched-antlered bulls in the unit,

possible I try not to let them see me." One of his stalks of a three-score of six-point bulls ended when, purely by chance, he crossed paths with the largest bull he'd ever seen.

"I crept over the top of the ridge to find those bulls and then 15 feet away, was this seven-point," he said. "It was a stare down. He gave me 10 seconds and then he took off."

The band director spent one day each weekend between December and April filming the documentary. He also performed the music included on the sound track.

While filming, he gave particular attention to the sensitive condition of the wintering elk.

"I try to be careful to avoid harassing the elk because they have a hard time surviving," he said. "On the video you will notice the elk aren't running off on me."

Agidius' documentary won't appear in video stores soon because he's not interested in advertising the hunt unit, but the video won't sit idle on a shelf either.

Sate biologists in Penleton say they'll use the tape to emphasize the point that spike-only regulations not only work but work well.

"Spike-only regulations are not popular, even within the department, but when you see things like Mike's video it helps make the point," said Mark Kirsch, a wildlife biologist. "We'll use it to some degree for talks with sportsmen's groups, but the biggest benefit will be internal."

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# Money

## Rate hike seen as drag on housing, autos

Knight-Ridder News Service

**WASHINGTON** — The Federal Reserve's increase of short-term interest rates Wednesday is likely to be a slight drag on growth in the housing and auto sectors, key elements in the economy, analysts say Wednesday.

The culmination of Fed rate increases, combined with the reduction of U.S. exports of the Mexican financial crisis, will help erode growth to an annual rate of nearer 3 percent than the 4 percent pace of 1994, analysts said.

The Fed tightened both the discount rate and federal funds rate target by 1/4 percentage point, leaving the discount rate at 5.25 percent and the fed funds rate at 6.0 percent. Long-bond prices sold off slightly on the news, which was widely expected by financial markets, taking the yield down to 7.74 percent by mid-afternoon.

"The actions of the Fed over the past year, the reactions of the bond market and now the

### Markets react - E2

(Mexican) peso crisis have shored the U.S. economy toward much lower gear," Roger Brunner, chief economist at DRI/McGraw-Hill, said.

Brunner predicted that there was a one-third chance that the economy might end up in a recession during the next two years.

Brunner said, however, that Wednesday's rate move would not have a dramatic impact on housing or autos, but rather add to the cumulative weight of previous rate hikes.

Housing has so far held up better than many economists expected since the Fed began raising interest rates almost a year ago, helped by robust strength of the overall economy.

David Lereah, chief economist at the Mortgage Bankers Association of America, said interest rates increases "always hurt housing," but that he expects only modest declines in both

home-sales and housing construction in the first quarter. Lereah said he would have expected a couple more interest-rate increases this year had it not been for the Mexican crisis, which he said would slow U.S. export growth. "That will help the Fed slow the economy down," he said.

"So it may not be necessary for the Fed to come in as strongly. I expect probably one more move 50 (basis points)," perhaps in May.

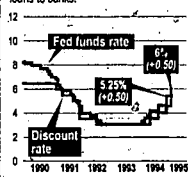
Brunner said his firm calculated that loss of exports to Mexico and other Latin American nations will cost the United States \$10 billion to \$15 billion in 1995.

He predicted the Fed may tighten again in March, but that it may be the end of their tightening cycle.

The effect of any rate increase takes several months — some economists say at least a year — to filter through fully into the economy. So 1995 will feel the weight of 1994's tightening steps, as well as some initial effects from any moves this year, analysts said.

### Rates rise again

The Federal Reserve raised two key interest rates for the seventh time in a year. Affected were the federal funds rate, which banks charge each other for overnight loans, and the discount rate, which the Fed charges for its loans to banks.



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## Briefly in business

### First Interstate of Utah income increases in '94

**SALT LAKE CITY** — First Interstate Bank of Utah has reported net income of \$14 million for 1994, up 13.7 percent from 1993's operating income figure of \$12.3 million.

President Robert C. Gross said that the bank also registered net income of \$4.8 million for the fourth quarter, an increase of \$1.5 million over the same period of 1993. "The major factors in our success continue to be a strong statewide economy, exceptional employees, quality products and services, and a loyal customer base," he said.

The fourth quarter's lending activity also continued to rise, with the bank reporting \$596.1 million in net loans and leases outstanding as of Dec. 31. That was a 24.8 percent increase from \$477.6 million at the end of 1993.

### Geneva reports net income decreased from year ago

**VINEYARD, Utah** — Geneva Steel has reported net income for its first fiscal quarter of \$1 million, down sharply from \$1.7 million the same time a year ago — but much improved from the previous quarter.

Geneva Chairman Joseph Cannon said the loss, after accounting for dividends on preferred stock, came to 6 cents per common share.

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Table listing the most active stocks on the NYSE and NASDAQ, including symbols, names, and volume.

### Local interest

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### CD rates on the rise

Higher interest rates don't just mean more expensive loans. They also increase the allure of certificates of deposit in banks.

Table showing six-month CD annualized yields for various banks, including Jan '94, Jan '95, and Jan '96.

Five banks that offer high yields on 6-month CDs to out-of-state customers:

Table listing five banks and their average annual yields for 6-month CDs to out-of-state customers.

Some banks allow you to redeem the account over the phone; others require you to send in the certificate.

### How to buy CDs from out-of-state banks

Generally, most have 800 numbers. Some newspapers carry a list of highest yielding CDs. A weekly list can be obtained from Bank Rate Monitor, North Palm Beach, FL, 33408.

Most banks do not require you to have or open an account, other than the CD.

Many will take your name, address, Social Security number and other account-opening information over the phone and ask you to send a check via Federal Express or certified mail.

If you prefer, the bank will send an application, which you send back with your check.

The account is opened once the bank receives the check. The bank sends you the certificate and your permanent account number.

The bank sends quarterly statements.

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## Morrison Knudsen expects big loss for close of 1994

The Associated Press

**BOISE** — Morrison Knudsen Corp. says it expects its operating results for the fourth quarter will be substantially below expectations, increasing its loss for 1994, and the company has started looking for a successor to Chairman and Chief Executive Officer William J. Agee.

The company also announced Wednesday that the Board of Directors will eliminate its fourth quarter dividend of 20 cents per share.

MK is a worldwide transportation, construction, engineering, mining and industrial company. It will announce year-end results in February.

In a statement Wednesday, MK said fourth-quarter losses are principally associated with construction and transit projects and the write-off of its Vetrico operations in Arkansas.

Morrison Knudsen said the board has embarked on "an energetic restructuring program" that will include changes in management and possible sale of additional non-core business units.

The board meets next week in San Francisco. Agee said a committee of the Board of Directors has been established to identify and hire his successor. He said the committee was formed at his suggestion after he notified the board last fall of his intention to retire.

Agee said he is prepared to work with a new chief executive officer to refine and implement a strategy that will move MK forward. His contract with the company ends in April of 1996.

### Oil

Table listing oil futures contracts, including WTI, Brent, etc., with prices and changes.

### Gold

Table listing gold futures contracts, including COMEX, etc., with prices and changes.

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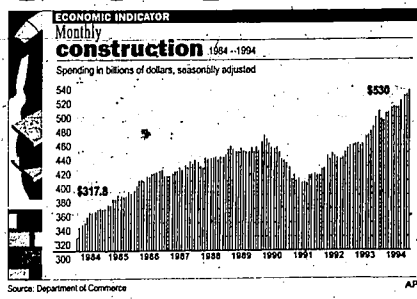
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Money

Forecast gauge up slightly

WASHINGTON — The government's main economic forecasting gauge rose slightly in December...



Source: Department of Commerce

The gauge "was basically flat during the fourth quarter (of 1994), pointing to an early 1995 slowdown," said economist Bruce Steinberg...

The Federal Reserve, as expected, boosted short-term interest rates a half percentage point. The previous six increases have had only limited impact...

In another report, the Commerce Department said construction spending increased 1.1 percent in December...

The economy grew 4 percent in 1994, its best showing in a decade, and closed out the year by advancing at a robust 4.5 percent annual rate in the fourth quarter.

Dow edges up on Fed rate rise

Knight-Ridder News Service

CHICAGO — The Dow Jones Industrial Average closed up 3.70 at 3847.56 Wednesday after gyrating as the market digested a 1/4 percentage-point increase in short-term interest rates.

Composite and the Value Line index — into positive territory by the closing bell.

Because a 1/4-point move had been expected and theoretically factored into stock market prices, it was difficult to know exactly how to respond to the increase, traders said.

Although the move was widely expected, it nevertheless can be expected to crack ripples in the stock market, said H. Jack Bouroujain, a vice president at Nikko Securities in Chicago.

It is unclear exactly what effect that will have on corporate earnings and growth, both of which tend to be hurt by higher interest rates.

Stock listings

Table of stock listings for New York, including columns for stock symbols, prices, and changes. Includes sub-sections for NYSE and OTC.

Micron competitor eyes U.S.

Knight-Ridder News Service

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Samsung Semiconductor, the world's largest memory chip maker, plans to build its first plant in the United States...

The expansion is part of an unprecedented growth spurt by Samsung semiconductor unit, which will spend \$1.87 billion in the next five years to renovate old plants and add three more gigantic chip factories in Europe, Asia and the U.S.

For Samsung's San Jose operations, Samsung Semiconductor Inc., the expansion has prompted the subsidiary to double its campus to cover about 22 acres. Thanks to the new factory and headquarters expansion, the number of jobs at the U.S. subsidiary will grow from 420 to 2,000 people by 1997.

Samsung also appointed a new Korean executive, Y.B. Rha, to the top post at the subsidiary last month, replacing Sun Wan Lee. And Keith McDonald, the highest-ranking American executive, got a promotion to senior vice president of marketing and sales for the Americas.

The site for the U.S. memory chip factory likely will be picked by April, McDonald said. But the company hasn't ruled out buying a factory or forming a venture to run a factory with a partner.

The chip plant will build 16-megabit and 64-megabit-dynamic random access memory chips (DRAM), which are expected to become staples in future personal computers and other electronic devices.

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**LEGAL NOTICE** Dated, Attested and Sealed December 29, 1994. GEORGE B. CERESIA, JR. JUSTICE SUPREME COURT. Patrick T. Morphy Chief Clerk. ATTORNEY HOLBROOK JOHNSTON, 12 Main Street P.O. Box 148 Hooleick Falls, New York 12090. This citation is served upon you as required by law. You are not obliged to appear in person. If you fail to appear, it will be assumed that you do not object to the relief requested. You have the right to have an attorney at law appear for you. PUBLISH: Thursday, January 12, 1995, 26 and February 2, 1995.

**LEGAL NOTICE** FRITZ A. WONDERLICH BENIGT, ALEXANDER, SINCLAIR, HARKINS & HIGH 321 Second Avenue East Post Office Box 305 Twin Falls, ID 83303-0305 (208) 733-5463 Attorney for Petitioner. IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS. Case No. CV-95-00252 NOTICE OF PETITION FOR JUDICIAL CONFIRMATION OF BOND ALLOCATION BONDS IN THE MATTER OF: TWIN FALLS URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY (TAX INCREMENT) BONDS. RENEWAL AGENCY OF THE CITY OF TWIN FALLS. PETITIONER.

**LEGAL NOTICE** 1995, February 18, 1995, and February 29, 1995. IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS. MAGISTRATE DIVISION Case No. SP-93-13 NOTICE OF HEARING in the Matter of STEPHAN, KVANNIG, GREENWOOD, STONE & TRINOR. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that: The trustee has filed a Petition with the above-entitled Court for approval of the annual accounting. The hearing is set for Tuesday, the 7th day of March, 1995, at 9:00 a.m. at the courtroom of the above-entitled Court at the County Courthouse in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, as duly ordered by said Court for hearing said Petition. Only ten (10) minutes after the Court for this hearing. Anyone wishing to contest the proceeding must provide the Court and all interested parties with 24 hours' prior written notice of their intent to produce evidence and cross-examine witnesses. In the event that the matter before the Court is going to be contested, the hearing shall be rescheduled on a future date when the Court calendar will allow sufficient time for all parties to be heard. DATED this 6th day of January, 1995. STEPHAN, KVANNIG, GREENWOOD, STONE & TRINOR. Russel G. Kvanvig Attorney for Trustee PUBLISH: Thursday, January 19, 26 and February 2, 1995.

**LEGAL NOTICE** IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS. MAGISTRATE DIVISION Case No. CV 94-3859 SERVICE BY NOTICE MICK HOLDEN Plaintiff TAMMY TESKE Defendant. IT IS ORDERED that the Defendant hereinabove named, shall appear in this cause and plead to the Complaint on or before the 7th day of February, 1995, and in Default thereof, the Court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this cause, in the same manner as if the absent Defendant had been served with process within the State of Idaho. DATED this 30th day of Dec, 1994. Robert B. Fort Clerk. a/Cooley Deputy Clerk PUBLISH: Thursday, January 19, 26, February 2 and 9, 1995.

**LEGAL NOTICE** DATED the 18th day of January, 1995, WEST ONE BANK IDAHO, Personal Representative of the ESTATE OF CLYDE RUTH LANCASTER by Don J. Stevens, Trust Attorney. PUBLISH: Thursday, January 26, February 2 and 9, 1995.

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Look over South's play to see if you can spot a better way to play the slam.

South won the club ace in dummy and passed the heart king, discarding a diamond when East failed to cover. West won with another club, dummy's king remaining. Two more low diamonds went on a high club and a high heart and South ruffed a heart to try the spade finesse. This finesse failed also and the slam suffered one down.

Following one of two finesses outside a 78% chance of making South, True, but not accurate in today's case. Not did South need one of two finesses, but he also needed some luck in the major-suit distribution (e.g., a finesse will not pick up K-x-x of spades with West).

The best way to play the slam is to forget about finesses. The play becomes straightforward if South is willing to concede a trick to the trump king. He wins the club ace and king in dummy and continues with the jack, discarding a diamond. Next, he cashes the diamond ace and ruffs a diamond with the spade queen. South ruffs dummy's heart king and then ruffs his last diamond with dummy's ace. South is now reduced to nothing but his solid trump suit. East gets his trump king, but South gets the rest.

NORTH ♠ A Q J 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 ♦ A K J ♣ A K ♠ A Q J 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 ♦ A K J ♣ A K

WEST ♠ A 4 3 ♥ A 10 4 ♦ 8 6 2 ♣ K 10 5 4 10 9 8 7 2 EAST ♠ K 2 ♥ 6 3 2 ♦ K 10 5 4 ♣ 6 4 3

SOUTH ♠ J 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 ♦ A 9 8 7 ♣ Q 5 ♠ A 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 ♦ A 9 8 7 ♣ Q 5

Vulnerable: Both Dealer: North

The bidding: North East South West 3♥ Pass 4♥ Pass 4♠ Pass 4♠ Pass 4♠ Pass 4♠ Pass 4♠ Pass 4♠ Pass

Opening lead: Club 10

BID WITH THE ACES

South holds: ♠ K 2 ♥ 6 3 2 ♦ K 10 5 4 ♣ 6 4 3 North South 1 ♠ INT 3 ♠ 4

ANSWER: Four spades. No time to be conservative. The spade king is a strong asset and the diamonds may well be true.

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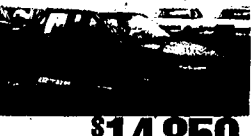
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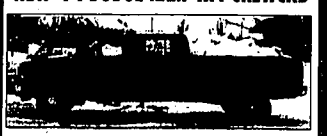
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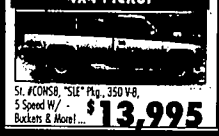
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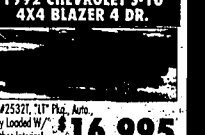
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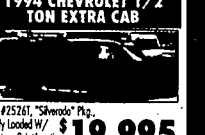
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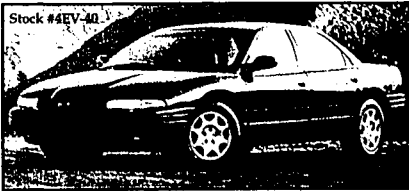


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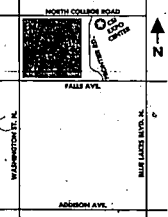
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